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Friday, September 3, 2021

# Lisa Meunier honored with Service Above Self Award

STURBRIDGE — Sturbridge Rotary Club President David Zonia presented Lisa Meunier, Lead Nurse for the Union 61 School District, with the Sturbridge Rotary “Service Above Self Award”

*Event planned to raise funds for handicapped rescue dogs*

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE – Residents are invited to join Our Angel Foundation at an upcoming event to raise awareness and funds for handicapped rescue dogs.

The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Westville Dam Recreation Center (125 Wallace Rd. in Sturbridge). From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., residents are welcome to stop by and show their support for an urgent cause.

“My daughter [Noelle] and I started this foundation to honor the memory of our first wheelie dog, Angel, who was from Egypt,” said co-founder Sue Haslam. “She had been injured, and couldn’t walk and was dying in a shelter there. Through a rescue in New York, we were able to foster and then adopt her. Sadly, she passed from a brief unrelated illness two years ago.”

In Angel’s memory, Sue Haslam and her daughter established the nonprofit organization two years ago and have already been able to help several dogs. At the Sept. 25 event, you and your family have an opportunity to join the mission to help animals in need.

The event will include a cookout, photo scavenger hunt on the trail, craft project, lawn games, and a silent auction. It will also feature volunteers from Eastern Insurance, Eastern Bank, and Hanover Insurance.

Our four-legged friends are also invited to join the event. Social distancing and other safety measures will be in place.

“Because it’s outdoors, we plan on maintaining safe distances, and folks can bring their dogs and their kids, or just themselves,” Haslam added. “We are so excited about this fundraiser. We look forward to sharing the day with pet owners and families, and raising awareness about the joys of having a special needs pet.”

While pets with special needs are often overlooked in shelters, Haslam and her daughter are helping to show the special bonds they share with owners when given an opportunity for a “fur”-ever home.

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Courtesy

Sturbridge Rotary Club Secretary Linda Zonia (left) presents award to Lisa Meunier.

2021.

The event took place at a special ‘surprise’ meeting held at the Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge. Attended by over 50 family, friends

and colleagues, Lisa was honored for all her sterling efforts working with Burgess Elementary

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## Friends of the Sturbridge-Fiskdale Seniors, Inc. kicks off new season

STURBRIDGE/FISKDALE — The Friends of the Sturbridge-Fiskdale Seniors, Inc. group has announced the start of its new member year on Sept. 1, with details about a number of upcoming events, according to Kenneth Benson, newly appointed president of the Friend’s board of directors.

From Thursday, Sept. 9 through Saturday, Sept. 11, the Friends will conduct an antique sale under tent on the front lawn of the Sturbridge Senior Center at 480 Main St., Fiskdale. Sale hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. The sale, scheduled to coincide with the September Brimfield Flea Market, will feature more than 60 antiques and

household items from two local estates, including a Hoosier cabinet, a china cupboard, a pair of Hitchcock chairs and other antique chairs and rockers, two small Nantucket baskets, a small four-poster bed, a drop-leaf table, and many other small and interesting items.

On Sunday, Sept. 12, the Friends and the Sturbridge Council on Aging (COA) will host an information table at the Sturbridge Farmer’s Market on the Town Common from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to familiarize local residents with the group and to enroll new members.

“We are eager to get our message out there to the general public,” said Benson, “and to make every-

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# Southbridge seniors celebrate at Sheriff’s Senior Picnic



Courtesy

Debby Desaulniers, Ronnie Duff and Barbara Chausse from Southbridge pictured with Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, were among the attendees at the Sheriff’s Annual Senior Picnic held recently on Aug. 21 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.

SHREWSBURY — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis had the distinct pleasure of hosting more than 1,000 senior citizens in 600 vehicles from throughout Worcester County for the Sheriff’s Annual Senior Picnic held on Saturday, Aug. 21 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.

The Sheriff’s picnic has become a highly anticipated and beloved annual event for the county’s senior community and drew another record crowd.

“As Sheriff, hosting the senior picnic is one of the great days of the year. Unable to do it last year due to Covid, we were determined to put on a safe picnic that would bring everyone together to celebrate. We were able to pull off a first of its kind drive-through picnic. People had such a wonderful time. I am so grateful to our volunteers and all the seniors who came out and made the day so special,” said Evangelidis.

The drive through picnic was sponsored by the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff’s Association including donations by many local businesses and featured a BBQ box lunch, raffle prizes, complimentary gift bags, music and entertainment. More than 250 volunteers, including over 100 members of the Nichols College football team, were also on hand to assist with the high turnout.

“We couldn’t have been more pleased with how the day went and we are thrilled that it has become such a beloved annual tradition. We fulfilled our goal of getting seniors out and about in a safe way and it’s fantastic to see such a great turnout with everyone having such a great time,” said Evangelidis.



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Jamie's was a wife, mother and a friend who lost her life tragically to domestic violence on June 22nd, 2021.  
Jamie's three children are now left without a Mother or a Father.

This benefit is to help her Children and to make their lives a little brighter.

# Southbridge Rotary honors youth award recipients

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Rotary Club had the pleasure of hosting the 2020 and 2021 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) recipients at their recent club lunch meeting at the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center.

Each year, the Club selects students from Southbridge Middle/High School and Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School who are in the 10th grade to receive this opportunity. Due to Covid-19, the 2020 conference was postponed, and all awardees were offered the chance to attend in 2021. Additional 2021 awardees were selected to attend this year, as well. RYLA is a youth leadership conference held in June.

The Southbridge Rotary had four attendees as part of 200 students from 50 clubs in Rotary District 7910 who attended a virtual three-day event. Geared primarily on leadership training, the sophomore and junior students learned conflict management, problem solving, important communication skills with breakout sessions and presentations. The students shared their experiences on everything they learned, the challenges of the programs, the friends they made an expressed interest in being a program facilitator



Courtesy

**Patrick Morrill, Christopher Tyzik, Samantha Inangleo, Marisa DeJesus and Mary O'Coin.**

next year and hope that it can be held in person. 2020 attendees who are all recent juniors were Christopher Tyzik SHMS, Marisa DeJesus, BPRVTHS, and Mariah Amponsah, SMHS was not able to attend the luncheon and the 2021 attendee was sophomore Samantha Inangleo at BPRVTHS.

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

# Southbridge Rotary honors youth award recipients

CHARLTON — Professors and students of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy gave a warm welcome to Ana Olivar, MSN Ed, RN of Rutland as full-time faculty for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Professor Olivar joined the Practical Nursing Academy as adjunct faculty in 2016. Professor Olivar will be the lead faculty for Medical-Surgical Nursing SIM laboratory with her expertise in



Courtesy

**Ana Olivar**  
high-fidelity and low-fidelity simulators.

Academy Director, Getheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN said, "We welcome Professor Olivar to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy as full-time faculty. We are happy that Professor Olivar joined the practical nursing department of Bay Path and are excited to work together towards the Academy's nursing accreditation."

Professor Watson obtained her Master of Science in Nursing degree from Walden University in Nursing Education track (2013). Professor Olivar began her nursing career as a Registered Nurse earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Cebu City Medical Center College of Nursing (1996) in the Philippines. She is a candidate for Doctor of Education specializing in Nursing Education from the Northcentral University.

Prior to joining Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Professor Olivar's professional experience included faculty positions at the Blackstone Valley Technical School, Quinsigamond Community College, and Massachusetts Bay Community College. Her past clinical affiliations include RN manager, nursing supervisor at the Neuro Rehabilitation Center at Worcester, Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital, and West Side House.

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# P.E.O. Sisters' Meeting includes Bay Path PN Director

PAXTON — P.E.O. Chapter R met recently at the home of Pamela Thomas-Nielsen. A delicious lunch was provided by the hostess. The P.E.O. sisters shared many interesting facts and explained the many wonderful fundraising activities as well as the equally wonderful scholarship recipients they have worked with in the past. Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSNEd, RN, CRRN of Douglas, Academy Director for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy attended along with her daughter Lilly A. Bolandrina of Boston, a sophomore at Boston University, major in economics. The Bolandrinas admired the many accomplishments and philanthropic work of the P.E.O. sisters.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women CELEBRATE the advancement of women; EDUCATE women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College and MOTIVATE women to achieve their highest aspirations. The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a U.S.-based international women's organization of about 230,000 members, with a primary focus on providing educational opportunities for female students worldwide. The Sisterhood is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa, with chapters throughout



P.E.O. Chapter R met recently at the home of Pamela Thomas-Nielsen. The sisters in attendance who shared their stories include the hostess, Pamela

Thomas-Nielsen of Paxton, Jane Flynn, Beverly Kruger and Eleanor Brockway, all of Worcester, Barbara Cotoian and Chris White, both of Shrewsbury, Katy Todd of North Andover, Joan Clauson and Sheila Ansley, both of Charlton. For more information about P.E.O., visit [www.peointernational.org](http://www.peointernational.org).

**STURBRIDGE VILLAGER**

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## AutumnFest set for Sept. 18

SOUTHBRIDGE—The Southbridge Business Partnership is sponsoring its annual AutumnFest, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18 on the Town Common in Southbridge from the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This giant community event is will include free games for the children, bands, photo booth, food vendors, crafters, Maggie the Clown, a beer and wine tent and much, much more---truly a day filled with fun for every age group.

The SBP will have a Raffle Table with items donated by the partners

and area businesses. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to sponsor community events, projects while highlighting many businesses in our community.

We feel that this will be a great opportunity for you and your family to get out and enjoy the Bounce House and Slide, Whack a Mole, Photo Booth and yard games---all of these free of charge.

Bring a lawn chair, settle in and enjoy two fabulous bands---She's Busy and Island Castaways. The children will be entertained by Maggie the Clown throughout the day. Maggie's program is supported in part by a grant from the Southbridge Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Students from Southbridge High School and the KDS dance studio will also perform.

Mark your calendars and spread the word---see you on the 18th.

## Library to host College Bound Citizens Virtual session

STURBRIDGE — The Joshua Hyde Public Library announces an online event called, College Bound Citizens, on Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. This is a virtual session, and the Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

Presented by Citizens Bank, this free educational session is provided to help students and families plan for college, learn about financial aid options, and boost their overall financial health.

For more information, or to register for this event or any of our other programs, please visit our website at [www.sturbridgelibrary.org](http://www.sturbridgelibrary.org) or on Facebook @sturbridgelibrary.

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# Expert says forest health needs citizen scientists

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

REGION—Area forests face a wide range of assaults, and the state can't keep track of them all. To Department

of Conservation and Recreation forester Felicia Hubacz, that's a call for citizen scientists to come forward and help. "By giving everyone else the

same knowledge I have, I hope you can take it and run," she told a few dozen participants of her MACC "Lunch and Learn" talk last week.

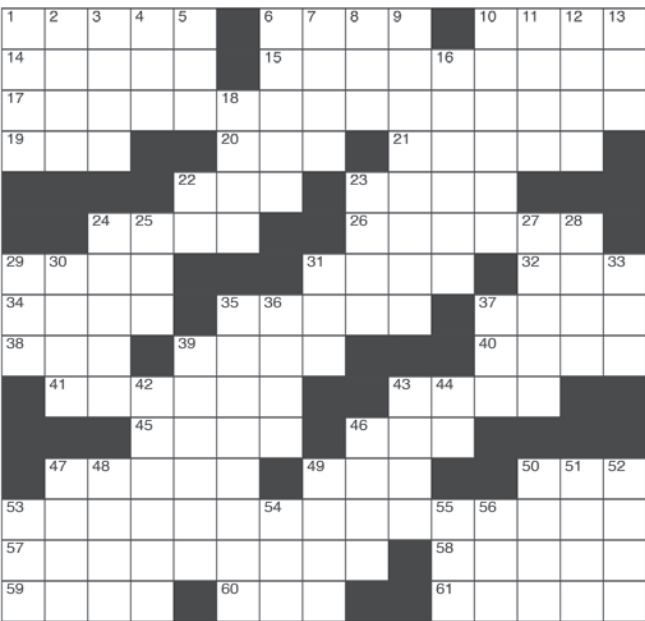
Hubacz's talk was primarily focused on updating the impact of several insect and other attackers on the Bay State's forest health, but there are countless citizen science opportunities available. One New England-specific website, naturegroupie.org, lists everything from monitoring Maine beaches or New Hampshire water quality to cataloging invasive plants, counting various kinds of animals, identifying vernal pools, and documenting the effects of climate change. The federal citizenscience.gov website lists 491 operational or planned projects nationwide; some are recruiting volunteers, others are not. Mass.gov specifically

has a Web page for "coastal citizen science" seeking people to do a variety of things to "advanc[e] scientific knowledge about the Massachusetts coast." "Community-based data collection helps fill gaps left by government, private, and non-profit groups with limited funds to research, explore, and protect vast natural systems," the mass.gov page states. In Hubacz's case, such assistance would fill gaps in understanding the effects and outbreaks of such things as beech leaf disease, which she said is new in this area but "we're seeing it all over the place." The illness afflicts all kinds of beeches; it's most noticeable symptom is

dark bands on the leaves that later become distorted. She said it's caused by a nematode, and was first observed two or three years ago. DCR has "no idea how it's being spread," but suspects birds. A similar relative newcomer is the emerald ash borer, but that has become so common it's "no longer a priority for the DCR," Hubacz said. She showed a map which indicated the insect's first pocket was in the Berkshires in 2012, but "we're just considering it everywhere" today. It's too new in our area for the trees to have developed a resistance, but she noted foresters are seeing resistant trees in Michigan. The agency uses three kinds of parasitic wasp as biocontrol, with five test sites in progress. By contrast, the gypsy moth—sometimes now termed "LDD" after the abbreviation of its Latin name—has been well-known for decades, but still strikes in cycles. This year, "almost all gypsy moth damage is in the Berkshires," where it's causing "lots and lots of defoliation," Hubacz said. Trees thus weakened tend to fall prey to various kinds of beetles and other attackers, and the moth's annual range is typically determined by weather.

Temperature also affects the woolly adelgid, a tiny insect that's been particularly harmful to hemlocks. Hubacz said they saw a "heavy dieoff" in the winter of 2017-8, but last winter did not get "enough of a temperature drop to see these guys drop in population." Ironically, she noted, these insects are almost all asexual female clones because our area doesn't have the spruce species they normally breed in. A few of the species' winged males have been found in Massachusetts, though. One troublesome insect DCR is "making good progress" against is the asian longhorned beetle. That has required cutting down a large number of trees, especially in the Worcester area, which was hard hit. Last year DCR found one infested tree on an Auburn golf course, but it did not seem to spread to others nearby. This year, they found one in Worcester, but the damage "looks older." The agency set many ALB traps in the Worcester area, "but we haven't found an ALB in a trap since 2015," she said. DCR is tracking several tree diseases, particularly white pine needlecast disease and red pine scale,

both of which have become more common due to climate change. The agency is also watching a few "possible future threats" that are not yet in our area, but have been reportedly relatively nearby. One is the spotted lanternfly, a southern insect that feeds on tree of heaven (itself an invasive), but also several kinds of fruit trees or vines. According to a map Hubacz showed, the closest infestation was in southwestern Connecticut as of August 2020, although individual insects have been spotted in Massachusetts. Part of the problem here is that the insect "will lay eggs anywhere"—on trees, on rocks—and its egg masses can be mistaken for lichens in early stages of development. Similarly, DCR is concerned about the possible arrival of oak wilt infection, a systemic fungal disease that can spread both by a beetle attracted to the spores and by root contact. It's now in New York, and she said, "If it's found in Massachusetts, it's going to be a real pain in the butt." Despite all these threats, she noted, "We'll always have trees, even if they're maybe not the ones we really want." Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

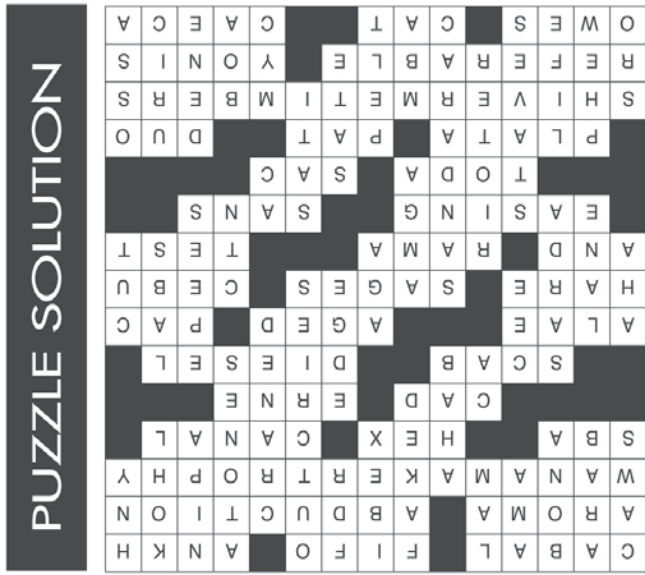


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Secret clique
- 6. Earliest in and out
- 10. Ancient Egyptian symbol of life
- 14. Olfactory property
- 15. Kidnapping
- 17. Golf prize
- 19. Helps little firms
- 20. Cast a spell on
- 21. Panama is one
- 22. Dishonorable man
- 23. Sea eagle
- 24. Part of the healing process
- 26. Vin's last name
- 29. Wings
- 31. Made older
- 32. Political device
- 34. Looks like a rabbit
- 35. Gurus
- 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Not or
- 39. Hindu model of ideal man
- 40. Exam
- 41. Making less difficult
- 43. Without
- 45. Dravidian ethnic group
- 46. A baglike structure
- 47. Buenos Aires capital La \_\_\_
- 49. Dab
- 50. Singers who perform together
- 53. Pirates' saying
- 57. OK to allude to
- 58. Somaliland diplomat
- 59. Has to pay back
- 60. Felix is one
- 61. Intestinal pouches

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Harsh cries of a crow
- 2. Type of horse
- 3. \_\_\_ fide: authentic
- 4. Doctors' group
- 5. Fugitives are on it
- 6. Forged
- 7. Wild goat
- 8. Influential American president
- 9. Calls for help
- 10. Repents
- 11. Palm tree with creeping roots
- 12. Black powder used in makeup
- 13. Happy New Year
- 16. Stretched out one's neck
- 18. Whale ship captain
- 22. Atomic #20
- 23. Border
- 24. River that borders India and Nepal
- 25. After B
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Where researchers work
- 29. Expression of satisfaction
- 30. Broadway actor Nathan
- 31. Heavy, heat-retaining stove
- 33. A way to eliminate
- 35. Type of tree resin
- 36. Russian river
- 37. Children's TV network
- 39. Troublemaker
- 42. Averts or delays
- 43. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 44. It cools your home
- 46. Satisfy to the fullest
- 47. Stinks!
- 48. Popular board game
- 49. Attack by hurling
- 50. A vale
- 51. Type of acid
- 52. Tasmania's highest mountain
- 53. No seats available
- 54. Licensed for Wall Street
- 55. Family of genes
- 56. Constrictor snake



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\$216,500, 153 Haynes Hill Rd, Wilburn, Margery J, and Stanton, James E, to Jewel Real Estate Inc.

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\$525,000, 179 Sturbridge Rd, Palmer, Rachel E, to Palmer, Leah M.  
\$376,500, 171 Sturbridge Rd, Palmer, Leah M, and Palmer, Lee, to Gehring, Frederick, and Marchetta, Ashley.  
\$250,000, 3 Old County Way, Sigaty, Elizabeth A, to Guertin, Hannah R.  
\$61,000, 6 Sioux Ave, Allentuck, Gianna M, to Celko, Lee A.  
STURBRIDGE  
\$1,669,783, 23 Main St, Sturbridge Ventures LLC, to Center Of Hope Fndtn Inc.  
\$795,000, 14 Meadow View Ln, Bachawaty, Teddi, and Najlaa, Hanna, to Christopher, Michael A.

\$541,000, 24 Audubon Way, Yacovone, Cheryl L, and Yacovone, John T, to Nankya-Kaggwa, Joreen, and Matovu, Isaac K.  
\$430,000, 3 Carey Rd, Darcy, Samuel, and Darcy, Jennifer, to Smola, Gregory, and Smola, Amanda.  
\$430,000, 467 Leadmine Rd, Darcy, Samuel, and Darcy, Jennifer, to Smola, Gregory, and Smola, Amanda.  
\$411,000, 147 Cedar St, Brunetti, Anthony, and Brunetti, Kelly A, to Kurtulus, Fidan A.  
\$389,000, 2 Fieldcrest Rd, Matte, Michelle, to Lemoine, Joseph A, and Moynagh, Renee L.  
\$320,000, 57 Brookfield Rd, Ortiz, Elizabeth, to Beauchemin, John G.  
\$276,000, 13 Main St, Leo, Richard A, to Benoit, Tammy, and Tatro, Betti Ann.  
\$260,000, 57 Steeple Vw #57, Favreau, Maybelle, to Chaplain, Ellen M, and Chaplain, Georgia.  
\$200,000, 59 Whittemore Rd, Awan, Roohi, to Therrien, Patrick.  
\$172,440, 35 Old Village Rd, Jerome, Gloria A, to Turning Pt Invs LLC.  
\$170,000, 11 Laflamme Ln, Pelouquin Agnes C Est, and Mcnamara, Deanne, to Sey, Pauline A.

## Southbridge residents to participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

SOUTHBRIDGE — Two residents from Southbridge will choose their own route on October 3 for the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way presented by Hyundai. Participants are encouraged to "Walk Your Way" from wherever they are most comfortable—whether that be from their neighborhood, favorite trail, or from a treadmill in their own home. Aida Arroyo and Yermey Arroyo, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most inspiring elements of Walk day. While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon® course, it will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event has raised more than \$150 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its more than 30 year history. "While we can't see everyone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual programming which will give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute," said Zack Blackburn, Director of the

Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. "Together, from a safe distance, we will take critical strides in the journey to defy cancer." This year's event will have a lower fundraising requirement, \$100 for adults and \$25 for those under 18, with a \$5 registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib and medal and the first 5,000 to register will receive a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt. Anyone interested in additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.harvard.edu. Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002. To register to walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. All Jimmy Fund Walk participants are encouraged to utilize the Charity Miles App to help with training and fundraising, engage with Dana-Farber patient stories and podcasts, and much more!

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# Cornerstone Bank named among most charitable companies in Massachusetts by Boston Business Journal

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has been named as an honoree in the Boston Business Journal's 2021 Corporate Citizenship Awards, a recognition of the region's top corporate charitable contributors. The Business Journal annually publishes this list to showcase companies that promote and prioritize giving back to their communities.

"We are honored to have been recognized for our charitable contributions throughout 2020," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "Our giving efforts last year included nearly \$400,000 in donations to local organizations. This included funds to purchase PPE for Harrington HealthCare System, donations to three local United Way chapters, the Worcester County Food Bank and the Worcester Community

Action Council, 16 scholarships to graduating seniors and many more."

This year, only 98 companies qualified for the distinction by reporting at least \$100,000 in contributions to Massachusetts-based charities last year. The honorees this year include companies from such industry sectors as financial and professional services, health care, technology, retail and professional sports.

"During a year filled with unprecedented events and change, it's incredible to think that so many companies, as represented by those on the Boston Business Journal's Corporate Charitable Contributors list, still gave so generously to charities in Massachusetts," said Boston Business Journal Market President and Publisher Carolyn Jones. "These companies give back at least \$100,000 to the local community, and now we are

in a time when giving back and helping one another is more important than ever. The philanthropic companies prioritize the welfare of our communities, and we are excited to be able to honor them."

Cornerstone Bank and other honorees will be celebrated at the Boston Business Journal's 16th Annual Corporate Citizenship Awards on Sept. 9, a commemoration of honorees that will be virtual to ensure everyone's health and safety.

"With the hardships many faced in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was more important than ever for us to continue to find ways to give back," continued Tallman. "Despite restrictions on gatherings, in-person events and other traditional opportunities for volunteering, we were still able to help better our own backyard, a commitment

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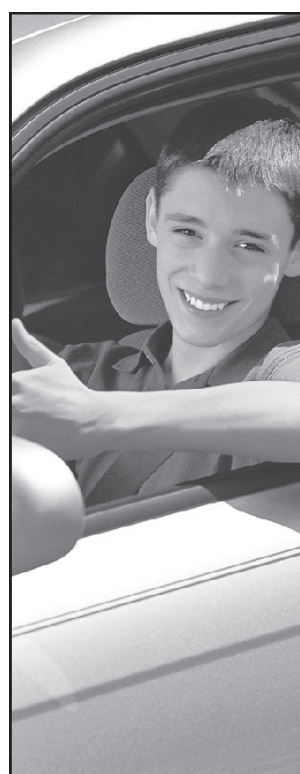
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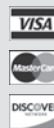
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# State officials reverse course on masking in schools

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
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REGION – Less than a month after authorizing local school boards to approve their own mask policies for the upcoming year, state leaders have reversed course and mandated masking in

schools. At a special meeting held on Aug. 24, the state's Board of Elementary and Secondary Education voted 9-1 to give Commissioner Jeffrey Riley the authority to mandate masks in all K-12 public

schools through at least Oct. 1. When students left school in June for the summer break, they assumed they were also leaving mask mandates behind. COVID-19 conditions were rapidly improving at the time, but the highly

contagious Delta variant caused a significant reversion over the last month. Now, as students head back to school, they'll once again have to include masks in their daily preparations. "In light of the current rise

of COVID-19 in Massachusetts, I believe a mask mandate will be an important additional measure to keep students in school safely at this time," Commissioner Riley said. "Masks remain a simple and effective mitigation measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. A mandate will also provide more time for students and staff to get vaccinated, as we know vaccination remains the single most important tool in mitigating the impact of COVID-19."

The late changes in policy at the state level frustrated local school officials, parents, and students. Many school committees had already voted on masking guidance for the fall of 2021, only to have state leaders override local policies at the last minute. Governor Charlie Baker had even supported the DESE's previous recommendations that individual school districts determine their own masking regulations.

"Giving the locals the opportunity to own the decisions they make is a big and important issue," Baker said during an Aug. 16 press conference. "If you look at what has played out in other states where the government has taken away the authority for locals to make their own decisions, that's not the right way to play this game."

Despite the vac-

illation among state educational leaders, many local school officials and parents are pleased with the eventual change back to mask mandates. Officials had been concerned about how to ensure continued safety in schools without firm policies in place, especially with unvaccinated students, staff members, and visitors returning to school buildings this fall.

The state's latest mask mandate applies to all public school students in grades K-12, as well as staff members. It includes an exemption for individuals who cannot wear a mask for medical or behavioral reasons.

At the end of September, Commissioner Riley will reassess COVID-19 conditions and determine with medical experts whether the mask mandate should be extended. With cases and hospitalizations sharply rising nationwide over the last month, many experts are predicting that conditions will worsen with the return of colder weather.

State officials said all decisions related to masking, however unpopular, are made with the goal of keeping students in class full-time this year. Riley and his team have faced pressure all summer from parents and educators on both sides of the debate.

"At the forefront of my rec-

ommendation is the best interest of students and staff as they return safely to full-time, in-person instruction this fall," Riley said. "While we have already put in place significant measures to support schools and districts in this regard, I am recommending this additional measure in light of the increasing case rates, and to further encourage and provide additional time for more students and staff to get vaccinated."

State officials said the mask mandate complements additional safety measures that were implemented jointly by the DESE and the Department of Public Health (DPH). These include guidance for schools on hosting vaccination clinics, establishing plans for COVID-19 testing in schools, and improving health screening for students and staff.

State officials are also utilizing the mask mandate as a tool to incentivize vaccination. In an August 20 memo released by Riley, the Commissioner indicated that, as of Oct. 1, all schools with a vaccination rate of 80 percent or greater for students and staff will be able to lift the mask mandate for vaccinated individuals only.

"Schools would be able to submit an attestation form provided by DESE to demonstrate they have met this threshold," Riley wrote. "Once schools

reach the 80 percent threshold and receive approval to lift the mask mandate, vaccinated students and staff may remove their masks. In alignment with statewide guidance, unvaccinated students and staff would be required to continue wearing masks."

The latest mask mandate from DESE aligns with similar orders in schools and workplaces across the country. Now that the Pfizer vaccine has gained full FDA approval, the nationwide push for increased vaccination rates received a major shot in the arm. Last week, several companies and agencies joined the list of employers requiring staff members to be vaccinated.

For Riley and his team, the push for increased vaccinations will continue through the fall. Officials are heavily promoting vaccination clinics as the cold and flu season looms. For now, state leaders are relying on the mask mandate to maintain safety.

"I believe having these measures in place will allow for a strong start of the school year and provide additional safety measures until more students and staff are vaccinated," Riley said. "As always, we will continue to monitor developments, consult with medical experts and public health officials, and adjust requirements as appropriate."

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## EDITORIAL

# Get a hobby

Although we typically hear the phrase 'get a hobby' as a sarcastic way of putting someone down, there is also some truth to it. It's important, especially for students to get involved in extra-curricular activities.

Even as adults, when looking for work, it's important to showcase experience as well as other aspects of your life. Most employers are looking for candidates who have a range of skills.

We learn this from a very young age. Striking a balance between work, school and taking time for yourself is key to a happy life. These days however, time seems to be something there is just never enough of. In fact, over the past several years, there has been a decline in civic engagement including neighborhood get togethers and leagues such as bowling, softball etc. Time seems to get eaten by social media or binging tv shows. Experts say the term 'busy' has been used as a badge of honor to make us feel important, not that we need to be busy, to actually be important.

Hobbies tend to make us more efficient. If we have a meeting to attend, or workout class to go to, we will check things off the list for work, to make time for what we want to do. When we feel like we have more time ahead of us to finish work, with nothing else to do, that time will get eaten up by work.

People tend to be more energized by active leisure, as opposed to watching movies or scrolling through social media. Active engagement allows us to be more present.

Hobbies are great for both students and adults alike in that it creates a chance to make friends and create new connections. We all know that social connections are key to creating happiness. People want to feel like they're a part of a community.

Further, learning new things gives you more to talk about it, therefore making you more of a unique person. It makes you a more well rounded. Whether you hunt, mountain bike, play music, collect stamps, or Doors memorabilia, you'll always have an interesting story to tell.

Being involved in other things besides school and work does relieve stress. Experts say to allocate one hour per day or a few hours per week to do something you feel inspired by. If there's something you've always wanted to do, don't wait for 'someday' do it now.

In our office, there are all sorts of conversations that take place because we all have different hobbies. We have history buffs, runners, musicians, hikers, snowboarders, actors, artists, movie buffs, podcasters and so much more.

As Dale Carnegie said, "Make the most of today. Get interested in something. Shake yourself awake. Develop a hobby. Let the winds of enthusiasm sweep through you."



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## Harvest Canning Tips

It's harvest season and Farmer's Markets are selling tomatoes and cukes in bulk, workshops on preserving produce are filling up fast and canning jar manufacturers report double digit hikes in sales. There's no doubt about it, canning continues to make a comeback!

Whether canning in bulk to use up garden vegetables or filling a few jelly jars for holiday gifts, the following information is geared toward helping your preserving efforts pay off in both financial and "feel good" benefits.

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out any bruises and discard any over-ripe fruits and vegetables.

\*Never reuse canning jar lids. Be sure to seal jars with a new, clean lid each and every time.

\*Do not store filled jars above 95° F or near hot pipes, a range, a furnace, in a non insulated attic, or in direct sunlight. Under these conditions, food will lose quality in a few weeks or months and may spoil.

\*Don't store jars in damp areas such as a basement. Dampness may corrode metal lids, break seals, and encourage spoilage.

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**Pepper Jelly**  
This jelly, which uses up the last of the season's garden peppers, makes a festive holiday gift.

**Ingredients:** 3 green bell peppers, minced; 2 (4 ounce) cans diced jalapeno peppers

1 1/2 cups distilled white vinegar;  
6 1/2 cups white sugar; 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper; 1 (6 fluid ounce) container liquid pectin; 5 drops green food coloring.

**Directions:** In a large, stainless steel saucepan, combine peppers, vinegar, sugar, and cayenne pepper. Cook over medium high heat. Stir frequently until mixture begins to boil.

Stir in pectin; boil 5 minutes longer, stirring constantly, and mix in food coloring. Skim off foam, and remove from heat.

Ladle into sterilized jars. Seal and process in a boiling-water canner for 5 minutes.

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**Apple Chutney**  
It's apple season in New England and this chutney, made from freshly picked fruit, will be the perfect accompaniment to upcoming holiday feasts.

**Ingredients:** 2 quarts chopped, cored, pared tart apples (about 10 medium); 1 cup chopped onions; 1 cup chopped sweet red bell peppers (about 2 medium); 2 hot red peppers, seeded and chopped; 1½ pounds seedless raisins; 4 cups brown sugar; 3 tablespoons mustard seed; 2 tablespoons ground ginger; 2 tablespoons ground allspice; 2 teaspoons canning salt; 1 clove garlic, crushed; 1 quart white vinegar (5%).

**Directions:** Combine all ingredients; simmer until thick, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. As mixture thickens stir frequently to prevent sticking. Pour boiling hot chutney into hot jars, leaving ½ inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace if needed. Wipe rims of jars with a dampened clean paper towel; adjust two-piece metal canning lids. Process in boiling water canner according to the altitude recommendations below. Makes about six pint jars.

**Recommended process time for Apple Chutney pints in a boiling water canner (altitude chart):** 1-1,000 ft, 10 minutes; 1,001-6,000 ft, 15 minutes; above 6,000 ft, 20 minutes.

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

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

## Are your loved ones prepared to be caregivers?



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Once you're retired and your children are grown, they are likely "off the books," as far as your financial responsibility for them is concerned. Yet, you're probably still prepared to do anything to help them – but are they ready to take care of you if the need arises?

Consider this: Almost half of retirees say that the ideal role in retirement is providing support to family and other loved ones, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave study titled Four Pillars of the New Retirement: What a Difference a Year Makes – and a slightly earlier version of the same study found that 72 percent of retirees say one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their family members.

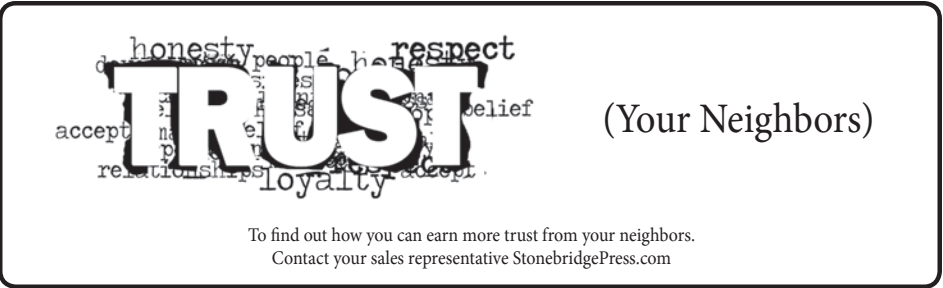
So, if you are recently retired or plan to retire in the next few years, you may need to reconcile your desire to help your adult children or other close relatives with your concern that you could become dependent on them. You'll need to consider whether your loved ones can handle caregiving responsibilities, which frequently include financial assistance. If they did have to provide some caregiving services for you, could they afford it? About 80% of caregivers now pay for some caregiving costs out of their own pockets – and one in five caregivers experience significant financial strain because of caregiving, according to a recent AARP report.

One way to help your family members is to protect yourself from the enormous expense of long-term care. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is now over \$100,000 a year, according to the insurance company Genworth. Medicare won't pay much, if any, of these costs, so you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can suggest possible ways of addressing long-term care expenses.

Even if you don't require a long stay in a nursing home, you still might need some assistance in the future, especially if your health or mental capacities decline. So, start talking to your loved ones about their possible roles if you should ever need caregiving. You may want to create a caregiving arrangement that specifies payment for caregiving services and outlines the expenses to be reimbursed if paid out of pocket by a caregiver. Also, you may want to create the appropriate legal documents, such as a durable power of attorney for health care, which enables someone to make medical decisions on your behalf should you become incapacitated, and a durable power of attorney for finances, which allows you to name someone to make your financial decisions if you become unable to do so yourself. A legal professional can help you make these arrangements and incorporate them into your overall estate plan. A financial advisor can suggest ways of preparing for the costs involved with caregiving and can direct you to relevant resources, such as social services provided by your city or county.

Clearly, there's much you can do to help shield your family from the financial strain of caregiving. But you are not alone: By drawing on other resources and outside help, you can ease the burden on your loved ones. And everyone will feel more secure when you have your arrangements in place.

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# Fall means trout fishing



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As we enter the month of September, many freshwater anglers are thinking about the fall trout fishing season in Massachusetts. As the waters start to cool from the extremely warm temperatures of this summer, anglers need to be aware that Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife will not stock trout until the waters are suitable to sustain the freshly stocked trout. It may be until October before the waters are cool enough to see a trout stocking. It is hard to believe that the Gulf has 90 Degree surface water temperatures this past week, prior to Hurricane Ida!

Saltwater fishing continues to improve on all fronts in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with schools of mackerel along the South shore of the Island. Fluke & seabass fishing also remains very good at the Island. Tuna were being caught around the Gully! Albi are showing up in both Mass. & Rhode Island waters. These hard fighting fish provide some great fishing for anglers using light tackle and fly rods. They do not provide good eating; however, some anglers do take a few home for table fare. Saltwater fishing should explode with action on all fronts in the coming weeks.

Ten local sportsmen left for Maine this past weekend to enjoy a bit of bear hunting that opened up this past Monday statewide. Bear hunters are allowed to set up bait hunting spots prior to hunting season. Hunters are allowed to use crossbows, compound bows, shotgun, etc. to harvest their bear in Maine. It should be a good year for hunting bear in Maine, if the weather cools off. Hunting bear in Massachusetts is open in all zones again this year, and a permit that costs only \$5 is required. Be sure to check all hunting



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**This week's picture shows nine-year-old Payton fishing with her grandfather Charlie this past Saturday on the Meadow Pond in Whitinsville. He takes her fishing as often as he can. She still will not handle the fish, but that will come in time.**

regulations before the season opens on Sept. 7. Second season opens Nov. 1, and the third season opens for shotgun Nov. 29.

Have you checked your status for an antlerless deer permit? Go to the Mass.

Fish Hunt Web site to see if you have won a permit. If you did, you will need to pay a \$5 fee. If you did not win a permit, you can still apply for an antlerless deer permit starting on September. The antlerless surplus deer permits go fast.

## Designing gardens for year-round color and protecting your investment



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Create a colorful year-round garden filled with flowers, greenery, colorful

fruit, fall color, winter interest and a few surprises. Consider seasonal interest when planning a new garden or landscape. Adding a few key plants to existing gardens can help boost your landscape's seasonal appeal.

Include a variety of plants with multiple seasons of interest as well as bird and pollinator appeal. You will look forward to the change of seasons as your landscape transforms throughout the year.

Use trees and shrubs to provide the framework and longevity in your landscape. Serviceberries, crabapples, dogwoods, and many others have flowers, fruit, pollinator, and bird appeal and add winter interest with their bark or form. Look for those with colorful exfoliating bark like paperbark maple, heptacodium, and river birch for a beautiful statement in the winter garden.

Include a few summer blooming shrubs like St John's wort, button-bush, panicle hydrangeas and Rose of Sharon. They add an unexpected fresh look to your summer landscape.

Perennials combine nicely with trees, shrubs, and annuals, adding seasons of color and texture. Include those that also attract songbirds, bees, and butterflies by creating a beautiful habitat. Blue star (Amsonia), Siberian iris, sedum, Rudbeckia, coneflower, and grasses are just a few that can brighten any garden with several seasons of color, provide homes for beneficial insects and food for the birds.

End the season with fall bloomers like goldenrod, asters, and hardy mums. These provide food for late season pollinators. Leave healthy plants stand, providing homes for many beneficial insects, winter interest in the garden, and food for the songbirds.

Use annuals to fill any voids, add season long color and yearly changes in the landscape. Containers on steps, decks and patios help bring the garden to your front and back door.

Include spring flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils and hyacinths planted in fall for a colorful welcome to spring. These and many of the earliest bloomers like winter aconites, grape hyacinths, and crocus provide needed nectar for early season pollinators.

Evergreens are always a welcome addition to any landscape. They provide shelter for the birds and year-round greenery. Find new and interesting ways to include them in your landscape.

Use taller evergreens for screening



Melinda Myers

**Include shrubs like this Blue Satin Rose of Sharon to add color and interest to the garden.**

bad views, buffering traffic and other noises, or creating privacy. Use evergreens with interesting form and texture to create a focal point in a garden bed or landscape. Combine them with perennials and flowering shrubs for added seasonal interest.

Then keep your landscape looking its best by protecting key plants from hungry critters like deer, rabbits and voles. Skip the fencing and scare tactics by applying a rain resistant, organic repellent like Plantskydd (plantskydd.com) at planting. You will need fewer applications and the odor-based repellent sends animals dining elsewhere before taking a bite out of your plants. Apply repellent before animals start feeding and follow the label directions for best results.

Continue to gather ideas with visits to public gardens and partaking in garden tours. Be sure to take notes and pictures that you can reference later. Creating a year-round landscape is an ongoing process that is part of the fun and adventure of gardening.

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## You are not your past

Many people feel like they can't have the life they want because of their past limitations or failures.

Maybe your family wasn't there for you; you didn't get the proper education, you've been fired from multiple jobs, or mistreated in relationships.

Many things aren't fair and can cause a chain reaction of events that may take us far off course. There are also many bad choices we make, and as a result, we end up missing out on the life we want.

You may have made mistakes, gotten into trouble, fired from a job, lost a relationship, but that doesn't mean it always has to be that way.

George Washington Carver said, "Where there is no vision, there is no hope."

I agree with his quote completely. George Washington Carver was a more brilliant man than I will ever be. For today's column, I would like to modify the selection to say, "Where there is no positive vision of the future, there is no hope."

It seems most people's vision of the future is dictated by the failures and limitations of their past, and therefore, they do have a vision, but it's a negative one.

One trait of a successful person is they don't allow themselves to be defined by their failures or their present unfavorable circumstances. Instead, they define themselves by a positive vision of their future.

That seems odd when you think about it. They define themselves by something that hasn't even happened yet.

It's easy to look at a great person and assume they had everything handed to them or that somehow life was much easier on them than it was you.

I have many fond memories of my parents taking me to Disney World. I've been on the rides, seen the movies, and heard about the man who built it all, Walt Disney. I've driven past the Disney

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skyscraper in Burbank, California, hundreds of times; I've auditioned at Walt Disney Studios dozens of times. When surrounded by all that accomplishment, it's hard to imagine that Walt ever faced any hardship.

Most don't know that Walt Disney was fired from his job at the Kansas City Star after his newspaper editor told him that he didn't have enough imagination or creativity!

What if Walt Disney allowed himself to be defined by that moment, and for the next 20 years, he wandered from job to job, telling himself, "I'm not creative, I don't have a good enough imagination..."

If he would've, he never would have created Laugh-O-Gram. Laugh-O-Gram was an animation studio that Walt was contracted to run. The studio was supposed to make twelve cartoons. Although the company started promisingly, it wasn't long before Walt was living at the office, taking weekly baths at Union Station in Kansas City, and finally bankrupting the studio; what a disaster.

He sold his camera, which gave him enough money for a one-way train ticket to Hollywood, Calif., and the rest is history.

I wonder how many potentially great people never accomplished their vision because they believed in their failures more than their vision of the future. They accepted what their present circumstances were telling them, rather than what their future vision was telling them.

If Walt Disney was one of those people, we'd have missed out on one of the most creative minds of the 20th century. Most obviously, he chose not to allow those negative experiences to define him because he became one of the most influential people of all time.

Like all great people, Walt Disney didn't allow his future to be dictated by the failures or limitations of his past.



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REGION — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce recent staff promotions.

Julie Yi has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Controller and Operations. She has extensive experience in finance and operations and serves on Country Bank's senior management team. Yi holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Nevada Las Vegas and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Justin Calheno has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Retail Lending. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business

Management from Westfield State University and is a graduate of The New England School for Financial Studies. Calheno serves as a Board Member for the Ludlow Boys and Girls Club.

Lisa Saletnik has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Business Systems. She holds an Associate's Degree from Baypath University in Health Science and is a graduate of The New England School for Financial Studies.

Mackenna Hogan has been promoted to Commercial Banking Administration Officer. She holds a Bachelor of Finance Degree from UMass Amherst.

Antonio Palano has been promoted

to Assistant Vice President, Retail Lending. He holds an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Springfield Technical Community College.

Newly appointed officers include Sam Pursey, Erin Skoczylas, Ashley Swett and Sarah Yurkunas.

Sam Pursey has been promoted to Relationship Management Officer. Pursey holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Finance from UMass Amherst.

Erin Skoczylas has been promoted to Assistant Controller. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Western New England University, an Associate's degree in Business Administration from Springfield Technical Community College, and is a graduate of The New England School for Financial Studies.

Ashley Swett has been promoted to Customer Care Center Officer. She is a graduate of The New England School for Financial Studies.

Sarah Yurkunas has been promoted to Relationship Management Officer. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Science in Business from Baypath University, a certificate from the Massachusetts Bankers Association in Fundamentals of Credit Analysis:

Intro to Commercial Lending, and is currently enrolled in the New England School for Financial Studies Program.

"I am thrilled to congratulate Julie, Justin, Tony, Lisa, Mackenna, Sam, Erin, Ashley and Sarah on their promotions and all of the accomplishments that got them here; they are a key part of our success. We're pleased to provide the opportunities for our people to develop not only within their roles today, but into new opportunities tomorrow. These team members embody our corporate values of iSTEP – Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence and Prosperity," stated Miriam Siegel, First Senior Vice President of Human Resources.

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## QCC at Southbridge offers broad support services

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College at Southbridge is gearing up for a new fall semester with a comprehensive set of classes and support services at its new Southbridge location.

"Students can obtain all the services they need right in their community. This is vital to our students who may not have the ability to easily get to Worcester," said Southbridge Site Leader, Geraldo Maldonado.

Students will have access to support services that include:

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"Offering a full array of support services to complement our programming at the Southbridge location is just one of the ways we are working to remove barriers that prevent students from attaining a high-

er education," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "QCC's dedication to Southbridge and the surrounding communities, coupled with our unwavering commitment to 100 percent student success is paramount."

QCC at Southbridge is located at 132 Torrey Road (Southbridge High School), enabling easier access to higher education for high school students through early college programs. The well-known location makes it possible for people in Southbridge and the South County region to take college classes for credit, non-credit, or workforce development classes for job retraining or reskilling.

To learn more visit [www.QCC.edu/southbridge](http://www.QCC.edu/southbridge).

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 [orjmartin@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:orjmartin@qcc.mass.edu).

## QCC at Southbridge offers broad support services

BOSTON — The following local residents were named to the 2021 spring semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

- Katarina Senckowski, Brimfield
- Alyssa Cameron, Brimfield
- Lindsay Albright, Charlton
- Olivia Panagiotou, Webster
- Victoria Lavelle, Webster

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

## About Simmons University

Located in the heart of Boston, Simmons is a respected private university offering more than 50 majors and programs for undergraduate women and graduate programs open to all on campus, in blended for-

mats, or entirely online in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, business, communications, social work, public health, and library and information science. Founded in 1899, Simmons has established a model of higher education that other colleges and universities are only recently beginning to adapt: the combination of education for leadership in high-demand professional fields with the intellectual foundation of the liberal arts. The result is a Simmons graduate prepared not only to work, but to lead in professional, civic, and personal life - a vision of empowerment that Simmons calls preparation for life's work. Follow Simmons on Twitter at @SimmonsUniv, and on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/school/simmons-university/>.

## ROTARY

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School families in need. Sturbridge Rotary partners with Lisa especially at Christmas where food, clothing, toys, gift vouchers, etc. are provided to the Burgess families in need. Lisa is also involved with Rotary's connection to the Comfort Zone Camp which helps children overcome trauma of losing someone close to them. Beyond Rotary, Lisa is well known for the many other ways in which she helps the local community. The name of the award, Service Above Self, is Rotary's motto and we can think of no one who demonstrates this more than Lisa by volunteering her time and talents to help others.

This special event was the first post-pandemic in-person meeting of the Sturbridge Rotary Club. Among those attending was Sturbridge Town Administrator Jeff Bridges, Selectman Mary

Dowling, Police Chief Earl Dessert, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Jodi Bourassa, Director of Special Education Brenda Looney, Burgess Elementary School Principal Kathy Pelley, plus many Burgess teaching and nursing staff, Lisa's proud parents Doris and Bill Brown and many Rotarians from both the Sturbridge Rotary Club and the Brookfields Rotary Club and their guests.

## About Rotary

The Sturbridge Rotary Club has been providing humanitarian service to the local and international community for nearly 50 years. Club members develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues including hunger, as well as support programs and educational opportunities for youth. For additional information on the Club, please visit [www.sturbridgerotary.org](http://www.sturbridgerotary.org) or visit [www.facebook.com/sturbridgerotary](http://www.facebook.com/sturbridgerotary).

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"I always thought it would be so difficult to have a pet that needed wheels or diapers. People often say that they can't believe we do that and how they couldn't – and I thought the same thing," Haslam said. "But then once we started taking care of them, the benefits outweighed the extra work. Once you get into a routine, it really isn't that much extra. And the love they give is so worth it. Plus, it is impossible to feel bad for whatever struggles I have when they are so joyful every

day. They don't complain or think, why me? They just look forward to every day."

Extensive planning went into the Sept. 25 event, and organizers are hoping residents have a fun time after countless beloved fairs and festivals were canceled last fall.

"This event is one that we have been planning for some time, and we really want people to have fun – from the scavenger hunt to the silent auction to the cookout," Haslam said. "The pandemic has kept us all apart, and for one day we want to come together."

To learn more about the event, visit [www.ourangelfoundation.com](http://www.ourangelfoundation.com).

## SENIORS FRIENDS

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one aware of the Friends' mission to help enrich the lives of older adults by assisting the Sturbridge Council on Aging in providing services."

A "Welcome Back Seniors" event, sponsored by the Sturbridge Dunkin Donuts, will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 3 to 7 p.m. The event will include entertainment, a tour of the Sturbridge Senior Center, and refreshments.

The first Friends meeting of the new season will follow on Wednesday,

Sept. 15, at the Senior Center, starting at 1 p.m. This will be an opportunity for the group to get acquainted and discuss ideas for the coming year.

Later in the fall, the Friends will offer a free luncheon to Friends members on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the Sturbridge Senior Center, and will celebrate Veterans Day on Saturday, Nov. 13 by collaborating with the COA and the Sturbridge Special Events Committee on the Third Annual Home of the Brave 5K Run & Walk. The race will honor veterans, those currently serving, and those who previously completed military service. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Sturbridge Veteran's Assistance Fund.

The Friends of the Sturbridge/Fiskdale Seniors, Inc. is a 501c:3 non-profit organization created in 1985 to initiate, sponsor, and encourage programs and services for older adults in Sturbridge and Fiskdale, to promote greater interest in the senior community, and to enhance the dignity and well-being of older adults. In addition, the Friends initiate and manage fundraising projects to supplements programs and activities that may not be provided for by the Town of Sturbridge or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Membership is open any interested citizen in Massachusetts; members do not have to reside in Sturbridge or Fiskdale.

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# September 2021 Happenings at the Brimfield Senior Center

## Ballroom Dancing Class with Julie Fitzgerald

September 14th and 28th 10:30 AM  
In this ballroom dance class, you will learn both the American style Smooth dances of the Waltz, Foxtrot, and Tango, as well as the American Rhythm dances Cha Cha, Rumba, Swing, & Salsa. These will be taught at a beginner level, so no dance experience necessary! No need for a partner either! Just come with your dancing shoes on and be ready for an hour of fun! (A \$2.00 donation is requested)

## “Mrs. Hamilton” A VERY SPECIAL EVENT - SEPTEMBER 21st AT 10:30

Come meet Mrs. Hamilton through a historical character performance by Anne Barrett.  
Smithsonian Magazine declared Elizabeth Hamilton “deserving of a musical of her own!” From wealthy belle to family protector, Eliza’s indomitable spirit and unwavering devotion to Alexander enabled her to survive and thrive after tragedy, leaving a lasting legacy that has lived on for 200 years. Join us for this magical journey back to

the days of our Founding Fathers... and Mothers. Immediately after the performance, please join us for tea and a light lunch. (Reservations required) Call the Senior Center at 413-245-7253

## HIP HOP DANCE!

**September 15th - 9:30 to 10:30**  
“All aboard the Hip Hop Soul Train Exercise Express”  
Travel through time on the “Soul Train” and chair dance to clean cut hip hop and R&B songs. We will use drums and African maracas to help make our soul train journey come to life. This program is funded through The Brimfield Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

**Craft Day! Falling Leaves Mason Jar Ornament with candle.**  
**September 16th - 10:30 AM**  
We are thrilled to have Nancy Giorgio-Kupiec onboard as our

senior center craft instructor. Nancy has a treasure trove of craft ideas and many years of craft teaching experience. Please call the senior center to register for this class prior to September 13th. \$7.00 per class which includes all materials.

**Join us for a Movie on the Big Screen – Thursday Sept. 23rd at 10:30 am.**

## The Last Right (PG-13)

New York based Daniel Murphy wakes on a flight to Ireland to find the elderly passenger Padraig Murph has died in the next seat. To his surprise the lonely Padraig had just listed him as his next of kin. Daniel, his autistic brother and a woman they’ve just met journey across the Emerald Isle to bury the stranger, becoming the focus of a nationwide manhunt. \$2.00 suggested donation for the movie – beverages and snacks free!

## Local students enroll at College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — The College of the Holy Cross congratulates 822 new Crusaders who will be starting at the College in Fall 2021. The following local students will be part of the Class of 2025:

**Matthew Jolie of Sturbridge**  
**Abel Lidonde of Holland**

The Class of 2025 includes students from 33 states and 15 nations across the globe. This year's incoming class is made up of 54 percent women and 46 percent men, with 23 percent of students coming from ethnically diverse backgrounds and 16 percent as proud first-generation college students.

These newly minted Crusaders have distinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics.

The new Crusaders will arrive on campus and move into the residence halls starting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, August 28th, where they will be welcomed to Mount St. James by an enthusiastic purple crew of current students, staff, faculty and alumni.

Fall classes are set to begin Monday, September 6th.

"I am thrilled to welcome Holy Cross' Class of 2025 - a vibrant and diverse group of exceptional students who are also one of the most academically accomplished classes in the College's history. I can't wait to see what you do and how you will grow ethically, spiritually and intellectually on The Hill," said Holy Cross President Vincent Rougeau.

## About Holy Cross

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

## QCC and MWCC collaborate on new program partnerships

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. and Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) President James L. Vander Hooven, Ed.D. have forged a new transfer agreement between the two Central Massachusetts community colleges, strengthening an already strong partnership.

The agreement will enable QCC students to seamlessly transfer to MWCC after they have completed their general education courses, in order to earn an Associate Degree in either Physical Therapist Assisting or Veterinary Technology. MWCC students will have a similar reciprocal transfer opportunity with QCC. MWCC students interested in an Associate Degree in Radiologic Technology or Respiratory Care can transfer into QCC's programs once their general education courses are completed.

"We serve the community and our communities are not defined by rigid boundaries; they blend into one another," President Pedraja said. "I think it is critical to create partnerships such as this one that will allow us to provide services to a

greater number of students."

"One of the areas in Massachusetts that all community colleges are looking for are ways to partner with one another so that we are not duplicating all of the services we offer. I think the proximity of QCC and MWCC offers us an opportunity for unique partnerships and this is a perfect example of how we can do that," said President Vander Hooven.

Both presidents see these types of agreements only increasing in the future to meet the needs of a diverse student population that community colleges such as MWCC and QCC historically serve.

"It can't be about competing against one another. We're all part of the Commonwealth and we are all working to help our students to ensure they are successful," said President Pedraja.

Visit QCC or MWCC to learn more about these new program partnerships.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508.854.7513 or [jmartin@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:jmartin@qcc.mass.edu)

## A closer look at the autumnal equinox

Each September, the Northern Hemisphere experiences the autumnal equinox, which marks the official beginning of fall. In the Southern Hemisphere, spring is arriving at this time.

Each year there are two equinoxes, the vernal and the autumnal (March and September, respectively). Shortly after the autumnal equinox, days begin getting shorter and the nights get longer. The autumnal equinox always occurs between September 21 and September 24. In 2021, the autumnal equinox takes place on September 22.

The word equinox is from the Latin "aequi," meaning "equal," and "nox" or "night." That means that during each equinox the hours of day and night are nearly equal in length across the planet. During the equinox, the part of the Earth that is closest to the sun is the equator, explains History.com. That helps make night

and day equal in length.

According to the Farmer's Almanac, the Autumnal Equinox on September 22, 2021, arrives at 3:21 p.m. EDT, 2:21 p.m. CDT, 1:21 p.m. MDT, and 12:21 p.m. PDT.

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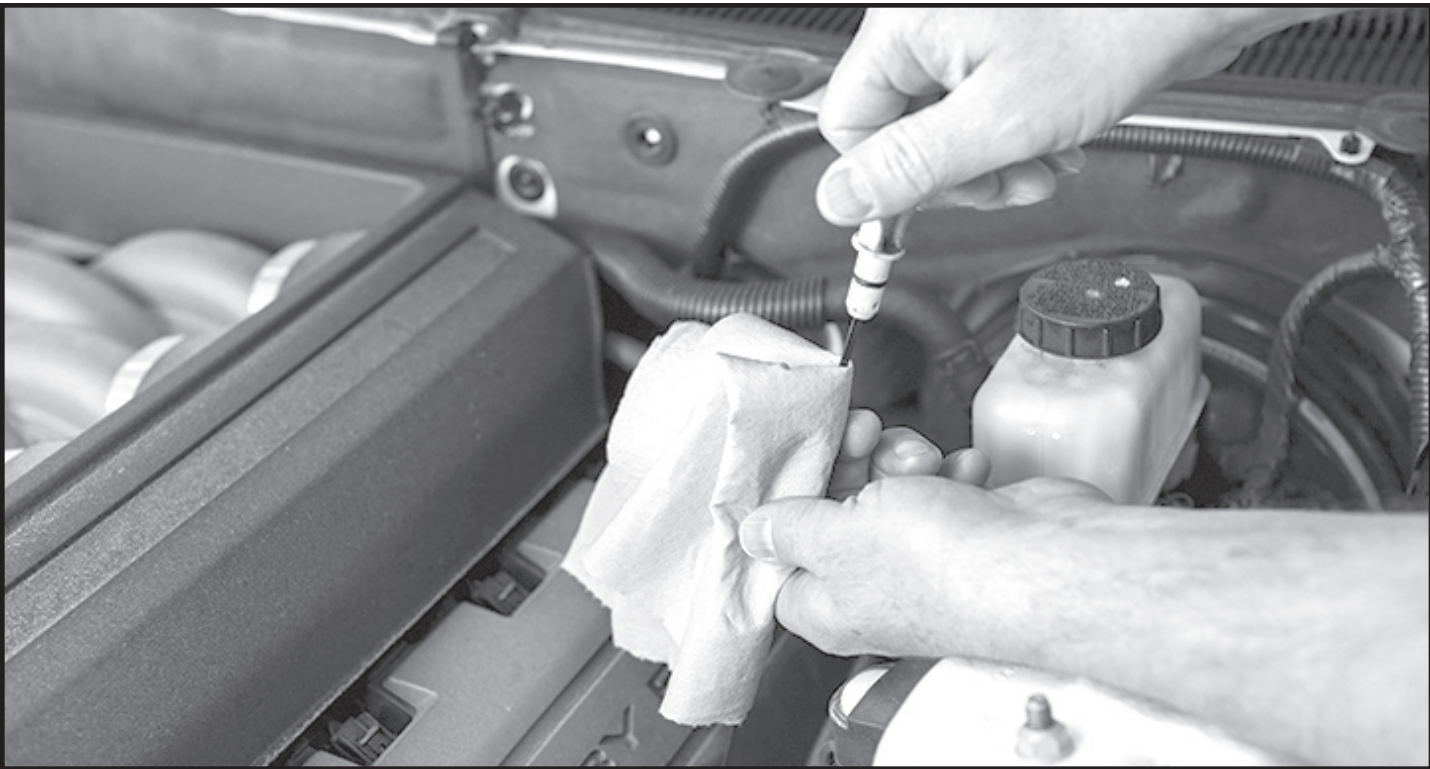
Vehicle maintenance schedules vary depending on manufacturer recommendations. In addition, the way a car is driven and the environment it's driven in can dictate if routine maintenance like oil changes needs to occur more frequently or if belts and hoses need to be replaced sooner than manufacturers recommend.

Many people drive in ways that align with routine maintenance schedules. However, drivers who put excessive wear and tear on their vehicles may have to follow a "severe" maintenance schedule. According to the automotive information site Car Gurus, many manufacturers adhere to a 30-60-90 schedule, meaning certain items need to be inspected, changed or replaced at 30,000, 60,000 and 90,000 miles. Certain vehicle parts wear out at predictable intervals, while others, such as rubber gaskets, windshield washer blades and tires, will degrade at irregular intervals.

It is generally recommended to speak with a mechanic and discuss driving habits to ensure vehicles operate efficiently and at peak capacity. The following are some conditions that may necessitate frequent maintenance.

- **Urban driving:** Stop-and-go traffic in an urban setting can wear cars out more quickly than highway driving. Experts say lubricants found in motor oil break down rapidly under these and other conditions, including especially hot temperatures.

- **Short trips:** Frequent, short trips can take a toll on a vehicle. Again, this may be a problem for those who reside in



cities or bustling suburbs. Short trips of no more than five miles can contribute to an accumulation of water vapor that dilutes motor oil and adversely affects its efficacy.

- **Heavy loads:** Advanced Auto Parts says transporting or towing heavy loads can put more wear and tear on a vehicle. Loads can include cargo or passengers.

- **Dusty or salty environments:** Dust can accumulate in air filters and clog

internal engine components. Similarly, living close to the coast and salt water also can cause car parts to rust or degrade quickly.

- **Extreme temperature conditions:** People who reside in extremely cold or extremely hot climates may find that their vehicles have to work that much harder to operate, reducing the life span of automotive fluids, parts (especially car batteries) and the overall vehicle

unless action is taken.

For those who frequently encounter these severe conditions, switching to a severe maintenance schedule with the guidance of an automotive service shop can help. The added cost of more frequent fluid changes and other maintenance can be recuperated by fewer breakdowns and the reduced need for potentially costly repairs.

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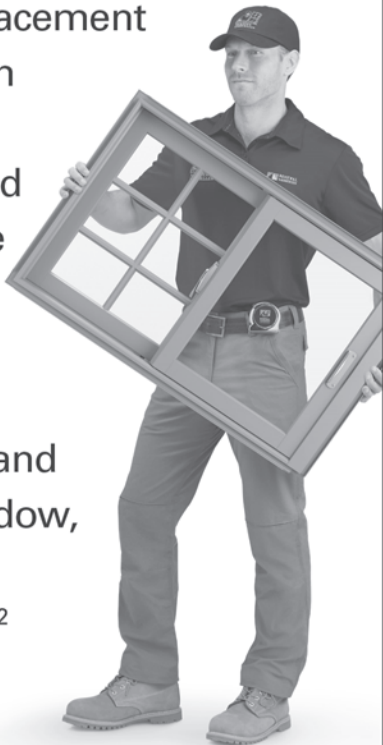
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5:30-7 Kevin Herchen  
8pm Rose Porter & The Neon Moons

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10-4pm Farmer's Market at Agricultural Center  
10am Beef Cattle Show (Cattle Show Tent)  
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NOON National Anthem  
1-3 Holdin' Back Band  
8pm Vyntrye Skynryd

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**ON THE GROUNDS**

10am Draft Horse Pull (Pulling Area)  
10am Dairy Cattle Show (Cattle Show Tent)  
10-4pm Farmer's Market at Agricultural Center  
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1pm Youth Rabbit Showmanship (Agricultural Center)  
5pm Demolition Derby (Grandstand)  
6:30pm Chicken Flop/Poop Bingo (Agricultural Center)

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