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DA honors Charlton, Dudley police officers, civilians for saving woman from burning home



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Charlton Police Officer Timothy Bullock, Jacqueline Carter, Call Dudley Firefighter Anthony Fitzherbert with his daughter, Charlton Police Chief Daniel Dowd, District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr., Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski and Dudley Police Chief Steven Wojnar.

DUDLEY — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. recently recognized the life-saving actions of two police officers and two civilians after they rescued a woman from a burning home.

Dudley Police Officer Ryan Daniels, Charlton Police Officer Timothy Bullock, Anthony Fitzherbert and Jacqueline Carter were presented with the District Attorney's Team Excellence and Merit – TEAM Award – for their efforts and actions during the March 2022 house fire.

"All four of these people knew there was a woman in need of help. All four of these people decided to act, and saved a life," Early said. "This is an excellent example of officers and civilians working together and going above and beyond what was expected in order to help someone in need. I am proud to honor these four individuals."

It was around 5:45 p.m. on March 24 when the Dudley Fire Department and Dudley Police



Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski, Dudley Police Lieutenant Marek Karłowicz, Dudley Police Chief Steven Wojnar, District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr., Dudley Police Officer Ryan Daniels, Dudley Town Administrator Jonathan Ruda, and Dudley Selectman Mark Landry.

Department were dispatched at 19 Brandon Road for a structure fire.

Ms. Carter was at a nearby store when someone told her a building was on fire. She called 911 and ran to the Brandon Road dwelling. She began knocking on doors to help residents escape.

Officer Daniels was first to arrive and learned a woman was trapped in a second-floor apartment. Officer Bullock, who was off duty at the time, and a civilian, Anthony Fitzherbert, joined Officer Daniels and tried to reach the woman but the heavy smoke held them back.

The woman yelled for help from inside her burning apartment. Mr. Fitzherbert was able to get back inside the building and pulled the elderly woman out of her apartment. As he led her down some steps, Officer Bullock and Officer Daniels ran back inside and were able to carry the woman out.

Dudley firefighters and EMS arrived. The woman was treated and taken to an area hospital. Her injuries were not life-threatening.



Dudley Police Officer Ryan Daniels, Charlton Police Officer Timothy Bullock, Jacqueline Carter, Call Dudley Firefighter Anthony Fitzherbert with his daughter, Charlton Police Chief Daniel Dowd and District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.

"We're very fortunate to have people in town who are willing to help out. If it wasn't for the two officers, my call firefighter, and the civilian, I think lives would have been lost. Lives were saved because of their quick thinking and actions," Dudley Fire Chief Dean Kochanowski said. "The conditions of the fire were very difficult that day. We pulled up to a very large volume of fire and it was a very hot and humid day. For people to go in with no protection on, even under regular circumstances it would have been amazing, but the conditions made it even harder for them. We're appreciative that they risked their lives to save people."

Mr. Fitzherbert was already in the process of working to become an on-call firefighter for the town of Dudley at the time of the fire and has since received that status.

"We're very proud of the accomplishments of Officer Daniels and the others who participated in

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Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale hosting Centennial Fair

STURBRIDGE — The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale will celebrate one hundred years of faith, service, and community with a day-long Centennial Fair on the Sturbridge Common on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the entire community is invited to join in the celebration. The event is open to the public free of charge according to centennial committee chair, Jim Mansfield.

The event will feature musical entertainment on the Sturbridge Common bandstand throughout the day beginning with singer Duane Carlson who will be performing music from the 1940s – the 1970s, including pop, mellow, rock, country, and the standards from 9 to 10 a.m. Guitarist and singer Dan Feeley follows from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with acoustic versions of popular rock and roll songs from the 1950s through today. The six-piece O-Tones, a New England Swing and Motown Band will have the place jumping from 12:30 to 2 p.m., and Rock Voices

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Make-A-Wish®, Music Drives Us grant wish for Charlton boy

CHARLTON — On Aug. 1, three-year-old Cameron Ross of Charlton was surprised with a special reveal party as his wish was granted by Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. Cameron, who has Burkitt lymphoma, wished to have a drum set and perform for his family. His wish was granted with help from Ernie Boch Jr.'s Music Drives Us Foundation.

Ernie Boch, Jr.'s son, Alex Boch, of Music Drives Us, was on hand for the celebration on behalf of the Boch family, along with employees and volunteers from Make-A-Wish. The drum set was set up at Cameron's home, along with decorations and refreshments for Cameron and his family.

"It was an honor being able to help grant Cameron's wish for a drum set," said Alex Boch. "Ever since I was a kid, music and drumming have held a special place in my heart. Cameron's story and his love of music inspired all

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Deed restrictions preclude gate on Lake Road

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Lake Road residents found they can't gate their road, according to deed research by Town Administrator Robin Grimm.

Records from 1922 "talk about the right of passage through" those properties along a stretch of "three rods and 30 feet of roadway," despite the fact it's technically private.

"It's likely we cannot gate either end of Lake [Road]," she said, noting she'll confirm it with the town attorney.

Instead, she added, she'll keep working with the Mass. Department of Transportation to improve the flow on

Route 20.

That came up originally a couple weeks ago, when four residents raised concerns about the volume of traffic cutting through Lake Road, especially going to and from Tantasqua, its narrowness, and its deteriorating condition. The problem is that the town cannot pave or do other major work to it under state law; all it can do is minor patching or grading and winter plowing to maintain emergency access. The abutters own to the middle of the street and sometimes all the way across, and would have to put up the funds to bring it up to town standards before Sturbridge can officially make it

a "public" way.

Grimm discovered a second road issue: Mashapaug Road, also brought by a resident. That's definitely public; the problem is its "confusing" numbering. For some reason, it "goes [from] zero up one way, and the other direction starts at 300 or 400 and goes a different direction," she noted.

Specifically, the section going to Southbridge has the low numbers, which go east and end at number 198. The remainder are on the other side of I-84 and count south to Connecticut along what used to be, and is still colloquially called, Route 15.

Grimm said she'll look into the pro-

cess for renaming the whole southern stretch "Haynes Street," including public feedback from residents since "their address is on everything."

In other business, the selectmen postponed two business hearings to Sept. 6 to get more information. Chair Mary Blanchard said the first, an alteration of premises at Concord Brewing (Rapsallion), has been an issue since January. The owner, who was not present, was told to go to the Planning Board first and has had some back-and-forth with the town "but I wouldn't really consider it productive," she said.

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Worcester Art Museum to debut works from first Japanese print collection of its kind

WORCESTER — This fall, the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) will present “The Floating World: Japanese Prints from the Bancroft Collection,” an exhibition of 50 Japanese prints from the Museum’s collection, 48 of which will be displayed for the first time. On view Nov. 26-March 5, 2023, the exhibition will take a comprehensive look at the diverse ukiyo-e genre through the lens of John Chandler Bancroft (1835-1901), one of the earliest and most significant collectors of Japanese prints in the United States. Bancroft’s collection of over 3,700 Japanese woodblock prints was bequeathed to WAM in 1901 and is considered the Museum’s first major collection. Illustrating the breadth of this transformative gift, “The Floating World” will feature works ranging in size, material, date, and subject matter, including works by renowned artists like Utagawa Hiroshige, Katsushika Hokusai, and Utagawa Kunisada. The exhibition is curated by Dr. Rachel Parikh, Associate Curator of the Arts of Asia and the Islamic World and Fiona Collins, Curatorial Assistant of Asian Art.

Organized chronologically and by artist, The Floating World illustrates the evolution of ukiyo-e artworks throughout Japan’s Edo period (1603-1868). Through these works, visitors will gain insight into the complexity and breadth of ukiyo-e, or “pictures of the floating world,” an artistic genre that sent lasting ripples of influence throughout the world. The exhibition will be a chance to see this impact firsthand, including Hiroshige’s featured Sudden Shower over Shin-hashi Bridge and Atake (1857), which inspired Vincent van Gogh’s Bridge in the Rain (after Hiroshige) (1887). Similarly, these works significantly shaped the work of

American artist John La Farge, who collected Japanese prints alongside Bancroft starting in the 1860s.

Created in a period of economic growth, ukiyo-e prints often depict scenes of leisure and arts, highlighting the ability of the working class to participate in the entertainment culture of urban centers like Edo (Japan). Born from book illustrations, ukiyo-e prints tell stories, often presented as intricate tableaux of everyday life portraying courtesans, kabuki actors, sumo wrestlers, dwellings, and landscapes. Intricate and colorful, these artworks were produced using innovative and collaborative processes involving planning, designing, carving, and hand-pressing.

“‘The Floating World’ is a landmark opportunity for the Worcester Art Museum to facilitate a deeper understanding of one of the most culturally rich periods of world history,” said Matthias Waschek, the Jean and Myles McDonough Director of the Worcester Art Museum. “Through these never-before-seen works, our visitors will recognize the enduring relevance of themes found in ukiyo-e prints, including pride,

resilience, and humor. We are thrilled to draw these through lines using WAM’s Bancroft Collection, which is not only one of our most comprehensive collections, but also the nation’s earliest and among the most influential collections of Japanese ukiyo-e prints.”

“The Floating World” solidifies WAM as one of the foremost locations of Japanese ukiyo-e print scholarship in the country. Bancroft’s collection makes up nearly 10% of the Museum’s collection of approximately 38,000 objects from around the world. Assembled thoughtfully over decades, this collection of predominantly first-edition woodblock prints demonstrates the vastness of a Japanese art genre that has commonly been overgeneralized by traditional Western art history practices. The Bancroft Collection is also notable for the quality and well-preserved condition of the prints, which will be evident to visitors to the exhibition.

This exhibition is part of the Worcester Art Museum’s 2022-2023 exhibition and programming schedule that connects people, communities, and cultures through the experience of art.

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum creates transformative programs and exhibitions, drawing on its exceptional collection of art. Dating from 3000 BCE to the present, these works provide the foundation for a focus on audience engagement, connecting visitors of all ages and abilities with inspiring art and demonstrating its enduring relevance to daily life. Creative initiatives — including pioneering collaborative programs with local schools, fresh approaches to exhibition design and in-gallery teaching, and a long history of studio class instruction — offer opportunities for diverse audiences to experience art and learn both from and with artists.

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and older and for college students with ID. Admission is free for Museum Members and children ages 17 and younger. On the first Sunday of each month, admission is free for everyone. Museum parking is free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at worcesterart.org.

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THOMPSON, Conn. — It’s August, and that means it’s time for the 13th Annual Car and Motorcycle Show, “Cruisin’ Into Healthcare,” sponsored by the nonprofit UMass Memorial Health Harrington Hospital Auxiliary.

The event takes place on Sunday, Aug. 28 at Bogey’s Ice Cream Stand/Thompson Speedway in Thompson, Conn. Registration is only \$10 and begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. The first 100 cars will receive dash plaques.

There is no admission fee for spectators, so come and bring the family for a day of fun.

Trophies will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place. Registrants also vote for the People’s Choice Award. One award will be given for the motorcycle deemed “Best in Show.” The award ceremony takes place at 2:00 pm.

In addition to the Classic Car and Motorcycle Show, DJ Bruce Marshall from Valley Classic Hits, 97.7 FM will spin your favorite tunes and Harrington on Wheels will offer health education and provide health screenings. The Auxiliary is also sponsoring a raffle; take chance to win one of several spectacular prizes.

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Quinsigamond Community College recognized as best community college in Massachusetts

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) was ranked best community college in Massachusetts in 2022 by Intelligent.com, an online source for program rankings and higher education planning. The research identifies programs in the nation based on flexibility, faculty, course strength, cost, and reputation. QCC was also ranked eighth in 2022, in the category of best online universities and colleges in Massachusetts.

“This ranking is a testament of the hard work and commitment that our faculty, staff, administration and Board of Trustees have for our stu-

dents,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. “The last few years have offered unprecedented challenges for our students and higher education as a whole, but our steadfast commitment to 100 percent student success has been the driving force in everything that we do.”

Since the start of the COVID-19 global pandemic, QCC has rethought many of its programs and processes, developing an educational model that was conducive to the new educational landscape.

“The college took a hard look at what was best for the students that we serve and increased our support ser-

vices, as well as the way in which courses were offered,” President Pedraja continued.

QCC offers a variety of flexible learning options that include on-campus, online and hybrid formats. Experts at Intelligent.com assessed programs that help students enhance and develop advanced skills for a variety of in-demand positions. According to Intelligent.com, studies show that obtaining a degree increases income substantially, and degree holders earn 84 percent more than those with only high school diplomas or those without a completed GED.

Specific programs at col-

leges and universities across the nation were also analyzed by Intelligent.com. On a national stage, QCC was named best online associate degree for medical sales. Additionally, the college was named in the top 50 nationally for best online Associate degrees, online associate in human services programs, and online associate in administration and management programs.

Intelligent.com implemented a unique methodology that ranks each program on a scale from 0 to 100 across five categories. The scoring system compares each university according to program strength, student readiness, return on

investment, cost, and student engagement. Researchers compared 704 programs from 2,900 universities and colleges across the United States.

“There has never been a better time to attend QCC. As we prepare for the fall semester, I want to assure those students who have been reticent to attend that we have the support services, academic coaching, counseling, and other resources to ensure that college students will succeed,” President Pedraja added.

To learn more, visit www.QCC.edu.

Muggett Hill Road culvert replacement complete

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — Muggett Hill Road in Charlton is fully reopened after a summer of work to replace a culvert that failed in 2021 leading to significant flooding.

The heavily traveled road, which is home to the Baypath Regional Vocational High School and connects directly to Oxford Road and the entrance to the Charlton Middle School campus, has been the subject of improvements since the school year concluded according to Town Administrator Andrew Golas. The work stems from a flooding incident that occurred nearly a year ago that necessitated the full replacement of

the culvert on that road.

“About this time last year, we had a significant washout of the old culvert during a pretty significant rainfall. We were able to put a temporary patch in last year and we undertook the project of ripping out the old culvert and replacing it from end to end,” said Golas. “We’re hoping essentially this will last for another 30-plus years. Obviously, we’re kind of at the whim of Mother Nature and anything can go wrong at any time, but we feel like this is going to fix that for the foreseeable future.”

The culvert was funded through Chapter 90 funds, state monies allocated to towns to improve transportation. The

work took nearly a solid year between planning, engineering and construction. Golas said the intent was always to complete the work before school restarted for the fall.

“We wanted to make sure the construction work happened during the summer so that way we weren’t impacting the school. Thankfully it took approximately six weeks to do the work. We started when school was over and we have it done just in time for school to reopen,” said Golas.

Muggett Hill Road officially completely reopened for traffic on Aug. 2, with no current plans to perform further improvements along that roadway at this time.

Local students receive Bachelor’s degrees from UMass Amherst

AMHERST — Approximately 7,000 students received bachelor’s degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst’s Undergraduate Commencement on May 13, 2022 at the McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

Below is a list of students from your area who earned a degree.

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TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY INTEGRATES STREAM INTO CURRICULUM

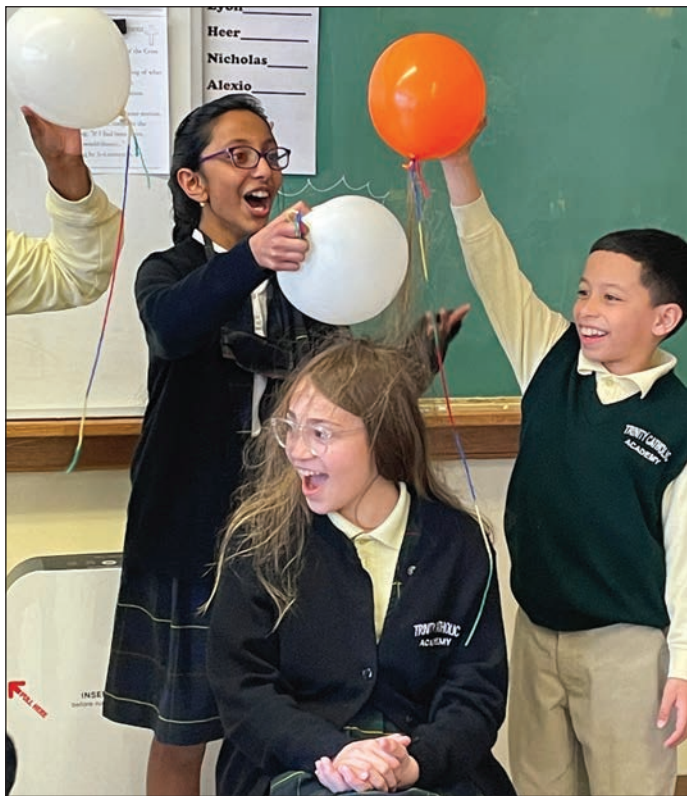


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Trinity Catholic Academy recently announced the integration of **STREAM** (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) education to their curriculum in grades Pre-K through eight. Trinity staff and families are excited about the benefits **STREAM** education has to offer students. Studies show, students who learn through a strong curriculum infused with **STREAM**, develop stronger problem-solving and collaboration skills while also improving their confidence and creativity. Adopting **STREAM** to enhance curriculum is perfectly timed as Trinity is in the final stages of the installation of a state-of-the-art Science Lab, which will be in place this fall. “You can feel the energy in the school as we expand our curriculum to include **STREAM** and update our learning spaces. Trinity is embracing the challenge to grow and provide a stellar education to our students,” says Principal Symock. The future is certainly bright at Trinity Catholic Academy. You can visit trinitycatholicacademy.org to learn more and be a part of the exciting changes. Enrollment now open for grades Pre-K through seven. Here, fourth grade students Heer Swadia, Sophia Gauthier, and Ayden Rodriguez demonstrate static electricity.

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of us at Music Drives Us to step in and help make his wish come true.”

Cameron’s favorite song is “Take It Easy” by The Eagles and his favorite singer is Zack Bryan. He’s a big fan of live music and is looking forward to the drum lessons he’ll be receiving as part of his wish.

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this rescue. It is one of those scenarios where you see a good outcome from people who were willing to put their lives on the line to save someone’s life, a person they didn’t know,” Dudley Police Chief Steven Wojnar said. “They were certainly willing to step up and help. Especially in today’s world, when there’s a lot of cynicism and trouble, it is good to see there are good people out there who are willing to sacrifice themselves for others.”

This isn’t the first time Officer Bullock saved a life while off duty. In 2019, the officer was in East Brookfield when a man accidentally cut his arm with a circular saw. Officer Bullock heard the man call for help, secured a tourniquet to the man’s upper arm and saved the man from possible life-threatening injuries.

The TEAM Award was created by Mr. Early in 2019 to recognize public safety employees who go above and beyond the call of duty. Contact the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office at (508) 755-8601 to nominate someone for this award.

“Seeing how excited Cameron was for his drum set was so sweet. He just kept saying how much he loves it. His parents told us how much it means to their family to have Cameron’s wish granted, and there’s nothing that we love to hear more,” said Taylor Russell, Wish Program Manager at Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island. For children like Cameron facing critical illness, a wish fulfilled provides profound

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“The town really works to help these businesses, but if they don’t go through the proper process, I have no sympathy for them,” Blanchard said. “... This is at the point of being ridiculous, and he’s not supposed to be serving outside.”

The other one involves transferring the license for Curboy’s Junkyard to a new owner, Braca LLC. Grtimm said that still needs “a significant amount of information,” including from the Conservation Commission. She noted there have been some concerns over

joy, renewed strength and resiliency, and lasting hope to keep striving and dreaming for the future. Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island relies on the generosity of the community to continue its wish-granting work and its vision is to reach every medically eligible child with the power of a wish. The organization will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2023. Learn more at www.massri.wish.org.

whether it’s legally a “continued use,” but thinks Sturbridge cannot “justify saying they broke the grandfathering” after giving it permits in 2015.

Additionally, the board briefly discussed the fact the Historical Commission is seeking permission to add a marker to the Common commemorating Revolutionary War Gen. Lafayette. It’s one of 60 being erected along the route of his last horse ride, which stopped at what’s now the Publick House.

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Captain Phillips Brooks Carpenter, (Ret.) USN, JAGC, 79



(LeMunyon) Carpenter. He was the older brother of Susan,

Brimfield- Captain Phillips Brooks Carpenter, (Ret.) USN, JAGC, 79, passed away on July 30 after a long illness. Phil was born on March 30, 1943 in the Bronx, New York to Brooks and Evelyn “T e d d y” (LeMunyon) Carpenter. He was the older brother of Susan,

who completed the family the following year. Phil graduated from Evander High School in 1961, after which he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, launching what would become a distinguished career of military and community service. Following his honorable discharge from the Marines, after having served on active duty for six years and achieving the rank of Sergeant, Phil and his beloved wife and high school sweetheart, Linda, moved to Boston, where he attended Northeastern University and Suffolk Law School. But the call to serve his country soon beckoned again. After graduation, Phil was commissioned in the United States Navy Reserve, Judge Advocate General Corps, a role that Phil thrived in, and one that saw him activated for service multiple times over his career, including at the US Pentagon in Alexandria, Virginia during the Persian Gulf War. When not on active duty, Phil’s “home base” was in Brimfield, where he was a private real estate attorney and accountant, and where he tended to carpentry projects on the “Back 40.” While he threw himself into the farming life, raising livestock of all varieties, chaos would always ensue with animals escaping throughout town, despite his best fence-mending efforts and perhaps in a reflection of his Bronx roots. Phil was also an avid reader and historian, with an appreciation for facts and details. That said, he was also a gifted and witty storyteller, who liked to regale his family and friends with tales that he adamantly attested were never embellished. His fleet of stories was nearly always punctuated with raucous singing of military anthems. Phil reluctantly retired from the Navy with the rank of Captain in 1998 after serving more than 26 years of active and reserve Marine Corps and Naval service. His personal decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy- Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two

awards), Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Medal (with bronze star) and Navy Rifle and Pistol Expert Medals. Not one to let retirement slow his march, Phil took great pride in chairing the Town of Brimfield’s annual Memorial Day Parade, serving as the town’s Cemetery Commissioner, volunteering with the town’s Emergency Response Team, and working for the annual New York City Marathon. Though an English-Frenchman by heritage, Phil always aspired to be an Irish-Scotsman; he lived out his dream by joining the Quaboag Highlanders and the Springfield Kiltie Band in his golden years. A fast study, he would quickly become a skilled bagpiper and drummer. Phil was also a Master Mason. Known for his brilliant mind and quick wit, which allowed him to take on challenges and easily acquire new skillsets throughout his life, it was a tragic irony when his memory started to betray him. Ever service-oriented, he enrolled in clinical trials with full knowledge that he could not stop his own decline, but with a desire to advance research to help others. Even in his final months, when words and phrases would escape him,

he was still known to tap his hands to the beat of the Marine Corps Hymn. Phil is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Linda (Sehnert); their three children and spouses, Marie & Joseph Shea of Canton, James & Leang (Chhean) Carpenter of Brimfield, and Susan & Edward Harrington of Canton; his grandchildren, Grace, Isabelle, Liam, and Coleman; his sister and her husband, Susan & Jeffrey Punches of Durango, CO; his sister-in-law Donna (Loughman) Sehnert of Lake Hopatcong, NJ and Newport, RI; as well as extended family and friends. He is predeceased by their beloved son, Kevin, his loving parents, and his dear in-laws, Ruth & George Bastin, Albert Sehnert, and Paul Sehnert. The family welcomes friends to join them in wishing Phil fair winds and following seas in his final voyage. A memorial service will be held at 10 am on Friday, August 19, 2022 at the First Congregational Church of Brimfield, 20 Main Street, Brimfield, followed by a burial at the Brimfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Phil’s name to either the First Congregational Church of Brimfield at https://brimfielducc.org or the Alzheimer’s Association of Massachusetts & New Hampshire at https://www.alz.org/manh.

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- CLUES ACROSS
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 - 5. NY city
 - 10. Israeli diplomat Abba
 - 14. Surrounded by
 - 15. Car part
 - 16. Simple aquatic plant
 - 17. Tough skin of fruit
 - 18. Finnish lake
 - 19. Composition
 - 20. Very willing
 - 22. One and only
 - 23. Cluster cups
 - 24. Famed Hollywood director
 - 27. Score perfectly
 - 30. Important lawyers
 - 31. Undivided
 - 32. Part of the foot
 - 35. Spun by spiders
 - 37. Married woman
 - 38. Reagan’s Secretary of State
 - 39. Instruments
 - 40. The A-Team drove one
 - 41. Short-tailed marten
 - 42. Oil organization
 - 43. Predecessor to the EU
 - 44. “Hotel California” rockers
 - 45. Color at the end of the spectrum
 - 46. Actress Ryan
 - 47. Digital audiotape
 - 48. Expression of creative skill
 - 49. Scientific instrument
 - 52. Dog-_: marked for later
 - 55. Israeli city __ Aviv
 - 56. Fencing sword
 - 60. Turkish title
 - 61. Wise individuals
 - 63. Cold wind
 - 64. Popular type of shoe
 - 65. The territory occupied by a nation
 - 66. Tattle
 - 67. Chop up
 - 68. Actress Zellweger
 - 69. Romanian city

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Female of a horse
 - 2. Bowfin
 - 3. Chinese dynasty
 - 4. Small venomous snake
 - 5. Global news agency
 - 6. Common fractions
 - 7. American state
 - 8. Tired
 - 9. Boxing’s GOAT
 - 10. Made less severe
 - 11. A group of countries in special alliance
 - 12. God of fire (Hindu)
 - 13. Northeast Indian ethnic group
 - 21. Anchor ropes
 - 23. They __
 - 25. Apprehend
 - 26. Autonomic nervous system
 - 27. A theatrical performer
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 - 29. Partner to flowed
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 - 33. Former Houston footballer
 - 34. Discharge
 - 36. Former women’s branch of the military
 - 37. Partner to cheese
 - 38. Witch
 - 40. Live in a dull way
 - 41. Satisfies
 - 43. Snakelike fish
 - 44. Consume
 - 46. Type of student
 - 47. Erase
 - 49. Instruct
 - 50. Girl’s given name
 - 51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 52. Every one of two or more things
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Auburn, America’s Community Rock Chorus, will round out the afternoon with “A Tribute to the Beatles” from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Popular children’s entertainer Maggie the Clown will be on hand along with Sturbridge’s Escape the Pike, a face painter, and a number of local crafters. Koinonia, the church women’s group, will conduct a silent auction with gift baskets and gift certificates from area merchants and will have a number of craft items for sale. In a nod to the former Federated Church auction that was held for 71 years on this date, a number of antiques will also be up for purchase.

The Church food tent will offer hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages, salads and beverages, Rose Room Café will have breakfast bagels and other goodies, and baked goods will also be available for purchase.

Many community groups and non-profit agencies will also be on hand, including the Rotary Club of Sturbridge,

the Community Food Collaborative, the Sturbridge Lions Club, Quilts of Valor, Trek Sturbridge, the Sturbridge Council on Aging, Be the Match, the Sturbridge Senior Center, and the Sturbridge Exchange Club. Scout Troop 161 sponsored by Sturbridge Federated Church, and Scout Troop 163, sponsored by American Legion Post 109 will be helping organize games for children.

The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale was formed in 1922 when three Sturbridge congregations – the Congregational Church (1736), the Baptist Church (1747), and the Unitarian Society (1864) – joined together to become one entity. Later, a fourth, non-denominational society, known as the Federated Society, was formed. Two thousand twenty-two marks the 100th anniversary of that union.

Because of their shared history, The Federated Church is affiliated with three denominations, the American Baptist Churches USA, the United Church of Christ, and the Unitarian-Universalist Association, and operates with a Congregational Polity, where the members of the Church vote, govern, and lead the church in ministry and

mission.

One hundred years after its founding, The Federated Church continues to play a prominent role in the Sturbridge community. The Church holds weekly Sunday services, weddings, funerals and memorial services, and many other celebrations and gatherings. The Federated congregation also hosts or supports many ministries and missions within the larger community, including the Community Food Collaborative garden, Nick’s Place, food and clothing relief funds, veterans groups, Food Share of Southbridge, the Sturbridge Senior Center, The First Methodist Church of Southbridge’s Outreach Programs, the Navajo Nation, and other

local and national agencies. Spaces within the church are used by Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, and other community groups.

Additional centennial events are being planned, and other annual events are returning, such as the Pumpkin Patch fundraiser in October, and the Holly Berry Fair in December.


The Federated Church of Sturbridge & Fiskdale joyfully celebrates Christ’s presence and God’s grace in our lives. Members of the community are welcome and invited to join us in worship Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. For additional information, please contact the Church office at (774) 304-1021 or churchoffice@sturfed.org.

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Legally free for adoption, Jacob is looking for his forever family and home. He will do well in a family of any constellation, including homes with either younger or older children. He does have biological siblings that he hopes to maintain relationships with in the future. He would really benefit from a family that is able to help him process the past and move forward with the future; patience is key.

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School days, school days...

It's that time of year again, when back to school photos will soon infiltrate your social media feeds. We love this time of year, when a more structured schedule takes hold, however come June, we are ready for the daily routine to be a bit more relaxed.

We always consider mid August into September to be a new year. Yes, the actual new year begins on Jan. 1; however, the start of a new school year always brings a clean slate, and who doesn't love that?

This time of year brings with it memories for all of us, even if we are not headed back into the classroom. We recall school shopping at the height of the late '80s and early '90s, when Trapper Keepers were all the new rave. During that time, anyone who walked into a drug store would be greeted with a wall of the colorful organizers, with notebooks and pencil cases to match. Having a brand new Trapper Keeper with pencils neatly tucked away the night before school started was step one. Next, the perfect outfit would have to be picked out, after all, the first day outfit set the standard for the rest of the year. During these first few days of school, the excitement was always at an all time high. It's the famous week three, when things start to settle, and the groove of the school routine has become the norm, once again.

As with most things, we enjoy tracking history. The drastic changes that have occurred over the years are quite interesting, so we thought we would share our findings.

During the 1800's, a typical rural area would have one room schoolhouses, with one teacher for grades first through eighth. The younger students would sit in the front of the classroom, with the 'big kids' seated in the back. Memorizing lessons was the priority back then, where students had to recite what they had learned. Paper bags and lunch boxes were not used for lunch, instead children would pack a lunch and carry it to school in a tin bucket.

During the early 1900's, only half of the children between the ages of five and 19 attended school. This was during the Industrial Revolution where children were needed at home to help work the farms or were put to work in factories. One study reports that in the present, 264 million children are still not educated.

We've heard it all before, but it's true, most students would walk or ride their bikes to school in all kinds of weather up to five miles away. Today most students take the bus or are dropped at school by their parents. In some areas, there have been initiatives taken to promote the 'old school' way of transporting kids via bike or walking.

In days gone by, if a student misbehaved, they were placed in a corner and had to wear a dunce cap. Discipline has changed quite a bit; however, we remember a slew of students standing along the brick wall during recess in the 1980's at our elementary school for "talking too much"... but we won't mention any names.

Home Economics classes have been replaced with a more modern swing than when they first emerged in the 1950's and lasted through the 1970's. Back then, students, mostly female, were taught how to cook and sew. In the late 1980's, those classes saw more male students as it became a requirement for all. We remember sewing 'Nerd' (you know the candy) stuffed animals and Oreo cookies in our class. When it was time to cook, we have fond memories of baking a holiday cake and forgetting to add baking powder, or was it flour? Either way, that cake took on a life of its own, and we fondly remember taking red icing and writing 'Scrooged' over it.

Industrial Arts classes are few and far between, however are still offered in some places with a more technological twist. Back in the day, students would take large pieces of wood, run it through a planer, sand it, stain it and create all sorts of things from entertainment centers to cut out wooden apples using a jigsaw. We remember leaving notes for our friends in the afternoon class. We would slip them in the lockers and hope we remembered whose locker belonged to who. No texting back then.

Cursive writing was always fun. It was a great feeling when you made that lower case 'j' just right. Who knew that years later, hand writing would happen less and less and our

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OPINION



Antique and collectibles auction news

There's been plenty of antique, collectibles, and auction news hot off the press this summer, starting with some shipwrecked treasures heading to auction this fall. USA Today reports that items from an 1857 shipwreck heading to the block include "a pair of work pants and wedding rings to letters and a first edition of 'The Count of Monte Cristo.'" The Steamship Central America was traveling from San Francisco to New York carrying many passengers who became rich during the California Gold Rush, meaning the ship was also transporting tons of gold. A hurricane off the Carolina Coast sank the ship, killing 475 people and sending its precious cargo 7,000 feet below sea level. USA today report that the ship sinking marked "the greatest economic disaster in U.S. maritime history and contributed to a global panic." Items were recovered from the wreck in the 1990s and again in 2014. Many of the estimates are in the hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars.

Here on land, online bidding is open for a bitter 1971 letter sent from John Lennon to Paul McCartney. TMZ reports that the letter came in response to an interview McCartney did with Melody Maker, a British music magazine. According to Ultimate Classic Rock and Culture, Paul wanted only the four Beatles present when they signed a paper agreeing to a split. Lennon's letter to McCartney read, "Maybe there's an answer there somewhere ... but for the millionth time in these past few years, I repeat, what about the TAX?" Along with the tax issue, Lennon also took offense with the fact that McCartney wanted just the four Beatles to meet. He wrote "I thought you'd have understood BY NOW that I'm JOHNANDYOKO." The auction estimate for the letter is \$30,000.

A Honus Wagner T206 baseball tobacco card once again set an auction record recently. The Wagner card is considered the Holy Grail or Mona Lisa of baseball

cards. Wagner didn't want his likeness depicted on tobacco cards because he thought they would encourage tobacco use by young fans. Major League Baseball's website reports that "there are thought to be only 50-60 copies of the card in existence, making it one of the rarest sports cards in the world." In August of last year, a Wagner T206 card sold for \$6.6 million. This Wagner card sold for \$7.25 million last month.

The jacket that Buzz Aldrin wore to the moon also recently set a record, fetching the highest price for a jacket ever sold for at action. The jacket featured Aldrin's name and an Apollo 11 patch. Forbes reports that it was the only garment worn to the moon that was ever available at auction. The previous record for an American space flown artifact was a lunar dust bag which brought \$1.8 million in 2017. The previous record for a jacket was for the one worn by Michael Jackson in the Thriller video which also sold for \$1.8 million in 2011. Aldrin's jacket exceeded the \$1 to \$2 million estimate, selling for \$2.8 million last month. A rare space item selling like truly only happens once in a blue moon.

We are still accepting consignments for our upcoming fall multi-estates auction. Other events this fall include my "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path high school in Charlton on September 13th, an appraisal event at the Townsend Historical Society on October 15th, an appraisal event at the Worcester Senior Center from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on October 18th and an appraisal event for the Leicester Historical Society on November 5th. Please visit our website <https://central-massauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

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Organized planning

So far, we've discussed Desire, Faith, Specialized Knowledge, and Imagination as fundamental in your quest to accomplish your dream. Now we will move on to the fifth step, ORGANIZED PLANNING.

When you read that, you probably thought you must begin to think through a master plan to accomplish your objective. That's true, but there is one essential component to ORGANIZED PLANNING often overlooked.

None of us have the education, experience, foresight, ability, creativity, capability, or knowledge to devise and carry out an organized plan ourselves.

Once you've done your best to invent an organized plan, it won't be good enough. You must ally yourself with experts in every field you can identify to develop a flawless plan. You won't be able to do it alone.

Do you have the legal knowledge to implement your plan, or will you need a legal advisor? Do you have the know-how to create a financial plan, or will you need a Chief Financial Officer? Do you have the expertise to market yourself, your product, or your service? If not, then you'll need a marketing expert. Do you have the technical knowledge to build what you need on the internet, or will you need to find someone who can create the website or platform you desire?

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plish your dream. The good news is that if you have the desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and imagination, a team will naturally start to coalesce around you.

A star athlete will have the team form around them because they are winning. An actor will have a team grow up around them because they are booking jobs. If you're a CEO, your team will organically begin to develop if you're aggressively moving the vision forward.

That doesn't mean you won't have to look for the right team members. You'll probably need to create ads and search for the right job prospects.

Success will result from a team of people helping you push forward and break through barriers to overcome obstacles.

An organized plan always works better when implemented by a team of experts strategizing and creating a group-organized plan for success.

Once you have your team, you'll need to communicate with them regularly. Keep them updated, informed, and in the loop. Share the good news so they stay motivated.

If they have advice, listen to them. If

When can you choose retirement?

If you're like most people, your work has been a central part of your life. So, wouldn't it be nice to have the flexibility to decide when you no longer want to work?



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Many people of retirement age have achieved this type of control. In fact, two-thirds of workers ages 65 and older say they work primarily because they want to, not because they have to, according to a 2021 study by Edward Jones and Age Wave. But that means that one-third of workers in this age group feel financially compelled to work. This doesn't necessarily

mean they dislike the work they do — but it's probably fair to say they would have liked the option of not working. How can you give yourself this choice?

You can start by asking yourself these questions:

When do I want to retire? You'll want to identify the age at which you wish to retire. You may change your mind later and move this date up or back, but it's a good idea to have a target in mind.

What sort of retirement lifestyle do I want? When you retire, do you anticipate staying close to home and pursuing your hobbies, or do you hope to travel the world? Would you like to spend your time volunteering? Open your own business or do some consulting? Clearly, some of these choices will require more resources than others, so you'll want to follow a financial strategy that aligns with the retirement lifestyle you intend to pursue.

Am I saving and investing enough? As you chart your course toward your retirement journey, you'll want to assess the sources of income you'll have available. If you think you may be falling short of achieving your retirement goals, you may need to consider saving more.

When should I start taking Social Security? You can begin collecting Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly payments will be much bigger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. Your decision about when to take Social Security will depend on several factors, including your other sources of income and your family history of longevity. Of course, as you're probably aware, the Social Security system is facing significant financial stress, so it's possible that we may see changes to Social Security, based on actions Congress could take. In any case, you might want to be fairly conservative in estimating how much Social Security can contribute to your retirement income.

By addressing the above questions, you can get a clearer sense of when you might reach the point at which work is optional. But you'll also need to consider other factors, too, such as how much you enjoy working or when your spouse or partner is planning to retire. In any case, the sooner you start planning for this next phase of your life, the better position you'll be in when it's time to make the transition.

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they have ideas, hear them out. Make them feel unique and special because they are. You need them. Promote peace, harmony, and unity amongst your alliance at all times.

Compensation is key. Often, we will need to ask those around us to help for free initially, but that only lasts for so long. With desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and imagination, you will cause others to see and believe your vision for a time, but it won't be enough to keep them around forever if they aren't compensated fairly.

If you cannot pay them, you'll need to ensure they have a future stake in the company. That could be a percentage of money earned or an equity share. You'll need to balance giving too much and giving too little. Remember that having 10% of something is better than having 100% of nothing.

There will be failures; there will be people who drop out of your alliance. If you're convinced of your success and don't let it affect you, the next person who comes to replace them will often

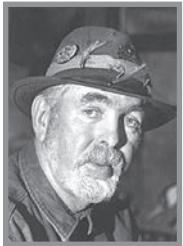
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Hoping the heat breaks

The hot weather should have broken by the time you read this column. I have had enough of this hot humid weather for this summer, although some people love it. It is summer, they say! Farm crops have suffered severely this year, and water supplies have in most area towns receded to dangerously low levels. I would not be surprised to hear of numerous fish kills, from the unusually low levels of water in most ponds and lakes, because of little rain fall.

Fishing continued to provide some anglers with a bit of action on many local freshwater ponds, but most anglers that are fishing report slow action. Anglers fishing the saltwater are having some good days and bad days depending on who you talk to. This week's picture shows a happy angler from Mendon with a real impressive Fluke taken last week aboard a charter boat in Galilee, R.I. Fishing for fluke has been slow on most boats, with very few keeper fish being caught. Fortunately, some seabass are keeping anglers catching fish, but even those fish are mostly shorts.

Public hearings on cod & seabass are



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being scheduled for the North Shore, but do not get too excited! Their proposals include one cod per angler starting Sept. 1- Oct. 7. Twenty haddock per angler is being proposed for the 2023 season starting in May. Haddock size is going to be 17 inches if the proposals are passed.

The month of August is being designated as a push to clear the kennels of pets that are looking for new homes in Mass.! More beagles have also been brought to Mass. from the research center in Virginia. Hopefully, they can all be found good homes ASAP. The deplorable treatment of these research animals, needs to be a wakeup call to all state agencies that stricter regulations

and constant inspection of these facilities, needs to be done more often. As a dog lover, it makes me sick to watch the daily news, describing the way these animals are treated.

Do not forget to check out the status of your antlerless deer permit for Mass. sportsmen. You can go online, if the site is working, and check to see if you have been selected as a winner of a permit for the 2022 deer season. Do not forget that the permits now cost \$10! There were some problems with the site last week, but should be up and running now.

Bee stings are on the rise, with reports of numerous residents being stung this past week! Some residents have had severe reactions to the bee stings. Many people that are aware that they are allergic to bee stings, and carry an EpiPen to treat the sting, & need to be reminded that they do have a shelf life. Be sure your pen is up to date! To some people it can be a matter of life or death.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Photo Courtesy

This week's picture shows Kurt Bellefontaine with an impressive fluke!

Hot weather garden woes



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Poor flowering and misshapen or a lack of fruit on tomatoes, peppers and squash may be due to the weather, not your gardening skills. Temperature extremes can interfere with flowering and fruit set on these and other vegetables in your garden.

We watch for and can't wait to taste that first red ripe tomato. It is certainly frustrating when we see flowers drop or the plant fails to form fruit. Tomatoes thrive in warm sunny conditions; but temperature extremes can prevent fruiting, cause misshapen fruit, or reduce the size of the harvest.

When daytime temperatures rise above 90 degrees Fahrenheit and night temperatures remain above 70 degrees Fahrenheit blossom drop and poor fruit development may occur. Combine this with low humidity and the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky

and doesn't move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination the flowers won't be fertilized, and fruit will not develop.

Cool weather can result in poor fruiting. Night temperatures below the optimum of 59 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit will reduce the amount and viability of pollen that the plant produces. Less viable pollen means fewer fruit will form. Cooler temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit can result in misshapen fruit and catfacing. Fortunately, the malformed fruit is still tasty and safe to eat.

Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity. When temperatures climb to 95°F or higher the pollen is sterile and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells. Pepper plants also experience poor fruit set when night temperatures drop below 60 degrees or rise above 75 degrees.

Tomatoes and peppers aren't the only vegetables impacted by temperature extremes. Eggplants, a close relative to tomatoes and peppers, do not set fruit until night temperatures are above 55 degrees. Beans stop flowering or the flowers die when temperatures rise above 85 degrees.

Flowering in squash and cucumber plants is also influenced by temperature and other environmental factors. These plants produce separate male and female flowers. The male flowers usually appear first and it is not until both the male and female flowers are present that pollination, fertilization and fruit production can occur.

Research found cool temperatures, bright sunlight, and shorter days encourage female flower production while male flowers are more prolific during warmer temperatures, less sunlight and close spacing. Flowering on squash and cucumbers is also impacted by nitrogen fertilization. Too much can prevent female flower formation while insufficient amounts can reduce the number of male flowers.

The simplest solution is to wait for optimum temperatures and the proper humidity levels to return. Once this happens, the plants will begin producing fruit.

If poor productivity related to the weather is a yearly problem, consider planting more heat tolerant varieties, adjust planting times and look for more suitable growing locations.

When the harvest is delayed, extend the season with the help



Photo Melinda Myers

Misshapen fruit and some other issues can be the result of temperatures dropping below 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

of row covers. These fabrics allow sunlight, air, and water through while trapping heat around the plants. Just loosely cover plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or landscape staples when frost is in the forecast. You can leave the fabric in place for the remainder of the year. Just lift it to harvest and secure the fabric when done.

If this summer's weather leaves you disappointed with the harvest, remember there is always next year.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Summer Tip And Tricks

Summer is winding down and seasonal chores are adding up, but thankfully readers took time from their busy schedules to share an assortment of tips and tricks that worked for them!

From cooking and cleaning tips to a safety trick, read on for this month's roundup of Reader Hints!

Too many Zucchini's? A reader shares his effortless way to enjoy more of the garden squash:

Here is another great use for Zucchini: Cut spears of Zucchini and put them in the Claussen pickle jar. Chill overnight and you will enjoy them. Maybe better than with using Cucumbers.

Paul Davignon
Uxbridge, MA

This reader has keeping asparagus fresh all wrapped up!:

In addition to cutting off hard ends of asparagus stalks before placing stalks upright in container with 1-2" water, use a piece of plastic wrap to "hood" the tips. Secure loosely with an elastic. Now, the tips will not dry out and stay fresh for several days!

Nan Johnson
Auburn, MA

This eco-friendly tip saves both money and the planet!

Just want to share my recently discovered money-saving helpful hint: I have a dog that constantly sheds and tracks dirt on my light colored kitchen floor. Instead of using costly and environmentally unfriendly Swiffer wet and dry pads to clean it, I bought inexpensive face cloths and microfiber cloths that fit into the Swiffer mop. The microfiber cloths do a better job of cleaning the floor than the Swiffer pads when I spray my cleaning solution on the floor, and the facecloths allow me to easily dry the floor. When done, I just toss the cloths into the laundry instead of into the trash. A win for my pocketbook and a win for the environment!

Irene White

Love garlic but hate the lingering smell on your hands? Read on:

Whenever you chop or mince fresh garlic, the smell of garlic stays on your

fingers all day. To eliminate the odor, wash your hands then dry them. Then rub your fingers all over your faucet. The smell of garlic disappears.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA

This regular reader shares a tip that could halt a safety hazard:

I was recently reading about a grade school boy about the age of 10, who couldn't get the bottled water his mom packed for his snack. Like a kid, he stuck in his mouth to try to twist the cap with his teeth and squeezed the bottle just as it loosened forcing the cap down into his windpipe! He pounded his chest at the teacher's desk and thank God she knew what was wrong and did the Heimlich maneuver!

For years I have kept a rubber band on my coffee mug and kitchen/office cabinet handles to grip tight lids. It is a great thing to teach a child that a doubled over rubber band wrapped around the cap can help loosen it so they don't stick soda, water, or other bottles in their mouths to use their teeth to open!

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, MA

Attention Readers: Plea for Home Remedy to treat Poison Ivy

I have a severe allergy to Poison Ivy. I have been under a Doctor's care for over a month and the rash and the itch are still lingering. When I was young I was treated with a homemade formula that was excellent. I moved away and the remedy is no longer available.

Since then I have used medicines etc. with varying degrees of success. Is what I have something different? It could be but the treatment is about the same as always. And so, I ask if you have been told of any home remedies that have been successful in the past that you could share with me and other readers. It is most aggravating, as you might imagine.

I read your articles every week and have enjoyed every one. Please send your best advice for this problem.



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Thank you. JS
Hi JS:

So sorry you are going through this! I appeal to readers to share any poison ivy "cures" they may know of. Readers, if you have any home remedies to heal poison ivy rashes, please send them in!

Meanwhile, I am sure you are familiar with the common poison ivy remedies of baking soda; calamine lotion; and oatmeal baths. Did you also know over the counter creams with zinc acetate, zinc oxide and zinc carbonate also ease itching, reduce oozing, weeping, and swelling of the rash?

Here are some home treatments to try:

*H202: Hydrogen peroxide rates high on improving itch and drying out the poison ivy rash. Simply pour 3% hydrogen peroxide in a spray bottle or dab a cotton ball with H202 and spray the affected areas and allow to air dry.

*Or, try Witch Hazel, which has been an effective Poison Ivy treatment for generations. Just apply as above. The itching and inflammation should subside within minutes!

*Eucalyptus oil is a natural anti-inflammatory. Apply with the poison ivy rash and allow to dry to naturally soothe the skin and promote healing.

*From the Farmers' Almanac: Make a paste from one tablespoon of salt, 1/8 teaspoon of peppermint essential oil, 1 to 2 cups green clay, and a little water (just enough to give it a pasty texture).

Apply liberally and leave in place for approximately 30 minutes. Rinse. Apply 2-3 times daily.

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Nan Johnson of Auburn, MA who submitted the kitchen tip above. Her name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Publick House.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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curative skills would be a thing of the past. Handwriting is, however, making a comeback in some schools.

We think it goes without saying, that the best memories involve a good old fashioned pencil sharpener. Trying to get the pencil as small as possible in one go, meant that you were talented. If that pencil still had a full eraser, you were batting a thousand. It was an even better day, if you could get your hands on an electronic sharpener.



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Clue: Used in golf play

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Clue: Where to play golf

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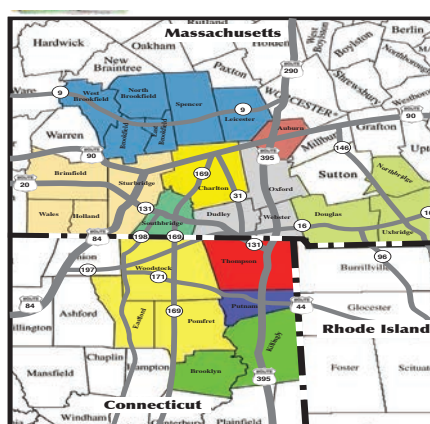
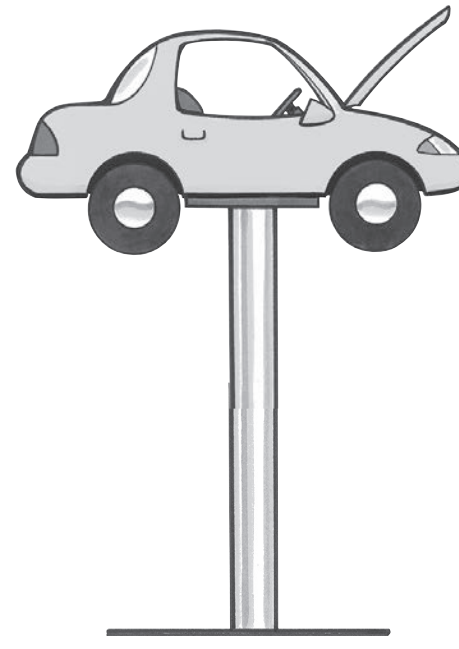
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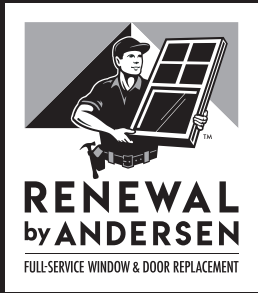


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SPORTS

Auburn Recreation and Culture Summer Basketball League Results

This past week the boys' and girls' divisions of the Auburn Recreation and Culture Summer Basketball League got into playoff play, and the Final Four has been set as of press time. Please check back again next week for the results of the semifinals and coinciding championship contests.

Below are the latest league results.

Boys' Basketball
Monday, Aug. 1 — Playoff First Round

Uxbridge, 43, Tahanto 33
Auburn 57, Leicester 31
Quaboag 52, Bay Path 31
Bartlett 46, Tantasqua 37
Grafton 56, Oxford 55
Quabbin 56, Shepherd Hill 50
Millbury 51, Southbridge 42
David Prouty 45, Sutton 33
Wednesday, Aug. 3 — Playoff Quarterfinals
David Prouty 57, Bartlett 29

Millbury 61, Auburn 43
Quaboag 45, Quabbin 38
Uxbridge 65, Grafton 34
The Final Four and championship game are set for Monday, Aug. 8, after press time.

Girls' Basketball
Tuesday, Aug. 2 — Playoff Quarterfinals
Worcester South 59, Auburn 28
Tantasqua 32, Northbridge 19

Quabbin 31, Notre Dame Academy 30
Sutton defeated Uxbridge (forfeit)
The Final Four and championship game, originally scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 4, has been moved to Tuesday, Aug. 9 "due to extreme heat and wanting to keep our players safe," according to an email sent out by Kristen Pappas, Director of Recreation and Culture for the Town of Auburn.



Competitive sports have a lot to offer young people. In addition to exposing children to the thrill of competition, competitive sports can set a foundation for a lifetime of healthy living. One study published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine in 2014 found that afterschool physical activity programs were the most effective strategy to reduce childhood obesity among children between the ages of six and 12.

Competitive sports also teaches valuable lessons about humility and respect. Sportsmanship is a vital and valuable component of competitive sports, and that's a lesson no athlete is too young to learn. Coaches and parents can work together to emphasize these principles of sportsmanship to young athletes.

- Always respect officials. In the era of instant replay in professional sports, criticism of officials has become more common. Such criticism can easily move from the professional to the amateur arena if players are not taught to always respect the officials. Unfortunately, many amateur sports officials continue to be the victims of overaggressive behavior on the parts of coaches, parents and athletes, and many have simply chosen to walk away rather than subject themselves to abuse. Estimates from the National Association of Sports Officials indi-

cates that the group's membership has dropped by more than 20 percent since March 2020. Coaches and parents can practice what they preach when teaching young athletes to respect officials at all times, regardless of how games unfold on the playing field.

- Respect the rules. Respect for officials should coexist with respect for the game itself. Every game has rules, and knowing and adhering to those rules is a vital component of good sportsmanship. Coaches and parents can set the tone for this by encouraging kids to play by the rules during the games, but also by adhering to rules governing practice times and off-season workouts when no one is watching too closely.
- Respect opponents. Showing respect for opponents is another principle of good sportsmanship. Social media provides a readily available platform for athletes to disparage their opponents before and after games. Such platforms have even proven too tempting to resist for some professional athletes. But showing respect for opponents, even in defeat, illustrates to parents and coaches that young athletes are mature and cognizant of the fact that participation in sports requires good sportsmanship.
- Respect coaches. Good sportsmanship also involves respecting coaches, even when they make decisions play-

Sportsmanship principles all young athletes should know

ers and their parents do not necessarily agree with. That respect has been dwindling in recent years, and it's contributing to a coaching shortage in youth sports. One survey of more than 200 coaches in the Syracuse, N.Y., area found that nearly 60 percent of coaches had considered quitting over conflicts with parents. Many coaches volunteer their time to teach young people the game, and players should be taught to respect coaches at all times. That includes those times when players feel

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Sportsmanship is a vital component of sports participation. Teaching young athletes the principles of sportsmanship adds one more unique benefit to sports participation.



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