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Strong showing gives Warriors confidence heading into State Tournament

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

NORTHBOROUGH — Going up against the top seed in any given tournament, the lower seed is always going to be motivated. Such was the case when the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity soccer team, seeded eighth in the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association (CMADA) Division 1 Tournament, faced No. 1 Algonquin Regional on Saturday, Oct. 23.

Selectmen seek second opinion on horse agreement

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — By a 3-2 vote, the selectmen are seeking a second legal opinion regarding the contents of the proposed Host Community Agreement for the horse track.

The concept came from Mary Dowling, who argued the contract “lacks specificity in a lot of key material terms.” Among them, she said, are its lack of commencement dates for various requirements, “events of default” other than a 48-month timeframe to start building, details about road access and other issues. She also objected to the proposed payments as being too low.

“I think it would be foolish to sign this before we know what our residents want,” she said, referring to the Oct. 28 Town Meeting vote on the zoning change that would legalize such a facility.

Town Attorney Jonathan Silverstein and consultant Will Cummings summarized the HCA's provisions. Besides typical permit fees and taxes, Silverstein said it would pay Sturbridge 1.5 percent of all paramutual simulcast revenue (a payment he estimated at about \$240,000 a year), provide \$300,000 upfront “as soon as all licenses and permits are received,” and build four public-use sports fields or pay \$3 million at the town's option. Regarding the sports betting part of the project, it calls for graduated payments of 0.5 percent for first five years (\$87,500-\$175,000 per year), 0.75 percent years 6-10 (\$131,000-262,000), and 1 percent after that (\$175,000-350,000), he added.

Beyond the money, the HCA calls for the developer to build a police and fire substation to serve the project, with staffing for any race day or event paid by the developer. It limits race days to 10 per year, requires access from a to-be-constructed I-84 exit rather than Breakneck Road, and has “some language with respect to the treatment of horses,” which would be governed by a “racing oversight board,” Silverstein said. Additionally, it has a “belt and suspenders condition” that incorporates any extra requirements in the Planning Board or Conservation Commission's special permits into its own language.

“I've seen more race tracks than anybody else. They're always difficult business propositions,” Cummings said.

He cited a recent study estimating Massachusetts has a \$350-500 million electronic sports betting market, of which this site would be a “small player” at 5-10 percent. Such success, however, will depend on “how they build their business online” much more than what happens on-site, he said.

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Nick Ethier

Tantasqua's Ava Chevalier steals the ball and clears it out of her team's defensive end.

But the Warriors were even more motivated. Just two weeks prior, Tantasqua lost badly to the formally-named Tomahawks, 8-1. On top of that, the girls were missing an important school event.

“The girls were a little motivated. They all missed their Homecoming. We asked them to change the time

Turn To **SOCCER**, page **A16**

United Way kicks Off 2021 Annual Campaign with \$432,000 in grants

SOUTHBRIDGE — The 2021 United Way of South Central Massachusetts Campaign Chairman, Kris Marier kicked off the annual campaign at a special Jazz Dinner event held at Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster on Oct. 12. The Kickoff attendees included corporate partners, donors and member agencies.

The “READY TO LIVE UNITED” theme was introduced by Marier, stating “With all the changes in the world during the pandemic, we need to rebuild, reimagine and reconnect to the members of our community. By supporting the United Way, we are able to fund 22 local agencies that provide lifesaving and vital services to those that are struggling to make ends meet. Collectively, as neighbors and co-workers, we share a responsibility for the future of our community. When we exercise compassion for our neighbors, we build a foundation for prosperity. By offering a hand up to one, we influence the condition of many.”

The United Way of South Central Massachusetts focus is education, income, and health. In May of this year the Community Investment Committee met with local non-profit agencies to review applications and make their recommendations for funding for this new campaign year. The UWSCM continues to strive to align its funded programs within Southern Worcester County. It was determined to fund 27 programs that directly impact the residents of the towns of Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Webster.

During the Jazz Dinner event, representatives from the funded agencies described the programs that are



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Janet Scheffier and William Keefe.

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It's time again for Trunk or Treat!!



Courtesy

Children and adults dressed up for Halloween at the Quinebaug Lodge parking lot Trunk or Treat event back in 2019.

SOUTHBRIDGE — It's that time of year again when the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge Community Outreach Program holds one of its annual events. Children and adults alike dress up in their costumes to retrieve candy and treats from rows of cars all decorated for Halloween in the parking lot of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge.

This event will be on Saturday, Oct. 30 from noon to 5 p.m. at 339 Ashland

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Bay Path Adult Evening School offers cooking classes

CHARLTON — Bay Path Adult Evening School is hosting Japanese cooking classes beginning Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 57 Old Muggett Hill Rd.

Leading the classes in the Adult Evening School is Gino Bolandrino, chef and owner/Chief Ramen Chef for KuruKuru Ramen, who worked for many years in Japanese restaurants in and around the Boston area.

His class will cover how to make Ramen and Katsu, Japanese comfort dishes. Japanese comfort dishes are simple to make, flavorful, and have countless possibilities. In Chef Gino's class, participants will gain an understanding of the history and stories behind each dish. The Japanese ramen though created from Chinese influence comes in a wide variety of flavors and is an amazing dish to learn how to make. According to Chef Gino, "once you have real ramen, you won't want the instant cup ramen noodles anymore!" Katsu directly translates to "victory" and has a deep history and many different variations. Katsu is a breaded meat dish, "works wonderfully with

(Right) Chef Gino Bolandrino

beef, pork, chicken, or turkey," added Chef Gino, "as influenced by Western cuisine, Katsu is a perfect dish for any occasion."

The Japanese Comfort Food classes are part of several hands-on cooking classes that run through the Bay Path Night School. All the dishes will be prepared in class. The class consists of both demonstration and hands-on participation. The classes are held from 6 to 9 p.m. The course fee is \$109. Class size is limited to provide social distancing; masks are required. All cooking classes include supplies/food unless stated otherwise. Register through baypath.augu-soft.net or call 508-248-5971, ext. 1715.

Chef Gino is a Douglas High School alumnus (2012). He had been passionate about food since his childhood. At age seven, he trained at the Heny Sison Culinary School (Manila, Philippines) under Chef Jill Sandique (International ICE alumni and a graduate of the Institute of Culinary Education Pastry

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& Baking Arts program). Gino's culinary experiences range from apprenticeship (The Ivy Restaurant, Boston), to Cooking Shows (Chef Heny Sison), to employments (Harvard Faculty Club, Cambridge; Pikaichi Ramen, Boston; Ganko Ittetsu Ramen, Boston; Gen Sou En Tea House, Boston; and Love Art Udon, Boston). He has traveled to Japan extensively and had enjoyed Ramen in Chiba, Kanagawa, Osaka, Kamikatsu, and Tokyo. It was at Pikaichi Ramen where he worked as a waiter then kitchen chef that he honed in his passion for Ramen. He now has over 10 years of experience running and managing Ramen restaurants in the Greater Boston Area. Chef Gino leads menu creation, daily food prep, and all other cooking-related responsibilities at KuruKuru. He works with suppliers, ensures food quality in every meal, and assists with all back-of-house tasks and duties.

Knights of Columbus launches Coats for Kids fundraiser

SOUTHBIDGE — For the last few years our Knights of Columbus Council 199, in Southbridge, has been raising money to purchase and donate children's winter coats to Catholic Charities to be given away free to local children. Our goal was always to raise enough money to purchase and distribute 72 coats every fall, something we did easily without thinking as to whether or not the need was greater. Starting in 2018, the drives were so successful that we were able to purchase 192 coats and receive more from K of C State as a match. With so many coats to distribute we were able to donate to both Catholic Charities and Holy Trinity's coat closet. Because of these successes this year we're starting our drive with 6 cases in reserve ready to be given away so our goal is only 144 coats.

Again this year, the kids' coats are sold in cases of 12 for \$238, which is about \$20 per coat and we would like to purchase eight cases, the teen size coats are \$295 per box of 12, our plans are to purchase four cases of these larger coats. The total cost to pur-

chase these 12 cases of coats would be \$3084 but that would require your help, if you're a business or civic group maybe you could donate \$238 and we could buy 1 case, if that's too much to ask for, 2 donations of \$119 will buy a case, a person or a family could donate \$20 which we could put towards purchasing 1 coat. Maybe we won't hit our goal of buying the 12 cases, but whatever we do raise will put a new coat on someone's child that might otherwise go cold this winter if we don't try.

These kids could be a neighbor or most likely be someone you'll never know or meet, but we could all get a warm feeling if we pitch in and help keep our kids warm this winter.

If you can help, checks would be payable to K of C Council 199 and can be dropped in the collection basket at St John Paul II Parish with a note on the envelope saying "Coats for Kids" or just mail them to us; our address is PO Box 176 here in Southbridge. Please don't think that you won't make a difference because every dollar counts, and it just takes 20 of them to buy a coat.

DA's office to host Safe School Summit

REGION — The Worcester County District Attorney's Office is looking forward to helping promote school safety.

On Nov. 16, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., and his team will host a virtual Safe School Summit. The event is intended for all officials who work in school environments, including law enforcement personnel, superintendents, principals, and other professionals working with youth.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. The lineup will feature leaders with the Handle With Care program, which provides schools and care agencies with various forms of assistance. The program focuses on such topics as school community safety; handling student trauma; and educating students on the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

The program will also include a panel discussion featuring school and law enforcement professionals.

The District Attorney's Office is hoping to eventually implement the Handle With Care program throughout the county.

If you are interested in taking part in the event, contact Ellen Miller at ellen.miller@mass.gov. You can also call 774-314-5371.



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“Love Stories from the National Portrait Gallery, London” opens at Worcester Art Museum Nov. 13

WORCESTER — This fall the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) opens “Love Stories from the National Portrait Gallery, London,” an exploration of the role of love in some of the greatest masterpieces of Western art. For over a year and a half, the COVID-19 pandemic has compelled people around the globe to be physically separated from loved ones. In tragic cases they have experienced loss and suffering. It is thus a timely moment to reflect on how portraits sustain us during long periods apart and preserve the memory of those no longer with us. As the first venue in an international tour organized while the National Portrait Gallery is closed for a major redevelopment, Love Stories at WAM is a rare opportunity for Americans to experience locally some of the National Portrait Gallery’s

treasures normally only seen in London. The exhibition opens at the Worcester Art Museum on Nov. 13, and remains on view through March 13, 2022. With around 100 masterpieces from the National Portrait Gallery, London—the most extensive portraiture collection in the world—Love Stories traces the role of portraiture on the changing face of love from sixteenth-century Renaissance-era painting to contemporary photography. Some of the world’s most famous passionate affairs, long-lasting companionships, and, sadly, also heartbreaks are captured in the love stories of couples including, John Lennon and Yoko Ono, Oscar Wilde and Lord Alfred Douglas, Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Robert Browning, and Emma Hamilton and Lord Nelson, among others.

Whether as love tokens, historical records, or enduring images that outlast human mortality, the works in “Love Stories” serve as visual records of spring flings and slow burns. Moreover, they record the diverse expressions of human affection and attachment. Through these paintings, sculptures, photographs, and drawings—created over a span of five hundred years—we can see that love and the relationships it forges take many different forms. “Portraits are a visual record of a relationship, celebrating key moments like engagements and weddings, serving as memorials to the deceased, or expressing adoration or disdain for an absent or scorned lover,” said Matthias Waschek, the Jean and Myles McDough Director of the Worcester Art

Museum. “But while much has been written or sung about love, Love Stories is an opportunity to dive into this complex history through the visual arts, drawing on some of the most remarkable portraits that reflect this love back to the viewer, decades or even centuries later. We are excited to be collaborating with the National Portrait Gallery, London, to bring these great works of art, and their stories, to American audiences.” The exhibition is organized in five sections. In the first section, “The Artist and The Muse,” the exhibition explores both the role of artist-and-muse as it was traditionally conceived, while also presenting the ways in which many artists have upset these conventions by playing with societal norms in terms of age, gender, and race, among other elements. For example, the relationship between George Romney (1734-1802) and Emma Hamilton (1765-1815) would appear to exemplify the traditional artist-muse pairing, represented in the show with Romney’s 1784 self-portrait and a painting of Hamilton made in approximately 1785. Hamilton captured Romney’s imagination, and what initially began as a plan for commercial print-making using her image became a long-term artistic connection: over the following nine years, Romney depicted her more than 100 times, often as herself but also performing various roles, from naïve country girl to classical figures such as Medea, Circe or a Bacchante. Romney’s portraits enhanced the celebrity of both artist and sitter, and Hamilton can be viewed as an active performer and collaborator, not merely a passive muse.

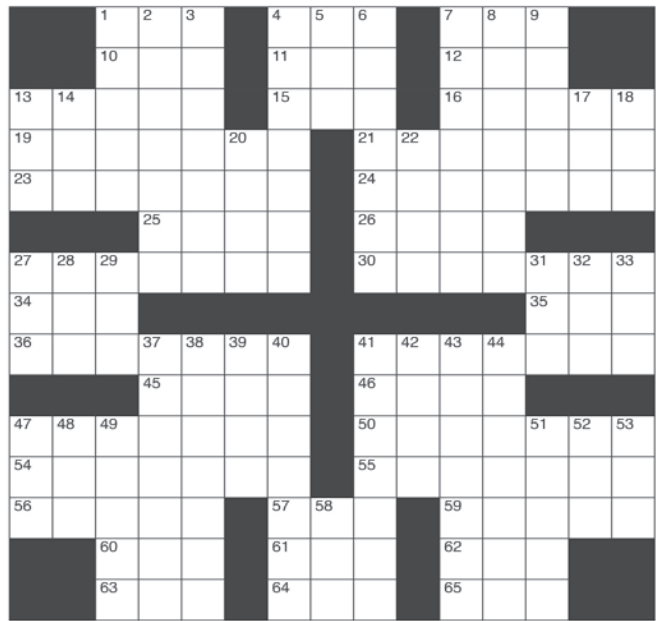
“Love and Creativity” brings forward classic pairings, couples who were famous for their own works of art, and for their mutual inspiration as much as their affections. One such example is Mary Beale’s painting of her husband, Charles Beale the Elder (c. 1660) and her subsequent self-portrait (c. 1666). Beale was among a tiny number of successful and recognized female painters during this period; her adoring husband gave up his career to manage her studio. Notebooks from their family and work life reveal the extent to which business and love went hand in hand for the Beales: along with receipts and the preparations of art materials, Charles also described Mary as my ‘Dearest & Most Indefatigable Heart’. In her self-portrait, she rests her hand on a canvas showing unfinished portraits of the couple’s two sons. Another infamous creative couple included in this section is Mary Wollstonecraft—author of the science fiction masterpiece Frankenstein—and the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley. Their turbulent, eight year relationship produced some of the most enduring and powerful works in English Literature, and ended tragically when Shelley drowned in 1822. They are shown here with Amelia Curran’s 1819 painting of Shelley and Richard Rothwell’s undated painting of Wollstonecraft.

In the third section, “Portraying Partnership,” the exhibition takes a deep dive into the role of portraiture in the shared lives and marriages of many couples, whether on their wedding day or in their later years. With the increased accessibility of photography—but long before camera phones and Instagram—artists could create images that were shared around the world, letting audiences feel like participants in the life events of celebrities. Photographs such as The wedding of Nellie Adkins and Ras Prince Monolulu (Peter Carl MacKay) (1931) taken by George Woodbine for the newspaper the Daily Herald, or The wedding of Ringo Starr and Barbara Bach (1981) photographed by Terry O’Neill, capture the happiness of these couples in the moment—and the images have become as much a part of history as the events themselves.

The fourth section is “The Trials of Love,” cataloging some of the most famous—and infamous—couples, people who found love amidst constrained circumstances, or whose love endured the deepest tragedy. The world may have been scandalized when King Edward VIII said he intended to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson, but they were even more surprised when he abdicated the throne in order to do so in 1937. Yet Dorothy Wilding’s 1943 photograph Wallis, Duchess of Windsor; Prince Edward, Duke of Windsor (King Edward VIII) shows a couple smiling and quite clearly in love. Decades later there was a different, if equally infamous, love affair: copious public reports of friction within The Beatles as a result of the increasingly consistent presence of Yoko Ono. Tom Blau’s three photographs from 1969 of Ono and John Lennon preparing to kiss, staring into each other’s eyes, first with eyes open and then with eyes closed, give an alternative perspective: the depth of their love is evident to any viewer. These works demonstrate precisely the ways in which love can be challenging or constantly challenged by the surrounding society.

The final section, all photography, delivers notable images of famous couples. “Love and the Lens,” includes photographs such as Richard Burton and Dame Elizabeth Taylor (1971) by Terry O’Neill, Mick Jagger (1971) by Patrick Lichfield, Mick Jagger and Jerry Hall (1981) by Norman Parkinson, and Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales (1981) by Patrick Lichfield, and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex; Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex and family (2018) by Alexi Lubomirski. Dr. Nicholas Cullinan, Director, National Portrait Gallery, London, said: “We’re very excited to be sharing some of the Gallery’s most cherished portraits with Worcester Art Museum while the building in London is temporarily closed for our Inspiring People redevelopment. Love Stories comprises some of the best portraits in our Collection dating from the sixteenth century to the present day and explores relatable themes, from romantic love, obsession and infatuation to tragedy and loss. At the heart of this exhibition are a series of real-life love stories that are universal and chronicle human experience. After such an unprecedented period of global change, we hope international audiences can come together in person and engage with this visual exploration of love in all its forms.” The exhibition will be accompanied by a beautifully illustrated book, published by the National Portrait Gallery, bringing these love stories to life through the perspectives of numerous authors, using material from the sitter’s own letters, diaries and poetry while highlighting their connection to triumphs of painting, photography, theatre, music and literature. Written by National Portrait Gallery curators and invited specialists, the book’s contributors include: Louise Stewart, former curator, 16th Century to Contemporary Collections, at the National Portrait Gallery, London; Simon Callow, actor, musician, writer and theatre director; Peter Funnell, former curator at the National Portrait Gallery, London; Marina Warner, novelist, short story writer and historian; and Kate Williams, author, historian and television presenter. The book is edited by Lucy Peltz, Head of Collections Displays (Tudor to Regency) and Senior Curator, 18th Century Collections of the National Portrait Gallery, London.

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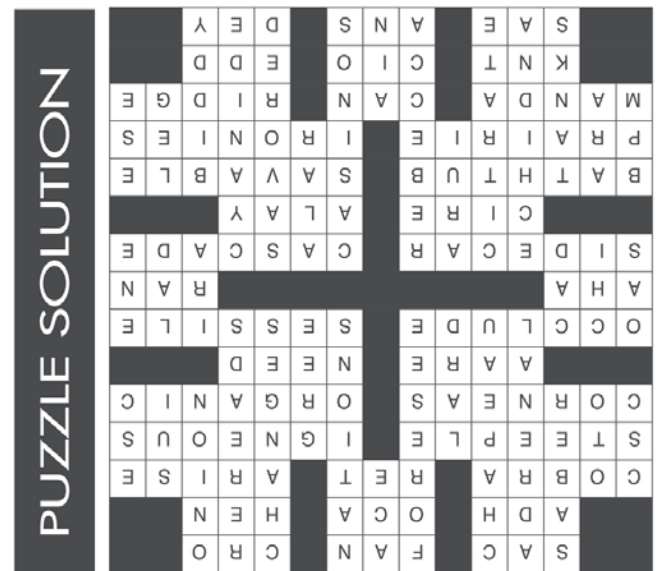


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11. South American plant
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15. Soak in water
16. Emerge
19. Church tower
21. Having solidified from lava
23. Eye parts
24. Natural
25. Swiss river
26. Require to live
27. Obstruct
30. Immobile
34. Expression of satisfaction
35. Moved quickly
36. Popular cocktail
41. Dish detergent brand
45. Waxed finish
46. Kyrgyzstan mountain range
47. A place to get clean
50. Able to be rescued
54. Large, open grassland
55. Expressions for humorous effect
56. Hindu goddess
57. Beverage container
59. Long narrow hilltop
60. Sir (abbr.)
61. Data executive
62. Doctor of Education
63. Car mechanics group
64. Autonomic nervous system
65. “The Partridge Family” actress

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28. 22nd star of a constellation
29. Scoundrel
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32. Boy or young man
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Nichols College receives gift from DCD Automotive for new video scoreboard

DUDLEY — Nichols College recently unveiled a new digital scoreboard donated by Nucur, a subsidiary of the DCD Automotive Group based in Norwood, Mass.

A brief ceremony took place on Vendetti Field on September 23, prior to the start of the college's Homecoming football game, which included several members of the Dagesse family, who own and operate the DCD Automotive Group. Founder Dan Dagesse and his son, President and CEO Chris Dagesse, were joined by Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M., Athletic Director Eric Gobiel. Football Coach Dale Olmstead, and Thunder, the school's bison mascot.

The 30-foot state-of-the-art sign — emblazoned with the Nucur logo — was built by Digital Scoreboards LLC, and features hi-def video capability, electronic scorekeeping, and a premium built-in sound system, among other features.

Nichols is the only college in the Commonwealth Coast Conference to have a video scoreboard.

"The new video board is certainly a



Courtesy

Members of the Dagesse family, following the ribbon cutting for the new video scoreboard on Vendetti Field at Nichols College.

game changer for Nichols and the athletic department, allowing us to bring a whole new interactive experience for our fans and student athletes," said

Gobiel. "We could not be more thankful to the Dagesse family for their extremely generous gift and continued support!"

In addition to football, the scoreboard will support the other teams that use Vendetti Field, including field hockey and men's and women's lacrosse. Beyond athletics, Nichols plans to use the video feature for campus events, such as movie nights, and extend opportunities to the local community, such as advertising during the game.

"This donation reflects our commitment to innovation and giving back," said Chris Dagesse. "We are also proud that the Nucur name will now not only be gracing dealerships in Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island but will also be attached to this great institution."

Coach Olmstead called the scoreboard "awesome," adding, "Looking down on Vendetti Field from the hill and seeing a scoreboard of that magnitude makes a statement about Nichols' commitment to athletics. Our players love it, and I am looking forward to showing it off to our recruits!"

St. John Paul II Parish Bazaar returns Nov. 7

SOUTHBRIDGE — St. John Paul II Parish is excited to host its annual Bazaar Sunday, Nov. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lasalle Reception Center, 444 Main St., Southbridge.

This theme chosen for this year's event is "Reunited: Let's Get Together."

The annual bazaar will feature crafts, jar deal table, jewelry and watches, theme baskets (\$5 for 25 chances), and the Village Bake Shop. Breakfast and lunch items will be available for purchase in the beautiful Tuscan Room located in the Lasalle Lower Hall. There will be music, kids' games, special raffles and more.

Vaccine shots for Covid, flu, and shingles will be available by appointment only; you can call Ray Fournier at (774) 318-8928 to schedule a time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, we ask that everyone who comes to the bazaar wear a mask to protect all who participate, especially the children.

Gary McKinstry returns to Southbridge Senior Center in Harrington Auxiliary Benefit

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Harrington Auxiliary is proud to bring back Gary McKinstry, world-renowned, professional medium and psychic, to the Southbridge Senior Center 153 Chestnut St. in Southbridge. McKinstry's presentation, which offers attendees an opportunity to connect with loved ones who have passed to the other side, will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.

McKinstry's psychic activities are legendary and have been chronicled in "Ghost Hunters of America: Real Stories of Paranormal Investigators." He is one of a handful of psychics to have toured the Victorian Mansion in Gardner, which he certified as unquestionably haunted. McKinstry has also verified that the Publick House in Sturbridge is haunted and has been since the Colonial



era.

At the event attendees will have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets

for a one-hour private reading with McKinstry. Raffle tickets are three for \$5.

Tickets for the main event are \$25 and can be purchased through Harrington Hospital's Volunteer Office at 100 South Street, Southbridge. For more information, please call 508-765-6473 or email khibbard@harringtonhospital.org.

This event featuring Gary McKinstry is held in memory of Cecile T. Edmunds. All proceeds enable the Harrington Auxiliary to provide programs, equipment and other items that promote the work of UMass Memorial Health Harrington.

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Center of Hope’s Holiday Giving Program

Scott Mackay Golf Tournaments raise more than \$31,000 to help make this a success

SOUTHBIDGE — Every year around the holidays, the Center of Hope Foundation begins to prepare for its annual Holiday Giving Program. “It’s around this time of year that we see the families we serve begin to worry about how to make this holiday season special for their loved ones. How will they put food on the table for Thanksgiving and gifts under the tree for Christmas/Hanukkah, etc.? This is what the Holiday Giving Program has been about for the last 30 years. Taking the worry and stress away and putting smiles on as many faces as we can,” said Cindy Howard, CEO at the Center of Hope.

Many businesses and members of the community step up and participate in raising money, giving gifts, or donating food. The Help Wanted Band has been a major supporter of this program for well over 20 years. Prior to the pandemic, the Center of Hope hosted a fundraiser, Country for a Cause, where The Help Wanted Band would come and play for a fun afternoon of music and dancing.

Six years ago, the band lost their drummer, Scott Mackay who said, “Country for a Cause was his favorite band gig throughout the year.”

It was then that the Mackay and Ljungberg families came together and began hosting a golf tournament in memory of Scott, with the proceeds benefiting the Center of Hope’s Holiday Giving and Special Olympics Programs. The generosity from golfers and sponsors has helped the tournament raise more than \$31,000 throughout the last six years.

The Center of Hope wants to thank the



Mackay and Ljungberg families, golfers and the sponsors who have made this event so successful. The proceeds are such a great help in putting smiles on so many faces.

“We are truly grateful for everyone’s help in making the Holiday Giving Program a continued success,” said Cindy Howard.

To learn more about the Center of

Hope and the Holiday Giving Program please visit our website at www.thecenterofhope.org or by calling us at (508) 764-4085.

QCC’s Respiratory Care Program celebrates Respiratory Care Week

WORCESTER — This week is Respiratory Care Week and in a world that needs more respiratory therapists (RTs), Quinsigamond Community College’s Respiratory Care program is doing its part to meet that growing demand.

In 1983, President Ronald Regan designated the last full week in October to be Respiratory Care Week. Every year since, those working in the profession and those dealing with chronic lung diseases have been honored during this week. Today’s research shows that chronic lung disease deaths have increased by 39.8 percent, rising from 389 million in 1990 to 545 million in 2017 worldwide. In Worcester county, with a population of approximately 830,839,000 approximately 97,500 (12 percent) of adults have some form of chronic lung disease and approximately 11,215 (1.3%) have pediatric asthma.

“Many individuals pursue a career in respiratory care after having personal experience with a respiratory therapist. Respiratory therapists play a vital role

as part of the healthcare team. As cardiopulmonary specialists, they provide services for patients from the first breath they take in the delivery room, to the last breath they take, and the many breaths in between,” said Amy Hogan, director of Clinical Education, and assistant professor of QCC’s Respiratory Care program. “We help people breathe better by administering medications, providing therapies, and using sophisticated breathing equipment to help sustain life.”

QCC’s Respiratory Care program was established in 1967. It is the oldest respiratory program in Massachusetts. The program currently has 15 full-time enrolled students.

“All of our students are taking classes in-person, and are getting frontline exposure to patients who are struggling to take a breath... this includes COVID-19 patients,” said QCC’s Respiratory Care Program Director Keith Hirst. “COVID-19 has really challenged us in how we teach and ensure that our students are ready to take their board exams upon graduation. Having clinicals ensures

that the students who will be on the frontlines, caring for COVID-19 patients when they graduate have hands-on experience.”

In 2020, QCC’s Respiratory Care program received Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) Credentialing Success Award for having over 90% of students pass and obtain the RRT credential over the past 3 years, and for meeting on-going programmatic thresholds as set forth by CoARC. QCC was one of a handful of associate degree programs that received this award.

“This speaks to the quality of the program and the outstanding job that the academic and clinical faculty have done in preparing the students to be successful not only in their board exams, but also in their future employment,” Mr. Hirst said.

“Our students are sought after because of their preparedness from the program,” Ms. Hogan added.

QCC was also able to work with the

accreditation board to allow QCC RT students to work and simultaneously earn credit, adding additional respiratory therapists to hospitals when they needed them most.

“From the moment QCC went remote in 2020, faculty, staff and the students worked diligently to explore new and effective avenues to complete educational requirements. Their team spirit and professionalism demonstrated that they had indeed transformed to the professionals they aspired to become,” Ms. Hogan said. “All sophomores were able to graduate on-time and secure RT positions post-graduation, and all achieved the RRT credentials.”

In spring 2021, during the students last semester at QCC, they worked alongside their future colleagues as RT student therapists helping to treat patients.

“COVID-19 has brought RTs to the forefront of the healthcare profession. RTs are the only medical specialist specifically trained in the cardiopulmonary system. As such, they are uniquely qualified to manage not only patients with COVID-19, but also any patient who has breathing issues, whether it is from a neonate born premature, someone who has lung disease, or dealing with a patient who has any kind of breathing issues,” Mr. Hirst said.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of respiratory therapists is projected to grow 23 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the 8 percent average growth rate of all occupations, with a current national average base salary of \$60,000.

As the U.S. population ages, so too will an increased incidence of respiratory conditions, thus leading to an increased demand for respiratory therapy services.

“The role of the RT is increasing as well. RTs are now involved with Telehealth, patient education, disease management, Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (a form of cardiopulmonary bypass), pulmonary rehabilitation, as well as being more involved with the management of the patient,” Mr. Hirst said. “This makes this program vital not only for the Worcester area, but also for Massachusetts as a whole.”

For more information on QCC’s Respiratory Care program visit www.QCC.edu/respiratory-care, or email Mr. Hirst at Khirst@qcc.mass.edu. For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu

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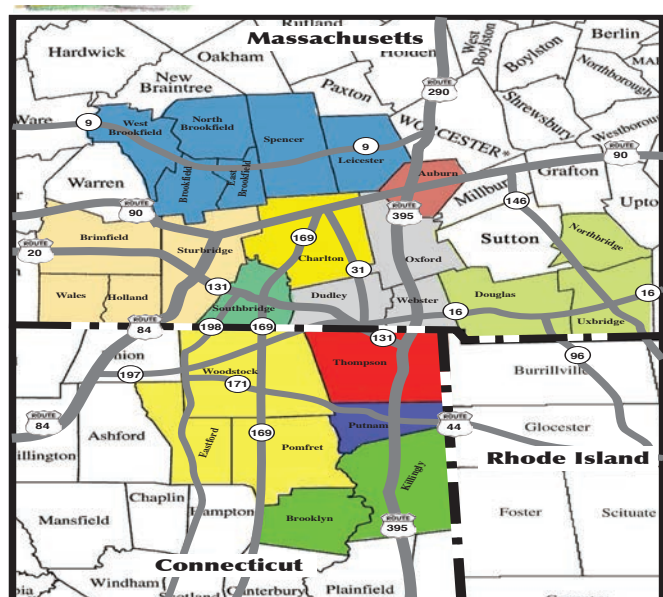
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EDITORIAL

Clash of the horror titans

With Halloween taking place in four days, we figured we'd have a bit of fun and pose the question who's scarier — Freddy or Jason?

For those not in the know, Freddy Krueger is the lead character from the 1980's movie series, 'A Nightmare on Elm Street', created by Wes Craven. Donning a black hat and a red and grey sweater, Krueger played by Robert Englund, literally gave all of us '80's kids nightmares for months. With his face shredded and his claw hand, we all definitely slept with the light on for a while.

Enter Jason Voorhees from the famous "Friday the 13th" movies. Voorhees was the young son of a camp cook turned killer, Mrs. Voorhees. This film was created by Victor Miller, Ron Kurz, Sean Cunningham and Tom Savini. The plot begins with a group of teenagers on vacation at a lakeside camp. One by one they start to disappear. What could be scarier than a hockey mask, machete wielding ghost?

A poll we conducted revealed that Freddy is the scarier of the two leading men. This revelation may not offer us anything of real value, but it does give us some insight on what the majority considers 'scary.' We remember watching the "Nightmare on Elm Street" series as adults and actually laughing during parts we thought were scary as youths.

One reader replied, "Freddy, because he's in your dreams."

Another brought up a good point: "You can run away from Jason, but not Freddy."

Another reader took the question quite seriously and gave us a great answer: "I'd argue that Jason was more the product of childhood trauma. A missing father, mentally ill mother who goes on a killing spree after she thinks he's drowned. Freddy's supernatural capabilities far surpass Jason. So I'd say Freddy."

"Freddy is the scarier of the two, but Michael Meyers is a true problem," remarked one person.

Another said, "Freddy, because you can't resist falling asleep, and with Jason there are no facial expressions."

One person called it a draw, stating "Can't do it; it's like the chicken and the egg question. Props to Freddy for the nightmares but props to Jason for the daymares."


We got a chuckle out of 'daymares.'

Of course, our Executive Editor and movie buff gave his take: "Freddy, but I'm going to qualify my answer by saying Freddy from the first two 'Nightmare' movies, before they turned him into Don Rickles in a striped sweater."

We can't write an editorial regarding scary characters without mentioning Gollum from the "Hobbit" and "Lord of the Rings" franchises. No one is scarier than Gollum, and he did it without even trying.

With that, we hope you enjoy Halloween, half off candy sales, a scary movie or two and enjoy the beautiful fall weather before the snow flies.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Race track should be stopped in its tracks

To the Editor:

It was upsetting to learn about the proposal to build a racetrack on 223 acres along Breakneck Rd. in Sturbridge. What's even more upsetting is how so many are embracing this proposal because the investors have done such a skillful job of window dressing what is basically a racetrack with terms like "green," "equestrian center," throwing in ball parks and a horse rescue. And of course, the magic word, jobs. Folks, this is a racetrack, for horse betting, gambling. You know, the place where horses are abused, drugged, the losers sent to other countries for dog food. Racetracks are so successful that Rockingham and Suffolk Downs have both closed their doors. I've walked those lovely woods, full of ponds and wetlands, watershed for Southbridge reservoirs, and abutting Bigelow Hollow State Park. We've lost 70 percent of our wildlife due to loss of habitat not to mention the importance of the trees that will be sacrificed for this boondoggle. Can we afford to lose yet another tract of precious woodland when our planet is in peril?

Don't be fooled, people of Sturbridge, by all the rosy pictures of the "Gone with the Wind" plantation house and the promise of family fun and activities. It's a race track, folks. Pure and simple, with some cheap promoting so the folks of Sturbridge will fly this through. Stop this in its racetracks.

Charlotte Burns
Palmer

Tips to Scent Your Home this Season

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR



Scents are powerful - just a small whiff of certain smells can fuel emotions. From altering moods and sparking memories to creating calm and promoting focus, fragrance can be very influential in our everyday lives.

Autumn in New England offers an abundance of native sights and scents that can be captured as everlasting fragrance for the home. Read on for a few simple recipes to bring the spectacular fragrance of the fall season indoors for months to come.

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New England Potpourri Mix: This all natural autumn potpourri mix will bring you back to a walk along winding New England roads. A few drops of essential oil may be added to boost the scent as the mixture ages.

Ingredients: Dried slices of two Red or Golden Delicious apples (or other hardy New England variety); dried slices of one orange; eight cinnamon sticks; one tablespoon nutmegs; three tablespoons whole cloves; 2 Whole nutmegs; Filler: acorns, dried leaves, bark pieces, pinecones, etc.

Directions: Break up (or smash) the cinnamon sticks and some of the whole cloves to release fragrance. Mix together all ingredients, gently folding in apple and orange slices last. Place in an open bowl or pack in a clear glass jar for gift giving or later use.

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Pie Spice Sachets: The sweet scent of freshly baked apple and pumpkin pies can be resurrected every time you reconstitute these essence filled sachets. Best of all, these can be used to scent the air and to spice up cider!

Ingredients: 2 tablespoons pumpkin pie spice; 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon; 2 teaspoons nutmeg; 2 tablespoons applesauce

Mix the applesauce and spices together in a bowl. Dough will be very stiff. Pinch off small pieces of dough and roll into balls. Press down to form discs, about an inch or so. Bake in a 275 degree oven for about two hours or until fully dry and firm. Allow to cool and harden.

To use for simmering potpourri: Drop one disc into a couple of inches of simmering water.

To use as spice sachet: Drop disc into Preheat oven to 275 degrees and bake for 1 1/2 hours until dry and firm. Cool. Use as a simmering potpourri by simply dropping in boiling water. To use as a spice, drop into container of simmering cider.

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Autumn Wax Tarts (Recycled candles): Making fragrance tarts is easy (and free) if you've collected all your autumn fragrant candle ends throughout the year.

Ingredients: Leftover candle wax; foil cupcake wrappers.

Directions: Carefully melt leftover candle bits in a double boiler or in the microwave. Remove wicks and black bits from melted wax. Line a cupcake pan with aluminum foil cupcake wrappers. Pour about an inch of wax into each aluminum wrapper. Allow to cool, then remove wrapper from tin and peel off tart.

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Great Gourds!

Now that your house boasts the aroma of autumn, why not do a little decorating, compliments of Mother Nature? Gourds are plentiful this time of year, and let's face it, gourds have only one main claim to fame: Their interesting colors and shapes

make them a fantastic fall decorating tool. Talented and imaginative artisans have formed everything from utilitarian bowls to musical instruments out of gourds, although mainstream offerings are likely to include a creative mix of baskets, candleholders, birdhouses and vases.

Gourds, both large and small are plentiful and whimsical, with a high "personality quota." Tossing interestingly shaped gourds in a bowl creates an instant centerpiece. Or place handfuls of colorful gourds around an outside entryway display to fill the gaps between pumpkins, mums and cornstalks.

Gourds, with their contrast of color and textures, are the perfect candidate for an interesting craft project. Whether you choose to make a vase, bowl or birdhouse, drying, cutting and cleaning the gourds are important chores to complete.

Much like carving a Jack-O-Lantern, the top of a gourd must be cut off and the inside scraped clean.

To do: Scrape out all inside dried membranes and seeds. This can be tedious, but it is necessary to avoid rot. To ensure a smooth inside surface as for gourd bowls, sand inside with a wire brush drill attachment.

To dry out decorative thin-skinned gourds, clean them in warm, soapy water containing a household disinfectant. Dry gourds with a cloth and spread them on newspaper in a warm, dry place. After a week, wipe them with a cloth moistened only with disinfectant. Again, spread gourds to dry, now in a warm, dark, damp-free spot for about a month. Every other day, turn them. When seeds rattle inside, they are properly seasoned. Small, thin shelled gourds will dry in less than a month, and large ones can take up to six months. If mold appears during the drying process, scrape it off with a knife. Thin-shelled gourds dry best when hung in a mesh bag.

You can finish your bowl or vase by staining, painting, or using leather dye on it. The leather dye provides a vintage look and is easiest to apply for a first time project. After the dye has dried, apply a protectant, such as varnish or wax.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.



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If you're an investor, you probably enjoy the convenience of managing your accounts online. But you'll also want to make sure that you're not making it convenient for hackers, "phishers" and others with bad intentions to gain the same access.

Fortunately, there's a lot you can do to protect your privacy. Here are a few suggestions offered by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission:

- Use a strong password or passphrase. You'll want to pick a password that would be virtually impossible for anyone to guess, employing capital and lowercase letters, plus symbols and numbers. Of course, you'll want to record the password in a secure place so you won't forget it. Instead of using a password, you may have the option of choosing a passphrase, which contains a series of words strung together. You'll want to avoid phrases taken from popular culture or that are otherwise commonly used. And it's also a good idea not to use phrases containing your name, birthday or other personal identifiers.
- Activate your account alerts. When you turn on your account alerts, you'll receive text messages or emails notifying you of certain activities, such as account logins, failed account login attempts, personal information changes, money transfers, adding or deleting of external financial accounts, and more. These alerts can help you monitor your accounts for fraud and verify your own moves, as well.
- Avoid using public computers to access investment accounts. If you're at a hotel or library, try to avoid the temptation to use the computer to check in on your investments. But if you do use a public computer, at least take proper precautions. For starters, don't leave data on a screen and walk away, even for a moment. And when you're finished with the computer, log out of your account to end the online session. You may also want to change any password you used.
- Ignore suspicious links. Be suspicious of emails or text messages containing links claiming to be connected to your investment accounts. These links could take you to websites designed to solicit sensitive account information, which could then be used for financial or identity theft. Even if the link seems to be coming from a business you know, you'll want to be quite cautious – experienced "phishers" can now create websites or online documents that look real. And keep in mind that legitimate investment firms will not ask you to divulge personal information without going through the password or two-step authentication protocols already described.

The ability to connect with your investment accounts online can be extremely useful to you – and you'll feel more comfortable about these interactions if you know you've done all you can to safeguard your information.

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Waiting for the ice to set in



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The string of great weather we had over the last few weeks made for some great opportunities to enjoy numerous outdoor activities. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club and the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club stocked their club ponds with trout recently, and members can enjoy some great fishing for weeks to come. The state of Massachusetts continued to stock numerous lakes with trout and should provide some great fall trout fishing.

It should also provide some great ice fishing, if and when we get safe ice this season. Back 30 or 40 years ago, I can remember ice fishing on Thanksgiving Day. Catching yellow perch from the Meadow Pond and Carpenters Pond using a jig stick, and a Swedish Pimple baited with a perch eye, it did not take long to catch 100 or more yellow perch for the dinner table. Fresh yellow perch pan-fried, can provide some great eating in the winter months. I never ate yellow perch during the summer because they often contained worms in the meat. The ice-cold waters seemed to alleviate the problem.

Checking out your ice fishing gear now, will ensure that you are ready for this season first ice. Of course, it all falls on Mother Nature to provide safe ice, which has been extremely poor for the last few winters. If you do not believe in global warming by now, I doubt that you will ever realize that it is happening. The latest in ice fishing gear can be found at your favorite sporting goods store, but it is a bit pricey. Do not forget to shop at some local Bait & Tackle shops. They are struggling to stay open with all of the competition of big store chains. It is not too early to start some of your Christmas shopping for that special guy or woman in your family, as many items may not be available until spring, because of the massive fleet of ships waiting to unload goods.

Wild turkeys were not presenting hunters with many opportunities to harvest one last week, and time runs out on Nov. 27 in Massachusetts for hunters hoping to harvest one for the Thanksgiving dinner table. It is a lot easier to harvest a big bird in the spring, as they are receptive to turkey calls. If you can find a flock of turkeys, and you can break them up, calling does often work, but you need to find a flock first. A hen or tom turkey can be harvested by a licensed hunter with a fall turkey tag. Because hunting turkeys is legal during bow season, you may just get lucky to have a big turkey present a shot, if deer hunting is slow.

Archers have done really well during the archery deer season in Massachusetts! During the first week of bow season, hunters reported numerous scrapes and rubs indicating that the start

of the rutting season has indeed started. One archer reported harvesting three deer. Drivers need to be aware of the deer rutting season, and be extra vigilant when traveling on the roads and highways. Bucks chasing does to breed can have them running out in front of cars, with little time for drivers to react to a deer car collision. Every year, drivers and passengers are killed when a deer is struck by an automobile. Motorcyclists are even more vulnerable, and can be killed or suffer serious life-threatening injuries from a deer collision. Motorists need to be reminded that if they strike and kill a deer, they can keep the animal for their meat, if the carcass is salvageable. Immediate care needs to be taken to ensure the meat is properly cared for.

Pheasant hunters are enjoying some hunting on stocked areas throughout Massachusetts! The state will continue to stock areas with pheasant until Thanksgiving Day. Bird hunters with dogs are doing the best, but they too need to check their dogs and themselves for ticks after every hunt. As mentioned last week, ticks are going to be a big problem this year, both for man and dog! Deer hunters also need to take precautions after hunting. Removing most of your clothing outside of your home after a hunt, and checking for ticks before you enter the home, can save a lot of grief if Lyme disease is contracted by you or a family member. Never hang a harvested deer in your basement or attached garage. As the deer carcass cools, the ticks will fall off, and can be a real problem for your family if someone is bit-



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This week's picture shows Grampa Murphy and his grandson Jayden Burke enjoying some pheasant hunting at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club this past Saturday.

ten by an infected tick. The deer tick is incredibly small, and careful examination to locate and remove them is necessary. It is best to drop the ticks in a small amount alcohol to kill them. Do not remove them, and toss them into the back yard!

Seabass and tautog fishing remain hot



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This week's Second picture shows Captain Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge with a nice seabass.

in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island. This week's picture shows Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge with an impressive seabass caught last week off of the Point Judith light house area.

The second picture shows Jack Murphy and his grandson Jayden Burke enjoying a day hunting pheasant.

Growing and reblooming moth orchids



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Brighten your indoor décor with beautiful blooming orchids. These living bouquets provide months of beauty with minimal care. Just provide the proper growing conditions and success is sure to follow.

Start with a Phalaenopsis, moth orchid, that is best suited to the home environment making it the easiest to grow. Purchase a healthy plant with green leaves, a few open flowers, lots of buds on a firm green flower stem and no signs of neglect.

Provide your orchid with proper care, similar to that of an African violet, for the best results. Water thoroughly with room temperature tap water just as the planting mix is beginning to dry. This is usually once a week in most indoor gardens. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer to prevent root rot.

Grow your moth orchid in a bright location near an east, west- or slightly shaded south-facing window. Plants do



Melinda Myers

Moth orchids are the easiest to grow in a home environment.

best when they receive 12 to 14 hours of bright light. Give plants growing in low light locations a boost with artificial light. Keep lights 4 to 10 inches above the plants. Placing the plants on a reflective surface helps bounce light back up into the lower parts of the plant. Look for one of the many economical, energy efficient and attractive options for sale. Keep the lights on for 14 to 16 hours if this is the only light the plant receives. You can reduce the time to five or six hours for plants receiving natural light.

Boost the humidity around your orchid while creating a beautiful display by placing it among other indoor plants. As one plant loses moisture from its leaves, it increases the humidity around the neighboring plants.

Use gravel trays to further increase the humidity around all your indoor plants. Fill the saucer or plant tray with pebbles. Set the pots on the pebbles, elevating them above any water that collects in the saucer. When you water thoroughly the excess collects in the saucer. As it evaporates, it increases the humidity around the plants right where it is needed.

Fertilize actively growing plants when the soil is moist. Use a dilute solution of a complete fertilizer such as a 20-20-20 labeled for use on orchids or flowering houseplants. Avoid excess fertilization that can cause damaged black root tips, green floppy growth, and prevent flow-

ering.

Once your orchid finishes flowering, continue growing it in a brightly lit location and water and fertilize as needed. You can either remove the faded flowers, leaving the flower stem intact and wait for a flush of smaller flowers at the tip of the stem or cut the flower stem back above either the second or third node, the thickened part of a plant stem where new growth appears, from the bottom. A third option is to cut the flower stem back to one half inch above the leaves. This is better for the health of the plant. It results in the best reblooming and allows the plant to restore energy used for flowering and focus on growing roots.

If forcing your orchid to produce a second flush of flowers seems like too much work, just treat it like a long blooming bouquet. Ease your guilt by gifting the plant to a fellow gardener that would be happy to accept the challenge. Then invest in a new and different orchid to brighten your indoor garden.

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Ten years from now

When my dad told me four years ago he was going to be a syndicated columnist, I gave it little thought. I had confidence that he could do anything he wanted.

I didn't know much about his column. He was calling it Positively Speaking! and it was about having a positive mindset. That was nothing new to me; as far back as I can remember, he promoted thinking positively. He was a motivational speaker for a time.

I was a busy kid and, was involved in many different sports. Whenever my dad drove me to practice, he'd pop in a cassette tape or a CD, and we listened to Zig Ziglar, Tony Robbins, Jim Rohn, Norman Vincent Peale, Napoleon Hill, and many more. I would've rather listened to some 80's hair bands instead; I pretended not to hear, but I was listening.

As I grew older, I began to listen to them myself. In college, I was reading the books I'd heard about in the car with my dad.

He was a big thinker - he taught me that anything was possible as long as I believed and worked hard.

It's been three months since he passed away. He always kept a positive attitude about dying. If you were a fan of his columns, you probably remember that he didn't accept that he would die soon. He planned on living a few years longer.

About ten days before he died, he asked me to continue writing his column on his behalf. It wasn't something I envisioned myself doing. I was apprehensive, but how do you tell your dying father no?

It wasn't easy figuring out who all of his contacts were with the newspapers. By the time I agreed to fulfill his wish to continue the column, he didn't have the energy to teach me how to get it to the editors every week.

Sometimes I post links to his old columns on social media. They consistently receive many more likes than mine. If you were a fan of my dad's columns, after reading my

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first few, you probably thought to yourself, "this kid doesn't have anywhere to go but up!"

I've enjoyed getting to know a couple of his old friends through this process. Lynda, with a "y," is of great encouragement; she will laugh when she reads that! Hi, Lynda!

Another is a lady named Judith. I thought she was an editor for a newspaper for the first couple of weeks.

She emailed me about how to be a better writer. She gave great advice; after a few emails, I figured out she was a writing friend of my dad's and not a newspaper editor. She and my father shared a love for writing.

Judith recently recommended I write a column about how my dad might have been if he lived another ten years. That's a tricky thing to write.

He was very excited about the company we started, Cubestream. He and our partner Ted helped to develop it from the beginning. He had big plans to make it an international company.

We would have gone on a couple of family road trips. We planned on doing one earlier this year, but he was too sick. He wanted to go out west to see the mountains and the buffalo like we did when I was young.

He would've enjoyed seeing his two grandsons Caleb and Noah, graduate from high school - they were everything to him.

He may have even started lifting weights again. When I was a child, he was a big weight lifter and was very strong.

As he grew older and became more affectionate and he made sure to let us know how much he loved us.

In his final year, he frequently wrote emails to my two siblings and me telling us things about his life we never knew to help us understand him better.

It's hard to say all the things he might have done if he lived another ten years, but one thing I do know - he would have continued to be more loving, affectionate, and caring.

Love you, Dad.

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OBITUARIES

Genevieve Grant, 71

S T U R B R I D G E : Genevieve (Rupert) Grant, 71, passed away on October 20, 2021.

Genevieve leaves behind her daughters Lori Burlingame and her husband Elliott Jr. of Charlton, and Sandra Martinez of Sturbridge; her 4 brothers Calvin Rupert and his wife Mary-Lou of Charlton, Danny Rupert of Southbridge, Rafferty Rupert and his wife Alison of Connecticut, and Chester Rupert; her 3 sisters Susanne Rosso and her husband Bill of Southbridge, Tonya Burlingame and her husband Roy of Charlton, and Rosemary Billingsley of Florida

She also leaves behind several grandchildren Justin, Joel, Gennedee and Jordan Saviengsack; Jason and Eric Burlingame; Kayla, Joshua, Matthew and Ayden Martinez; Kristen Grant; two great-grandchildren Carter and Ameliana Botelho, along with several nieces and nephews. Genevieve was born in Albany,



NY daughter to the late Henry Morehouse Rupert, and Genevieve (Dunican) Rupert. She was predeceased by her husband Douglas Grant, her son Patrick Grant and daughter Jennifer Saviengsack.

Genevieve was a Certified Nursing Assistant for Providence house and worked several years for the Seven Hills foundation. She was a devout Christian and her faith was very important to her. Her favorite pastime was to watch the TV show Gunsmoke and spending time with her grandchildren whom she loved very much.

A graveside service was held for Genevieve on Wednesday, October 27th at 10:00AM at Northside Cemetery, Cemetery Rd. Charlton, MA

Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

LOVE STORIES

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Art Fund, Michie Family Curatorial Fund, John M. Nelson Fund, and Hall and Kate Peterson Fund. Related exhibition programming is supported by the Bernard G. and Louise B. Palitz Fund. The exhibition is sponsored by Skinner Auctioneers and Appraisers. Media partner is GBH.

About the National Portrait Gallery, London

Founded in 1856, the aim of the National Portrait Gallery, London is to promote through the medium of portraits the appreciation and understanding of the people who have made and are making British history and culture, and to promote the appreciation and understanding of portraiture in all media. The Gallery is closed to the public until spring 2023 while it completes an extensive redevelopment of its galleries and public spaces.

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum creates transformative programs and exhibitions, drawing on its exceptional collection of art. Dating from 3,000 BC to the present, these works provide the foundation for a focus on audience engagement, connecting visitors of all ages and abilities with inspiring art and demonstrating its enduring relevance to daily life. Creative initiatives—including pioneering collaborative programs with local schools, fresh approaches to exhibition design and in-gallery teaching, and a long history of stu-

dio class instruction—offer opportunities for diverse audiences to experience art and learn both from and with artists.

Since its founding in 1896, the Worcester Art Museum has assembled a collection of 38,000 objects: from the ancient Near East and Asia, to European and American paintings and sculptures, and continuing with works by contemporary artists from around the world. WAM has a history of making large scale acquisitions, such as its Medieval Chapter House, the Worcester Hunt Mosaic, its 15th-century Spanish ceiling, and the Flemish Last Judgment tapestry. In 2013, the Museum acquired the John Woodman Higgins Armory Collection, comprising two thousand arms and armor objects. It continues to commission and present new works, such as 2019's exhibition, With Child: Otto Dix/Carmen Winant. For more information about the Worcester Art Museum, visit worchesterart.org.

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury St. in Worcester, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and older and for college students with ID. Admission is free for Museum Members and children ages 17 and under. On the first Sunday of each month, admission is free for everyone. Museum parking is free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at worchesterart.org. Visitors are advised to check the Museum website for visiting requirements related to COVID-19.

Winter Coat Closet opens Saturday

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Winter Coat Closet, an ecumenical mission sponsored by area churches, will be open Oct. 30-Dec. 18 from 9-11 a.m. Anyone in need of a warm winter coat is welcome to come browse the racks. We have men's women's and children's coats available.

The Coat Closet is located at Holy

Trinity Episcopal Church, 446 Hamilton St. in Southbridge. Masks are required, and we must limit to one coat per person. Donations of clean, winter weight coats may be made at participating churches or at the Coat Closet on Saturday mornings.

For more information, contact Chris McTigue at (508) 248-4726.

Lions to hold Buck Brigade Nov. 6

SOUTHBRIDGE — Fill the bucket! The Lions Club of Southbridge will be out on the streets of Southbridge holding our Annual Bucket Brigade on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the following streets: Main, Elm, Central, Foster, Everett, Chapin and Hamilton or stop by our

table outside the Big Bunny.

The proceeds from this event benefit local people with sight and hearing difficulties. Please help us continue to support those in need by contributing to our bucket challenge.

November happenings at the Brimfield Senior Center

Curious about medical Cannabis?

Want to know how to get a medical card?

Join us for a Special Community Education Program on November 22nd at 11 AM

Amy Shaar-Wildman from Green Meadows in Southbridge will be presenting an informative program on cannabis and its health and wellness benefits. Assistance will be also be available for obtaining a medical card. Immediately after the program join us for lunch complements of Green Meadows. Please register prior to November 18th.

Craft Day! Floral Centerpiece with birch bark vase.

November 18th at 10:30 AM

Join Nancy to make this beautiful Thanksgiving centerpiece. Please call the senior center to register for this

class prior to September 13th. \$7.00 per class which includes all materials.

Join us for a Movie on the Big Screen

– NEW DAY! Friday, November 19th 10:45 am.

“Here Today”

Starring Billy Crystal

Veteran comedy writer Charlie Burnz forms an unlikely yet hilarious and touching friendship with New York lounge singer Emma Paige. Emma unexpectedly wins a lunch with the comedy legend, but their relationship gets off to an extremely rocky start. Before long, each finds in the other a sort of soul-mate, forging a deep bond that kicks the generation gap aside and redefines the meaning of friendship, love and trust. \$2.00 suggested donation for the movie – beverages and snacks free!

HORSE

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“I’m reasonably confident things will shake out here as they have in other states,” he added, referring to the fact around 30 states allow it now.

In response to board questions, Silverstein said simulcasting is likely to happen even if horse racing becomes illegal, although the firm will lose its sports betting license if it loses its racing license. He noted most of the public impact would be from people “coming and going from the sports bar,” which would have hours similar to other bars

in town, not the 24-hour activity a casino has.

Town Administrator Jeff Bridges said a town goal was to ensure there actually are races, rather than having just one that was “a subterfuge to get a sports bar and other commercial amenities on a piece of agricultural property.” In fact, the proposed zoning bylaw requires at least six races within 18 months.

Key proponent Richard Fields said he wants the board to vote on the HCA before Town Meeting, but this vote means that's not likely now.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

UNITED WAY

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funded by the United Way and how this direct support affords them the opportunity to truly make a difference to the lives most affected by the ongoing pandemic, the need for accessible services and how everyone from the youngest infant to seniors recovering from hospitalizations are helped through these programs. Whether it is affordable childcare, food for families, elderly and disabled, health and dental services, homelessness prevention, fuel assistance, legal aid and many more important services that assist the vulnerable in our society, United Way of South Central MA is there to lend support to the non-profit organizations in our area that do so much for our neighbors and fellow community members.

UWSCM Executive Director, Mary O'Coin, stated “That when the pandemic started, MASS 2-1-1, a United Way sponsored program was designated by Governor Baker as the number one resource for all Covid-19 questions. Hundreds of thousands of calls were answered. Many dealt with mental health issues and Covid relief questions. So many were affected and needed that resource line. Thankfully, United Way was there.”

This year, \$432,000 has been committed through grants to the following member agencies and programs. UWSCM forward funds to the agencies prior to the annual campaign and depends on the contributions of the general public and businesses in our service area to fulfil this commitment. Please consider donating this year so that these worthwhile programs can continue.

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• Southern Worcester County Mentoring Programs

BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB OF WEBSTER- Youth Development Programs

BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA - HEART OF NEW ENGLAND

• Scouting and Learning for Life – Explorers Program

CARE CENTRAL VNA

• Telehealth Remote Patient Monitoring in South Worcester County.

CASA PROJECT, INC.

• CASA Child Court Advocacy Volunteers

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

• Emergency Stabilization and Homelessness Prevention Program

COMMUNITY LEGAL AID

• South Worcester County Legal Assistance Project

FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF WORCESTER

• Southbridge Family Dental Care Program

• Southbridge Family Health Center

• Webster School based Dental Program

GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL AND

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

• Girl Scout Leadership Experience GUILD OF ST. AGNES

• Behavioral Health counseling for pre-school aged children

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL MA

• English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

NEW HOPE, INC.

• Southern Worcester County Violence Prevention Project and Counseling

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE

• Learning Through Experience (LTE) Program

OPEN SKY COMMUNITY

• South County Recreation Program

• South County Homeless Assistance Program (SCHAP)

OUR BRIGHT FUTURE, INC.

• Afterschool Enrichment; Homework Help, Sports and Robotics Program

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• Sexual Assault Youth Education Program

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

• Fuel Assistance - Webster

ST. LUKE'S GUESTHOUSE

• Homeless Shelter for men, women and children

YMCA of Central MA—TRI-COMMUNITY FAMILY BRANCH

• Childcare for All Financial Assistance (Childcare, summer programs, Camp Foskett)

• Growing Strong Together Program (Strengthening Families)

• Mind, Body, Spirit for Teens (Youth Development)

TRI-VALLEY, INC.

• Nutrition Program (Meals on Wheels and Community Dining)

WORCESTER COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

• Behavioral Health counseling for pre-school aged children

MASS 2-1-1

• 24 Hour service that connects people who need vital resources in their community.

The evening concluded with a special award presentation to Janet Scheffler, former Executive Director of United Way of Webster & Dudley who retired upon the merger of UWWD and the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton. An engraved vase was presented by former UWWD President, William Keefe, recognizing Mrs. Scheffler's 22 years of hard work and dedication to the communities of Webster and Dudley.

The United Way of South Central Massachusetts serves the communities of Charlton, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Webster and is located at 176 Main St., Suite 400, Southbridge, MA 01550. To learn more about programs and donate, visit www.uwscm.org, follow on Facebook @UWSCM or call (508) 765-5491.

Friday's Child



Nathalia
Age 14

Hi! My name is Nathalia and I want to be a teacher when I grow up!

Nathalia is a teen girl of Caucasian descent. She is very kind and sweet described as “easy going” and “one to go with the flow.” Nathalia loves to go for long walks, play video games on her phone, and watch movies. She loves animals and enjoys having the responsibility of caring for them, including walking her foster family's dog. Nathalia also likes listening to music and singing. She already has future aspirations and would like to be a teacher when she grows up.

Nathalia is legally freed for adoption and will thrive with a family that is able to give her some one-on-one time. Nathalia has stated she would like a family that is patient with her, loves her, and plays with her. She would also like a family that is willing to maintain contact with her little brother and older siblings. Her social worker is seeking a family of any constellation and with or without other children in the home. Nathalia would benefit from maintaining contact with her biological siblings and foster family.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

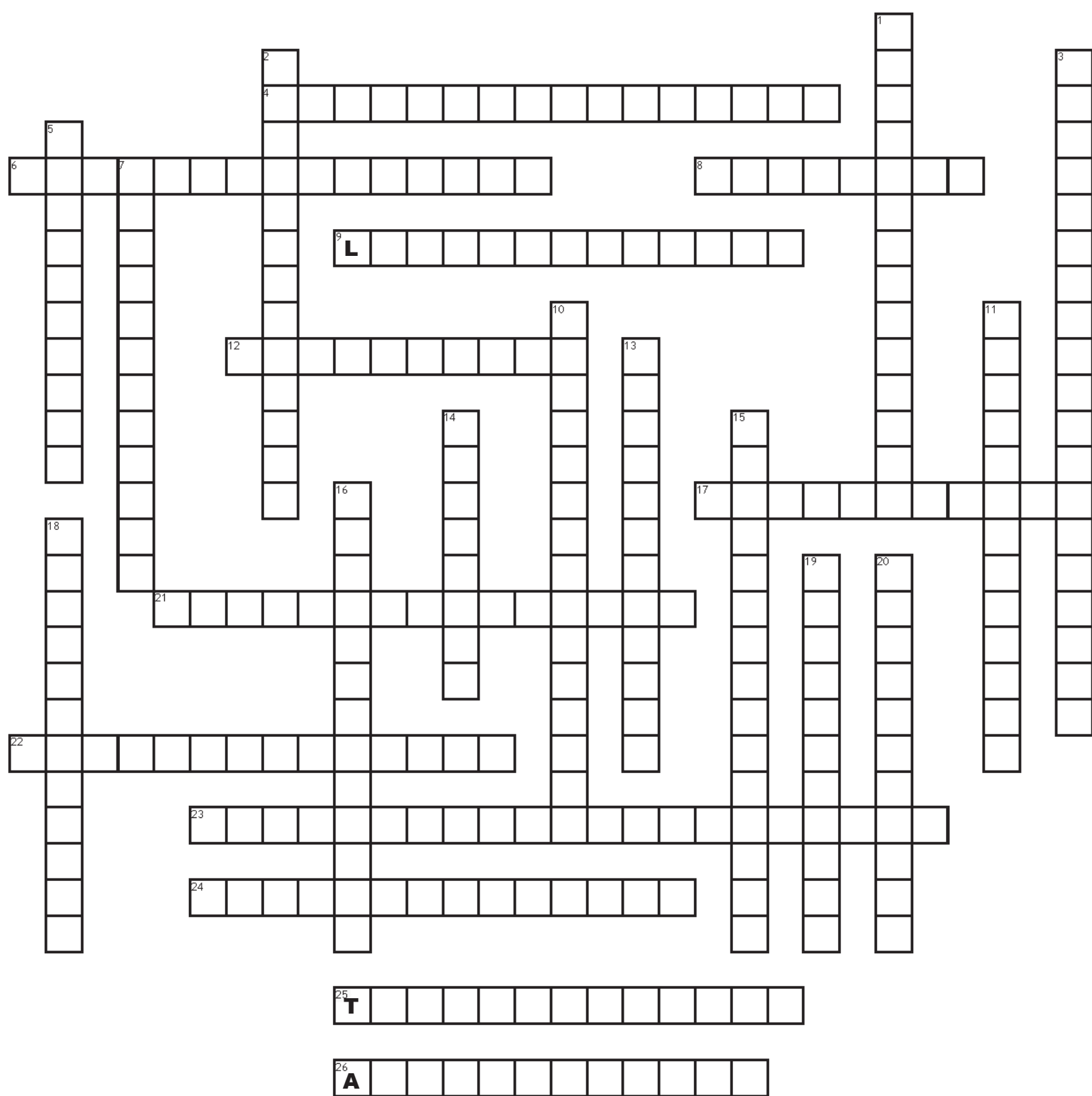
To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



4th Annual ABC's of the Seasons

Fall Edition 2021

Please find the answers to this crossword puzzle on the ABC's Page



ACROSS

4. Order online
6. 1103 Main Street, Leicester
8. Beautifying America
9. Community is our top priority
12. as low as 0.99%
17. Check out my private office at 12 E Main St.
21. Cheers to a new location!
22. Construction Supply Delivery
23. Great Careers Start Here
24. Cirque Dreams
25. Fresh Start
26. Family owned and operated since 1997

DOWN

1. Curbside pickup and no contact delivery available.
2. A unique destination experience
3. We treat chronic bad breath
5. Fall Special \$300
7. Small town charm
10. Major Insurance Referral Shop
11. Select models are eligible for 26% savings
13. Seeking ALL Direct Care Staff
14. First, Goal Oriented
15. Maple Syrup/Products
16. Now Hiring
18. Cleaning, Repairs, Free Estimates
19. We can save you time and money!
20. 33 Sutton Ave, Oxford, MA

4th Annual ABC'S OF THE SEASONS, FALL EDITION

Hint... answers don't always include the entire business name.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Circle which paper you found this in: *Spencer New Leader, Webster Times, Charlton Villager, Sturbridge Villager, Auburn News, Blackstone Valley Tribune, Southbridge News*

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Please find the answers to this crossword puzzle on the ABC's Page. Enter to win a \$25 gift card to an ABC business by mailing in your completed crossword to ABC Crossword Puzzle, Stonebridge Press, P. O. Box 90, 25 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 OR scan & email or take a picture and email it to jsima@stonebridgepress.news by Wednesday, November 24th. Random-drawing for winner of all correct entries to be announced in the December 3 issue. One entry per person. Please support these ABC's businesses and tell them you saw their ad in your local paper! Good luck!



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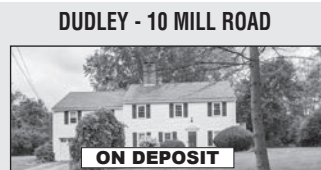
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WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS
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Webster Lake - 300 Killdeer Island

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! A WEBSTER LAKE waterfront property on Killdeer Circle, you won't want to miss! Offers a prime waterfront location! 64' of water frontage and a gently sloping landscape to waters edge. Crystal clear, sandy bottomed shoreline. Everyday is a new day at the Lake! Nicely arranged floor plan. 5 rooms 2 bedrooms, 2 baths! Walk out lowerlevel to nice size patio! Garage. **\$650,000.**



WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO

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Bay Path Practical Nursing Team walks to raise money for AFSP

NATICK — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Team participated in 2021 Out of the Darkness Experience, a walk joining Massachusetts together for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). Team leader Elizabeth Larson was joined by team members Martha Aboagye of Worcester, Eva Sappor of Worcester, Evalyne Njoroge of Southbridge, Sarah Garcia of Charlton, Jane Miru of Southbridge, Gearlyn Wetherbee of Charlton, Marites Sklarz of Southbridge, and Felisters Mburu of Shrewsbury.

According to Michele Lee, Associate Area Director (MA) and Area Director (RI) for AFSP, "mental health and suicide prevention are now a top priority for many individuals, businesses, organizations, and communities. The AFSP is committed to offering resources, support, messages, and connection to everyone in need."

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy team raised more than \$800.

"It's a great cause," said Larson, who said her focus is to raise aware-



ness for mental health and suicide prevention. Larson is Mental Health First Aid certified. Mental Health Awareness and Mental Health First Aid Training are ongoing advocacies in the practical nursing education community.

About AFSP

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is a voluntary health organization based in New York City, with a public policy office based in Washington, D.C., and local chapters in all 50 states in the United States. The organization's stated mission is to "save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide." For more information, visit www.afsp.org.

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy: Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. For more information, visit www.baypath.net.

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to 2 in the afternoon before the boys,” explained head coach Matthew Rickson. See, when Tantasqua defeated No. 9 North Middlesex Regional, 3-0, in first round play on Wednesday, Oct. 20, they found out they’d be playing at 6 p.m. on Saturday. The Warriors’ brass asked if they could play the first half of the doubleheader, as Algonquin’s boys’ team competed at 4 p.m.

“They weren’t budging,” said Rickson. And although Tantasqua did lose the game, 3-1, they played much better this time around.

“They didn’t drop their heads once,” said Rickson. “They responded and kept their head in the game.”

With Algonquin taking a 2-0 lead in the beginning of the second half, it took only two minutes for the Warriors to respond. They were awarded a free kick from the 50, and Keelan Mader launched the ball as far as she could. Teammate Lilina Shiers handled the service with her back to Algonquin’s goal, popped the ball up-and-over a defender, spun around and one-touched a shot into the upper 90 to cut Tantasqua’s deficit in half.

“She’s had more than a couple this year,” Rickson said of Shiers scoring phenomenal goals. “She had one earlier where the ball came over her head and she was running onto it. On the volley she upper 90’ed it from about 20 yards out. I couldn’t believe that; it was insane. She has a nice touch talent and a nose for the goal.”

Algonquin did put the game away, though, with a goal off the foot of Caroline Alcock in the 62nd minute. The shot was a laser that couldn’t be stopped, as were the other goals (Sadie Candela, 21st minute; Caroline Kelly, 52nd minute) they scored.



Nick Ethier

Olivia Magierowski of Tantasqua tries her hardest to keep the ball inbounds, although the play was ruled out.



Nick Ethier

Algonquin's Caroline Alcock, left, and Tantasqua's Shannon Dunn do battle for a loose ball.

Tantasqua keeper Lizzy Thompson was phenomenal, finishing with 13 saves. More than a handful involved Thompson sprawling to either side to keep the ball out of the net in what otherwise would have been surefire goals.

“I’ve had two keepers all year. They’ve split every game and I felt the other day that Lizzy just had an edge,” Rickson said of starting Thompson in both CMADA games. “She came out of [the game with North Middlesex] with five really good saves and a shutout.”

Thompson surrendered five goals in

the second half of the regular season loss to Algonquin — Grace St. Laurent started that game and gave up three goals in the first 40 minutes — and she wanted to prove that she could play better.

“She was beside herself. ‘I want redemption,’” Rickson remembered Thompson exclaiming. “That’s the best I’ve seen her all year.”

Tess Chevalier, Mader, Erin Parker and Nicki Vejack were the primary Warriors that helped Thompson defensively.

“They’re a solid back four,” Rickson

said of the unit.

Now at 10-5-1, Tantasqua will wait for the Division 3 State Tournament, which begins in early November. But they have some added belief after playing so well versus Algonquin.

“It’s going to give us a boost of confidence going into practice for the week. I have a lot of trust in these girls. I have more confidence in them sometimes than they do in themselves and when we come off this...usually our game gets elevated,” said Rickson.



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