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Friday, October 8, 2021

Fundraiser brings in more than \$1,000 for handicapped dogs

STURBRIDGE – Guests recently showed strong support for handicapped dogs during a fundraiser at the Westville Dam Recreation Center.

The Sept. 25 event benefited Our Angel Foundation, which was co-founded by Sue Haslam and her daughter Noelle. The family event included a cookout, a photo scavenger hunt on the trail, a craft project, lawn games, and a silent auction.

“The weather was perfect. Kids, dogs, volunteers, and attendees had a good time. We hope to make this an annual event,” read a statement released by organizers.

In total, about \$1,000 were raised at the event.

To learn more about the organization, visit www.ourangelfoundation.com.

Guests had a fun time while supporting handicapped dogs at the Westville Dam Recreation Center.

Planners send horse bylaw to Town Meeting

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE – After hearing public concerns ranging from road impacts to wetlands, the Planning Board voted to recommend a proposal to create a horse-racing overlay district off Route 15. The zoning change needs to be approved by two-thirds of Town Meeting on Oct. 28 before it becomes law.

Going into the hearing, Planner Jean Bubon said her office had received 39 emails and 14 calls on this plan, most of them opposed “for ethical and treatment reasons,” but with three in favor.

Chair Charles Blanchard noted the board “cannot base its reports and recommendations on morality and ethics.” That’s up to individual Town Meeting voters and “beyond the board’s authority,” he said, noting they’d only accept testimony limited to the zoning change’s effect

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State school mask mandate extended

Schools that reach 80 percent vaccination can be exempted

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – State officials recently announced an extension of the school mask mandate, as well as an opportunity for students to unmask if certain requirements are met.

In a Sept. 27 announcement, Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Commissioner Jeffrey Riley informed officials that the mask requirement in schools will be extended until at least Nov. 1. The mandate applies to all public schools, charter schools, educational collaboratives, and special education schools.

“After consulting with medical experts

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Old Sturbridge Village opens new cabinetmaking shop on the Common

STURBRIDGE — Old (OSV) has announced its new Cabinetmaking Shop on Saturday, Oct. 9.

by the Village Sawmill. A history of the project, construction and progress pictures, including a miniature scale model of the shop as it was envisioned in 2018, can be found at: <https://www.osv.org/explore-the-village/cabinetmaking/>.

Woodworking Weekend, celebrating the opening of the new Cabinetmaking Shop, is packed with activities and will include panel discussions, presentations, painting demonstrations using period-style paints and pigments, sawmill and whittling demonstrations, architecture tours and more. Several special activities will be offered on Saturday only, including a panel discussion of the nearly acquired sideboard in the Old Sturbridge Village Museum Collection and a presentation by Philip Zea, President Emeritus of Historic Deerfield. A full list of activities for the Woodworking Weekend event can be found online at: <https://www.osv.org/event/woodworking-weekend/>.

The Cabinetmaking Shop, grand opening, and activities taking place during Woodworking Weekend are included with Standard Daytime Admission or membership to Old Sturbridge Village. Guests are encouraged to reserve tickets online and in advance for their date of arrival. Tickets can be found online at: <https://www.osv.org/plan-your-visit/>.

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Golfing for a cause at Dr. Van’s 39th annual tournament

THOMPSON, Conn. — On Sept. 15, 102 avid golfers turned out for the 39th annual Dr. Van’s Golf Tournament at the Thompson Raceway Golf Club in Thompson, Conn.

The beneficiaries of this year’s tournament are UMass Memorial-Harrington Healthcare’s Cardiac Rehab Program and Southbridge Rotary Club’s high school scholarship program. Though the weather started with a threat of rain, it turned into a perfect day for golfing. Playing a best ball tournament, with a few fun games on the course, such as closest to the pin, and rolling dice for a closer putt, all the golfers had smiles on their faces and were happy to support such good causes. Tournament Champions: were Emil Pablico, Steve Mantineo, Jay Detarando and Michael Gago.

The event ended with a lunch buffet, prizes, raffles and a guest speaker, Dr. Doug Brown, President of UMass Memorial Community Hospitals.

Golf Tournament Co-Chairman, Joseph Coderre stated “The tournament raised \$16,000 to be split by UMass Memorial – Harrington Healthcare Cardiac Rehab and the Southbridge Rotary Scholarship



From left: Emil Pablico, Steve Mantineo, Jay Detarando and Michael Gago.

Fund. We are very fortunate to have many longtime sponsors, supporters and golfers. It is a great partnership that allows us to raise some funds for two very worthy causes.”

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The Southbridge Rotary Club is committed to supporting the needs in the local community. If you would like to learn more and attend a Rotary Club of Southbridge meeting, they are held bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m. at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center. For more information about the club or membership, e-mail the club at SouthbridgeRotary@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page @SouthbridgeRotaryClub.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Please see some important info below.

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Are there different types of breast cancer?



Millions of women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year. According to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, more than 2.3 million women across the globe were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020. The BCRF also notes that breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in 140 of 184 countries worldwide.

Breast cancer statistics can give the impression that each of the millions of women diagnosed with the disease is

fighting the same battle, but breast cancer is something of an umbrella term. In fact, there are various types of breast cancer, including ductal carcinoma in situ, invasive ductal carcinoma, inflammatory breast cancer, and metastatic breast cancer. Learning about each type of breast cancer can help women and their families gain a greater understanding of this disease.

Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS)

DCIS is a non-invasive cancer that is diagnosed when abnormal cells have been found in the lining of the breast milk duct. The National Breast Cancer Foundation notes that DCIS is a highly treatable cancer. That’s because it hasn’t spread beyond the milk duct into any surrounding breast tissue. The American Cancer Society notes that roughly 20 percent of new breast cancer cases are instances of DCIS.

Invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC)

IDC is the most common type of breast cancer. The NBCF reports that between 70 and 80 percent of all breast cancer diagnoses are instances of IDC. An IDC diagnosis means that cancer began growing in the milk ducts but has since spread into other parts of the breast tissue. This is why IDC is characterized as “invasive.” Though IDC can affect people, including men, of any age, the ACS notes that the majority of IDC cases are in women age 55 and older.

Inflammatory breast cancer (IBC)

The NBCF describes IBC as an “ag-

gressive and fast growing breast cancer.” Breastcancer.org notes that IBC is rare, as data from the ACS indicates that only about 1 percent of all breast cancers in the United States are inflammatory breast cancers. Many breast cancers begin with the formation of a lump, but Breastcancer.org reports that IBC usually begins with reddening and swelling of the breast, and symptoms can worsen considerably within days or even hours. That underscores the importance of seeking prompt treatment should any symptoms present themselves.

Metastatic breast cancer

Metastatic breast cancer may be referred to as stage IV breast cancer. When

a woman is diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer, that means the cancer has spread, or metastasized, into other parts of the body. The NBCF indicates that metastatic breast cancer usually spreads to the lungs, liver, bones, or brain. Symptoms of metastatic breast cancer vary depending on where the cancer has spread. For example, if the cancer has spread to the lungs, women may experience a chronic cough or be unable to get a full breath.

These are not the only types of breast cancer. A more extensive breakdown of the various types of breast cancer can be found at <https://www.breastcancer.org/symptoms/types>.

Symptoms of male breast cancer

Breast cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer diagnosed among the female population. Though breast cancer may seem like a disease that’s exclusive to women, breast cancer can affect men as well.



While they have a smaller concentration than women, men have breast tissue, which means it’s possible for them to develop breast cancer. Male breast cancer is most common in older men, but it is important that men recognize that the disease can strike them at any age.

Signs and symptoms

Men with breast cancer experience symptoms that are similar to those experienced by women. Possible signs to be aware of include:

- skin dimpling or puckering
- a lump or swelling, which is typically (but not always) painless
- nipple retraction
- redness or scaling of the nipple or breast skin
- discharge from the nipple, which may be clear or blood-tinged

The American Cancer Society advises that sometimes breast cancer can spread to the lymph nodes under the arm or around the collar bone and cause a lump or swelling in these locations. The protrusion may be noticeable even before the original tumor in the breast is large enough to be felt.

Men should realize that enlargements or issues affecting both breasts (not on just one side) typically is not cancer. Enlargement or changes to both breasts in men can be caused by weight gain, medications or heavy alcohol consumption.

Types of male breast cancer

Various types of breast cancer can affect men, according to the Mayo Clinic:

- Ductal carcinoma: Cancer that begins in the milk ducts. Nearly all male breast cancer is ductal carcinoma.
- Lobular carcinoma: Cancer that begins in the milk-producing glands. This type is rare in men because they have few lobules in their breast tissue.

Especially rare types of breast cancer that can occur in men include Paget’s disease of the nipple and inflammatory breast cancer.

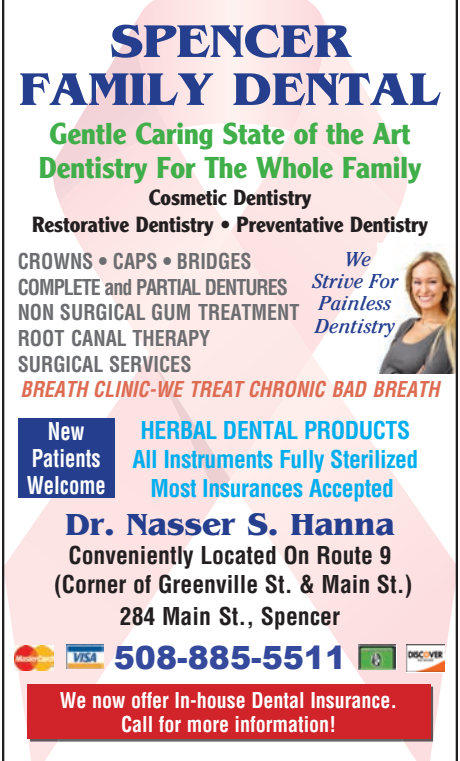
Diagnosis

BreastCancer.org says that a small study of breast cancer in men found that the average time between first symptoms and diagnosis was about 19 months. This can be startling because early diagnosis can be vital to survival. Through the realization that breast cancer can happen to men and more education and awareness, men can feel more comfortable about discussing changes to breast tissue with their doctors.

Male breast cancer is a very real occurrence, albeit a rare one. It is important that men take any abnormalities in their chests seriously.



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Sheriff double dedicates new apple orchard at jail

REGION — The Worcester County Sheriff's Office recently celebrated a very special double dedication. Not only were several trees planted in memory of loved ones, but they are rededicated to provide food for those in need.

"Wednesday, Sept. 29, is one of the most special days in my 11 years as Sheriff," stated Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis. "It was a dedication of an apple orchard to loved ones and, also, the trees will then bear fruit dedicated to those in need."

The WCSO Memorial Apple Orchard is the first of its kind in the Commonwealth. First envisioned in 2019, the orchard transcended into reality when the first tree was planted in October of 2020. Many of the trees in the orchard were donated as a symbol of new life on behalf of loved ones by family and friends of Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff Association.

"We plant these trees, Lord, in the memory of those whom we have loved and lost. Though they are gone from this life, through these trees which bear fruit, they will continue to live on, doing good in your holy name," stated the blessing by Pastor Janice Ford.

The Worcester County Sheriff's Office has been growing its organic farm for over 10 years and, during that time, has donated over 200,000 pounds of fresh organic produce. Now expanded to 14 acres, the garden is the largest of its kind in New England and produces up to 40,000 pounds of food annually. The farm grows organic vegetables ranging from squash, zucchini, green beans, tomatoes to pumpkins for fall distribution to those in need through food pantries, senior centers and other community based groups.



Courtesy

Isabella Rose Capaldi

Continuing with Evangelidis' mission of giving back to the communities in Worcester County, the fruit produced in the memorial apple orchard will be a perfect addition to the organic farm.

The memorial tribute was attended by several donors. The Capaldi Family from Auburn donated a tree in memory of their daughter, Isabella Rose who died of cancer at 15 months old. The Capaldi family did not want Isabella's legacy to be "the little girl that was born with cancer and died before she was two." They are proud supporters of the Why Me and Sherry's house in Worcester and continuously raise funds towards support of children and families who have devastating illnesses.

Ralph Capaldi requested the Sheriff to read remarks on the family's behalf.

Yellow ribbons were tied by each donor to further honor their loved one.

"Let us now bless these trees for what they will be and do in the world, and let us pray also for the spirits of those for whom we mourn," said Pastor Janice Ford.

The event was sponsored by the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Association and organized by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach team. Apple themed desserts & drinks were prepared



Courtesy

Isabella Rose Capaldi Memorial Apple Tree.

by the WCSO kitchen staff and served by the recruits of the WCSO BRTA #56, and civilian staff. The grounds of the orchard are maintained by the WCSO Maintenance Department and certain members of inmate population.

Boating safety courses offered online

REGION — The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts will be instructing five upcoming boating safety classes through the Zoom video conference platform, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Registration is managed through the Milford Community School Use Program, Adult-Boating, at <http://mcs.milford.ma.us> or (508) 478-1119 at least 6 days prior; keeping in mind that availability is limited and you will receive course materials prior, covered by the registration fee. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied online by a registered parent/guardian. For additional USCGAux. information: phil.uscgauz@verizon.net or (508) 478-3778.

Boat America Oct. 23 and Nov. 20

Two Saturday Courses on Zoom 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (\$75 fee-\$65 Milford residents)

An in-person proctored exam will be given to students, in their vehicles, at the Milford High School parking lot on the Sunday following the Zoom class at 10 a.m.

due to Covid-19 Delta safety restrictions (exams to be given on: Oct. 24 & Nov. 11)

This is a one-day course developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters by boat. Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating experiences. This course is perfect for families that have just purchased any type of boat or are planning to in the future, and also for the boater keeping up with changes to boating regulations and laws. Successful completion of the course will certify any minor, from 12 to 16 years of age, to operate a powerboat, including a Personal Water Craft / Jet Ski (for 16 & 17-year-old operators), on all Massachusetts waters; in conjunction with the Mass. Environmental Police. Approved by NASBLA it will also cover the requirements to operate a vessel in most other states & many countries where boating safety education is mandatory. Most boating insurance companies offer a discount

on premiums for successful completion of this course.

These Zoom Boat America courses are limited to 20 students.

Suddenly in Command Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 8

Three Wednesday evening courses: 7 – 9:30 p.m. (\$5 fee)

Imagine you are out on the water when the boat's captain somehow is incapacitated or falls overboard and can't swim back to the boat. Are you prepared to take basic actions to get help, stop or start the engine and take the helm? A little knowledge could save lives and make you feel more comfortable boating when you're not generally at the helm.

Misfortunes can and do happen while on that fishing, diving, adventure, or party charter. Being out on your own boat with that significant other at the helm, or going out on a friends' pontoon boat can also turn to horror if the skipper is suddenly out of commission. This is a boating safety primer for those not generally at the helm but would like to know what to do, to be better prepared.

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Bolandrina elected at Boston University’s Filipino Student Association

BOSTON — Boston University sophomore at the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), Lilly Amber Bolandrina was elected as the co-production coordinator of the Boston University Filipino Student Association (BUFSA). She also serves as a volunteer Traditional Dance Choreographer. Bolandrina will serve a one-year term during the 2021-22 academic year. BUFSA is an organization that advocates and celebrates the richness of Filipino heritage through community involvement and educa-

tion. BUFSA aims to expand the core values of BU students, faculty, staff, and alumni through diversity, inclusivity, acceptance, embracing, and sharing Filipino culture. Bolandrina is working towards a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Economics. With CAS Student Programs and Leadership, she serves as FY101 Peer Mentor. She graduated from Douglas High School, Class of 2020 where she was inducted to the National Honor Society and received the Unibank for Savings Scholarship



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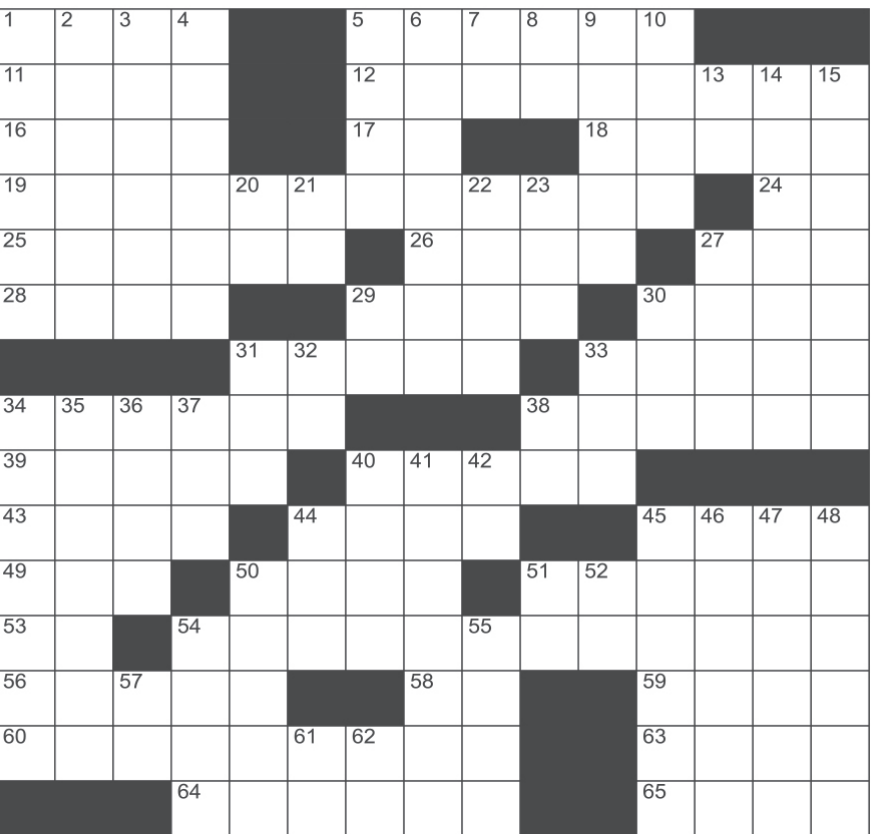
Lilly Amber Bolandrina and the Greater Worcester County Foundation/ Arno & Roberta Wagner Scholarship. She was ranked 4 out of 100 with a Cumulative Weighted GPA of 99.563/100. While at DHS she was with the Marching Band Color Guard, Student Council, Social Climate Committee; Varsity Cross Country; Captain of Junior Varsity Field

Hockey; and Varsity Field Hockey. She was a Project 351 AMC member and Student Ambassador. She volunteered as a Bike Collector for Bikes for the Philippines Foundation, Inc. She works for BU Dining Hall as a Student Manager. Her past work experiences include Celebrity Autograph Line Handler for the Boston Comic-Con and as a Night Secretary for the Bay Path Adult Evening School in Charlton. Bolandrina is a volunteer Food Service Leader for the Pan-Mass Challenge (since 2013) and manages the dessert section of the Monument Finish Line Food Tent. From 2008 to 2020, she volunteered for Iskwelahang Pilipino Rondalla in Bedford, MA performing traditional Filipino Music through playing bandura and dance performances. From 2007 to 2020, she traveled with Dance Philippines Performing Arts Company performing Philippine Folk Dances throughout New England. Since 2007, Bolandrina is a Volunteer Food Service Leader for the Lowell Folk Festival.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy UNICEF Club announces new officers

CHARLTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Class of 2022 announced the election of new officers. Elected were Regina Asieduwaah of Worcester as chair, Felisters Mburu of Shrewsbury as co-chair, Luciane

Lindvay of Spencer as secretary, Moreen Barber of Worcester as treasurer, and Rebecca Lorre of Oxford as press relations officer. The election was held recently as the Practical Nursing Class of 2022 held the US Constitution Day. The UNICEF Club Advisor is Ruth “DeeDee” Betz, AS, LPN. Asieduwaah is a 2012 high school graduate of Mt. Margaret Educational Complex in West-African, Ghana. She obtained her Nursing Assistant Certificate, a Phlebotomy Certificate, Electrocardiogram Technician Certificate in 2018 all from the Fieldstone School in Worcester. She is currently with Quest Diagnostics/ Cytoprep III. Mburu is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) with experience working at Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital. Lindvay is a resident care assistant (RCA) at the Overlook in Charlton. She is a lead aide responsible for supplies and special items ordering, lead overnight shifts, orient and training new RCA for hands-on care. She completed her high school education in Brazil. Barber obtained her CNA/HHA certificate in 2011 at the Community Health Care in Worcester. She is a direct care worker at Advocates Inc., in Framingham. Lorre is an experienced school bus driver and holds a current CDL. She was with Durham School Services of Oxford, MA. She holds an associate's degree in communications from Becker College. All five UNICEF Club officers are certified in Dementia care and have a valid Healthcare Provider/ BLS Provider CPR from the American Heart Association. As UNICEF Club officers they will lead the PN Class of 2022 in children's advocacy and raising awareness. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy UNICEF Club was founded in 2016 and each year club officers lead members through various fundraising methods that serve to educate and raise awareness to relevant issues happening locally and globally. The UNICEF Club meets after school hours. For the October fundraiser, the club officers will be distributing UNICEF Halloween donation boxes for trick-or-treaters. Plans are underway for more fundraising activities.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Leg shank

5. A way to recognize

11. “VeggieTales” character

12. Getting out of by cunning

16. Mythological mountain

17. Atomic #18

18. Viscous liquid

19. 2010 Denzel film

24. 12th star in a constellation

25. Made better

26. Pouches

27. Nervous twitch

28. This (Spanish)

29. Tennis legend Bjorn

30. Hand (Spanish)

31. Afrikaans

33. Int’l interpreters organization (abbr.)

34. Treated with kid gloves
38. Leaseholder

39. Frogs, toads, tree toads

40. Popular dance

43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _

44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)

45. Mark

49. Health insurance

50. Custom clothing brand

51. One who makes suits

53. Execute or perform

54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting

56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels

58. Blood group

59. Imaginary line

60. Hopeless

63. Darken

64. Spoke

65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to fit out

2. Football carries

3. Force out

4. Maintaining equilibrium

5. Sealed with a kiss

6. Type of container

7. Hollywood

8. We

9. Small freshwater ducks

10. Norse personification of old age

13. Says who you are

14. Candidate

15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits

20. Defunct language (abbr.)

21. Take too much

22. Iranian province

23. Records electric currents

27. _ and feathers

29. Beloved Mr. T character

30. More (Spanish)

31. Beverage
32. Promotional material

33. Green vegetable

34. National capital

35. To any further extent

36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node

37. Anger

38. Pound

40. Popular Yugo

41. Salt of acetic acid

42. Millihenry

44. Israeli city __ Aviv

45. Make wider

46. Drink containing medicine

47. Acknowledging

48. Private, romantic rendezvous

50. Calvary sword

51. Disease of the lungs

52. 2001 Spielberg film

54. Fleshy, watery fruit

55. In one’s chambers

57. Set of information (abbr.)

61. Dorm employee

62. Indicates position

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Masis Staffing Solutions announces promotion of Tricia Canavan

WORCESTER — Masis Staffing Solutions, headquartered in Worcester, is pleased to announce growth of its executive leadership team. Tricia Canavan, former President of United Personnel Services, a division of Masis Staffing, has been promoted to Executive Vice President of Corporate Relations and Advocacy for the company's operations in 19 states throughout the US.

Canavan will manage initiatives in client relations including quality assurance, and will lead advocacy, communications, and community partnerships critical to Masis's operations and customers' business goals. As President of Springfield-based United Personnel Services which was acquired by Masis in May, 2021, Canavan oversaw overall business

strategy, operations and community relations. She brings more than 20 years of experience in executive leadership, education and human resources experience to her new role, currently serving as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Western Massachusetts Economic Development Council, Co-chair of Springfield Business Leaders for Education and Director on



Courtesy

Tricia Canavan

the Boards of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the Springfield Public Forum, Mass Business Alliance for Education and MassHire Hampden County Workforce Board.

Canavan's promotion is part of Masis's overall strategy to ensure quality of customer and employee experience.

Matthew Vaccaro, President of Masis Staffing Solutions, noted, "We are pleased to add Tricia to our leadership team. We are committed to providing outstanding service, creative staffing solutions, and HR expertise to our clients, as well as engaging community partners as we continue to grow."

High School Notebook

Sept. 27
Tantasqua 158, Leicester 213 — The Warriors' golf team traveled to Leicester Country Club to take on the Wolverines, and Tantasqua did well to earn the victory. Medalist honors go to senior co-captain Nate Wright, who shot a 3-over par 37. Junior Aubyn Phillips contributed with a 38. Low Wolverine was Mason Merrill who shot a 39. Tantasqua improves to 8-3 while Leicester is now 2-7.



Nick Ethier

From left, Tantasqua's Samantha Naples and Christina Ghantous defend a Wachusett player possessing the ball.



Nick Ethier

Despite being fouled, Sarah Drajpuch of Tantasqua finishes the play and pushes the ball down the field.

Sept. 29
Tantasqua 172, David Prouty 266 — Drew Howard was able to card a 4-over par 36 at Hemlock Ridge to help lead the Warriors' golf team over the Panthers. Tantasqua's Nate Wright contributed with a 42 and Brodie Shafter added a 44 playing in his first varsity match. Tantasqua improved to 9-3 and qualified for districts with this win.

Oct. 1
Wachusett 4, Tantasqua 0 — Hosting the undefeated Mountaineers at The Cage, Tantasqua's varsity field hockey team couldn't



Nick Ethier

Tantasqua's Hope Noonan gets as low as possible to help drive the ball across the midfield.

play spoiler as Wachusett scored two goals in the first quarter, one in the second and a final tally in the third for the shutout. The Warriors' Sophia Cadavid started in goal and made six saves, while Ella Grant played the fourth quarter and made another three stops. Offensively, Tantasqua generated five penalty corner opportunities but were unable to convert.

The Warriors slipped to 5-4, while Wachusett improved to 7-0-3. East Longmeadow 155, Tantasqua 159 — The Tantasqua varsity golf team travelled to Elmcrest Country Club to face the East Longmeadow Spartans where medalist honors went to co-captains Drew Howard and Nate Wright of the Warriors, who both shot 3-over par 38s on the par 35-layout.

Following the loss Tantasqua is now 9-4 overall. **Oct. 2**
Doherty 28, Tantasqua 0 — Malachi Burke rushed for a pair of first-half touchdowns to lead the Highlanders past the Warriors in a varsity football contest played at Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium. With the loss Tantasqua dropped to 0-4.



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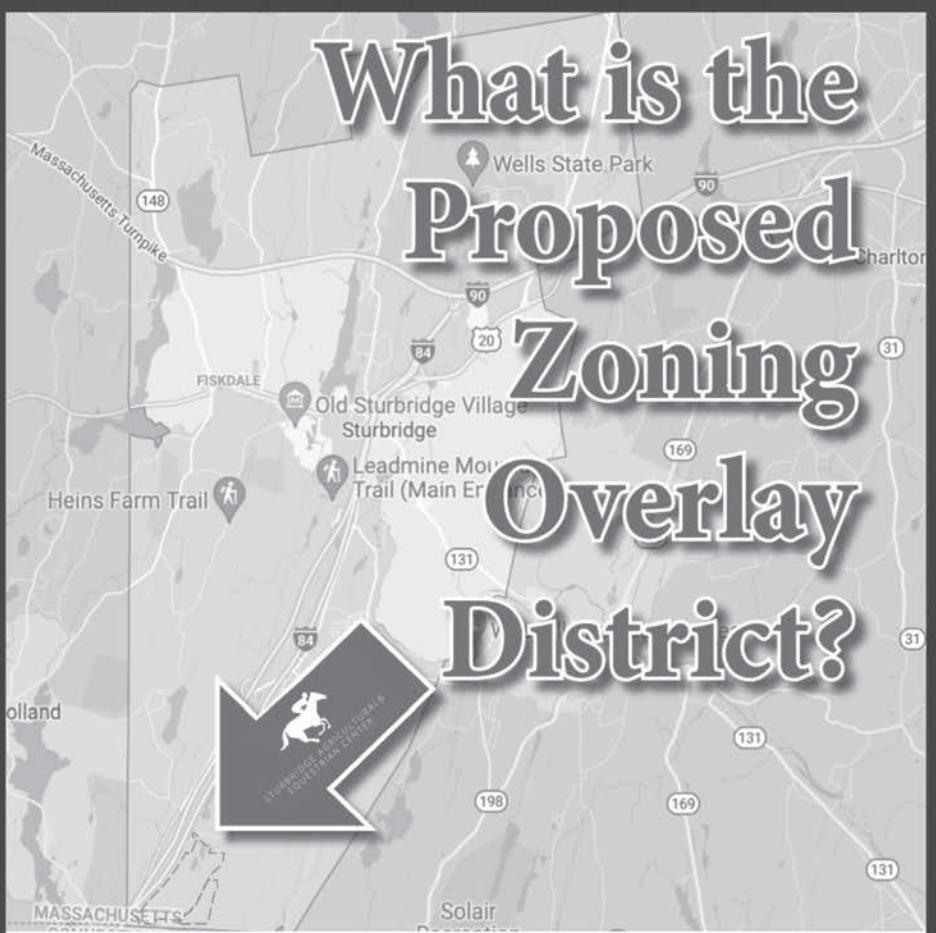


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EDITORIAL

Our love/hate relationship with leaf peepers

Fall is the second busiest tourist season in New England, after winter. Our region, as we all know, tends to see an influx of visitors from both in and out of state this time of year on their way to the Berkshires to engage in the autumnal ritual known as leaf peeping.

Most residents welcome these tourists graciously; however, when fall foliage hits, our true feelings emerge. There is a love/hate relationship with leaf peepers. We love them because they boost our economy, yet a part of us dislikes the disruption they bring with them, however minor it may be.

We prefer to have the city life far away from us; leaf peepers tend to bring that flare when they arrive. Some locals despise it; others are unphased. We appreciate that tourists appreciate where we live, however, we'll say it again — our true feelings show themselves right at the peak of foliage. After a brief break between October and November, before the snow falls, we all seem to be welcoming once more.

Fall has a certain feeling to it. The cool, crisp, dry air complete with the smell of apple crisp, leaves, wood fire, pumpkin spice and the sound of dry leaves racing along the sidewalks, make this the coziest season of them all. We pull on our sweaters and grab old books we haven't had a chance to finish yet and relish in the comforts of it all.

It is still warm enough to take long walks outside without getting too cold. There is nothing better than kicking the leaves on a wooded trail with a hot mug of Earl Grey tea in your hand. Fall evenings are even better. After a hard day at work, there is nothing more satisfying than cooking a nice fall meal, perhaps pumpkin squash ravioli or a nice roast vegetable soup. On occasion we like to replace the evening news with the sounds of vinyl, preferably, Cat Stevens, Paul Simon, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash and Frank Sinatra.

It is no wonder our corner of New England is a fall destination for many seeking to experience all that the season offers that feeds the soul. The highlight of course is the way the forest sets itself on fire with bright yellow, orange and red leaves.


Interesting to note: the term 'leaf-peeker' was first used last century before it was changed to 'leaf-peeper.' The term was spotted in Vermont newspapers as far back as the 1960's. 'Leaf-Peeper' was used during foliage time, in many headlines. Articles in the mid to late 1960's discussed alternate highway routes to make the trek north easier for tourists and would help to avoid traffic jams.

At first, the term 'leaf-peeker' or 'peeper' was used in a derogatory way, however now it is used to lure tourists who want to partake in leaf-peeper tours, or receive a leaf-peeper discount.

In New Hampshire, more than ten million visitors will enter the state during foliage season and will spend approximately \$1.5 billion.

We hope that you all take the time to slow down and enjoy Autumn before talk of Jack Frost nipping at your nose surfaces.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blessed with a supportive community!

To the Editor:

Trinity Catholic Academy would like to thank everyone who helped make the 26th Annual Golf Classic with 145 golfers, the largest number of participants in years! Volunteers and a continued team spirit from a solid committee led by Paula Toti have been the key to the success of this event over the past several years, with other dedicated individuals who led this effort prior. The volunteers who helped are too numerous to mention, but they include the eighth grade class at TCA, parents, alumni, and friends! Please accept our sincere thanks for all that you did.

Thank you to Heritage Country Club, area parishes for posting the tournament in weekly bulletins, town cable access channels and all who shared the information via social media to make this highly attended tournament a reality.

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Our sponsorship area continues to grow as our students hale from so many area towns! The wonderful positive comments heard from this day's experience reflected the value of the appreciation of the facility, team hospitality and of course a perfect, enjoyable day of golf. We are sure that when they left on Saturday, they did so as goodwill ambassadors for the next TCA Tournament and the mission it supports.

It's great when you can hold an event that attracts local community members, alumni, families and friends from near and far in support of the150 year legacy of great academic education and comradery.

Again, we want to thank all that had anything to do with the day to insure the success of the tournament. TCA is blessed to have fine people who come forward to give of their time and financial support for the mission of Trinity Catholic Academy.

Gratefully,

*Diane Perry
Alumni Liaison
Trinity Catholic Academy*

Fall Lawn and Garden Chores

As the harvest season wanes and the leaves begin to fall, it becomes apparent the backyard garden, so alive and abundant in recent weeks, is soon to retire for a long winter's nap.

While bountiful garden rewards may be behind us, garden chores are not. There is still much to keep a New England gardener busy during the autumn season. From planting to pruning, efforts now will be celebrated next year. It is the anticipation of these future crops that sustains weary gardeners through the roster of fall chores.

Fall Garden Chore Roster

OCTOBER: October Stats: Average temperature (Worcester, MA): 50.3°; Possibility of Sunshine: 58%; Precipitation: 4.2°.

- October is the month to:**
- Plant spring flowering bulbs such as tulips, crocuses and daffodils.
 - Prune roses to prepare for winter.
 - Cut non-blooming roses back half way.
 - Rake leaves from lawn; add to compost pile.
 - Make sure evergreens have a good deep watering before the ground freezes. They should receive at least an inch of water a week, preferably more.
 - If you test your soil and add any needed amendments now, the soil will be ready for planting in spring.
 - Cut back and mulch fall chrysanthemums after blooming.
 - Christmas cactus should rest in a cool, dim room with little water. Bring it back out November 15 for holiday bloom.
 - Protect pumpkins from frost
 - As leaves begin to fall, remove them long before snow arrives. They not only shade the grass during late fall, but become wet and mat down to smother the grass over winter.
 - Raked leaves make an excellent mulch on the bare, winter garden They can prevent weeds next year, and as they decompose add organic matter to the soil.
 - Continue to mow your lawn until growth ceases. Make the last mowing a notch or two lower, in order to remove much top growth. This will avoid the need to rake off dead growth in the spring, and will help prevent snowmold disease.

Other Fall Garden Chores

Stowing the Stash: Proper storage of your bountiful harvest will ensure your family the fruits of your labor throughout the New England winter. Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement staple. Today, the temperature can be achieved via a little creativity. Whether you are growing your own root vegetables or are buying in bulk from a local farm or farmers market, proper storage is imperative to its flavor and quality.

Here's the rundown on proper temps to keep your harvest safe and flavorful: Potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, turnips, cabbage and celery should be kept in a humid atmosphere at about 35-40 degrees. Squash and pumpkins should be stored in a dry area at 40-60 degrees. Onions and dry beans should be kept at 33 degrees in a dry area.

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement staple; today some improvising is in order: Those with unheated basements report success creating a substitute root cellar by partitioning off one corner, installing insulation and a heavy, solid door. Keep in mind the temperature inside the root cellar will be coolest near the floor, so place roots there atop an old door or boards.

Or create a root box by filling a large, sturdy cardboard box with a few inches of sawdust or sand. Place a layer of roots such as carrots, leaving two inches along the sides. Cover lightly with sawdust and alternate layers, adding a final three inches of sawdust on top. Store in a cool basement or in the cellar bulkhead area. Roots can touch each other in storage, just don't pack them in tightly, as some moist air must be able to circulate.

Lawn Care: England lawns can be a challenge this time of year, but there are some shortcuts to do now to help ensure a lush lawn come spring. As leaves begin to fall, remove them long before snow arrives. They not only shade the grass during late fall, but become wet and mat down to smother the grass over winter. Raked leaves make an excellent mulch on the bare, winter garden They can prevent weeds next year, and as they decompose add organic matter to the soil.

Or add them to the compost pile. Some run over the leaves with a rotary mower, shredding them into fine paces Unless too thick, or adding to an existing thatch problem, this may work for your lawn.

Continue to mow your lawn until growth ceases, often sometime in October. Make the last mowing a notch or two lower, in order to remove much top growth. This will avoid the need to rake off dead growth in the spring, and will help prevent snowmold disease.

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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.

What does retirement security mean to you?



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JEFF BURDICK

October is National Retirement Security Month. But what does retirement security mean to you? And how can you work toward achieving it?

- Here are some suggestions:
- Build your resources. While you're working, save in tax-advantaged accounts such as your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. In your 401(k), contribute at least enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. Remember, especially early in your career, time is often your biggest asset. Be sure to save early, since the longer you wait, the more you'll need to save to help reach your goals.
 - Look for ways to boost retirement income. When transitioning to retirement, you can take steps to align your income with your needs. For example, consider Social Security. You can start collecting it as early as 62, but your monthly payments will be much larger if you can wait until your "full" retirement age, typically between 66 and 67. (Payments will "max out" at age 70.) So, if you have sufficient income from a pension or your 401(k) and other retirement accounts, and you and your spouse are in good health with a family history of longevity, you may consider delaying taking Social Security. You also might want to explore other income-producing vehicles, such as certain annuities that are designed to provide a lifetime income stream.
 - Prepare for unexpected costs. During your retirement, you can anticipate some costs, such as housing and transportation, but other expenses are more irregular and can't always be predicted, such as those connected with health care. Even with Medicare, you could easily spend a few thousand dollars a year on medical expenses, so you may want to budget for these costs as part of your emergency savings, and possibly purchase supplemental insurance. You may also want to consider the possibility of needing some type of long-term care, which is not typically covered by Medicare and can be quite expensive. The average annual cost of a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, and it's about \$55,000 per year for a home health aide, according to Genworth, an insurance company. To address these costs, you may want to consider some form of protection, such as long-term care insurance or life insurance with a long-term care component.
 - Do your estate planning. It's hard to feel totally secure in retirement if you're unsure of what might happen if you have an unexpected health event, become incapacitated or die earlier than expected. That's why you'll want to create a comprehensive estate plan – one that might include documents such as a durable power of attorney, a will and a living trust. A review of your insurance coverages and beneficiaries can also help protect your assets and ensure they are distributed the way you want. In creating your plan, you will need to work with your financial advisor and a legal professional, and possibly your tax advisor as well.

Thinking holistically about your retirement security and developing and executing a strategy aligned with your goals may help free you to enjoy one of the most rewarding times of your life.

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Fall is here, and it feels great



This week's picture shows a puffer fish, this writer caught last week in Rhode Island.

Fall is here, and it feels great. This past weekend, the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club held their first pheasant hunt for members. The foliage was a bit hard to shoot through, but some members did manage to harvest a couple of birds although many did not. A fairly good turnout of bird hunters enjoyed a home cooked breakfast at the club, prior to heading out to do some bird hunting. The dogs also had a great time! After a couple of weeks, the foliage should be absent from the trees, making it easier to harvest a bird. Pheasant season opens next week, Oct. 16, state wide. No word was available on the state's changes regarding the season limit on pheasant. More than likely, it will stay the same as last year even if the changes



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were made, changing the regulations for 2022.

10 high impact tulips to delight your neighbors



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Big, bold and beautiful, these dazzling tulips are sure to brighten your gardens and neighborhood. Include a few or all ten to create a colorful display throughout the spring that is sure to delight you and everyone who passes by. Welcome spring with Red Emperor, one of the earliest tulips to bloom. It's not surprising it has remained popular for more than 80 years. Also known as Madame Lefebvre, this heirloom tulip features extra-large, bright red blooms with a golden yellow base. As the flowers mature, they can be up to seven inches across. From heirloom to flashy, it is easy to see why Monsella is one of the most popular tulips. The early blooming double flowers have fragrant layers of canary yellow petals with bold red stripes. A great choice for containers. As early spring tulips begin to fade, the mid-spring varieties take center stage. To help plan for continuous color throughout the spring, consult Longfield Gardens' Planning Guide for Tulips. Tulip Ad Rem has scarlet red petals

Waterfowl season in the Central District will open on Oct. 11, next Monday, at one half hour before sunrise. Hunters are reminded that only steel shot can be used for waterfowl in Massachusetts! With many corn fields now cut, geese should provide some great shooting. Be sure to ask for permission prior to hunting private property.

At the time of this writing, there were no stocking of trout in the Central District, but that should change this week. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club also held off stocking trout at the club pond until this week, because of warm water conditions. Saltwater fishing for this writer. Turn To **TRUE**, page **A15**



World Expression tulip's flowers transform from a soft primrose yellow with scarlet red flames to a whiter version of the blossom with flames of cardinal red.

edged in golden yellow. As with other Darwin Hybrids, the flowers are enormous and this one also has a nice fragrance. Blushing Apeldoorn is another mid spring bloomer with extra-large flowers. The blend of yellow, gold, orange and red on each flower make it a standout in any landscape. Plant the bulbs en masse to create a stunning display or pair them with daffodils to extend the show. Change things up in mid to late spring with the hot pink flowers of Cosmopolitan. The goblet shaped fuchsia flowers are held high on 18-to-20-inch stems. Be sure to plant extras for spring flower arrangements. Team up Cosmopolitan with the violet-blue flowers of Purple Flag. Or shake things up by pairing this lovely purple tulip with flowers that bloom in its complementary colors yellow and orange. As temperatures climb, the late blooming tulip Sky High Scarlet really shines. Its huge tomato red blossoms hold up well despite the heat that often shortens late spring tulip displays. You and your neighbors will enjoy watching the transformation of World Expression tulips. The flowers start out soft primrose yellow with scarlet red flames. As the blossoms mature, the petals whiten, and the flames deepen to a cardinal red. Add a little Midnight Magic to your

late spring garden. This double late tulip has multiple layers of petals in a blend of burgundy and garnet. Pair it with white for a formal look or energize the display by combining it with orange and yellow blooms. Be sure to cut a few of these large, rose-like flowers and enjoy their fragrance. End the tulip season with a blaze of color. Sun Lover features vibrant orange petals with stripes of deep orange and red. The flowers open wider and wider each day and are a dramatic addition to any bouquet.

Order tulip bulbs in late summer for the best selection. Shipping starts in early fall and once the bulbs arrive, they should be stored in a cool, dark place until you plant. Tulips grow best when the bulbs are planted in late fall, after the first hard frost and before the ground freezes. Those in mild climates (zones 8-10) will need to pre-chill their tulip bulbs in the refrigerator for 10 to 14 weeks before planting in the garden. Once your tulip bulbs are in the ground, you can relax and wait for the beautiful spring tulip display. Your neighbors are sure to thank you for this colorful addition to the block.

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More hot selling antiques

For today's column, I'll be discussing two types of antiques and collectibles that have been selling well recently. I discussed celluloid plastic in a previous column, and today I'll focus on Bakelite plastic. Bakelite is harder and typically more colorful than celluloid. Bakelite was the first natural resin and was invented by Leo Hendrik Baekeland. According to Britannica,



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Bakelite is "a hard, infusible and chemically resistant plastic." Bright, colorful jewelry in various shapes were



produced using Bakelite. Pins and bracelets are just two examples. Handles on kitchen serving pieces and teapots, coffee pots and cocktail shakers brightened up these

metal objects. Other items made from Bakelite include game pieces, buttons, billiard balls, pencil sharpeners and even radios and telephones. You can often find Bakelite pins for under \$25, but some pins and other pieces of jewelry can be quite valuable. A Bakelite cream, red and blue bracelet fetched \$3,000 in 2009. An authentic opal and diamond Bakelite ring went for \$3,050 earlier this year. Isamu Noguchi was even

commissioned to create a Bakelite baby monitor in 1937. A Bakelite "Radio Nurse" sold at auction for \$5,000 in 2013. A rare Fada Blue Bullet Bakelite Radio Model 1000 brought \$9,000 in 2014. A "Drink Coca Cola" Bakelite counter-top display dispensed "free matches" and had a striker so that smokers could light their cigarettes. It sold for Turn To **ANTIQUES**, page **A15**

Greater than your circumstances

The author and neuroscientist Joe Dispenza has had a massive influence on my life. In his books, he writes about becoming greater than your circumstances. His work has had a profound impact on my thought processes and how I live my life.

It's easy to look at your current situation, compare it to where you'd like to be, recognize that it's very far from your dreams, and then logically conclude that your dreams will never happen. When these thoughts occur, you've decided to believe your circumstances are too powerful to overcome.

If your dream is to start a business, write a book, become an actor, professional athlete, go to college, or even make right an injustice in the world. Still, you're stuck working a 9-5, can barely pay your bills, and surrounded by negativity, it's logical to assume that your dream is impossible.

You may not have the financing, the time, the energy, the support, the education, or the connections. You might have children, parents, and friends that need your help; you may have very little time for yourself.

Even so, human beings can overcome their circumstances. We've seen this time and time again from people who maintain a clear vision of a future life they'd like to have and resolutely move towards that vision.

If you can see a vision of the future that you'd like to experience and move towards that vision with unwavering faith; You can make it so.

Even when your circumstances are overwhelming, even when the government is unjust and oppressive, you are able to rise above your circumstances and accomplish the impossible.

Dr. Martin Luther King is one man who saw a vision of the future so clearly and believed in that vision long enough that he was able to make possible what seemed impossible.

Dr. King's external reality was that he grew up when blacks were openly considered inferior by the local, state, and federal governments. His internal reality, his vision for the future, was quite the opposite.

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He grew up in the Jim Crow era. When government laws, mainly in the south, openly mandated tyranny and hatred against black people.

Dr. King once said, "Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal."

Segregation, lynchings, church burnings, police brutality, attack dogs, powerful fire hoses spraying protesters to the ground, and citizens attending protests, holding signs that read, "we don't want negroes in our schools!" were the circumstances Dr. King was expected to rise above if he was to accomplish his dream.

Dr. King came into the public eye when Rosa Parks famously refused to sit at the back of the bus. He came to her aid and helped organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which lasted 385 days. During the boycott, Dr. King's house was firebombed! This only served to strengthen his resolve.

King said, "It all boils down to the fact that we must never allow ourselves to become satisfied with unattained goals."

Despite constant threats against his life, and many telling him his dream was impossible, he knew and acted otherwise. The power of his vision eventually convinced millions to join him in the Civil Rights Movement.

He went on to win a Nobel Peace Prize, help to end the era of Jim Crow and see the beginning of desegregation. Tragically, he was assassinated in 1968 at the young age of 39.

Becoming greater than your circumstances will always come with opposition, obstacles, much hard work, and in some cases, death.

He once said, "Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles; Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances."

Dr. King's life is a testament that we can rise above our present circumstances and achieve the impossible.

If Dr. Martin Luther King was able to rise above ignorant beliefs about skin color, tyrannical government laws, endure the constant threat of death, and still accomplish his dream, what excuse do we have not to accomplish ours?

Friday's Child



Photo by Jillian Offerman

Yomiah
Age 11

Hi! My name is Yomiah and I love to jump on the trampoline!

Yomiah is an active and energetic child who demonstrates strong intuition when interacting with others. Yomiah generally appears happy and loves spending time outside on the swings, going for walks, and bouncing on his trampoline. Yomiah likes to explore his surroundings. He loves sensory items and responds well to the caregivers he has involved in his life. One of Yomiah's favorite foods to eat is bananas. He loves to listen to Christmas music, country music, and songs by Mariah Carey and Taylor Swift! He is currently learning American Sign Language in school and is learning to read Braille.

Legally freed for adoption, Yomiah could be placed in a two-parent family of any constellation that could meet his needs. Caregivers who are patient, nurturing, affectionate, and strong advocates would be the best match for him.

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.



Community, alumni & friends gather at TCA's annual Golf Classic



SOUTHBRIDGE — On Saturday, Sept. 25, the TCA 26th Annual Golf Classic was held at Heritage Country Club! The weather could not have been better and golfing capacity was “full!” This annual event is one of the most important fundraisers each school year for TCA.

A great thanks to our four major sponsors: Bermer Tool & Die, Daou Automotive,

Ronald K. Baker '74 & Melissa Cournoyer '00. Thanks also go to our many valued regular and new sponsors who came forward to support the event.

Tournament results were as follows:

1st Place: A. Forget, Leo Forget, Darren Lee & Chris Dombrowski

(photo)

2nd Place: Fernando Maldonado, Glen Corliss, Ben Gravel, & Nick Champeau

3rd Place: Mark Soper, Jason Langlois, Willie Smith & Brandon Gregoire

Our last place foursome was also recognized and awarded a fun prize.

Sponsors, donations, and raffle gifts galore made this a winning day for all!

Over 60 raffle items, a money tree, a golf club raffle, and the sought-after Patriot Tickets added to the great experience for the day! Winner of the Patriot Tickets was Rick of Thompson, Conn.

Fr. Ken Cardinale offered a short prayer before lunch, acknowledg-

ing gratefulness for the beautiful day, all the participants, comradery, the 26th year of the TCA Golf Tournament & the strong tournament committee and volunteers that brings us all together each year.

The Golf Committee began this event in support of TCA and its mission to provide academic excellence, athletics, and the arts 26 years ago. It is the intension to continue this mission for Trinity Catholic Academy to continue to soar to new heights and make a difference in each students' life for years to come as it has in the past. Catholic education has existed in Southbridge for over 150 years, it takes all of us to continue the tradition and legacy in the town of Southbridge.

Tournament Director, Paula Toti and committee have been together for over 11 years. Bob Clemence, continues on the current committee was one of the original Tournament Directors says, “Being part of this for so long keeps us grounded in the fact that we are all doing this to keep the joy of this valuable school moving into the next generation!”

Alumni from all Southbridge Catholic Schools over the years were very visible, with over 35 former classmates from TCA, Marianhill, St. Mary's HS, NDHS, and Notre Dame, St. Mary's & St. Joan of Arc Grammar schools. Community and alumni alike, flock to this event annually including new players and new connections.



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New student representatives at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy!

CHARLTON — New student representatives to the Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy PN Class of 2022 were elected recently and began their term this fall.

“One of the goals of the student representative role is to continue to advocate for governance by increasing awareness of student’s role in governance,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN, Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director.

The student representatives will work together towards feedback on topics in the PNFO agenda.

“The topics that go into the agenda are ones that resonate with the student body, these are very unifying topics, and are all in congruence with regulatory and accreditation requirements for BORN (Board of Registration in Nursing), COE (Council on Occupational Education), and ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing),” Bolandrina said.

Practical nursing students Marylee Panient of Woodstock Valley, Conn. and Martha Yeboah of Worcester were voted as student representatives for the PN class of 2022. The student representatives are an important part of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Faculty Organization (PNFO). Their main responsibility is to be a link between Practical Nursing faculty, staff, and the students, and to contribute to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy activities and projects. Panient and Yeboah repre-

sented the students of PN Class of 2022 on the advisory board and steering committee meeting held Sept. 29.

Student representatives are responsible for attending the PNFO meetings, where they serve as non-voting members. The student representatives speak on behalf of the student body and reports on topics they want to bring to the PNFO’s attention. The student representatives also invited to attend the spring Advisory Committee meetings scheduled for March 2022.

Panient is with the Town of Douglas Police Department (E-911 Dispatcher Training) and the Harrington Memorial Hospital in Southbridge (ER Unit Secretary). She holds a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice with minor on Forensic Studies. She is close to completing her Master of Science in Criminal Justice at Anna Maria College where she was active with the leadership program and the women’s basketball, and the peer mentor program. Yeboah is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at the Meadows of Leicester (Rochdale). Prior to joining Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Yeboah was taking general studies at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester.

Both Panient and Yeboah have a valid Health Care Provider/ Basic Life Support Provider CPR and are Dementia Care Certified.

Panient and Yeboah will bring student issues up, participate in governance,



and focus on not just current students but may include alumni and possibly incoming students in conversations and activities.

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Community Connection

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Artists and Crafters Wanted

The Holly Berry Christmas Fair Committee of the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple Street, Sturbridge is looking for artists and crafters who wish to sell their handmade items on **December 4th, 2021 from 9am to 3pm.**

This popular annual show attracts people from all over the area. Our booth fee is \$35, and table fees are on the registration form which is due by October 31st.

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Joseph A. Damian, Jr., 80



Southbridge- Joseph A. Damian, Jr., 80, of Hamilton St, passed away at home on Friday, Sept. 24th, after a brief illness. He leaves his sister, Dorothy A.Cochrane and her husband Gordon of Foxboro; two nieces, Debbie Dunham of Plainville and Laura Folan of North Attleboro; two grandnieces, two grandnephews and several aunts and cousins. He was born in Southbridge the son of Joseph A. and Mary S. (Wolenski) Damian, Sr. Joseph graduated from Mary E. Wells High School and enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving honorably during the Vietnam War. While serving in the Air Force he attended college at the

University of the Philippines as well as the Eastern New Mexico University. Joe loved nature and enjoyed walks in the woods. He always had a green thumb and loved his house plants and growing his tomato plants out on his porch. Also, he was an avid reader. Those who knew Joe or had an opportunity to talk with him know he was quite a story teller and always had a joke to share. Funeral services for Joseph will be private. There are no calling hours. Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, are directing the arrangements. www.morrillfuneralhome.com



Nichols College officially welcomes Class of 2025, new president



Newly installed Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M, reacts to the ovation following his inaugural address, flanked by, from right, his brother Dr. Daniel Sulmasy, John Davis, chair of the Nichols board, and Joseph P. Kennedy III.

DUDLEY — Nichols College gathered to officially welcome the Class of 2025 to the campus community and install Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M as the eighth president of Nichols on Friday, Sept. 24. The event, called the “Celebration of Us,” combined the traditional Convocation, or ceremonial start of the school year, with the formal investiture of President Sulmasy and featured a keynote address by former U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy III. Kennedy congratulated Nichols for its accomplishments over the past year when the college was able to provide a safe campus experience for students and keep COVID-19 cases to a minimum. “This tiny virus shut down the world, but you persevered, and battled, and came back stronger than ever,” he said. “This is particularly noteworthy as this has always been my perception of the Green and Black here on the Hill in Dudley – tenacious, ambitious and willing to go the extra mile, even when it’s hard. Especially when it’s hard. Some might even call it the Nichols Way. That is what we celebrate today – the Nichols Way.” Kennedy also shared his insights on Nichols’ new president, a family friend. “I know that Glenn is the perfect fit for Nichols College and his academic background, government service, extraordinary higher education leadership abilities will lead this college to unforeseen heights over the next few years,” he said. The ceremony incorporated historic elements, such as the ringing of the 1883 Academy Bell to start the proceedings, and introduced new traditions, such as first-year students touching the nose of the iconic bronze bison statue (“Thunder”) for good luck. Despite the occasional heavy downpours, the Class of 2025 was in good spirits as they processed to the tent on the Shamie Hall Quad, greeted by the cheers of hundreds of upperclassmen flanking the sidewalk and giving high fives to President Sulmasy. With a focus on the Nichols community, Convocation included the participation of students, faculty, staff and alumni, including the reading of an original poem written for the occasion by a Nichols faculty member.

The investiture ceremony was conducted by John Davis, chair of the Nichols College Board of Trustees, with special assistance from President Sulmasy’s brother, Dr. Daniel Sulmasy. and first lady Marla Sulmasy. “Today... we gather in this distinguished company to honor a man of outstanding leadership, academic experience, and energy, Glenn M. Sulmasy,” said Davis. “We are confident that President Sulmasy will embrace the culture of Nichols and foster change that is both progressive and rooted in the college’s esteemed traditions.” He then presented Sulmasy with the symbols of his office, including nineteenth-century china embossed with scenes of Nichols Academy, the academic gown, and the Presidential Medallion. To enthusiastic ovations (and the sudden end to the afternoon’s intermittent rain), Sulmasy gave his inaugural address. He thanked family, friends, and colleagues in attendance, including Ronald K. Machtley, the former president of Bryant University, where Sulmasy previously served as provost, and praised the Nichols community for its response to the pandemic: “The grit, the perseverance in the face of adversity, and this almost uniform desire to win – this is what represents the best of Nichols. It is that magic permeating all you do and all that is Nichols. It is the Nichols Way, and Marla and I have fallen in love with it.” Noting the challenges facing higher education, Sulmasy outlined his charge to the campus community, which included increasing enrollment, reassuring students and their families of the value of a college degree, and highlighting the Nichols’ return on investment. “This sort of effort requires all hands on deck, meaning every aspect of our institution must buy into this vision – to shatter, once and for all, that notion of Nichols being the best kept secret in higher education,” he said. “We have begun, but today, let us commit that together we will ensure regional prominence, then national prominence of this shining college on a hill.”

Bridge Training Institute workshops go virtual

WORCESTER — The Bridge Training Institute, a service of Open Sky Community Services, has released its 2021-2022 schedule of continuing education workshops. The Training Institute provides training and personalized consultation on evidence-based and best practice models tailored to meet the needs of schools, human service professionals and licensed clinicians. In response to the rise of COVID-19 infections in Massachusetts, all trainings are being offered on a virtual platform, allowing those who might be reluctant or unable to attend in-person sessions the opportunity to take advantage of the Training Institute’s full training calendar. Two of the workshops being offered this session are quite timely, as they center on COVID-related grief and cultural humility. As Suzy Langevin, director of training and professional development at Open Sky explains, “If there’s any silver lining to be found in the storm of the last year and a half, it’s that mental health has entered our everyday conversations in a new way. Difficult discussions about mourning, trauma and inequality can give way to new learning, hope and resilience.” Barent Walsh, Ph.D. will present “Understanding, Managing and Learning from Grief in a Period Immediately Post-Covid” on Oct. 26. As a result of the pandemic, people have experienced unprecedented, complex forms of grief in both their personal and professional lives. This workshop will touch upon some of the specific features associated with Covid that have made grieving more difficult. Dr. Walsh is Executive Director Emeritus and Senior Clinical Consultant at Open Sky and a Lecturer on Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School at Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge. On Friday, Oct. 29, Jenise Katalina, MSW, LCSW, will be offering a training on Cultural Humility, a philosophy that empowers individuals to effectively engage in interpersonal relationships that are dynamically diverse and mutually respectful. Ms Katalina is the founder and owner of Rise Leadership & Coaching, a

firm specializing in building equitable organizations and developing inclusive leadership. She currently serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors and Co-Executive Director for the Women of Color Health Equity Collect and is also the Healthy Families Resource Specialist at the Children’s Trust, a statewide agency focused on stopping child abuse. For more information about these workshops and The Bridge Training Institute’s full slate of training opportunities, visit <https://bridgetraininginstitute.givecloud.co/>

About Open Sky Community Services

Open Sky was formed through the 2018 affiliation of Alternatives Unlimited and The Bridge of Central Massachusetts. With over 100 programs throughout Central Massachusetts, the organization provides services and supports to more than 4,900 adults, young adults and youth with mental health challenges, developmental disabilities, brain injury, substance use disorders, homelessness or other complex challenges. Open Sky also provides services and supports for LGBTQIA+ youth through its Safe Homes program, as well as expert training for human service professionals and school personnel on evidence-based practices and best practice treatment models through the Bridge Training Institute. For more information about Open Sky, visit openskycs.org

About The Bridge Training Institute

Bridge Training Institute is an industry leader in providing both theoretical and real-world training on evidence-based and best practices for clinicians and school personnel. Offering over 20 trainings per year, the Institute features expert trainers from human services, education, professional practices and academia. Institute trainers have worked directly with leaders in the field such as Marsha Linehan, Aaron Beck, the BU Center for Psychological Rehabilitation and others.

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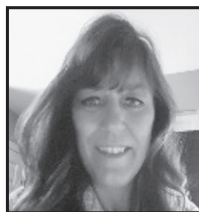
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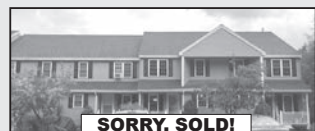
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on development and land use issues.

For the most part, the attendees complied, although one woman did urge them to at least consider ethics in their decision (to the applause of others). A few speakers objected to voting on this idea now without more information.

"We're voting on something that could be a huge revenue generator, potentially a massive amount of traffic, potentially crime, without any studies being done," said one resident.

Bubon noted traffic, environmental and other studies will be done for any specific project under the new bylaw.

Regarding traffic, Alan Curboy asked for the bylaw's text to be amended to state access must come off I-84 directly. He noted federal highway rules prohibit access by way of the existing rest area, and the nearby town roads are too narrow to be safe. But he predicted people would end up using them, particularly Breakneck Road, to avoid traffic bottlenecks, thus possibly creating "major amounts of traffic," even on non-race days.

"Nobody's going to want to live on [Breakneck] if it becomes the [access] road," he added.

Bubon agreed, saying, "I think we all agree the local roads are not of sufficient capacity to handle this."

Proponents' attorney Bob Jordan said they do not plan to use the rest area, but intend to build a dedicated exit directly from I-84.

Curboy also urged adding language prohibiting a kind of game called "historical horse race machines," which he said has been a loophole in other states' efforts to prevent slot games

in such facilities. Jordan said such games are banned in Massachusetts, so that "can't happen."

For others, ecological impact was primary.

Doug Gleason of Union noted "environmental issues don't respect borders between towns and states," to which Bubon later agreed. He expressed concern over the proposed project's effect on wells, the aquifer, and local wetlands and lakes, which mostly feed the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers.

Bob Briere agreed, saying, "You're going to zone a piece of property with no knowledge of what's there."

Bubon said the town has a well protection district in that area, which has lots of wetlands, so the Conservation Commission will have to address the issues Gleason raised when individual project hearings commence.

ConCom member Ed Goodwin said the board hasn't yet visited the site and claimed they've been "banned" from it. Proponents' attorney Karen Bates disputed that, saying her clients have set meetings with ConCom and are "following their procedures."

Summarizing the proposed bylaw's process to date, Bubon said it was first proposed in June 2020, and she started working on it after the selectmen voted to go forward that July, with research into "similar developments" in other states. At present, horse racing is legal, but off-track betting is still before the Legislature. If Town Meeting approves the bylaw, selectmen will have to approve a host community agreement that will include some of the residents' concerns before a project can go to Planning and Conservation for specific public hearings.

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ANTIQUES

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\$20,250 last month.

Valuable items manufactured by a Worcester company called O.C. White are very collectible and often overlooked. Industrial lighting has become very popular with decorators and those looking to give their homes a retro look. Vintage metal gooseneck desk lamps, swing arms or knuckle joints can be worth hundreds to collectors. Some of the most desirable industrial lights were made by O.C. White of Worcester, MA. O.C. White produced dental chairs, a universally adjustable tool for lathes and a posing chair for photos before patenting a "support for electric lamps." O.C. White wall lamps with swing arms and green shades have recently sold in the \$200 range at auction. A dual lamp unit sold for \$850 and an O.C. White Industrial Long Arm Ceiling Light Fixture brought \$1,000. O.C. White is still in business in Thorndike, Mass. Their website says they are considering recreating some of their industrial lights from over 100 years ago and are looking for distributors. I hope this article helps

to shed some light on these trending lamps.

Our online estate auction with 1950s and 1960s Corvettes, boat motors, tools and other estate items is underway. Bidding ends on Oct. 20. Our next multi-estate online auction will begin next month and end on Nov. 9. We will be offering Rolex watches, gold jewelry, sterling silver, paintings, vintage comic books, sports cards and a wide range of objects from multiple estates. I'll be discussing antiques and collectibles at FinnFunn Weekend in Troy, New Hampshire on Saturday, Oct. 30. My "Evaluating your antiques" class will take place on Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton, Mass. On Saturday, Nov. 13, I'll be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, Mass. Historical Society. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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MASK MANDATE

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and state health officials, the Commissioner is extending the mask requirement through at least Nov. 1," read a statement released by Riley's office.

Officials also announced that as of Oct. 15, if a school reaches a vaccination rate of 80 percent or more for all students and staff, then vaccinated individuals in that school would no longer be subject to the state's mask requirement.

"Whether or not a school or district avails themselves of the 80 percent vaccination off-ramp is a local decision to be made by school and district leaders in consultation with local health officials," Commissioner Riley added. "We will continue to share updates with you, and I thank you for all you are doing to keep students healthy and in school."

During an Aug. 24 special meeting of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board voted to implement a mask mandate through Oct. 1. Locally, several students, parents, and school leaders are frustrated with the state's month-to-month extensions of the mask mandate.

Under the current state regulations, all public school students age five and above, as well as staff members, are required to wear masks indoors in schools, unless specially exempted. All visitors to schools are also expected to wear a mask in school buildings.

Masks are not required when outdoors. Students may also remove their face coverings indoors when eating and during designated mask breaks.

"It is strongly recommended that students younger than age 5 also wear a mask in school," read a statement released by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. "Mask breaks may occur

throughout the day. If feasible, breaks should occur when the windows are open or students are outdoors. As a reminder, meals and outdoor recess provide built-in mask breaks for students and staff."

Students who cannot wear a mask for medical or behavioral reasons are exempted from the requirement. Face shields may be an option for students with medical or behavioral needs who are unable to wear standard face coverings, officials said.

Masks may also be removed indoors when students are participating in specific elective classes or activities, such as the use of wind instruments in band.

Masks are still required for all indoor sporting activities.

The Commissioner will once again review the mask mandate at the end of the month. Depending on public health data, he may decide to extend or lift the mandate.

By federal public health order, all students and staff are still required to wear masks on school buses.

With frustration continuing to build statewide over masks, DESE officials have also released guidance to school districts on disciplinary and legal processes.

"Whether and when a student should be disciplined for failure to wear a mask is a local decision, guided by the district's student discipline policy and the particular facts," the DESE statement read. "Districts should consult with their legal counsel to address these matters. Districts should provide written notice to students and families about expectations and potential consequences, and are encouraged to use a progressive discipline approach. Districts are encouraged to consider and implement alternatives before resorting to disciplinary exclusion."

To learn more about state regulations, visit www.mass.gov.

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er and my fishing partner, Matt Fontaine, got blown off the ocean last Saturday, but not before we caught our limit of Tautog. We were headed out to deeper water in search of some seabass when the tide changed, and the seas became too rough to continue fishing. Within minutes, small craft warnings were posted and we headed inside the East Wall. We decided to do a bit of fishing inside the safety of the wall. I was lowering my bait to the bottom when this writer felt a small tug on my line. After reeling it in, I realized I had caught a puffer fish. As I observed the fish hanging from my line, it started to grow to the size that is shown in this week's picture. Pretty darn neat! It was quickly released.

Dropping back down to the bottom I soon realized another small bite. After reeling it in, I did not know what the darn fish was. After Matt and I studied the fish, I took a few pictures and released it. Checking out the fish on my computer, I came to the conclusion that it was a ballyhoo, which is a baitfish found in the warm waters off of the Florida coast? I could be wrong, but with the warming of the ocean due to climate change, it could be?

This past week, Jerry Gareri and his son John went on a moose hunt in the Maine woods and harvested a huge bull moose weighing in at close to 900 pounds, sporting a huge rack. No shortage of meat this winter for the family. Hunting with his son John made the hunt even sweeter.

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Join the Memoir book club on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. in the library meeting room at 306 Main St. Sturbridge, as we discuss as we discuss, "Finding Freedom," by Erin French.

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These book clubs are in conjunction with the JHPL 125th Anniversary celebration. For more information about this event or any of our other programs, please visit our website at www.sturbridgepubliclibrary.org or on Facebook @sturbridgepubliclibrary.

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The Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, 111 Main St. in Southbridge, is currently hosting a members art show of paintings and photographs in the spacious galleries. The public may view the beautiful art works on display during open gallery hours Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 9, 10, 16, 17 from 1 to 5 p.m. There is no charge to view the exhibit. The Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, also known as the Quinebaug Valley Council for Arts and Humanities started in 1978 in the beautiful home donated by Ruth Wells to house a cultural hub of Southbridge. Over the years, there have been art exhibits, concerts, art lessons and demonstrations taking place at 111 Main. The Historical Society and Garden Club use the space for meetings and events. Gateway Players Theatre, Inc. was formerly located in the Arts Barn. The Center is also available to rent for private events, showers, weddings. For more information, call 508-764-3341.



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