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Haunted hayride scares up support for homeless veterans



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Mason Casker, Victoria Feeney, Brody Palma, Natalena Feeney and Olivia Feeney pose with festive Halloween decorations while eagerly waiting for the start of their hayride.

BY JORDAN GABLASKI
CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Century Sportsman's Club of 531 Rochdale St. was recently transformed into a Haunted Hayride and Spooky Walk that offers great Halloween fun for the whole family.

Every Friday and Saturday night throughout the month of October, volunteers from the Sportsman's Club came together to run

the highly popular seasonal fundraiser for the benefit of both the club and Veterans Inc., a local shelter for homeless veterans.

Fans of night frights and Halloween fun received a discount on tickets to the event in return for bringing non-perishable food items that were donated to the shelter at the conclusion of the hayride, which saw its last day of operation on Saturday, Oct.

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Auburn-based family business recognized as a leading manufacturer

AUBURN — Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced that Worcester Envelope Company received an award for being a leading manufacturing company within the Commonwealth. As a member of the Legislature's Manufacturing Caucus, Senator Moore nominated Worcester Envelope Company for the statewide recognition earlier this year.

The company was founded in 1893 and has evolved to become an industry leader with a particular focus on customer service. In addition to producing seven million envelopes per day, Worcester Envelope Company provides an array of mailing and logistical services while operating a 100,000 square foot printing facility. The company was one of 78 companies in Massachusetts awarded by the Manufacturing Caucus for their manufacturing achievements.

“Worcester Envelope Company is a well-known and highly respected family business in our region that has operated for more than one hundred twenty-five years,” said Moore. “An important part of the company's long-term success has been its ability to provide unparalleled quality while evolving to meet the needs of the market. The company employs many local residents and is an important component of our region's vibrant economy. I was proud to nominate Worcester Envelope Company for this recognition.”

A formal awards ceremony was held at the State House this month to provide legislators with an opportunity to acknowledge manufacturers from their respective districts that stand out as employers, innovators, and model businesses.

Formed in August 2014, the

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‘Civil Service’ designation lifted from police chief's position

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The town of Charlton's annual fall town meeting concluded with a rather contentious pair of articles on Tuesday, Oct. 8 as voters were asked whether or not to remove both the Police Chief and Lieutenant positions from civil service.

The idea was first brought

up in July by Selectman David Singer, who felt that removing the two positions from civil service designation would benefit the town by allowing for a more competitive and detailed hiring process. Singer started the debate by restating his opinions and explaining that this is a route many communities have chosen in recent years throughout the commonwealth.

“A lot of this came from the fact that we went through a chief hiring process and we paid a lot of money for an assessment center. They compile complete evaluations of all the candidates and, low and behold, we're not allowed to see them. So, you cannot review any of the evaluations of the candidates that they wrote for the town. All they do is give us a score. By removing

this, among many benefits and coming in line with the rest of the state we'd actually be able to read the evaluations from the assessment center,” Singer said.

This started smoothly as the penultimate article of the meeting sought to remove the chief position from civil service and passed with little debate. A counted vote was taken after an inconclusive voice vote

resulting in a 61 to 30 decision in support of the article. However, it was the last article of the night that sought to remove the lieutenant position from civil service that drew the ire of several police representatives from the crowd.

Charlton Police Officer Timothy Smith was the most vocal opponent of the article

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Gus Steeves Photos

Even stormtroopers like Jaxxon Cortis take some time to play checkers.



Debbie Bilis gives some “otherworldly” advice to a young patron.

Library tunes to the ‘toons

OXFORD – Oxford Public Library was taken over by stormtroopers, ghosts and Captain Americas (yes, several of them) Saturday as it hosted its first ever Comic Event.

Children's Librarian Debbie Bilis, garbed as a ghostly spirit, said they saw many “traditional” characters – princesses, superheroes, “Star Wars” beings, etc. – and

many kids in the teen room trying their luck for prizes in the Iron Giant punch box early in

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Voters put a hold on social media bylaw

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Charlton’s fall annual town meeting put a new social media bylaw before voters for consideration that would regulate postings on web-sites like Facebook by town employees, officers, and elected and appointed officials of the town.

The bylaw received mixed responses from the very start with confusion over who would enforce the bylaw, who would be grandfathered in under the proposal and how this would affect social media pages and forums currently operated by employed, elected or appointed officials of the town. Jordan Evans, who serves as a constable in Charlton, was one of the more vocal citizens at the meeting seeing as she operates an online community news and information resource for her town on her own time.

“I run a Facebook page that I use to interact with citizens of the town of Charlton to post election results and other things as they come up in the town. When I created that page, it was never meant to be a town identity, however social media designated me as an

official public figure on Facebook so I don’t have control over that. Facebook designated me as an official public entity because they didn’t want my identity to be compromised. Would my personal account retroactively become a town identity?” Evans asked.

Evans’ comments were just some of many throughout the discussion that highlighted some unknowns that remained with the social media bylaw. Curtis Meskus represented the Technology Committee at meeting, who played a role in forming the bylaw, and responded to some of the concerns.

“The town officially needs to maintain its identity and control over what the town does and what the town puts forward. It would be our intention in this bylaw that if you were to have a personal site and did not represent yourself as speaking for the town, but just providing the information, then that would be acceptable,” Meskus said.

“An example would be that in a neighboring town an official left employment of that town and used the towns seal on a personal site. It was very difficult for that town to regain control of that because there was no bylaw in place to do that.”

Other citizens voiced complaints against the bylaw calling it overreaching and invading free speech. Selectman Deborah Noble first brought the idea of a new bylaw to the town several years ago as the result of an incident in another town where an employee was fired for their social media conduct. With numerous controversies, both in the commonwealth and nationwide, stemming from how public officials present themselves on social media having a bylaw felt like a logical step for Charlton to take.

“One of the things we’ve talked about for years now is bringing Charlton into the 21st Century, but without the foundation, without guidelines in place, we can’t move forward appropriately so this is the beginning of that. It has taken two years, it has gone through the Technology Committee, it has gone through multiple departments and it has gone through the attorneys. I think it’s important to realize we’re not trying to inhibit freedom of speech or freedom of expression. Really what we’re trying to do is to encourage responsible speech. There’s nothing wrong with that,” Noble said.

In the end, voters felt there was too

much gray area and work still to be worked out with the bylaw. A motion to postpone action on the bylaw was approved in a counted vote of 71 to 26, putting the bylaw on hold until next May. Selectman Noble said she hopes to see citizens make their voices and concerns heard before then so that the town can bring a newly revised version to the table that everyone can get behind.

“A lot of departments put a lot of hard work into crafting the social media bylaw. So, the one thing I’d ask everybody to do is, if you’ve gotten up tonight and you’ve spoken up against it, if you think it’s too onerous and too restrictive, I would expect that you would be contacting one if not every member of this board and sending your thoughts and suggestions to us so that when we come back in May, we can actually say that we were contacted and we’ve incorporated everyone’s concerns,” said Noble. “If those concerns were brought forth when this was posted in September, perhaps we wouldn’t be sitting here right now having this discussion.”

Frost announces November office hours

AUBURN — Rep. Paul Frost (R-Auburn) announces he will be holding an office hour in Auburn on Nov. 11 at the Public Library at 4 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet and discuss issues with Rep. Frost and a member of his staff.

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Constituents do not need to wait for

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- Nov. 7- Oxford Public Library 4-5 p.m.
- Nov. 11- Auburn Public Library 4-5 p.m.
- Nov. 14- Millbury Public Library 4-5 p.m.

Helping Hand Society to host Christmas Fair

CHARLTON — The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will host their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Rd., Charlton.

All proceeds will benefit the group’s charitable commitment to the Charlton Community. Offerings include our popular “Gramma’s Attic”, Bake and Cookie by the Pound Table, Raffle Tickets, Chinese Auction, etc. Introducing a “Bag Lunch to Go.” You won’t have to stop for lunch – take it with you as you visit the other fairs in the area! All raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the fair.

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Gateway to hold staged reading of “Eclipse”

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Friday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m., Gateway will hold a staged reading of “Eclipse,” an original play written by Jeffrey Coggins. This is free and open to the public, and will be held in Fellowship Hall at Elm Street Congregational Church.

“Eclipse” tells the story of a man dogged by uncertainty and despair, trying to make his way through life- accompanied by a shadow. A staged reading means that this is a work in progress and the audience is welcome to offer comments after the readings. Gateway is always proud to encourage new works and is happy to showcase Jeff’s writing. He may be remembered for his appearances in “Rocky Horror Show” and “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

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Sturbridge recognized for commitment to being dementia friendly



STURBRIDGE — The Massachusetts Councils on Aging (MCOA) and the Dementia Friendly Massachusetts (DFM) initiative are pleased to announce that at the recent MCOA Conference, Sturbridge, Massachusetts was recognized for its work to become dementia-friendly by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs Secretary Elizabeth Chen. Council on Aging Director, Leslie Wong accepted the recognition plaque on behalf of the community. To earn the recognition certificate, the community of Sturbridge, has taken specific steps, including signing a formal pledge, to make the town of Sturbridge more welcoming and supportive of people living with dementia and their care partners. Sturbridge joins 21 other communities across Massachusetts who have pledged to work to raise public awareness, reduce stigma and educate citizens to improve the lives of those living with dementia across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. An additional 130 communities are engaged in the Massachusetts Dementia-Friendly initiative and are finalizing their formal commitments. With the support of the Tufts Health Plan Foundation, Dementia Friendly Massachusetts is a project of the Massachusetts Councils on Aging. The goal of Dementia Friendly Massachusetts is to increase the number of municipalities around the Commonwealth that commit to supporting those living with dementia, their families, and care partners, by signing the DFM pledge. To help communities to become dementia-friendly, DFM offers educational and networking events, access to online resources, and guidance from the DFM project manager. An estimated 120,000 people in Massachusetts live with Alzheimer's disease or some form of dementia, and the number is expected to rise to 150,000 by the year 2025.

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Executive Office of Elder Affairs Secretary Elizabeth Chen, Council on Aging Director Leslie Wong and Outreach Coordinator Marcia Wildgrube.



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Cater 2 Kids OT hosts Halloween event



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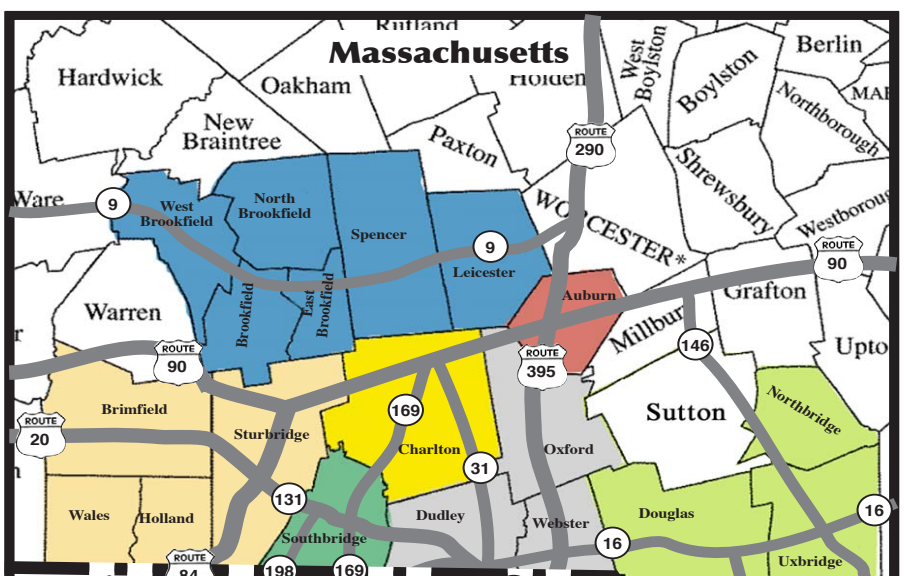
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Holiday gifts for gardeners

Holidays are a wonderful time to gather with friends and family, share a special meal and exchange gifts. Finding the perfect gift for those we love can be overwhelming and stressful. No need to fret; give the gift of gardening that provides seasons of joy.

It doesn't matter if your recipient is young or old, new or experienced, an avid gardener or one who just likes the benefits gardening provides. You can find something special for everyone on your gift list.

Small and large space gardeners will appreciate help keeping their tools handy as they work their way through their landscape. Give them a bucket, pair of gloves and a few tools to keep by the door for those quick planting, weeding and deadheading sessions. Or decorate an old mailbox and turn it into tool storage to be mounted in the garden. Their tools will be handy and they'll spend less time and fewer steps hunting down forgotten tools.

Or purchase a tool caddy. Look for one that's colorful and waterproof like the Puddle-Proof Tote that holds and keeps hand tools, gloves and seeds dry. Help them wrangle larger tools for easy transport from the shed to the garden and from bed to bed with a wheeled tool caddy that handles larger tools.



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cut flowers or vegetables. It's easy to maneuver, eliminates multiple trips to the shed and is perfect for gardeners of all ages and abilities.

Tools are always a favorite of gardeners. Newbies need to build their tool collection while experienced gardeners may need to replace broken or time worn hand tools. Consider giving a harvest basket, bucket or tool caddy filled with some basics. All gardeners will appreciate a new innovative tool that makes gardening easier or more fun. Look for ergonomic tools that are built to ease stress on joints and allow gardeners to work longer with less pain. Multifunctioning tools like the Golden Gark Rake that rakes, scoops and sifts helps save storage space and the need to haul around multiple tools.

Help your favorite gardener keep their green thumb in shape all winter long. Provide them with pretty pots, potting mix and seeds. Look for kits

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So, break out your gift list and look for ways to give the gift of gardening. Your family and friends will appreciate your thoughtfulness all year long.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great*



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Indoor herb kits keep gardeners growing all year, while providing fresh herbs for flavoring and garnishing meals.

Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardeners Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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26. A massive pile of canned goods stacked just behind the ticket booth spoke to just how successful the event was in its fundraising efforts.

The chief organizer behind the hayride, Frank Hight, was in charge of a large number of volunteers, including his own sons and father David, Sportsman's Club members who helped to make the event possible. The club has been home to the hayride for the past 20 years, thanks to the hard work and dedication that they, and other volunteers, have poured into it. The structures built for the event, including buildings and temporary walls scattered throughout the near-

by woods, are all made from recycled materials gathered for this specific purpose.

Last Friday evening, with Halloween on the horizon, Hight said the hayride entertained a staggering 598 visitors. Even at that point, the club had already broken its previous seasonal record of 4,000 riders. A long line of thrill seekers began forming well before the first ride at 6 p.m., the crowd comprised of all ages, from young children to high school students and groups of adults looking for some Halloween thrills.

Susan Leary and her group, an enthusiastic bunch hailing from Auburn, were excited but nervous, since this was their first time attending the event.

Though the group did not know quite what to expect

from the hayride, Leary laughed heartily as she said "I've already been scared...I'm the first scream of the night!"

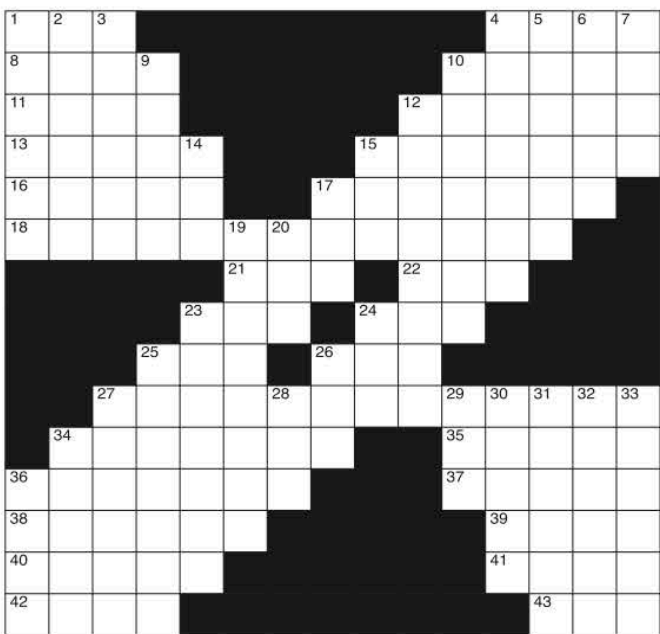
She explained that a costumed volunteer dressed as Beetlejuice tapped her on the shoulder, prompting her to let out a scream when she turned around to see his ghoulish face leering at her.

The rides began at 6:45 p.m. as visitors climbed eagerly into trailers lined with hay bales and were pulled through a 15-minute-long collection of eerie and imaginative stages decorated with Halloween themed images. Masked figures materialized from the darkness and chased the trailer while pumpkins and orange lights barely illuminated the path, and for one eerie moment, the trailer rolled to a stop in the

middle of a clown party where the creepy clowns danced and ventured too close for comfort, inviting riders to step down and join them. The autumn evening was punctuated by the sounds of chainsaws, and screams of surprise and fright (often followed by embarrassed laughter). After the hayride, guests were directed toward

the spooky walk to enjoy further Halloween horrors.

The hayride and spooky walk drew visitors from across the state, and its success is a tribute to the generosity, spirit and hard work of the volunteers from the Century Sportsman's Club who return every October to do their part for a great cause.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Third-party access (abbr.)

4. This (Spanish)

8. Goals

10. Something to do lightly

11. "Great" North Sea Empire legend

12. Iced or chilled drink

13. Weight units

15. Immune system response

16. Groundbreaking German pharmacologist

17. Milk-supplying companies

18. Enjoyable distraction

21. Doctor of Education

22. Type of submachine gun (abbr.)

23. Curved shape
24. Brew

25. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet

26. Advanced degree

27. Shock rocker

34. Enthusiast

35. Quiet's partner

36. Hijacked

37. TV's once needed them

38. Brings together

39. Narrow piece of wood

40. Paths

41. Monetary unit

42. Wings

43. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Gear

2. Outer part of a bird's wing

3. Good luck charm

4. Removing from memory

5. Group of seven people

6. Records

7. German river

9. "Last of the Mohicans" actress Madeleine

10. Ancient Greek war galley

12. Nonsensical speak

14. Title of respect

15. Cast out

17. Have already done

19. Wood-loving insects
20. Analog conversion system (abbr.)

23. Pokes holes in

24. Waiver of liability (abbr.)

25. Sea cow

26. Protein coding gene

27. Where boats park

28. The top of a jar

29. Fitting

30. German city

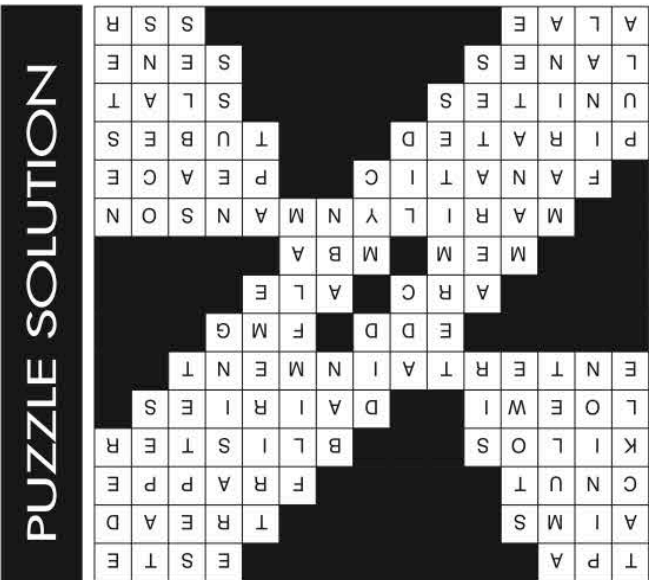
31. Martens

32. They're all over the planet

33. One that nests

34. Coming at the end

36. Croatian coastal city





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<div><div>Full Price \$1.75 Reduced \$0.30 Daily Breakfast Alternates: Assorted Muffins, Cereal and Yogurt Smoothies & Parfaits Or Try the Grab and Go Line with an assortment of pastries All meals are served with a choice of assorted 8oz low fat milk</div><div>**Menu Subject to Change Without Notice**</div></div>				
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 4	Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 5	Scrambled Eggs Bacon Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 6	Pancakes with Mixed Berries 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 7	Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 1
	Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 12	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 13	Waffle Bar with Assorted Toppings 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 14	Sausage, Egg & Cheese Quesadilla 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 8
	Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Biscuit 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 19	Scrambled Eggs Bacon Whole Wheat Toast 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 20	French Toast with Syrup 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 21	Bacon, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 15
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 18				Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Biscuit 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 22
Homemade Coffee Cake 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 25	Bacon, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 26	Assorted Bagel Assorted Cream Cheese 4oz Yogurt 4oz Fruit Juice Fruit Variety 27		

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Chicken Pot Pie Diced Chicken & Mixed Vegetables in a Creamy Gravy Topped with a Flakey Biscuit Tossed Salad Fruit Variety 4	Buffalo Chicken Tenders Mac & Cheese Peas & Carrots Veggie Sticks w/Dip Fruit Variety 5	Shepherd's Pie Seasoned ground Beef and Corn topped with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy WW Dinner Roll Fruit Variety 6	Chicken Alfredo Chicken in a Creamy Alfredo Sauce over a bed of pasta Broccoli WW Dinner Roll Fruit Variety 7	Turkey Bacon Melt Tender slices of Turkey, toasted with Bacon & Cheese Green Beans Fruit Variety 8
	Mozzarella Sticks Baked Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Steamed Carrots Cucumber Salad Fruit Variety 12	Nachos Seasoned Ground Beef & Cheese on a bed of Tortilla Chips Served w/ assorted toppings Chipotle BBQ 3 Bean Salad Fruit Variety 13	Brunch For Lunch Pancakes w/ Sausage or Ham, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant Hash Brown Strawberries 14	Buffalo Chicken Sandwich Spicy Grilled Chicken Breast on a Bun w/ lettuce, tomato & onion Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Variety 15
	Pork Carnitas Seasoned Shredded Pork in a Whole Wheat Tortilla w/ lettuce, tomatoes, Salsa, Guacamole and Sour Cream Mexican Street Corn Fruit Variety 18	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Tossed Salad Fruit Variety 19	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Whole Wheat Pasta topped w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Stick Green Beans Fruit Variety 20	Roasted Turkey w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Roasted Butternut Squash Bread Stuffing Cranberry Sauce Apple Crisp 21
Taco in a Bag Seasoned Ground Beef & Cheese served in a bag of Nacho Cheese Doritos w/ assorted toppings Black Bean and Corn Salad Fruit Variety 25	Chicken Nuggets w/ Buttered Noodles Peas & Carrots Fruit Variety 26	1/2 Day 27		

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Skip the screens

One of the most frustrating phenomena of recent years is to witness a baby, or toddler, or even a school aged child being occupied with a screen of some sort while sitting at a restaurant. It seems as though this is now such a common sight that it has become the norm, and is socially acceptable.

We are not doing these children any favors. We are teaching them that this family time is for the adults, a throwback to children should be seen and not heard. If your child is misbehaving or fussy, flashing a screen in front of their face may be a quick fix but no valuable lessons are being learned. Back in the day, when a child was fussy, a parent would simply remove them from the room.

A restaurant setting is the perfect time to teach children how to behave in a social atmosphere. We know that distraction is key. There are other options to distract a child then with a screen. Crayons, peek a boo, Cheerios, etc., etc. On that rare occasion, when a parent is feeling overly stressed, tired and lacks patience to deal with a crabby toddler, we get it, and we understand.

The issue we have is the staggering amount of time babies and children are exposed to screens, and how that exposure is playing a detrimental role in delayed development and language skills. Children are exposed to the television set in the morning, iPads during the day, phones during appointments then again after dinner. All of this time adds up.

Preschoolers should not have more than one hour of screen time per day, according to experts. Some local doctors suggest that time, be cut down to zero. Studies have revealed that excessive screen time during the formative years has stalled development, including social development, lack of eye contact or interest in the world around them. One study concluded that a higher level of screen time at ages two and three, significantly affected developmental screening tests. The bright lights have also been shown to compromise development.

During those early years, the brain is at a critical time in development. Young children should be exploring their world as well as developing motor skills. This can only happen when they are on the move, looking around them and observing what's going on. If they are glued to a screen, none of those things are happening. Technology is no replacement for the one on one time that comes with interaction with a person.

Face to face time allows for children to interact verbally and non-verbally as well. The instant gratification of a screen inhibits the child's ability to slow down. Old school toys, such as puzzles, books and blocks are best. Again, everything in moderation. We think screens have a time and a place and do offer some fun and educational components, however we think the bad outweighs the good, when used in excess.

Ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Studio 20/20 to Sturbridge



“Taco Tuesday” Networking at Mexicali Mexican Grill

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Millennials may need to boost life insurance



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If you’re a Millennial – born between 1981 and 1996 – you’re either in the very early or relatively early stages of your career, and as the old song goes, you’ve got a lot of living to do. Still, it’s not too soon to think about a financial issue you may have overlooked: the need for life insurance.

Regarding this topic, Millennials need to ask three key questions:

When should I purchase insurance? The answer to this question depends somewhat on your stage of Millennial-ism. If you’re a young Millennial, perhaps just out of college, single, and living in an apartment, your need for life insurance may not be that great. After all, you may well have other, more pressing financial needs, such as paying off your student loans. But if you’re an older Millennial, and you’ve got a mortgage, a spouse and – especially – children, then you unquestionably need insurance, because you’ve got a lot to protect.

How much do I need? Millennials who own life insurance have, on average, \$100,000 in coverage, according to New York Life’s 2018 Life Insurance Gap Survey. But that same survey found that Millennials themselves reported they need coverage worth about \$450,000, leaving an insurance deficit of approximately \$350,000. That’s a pretty big gap, but of course, these figures are averages and may not apply to your situation. Still, you should know how much insurance you require. You might have heard that you need life insurance worth about seven or eight times your annual salary. And while this isn’t a terrible estimate, it doesn’t apply to everyone, because everyone’s situation is different. A financial professional can look at various factors – your age, your marital status, number of children, size of mortgage, etc. – to help you arrive at an appropriate level of coverage.

Keep in mind, also, that your employer may offer life insurance as an employee benefit. However, it might be insufficient for your needs, especially if you have a family, and it will probably end if you leave your job.

What type of life insurance should I get? Many people initially find life insurance to be confusing, but there are basically two types: term and permanent. As its name suggests, term insurance covers a given time period, such as 10 or 15 years, and provides only a death benefit. It’s generally quite affordable, especially when you’re young and healthy. Permanent insurance, on the other hand, offers a death benefit and a savings component that allows you to build cash value. Consequently, the premiums are higher than those of term insurance. Again, a financial professional can help you determine which type of insurance is most appropriate for your needs.

Thus far, we’ve only been talking about life insurance. But you may also need other types of protection, such as disability insurance, which can replace part of your income should you become ill or incapacitated. And you may eventually want to explore long-term care insurance, which can help cover you for the enormous costs of an extended nursing home stay.

You should at least consider all forms of insurance as part of your overall financial strategy. The future is unknowable – and as a Millennial, you’ve got plenty of future ahead of you.

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Best (Budget Friendly) Halloween Hints

Want to welcome little ghosts and goblins to your door with more than a tasty treat on Halloween? Getting into the spooky spirit can be as easy as greeting trick or treaters to a dose of creative creepiness. Best of all, with a little imagination, setting the stage for frightful fun doesn’t have to break the budget!

Through the years this column has passed along ideas to ensure a spook-tacular holiday, and some favorites deserve an encore. From front



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

door fright to morbid makeup, the following tips culled from past columns offer affordable options to turn up the terror this Halloween! ***

Front Door Fright

These ideas add a haunted house element to your home.

Flight Factor: Here’s how to create the image of a few ghosts bobbing around your front porch or foyer. Just drape a thin sheet square or cheese-

cloth over a white helium balloon. Use a marker to make two eerie eyes. If you want, tie the sheet off under the ghosts head, or just let it swing free as it bobs in the porch wind. For even more drama, attach the long balloon string to a house eave or roof. The sight of helium ghosts hovering in the dark is sure to spook trick or treaters! ***

UFO Alert: Trick Halloween visitors by attaching glow sticks to black helium balloons and tying onto a roof or tree. The wind creates just enough movement to make kids wonder!

A hunter's best friend

Owning a dog for hunting and companionship can be one of the most rewarding experiences a person can have during their lifetime. Some people often own more than one dog during their life, and is often credited with the persons longevity. When the dog or their owner passes, it is a sad time for the one that they leave behind. This week's picture shows Charlie Warren of Northbridge with his new pup he recently purchased after the passing of his Golden Retriever of only four years. He was still left with his older dog shown in this week's picture along with his new pup on the right, but the passing of his young dog left a huge void in the family.

His wife also felt the loss of the young dog, so the pair decided that they needed another dog. After a few months they found a breeder in Vermont that had a few Golden Retrievers left from a recent litter and they decided to make the trip, to hopefully purchase one of the remaining pups. Arriving at the breeder's home, they quickly decided on one of the pups after checking out the breeding and the breeder's reputation. The family is now complete again and the two retrievers have bonded very well, but it will take a while before the great memories fade after the loss of his four-year-old pup. You never forget.

After the passing of my Wife Judy this year, I was left with her beagle, Molly. Molly also gave us many great memories over the past six years, and my yellow lab Twig has become closer after I brought Twig indoors. Twig



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was always a kennel & hunting dog, and never did like it indoors. Numerous times I brought her in, but she was always at the door to go out. Bringing her in during extreme weather conditions was all that she tolerated. Fortunately, I have had the time to take both dogs to a local club daily for hunting, and for long walks. This week's second picture shows Molly on guard in the backyard.

This spring, I purchased a mountain bike at a yard sale and keep it at the club for the daily run. It works out just great and they get to do a lot more running, as this old body is slowing down. On most runs, the pair of dogs find a pheasant at the club and flush it out of there hiding spot. Molly has become a great bird dog, but she has not learned to bark while on the trail of an elusive pheasant, which is extremely rare for a beagle.

In past years, I have owned many beagles when rabbit hunting was great in the valley. At least twice a week, we would take the beagles to the Douglas State Forest. There was a good population of snowshoe hare in the swamps back then, thanks to local clubs like the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club that I am now one of the few founding fathers remaining. Bob Blackley, Herb Hingley, Fran Magowan and a couple of others are still living, and remember the good old days. Rod & Gun Clubs purchased snowshoe hare from a trapper in Canada annually, and stocked them live into areas like the Douglas state forest. Listening to the hounds trail the



scent of a snowshoe hare for sometimes hours was music to our ears.

The snowshoe hare importation to the valley area was stopped 20 years ago or more by anti-hunting groups, and now our woodlands have become silent with the loss of the snowshoe hare. At the end, sportsmen's groups were purchasing snowshoe hare for more than \$20 each! A small population of snowshoe hare still remain in the Western Part of the state. A recent spike in the cottontail rabbit population in the valley area, is good news if you do not have a garden.

The start of the pheasant season in Mass. a couple of weeks ago has been providing some great hunting opportunities for pheasant, but sportsmen feel the loss of a once popular game bird the



grouse. This fast flying bird offered bird hunters the opportunity to enjoy some fast shooting in local covers, and it took a real good pointing dog to hold the bird from flushing until the hunter could get a good shot. Many of my fellow bird hunters think that Massachusetts should close down hunting for grouse in areas of the Blackstone Valley, Zones 8 and 9 to help restore their populations due to lost habitat.

Fishing on the saltwater and freshwater continues to provide some great fishing, but this past weeks weather did not want to cooperate, unless you like to fish in miserable weather.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

TRAINOR

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Note: Disposable glow sticks are inexpensive, and often have a loop or hole at the top that you can use to tie to the base of the balloon.

Ghastly Ghosts: Manufacture a spooky spirit with some cheesecloth and either equal parts Elmer's glue and water or liquid starch. Simply soak the cheesecloth in the stiffener until fully saturated. For a tabletop ghost, place a balloon atop a paper towel roll. Drape the cheesecloth over the balloon until completely dry. Add eyes with a magic marker or felt. If you're more ambitious, use the same procedure to form a giant lawn sculpture!

To add some "super spook" to your ghost, tuck a string of battery operated white mini lights under the sculpture.

Crime Scene: If you have a sidewalk, cement walkway or paved driveway, you can easily create a creepy crime scene. Simply use fluorescent sidewalk chalk to draw a life size outline of a "victim." Up the fright factor by stringing a length of yellow "caution" tape along nearby trees or bushes.

Light the Way: Forget old fashioned (and potentially dangerous) candles to light your carved pumpkins! Battery operated flameless candles and disposable glow sticks are ideal alternatives to softly and safely illuminate Jack-O-Lanterns. The lights can also be placed inside (decorated) paper bag illuminaries to safely line a walkway or path to the front door.

Wet Webs: Simulate scary spider webs by hanging long strands of string from your porch. Be sure to make them long enough to touch the heads of little ones. To add an extra dose of gore, spray the strings with water.

Morbid Makeup
For many creative costumers, a face properly made up for the occasion is a must. But before you run out to buy expensive makeup kits, try your hand at some kitchen creativity to concoct colorful creams and dramatic skin embellishments. Here's a collection of classic recipes that rival professional makeup techniques.

Face off: Makeup can make or break a costume. Whether you're a clown or a ghost, the following basic "recipe" is sure help you put your best Halloween face forward!

To create an easy face makeup that can be tinted with food coloring, mix together one teaspoon cornstarch; one half teaspoon water; one half teaspoon cold cream and two drops of food coloring. To make a big batch of makeup in different colors, mix ingredients in the cups of a muffin tin and you'll have a palette of colors at your fingertips. Just add a different color food coloring to each cup. Mix well and apply.

No cold cream on hand? Make the makeup from scratch. Here's how: Blend three tablespoons cornstarch, one tablespoon flour, three quarters of a cup of Karo light corn syrup; one quarter cup water and one quarter teaspoon

liquid or paste food coloring.

Kid's Choice: This child safe recipe uses vegetable shortening in place of cold cream for a base. In a small bowl, combine ten teaspoons cornstarch and two teaspoons flour. Stir in five teaspoons of vegetable shortening and one eighth teaspoon food coloring. Stir in one quarter teaspoon glycerin, mixing together well.

Bloody Good: Any vampire worth his blood knows a ready supply of the yucky red stuff is a necessity on Halloween! To mix up some realistic blood, blend 1 3/4 cups of corn syrup with one quarter cup of water. Add two teaspoons of red food coloring and five to ten drops of blue food coloring until color resembles real blood. Add one quarter cup of sifted corn starch and mix well.

Scary Skin Ailments: Making scars, scabs, moles and other gory facial features require a little more imagination. Gelatin, in various colors and stages of set makes for a realistic Halloween array of yucky facial imperfections.

Ingredients: one ounce gelatin (plain or flavored depending on desired effect); two tablespoons boiling water; mix ins as needed: couscous, hairs, paprika, colored sugar; four tablespoons corn syrup
Directions: In a small bowl or cup combine gelatin and water. Mix and let set three minutes. To create general skin growths: Before the gelatin sets completely make moles, blisters, and some other skin growths by dripping the liquid gelatin onto a ceramic plate and letting it set completely. When set use a sharp object to carefully peel the forms off of the plate. Stick them onto the face by using a drop of corn syrup as adhesive Or, drip unset gelatin for form a dripping effect, or the foundation for other gory skin conditions. Stirring in mix-ins adds texture to the effects. Sprinkling colored sugar into the unset gelatin will make grainy textured effects, while sprinkling paprika on top of the globs once they've begun to set will make some scab wounds look scabbed over.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great 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 renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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Friday's Child



Bailey
Age 11

Hi! My name is Bailey and I enjoy spending time with animals!

Bailey is a kind and creative eleven-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. Bailey has many interests and hobbies such as playing outside, swimming, cooking and baking. She also enjoys playing imaginative games with her stuffed animals and dolls. She will often ask others to compete in a game of Uno, Candyland or Connect Four with her. She is a competitive, playful child who is always willing to try new games and activities. Animals are also very important to Bailey and she enjoys going to farms to visit and interact with different types of animals.

Bailey is very eager to have good relationships with adults and peers in her life. She puts in a lot of effort and energy into forming

positive relationships. In the school setting, Bailey has been able to create and maintain friendships with several peers in her classroom. She is currently in the fifth grade.

Bailey has identified that she wants to be an only child in a family that will love her and keep her safe. She would also like to be in a family that has pets and shares her love for ravioli! Bailey's team would love to see her placed in an active two parent family that has a strong support system, and very involved in their community. Bailey's future family should be willing to engage in services and maintain contact/visits with her birth parents and siblings.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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



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SPORTS

Spartans score two second-half goals to rally past Auburn



Auburn's Erin Flaherty makes a block on a kick from Uxbridge's Elena Franzosa.



Allie Morawski of Auburn beats Lindsey Moss of Uxbridge to the ball, heading it forward in the offensive zone.



Haley Norris of Auburn puts defensive pressure on Uxbridge's Kathryn Cahill.



Auburn's Alyssa Knight makes a save with oncoming pressure from Uxbridge strikers.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Senior Elena Franzosa scored her 13th goal of the season with 10 minutes, 25 seconds left to play to lead the Uxbridge High girls' varsity soccer team past Auburn High, 2-1, on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at Memorial Field. The win pushed the Spartans back into the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament.

Uxbridge, the defending champion of that tournament, trailed 1-0 at the half. The Spartans are now 5-3-2 in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) play and 8-4-3 overall.

Auburn is now 7-7-3 overall.

Uxbridge seniors Lindsey Moss and Sonila Murati assisted on Franzosa's game-winning goal, a 30-yard right-to-left shot that found the upper left corner of the net.

"Elena scored on a quick transition," Spartans' head coach Brian Linnehan said. "We work all the time on going 60 yards on two passes and that's what we did there. Lindsey got Elena the ball and Elena got her head up, saw where

the keeper was and then she just hit a beautiful chip shot."

Uxbridge tied the game, 1-1, 25 minutes into the second half on a goal by eighth-grader Kathryn Cahill.

"Kathryn scored on a brilliant goal," Linnehan said. "We'd been playing well all day, switching the point of attack. At that time we were coming down the right side and we like to, when we can, put the ball in behind the defense, and that's what we did. Elena slotted that ball into Kathryn and Kathryn got in behind the defender and was one-v-one on the keeper and she slipped it right past her. That's how we like to play."

After the Spartans took the lead on Franzosa's goal, senior goalkeeper Sydney Bretana made it hold up, finishing with 14 saves, nine in the second half.

"Sydney's been big for us all year; she's been big for the last three years, for that matter," Linnehan said. "She's steady. Sydney makes the saves she has to make and sometimes she makes a spectacular save, too. Sydney's good for us back there."

Linnehan said now that the Spartans are back in the tournament, the focus shifts to preparing for the postseason.

"This game, for me, was the start of getting tournament ready. We talked a lot about executing today and just putting everything together that we've been training for all year," Linnehan said. "We're healthy, which is good, because we haven't been healthy all season. Elena has been hurt, Lindsey has been hurt, too, and we've had some concussion issues. But now I feel we're going into Districts ready, with a head of steam."

Auburn took a 1-0 lead in the 29th minute of the first half, senior Haley Norris scoring on a shot that deflected off an Uxbridge defender, which re-directed it past Bretana and into the Spartans' net.

"I thought at times we played phenomenal. I think we had chances —

that's been the story of our season — we have chances but we're not putting them away," Rockets' head coach Emily Para said. "And now it's coming back to bite us in the butt. We needed this and it hurts."

"They're a good team and they fought hard," Para continued. "I think we controlled the first half and I think they came back after half and we got a little complacent at times. But we had chances and we're not finishing them. It is what it is."

But Auburn is still District-bound in the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament thanks to their 7-2-2 mark in SWCL games. That tied Grafton High for the top spot in the four-team SWCL A Division. In a four-team division, the top team (and ties) automatically qualifies for postseason play.



Sydney Bretana of Uxbridge makes a save on the shot sending Auburn's Emily Turcotte over the top.



Kathryn Cahill of Uxbridge sends a shot toward the Auburn net.

SPORTS

Grafton rules at Southern Worcester County League Golf Championship

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — With the Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) Golf Championship getting pushed back a week because of Mother Nature, that meant that the member schools who qualified for their respective Central Mass. Tournaments — Tantasqua Regional in Division 1, Grafton High and Millbury High in Division 2, and Leicester High in Division 3 — finished up postseason play and everyone’s final tournament was at the SWCL Championships, which was held at Leicester Country Club on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Each competing school — Southbridge High did not field a golf team this fall — brought six golfers to the 18-hole course, and the top four scores from each team were counted toward the team total. There, Grafton High emerged victorious with a cumulative stroke score of 298. Millbury High took second place (312) with Tantasqua Regional not too far behind in third (324).

The full SWCL Golf Championship team results are as follows:

- 1. Grafton (Ryan Schiappa, 72; Matt Lukasevich, 74; Deron Breen, 75; Alec Molinari, 77), 298
- 2. Millbury (Tom Rembiszewski, 76; Jack Remuck, 76; Ryan Tarasiak, 77; Hunter Luby, 83), 312
- 3. Tantasqua (Will Pieczynski, 76; Grace Farland, 79; Brandon Jarzabski, 83; Jack Gagnon, 86), 324
- 4. Northbridge (Pat Rosenlund, 77; Hayden Maynard, 78; Will Pielt, 81; Colin Brody, 99), 335
- 5. Leicester (Ryan Russo, 86; Riley Whalen, 86; Ryan Pickett, 90; Ryan Whitworth, 91), 353
- 6. Auburn (Nic Spanos, 80; Tom Cowden, 90; Nate Gette, 95; Zion Burdick and Mike Dillon, 97), 362
- 7. Uxbridge (Kevin Siefken, 87; Katie Cullen, 89; Johnathan Fabian, 93; Dan Redgate, 93), 362
- 8. Bartlett (Moises Lewis, 90; Ryan Truscott, 93; Barry Berthiaume, 99; Josie Corridori, 101), 383
- 9. Oxford (Liam Jessie, 79; Brady Margopolis, 97; Matt Beals, 104; Sam Kann, 114); 394



Nick Ethier photos

The Southern Worcester County League Golf Championship was held Thursday, Oct. 24 at Leicester Country Club, where Grafton High won the tournament.

- 10. Quaboag (Cole Crosby, 88; Aidan Fitzgerald, 96; Lynne Merrill, 109; Travis Floury, 110), 403
 - 11. David Prouty (Gavin Haynes, 102; Dan Bowen, 121; Tyler Johnson, 122; Jared Holmes, 125), 470
- On the individual side, 10 of the 66 golfers earned certificates for their

strong play. Grafton’s Ryan Schiappa was medalist after carding a 2-over par 72. Teammate Matt Lukasevich followed with a 74, and another Grafton athlete — Deron Breen — finished in third with a 75. Other certificate winners included Millbury’s Tom Rembiszewski and Jack Remuck

(fourth place tie, 76), Tantasqua’s Will Pieczynski (fourth place tie, 76), Millbury’s Ryan Tarasiak (seventh place tie, 77), Northbridge’s Pat Rosenlund (seventh place tie, 77), Grafton’s Alec Molinari (seventh place tie, 77) and Northbridge’s Hayden Maynard (10th place, 78).



SPORTS BRIEFS

Ski or snowboard at Wachusett Mountain

Are you interested in having a lot of fun while also helping to make the winter fly by? Any students in grade 3 and up, parents or teachers from any of the surrounding towns and states can ski or snowboard eight consecutive Saturday nights at Wachusett Mountain for just \$158 through the Southbridge Ski Club. You drive to Wachusett Mountain on your own. The eight-week program begins on Saturday, Jan. 4 and ends Saturday, Feb. 22. Ski or snowboard rentals as well as lessons are also available at a very reasonable cost. You may also be able to ski or snowboard for free through your health insurance coverage. Also, anyone (students or non-students) can purchase Gold, Silver and Bronze Season Passes at a lower discounted price through our Club. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at lisirich-ard15@yahoo.com.

Softball pitching lessons available in Southbridge

A 17-week softball pitching lesson (for children 7 years old and up) is available at the Southbridge Community Center (152 Chestnut Street) on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The 50-minute sessions start Oct. 20 and go through Feb. 23, 2020. There will be no pitching on Dec. 22 or Feb. 23, 2020. Ask about team/league discounts. Pitchers must bring a catcher. Please contact Bill Rahall (Clark University) at wlrah@yahoo.com or (860) 576-3440 for more information. Hitting lessons are also available every week.

Annual Trunk or Treat held in Charlton

CHARLTON – The town of Charlton Arts and Activities Center played to the towns annual Trunk or Treat celebration, a modern tradition that saw numerous citizens, local businesses and community groups come together to create decorate trunk displays for costumed trick or treaters to visit.

In addition to the traditional trick or treat concept the day also included cupcake decorating, costume and display contests and more to help everyone capture their Halloween spirit.



Santa came to town early for Charlton's Trunk or Treat. Young Joseph dressed as the popular holiday mascot along with Caitlin and Kaite as his elf assistants.

Jason Bleau Photos



This detailed trunk display featured a fun under the sea theme with shades of "Finding Nemo."



Cornerstone Bank put together this creative trunk display called the Cornerstone Blood Bank.



Charlton Selectman Deborah Noble shows off her trunk display.



Local musician James Billis performs for some early Trunk or Treaters.



A trio of heroes prepare to take on the frights of Charlton's annual Trunk or Treat event.



A breast cancer awareness themed trunk stood out for its pink theming.



Mason and Brayden Conroy pose for a photo before beginning their Trunk or Treat trek.



What better place for a fireman and police officer to pose for a photo than in front of one of Charlton's very own fire trucks?



Local Cub Scout Pack 165 went outdoorsy for their trunk display.

OBITUARIES

David A. Benoit, 62



LEICESTER- David A. Benoit, 62, of Woodland Road died Monday, October 28 in Dodge Park Rest Home surrounded by his family after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. He leaves his wife of 41 years Rebecca "Becky" J. (Boissel) Benoit, a daughter Elizabeth N. Jankoski and her husband Kane of

Paxton, a son Steven A. Benoit and his wife Cara of Paxton, his step-mother Jane Benoit of Northboro, four brothers; Craig Benoit and his wife Dianne of Auburn, William Galasso of Englewood, FL, Robert Galasso and his wife Rachel of Leicester and Barry Benoit of Hudson, seven grandchildren; Noah, Madison, Brody, Mia, Landon, Greycen & Quinnlyn, his longtime best friend Jim Bernier and his wife Hazel of Webster and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers;

Alfred Benoit and Mark Galasso. David was born in Worcester, son of Alfred Benoit and Nancy (Laprade) Goodwin. He worked at Kadant Corp. of Auburn for many years before retiring due to illness. He was the former President and longtime coach of the Leicester Soccer Club. He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle and vacationing with his family. He spent many hours watching and enjoying his children and grandchildren's sporting events over the years.

Dave's family would like to sincerely thank the staff at Umass Memorial Health Alliance- Clinton Hospital, and the staff at Dodge Park Rest Home for their kindness and compassion during Dave's last weeks. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, Nov. 4 at 6:00 PM in MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester. Calling hours will precede the service from 3:00-6:00 PM in the funeral home. Please omit flowers. www.morinfuneralhomes.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 2

HARVEST FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, Auburn. Handmade crafts, table linens, attic treasures, homemade baked goods. Enjoy a cup of tea and pastry in our tea room and stay for lunch.

Thursday, November 14

PREPARING YOUR ESTATE PLAN: 6 p.m., Brookdale Eddy Pond East, 667 Washington St., Auburn. It's a topic people tend to put off or ignore, but one of the most important things you can do is to develop a sound estate plan. Doing so lets you take a giant step toward a more secure future for yourself and generations to come. Hosted by Edward Jones Financial Advisors of Auburn.

Saturday, November 30

AUBURN JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB EIGHTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., North American Martyrs Parish Center, 8 Wynona Dr., Auburn. Come and celebrate small business Saturday with us! Crafters, and vendors will be selling their wares. There will also be some attic treasures for purchase as well as food and beverages. Admission is \$1 or a non-perishable food item to benefit Kateri's Kitchen (food pantry).

Saturday, December 7

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Joseph's Parish Center, 68 Central St., Auburn. Come and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas Bazaar and check out the Collectibles, Attic Treasures, Plants, Jewelry, Knit Goods, Holiday Decor, Toys, Candy & Baked Items, and so much more! Take a chance on one of the many raffles. There is something for everyone! Free admission. Free Parking. Handicapped accessible.

Tuesday, December 10

RETIREMENT BY DESIGN: 6 p.m., Brookdale Eddy Pond East, 667 Washington St., Auburn. Join us for our presentation. We'll discuss how you can translate your vision for retirement into tangible goals. Whether you are 10 or 40 years from retirement, you'll learn investment strategies you can use to help design the retirement you want tomorrow. Hosted by Edward Jones Financial Advisors of Auburn.

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.

SUICIDE 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 sarilib@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 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.

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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the day. Various activities were scattered all over the building (except the basement). "We'll learn from this what worked and what didn't work and tweak it for next year," she said.

TOP:
Cathie Sullivan the panda gets caricatured.

BOTTOM RIGHT:
Quite a few kids didn't have costumes, but took advantage of the masks as Bradley Bush did here.





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How often a puppy will need to defecate depends on the food being fed and when meals are offered. The American Kennel Club says that

most puppies will need to poop shortly after a meal, anywhere from 15 minutes to a few hours.

Puppies typically can hold urine a little longer overnight, but probably won't be able to go the entire night without a potty break. Many pups can last around six hours from the last time they've gone out. An early-morning bathroom break will be needed, or consider penning the dog with puppy pads to catch the mess until the dog gains greater control over its bladder.

The following are some other tips for housebreaking success:

- Take pups outside immediately in the morning, after naps and after vigorous play.
- Pick up food bowls and water several hours before bedtime. This can prevent accidents by ensuring dogs' stomachs and bladders are not full overnight.
- Some pups may be hesitant to go

outside when the weather is cold, rainy or snowy, so people who live in cold climates may want to wait until the weather warms up to adopt their puppies.

- Err on the side of caution at the start and take the pup outside once every 30 to 60 minutes to establish a system of reward and praise for going outside.
- Contain the pup when you can't provide it with your undivided attention. It only takes a moment for a puppy to wander off and have an accident.

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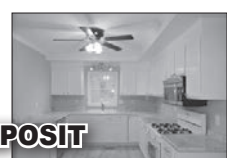
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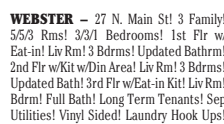


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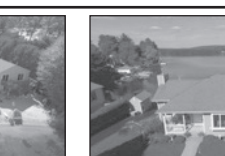
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SOLD



CHARLTON - 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Fir Plan! Applianced Granite Kit w/Island, Recessed Lights, Tile Flr & Water View! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Sunken Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Fir w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walk-out Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLIT SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**



SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond - South Facing - Tons of Sun! Principal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambrel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Applianced Kitchen w/Island, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplace Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flag Stone Patio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! **\$624,900.00**



SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 603 Treasure Island! 1,874' Townhouse! 6 Rms, 2 Bdrms, Master Bath, 2.5 Baths Total! Recent Maple & Corian Kit w/SS Appliances! Din Rm w/Sliders to Deck! Frplc Fam Rm! Patio! Newer C/Air, Heat & Hot Water! Garage! 2 Sips! Pool! Beach! Listed by Another - "SOLD" by C21 Lake Realty! **\$355,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - Steps Away From! 110 S. Shore Rd! Killdeer Island! Access to Swimming & Boating w/Killdeer Island Club Assoc Membership! Perfect 1st Home or Summer Retreat! 7 Rms! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! 12x25' Deck w/Water Views! Garage! Don't Delay! **\$249,900.00**



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Estate like long paved driveway! 3158 Sq Ft Colonial! Geothermal built. Open floor plan, ash flooring throughout! Granite and s/s applianced kitchen! Large master bedroom, coffered ceiling, master bath, W/Jetted tub! Walk in closets. Two car garage. Radiused catwalk on upper level! A walk up attic. Walk out lower level! The third garage is accessed from the lower level. Generator hookup. One beautiful property! assisted sale **\$499,900.**

DUDLEY - 71 EAGLE DRIVE



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Wow! Young 8 room Center Hall Colonial! Better than new! 3 bedroom, 3 full baths! 23' X 23' Cathedral ceiling Family Room! Hardwood & Ceramics throughout. Heat by forced hot air/oil, Central air! 2880 Sq Ft of living area. In one of Dudley's finest developments with underground utilities! **\$420,000.**

SOUTHBRIDGE - 79 N.WOODSTOCK RD



ON DEPOSIT

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POMFRET, CT - 280 RIVER RD



Cape gutted to the studs and remodeled, 3 Br, 1 bath; 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/loft. New septic. **\$264,900**

WEBSTER - 212 SCHOOL ST



ON DEPOSIT

Large 4 Family! 3 car garage! Off street parking. 2 bedrooms each unit! Walk-up attic with a lot of potential! Solar panels!! Fully Rented. **\$369,900.**

WEBSTER - 3 STEFANIAK AVE.



Cute 2 Bedroom Ranch! All hardwood floors, gas Fireplace living room! 2 baths. Appliances included. 2 zone heat. Large deck! Young asphalt roof. Walk out lower living level. Town Water & Sewer, City Gas **\$229,900.**

DUDLEY - 188 WEST MAIN ST



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WEBSTER/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS LAND!

Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**
Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest. **\$132,900**
Webster - 3 Lots Cooper Rd. Attention Developers! 3 abutting house lots, potential to divide into 5-6 Buildable lots! Lake Residential area, water/sewer access **\$129,400**
Oxford - 4 Leicester St. approx. 8.47 acres! River frontage! Highly possible to be subdivided. **\$119,900**

WEBSTER - 34 EASTERN AVE UNIT A



ON DEPOSIT

AN AFFORDABLE LIVING OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF! This 20 Unit Condo Complex is tucked away at the very end of Eastern Ave, fenced in & private. Easily accessible (95)! There's a lot to love about Webster! Unit 34 A is an 1,037 SF +/- END UNIT. Large living room w/picture window, an eat-in kitchen, access to rear deck, 2 spacious bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, full basement! New Price **\$154,900**

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SORRY, SOLD!

WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697 +/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996 +/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **NEW PRICE \$299,900**



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WEBSTER LAKE - 32 JACKSON RD

AN INTRIGUING OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN EXTREMELY UNIQUE 3.32 ACRE WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT PROPERTY! Charming, year-round, 2 BR, 2 bath Ranch, located at the Southern most end of Webster Lake's South Pond beyond Cedar Island! Extremely private w/direct Lake access. The home offers a full finished LL w/walkout access, a screened-in 18x20 patio, 18x26 det'd garage & 8x8 storage shed. Park like grounds! **New Price \$375,000**



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Leicester - Burncoat Lane - Custom built, one owner, lakefront living on Burncoat Pond. 3628 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 65 ft of water frontage. Attached 2 car heated garage. Central air. 3 season sunroom. Finished walkout basement. **\$549,500**



Spencer - Lincoln St - Affordable Colonial on private 3/4 acre lot in a great location. 1155 sq ft, 4 bdrm, 1 ba. Spacious country kitchen & large living room. Town water/sewer. Walk up attic. **\$199,900**



Spencer - Wall St - Business owners/investors take a look! 5442 sq ft. Conference room, 1.5 baths, individual offices plus a reception area. Two heated, oversized garage bays. Town utilities, plus apartment. Off Rt 9. **\$260,000**



Spencer - High St - Rare 3-family home w/ 2 duplex style & 1 ranch style apartment. 3083 sq ft, 5 bdrm, 3 ba. All separate utilities. Washer & dryer hookups. Full, walkout basements. **\$244,900**



New Braintree - West Brookfield Rd - Over 153 acres. 2 story building has 3 bdrm, 2 ba apartment, 3 bay garages for large equipment & fully equipped commercial kitchen. All solar powered! Detached barn & greenhouse. Over 1/2 mile of road frontage! **\$899,000**



Leicester - Main St - Mixed use property on Rt 9. Office space & 2nd flr apartment. 2280 sq ft. New boiler, updated electrical, oil tank & windows on 1st floor. **\$329,900**



Spencer - Lyford Rd - Contemporary home on 2 acres in a great location! 2100 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 2.5 ba, 1 car garage. Vaulted ceilings, lower level family room w/ separate entrance. **\$309,900**

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THOMPSON HILL- 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 fireplace 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**



EASTFORD- You don't want to miss this 2,400 sq ft updated cape with 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, a study/office and family room. New kitchen appliances with tile floor, dining room with French door and wood floor. Outside offers a long farmers porch which leads to a wrap around deck. Two car attached garage plus barn/storage building. Privately set on 2 acres on country road. Beautiful retaining wall lines a portion of the driveway. A MUST SEE. **\$329,500**



THOMPSON- You said you needed 4 bedrooms and room to move, well we have the house for you. 2,728 sq ft cape on .48 acres needs your TLC to bring back to life. This home offers a living room, kitchen, a large family/great room with 3 sliders for lots of natural light, slate floors along with a wood stove for those cold winter nights or maybe curl up with a good book near the fireplace in the den along with a Wet Bar and plenty of room for entertaining. **\$164,000**



POMFRET- Located on 4.6 mostly wooded acres and abutting Conservation land, this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath colonial resides in a quiet rural location, yet is a reasonable drive for the Hartford and MA commuter. The open kitchen and family room has an oversized slider opening onto a 2 tiered backyard deck overlooking nature in every season. Formal living and dining rooms are located off the front foyer. The generously sized master suite provides 2 walk-in closets and a full bath. The wide open walk out basement can be made into a workshop, playroom, office, yoga studio, or all of the above! Newer hot water heater, boiler, well pump and Central AC round out the picture of this house that you will want to call home! **\$348,000**



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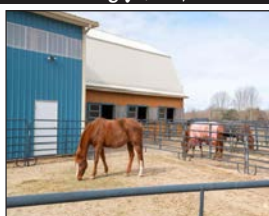
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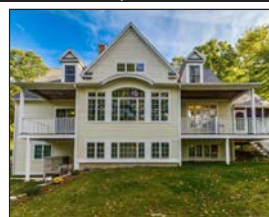
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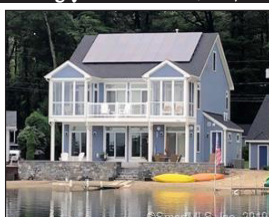
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HERE & THERE

Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

FRIDAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3

A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum. Show dates are November 1st and 2nd at 7:30 and November 3rd at 2PM Tickets are \$17.00 for adults and \$12.00 for seniors and 12 and under. Held at the North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium 10 High School Drive, North Brookfield, MA 01535

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7


ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT
5:30pm-7:30pm Cormier Jewelers and Art Gallery
First 50 people receive a free gift. Free raffles from local businesses and in-store baskets. Wine will be served - must be 21 or older
136 Main Street, Spencer, MA 01562

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

HOW TO MOVE ON - CREATING A BRIDGE TO A NEW LIFE
1:30-2:30. Barbara Perman, President, Moving Mentor
Tea & Refreshments will be served
Limited seating
Quabog Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center
47 East Main Street
West Brookfield, MA
RSVP 508-867-7716

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Second Chance Mobile Unit Pet Adoption from 2-4pm
Thankful for a Home!
MOBILE ADOPTION UNIT is coming to Klem's! On the road to saving more lives! Be sure to stop by and say hi to some of the sweet dogs and cats looking for a new home! Let adoption help you find your next best friend. Let us know you're coming. Click here to RSVP at our Facebook Event Page. Please don't forget to share with your friends!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

SUNDAYS AT 308 LAKESIDE
Chris Barber
308 Lakeside
308 East Main Street, East Brookfield, MA 01515 774-449-8333

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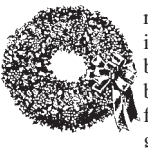

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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16

HOLY ROSARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
10am-5:30pm. Along with our regular booths (baking, lottery, indoor flea market, thanksgiving basket etc...), this year we will be introducing a new money raffle drawing replacing the special gift raffle. St. Andrew Bobola Church 508-943-5633

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17


HOLY ROSARY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.
8:30am-12:30pm Along with our regular booths (baking, lottery, indoor flea market, thanksgiving basket etc...), this year we will be introducing a new money raffle drawing replacing the special gift raffle. St. Andrew Bobola Church 508-943-5633



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7



Mary Queen of the Rosary Christmas Faire Vendors, Crafts, Raffles, Baked Goods, and so much more!
In the Church Hall 9am-2:30pm. 7 Church Street, Spencer, MA. If you'd like info on being a vendor at this Christmas craft fair, please. Email susan.terkanian@gmail.com

Pictures with Santa from 10am-3pm
\$5.00 Donation to the Spencer American Legion Ho, Ho, Ho – Santa is Coming! Spread the Cheer!
Children & Pets Welcome! Santa will be meeting and greeting, take Christmas Pictures together! Let us know you're coming. Click here to RSVP at our Facebook Event Page. Please don't forget to share with your friends!




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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mary L. Serwecki to BankUnited, FSB, dated June 22, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39253, Page 237, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Receiver of BankUnited, FSB, Coral Gables, Florida to BankUnited, N.A. F/K/A BankUnited, recorded on December 18, 2018, in Book No. 59836, at Page 339 BankUnited, N.A. F/K/A BankUnited to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, As Trustee for Upland Mortgage Loan Trust B, recorded on December 18, 2018, in Book No. 59836, at Page 344 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on November 13, 2019, on the mortgaged premises located at 32C Boyce Street, Unit 9, Building 3, Woodland Oaks Town Homes Condominium, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Unit No. 9 of Building 3 of Woodland Oaks Town Homes Condominium created by Master Deed dated October 26, 1983 and recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 7966, Page 155. as amended and shown on a plan recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 531 Page 80. The Post Office address of the unit is 32C Boyce Street, Auburn, Massachusetts 01501. The unit is shown on a plan recorded with the first deed of this unit, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided by G.L. c. 183A s. 9, and is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in G.L. c. 183A, the Master Deed, the documents establishing the organization of unit owners and the By-Laws as amended of record. Each of the units in the Condominium is intended for residential purposes and such other uses as are set forth in the Master Deed. The undivided percentage interest of the unit in the common areas and facilities is 11.111%.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 27465, Page 258.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF UPLAND MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST B

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
13045
October 18, 2019
October 25, 2019
November 1, 2019

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 19 SM 004681 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Marc A. Messina; Amy B. Hasting AKA Amy B. Hastings

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF10 Master Participation Trust, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 4 Vincent Street, given by Amy B. Hasting AKA Amy B. Hastings and Marc A. Messina to Bank of America, N.A., dated October 4, 2007, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41910, Page 335, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before November 25, 2019 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on October 8, 2019

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson Recorder (19-005169 Orlans) November 1, 2019

(SEAL)

TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS THE SUPERIOR COURT Worcester Superior Court 225 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01608 Docket No: 1985CV01404 B ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Wells Fargo Bank, NA s/b/m Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. vs. Liberty Funding Services Inc.

WHEREAS a civil action has been

begun against you in our Superior Court by Wells Fargo Bank, NA s/b/m Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc.

Wherein it is seeking to;

Declare the Plaintiff as the holder of a first mortgage from Gene L. Dow to Liberty Funding Services Inc. recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 27852, Page 228 in the amount of \$129,176.00, encumbering the property known and numbered as 32 Alpine Trail, Auburn, Ma 01501.

We COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any defense, that on 11/18/19 or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court named above, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day in the:

Newspaper: Auburn News City/Town: Auburn, Ma

Date Issued 10/10/19

First Assistant Clerk of Courts/Asst. Clerk

Corinne L. Gorman

November 1, 2019

November 8, 2019

November 15, 2019

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 120 Wallace Avenue, Auburn, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Erica S. Morin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Plaza Home Mortgage Inc. and now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, said mortgage dated September 19, 2014, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 52819 at Page 272, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 1, 2016, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 55440 at Page 19, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated December 12, 2016, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 56456 at Page 313, as affected by Loan Modification Agreement dated November 21, 2016 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 56508 at Page 327, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on November 22, 2019, at 1:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: the following described parcel of land, and improvements and appurtenances thereto in the County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts to wit: BEGINNING at the southeasterly comer thereof on the westerly side

of Wallace Avenue (formerly called Wallace Avenue Extension) at land formerly of Victor S. Olson; THENCE North 79-3/4° West by land formerly of said Olson a distance of one hundred sixty-eight and three-tenths (168.3) feet to land formerly of the Skogsblomman Society; THENCE North about 10-1/4° East by said Society land a distance of seventy-five (75) feet; THENCE South 79° East by land formerly of said Olson a distance of one hundred eighty-four and five-tenths (184.5) feet, more or less, to the westerly side of Wallace Avenue; THENCE South 22-1/4° West by the westerly line of said Avenue a distance of seventy seven (77) feet to the point of beginning. CONTAINING 13,300. square feet of land more or less.

Being the same premises as conveyed to the Grantors by deed of Deborah Clockedile, Administrator of the Estate of William H. Barrows dated February 4, 2005 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 35681, Page 172.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated August 11, 2014, and recorded in Book 52819 at Page 270 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
275 West Natick Road, Suite 500
Warwick, RI 02886
Attorney for Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Present Holder of the Mortgage

Telephone: (401) 234-9200

MLG File No.: 18-14937

November 1, 2019

November 8, 2019

November 15, 2019

Public Notice

The Town of Auburn seeks proposals to lease an approximately 1,716 square foot building at 41 South Street to a non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and promoting the history of the Town of Auburn.

Request for Proposals are available at the Selectmen's Office, 102 Central Street, Auburn, MA.

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October 25, 2019

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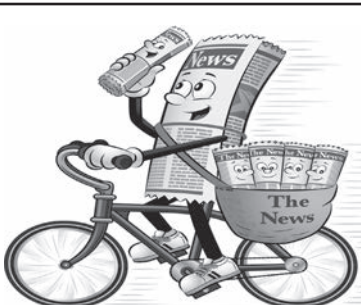
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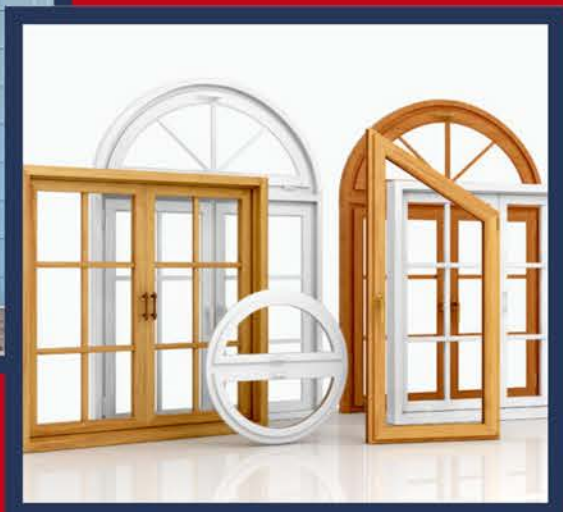
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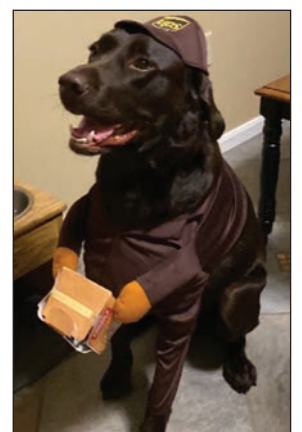
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How to transition pet food

The food a companion animal is eating today may not be the food he or she consumes in the near future.

Pet owners alter their pets' diets for a variety of reasons. These can include food allergies or intolerances that develop, new formulations that boast health benefits or the cost of food. Food transitions also occur when juvenile pets mature into adults and then require different foods to meet age-related dietary requirements.

Anytime pets owners introduce new foods to their pets, owners should follow a gradual introduction process to minimize the risk of potentially negative reactions, which can include loose stool or stomach upset, according to the pet retailer PetSmart. In addition to taking things slowly, pet owners can employ a few other strategies so pets seamlessly transition to their new diets.

- Choose a similar formulation. PetMD advises pet owners to find foods with similar formulations if existing foods need to be switched due to a recall or if a brand is no lon-



ger carried. That means if you were feeding chicken and rice, look for chicken and rice products when buying new foods. A similar nutritional analysis also can help make the transition go smoothly.

- Opt for a gradual switch. Mixing the old food with the new food gradually can ease diarrhea or stomach upset. Hill's Pet Nutrition, the maker of Science Diet®, suggests a seven-day transition. On days one and two, make it 75 percent current food with 25 percent new food. On days three and four, serve a 50-50 mix. On days five and six, the ratio should be 25 percent current food and 75 percent new food. Starting on day seven, serve only new food. Pets with sensitive stomachs may require a transition period that lasts between 10 days and two weeks.
- Consult with a veterinar-

ian. If you are unsure about food choices or want advice about making a switch, talk to your veterinarian. He or she can suggest foods, including some that may be breed- and need-specific.

- Watch for side effects. It can take as long as 12 weeks before you determine if a diet regimen is working. But most companion animals will resume normal digestive function within a few weeks of transitioning to new foods. Avoid new edible toys or food treats during the transition period to isolate potential food reactions to the new food. If vomiting or diarrhea is present and persists, it could be a result of sensitivity to the new food and a vet should be called.
- Use the same technique for wet or dry food switches. When switching from a wet to dry food or vice-versa, adhere to the same gradual transition process.

When transitioning to a new pet diet, adhere to the feeding guidelines on product labels, as portion sizes may need to change depending on differences in nutritional values.

Shopping for a well-dressed dog



Size, fabric and comfort are important factors when choosing clothing for dogs.

Dog lovers go to great lengths to ensure their pets have everything to keep them healthy, safe and comfortable. Many dog owners extend their love even further to ensure their furry friends put fashionable paws forward.

The American Pet Products Association says that total pet industry expenditures reached more than \$60 billion in 2015, and the spending continues to grow. In fact, pet spending is remarkably resistant to economic downturns, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. While food, grooming, vet care, and more are included in the list of necessary items people buy for their dogs, clothing — a nonessential item — has grown in popularity.

The National Retail Federation

states around 27.7 million Americans dress their furry friends in costumes for Halloween and other holidays. But buying clothes for everyday occasions also has become the norm for many pet parents, as dog apparel does everything from making pooches look fashionable to protecting them from inclement weather. When shopping and dressing dogs, dog owners can consider these tips.

- Be certain of measurements. Measure a dog from neck to tail, as this is how many manufacturers size their apparel. Going by the measurement is more accurate than estimating whether a dog is small, medium or large on breed charts.
- Avoid overbuying for a puppy. Like

children, puppies grow quickly. Those who stocked up on outfits while the dog was very young may find dogs quickly outgrow their wardrobes. Stick to a few items at a time until the dog has stopped growing.

- Select machine-washable pieces. Dogs get dirty and their clothes likely will as well. Look for items that can be put into the washing machine and withstand frequent laundering.
- Skip the zippers. Zippers can catch on fur or skin, making dogs reluctant to wear clothes. Look for buttons, snaps or other closures instead of zippers.
- Choose comfortable fabrics. Breathable cotton can keep dogs comfortable, but it may not be the best insulator or moisture-wicking fabric.

Select clothing based on desired use, and choose high-quality materials for comfort and durability.

- Avoid obstructions. Select well-fitting pieces that are neither too tight nor too loose. This way dogs can move around unencumbered and will not trip and fall.
- Keep disposition in mind. Some dogs tolerate clothing well, while others may bite and pull at garments. Do not force dogs to wear something if they're resistant.

Pet clothing can be stylish, make a statement or protect dogs from the elements. Keep comfort, budget and sizing in mind when shopping.

Get to know your feline friend

Cats are stealth and lovable but somewhat unpredictable. Ancient Egyptians revered cats for their companionship and ability to keep dangerous creatures such as poisonous snakes, rats and scorpions at bay. The Egyptians were among the first peoples to domesticate cats, and now thousands upon thousands of people share their homes with feline companions.

According to a world survey by the German organization Gesellschaft für Konsumforschung (Society for Consumer Research), published in PetfoodIndustry.com, dogs are the most popular pet globally, owned by 33 percent of respondents. However, cats are not that far off at 23 percent. The United States, China and Russia have the highest pet cat populations. And according to a 2014 report by The Washington Post, Massachusetts, Maryland and Maine boast the highest percentages of cat-lovers in the United States.

Cats are coveted for a variety of reasons, including their regal countenance and graceful movements. Many people are surprised to learn that cats boast several characteristics



that make them wonderful pets.

Those looking for vocal companions may be surprised to learn that cats can make roughly 100 different sounds, compared to the 10 sounds dogs make.

Cats only meow to human friends. In addition to purring, cats will rub up against people to show affection. This trait also serves to mark territory. Cats have scent glands around their faces, paws and tail area.

While cats are thought by many to be aloof and less feeling than dogs, science says otherwise. According to the book "What Cats Are Made Of," by

Hanoch Piven, a cat's brain is biologically more similar to a human brain than it is to a dog's. Both humans and cats have identical regions in their brains that are responsible for emotions.

For those worried about a pet getting lost and running away, cats may be preferential com-

panions. That's because cats have an ingrained ability to find their way home known as "psi-traveling." Experts think that cats use the angle of the sun or magnetized cells in their brains to act as internal global positioning systems.

Contrary to popular belief, cats can be trained. Although they're not likely to be as motivated by praise as dogs, cats can respond to food treats — particularly something soft and smelly. However, that may take some practice as, according to Petfinder, cats are less instinctively driven to work in partnership with humans. But those tasty treats may inspire them to stay and come and even use a toilet in lieu of a litter box.

People who welcome cats into their homes can expect a companion for a long time, as cats can live up to 20 years or more.

Cats make wonderful pets. In contrast to dogs, cats have not undergone major changes since being domesticated, and their ancient characteristics still make them desirable companions to this day.



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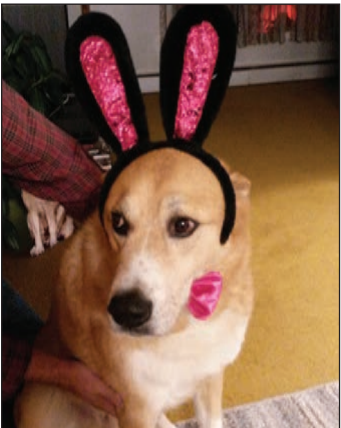
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