





# Massachusetts Fire Training Council receives reaccreditation

REGION — State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, Massachusetts Fire Training Council Chair Paul Medeiros, and Director David Evans announced today that the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (commonly referred to as The Pro Board) has reaccredited the Massachusetts Fire Training Council. This accreditation will last for four years and covers 19 different levels:

- Firefighter I, II, and I/II;
- Fire Instructor I, II, and III;
- Hazardous Materials Technician;
- Hazardous Materials: Operations Level Responder;
- Fire Officer I, II, and III;
- Driver/Operator – Pumper;

- Driver/Operator – Aerial;
- Technical Rescuer: Rope Rescue I/II, Confined Space Rescue I/II, Trench Rescue I/II, Surface Water I/II, and Swift Water Rescue I/II;
- Incident Safety Officer: Fire Suppression; and
- Incident Safety Officer: Hazardous Materials Operations.

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said, “Certification is provided to stimulate professional development in the Massachusetts fire service, which allows firefighters to demonstrate their ability to meet professional qualification standards through an objective measure of their professional knowledge, skills, and abilities.”

Mass. Firefighting Academy Director Evans said, “While certification is an entirely voluntary process, the council participates in this system to validate their programs against international expectations. This rigorous assessment assures evaluations meet best national practices.”

Hyannis Fire Lieutenant Paul Medeiros, Chair of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council (MFTC), said, “It is important for firefighters and fire officers to know their training meets national standards and may demonstrate proficiency through certification exams.”

The Massachusetts Fire Training Council (MFTC) is the sole statutory authority to certify the Massachusetts fire service. The Governor appointed council meets regularly to discuss and develop policies, which drive the certification system. The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy is the operational arm of the council and develops examinations to various professional qualification standards. It also administers these examinations and documents all activities of certification candidates. Certification is an entirely voluntary process, but some local fire departments may require some levels of certification.

## Fire officials launch Fire Prevention Week

BOSTON — State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Fire Chiefs’ Association of Massachusetts President Chief Dennis Condon are launching Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12.

“This year’s theme Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape, emphasizes how important it is for every family to make and practice a home escape plan. Even families of one,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey.

Chief Condon said, “There is nothing firefighters like to see more when they respond to a fire than the whole

family standing at their meeting place, safe outside. Working smoke alarms coupled with a practiced escape plan increase your chances of surviving a fire.”

“If you have a fire at home you may have less than three minutes after the alarm sounds to get out safely. Knowing what to do can mean the difference between life and death,” says State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey.

“Fire Prevention Week is a great time to hold a family fire drill: test the smoke alarms, practice two ways of getting outside and going to the meeting place,” he added.

Fire departments across the state will be busy during Fire Prevention Week visiting schools and senior centers, holding open houses, participating in community days, and sharing information to help everyone in their community learn to prevent fires and survive those that do occur.

For additional information, visit the Department of Fire Services Fire Prevention Week webpage or visit [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs) and type in “Fire Prevention Week” in the search box.

The National Fire Protection Association is the sponsor of National Fire Prevention Week, which commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of Oct. 8-10, 1871.

## Fall Town Meeting to be held Oct. 16

BY JASON BLEAU  
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CHARLTON — Residents of Charlton will be called to the annual fall town meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16, where 12 articles will be presented for their consideration.

Originally scheduled for Oct. 8, the meeting was briefly called to order by selectmen and then adjourned to the Oct. 16 date in order to respect citizens who observe yom kippur. The articles on the agenda will not only involved town finances, but will present a new bylaw and ask voters whether or not a pair of positions should be removed from civil service designation.

The first few articles on the warrant are standard procedures, including appropriation of funds for unpaid bills and inter and intra department transfers. This will also include appropriations for capital items and related contracts.

Articles 5 and 6 will involve a capital project and an emergency vehicle purchase. The first will seek a \$170,000 appropriation to fund ADA Improvements to the Maynard Fields. The second article will seek the appropriation of \$604,000 to replace Fire Engine 1 at the Charlton Fire Department. Following those arti-

cles, the town will address a potential appropriation from free cash to cover legal and consulting services. It’s at that time the town is expected to address the increased legal expenses involving the legal battles associated with the Planning Board’s ongoing conflict with Valley Green Grow.

Later on in the evening, the town will vote whether or not to adopt a new bylaw regarding social media. This bylaw, a copy of which is available in the Town Clerk’s office, is being co-sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and Technology Committee.

The final two articles of the night will seek to exempt two police department positions from being classified as ‘civil service’ jobs. Article 11 will address removing that designation for the Police Chief, while Article 12 will focus on the Lieutenant. Both articles are sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, and have been the subject of numerous discussions at the board’s meetings over the past few months.

These and other items will be discussed starting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Charlton Middle School. A full warrant and documents pertaining to each article can be obtained from the Town Clerk’s office.



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# United Way kicks off 2019 campaign



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Seventeen members agencies were in attendance at the October 3 campaign kick-off to receive the allocation of \$249,250 from UWSSC Executive Director Mary O'Coin, Board President April Parzych and Campaign Chairman Dawna Dagenais.

SOUTHBIDGE — In a kick-off event for the United Way of Southbridge, Sturbridge and Charlton's (UWSSC) 2019-2020 campaign, more than 70 people attended a ceremony at Cohasse Country Club, where agency networking and a check presentation highlighted the evening.

The 2019 campaign theme, "Change Doesn't Happen Alone," was illustrated in an emotional speech by Campaign Chairman Dawna Dagenais.

"Reach out a hand to one and influence the condition of all. Change doesn't happen alone. Together ... we can

inspire hope and create opportunities for a better tomorrow," Dagenais said.

UWSSC Executive Director Mary O'Coin, Dagenais and Board President April Parzych presented 17 agency representatives with a \$249,250 check, signifying the promise the UWSSC has made to support their (and other) programs and services.

The UWSSC provides funding to local agencies throughout the three towns to support the United Way's mission of improving lives through education, financial stability, health, basic needs and literacy. The organization has

funded more than 26 programs through 19 nonprofit partner agencies annually, including The YMCA of Central MA – Tri-Community Family Branch, New Hope, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Open Sky, Tri-Valley Elder Services, Community Legal Aid, St. Luke's Guesthouse, Pathways for Change and many more.

In May, the UWSSC's Community Investment Committee met with local non-profit agencies to review applications and make recommendations for funding during the 2019-2020 campaign year. New agency Our Bright Future joined the list of many nonprofits who received UWSSC grants to help provide services from October 2019 through September 2020.

The UWSSC accepts donations year-round, but is especially grateful for community, business and individual contributions during its campaign season, which runs through Dec. 31.

Online giving is always available at [unitedwayssc.org](http://unitedwayssc.org), where there is additional information about the organization, the campaign and agency partners. You can also visit the [unitedwayssc.org](http://unitedwayssc.org) or Facebook at [UnitedWaySSC](https://www.facebook.com/UnitedWaySSC) or call (508) 765-5491.



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# MassDOT launches new Safe Routes to School Signs and Lines program

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the launch of the new Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Signs and Lines Program. The program provides design services and funding for low-cost infrastructure projects in areas immediately surrounding public elementary and middle schools across the Commonwealth.

The Signs and Lines Program involves a competitive application process through which five successful projects will be selected to each receive up to \$6,000 in construction funding. Each project is expected to be completed within the 2019-2020 school year.

All SRTS partner schools are encouraged to apply and must have a municipal contact as the primary applicant. This is a reimbursement-based funding program where municipalities are reimbursed for eligible expenses after the planned work is completed. Eligible costs include improvements such as signage and pavement markings to improve safety and accessibility along key walking and biking routes to a school.

The application period opens today, Tuesday, October 1, and concludes with applications being due by 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 31.

The program was first introduced as a pilot initiative in the City of Lawrence in 2018. As a result of the pilot, eight new crosswalks were painted, new pavement markings were applied, and approximately 50 new roadway signs were installed in the areas immediately surrounding the City's Arlington Community Day School and Arlington Middle School.

The Signs and Lines Program Guidance Document and Application are available on the SRTS website under the Engineering section. The program also provides a walk audit, project recommendations, design sheet, and bid

package (if applicable) at no cost.

The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program is a federally-funded initiative of MassDOT. The program works to increase safe biking and walking among elementary and middle school students by fostering partnerships between education leaders, law enforcement, public health departments, and advocacy groups. The program highlights the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety while also providing information, materials, and resources to support schools and communities with their local SRTS initiatives. The program currently serves more than 900 schools in over 230 communities across the Commonwealth.

Information regarding the new program can be found online at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safe-routes-to-school-engineering> or by sending an email to [SRTS@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:SRTS@dot.state.ma.us).

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Christian would benefit from being placed in a two parent household with older children or no other children. It would also be best if there were no pets in the home. Christian would do well with parents that are active and enjoy the outdoors. Christian responds best to a very patient and calm environment where there are clear expectations and structure. Christian is legally free for adoption, and interested families should be open to two visits per year with his birth parents and continued contact with his adult sister.

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# Voters OK vacancy registration, nix BOH bylaw

BY GUS STEEVES  
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OXFORD – Besides the DPW project, voters handed town officials two other defeats at Town Meeting last week, but were quite happy with a third new idea. All of them were health and building-related.

For the second time, they rejected a proposal outright, 55-62, that would have altered the bylaws to give the Health Department and Building Commissioner direct authority to enforce code issues. They also did not give a related proposal – another amendment that would have eliminated the requirement to take code violations to court – the necessary two-thirds vote it needed to pass.

Health Agent Tom Purcell argued for the first one (Article 12), saying the board already has that power under state law, but the local bylaws don't allow it. To him, the change was simply "cleaning up" the bylaws. But one resident objected,

claiming that if a person's property is "condemned, you'd have no recourse." He claimed the BOH "has all the power and there's nothing you can do about it."

Purcell disagreed, noting there is "a whole process" built in to protect people's rights. He argued this change only gives the town the ability to use what's called "non-criminal disposition" to handle incidents using fines.

"This is a tool or lever to get people to do the right thing," he said.

Building Commissioner Robert Lanciani said something similar about Article 14, which would have simply removed two words "upon conviction" from the bylaw. He said that would make it easier to collect fines by allowing the town to use a local hearing officer rather than taking cases to court. Many towns have such hearing officers.

That idea, however, failed despite getting majority sup-

port, 59-51.

By contrast, voters overwhelmingly approved another idea that's becoming popular – requiring owners of vacant properties to register with the town.

Noting 53 towns now do it, Town Manager Jen Callahan said registration comes with a fee that will give the town some funds board up homes and do other things to secure them to prevent problems.

"Right now, all of you and myself are going to be paying for it," she said before passage.

Under the prior bylaw, the town could only "hope" they could find the people overseeing such properties, but now the owners will be required to identify responsible parties.

One resident noted he lives on Old Worcester Road, where 15 homes have burned in his 45 years there and three are now vacant. He said they've been "a total shambles" for up to 10 years, and described them as "the biggest eyesore in this

community."

Norman Mercier agreed, noting the big banks are "the biggest culprits of not taking care of property."

The plan passed on a voice vote with only a couple of "no's."

Another voice vote that Moderator Russell Rheault declared to be a two-thirds majority approved transferring \$75,000 from the natural gas conversion project to buy 1.2 acres of land on Carbuncle Pond next to the beach.

That proposal will make the town owner of "the point," a popular fishing and relaxation site that many people have long thought to be town-owned, but is actually private property owned by Lois Harrison.

Community Services Director Stacy Barr said it amounts to a third of "the only undeveloped parcel around the entire pond." To her, protecting the trees there is "very, very important for conservation purposes protecting the

integrity of the pond," and she argued it would help fulfill the Master Plan's goal of "preserv[ing] the rural character" of Oxford.

Callahan said the town got a \$3,000 grant from Last Green Valley to cover closing costs and is also looking at the land next to the splash pad and new beachhouse.

Despite the overall support, one man objected, saying he "wouldn't swim in Carbuncle if you paid me" because "ten catch basins drain into [it.]"

The meeting's 195 voters approved all of the warrant's other articles by unanimous or near-unanimous voice votes. Those included taxing to raise \$125,000 for a building improvement fund to replace the community center boilers and \$50,000 to put into the OPEB trust fund, amending the water enterprise budget to \$102,653, and several smaller items.

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## Town Meeting rejects DPW plan

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OXFORD – Town Meeting voters gave a plan to borrow \$2 million for DPW design work a significant majority, but not enough to meet the two-thirds threshold to pass last week. With a vote of 109-62, it garnered 63.7 percent but needed 114 votes to pass.

As often happens, personal finance was the deciding factor for many voters.

As Joe DePasquale put it, "we need something to be done with DPW," but property taxes are "becoming a second mortgage for a lot of people." He praised the DPW's work, but noted many homes have been foreclosed or are for sale and various media are talking of a looming recession, so "we really have to watch the budget."

As an alternative, he asked if any state or federal grants exist for such projects.

Town Manager Jen Callahan noted they don't. USDA has some development funding, but that "wasn't feasible" for this use. Although it would increase

taxes, she said "it's a good time for the town to borrow" because of low rates and a lot of space in the town's debt ceiling (more than \$60 million available).

One proponent took that argument and ran with it. Although he agreed that health care and taxes are big issues for many people, especially seniors, he said a good plan now would "make sure we get the bang for our dollar." Since it would come back to Town Meeting for final approval for actual construction funds, and would go through public forums en route, the people would have the chance to "tweak" it.

Doing this design work now, he added, "is sort of an insurance policy so we don't misspend money and have to spend it a second time."

"Yes, they need room. Yes, the equipment is out. But I personally do not feel this is what they need," said another opponent. She pointed out the town had once had the option to buy a larger property with "ample space, huge buildings right by the train tracks," but refused to do so.

DPW Director Sean Divoll agreed, saying that property came up in 2008-9. It would have cost \$3-4 million plus a similar amount to "bring it up to what we needed it to be" at the time, but Oxford was then building a new police station "so we couldn't act on it at that time," he said.

Several voters objected to the project on the grounds that they wanted to see the DPW doing more road work instead. One stated little had been done for the last eight years.

Callahan and Divoll noted the town has spent about \$4 million on roads over the past two years, and has numerous projects in the pipeline. But that money doesn't go as far as even they'd like, since "even a road a half-mile long can cost \$0.5 million," Callahan said.

She said this item was solely for the design, engineering and bidding work as well as for hiring an Owner's Project Manager to oversee construction. It would have added about \$20 per year to the taxes on an average house. The project itself would add

more, but that figure remains to be determined by the design work. Late last month, Divoll estimated it will cost \$15-\$20 million.

Divoll gave a brief history of the DPW and the project planning to date. He argued, with photos, that the current site is not safe or large enough in various ways, doesn't meet federal OSHA codes that towns must now comply with, lacks adequate facilities for the staff, and causes the department to leave valuable equipment outdoors in most weather.

Selectman Dennis Lamarche agreed. "When we first looked at this site, I didn't think this site would be a good location, but I was proven wrong," he said. He described the current conditions as "totally hazardous," adding "Watching them work scares me" and "it's amazing somebody hasn't gotten hurt."

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## Pumpkin Patch returns to Sturbridge

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STURBRIDGE — The Pumpkin Patch is back! This year, it will be bigger and better than ever. The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale is once again opening their pumpkin patch, along with activities and entertainment for all ages, through the month of October.

Member of the Pumpkin Patch committee, Chris Knight, said, "This year, we're really making it more of a community event. We have invited 14 groups and individuals to come and share something with us. We've done a lot of work getting group scouts. It's free to the community and hopefully the community will join us for these events and even just enjoy the beauty of the pumpkins."

Last year, pumpkins sold

out so quickly that the church more than doubled the amount of they will be selling this year.

This past Saturday, volunteers helped to unload a massive truck filled to the brim with a unique variety of pumpkins that came all the way from the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, New Mexico, provided by the Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser organization. This organization provided last year's pumpkins and strives to provide a quality fundraiser for nonprofit partners through availability of products and resources providing customer service, support and encouragement.

Some of the many great parts of this organization is that the proceeds of these pumpkins will go back to the Native American community they were shipped from and help the people who and families responsible for growing

the pumpkins from the beginning. The rest of the proceeds will go back into the communities they are serving and help the lives of people living within them.

Members of the Pumpkin Patch Committee this year said, "It not only supports what we do here at the church but also strongly support organizations like Nick Perry's Memorial Foundation, St. Luke's GuestHouse and the Southbridge Food Share. We support other things as well but those are our three major ones. We usually get a letter or a note once a year saying thank you for the support."

Not only is your purchase of one of these pumpkins helping others, it's also a smart decision. The climate that these pumpkins are grown in offers a beautiful range of colors and styles as well as a much longer shelf life because of their hard-

er shell.

Chris Castendyk and Knight commented on the appearances of these pumpkins, saying "Some are strange looking with pockmarks and all kinds of gourds. We didn't know that there were so many varieties of pumpkins until last year when we saw them all come in and it's interesting because different people had interests in different things. People said, 'I don't want just an ordinary pumpkin, give me that warty one!'"

Even people that attended last year couldn't help but talk about the spread of unique and beautiful pumpkins they saw before them.

Knight said, "It was all positive, not only because of its beauty but because of the assortment of the pumpkins, they last longer than the store bought pumpkins, because of where they grown, we even

had people from other parts of the country stop and take pictures."

There will be sponsored events throughout the month of October like the Joshua Hyde Library Story Time with Live Kittens for preschoolers on Oct. 13, and on Oct. 12, there will be a Pumpkin Carving with Simone Germinie, artist/carver from "Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular" held in RI during October. Many more events will take place throughout the entire month that will be fun for all ages. Pumpkins will be sold from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Prices vary. For a complete list of activities throughout the month visit, [sturfed.org](http://sturfed.org), or contact the church office at 508-347-3915.

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# Cabaret Lulu brings Broadway to Sturbridge

BY KAYCEE ROY  
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STURBRIDGE — If that chill in the air has you singing the winter blues and you’re trying to find a way to shake them off, look no further than Carabert Lulu.

Lucille Gould, founder of Cabaret Lulu, has brought back the Cabaret group to Sturbridge for two spectacular, uplifting performances.

“We reach for great closeness with the audience. We talk to them and have audience participation, inter-action when we can. Lulu reaches out and brings them into the show and this touches the audience. If there is a message, it is to be close, to love one another because love will keep us together,” says Gould.

Cabaret Lulu is bring-

ing their love and happiness to the Sturbridge Host Hotel for their shows Wednesday Oct. 30, “An Enchanted Afternoon” and “The Holiday Celebration” on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The show “An enchanted Afternoon” features music from some of Broadway’s musical most famous performances, spotlighting the work of legendary songwriting duos Lerner and Loewe and Rodgers and Hammerstein with songs from “Gigi,” “My Fair Lady,” “Oklahoma,” and “The King and I. Gould encourages you to laugh, listen and be happy with some of the greatest songs ever written.

The next show coming to Sturbridge, “The Holiday Celebration,” will feature some holiday favorites and inspirational music to “warm your

heart and tickle your funny bone” Gould said. Lunch will be served with this show. It provides a great way to get in the holiday spirit and welcome to the year ahead.

The cabaret is made up of talented film and recording artists brought together by Lucille Gould, an actress and comedienne herself.

Gould said, “One day, Robert Aberdeen, who has been in seven Broadway shows, television and movies, has been working with us from the beginning, saw all these buses so many buses bringing people into New York. He said ‘Let’s go to them outside New York’, and the idea was born. Bring great seasoned performers to areas within one day back and forth and create our own show outside New York. We achieve

the highest professional standards a format it’s cabaret theater at its finest. That is what we are.”

The passion Gould and the other performers feel while on stage comes across clearly in their performances.

One audience member, retired U.S. Navy Commander Michael McLane, said, “Lulu your group is magic. The joy and the tears with the Louis Armstrong song made my day complete. You and your group are very special what a gift to the audience.”

Even if you weren’t growing up listening to Louis Armstrong era music, you can still be sure to have a wonderful time at these shows.

Gould said, “The market is seniors, but their children and grandchildren love the Great

American Song Book; they enjoy the funny original characters Lulu creates, and all go home with a song in their heart and a smile on their face.”

Cabaret members include Lucille Gould, Robert Aberdeen, Roumel Reaux, Nora Cole, Kuni Mikami and La Rita Gaskins. Each boasting years of talent, experience and Broadway performances. So if you’re looking for a great afternoon out join Cabaret Lulu for their Sturbridge performances and get more information about Cabaret members, future shows and reservation information E-Mail: lucie9g@gmail.com, or outside metro New York area Call Toll Free: 1 866 LULU USA.

Make sure you don’t miss out on an incredible night!

## CBD

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solubles, are not proven treatments or cures. He does tout them, however, as a viable form of alternative relief.

Valle says his biggest challenge has been the uncertainty surrounding CBD products, and the fact that many consumers are skeptical of their effectiveness in helping those afflicted with arthritis, anxiety, stress, headaches, back aches, and a slew of other ailments. He says, however, that there is

no greater satisfaction than hearing from customers who were previously uncertain about whether to turn to CBD, but who were ultimately able to find some relief through the use of one of his products.

“That satisfaction is just priceless,” he says.

Valle also aims to alleviate the doubts that surround CBD products because of their connection to THC and marijuana.

“I want the misconception that it’s just marijuana to be thrown out, and start from scratch,” he says emphati-

cally, explaining that CBD (short for cannabidiol) occurs naturally in the human body, in the endocannabinoid system. CBD, he adds, acts as a supplement, or “jump start,” to the natural cannabinoids created by the body, promoting homeostasis. CBD, he says, does not contain any THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) or other psychoactives, and will not produce any sort of ‘high.’

Valle’s Your CBD Store is the only one of its kind in Central Massachusetts, and he emphasizes that “everything in the store is legal in all 50 states,” and

that SunMed (the manufacturer of the products he sells) offers piece of mind by posting the results of third-party lab testing on its Web site.

For more information on the range of products carried at Valle’s store and other Your CBD Store locations, visit the SunMed Web site, <https://cdblrx4u.com>. Valle encourages anyone who has ever wondered about CBD to visit the store at 91 Stafford St., open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., where he says he relishes the opportunity to show what CBD can do for you.

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Montgomery, who formed his band in 1970 while attending Boston University. He has since recorded six albums and toured with Bonnie Raitt, Bruce Springsteen, the Allman Brothers, Steve Miller, and B.B. King, among several others.

John Cafferty is the lead vocalist and guitarist of the Beaver Brown Band, who are best known for their soundtrack album for the movie Eddie and The Cruisers. The movie features the band’s hit single, “On the Dark Side,” which held the number one hit single spot for five consecutive weeks.

Mitch Chakour is a keyboardist, guitarist, singer, and arranger. He has toured with the J. Geils Band, performed with Aerosmith at Fenway Park, and gigged alongside legends B.B. King, James Brown, and Bonnie Raitt. He will be joined this year by his daughter, Alecia, who is currently touring with the Tedeschi Trucks Band and several others.

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table seating for the dinner and show are \$125 per person. Premium reserved table seating for the concert only are \$50, while general reserved table seating is \$35. Reserved balcony seating is \$20 per person.

Event tickets can be purchased through the Mechanics Hall box office by calling 508-752-0888 or visiting [www.mechanicshall.org](http://www.mechanicshall.org). Tickets may also be purchased directly from SONG, Inc. (please send an email to [info@supportingorphans.org](mailto:info@supportingorphans.org), or call Wally Connor at 413-813-8100).

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## CRAVER

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residents. There’s a piece of me saying goodbye that’s saddening and there’s a piece for me that is just getting ready to see what the next chapter is. Our daughter is having her first grandchild in December so I’m excited about that,” said Craver. “I’m going to miss the people. Charlton has wonderful volunteers and residents who are active. The staff is top notch and caring. When I say it’s like a family it really did feel like a fam-

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

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from 1:15 to 2 p.m. on the main stage followed by two hours of roving magic throughout the festival grounds. Live music continues on Saturday as The Otters take the main stage from 2:30 to 5 p.m. On Sunday, Magician Scott Jameson performs his magic on the main stage from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., again followed by two hours of roving magic. Four Bridges play on the main stage from 12:45 to 3:15 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. You

can find more details about the event by visiting the Harvest Festival tab at [www.cmschamber.org](http://www.cmschamber.org).

“Every year, it’s a thrill to see the delight on people’s faces, the kids running around, and friends catching up,” says Chamber Executive Director and festival organizer Alexandra McNitt. “We look forward to seeing many of our returning vendors and are excited to introduce several wonderful new vendors as well. Harvest Festival puts a nice cap

on the season and offers a jump start to Christmas shopping.”

There is something special for everyone at Harvest Festival. Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Rain or shine. Parking and admission are free. The 30th Annual Harvest Festival is presented by the Chamber of Central Mass South and The Publick House Historic Inn. Harvest Festival is sponsored by Sturbridge Tourist Association.

# LEGALS

## Town of Auburn, Massachusetts

Notice is hereby published under Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Law that Feng Restaurant, Inc. d.b.a. Jasmine Asian Cuisine – 711 Southbridge Street – Auburn, MA is applying for Retail Liquor License Amendments - Change of Officers and Transfer of Stock.

A public hearing will be held October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Town Hall, Board of Selectmen Room, 104 Central Street, Auburn, MA. October 11, 2019

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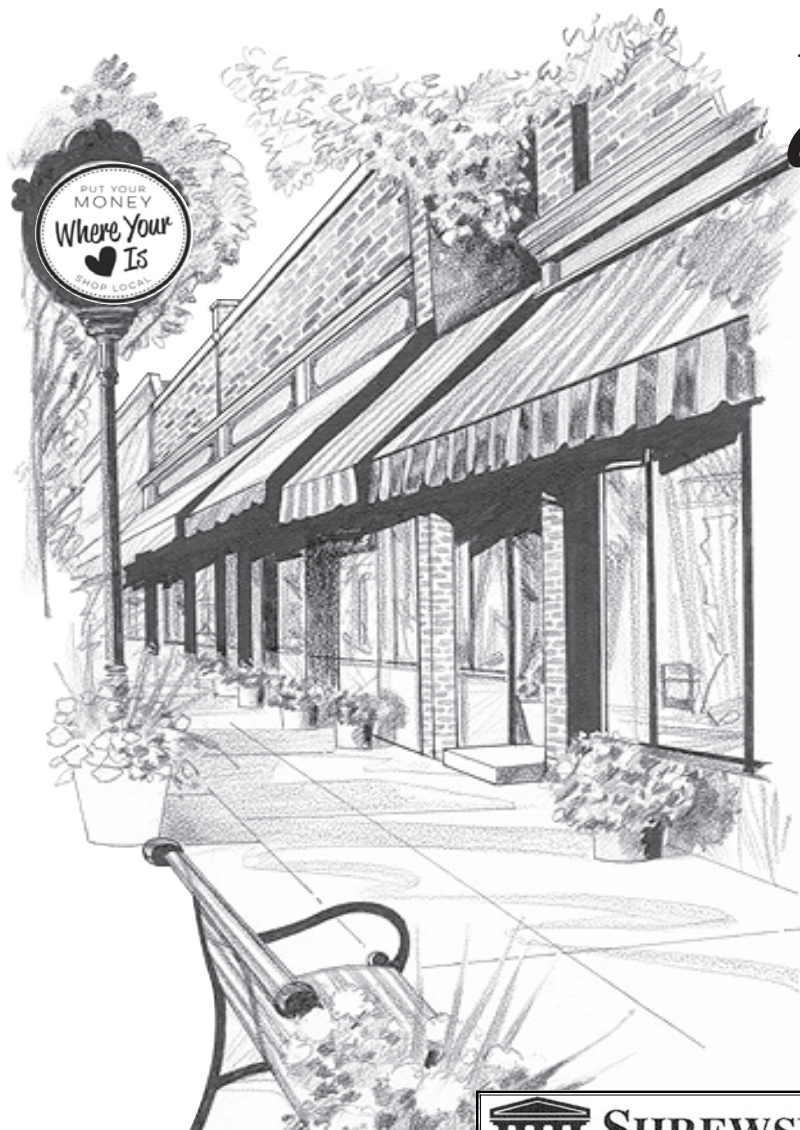
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## EDITORIAL

# Staying young

Over the past week, the national news stage has been filled with stories and broadcasts regarding the impeachment inquiry into the actions of President Donald Trump. While it is important to stay in touch with what's happening on a larger scale around us, many of us can oftentimes can feel inundated by it. We ourselves perusing news outlets when a sudden urge to return to a time of innocence came upon us with the thought, 'I just want to be young again, and eat chocolate and ride bikes all day with my friends.' The thought then occurred that this was actually still possible. Where there is a will, there is a way, and we can indeed still take a day every now and then to eat chocolate all day and ride our bikes with friends — although perhaps the chocolate should be enjoyed in moderation.

As a result, a discussion in the office began about what we do to stay young, and whether it's actually possible to feel young again. Good news, it is. Below are some of the things we found helpful that are scientifically proven to make you feel young again.

Tip number one is not to cancel on hanging out with friends. As we get older, it becomes pure joy to go home and get cozy for a night in. While this is all good, it's more important to maintain your connections with your people. Having strong friendships has been proven to help you live longer and feel that way as well. People who are more social tend to have lower blood pressure as well as cholesterol.

The next tip is to go hiking or spend some time outdoors. Spending time outdoors can make you feel energized and boost your happy meter ten fold.

Experts say that smiling can make you feel younger. Those who smile more are perceived as younger. An added bonus is that smiling reduces stress and can improve your mood.

We've all heard that exercise is key. One study showed that people who do high levels of exercise have cells that age more slowly than their counterparts.

Taking classes can make you feel years younger. This doesn't mean go back to school and suffer any more time under those florescent lights. It means, take a spinning class, guitar or pottery class. Learning something new is a brain booster.

Drinking wine will give you a good dose of resveratrol, which has been shown to slow brain aging. Keep this in moderation, as the flip side can actually kill brain cells and lead to other health problems, we are all aware of.

Apparently, people who wear a citrus scent are said to be perceived as younger and feel younger as well.

"Water, water, water..."nuff said," as we heard a camp counselor lecture us in the early 1990's. Staying hydrated boosts energy and is just an all around smart thing to keep in mind.

Eating sugar is a big no-no. We're not sure how this will affect the 'eat chocolate, ride bikes all day' plan. Getting rid of sugar can reduce the risk of high blood pressure, diabetes and other diseases that can slow you down.

Weight lifting boosts energy levels and creates muscles which in turn make you stronger and feel more youthful.

Staying optimistic about aging has been proven to make you feel younger and boost cognition. Those with a negative outlook, tend to age faster and we don't want that.

Go on an adventure. Doing something that is new and exciting is an easy way to feel alive and make you feel young again.

Make sure your posture is in good form. It's been proven that standing and sitting up straight can boost confidence and make you feel young.

Listen to music from when you were younger. The tunes will bring you right back to when you were young, and if you liked a song once, chances are you'll like it again. Unless it's anything from the Titanic soundtrack.

There are more tips involving volunteering, stretching, taking a multi-vitamin, eating more fruits and vegetables, going to concerts and so on and so forth. The point is, your well being is in your hands.

In the words of George Bernard Shaw, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."

# Country music is the soundtrack of my life

My mom made the best biscuits and gravy in America. You may be rolling your eyes but it's not just a bold statement from a proud son, so stay with me...

## POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

I have been captivated by the new Ken Burns documentary on Country Music. My dad and mom were dedicated fans. Mom grew up in Sapulpa, Okla., what was then a tiny town next to the growing city of Tulsa. She loved Bob Wills and often heard him perform live. I remember as a small child, sitting on my mom's lap, laughing as she would sing a rousing version of the Wills hit, "Take Me Back to Tulsa." She called herself an Okie and wore the moniker proudly. My dad was from Sesser, Illinois, a small coal-mining town in the deep southern part of the state they call, "Little Egypt." My dad always thought of himself as a "Hillbilly," and I guess he was. I grew up in my younger years eating more rabbit and squirrel than beef and pork. I became quite skilled at chewing and spitting out the buckshot without damaging my teeth.

One of my father's closest friends as a child was Billy Grammer. Billy had a big North American hit in 1958 titled, "Gotta Travel On." It was top 5 in both the Country and Pop charts, and was equally as popular in Australia. Many of the old timers will remember that song and probably not know the name of the artist that made it famous. Gotta Travel On was a medley of his only hit but Billy is legendary in Nashville as a studio guitarist and regular on the Grand Ole Opry.

Mom and Dad met in a country and western bar in small-town Salem, Ill. They married in 1953 and moved north to the Chicago area to find employment. The Chicago area was being flooded after the war with people from Southern Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee, seeking employment, and they brought Country music with them.

My earliest childhood memories were of Saturday nights, sitting with my family and many neighbors at our old Grundig Radio, turned to WSM in Nashville, Tenn., listening to Billy Grammer and the other stars of the Grand Ole Opry.

As Billy Grammer would tour with various Country artists and would find themselves in or around the Chicago area, my mom would always invite Billy and any of the traveling performers to our home for biscuits and gravy ... and they came. George Morgan, Grandpa Jones, Minnie Pearl, Roy Acuff, Merle Kilgore and many others all found their way to our home, often arriving after midnight in taxi cabs and leaving around sunrise.

I watch this excellently produced documentary and feel like I am seeing old friends. I remember meeting Loretta Lynn for the first of several times, very early in her career and backstage at the Hammond, Indiana Civic Center. Billy introduced us to her and said she was new but would soon be the new "First

Lady of Country Music." She grabbed my shoulders, looked at me and proclaimed that I was the "prettiest little boy she'd ever met." She pulled my head to her chest and hugged me. When she went on stage she said, "There is the most beautiful little boy backstage and I sure wish I had his eyelashes."

I met her again several times over the next few years and she always gave me a hug. She may have been the kindest and sweetest person I ever met. I later told my teacher I met The First Lady and she asked, "Lady Bird Johnson? And I responded, "No, Loretta Lynn!"

When I was 19, I auditioned and played drums for one night with Ray Price. Ray asked me if I'd like to play a few additional nights and I enjoyed the privilege and opportunity to travel a short time with one of the greatest country stars of the 1960's and '70's. This is around the time where "western" was dropped and the music emerged as simply "Country." At the time Barbara Mandrell and her family were traveling as the warm-up act for Price and she and her family, like Ray Price and Loretta Lynn, are truly among the finest people I have ever met.

There are no absolutes, but the openness, kindness and lack of "star-ego" is what I think of as I think back to meeting these performers. They were wildly popular and known all over North America and beyond but there were no false pretenses or air of entitlement. They felt as though they were as lucky to meet their fans as the fans were to meet them.

I was a young witness to these performers and the making of the history of country & western music thanks to my dad's love of the music and his childhood friend Billy Grammer. Billy took us backstage in almost all of the Chicago area venues and introduced us to the biggest stars of the day, then brought them to our home in Hillcrest subdivision in Kankakee, Illinois to relax and eat what George Morgan proclaimed to be "the best biscuits and gravy in America!"

As I get older, I find that I become more emotional. I sit on my couch watching the Burns documentary and am surprised at the moments I break into tears at the site of, what feels like, old friends.

Thank you, Ken Burns, for capturing, organizing and sharing this important history of the times and music. I am grateful and I know I am not alone.

These are memories I will cherish the rest of my life.

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# DIY Ideas that Capture Autumn's Brilliance

Few simple pleasures compare to the colorful show of a New England autumn. Why not capture that brilliance with projects that will recall crisp, fall days of yore? Read on for inspiration and instruction to spotlight the blazing color that comes but once a year.

## Botanical Prints

Botanical prints are timeless and vintage examples command premium prices. Here in New England, we are surrounded by nature's foliage, which have natural dyes and just happen to make the most appealing botanical wall hangings. Here's how:

Materials: Pliable, colorful autumn leaves, the darker the better; parchment or rag paper (resene paper that is at least 25% rag content also works); absorbent paper towels, flat end hammer.

Directions: Clean off any dirt or debris from the leaf. Place one sheet of parchment or rag paper on a flat, clean and sturdy surface such as a workshop table or cutting board. Place leaf flat down on surface. Cover with a few layers of paper towels. Using even force, tap the



## TAKE THE HINT

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entire area of the leaf (to gauge the area, outline the leaf with pen on the paper towel to use as a guide). This step helps to anchor the leaf to the paper. To release the leaf's natural dyes, go over the leaf surface again, hammering every inch of the leaf.

When done, do the same working in the opposite direction. Don't be afraid to take a peek every once in a while to check your progress. When done, peel the leaf from the paper to expose the print!

To preserve the color of the print, spray with an acrylic protectant. Mat and frame individual prints, or create a collage of different leaves and colors!

Note: Brighter colored leaves such as Japanese Maples create the most vivid colors.

## Autumn Luminaries

The most colorful and textural fall leaves are literally "in the spotlight" with this homemade luminary project. Use either a real or flameless candle to create a variety of different mood lighting,

# Not too soon for end-of-year financial moves



## FINANCIAL FOCUS

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We've still got a couple of months until 2019 draws to a close, but it's not too early to make some end-of-the-year financial moves. In fact, it may be a good idea to take some of these steps sooner rather than later.

## Here are a few suggestions:

Boost your 401(k) contributions. Like many people, you might not usually contribute the maximum amount to your 401(k), which, in 2019 is \$19,000, or \$25,000 if you're 50 or older. Ask your employer if you can increase your 401(k) contributions in 2019, and if you receive a bonus before the year ends, you may be able to use that toward your 401(k), too.

Add to your IRA. You have until April 15, 2020, to contribute to your IRA for the 2019 tax year, but the more you can put in now and over the next few months, the less you'll have to come up with in a hurry at the filing deadline. For 2019, you can put up to \$6,000 in your IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older.

Review your portfolio. It's always a good idea to review your investment portfolio at least once a year, and now is as good a time as any. But don't make any judgments based solely on your results over the past 10 months. Instead, look carefully at how your portfolio is constructed. Is it still properly diversified, or has it become over-weighted in some areas? Does it still fit your risk tolerance, or do you find yourself worrying excessively about short-term price swings? These are the types of factors that might lead you to make some changes, possibly with the help of a financial professional.

Don't forget about your RMDs. Once you turn 70 and a half, you generally need to start taking withdrawals – the technical term is "required minimum distributions," or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar plan. After the first year in which you take these RMDs, you must take them by the end of each year thereafter. If you don't withdraw at least the minimum amount (calculated based on your age, account balance and other factors) you face a penalty of 50 percent of what you should have taken out – a potential loss of thousands of dollars. So, take your RMDs before Dec. 31. The financial services provider that administers your IRA or 401(k) can help you determine the amount you must withdraw.

Think about next year's opportunities. It happens to almost all of us: A year has passed, and we haven't taken the actions we had planned. So, start thinking now about what you want to do in 2020 from a financial standpoint. Can you afford to ratchet up your investments in your retirement plans? If you have children or grandchildren, have you started saving for college? Have you considered ways to protect your financial independence if you ever need some type of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay? If these or other items are on your financial to-do list, start planning now to get them done next year.

Time goes quickly – so don't get left behind without having taken the steps to keep moving toward your financial goals.

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# TOUCH DOWN!

## CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!



# Hopes high for duck season



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Duck hunting opens Oct. 14 this year, and waterfowl sportsmen are hoping for a good year. Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife was out tagging ducks in a few local hotspots a month ago, and had good results with the air boat. Wood ducks provide the most action at this time of year, and if you are lucky, you will intercept numerous flights of teal, that provide some fast shooting. Blacks and Mallards are around during the early season, but mallard duck hunting is best during the second part of the duck hunting season. A number of years ago, this writer and a couple of buddies of mine had a lot of fun shooting some migrating teal in a local marsh. Most were green wing teal.

At one time, Massachusetts had a noon

time opening for waterfowl hunters. It was ridiculous. Sitting in our blind watching ducks and geese fly by required a lot of self control. As noon time approached, we spotted a group of Canada geese heading our way. We looked at our watch and realized we could not shoot for another 10 minutes. As the geese passed directly over our head, I stood up and took aim at the lead bird. It took a lot of self control, but I did not shoot. Suddenly, a voice called out to me about 100 feet from our duck blind. “Good thing you did not shoot, Ralph!”; startled the heck out of me. A canoe came around the grassy marsh, and in it was a federal game warden, and a local Mass. Fish and Wildlife District Manager. I soon realized the state employee was Chris Thurlow, well known to me from numerous Worcester County League meetings. I started to laugh.

“I was hoping you had pulled the trigger,” he stated as he started laughing.

He introduced the federal warden to us, and

they went on their way downriver. It was now legal time to shoot, but the birds had slowed down and we did not get any shooting for a few hours.

Unfortunately, Chris Thurlow passed away a couple of years ago, but I will not forget all of our interactions at the League meetings, and for sure our encounter on Rice City Pond. Chris attended most of the league meetings as we did, but we were not always on the same page when it came to hunting and fishing regulations. We remained good friends through all of our differences, and had many good times at the Worcester County League meetings.

Numerous local sportsmen from the valley started to hunt and fish out of state during the past few weeks. One local sportsman headed to Maine to hunt Moose with his relative that was lucky enough to win a moose permit. Hunting for a full week had him encounter Black Bear and Cow Moose, but did not see a single bull moose for which they had a permit for. This week’s picture

shows Jason Dubois with the antlers of his harvested bull moose taken in Alaska a few weeks ago. He and his dad enjoy hunting together, but his dad Bob was not along on this hunt. I hope I get a couple of steaks!

Wallum Lake and Webster Lake were stocked with Rainbow trout this past Friday. Numerous other bodies of water were also stocked. For a complete list of stocked trout waters, go to massfish-hunt, and click on trout stockings.

The recent Mass. youth deer hunt had another successful young hunter, Thomas Stinchfield from Douglas. Tom sent in a photo of himself with his first deer which he harvested, field dressed, and dragged out of the woods, with a little help from his dad, but it was deemed a bit too grisly for publication. His dad, mom & Uncle have been hunting for years, and now they have another hunter to bring home some venison. Nice job, young man. Some of the family also belong to the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club.



Mass. archery deer season opened this past Monday in zones 10 -14. Zones 1-9 open’s Oct. 21-Nov. 30, and shotgun in Mass. opens Dec. 2 statewide. The deer rutting season is not far off, and it is a good time to start paying attention to your driving habits. Hundreds of deer car accidents happen every year, and can often cause serious injury to the occupants of the vehicle. Dusk and dawn are the top time for deer to be traveling from feeding areas and rutting spots.

*Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

# Abraham Lincoln Civil War era presentation sword

The Civil War was the most expensive and deadliest conflict ever fought on American soil. The History Channel’s website reports that it resulted in “620,000 of 2.4 million soldiers killed, millions more injured and much of the South left in ruin.” Many scholars, history buffs, and collectors remain fascinated with the Civil War and how it impacted the country.

The first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter, South Carolina in April 12, 1861. After being bombarded by Confederate artillery, Major Robert Anderson surrendered the fort within two days to the Confederate forces under Pierre G.T. Beauregard. There were many bloody battles throughout 1862 and 1863. In 1864, “Sherman’s March to the Sea” helped bring an end to the conflict. According to the History Channel, “From November 15 until December 21, 1864, Union General William T. Sherman led some 60,000 soldiers on a 285-mile march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia.” The troops stole food and burned houses and barns of those who fought them along their route. Sherman wanted to “make old and young, rich and poor, feel the hard hand of war.” In the spring of 1865, General Meade and General Grant pur-



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sued the Confederates along the Appomattox River. The Southern troops were low on supplies and outnumbered. General Lee finally decided that he must surrender and is quoted as writing “there is nothing left for me to do but to go and see Gen. Grant, and I would rather die a thousand deaths.” Lee surrendered to Grant on April 9. There is far too much history to cover the entire Civil War in this column. There is also a large amount of memorabilia. I plan to discuss Civil War memorabilia further in a future column.

We will be auctioning an important piece of Civil War era memorabilia that warrants a column of its own.

The Civil War era presentation sword we will be offering has a brass plate engraved “Presented by Abraham Lincoln to First Lieutenant John W. Jones commanding the Guard in the White House April 19 – May 1, 1862. A family written biography of Jones lists some of the highlights of his life. He was born in Philadelphia on May 3, 1826. He attended McKendree College in Illinois. He witnessed anti-abolitionist riots while in college. He became involved in the anti-slavery movement

and was mobbed twice while giving speeches opposing slavery. During the Gold Rush in 1849, he was commissioned by Colonel Sumner as a Captain in the Cavalry. He was responsible for protecting miners in “Indian Territory” between Fort Laramie and California. Later while fighting in wars with the Indians he was said to have received no fewer than six arrow wounds. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he became Provost Marshall for the city of Washington, D.C. where he guarded the White House and won the personal thanks of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln asked him to organize nine regiments from New Hampshire and Vermont during the war. He was severely wounded during battle and lay in bed several months recovering. He later moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. and went on to work for the United States customs service. Jones also founded the “Northwestern Female College” in Evanston, IL and helped form the “United States Volunteer Lifesaving Corps.”

What will the sword sell for? We estimate \$5,000 to \$15,000 at our next live auction. We have sold many pieces of Civil War memorabilia, but the sword is a cut above the rest.

We will be running an estate sale on Oct. 12 and 13 in Westborough. The pre-



view for our Woodstock, Conn. online auction will also be on Oct. 12 and 13. Bidding ends on Oct. 16. I’ll also be lecturing on antiques at the Worcester Senior Center on Oct. 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. I’ll be appraising items at the Shrewsbury Historical Society on Oct. 23. Please see [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details on these and other events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) (508-612- 6111), [info@centralmassauctions.com](mailto:info@centralmassauctions.com).

# Protect your winter landscape from hungry wildlife

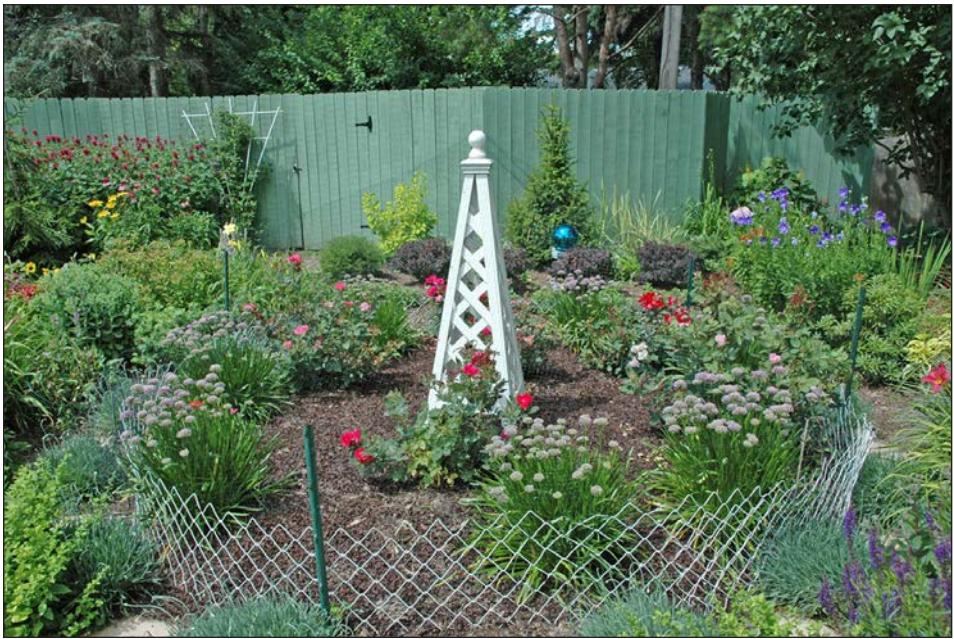


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There’s no doubt that managing critters in the landscape can be a challenge especially as food supplies start to dwindle. If you are battling with rabbits, deer, groundhogs or other wildlife, don’t let down your guard as the growing season begins to wind down.

Be proactive. Start before they get into the habit of dining on your landscape. It is easier to keep them away than break the dining habit.

Fence them out. Fencing is the best defense against most wildlife. A four feet tall fence around a small garden will keep out rabbits. Secure the bottom tight to the ground or bury it several inches to prevent rabbits and voles from crawling underneath. Or fold the bottom of



Melinda MyersPhoto

Fencing, when installed properly, can be an effective tool in protecting gardens against animal damage.

the fence outward, making sure it’s tight to the ground. Animals tend not to crawl under when the bottom skirt faces away from the garden.

Go deeper, at least 12 to 18 inches, if you are trying to discourage woodchucks. And make sure the gate is secure. Many hungry animals have found their way into the garden through openings around and under the gate.

A five-foot fence around small garden areas can help safeguard your plantings against hungry deer. Some gardeners report success surround-

ing their garden with fishing line mounted on posts at one- and three-foot heights.

Break out the repellents. Homemade and commercial repellents can be used. Apply before the animals start feeding and reapply as directed. Consider using

a natural repellent that’s safe for people and wildlife.

Scare ‘em away. Blow up owls, clanging pans, rubber snakes, slivers of deodorant soap, handfuls of human hair and noise makers are scare tactics that have been used by gardeners for years. Consider your environment when selecting a tactic. Urban animals are used to the sound and smell of people. Alternate scare tactics for more effective control. The animals won’t be afraid of a snake that hasn’t moved in weeks.

Combine tactics. Use a mix of fencing, scare tactics and repellents. Keep monitoring for damage. If there are enough animals and they are hungry, they will eat just about anything.

Don’t forget about nature. Welcome hawks and fox into your landscape. Using less pesticides and tolerating some critters, their food source, will encourage them to visit your yard. These natural pest controllers help keep the garden-munching critters

under control.

And most importantly, don’t give up. A bit of persistence, variety and adaptability is the key to success. Investing some time now will not only deter existing critters from dining in your landscape but will also reduce the risk of animals moving in next season.

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OBITUARIES

Leo E. Decoteau, 90



WHITINSVILLE- Leo E. Decoteau, 90, passed away peacefully at Umass Medical Center in Worcester on Tues. Oct. 1, 2019. He was surrounded by love with his daughters at his side. Leo was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Lila (McGuire) Decoteau.

He leaves his two daughters, Laura (Decoteau) Barbetta, who had devoted countless hours to his care in his later years and her husband, Richard of Whitinsville, and Lila (Decoteau) Massey of Waxhaw, North Carolina. He adored his two grandchildren, Marissa Massey and Tyler Massey of Waxhaw, North Carolina. He is also survived his brothers, Theodore Decoteau and his wife Evelyn of Auburn, and Roger Decoteau and his wife Caroline (Sue) of West Boylston and many nieces and nephews.

Born in Woonsocket, RI on Nov. 6, 1928 Leo was the son of Theodore and Florence (St. Andre) Decoteau and resided in Douglas in his early years, then moved to Whitinsville, where he raised his family and spent the majority of his life. Leo proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War era. He worked for the former Whitin Machine Works Co. in Whitinsville, and then for Raytheon Co. as a production supervisor for 26

years until his retirement in 1990. He was a devout member of St. Patrick's Parish in Whitinsville, a long time member of the Knights of Columbus Mumford Council #365, and was an active member of the Northbridge Senior Center.

Leo was an avid lover of New England sports, especially the New England Patriots. He enjoyed animals of all kinds, but especially had a deep love for dogs. Leo's greatest love was the love for his family. There was nothing more important in his eyes. He was so proud of the family he had, and always said that he felt that it was his greatest accomplishment.

His family would like to extend a special thank you to the hard-working staff at St. Camillus Healthcare Center in Whitinsville for their care and support to Leo this past year.

Leo's funeral mass will be held at 11 AM in St. Patrick's Parish, 1 Cross St., Whitinsville on Sat. Oct. 19th. Burial will be immediately following in St Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Leo's memory may be sent to: St. Camillus Healthcare Center, 447 Hill Street Whitinsville, MA 01588. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit:

<http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com>



Kenneth R. LaFleche, 74



OXFORD – Kenneth R. LaFleche, 74, of Westgate Drive, died unexpectedly on Friday, October 4, 2019, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester. He is survived by his

wife of 50 years, Linda L. (Palermo) LaFleche of Oxford; his daughter, Kristine P. DelloStritto and her husband Peter of Auburn, two grandchildren, Michael DelloStritto and Mia DelloStritto, both of Auburn; his mother-in-law, Angela M. LaFleche of Oxford; brothers- and sisters-in-law, John Palermo and his wife Patrice of Oxford, Anne Marie Palermo of Oxford, James Palermo and his wife Maureen of West Palm Beach, FL, Michael Palermo and his wife Martha of Grafton, and Debbie Palermo of Leawood, KS; nephews and nieces, Carol Howard, Cathy Donlin, Jennifer Palermo, Jonna Palermo, Michael Palermo, Micaela Palermo, Jay Palermo, and Ethan Palermo; and many cousins, aunts, uncles, friends, and extended family. He was predeceased by a daughter, Amy B. LaFleche who died in 2002; his half-sister, Lillian Donlin; his father-in-law, Vincent R. Palermo who died in 2006; and his brother-in-law, Stephen Palermo who died in 2017. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Roland J. and Blanche R. (Monroe) LaFleche, and was a lifelong resident of Oxford. He graduated from Oxford High School in 1963 and Worcester Industrial Technical Institute, where

he studied graphic arts. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Mr. LaFleche retired as vice president of production from LaVigne Inc. in Worcester, where he worked for 38 years. He worked at his uncle's store "The Newsroom" in Oxford during high school. In retirement, he worked as a funeral attendant at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home. Mr. LaFleche was a member of St. Roch's Church in Oxford. He was a member of the Craftsman's Club and the Printing Industry of New England. He enjoyed golf and was a member of the Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton. He was a volunteer for the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf in Oxford and was a fan of the New England sports teams. He enjoyed fishing, bocce, bowling, and was very meticulous about his garden and landscaping. He enjoyed attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting events, along with spending time with his family.

A funeral was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours were Monday, October 7, 2019, from 4-7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Amy Beth LaFleche Memorial Athletic Scholarship, c/o Webster Five Cent Savings Bank, 343 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540, or to the Oxford Ecumenical Food Shelf, 4 Maple Rd., Oxford, MA 01540. [paradisfuneralhome.com](http://paradisfuneralhome.com)

Sally Cort, 76

Sally Cort, age 76, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, passed away at home on September 21, 2019.

Sally was born in Clinton, MA to Kenneth and Violet Cort.

She lived for many years in Auburn MA, then North Grafton, MA and over the past 4 years in Portsmouth, RI near her son.


Sally loved to read, cook, and be with her family. Most recently she worked as a home health aide.

Sally is survived by her son Dr. David Stebbins and his wife Janine, of Portsmouth, RI. She is also survived by her grandchildren David, Sarah and Ashley.

A Memorial Service for Sally will be held on October 12, 2019 at 10:00am at St. Barnabas Church, 1697 East Main Road, Portsmouth, RI.

Additional information at [www.memorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.memorialfuneralhome.com)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, October 17

AUBURN HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Ken Ether, noted expert on all things relating to trains, is giving his talk "The Building of the Western/Boston and Albany Railroad" on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lorraine Gleick Nordgren Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive, Auburn. The talk is sponsored by the Auburn Historical Society. There will be some artifacts and photographs to examine. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, October 19

BOY SCOUT TROOP 101 BOTTLE DRIVE: Please let Auburn Boy Scout Troop 101 help you clean out your returnable bottles and cans this Fall! The troop will hold a Can and Bottle drive at the Auburn Fire Station on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. All funds generated help run troop programs. If you have a larger collection of returnables, we would be happy to pick them up. Please call (508) Chris 868-5634, or Liz 981-6840 or Eric (617-764-2509) Thank you.

PUMPKIN PATCH FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., First Congregational Church, 128

Central St., Auburn. The fair includes unique handmade crafts, Grandma's pantry (baked goods, soups, homemade preserves, etc.), frozen meals to go, jewelry, a silent auction, holiday décor items, and so much more! Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at our Pumpkin Patch Fair, where you'll find something for everyone! Craft vendors, please contact the church office, 832-2845, if you would like to be a part of our upcoming fair.

Saturday, October 26

HOLIDAY FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Joel Prouty Masonic Lodge building, 780 Southbridge St., Auburn. Featuring crafts, plants, baked goods, jewelry, lunch, woodcrafts, opportunities, etc. There will be vendors, too! Come join us for great holiday shopping!

ONGOING EVENTS

12 STEP PROGRAM: Christian 12 Step Program for Men and Women 7-8:15 p.m. every Tuesday at Faith Baptist Church, 22 Faith Ave, Auburn. Do you feel your life/relationships/habits are spinning out of control? A Christian 12 Step Program is the key to Christ and life providing abundance, blessing and grace. Come as you are or contact (508) 832-5044 x 155 for information.

S U I C I D E PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

STORY TIME: Have a little one in the house?

Looking to get out and do something? The Auburn Public Library may have just the thing for you. Mother Goose Story time is for children ages 6-15 months. It's a great place for children and their grownups to listen to stories, share nursery rhymes and have time to connect with others during musical free play. Mother Goose Story Time is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please stop by and join us. For information, you call the library at (508) 832-7790.

MUSEUM HOURS: The Auburn Historical Museum, 41 South St. is open Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Admission is free to see a variety of artifacts and memorabilia concerning Auburn as far back as when it was known as the town of Ward. All are welcome to come. For more information contact Sari Bitticks at [sarilb@verizon.net](mailto:sarilb@verizon.net).

HISTORIC HOUSES SCAVENGER HUNTS: The Auburn Historical Museum at 41 South St. will be hosting a family historic houses scavenger hunt on Tuesday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon for the month of July. Come and find out about some of the historic houses of Auburn that are in the newest book available at the museum. The event is free and open to the public.

NEW GROUP FORMING: If you're separated or divorced, you don't have to go through it alone. DivorceCare meets weekly, you'll receive practical support and find healing and hope for the future in a friendly, confidential setting. We meet Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., beginning Feb. 1 at Faith Church, 22 Faith Ave., Auburn. Call (508) 832-5044 or email [divorcecare@faithauburn.org](mailto:divorcecare@faithauburn.org) for more information.


NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or [lisirichard15@yahoo.com](mailto:lisirichard15@yahoo.com).

STORY TIME: Open Story Time will be held 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Auburn Public Library. No registration required. Please drop in. Open to all ages. For information, call (508) 832-7790.

BOYS' GROUP: Chuck wants boys in the 6th through 10th grades to join The Man Cave. The Man Cave is a boys' group that meets from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Thursdays at the AYFS, 21 Pheasant Court, Auburn. This is where members will learn that peers their own age share similar concerns. Group members will be able to discuss ways to cope with their concerns as well as receive positive feedback. Each week will center around a particular topic for discussion. No cost to join. For information, call Brandon Pare (508) 832-5707 x 16 or Dan Secor (508) 832-5707 x 14. Free food available.

PUMPKINS, GET YOUR PUMPKINS HERE!: The Pumpkin Patch at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central Street, Auburn will be open daily 10 a.m. (11 a.m. on Sundays) 'til dusk Sept. 28 through Oct. 31. There will be gourds and pumpkins of all sizes and prices – one for every need; be it for your fall decor, carving, baking – you name it! Taking in the beautiful sight of the pumpkins, in combination with the changing leaves and the backdrop of the church steeple – makes it worth the trip! If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office at 508-832-2845. See you there! Where do these pumpkins come from? The pumpkins are raised and harvested by the Navajo Indians on their reservation in New Mexico. The money they receive helps their schools and other programs and a percentage of the sales helps our church as well.

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# SPORTS

## Brown’s big day helps Warriors blank Auburn



Nick Ethier photos  
Auburn’s James Landry looks for open field to run the ball against Tantasqua’s defense.



Quarterback Griffin Handfield of Auburn releases a pass versus Tantasqua.



Auburn’s Josh Adams catches a pass while being defended tightly.



Auburn’s defense gang-tackles Tantasqua’s Ryan Sears.



Brian Dillon of Auburn breaks up a pass in the end zone intended for Tantasqua’s Ryan Sears.



Joshua Morales of Auburn is able to sack Tantasqua quarterback Dante Reno.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — Tantasqua Regional senior Dominic Brown had a game to remember at Memorial Field as his Warriors’ varsity football team took on Auburn High.

Brown scored two touchdowns — one receiving, one rushing — and picked off two Rockets’ passes, as Tantasqua posted a shutout against Auburn, 20-0.

“Never in my life have I had a game like this,” said Brown. “It feels really great to win and be with my teammates.”

Brown got his magical day started early versus the Rockets, breaking off a 66-yard touchdown on the game’s third offensive snap. Facing a third-and-7, Warriors’ quarterback Dante Reno dumped off a short pass to Brown, who slipped past Auburn defenders and ran down the left sideline for the score.

After Jarod Spratt’s extra point, Tantasqua held a 7-0 lead less than two minutes into the game.

Then, on the Rockets’ third offensive play, quarterback Griffin Handfield was picked off by Brown.

“I was reading the closest guy to me and I noticed that he went inside. I stayed right under it and tried my best to take it away,” Brown said of his first and, ultimately, second INT.

Auburn did hang tough, though, as they recovered a Warriors’ fumble on the next possession. The halftime score remained 7-0 as it was still anyone’s game.

“Auburn was doing some things that gave us fits in the first half, so you have to give them credit,” said Tantasqua head coach Jon Hargis.

But the Warriors put it away with two more touchdowns in the third quarter. It started with Brown grabbing his second interception of the game. Then, with 2:09 remaining in the frame, Brown busted off an 18-yard rushing score on a sweep to the right where he employed a spin move at the 5-yard line to elude a pair of Rockets’ defenders.

“Dom’s been a solid player for us the last four weeks. He gets better each week,” said Hargis.

“I really give it to my teammates because they push me every day. I try my best to make plays for them and they do the same thing,” added Brown.

And Brown helped make a play on Tantasqua’s third and final touchdown, which came with 45 seconds to go in the third quarter. There, Reno (4 for 10, 153 yards) dumped another short pass off, this one to Liam Gore. Gore then received a tremendous lead block from Brown and he was off to the races, sprinting 76 yards down the right sideline for the TD. Spratt’s extra point

made it 20-0.

“I realized that there was a guy coming right toward [Gore] and I knew my one job always is to block,” said Brown. “I did my best to shove him to the side and watch him score.”

Auburn then had its most productive drive in the game’s final sequence, which ate up the final four-plus minutes. Handfield completed 6 of 10 passes in the drive for 67 yards. He took the Rockets from their own 20-yard line to inside Tantasqua’s 20. But, on the final play, Nathan Winco picked off Handfield’s pass in the end zone to preserve the shutout.

It was Winco’s third takeaway of the game to go along with Brown’s two. Casey Robidoux also had an interception for the Warriors.

“We kind of challenged our secondary this week to make sure they’re in the right spots and when the ball’s in the air to make the play,” said Hargis.

Tantasqua is now 3-1, while Auburn slipped to 1-3.

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SPORTS

Minutemen inch closer to District berth with win over Worcester Tech/North



Bay Path keeper Lauryn Dawson runs up to the ball to make the save ahead of a Worcester Tech attacker.

Nick Ethier photos



Bay Path's Kyleigh Sutherland quickly approaches Worcester Tech's Mariana Vega.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Hailey Cournoyer scored a pair of goals in a three-minute span late in the first half to help lead the Bay Path Regional girls' varsity soccer team to a 4-2 win over a visiting co-op team comprised of Worcester Tech and North High students.

With the Thursday, Oct. 3 victory, the Minutemen improved to 8-3. The Eagles dropped to 3-5 with the loss. Bay Path is now one win away from qualifying for the District Tournament.

With her team ahead 1-0, thanks to a goal in the 11th minute by teammate Kyleigh Sutherland, Cournoyer increased the lead to 3-0 in what seemed like the blink of an eye, scoring in the 32nd minute of the first half and then again three minutes later, on a pair of breakaway goals.

"Hailey's quick, she gets to the goal fast and she knows how to finish; we call her speedy," longtime Bay Path head coach Tammy Legere said about her sophomore striker. "Hailey's got that final touch. She knows how to put goals away."

Cournoyer's offensive exploits allowed the Minutemen to go into halftime with a 3-0 lead, despite what could be best described as a methodical start to the game.

"We usually don't usually start playing until the second half. We start slow and then we pick it up," Legere said. "We can't do that the rest of the season, though, because if we do that we're going to have a tough time."

Bay Path's remaining schedule includes Parker Charter, which it lost to, 2-1, on the road on Sept. 11, Blackstone Valley Tech, which it lost to, 7-3, on Sept. 9, and Assabet Valley, which it lost to, 7-1, on Sept. 25. The rest of the Minutemen's schedule includes two games with Tri-County Regional as well as single games against the Advanced Math and Science Academy, Monty Tech and Southbridge High.

Worcester Tech/North cut the Bay Path lead down to 3-1 seven minutes into the second half, Ana Giraldo scoring on a right-to-left shot that somehow got past Minutemen goalie Lauryn Dawson.

Bay Path, however, got the

goal back two minutes later; Abigail Graham scoring on a right-to-left shot that pushed the Minutemen lead back to three goals, 4-1.

Worcester Tech/North closed out the scoring with 13:55 left in the game, Genevieve Rivers scoring on a penalty kick to account for the 4-2 final.

Dawson, a senior, finished with seven saves, five coming in the second half.

"Lauryn's a senior, she's played for me for four years," Legere said. "She made some big stops in the second half when it was 4-2 and they were desperately trying to make it a one-goal game. This was a big game for her because she had just returned from an injury."

Legere feels optimistic about the potential this team has this year.

"If we put it all together we're a very good team and we should be good," Legere said. "We have a lot of injuries right now, especially on defense. If we can get those girls healthy for the rest of the season, we should be OK. We have good team speed and lots of young talent."



Amarii Colon of Bay Path kicks the ball around her Worcester Tech opponent.



Amber Gerard of Bay Path has a step on a Worcester Tech defender.



Even with Worcester Tech defender Saoirse McGinn draped all over her, Olivia Bowes of Bay Path is able to get the ball out of danger.

TRAINOR

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**WEBSTER:** Fabulous Ranch! Simple move in & enjoy. 6 rooms 2 bedrooms but possible 3rd in basement. Pretty kitchen with stainless steel appliances & granite counters. Cathedral ceiling 4 season room with sliders to great deck. Lower level finished with possible bedroom & family room. Level yard. Tranquil colors. New roof being installed. **\$239,900.**

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**OPEN HOUSE-OCT. 12TH...2:00-4:00pm...340 THOMPSON HILL RD, THOMPSON** This Federalist Colonial style home with 4 bedrooms also features kitchen with wood floor, butcher block kitchen island, granite counters with a farm sink & s/s appliances. The dining room & living room have painted wide wood floors, plaster walls, and are good sized. The family room/office features an impressive brick fireplace with raised paneling, built-in bookcases and french doors out to the fireplaced stone patio. The grounds are pristine with stone walls, and a large side patio with pergola. Having once been a working farm the barn has evidence of a tack room, horse stall, and even an old 3 seater outhouse. There is room for a car and much more. **\$324,900**



**KILLINGLY** Why Rent when you can own this adorable 1 bedroom mobile home with all the features perfect for a single person or even a couple. Enter into the bright living room with cathedral ceiling. The kitchen has loads of cabinets for storage as well as counter space to make any cook happy. The washer and dryer are conveniently located right outside of the bedroom. Heating system was upgraded from Kerosene to propane in 2016. This pretty little gem is nicely nestled in the R&R Park in Dayville. Home is on leased land which is included in maintenance fee and is Subject to park approval. Financing is available! **\$25,000**



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**KILLINGLY** Recently remodeled 1,228 sq ft Cape with 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Kitchen with newer cabinets, island, recess lighting, tile flooring and stainless steel appliances. Open dining and living room with newer laminate flooring. Half bath on first floor and 1 bedroom on first floor. Second floor offers recently remodeled full bath and 2 bedrooms. **\$168,000**

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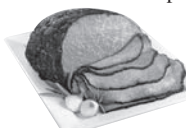
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**FINANCIAL FRAUD & THE ELDERLY**  
What to Know and How to Avoid It  
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# HALLOWEEN

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- Howard Street Cemetery, Salem, Mass.:

The Salem Witch Trials were a shocking part of American history. Many different people were accused of witchcraft and sorcery and executed for their alleged crimes. Howard Street Cemetery, where Giles Corey, a convicted offender is buried, is said to host the paranormal.

- Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, Pa.: This once strict enforcer of solitary confinement

was built in 1829 and housed prisoners until 1970. Peals of disembodied laughter, pacing footsteps and shadowy figures have been reported on the premises.

- Keg Mansion, Toronto, Ontario: The Keg Mansion was once the private residence of industrialist Hart Massey and his family. Legend states that, after the death of Massey's daughter Lillian, her maid was so overcome

with grief that she took her own life. A ghostly image of a maid hanging by her neck has frequently been reported at the property.

- LaLaurie Mansion, New Orleans, La.: Marie Delphine LaLaurie was a Louisiana socialite who threw lavish parties. But she also had a dark and grisly side. When a fire broke out in the residence, police responded and discovered mutilated slaves in the attic.

LaLaurie fled New Orleans, but it is believed the phantom screams of her victims can still be heard at night.

- Hotel Monte Vista, Flagstaff, Az.: This hotel is purportedly home to various spectors and paranormal guests. Room 210 was plagued by someone who hung raw meat from the chandelier. An infant's wretching cries have sent people scurrying. And two women who were thrown from

the third floor now haunt and try to smother male guests in their sleep.

- Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta: This is the site of a number of terrifying ghost sitings, including an entire murdered family. Many believe a retired head bellman in uniform continues to haunt the hotel.
- San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, Texas: This is the oldest church in Texas and is stunning to behold. But during the nighttime, visitors may feel the hair on their necks stand on end. During renovations, workers unearthed bones, nails and military uniforms. Visitors report orbs and shadowy figures in photographs, as well as figures in hooded clothing.
- RMS Queen Mary, Long Beach, Calif.: This luxury ship carried Hollywood celebrities before being repurposed into a World War II ship that transported troops. Eventually, the ship was permanently docked in California, and is reportedly haunted by those who died aboard, such as a young sailor crushed in the engine room.

Haunted places dot the globe and can make interesting travel locations for those who wish to discover what goes bump in the night. TF18A381

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## The world's most festive Halloween parades



Halloween may be best known for parties, candy and trick-or-treating, but Halloween revelers also know a thing or two about parades. On All Hallow's Eve, the ghoulish, garish and downright frightening take to the streets in towns and cities around the world. Here are some popular spots for ghouls and goblins to catch a peek of the action.

### THE VILLAGE, NEW YORK CITY

The Village Halloween Parade is one of the biggest and brightest in the country. Nearly 50,000 participants flock to this area of Manhattan every

year. A unique event, this parade showcases the diversity of the artists and creatives that call the city home. It has become an institution in its own right, with costumed enthusiasts, music, food, and much more.

Little Five Points Halloween Festival and Parade, Atlanta, GA

This Halloween gathering features local artisans, food vendors and food trucks along the route. The fun begins at Austin and Euclid Avenues and ends at Freedom Parkway. More than 35,000 people head to this area in Atlanta for the parade.

### CARNIVAL HALLOWEEN PARADE, LONDONDERRY

A small costume party that started in 1985 expanded into a massive event in this region of Northern Ireland. A circus, music, dancers, dressed-up performers, and others make their way through the streets of the city.

### ASBURY PARK ZOMBIE WALK, ASBURY PARK, NJ

Since 2007, zombies take to the streets and celebrate the gore and macabre in this seaside New Jersey town. Participants set a Guinness World Record in 2013 for the most "zombies" gathered in one place with 9,000 undead in attendance.

### WEST HOLLYWOOD HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL, HOLLYWOOD, CA

Roughly half a million people gather each year along Santa Monica Boulevard, which is littered with food trucks, live music and even celebrities.

### KREWE OF BOO, NEW ORLEANS, LA

Mardi Gras is not the only celebration in the Big Easy. Each October, the Krewe of Boo is the official Halloween Parade of New Orleans. Creative floats and costumes are part of the celebration in the French Quarter.

## Tips for safe use of dry ice and fog machines for Halloween fun

Who doesn't want to add a dramatic effect to Halloween hijinks? Haunted displays can be taken up a notch with the use of some scene-setting enhancements, including dry ice and fog machines. Dry ice and fog machines can help Halloween revelers create a smoky, mysterious feel, but each of these haunting accessories must be used with safety in mind at all times.

**Dry ice**  
Dry ice is the solid form of carbon dioxide. Dry ice is often used for spooky effects because it produces a vapor when it sublimates from its dry form. This occurs after exposure to air and liquid that is warmer than the dry ice.

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Dry ice should be kept in an insulated cooler and stored and used in a well-ventilated area, as the CO gas can sink to low areas and replace oxygenated air. High concentrations of CO gas may be fatal when breathed in.

If dry ice is used in drinks, it is important that no dry ice fragments are ingested, which can cause tissue damage as



well as pressure from the buildup of the release of gas, states the information site ThoughtCo.

**Fog machines**  
Fog machines can produce a scary and realistic Halloween tableau. When using fog machines, it is essential that users confirm which solution is being used to produce the fog. Many utilize a water and glycol solution that has been deemed safe if inhaled. However, some people may find it causes throat irritation. Some products use proprietary formulas, concealing the identity and proportion of ingredients. Users should avoid these products unless they can confirm which chemicals are being used and that those chemicals are safe.

The Ontario Ministry of Labour says that

fog/smoke generating machines should be placed in locations where exposure to the concentrated smoke is minimal. The machines also should be used exactly as the manufacturer directs and not altered by using dyes, fragrances and other chemicals.

Fog machines can create many illusions, but they also can impede vision if the fog is too thick. Therefore, caution must be heeded to prevent mobility issues due to the fog. Also, sometimes fog machines can produce a slippery residue, so users should be aware of this and monitor conditions around the machines.

Fog machines and dry ice can add flair to Halloween festivities if they are handled and used correctly.



# HALLOWEEN

## Halloween fast facts and figures



Halloween is celebrated in various countries. Halloween can trace its origins to Ireland and is based on the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, during which people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off spirits. Halloween has since become a day to play pranks and don costumes while going door-to-door seeking treats from neighbors. Each year, the National Retail Federation tracks Halloween trends. The figures and statistics shared by the NRF and other organizations paint

a picture of just how popular Halloween can be.

- Consumers will spend an estimated \$9 billion on Halloween. The average American will spend \$86.79 on the festivities, according to the NRF.
- The U.S. Census Bureau indicates that there are 41.1 million potential trick-or-treaters aged 5 to 14.
- Ninety-five percent of people surveyed by the NRF planned to purchase candy for Halloween. The next most popular purchase is decorations (74 percent).
- Forty-five percent

of respondents planned to carve a pumpkin for Halloween, says the NRF.

- In Canada, there are 2,569 farms with pumpkin patches, according to the 2016 Census of Agriculture.
- The top-ranked costumes for children in 2018 were princess and superhero. Adults planning to dress up were more likely to go as a witch or a vampire.
- Data from domestic box office earnings of horror movies in 2018 totaled \$752.2 million. This accounts for movie earnings in the United States,

Canada, Puerto Rico, and Guam. “A Quiet Place” and “Halloween” were the top-grossing horror flicks of the year.

- The ubiquitous “pumpkin spice” starts to turn up in various products as soon as there are hints of autumn. Nielsen says \$6.9 million was spent on pumpkin spice products in 2018.
- Candy corn is either loved or loathed. According to the National Confectioners Association, 42.7 percent of people who enjoy candy corn say they eat the narrow white part of

the candy corn first.

- The NRF states that, when looking for their ideal costumes, 33 percent of consumers will check online first, followed closely by 29 percent in stores.
- Pet costumes remain incredibly popular. Prosper Insights, a marketing and analytics company, states that 31.2 million Americans plan to dress up their pets — with millennials being the largest demographic to do so.
- There are potentially 120 million stops for trick-or-treaters to visit in the

United States, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

- The Manufacturing and Wholesale Trade Division in Canada says that there were 158 businesses engaged in formal wear and costume rentals in Canada in 2017.

Halloween is frighteningly popular, with scores of people taking part in the spending and antics of this entertaining day.

## Improve visibility while trick-or-treating



Thousands of costume-clad children will embark on treat-finding missions in neighborhoods all across the country this Halloween. Everyone wants their Halloween festivities to be fun, but it is important that trick-or-treaters and their chaperones prioritize safety as well.

The child welfare organization Safe Kids says that twice as many child pedestrians are killed while walking on Halloween compared to other days of the year. In addition, the National Safety Council states that darting out or running into the road accounts for about 70 percent of pedestrian deaths or injuries among children between the ages of five and nine and about 47 percent of incidents for kids between the ages of 10 and 14.

Ensuring trick-or-treating youngsters are visible to motorists can make Halloween safer for everyone involved. The American Academy of Pediatrics and other safety groups suggest the following strategies for safe trick-or-treating.

- Supervise the festivities. Adults should chaperone young trick-or-treaters who are unlikely to be focused on safety in the midst of Halloween excitement.
- Use reflective tape or LED lights. Dark costumes coupled with twilight can make it difficult for motorists to see trick-or-treating youngsters. Parents can improve the chances of their kids being seen by motorists by adhering reflective tape onto kids’ costumes. Glow sticks and wearable LED lights also can illuminate trick-or-treaters.
- Carry lanterns or flashlights. Children and/or chaperones who carry flashlights and lanterns can improve their own visibility while also making themselves more visible to motorists. Lanterns and flashlights help trick-or-treaters avoid holes, cracked pavement and other obstacles. For those children who want to free up their hands for better treat gathering, lights that strap to the head are an option.
- Keep the lights on. Homeowners can do their part by keeping outdoor lights and accent lighting on to make paths safer for youngsters on the prowl for Halloween candy.
- Choose face makeup over masks. Children wearing masks may not spot oncoming cars or other hazards. Face makeup won’t affect kids’ visibility but will still help them look scary.

With the right combination of caution and fun, Halloween can be an enjoyable time for youngsters and adults.

## How to talk to kids about Halloween safety



Come Halloween, youngsters’ attentions are understandably focused on costumes and candy. Their parents, however, are likely more concerned with their kids’ safety.

Trick-or-treating kids might not pay much mind to safety. As a result, it can be hard for parents to get kids to grasp the importance of being safe on Halloween. The following strategies might make that task easier.

- Discuss costumes well in advance of Halloween. Many kids are so enthusiastic about Halloween that they know which costumes they hope to wear long before October 31. Parents can discuss potential costumes well in advance of Halloween before kids even know what they want to wear. Doing so gives parents a chance to encourage kids to choose bright costumes that will make them more visible to drivers on Halloween night. Waiting to discuss costumes increases the likelihood that kids will already have an outfit in mind, making it harder for parents to convince them to choose something safe.
- Explain that some tailoring might be necessary to make gathering all that candy a lot easier. Superman doesn’t trip on his cape in the movies, and youngsters dressed up as the Man of Steel shouldn’t trip on their capes, either. When kids pick costumes,

explain to them that you might need to do some tailoring before they go trick-or-treating. Explain to kids that costumes should be trip-proof so they can seamlessly go from house to house in search of their favorite goodies.

- Create a bag or bucket design day. Depending on what kids will use to carry the candy they accumulate this Halloween, parents can plan a bag or bucket design day a few days in advance. Kids will enjoy this chance to get in the Halloween spirit, and parents can encourage youngsters to decorate their bags and buckets with reflective tape that will make them more visible to drivers.
- Talk up trick-or-treating with friends. As Halloween approaches, parents can discuss how much fun kids will have going door-to-door with many of their friends. This is a good way to ensure kids trick-or-treat in large groups, making them more visible to drivers. In addition, kids trick-or-treating in large groups might be too busy joking with their friends to notice when one or two parents tag along as chaperones.

Parents can discuss Halloween safety with their children in ways that make it fun to be safe while trick-or-treating.





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