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Friday, September 11, 2020

Old Sturbridge Village celebrates Craft Weekend Sept. 19 & 20

STURBRIDGE — People of the early 19th-century were skilled artisans across many different trades and mediums, including pottery, woodworking, blacksmithing, quilting, tailoring and more. Recently, people of today have found inspiration in many of these mediums, using craft as a creative outlet and positive pastime

during the COVID-19 pandemic. On Sept. 19 & 20, Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) will host its annual Craft Weekend, showcasing the major industries and crafts of the early 19th-century and their relevance and impact on life today. New to the event this year, Old Sturbridge Village is hosting an "Exhibition of Craft"



is intended to bring together a community of crafters during a time when craft plays a role in enriching daily life and inspiring so many.

Those wishing to enter the exhibition must pre-register online by Sept. 5. Exhibitors will be provided with a one-day complimentary admission ticket for taking part in the showcase. Craft Weekend will dive into the more complicated or unique items and trades not normally displayed at the Village. Planned demonstrations in a variety of subjects have been adapted for viewing outdoors, and feature a full schedule of events including:

- Tailoring
- Quilting
- Forging a Stake Anvil
- Bonnet Making
- Wool Dyeing and Knitting
- Book Binding
- Firing a Barrel
- Making Tin Coffee Pots
- Making a Pair of Ladies Walking Shoes

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Local filmmaker brings Hollywood to Sturbridge

STURBRIDGE — Cyclops Snowman Productions is proud to announce its first SAG-AFTRA production, "Red Fever," a dark thriller adapted from the suspense short story by screenwriter and producer Jenifer Clements Stockdale.

The film depicts a teen girl who has grown up in what she believes is a post-apocalyptic survivor's camp, but when she discovers her entire life is a web of lies, she must risk her life to get to the heart of the truth.

It's a big deal that we got SAG-AFTRA clearance, but with that honor comes big responsibility. The actors' union has recently implemented strict health safety guidelines for film production. Meeting SAG-AFTRA requirements will add extra expenses but we know that to keep cast and crew safe and healthy it is absolutely essential. That's why we're crowdfunding part of the film budget.

The production company launched an Indiegogo page that includes perks such as a live streaming of the film premiere and seeing your name in the movie credits.

Filming is set to begin the first part of October and will include two historic sites in Sturbridge and Charlton, but visitors will not be allowed in order to comply with health and safety regulations set by SAG-AFTRA and the state of Massachusetts.

"We are using local family-owned businesses for such things as catering and security to support the local economy. We hope to also shed some light on the amazing work being done by local historical societies."

To support this project and see your name in movie credits please go to <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/red-fever-a-short-film/x/24309220#/>.

inviting members of the community to display items that they have created by hand, either as a hobbyist or professional maker, at

the Village. The showcase will accept items in a number of categories, including sewing, quilting, weaving, knitting, woodworking,

metalworking, ceramic, leather-working, sketching and watercolor, at no fee to enter. Unlike a judged competition, the exhibition

Primary sets the stage for November contests

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – With last week's State Primary in the books, the stage is set for several central Massachusetts rematches in the Nov. 3 general election.

Incumbent Democratic Congressman Jim McGovern is being challenged again by Tracy Lovvorn for the Second Massachusetts

Congressional District. Lovvorn, a Republican from Grafton, only picked up 33 percent of the votes in her 2018 battle against McGovern. After running unopposed in the Republican Primary on Sept. 1, she is looking forward to her rematch with the longtime incumbent McGovern.

"I want to bring a new energy to Washington – a positive energy focused on unification and solutions," read a statement released by Lovvorn. "I am tired of being lied to by career politicians. I am done with allowing them to advance their personal agendas and careers, instead of working for us in support of our needs."

Congressman McGovern, who has held his seat for 24 years, is the current Chair of the House Rules Committee.

"Since his first election to Congress in 1996, Jim has consistently delivered millions of dollars for jobs, vital local and regional projects, small businesses, public safety, regional and mass transportation projects, and affordable housing throughout his district and Massachusetts," read a statement from Congressman McGovern's office.

The Second Massachusetts Congressional District contains communities in four counties, including the Worcester County towns of Auburn, Leicester, North Brookfield, Douglas, Uxbridge, Northbridge, Spencer, Sutton, West Brookfield, and Webster.

Another rematch is looming in the state Senate race, with Senator Anne Gobi once again facing opposition from Republican challenger Steven Hall, of Sturbridge.

In their 2018 battle, Sen. Gobi, of Spencer, took 55 percent of the votes. Her Senate district represents portions of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, and Middlesex Counties. The district runs from Winchendon and Ashburnham at the northern end of the state to Monson and Wales at the southern end.

Sen. Gobi currently chairs the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, as well as the Joint Committee on Higher Education.

Meanwhile, State Rep. Donald Berthiaume will be challenged for the Fifth Worcester District by Samuel Biagetti, a North Brookfield Democrat. In 2018, Berthiaume cruised to re-election over challenger Jean Strauss, collecting 60 percent of the votes.

Biagetti, an antiques dealer and teacher, is focusing on healthcare, education, and infrastructure improvements as part of his platform.

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Trinity Catholic Academy is ready to reopen!

SOUTHBRI DGE — In early August, Principal Josie Citta of Trinity Catholic Academy defined the re-opening plan for the private school in accordance with guidance put forth from the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Worcester and Massachusetts guidelines.

Tuesday, Sept. 8 was time to implement all that has been worked on so diligently through the summer by all involved for full time day education for all.

Last week, individual orientations were scheduled with each Pre-K and Kindergarten student along with their parent. Procedures for how the first day and the school year will progress was explained by Kindergarten teacher Alejin Del Valle and Pre-K teacher, Melissa Hilli to their students. All other grades received a short orientation video via email to facilitate an easier first school day. Seat locations and imple-



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Baker launches initiative to help local businesses

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Gov. Charlie Baker recently announced the launch of an initiative aimed at supporting local businesses.

Joined by Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito at an Aug. 25 press conference, Baker unveiled the new statewide effort to promote shopping local and supporting small businesses and attractions in a safe manner.

Although several sectors of the state's economy have reopened since May, countless businesses have seen significant drops in customers from pre-pandemic levels. Restaurants have had an especially difficult struggle, with many patrons afraid to return to their favorite locations due to COVID-19 concerns. Small shops have also struggled, and area attractions and recreational businesses have suffered

the impacts of decreased discretionary income.

With his newly launched platform, My Local MA, Baker is employing several tools to promote safe in-person business interactions, online sales, curbside pickup, and takeout meals.

"The intent of the campaign is to showcase Massachusetts' vast array of businesses and attractions – from family-owned restaurants to artisan boutiques to museums – that are a critical part of the Commonwealth's economy," read a statement released by the Governor.

One of the major problems for area businesses, officials said, is that many residents aren't aware of safe shopping accommodations like curbside pickup. Owners are encouraged to promote such offerings through physical signage, social media,

and website announcements. Curbside pickup options should be heavily promoted, as well as a list of safety and sanitation measures in place at a given business, state leaders said.

"From Stockbridge to Provincetown, our local retailers and restaurants are open for business and are utilizing safe practices," Baker said.

To assist local businesses with promotions, Baker's My Local MA program will feature several advertising mediums. The campaign, which runs through December, will include print, broadcast, billboard, and digital ads, along with social media encouragement for residents to shop local.

Moreover, officials will feature resources for consumers and additional information on the website: www.FindMyLocalMA.com.

com.

The Governor is also reminding residents that the best way to support local businesses and ensure they can stay open is to shop safely and responsibly. To that end, the My Local MA program features a "Masking Up" component devoted to promoting facial coverings and social distancing efforts.

"Supporting beloved local businesses also means acting responsibly," Baker added. "Masking up and practicing social distancing will be emphasized throughout the campaign to protect our quality of life and ensure that businesses can safely serve customers."

The Commonwealth's small business community plays a vital role in the overall state economy. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses in Massachusetts

employ approximately 1.5 million workers, accounting for approximately 45 percent of the state's total workforce.

"Through My Local MA, residents are encouraged to protect and preserve those elements that make Massachusetts unique," Baker said.

In central Massachusetts, local leaders continue to advocate for support of small businesses and entrepreneurs. Area officials have seen several residents step up and seek out ways to help local enterprises as they begin their emergence from the COVID-19 crisis.

"We need to keep supporting our local businesses and make sure we do everything we can to help," said State Rep. Peter Durant, of Spencer. "There is a ground swell of people who are promoting buying local, but a lot of businesses are still struggling. We're seeing permanent layoffs in many places, and that affects everyone. People want to get back to work and start to come out of this."

Local officials remind residents that supporting farmers and growers is just as important as shops and restaurants.

"Our main streets and side street businesses have all suffered during this health crisis. We are blessed to have so many small businesses and farms in our region – all offer unique products and produce," said Sen. Anne Gobi, also a Spencer resident. "The more we can shop local, the better for our local economy, business owners, and their families."

For more information about the state's shop local effort, visit www.FindMyLocalMA.com.



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NOTICE OF SALE Town Vehicles

September 11, 2020

The Town of Charlton is seeking sealed bids from individuals seeking to acquire the following surplus vehicles:

1. 2006 Ford F350 One Ton Dump, unknown mileage VIN: 1FDWF37PI 6ED84404
2. 2008 Ford Pickup, unknown mileage, VIN: 1FIWF31578ED12397
3. 2013 Ford Explorer, 96,328 miles, VIN: 1FM5K8AR3DGA51562
4. 2011 Ford Crown Victoria, 85,736 miles, VIN: 2F ABP7BV1 BX100530
5. 2011 Ford Crown Victoria, 131,188 miles, VIN: 2FABP7BV3BX100531

These surplus vehicles and items will be available for public inspection on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Please call 508-248-2209 for directions to their locations.

Bid packages 'for use must be picked up at the Town Administrator's office, 37 Main St., Charlton MA 01507. The Town Administrator's office is open M, Wand Th from 7:30am - 5:00 and Tuesday - 7 :30am - 7 :00pm. The office is closed on Fridays.

Sealed bid packages shall be addressed to the Office of the Town Administrator and should be submitted on the attached Bid Form, with the attached Non-Collusion Form, in a sealed envelope marked "Charlton Surplus", with the bidders name, address and telephone number.

All sealed bids must be received by the Office of the Town Administrator, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507, no later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at which time the bids will be opened publicly.

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 40A §10 & §11, the **Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on September 24th, 2020 at the Wales Town Offices at 6:00 PM**, on the application of Mark & Michelle Daricek of 20 Sichols Colony Rd. For a special permit in terms of the Town of Wales Zoning By-law Sec. 4.2.2. The Town of Wales Zoning By-Law Sec. 4.2.2 states "A pre-existing non-conforming use or structure may not be extended, altered, or changed except by special permit..." Specifically, the applicant wishes to build a front porch along the front of the existing house. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to the town website (www.townofwales.net) under zoning board agenda for the above date to participate virtually. If you have any questions or concerns please email planning@townofwales.net

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Friday's Child



Jaiden
Age 6

Hi! My name is Jaiden and I love to snuggle!

Jaiden is a sweet and loving little boy of Caucasian descent. Those who know him best adore him and share that he can make you smile as soon as you see him. Once you start speaking to Jaiden, he will turn towards you to see who is visiting and will give you a wide grin. The more you speak to him, the more excited he gets. He absolutely loves to be held and is a very happy boy. All of the staff members in the program at which Jaiden resides,

as well as his teachers at school, have fallen in love with him and are hoping that he finds his forever family soon.

Jaiden's favorite activities include playing with the Singing Elmo that he received for Christmas and listening to music. He loves being in the pool and enjoys pushing off the wall and splashing around in the water. Jaiden is also able to engage in many activities at school such as arts and craft projects with the help of his teachers and aide. Jaiden enjoys going to school and is always happy to see his teachers. Jaiden is non-verbal, is wheelchair bound, and has been diagnosed with cortical blindness. He relies on 24/7 support and receives occupational, physical, vision, and speech therapy at his school.

Legally freed for adoption, Jaiden is seeking a loving and caring home that can understand the complexity of his needs. The staff at his program are committed to helping a pre-adoptive family make Jaiden comfortable and happy in a home setting. Jaiden has the potential to thrive in family of any constellation, either as an only child or with siblings (he very much enjoys being around other children). It is important to Jaiden that he maintains a relationship with his two siblings who are placed in another home.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-6273 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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Girls on the Run Worcester County launches fall season

REGION — Recently, Girls on the Run Worcester County (GOTR) announced the launch of its fall season. GOTR is a leader in delivering evidence-based, life skills curriculum to girls of all abilities. Through more than 20 sites across Worcester County GOTR has served more than 2,100 since it was founded in 2015. For the 2020-2021 school year, GOTR is offering a variety of programs to accommodate the changing and unpredictable school year due to the pandemic. Registration for the fall 2020 season is open at several of our sites, with more being added daily at www.gotr-worc.org.

“Our staff and coaches are ready to bring critical social-emotional programming to Worcester County girls at a time when they need it the most,” said Karen Spencer, Executive Director. “We have adapted based on the recommendations of local health officials and decisions of local governments and school districts. Our fluid model will work completely in-person, completely virtual or can seamlessly transition between the two as needed. We are excited to offer for the first time, our new residential program which will work great for small teams of 6-12 neighboring girls or home schoolers. Coaches do not need to be runners to implement this amazing social emotional curriculum.”

Flexible Programming Model

If schools and sites are in session, GOTR after-school programming can be delivered as in the past, with enhanced safety measures including physical distancing modifications. Should school and site close, the program will be easily transitioned to a virtual model, with lessons that mirror the in-person program. This fluid programming model ensures that participants will experience the social, emotional, and physical outcomes of the program while allowing local teams to adjust to changes in the school and community health guidelines through-

out the season. 100 percent Virtual Virtual fall programming is delivered by trained coaches in a safe virtual space, with lessons that mirror the in-person Girls on the Run or Heart & Sole program. Virtual programming will include physical activity and social-emotional learning, providing girls with an opportunity to still build meaningful connections with their peers and caring adult role models.

GOTR at Home Activity Kit for Fall

For 25 years, Girls on the Run has provided evidence-based programming that builds confidence and empathy in girls when they need it the most. Girls on the Run is proud to unveil the GOTR at Home Activity Kit. Designed to fuel girls’ mind, body and spirit, the kit includes 50 activities that emphasize the important connection between physical and emotional health. Each activity helps girls learn valuable skills such as how to cope when things get difficult, demonstrate care for self and others, and practice positivity. From the silly starters to the fun movement games and challenges, girls will laugh, create, and grow through each activity

Volunteer coaches will receive the training and materials required to provide girls a safe, trauma-sensitive space to learn valuable life lessons and be active.

Added Spencer, “Together, we will find a way to motivate girls to nurture their physical and emotional health, no matter the circumstances.”

About Girls on the Run Worcester County

Through more than 20 sites across the Worcester area, GOTR Worcester has served more than 2,100 girls since it was founded in 2015. Last year, over \$33,000 was provided in financial assistance to 44 percent of participants, ensuring that the program remains accessible to all girls who wish to participate. For more information, visit www.gotr-worc.org and follow us on social media @gotrworcester.

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14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
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16. About aviation
17. Bowfin genus
18. Proper
19. Expression of annoyance
20. Cabbies
22. Bro or sis
23. Spiritual leader
24. Where football coaches work
27. Old TV part
30. A way to color
31. Touch lightly
32. Surround
35. Breached
37. Aristocratic young woman
38. Dry ravine
39. Hebrew measurement units
40. Supporter
41. Type of sword
42. Influential Irish playwright
43. Witch
44. Flower cluster
45. Mark Wahlberg’s animal friend
46. Psychedelic amphetamine
47. Actors’ group
48. Cool!
49. Salts
52. Group of SE China
55. Illuminated
56. Semitic Sun god
60. Water (Spanish)
61. Employed
63. Japanese ankle sock
64. Fishing fly
65. Some pheasants are this
66. Literary name for Ireland
67. Must have
68. A way to write
69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. American state
2. Hindu model of ideal man
3. Type of acid
4. Drenches
5. “The Raven” writer
6. Emerged
7. Alpha Centauri: __ Kentaurus
8. Democratic Presidential candidate
9. Hostelry
10. Fathers
11. Any plant with leaves used for flavoring
12. Member of a Semitic people
13. Lesotho monetary unit
21. Lots
23. Jewish address for “Sir”
25. Male parent
26. A way to get
27. Body part
28. Seam in an organ
29. Landlocked African country
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44. Tell on
46. __ Farrow, actress
47. Cotton fabric
49. Reciter of Scandinavian poems
50. Clouds
51. Satisfies
52. Shuttered Air Force base in Germany
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QCC’s early college program a direct pathway to higher education

WORCESTER — Students in the Worcester Public Schools and the surrounding communities have been taking advantage of Quinsigamond Community College’s Early College Program and the results have been promising. Early College Programs have become a way for high school students to get a head start on college, by enabling them to earn college credits while still in high school, and according to the Baker-Polito Administration, the Early College program model has been successful. QCC has seen 42 percent of its Early College students enroll at the college within one year of taking early college courses during the program’s early beginnings.

In the first preliminary data analysis completed since the state’s Early College Initiative began in 2018, the findings showed that Massachusetts

high school students who graduate from Early College programs are applying for Federal financial aid and are enrolling in college at significantly higher rates than their school or state peers. Data from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education showed that high school graduates who participated in Early College programs are enrolling in college at a rate that is 20 percentage points higher than their school or state peers; and their FAFSA completion rates are 25 percentage points higher than their school peers.

Since 2018, QCC has been providing Worcester Public Schools’ diverse student population with educational services, creating college equity access to more students who have historically been underserved. Data collected by QCC, found that of

those students who participated in the college’s Early College Program during the 2018-2019 academic year, the largest participating student populations were Latinx (29.2 percent) and Black (28.8 percent).

“At a time when we see racial equity gaps widening, it is encouraging to see the impact of Early College as an effective strategy to propel Black and Latinx students to successful college completion,” said Higher Education Commissioner Carlos E. Santiago.

The state data also showed that when outcomes for Black and Latinx students enrolled in Early College were compared with peers of the same race who were not enrolled in the program, Early College students of color attended college at higher rates. The differential between Black Early College graduates who enrolled in college and their Black school peers was 25 percentage points. Between Latinx early college program graduates and their Latinx school peers the difference was 30 percentage points.

“While the Commonwealth performs well in many education measures, the launch and growth of Early College is an important step forward in equitable access to college for all students and a proven way to close the college degree completion gap,” said Education Secretary James Peyser.

QCC has partnered not only with the seven Worcester Public High

Schools, but also with 22 additional area Central Massachusetts High Schools. Students take classes that range from general education, business and healthcare, and fulfill their high school requirements while completing college credits.

“Our Early College Program is making such a difference in the lives of students. It is giving them a pathway to higher education and a way to realize their dreams and have a better life,” said QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja.

According to QCC’s Director of Educational Partnerships K-12 & Early College Initiatives, Christina Hebert, the majority of high school students taking classes are juniors and seniors, with a small percent who are sophomores.

“Some students take two courses per semester and summer classes,” she said. “The goal of Massachusetts Early College Programs is to have all high school students graduate with at least 12 college credits. The opportunity is there for students to graduate from high school and also earn a certificate or associate degree. Some students have graduated with 15 to 24 or more credits.”

To learn more about QCC’s Early College program, visit www.qcc.edu/early-college.

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

CRAFT WEEKEND

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- Basket Making
- Straw Braiding
- Timber Framing Construction

Village potters will also fire up the 15,000-brick kiln found outside of OSV’s Pottery Shop. The 24-foot-tall structure heats up to more than 1,900 degrees Fahrenheit and can fit up to 800 pieces stacked 10-feet high within its walls. It is a fan favorite among many visitors who come to the Village.

Craft Weekend will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 19 & 20 and is included with standard daytime admission into the Village. Visitors and members are required to purchase or reserve their tick-

ets in advance, using OSV’s new online reservation system, found at <https://www.osv.org/plan-your-visit/>. Available tickets will be released each week on Wednesday, with three blocks of time per day for arrival: 10-11:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., or 1-2:30 p.m. Once in the Village, visitors are welcome to stay until the museum closes at 5 p.m.

Guests are required to follow state guidelines when visiting OSV and must wear a mask when entering into the Village, interacting with staff or other guests, or when physical distancing is not possible. Masks may be removed when outside and physically distant from staff or other visitors. A full list of safety procedures and measures can be found online at: <https://www.osv.org/plan-your-visit/>.

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mentation of teaching practices that will include several breaks that are learning experiences in themselves will make the school day different and interesting for all students. Each student will have their own supplies available to them that they will be responsible for throughout the school day. Seat-pockets, individual bins at each desk and other innovative organizational options have and will continue to be implemented.

From Pre-K to eighth grade, all desks, computer stations, and activities have been specifically measured to ensure safety for students and

teachers alike. One classroom actually has 2 desks per child (L-form) to make sure each child has what they need in their own space. Activities such as Science class and other opportunities to be outside will be taken advantage of as much as possible.

With TCA having large size classrooms (the building was built originally for High School students), Each class grades K-8 can accommodate 15 students in the classroom. Availability for enrollment in grades 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7 is still an option. The full re-opening plan has been posted to the website for more details.

All are ready and eager to get this school year underway!

PRIMARY

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The Fifth Worcester District includes the towns of Barre, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Hubbardston, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Spencer, Ware, and West Brookfield.

In other State Primary news, Incumbent Senator Edward Markey defeated Joseph Kennedy III in the

Democratic Primary. Markey, 74, will face challengers Kevin O’Connor, Andre Gray, and Frederick Mayock in the Nov. 3 general election.

“Tonight is more than just a celebration of an election – it is a celebration of a movement,” Markey said after the Primary. “Thank you to the thousands of grassroots supporters who organized around the principles that we believe in. We could not have done it without you.”



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EDITORIAL

The flavors of fall

The first day of fall is upon us. Sept. 23 will mark the first day it is socially acceptable to drink pumpkin and apple flavored coffee, doughnuts, bread and burn fall scented candles. Coffee shops and bakeries are already busting out the fall flavors.

Pumpkin enthusiasts beware, on the flip side, there are several people who think it is too soon. A survey that posed the question, “When is it OK to start drinking and eating pumpkin?” produced the following responses:

“Right now!”

“First day of fall.”

“I always strive for after Labor Day, but often start on July 12th.”

“I’m waiting until September 1st.”

“After zucchini season.”

It is true, there are more people in New England who are holding on to every last bit of summer than those looking forward to fall. To those people, we get it. Some people refuse to swap their flip flops for boots until the first snow fall. The end of the summer season really isn’t so bad. With fall comes hearty crock pot recipes, crisp evenings, sweaters, boots, and Halloween. The closer to Halloween we get, the closer to snow, which means the ski resorts will soon be open for businesses. What could be better?

Perhaps the best part about fall is foliage. The leaves are already changing and soon New England will be swarming with tourists, camera’s in tow. Peak foliage will hit during the last week of September through the first week of October.

Within the next four weeks, temperatures will drop drastically, with some hot days still sprinkled in for balance. The good news is, there is still plenty of time to sneak in a few more summer hikes, a kayak excursion on the lake, a few more backyard barbecues, or a day reading out on the hammock.

The Old Farmer’s Almanac says of winter 2021, “Our long-range forecast is calling for a cold winter with normal to below-normal temperatures in areas from the Great Lakes and Midwest, westward through the Northern and Central Plains, and Rockies. Remember last year’s almost snow-free winter in the Northeast? Well, this year our prediction is very different, with the possibility of a blizzard hitting the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states during the second week of February. This storm may bring up to one to two feet of snow to cities from Washington, D.C. to Boston, Massachusetts.”

So wether you’re still sipping pina coladas or drinking a pumpkin spiced latte while dreaming of jack-o-lanterns and the smell of wood stoves, this IS the perfect time of year for you.



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A life of accumulating stuff

I heard once that the first half of our life is spent accumulating things, while the second half is getting rid of those very same things. In our case, time has been more heavily weighted to accumulation, while getting rid of them has been a more sudden and quicker event.

As most of you know, we are at a time and age where we are downsizing. We’ve spent the last 26 years in an exceptionally large home on forty acres and are downsizing into a significantly smaller place. The move requires that we sell, donate, give away or dump, eighty percent or more of our belongings. In the beginning, the thought sounded arduous and painful, but it has been quite the opposite. It has been a “freeing” experience. It has lightened our load and relieved a fair amount of pressure.

As we’ve sorted through forty-five years of marriage in boxes of our belongings, I wonder why we ever bought most of it to begin with. It’s as if we were on a search for meaning in things, that we later found to be meaningless. I believe I bought things to make myself feel better and when I didn’t... I bought more. The more I bought, the more of a burden it became, so to relieve the stress... I bought more. I think it’s a vicious cycle that most of us go through. We all become burdened at some point with boxes of stuff. We either deal with it or leave it all to our kids to deal with after we are gone.

So, we decided to have an estate sale, which turned out to be the right choice for us. It went well and I’m guessing half our stuff sold. It was an interesting experience. I thought I’d be able to hang around, greet people, answer questions... but I was wrong. An hour before the sale began, George, the owner of Cait’s, the estate sale company, asked me where I was going during the sale. I responded that I planned on staying and he began emphatically shaking his head and said, “No. You cannot be here. Go hang out with a neighbor or find another place to be.”



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It was a mixture of feeling insulted and hurt. It was my stuff, in my house! How could he tell me to leave? Arlene looked at me and smiled. “He didn’t want to see you holding on to someone’s ankle as they drag you out the door, while you are crying and pleading, ‘please don’t take my stuff!’ “You think I’d do that?” I asked.

“It didn’t take long for him to figure you out.” She took me by the hand and pulled me towards the door. “Let’s not stay and find out.”

We got in the car and instead of leaving, parked under a tree near the entrance to the property and watched people come in and later leave with our stuff. It wasn’t a sad experience but just an odd sense of curiosity. Why did they want that? Where are they taking it? What will they do with it?

The next day was different. I decided to hide in the bedroom and stay close, but my personality and curiosity didn’t allow me to stay in hiding long. I slowly ventured out and had a fun time greeting friends, meeting new people, and seeing smiles on faces as I watched our ‘stuff’ bring joy to others.

I also smiled, knowing someday, sooner or later, that same stuff may be in someone else’s estate sale as they wonder, “why on earth did I buy this?”

My advice, for whatever it’s worth... Don’t put your faith and happiness in material things. They eventually end up being burdensome and rarely deliver the expected pleasure. First and foremost, look to a higher source. For me, that is in Jesus. For you it may be something different. Then, find your earthly joy and satisfaction in family and dear friends.

Stuff ... is just stuff. I don’t miss any of it.

Neither will you.

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Home Canning Tips & Tricks

Farmer’s Markets are selling tomatoes and cukes in bulk, workshops on preserving produce are filling up fast and canning jar manufacturers report double digit hikes in sales. There’s no doubt about it, self quarantines and the current homebound culture have spawned a renewed interest in gardens and home grown goods.

Whether canning in bulk to stock the pantry, or filling a few jelly jars for holiday gifts, the following information is geared toward helping your preserving efforts pay off in both financial and “feel good” benefits.

One of the joys of canning is the ability to literally put the fruits of your garden labor on the dinner table. For those who do not grow their own foods, a trip to a farmer’s market or neighborhood farm stand can reap bushels of freshly picked produce. In rural areas, farmers typically offer boxes of produce in bulk to home canners at discounted prices.

When choosing produce for canning, overlook those with bruises or obvious imperfections. Common backyard garden vegetables such as tomatoes and cucumbers are popular candidates for canning as they offer a variety of finished products from condiments to side dishes.

A few old fashioned canning recipes can transform the versatile garden favorites into glistening jars of pantry staples. For example, tomatoes can be prepped to be canned as tomato sauce, tomato soup, tomato juice, salsa, ketchup, and more. Cucumbers transform into sweet gherkins, dill pickles, chow chow and a variety of relishes. Orchard fruits such as apples and peaches can be processed as jelly, butter, chutney, pie filling, syrups and sauces.

Proper Processing: Before choosing a preferred method of processing be sure to study the options, all of which are available in canning “how to” books or online. For safety’s sake be sure your resources are up to date, since processing recommendations have changed in the past several years. The classic Ball



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Blue Book serves as the canners bible. Online, a reliable and free resource titled “U.S. Department of Agriculture’s “Complete Guide to Home Canning,” is available and can be accessed by visiting www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications_usda.html

A general rule is that the traditional boiling water bath is a canning option only for high acidic foods such as fruits, preserves and some pickled vegetables. All vegetables, which are low in acid (except some that you acidify first), must be processed in a steam pressure canner. Consult a trusted resource before you attempt to can your own food, as improper processing can cause Botulism, which is a serious and often fatal form of food poisoning.

Once you have completed processing of the jars according to safety guidelines, another important step in the canning process is testing your jar seals. After jars have cooled for 16-24 hours, a few easy visual and manual tests can ensure the jars have sealed properly. After removing the screw band:

1. Press down on the middle of the lid with your finger. If the lid comes back up when you let go, the lid did not seal correctly.
2. Lift the jar to eye level and look across the top of the lid. It should curve down slightly in the center. If the center is flat or convex, the jar did not take a good seal.
3. Or, try the old fashioned “tap test.” Tap the top of the lid with the bottom bowl of a teaspoon. A properly sealed lid will make a high pitched ringing sound.

According to the National Center for Food Preparation, if lids are tightly vacuum sealed on cooled jars, the screw bands may be removed before storing the jars. Before storing, jars and lids should be washed to remove any waste, and rinsed and dried. Jars should be stored in a cool dark, dry place. For best quality, store between 50 and 70 degrees and use canned products within a year.

Grandparents: Consider these financial moves



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Each year, on the first Sunday after Labor Day, we observe National Grandparents Day. Although it’s not as widely recognized as Mother’s Day or Father’s Day, if you’re a grandparent, you probably want to do whatever you can to help your grandchildren on their journeys through life. So, you might want to consider the following moves:

Contribute to their education. If you want to help your grandchildren pay for college, you have a variety of options, including 529 plans. You could also simply set aside some money in an investment account earmarked for education. But you don’t just have to stick to helping out financially – you might also want to do some research to see what scholarships are available.

Consider a UGMA/UTMA account. The Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA) and Uniform Transfer to Minors Act (UTMA) are custodial accounts that provide a relatively easy way for you to give money to your young grandchildren. A financial advisor can help determine if such a plan is right for you. However, once you put money into the UGMA or UTMA, you no longer have any legal access or authority over the funds unless you are the custodian managing the account.

After children reach the age of majority – typically 18 or 21 – or the age of termination if the state where they live allows for the assets to be held until a later age, they will control the assets, and they may not want to use the money as you had envisioned, such as for college. (Also, tax issues for custodial accounts can be complicated, so, before opening an UGMA or UTMA, you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor.)

Consider gifts to older grandchildren. If you have older grandchildren, you might want to help them out if they’re saving for a down payment on a home, or are between jobs, or perhaps are even having children of their own. You can give \$15,000 per year, per individual, without having to file a gift tax return. Your spouse can also give \$15,000 per year to the same individual, again without triggering the need for a gift tax return.

Review your will. If you’ve already created your last will and testament, you may want to review it upon the arrival of grandchildren. You can include specific instructions, such as requiring your grandchildren to turn a specific age before they can receive their inheritance. You could also codify the same requirements through the use of a living trust. Contact your legal advisor to determine if such a trust is appropriate for your situation.

Update beneficiary designations. If you want your grandchildren to receive proceeds from various accounts, such as your 401(k), IRA and life insurance, you may need to update the beneficiary designations, which can even supersede the instructions on your will. Keep in mind that if you have grandchildren with special needs, you may want to designate a supplemental needs trust for your grandchild as the beneficiary instead of naming your grandchild directly. Again, contact your legal advisor for more information.

These aren’t the only steps you can take to help your grandchildren, but they should give you some options to consider. The world is an expensive place, and any assistance you can provide to your beloved grandkids can make a big difference in their lives.

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Waterfowl weather sets in

The cool and pleasant weather of this past weekend signaled the start of the Massachusetts Waterfowl season. Although only Canada Geese are legal during the first segment of the hunting season, it will not be long before the opening of ducks and Pheasant season starting on Oct. 13. This year, the early goose season started on Sept. 8, and has a liberal daily bag limit of 15 birds. It may seem like a lot, but some areas in the state are overrun with Canada Geese that are polluting lakes and ponds and golf courses with their feces.

Unfortunately for sportsmen most corn fields are not cut during the early season, which has been keeping less areas open for sportsmen to hunt. Because of the extremely hot dry summer, farmers may be cutting there corn a bit early this year. Be sure to ask for permission to hunt private property prior to the season. A little courtesy goes a long way!

Numerous other problems are the posted private property that geese find every year to hang out in. Access to these properties are often off limit to hunting, or are just too close to houses. Remember to stay at least 500 ft. from any occupied dwelling when hunting. Hundreds of local geese have been spot-



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ted in many grass fields in the past few days, and will survive the early hunting season. If they continue to visit the same fields. When the regular season opens on Oct. 13, the two-bird daily limit goes into effect. Setting up a spread of Canada Goose decoys to harvest a couple of birds has kept many hunters away.

More bear sightings in Douglas this past week have prompted local deer hunters to purchase a \$5 bear hunting stamp from Mass. Fish & Wildlife this year. There are five bear hunting seasons in Mass. this year that include rifle, hand gun, muzzleloader, archery & shotgun, with the last two being the most popular among hunters in the Central District, as they coincide with the deer season. Be sure to read the 2020 hunting season abstracts prior to hunting.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will be holding their second Wild Game Supper on Sept. 12. It was postponed because of the Covid-19 outbreak. Sportsmen that had purchased tickets to the supper this past fall can pick up their meal at the outside window starting at 2 p.m. All meals are to go only. Anyone that cannot make the meal can redeem their tickets for a full refund if they wish. The club is also planning a pig roast on Sept. 19, to benefit



the Pheasant program. Tickets are \$10 each. The meal is also to go only. The club asks attendees to wear face masks at both events.

Reports of fast action on seabass in Rhode Island this past week, prompted numerous local anglers to give it a try. Knowing were to fish was the key to success. The seven fish limit on big seabass

were caught using squid strips baited on a single hook, or with squid strips and jigs. Very large bluefish were mixed into the fast action. Areas around Block Island were the most productive with large and small seabass.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

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Select a tree suited to the growing conditions, your landscape design and available space. Make sure it tolerates the sunlight, soil and tempera-

ture extremes. Check the tag for the mature height and spread. You'll have a better-looking plant that always fits the space with minimal pruning. Avoid planting near overhead utilities since trees and power lines make for a dangerous combination. Contact your underground utility locating service at least three business days before placing the first shovel in the ground.



Melinda Myers

When planting, the tree's root flare should always be at or slightly above the soil surface.

It's free and all you need to do is call 811 or file an online request.

Once the area is marked, you can get busy planting. Ensure your tree thrives for many years to come with proper planting. Dig a saucer shaped hole three to five times wider than the root ball. It should only be as deep as the distance from the root flare to the bottom of the root ball. The root flare, where the roots bend away from the trunk, should always be at or slightly above the soil surface.

Set the tree in the hole, then peel back and cut away any burlap and wire cages. These can eventually restrict root growth. Roughen the sides of the hole and backfill with the existing soil. Water thoroughly to moisten the roots and surrounding soil.

Continue to water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Proper watering, especially during the first two years, is critical for establishing trees. Watering thoroughly as needed encourages deep roots and a more drought tolerant and pest resistant tree.

Monitor soil moisture near the trunk and beyond the rootball. Since many containerized trees are grown in soilless mix, the rootball dries out more quickly than the surrounding soil. Adjust your watering technique and schedule to accommodate this dif-

ference.

Mulch the soil surface with a two-to three-inch layer of woodchips or shredded bark to conserve water, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it decomposes. Pull the mulch back from the trunk of the tree to avoid disease problems.

Remove any tags that can eventually girdle the tree and prune out any broken or rubbing branches. Wait a year to fertilize and two years, once the tree is established, for additional pruning.

Continue providing tender loving care for at least the first two years. Make regular checkups, prune to create a strong structure, and keep grass, weeds and lawn care equipment away from the trunk throughout the lifetime of your tree. Your efforts will be rewarded with years of beauty and shade.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. Myers is the host of The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

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Home Canning Recipes: Even the novice home canner can experience success with the following recipes that use fresh garden ingredients:

Pepper Jelly

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

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

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

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

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

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

Apple Chutney

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

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

Directions: Combine all ingredients; simmer until thick, about 1 hour and 15 minutes. As mixture thickens stir frequently to prevent sticking. Pour boiling hot chutney into hot jars, leaving 1/2 inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace if needed. Wipe rims of jars with a dampened clean paper towel; adjust two-piece metal canning lids. Process in boiling water canner according to the altitude recommendations below. Makes about six pint jars.

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

Home Canning DOs and DON'Ts

• Do be sure to wash, wash, and wash again! Wash hands, all food prep surfaces and all canning supplies thoroughly before starting the canning process.

• Always wash and examine all foods to be canned. Be sure to cut out any bruises and discard any overripe fruits and vegetables.

• Do an inspection of your glass jars, old and new. Before sterilizing jars, look and feel for nicks or chips. Inspect new lids for imperfections and make sure the

screw bands fit properly.

• Do use only proper glass canning jars and avoid the old time practice of reusing mayonnaise and other such jars.

• Do take advantage of farm fresh fruits and vegetables in season. Buy in bulk and process to enjoy gourmet style foods at rock bottom prices.

DON'Ts

• Never use overripe fruit. A good rule of thumb to remember is that canning can't improve the quality of food, so always begin with top quality fruits, ripe and free of bruises.

• Never add considerably more spices or seasonings than a recipe calls for. Some spices can be high in bacteria and too much of a good thing can put your safety at risk.

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

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

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

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!

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Gerard (Jerry) Feldeisen

Gerard (Jerry) Feldeisen of Brimfield, MA was born January 2, 1948 in Brooklyn, NY and passed away suddenly on August 25, 2020.

Predeceased by his parents, H. Arline and Joseph G. Feldeisen, Jerry is survived by his wife and best friend of 36 years, Stephanie Bayliss, his son Shaun Feldeisen, wife Sabrina and much adored grandchildren Mia, Emily and Liam. He is also survived by his sisters Helen O'Hara, Roseann Feldeisen and husband Barry Stearns and his brother Richard Feldeisen and wife Karen, his aunt Kathlyn Sweeney, his sisters-in-law Martha Bayliss Whyte, Roberta Hill and husband Curtis, Wendy Bayliss and husband Eric Pofcher and loved



nieces and nephews.

In addition to his family and friends, Jerry enjoyed computers and sales, roulette and cards, cars and science fiction, the Patriots and music. He could be as stubborn as the northern breed dogs he loved and as loyal and reliable as any pup ever. A longtime volunteer for Alaskan Malamute Rescue, Jerry did marketing, fundraising, events, fostered, trained and often adopted homeless malamutes.

Per Jerry's wishes, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to American Kidney Fund, Veterans Inc. or the charity of your choice.

Kenneth F. Boland

SOUTHBRIDGE- Kenneth F. Boland, 88, of Hamilton St., passed away on Sunday, Aug. 30th, in the Wingate at Needham Nursing Home, after an illness.

He leaves his sister, Elizabeth "Beth" Scalia and her husband Joseph of Needham; his sister-in-law, Kathryn Boland of Sturbridge; his 11 nieces and nephews, Kenneth LeBlanc, Kathleen Ouellette, Marc LeBlanc, Mary Beth Brown, Patricia Borus, Michael Boland, Kevin Boland, James Boland, Elizabeth DeVito, Joseph Scalia and Daniel Scalia; and many great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard "Dick" Boland and his two sisters, Joan LeBlanc and Ann Boland. Ken was born in Manchester, CT the son of Kenneth F. and Elizabeth



(Coughlin) Boland. He was a graduate of Mary E. Wells High School in Southbridge and a graduate of Boston University. He was a US Navy Veteran of the Korean War serving on the Destroyer, USS Hickox DD-673.

Ken together with his brother Dick were partners in numerous business ventures, the largest of which was the Sheraton S t u r b r i d g e

Hotel which is now the Host Hotel in Sturbridge. In 1969 they built the Carriage House Motor Lodge (now the Super 8) in Sturbridge. Other ventures they were involved with were Finbars Disco, the Unicorn Summer Theatre and they started the Tantasqua area Pop Warner Football program. He was a member of the Sturbridge Lions Club and was a former King Lion of the Club. He was also a member of the of the Knights of Columbus, DeTriana council 199 in Southbridge. Ken served on the Sturbridge Planning Board; served as Chairman of the Central Mass Tourist Council; served on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Hotel Motel Association; served as president of the Sturbridge Tourist Association; and served as a director on the Southbridge Chamber of Commerce.

His funeral was held on Thursday, Sept.3rd, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 11:00am in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial was in St. James Cemetery, Manchester, CT. A calling hour in the funeral home was held on Thursday, Sept. 3rd, from 9:30 to 10:30am.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Center of Hope, P.O. Box 66, Southbridge, MA01550.

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Antiques, collectibles, and auction news

It has been over two months since my last update on antiques, collectibles, and auction news. As you might expect, much has occurred since then, including a recently uncovered fake work of art.



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The Los Angeles Times reported that a statue attributed to Paul Gauguin that was on display in the J. Paul Getty Museum has now been hidden away in a storeroom. The Getty Museum purchased "Head with Horns" while it was on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City in 2002. The Los Angeles Times reported that the Getty described it as a "superb example" of Gauguin's work. Fabrice Fourmanoir is a Tahitian art dealer who has studied Gauguin's works. Fourmanoir informed the LA Times that he was contacted in 2002 by Wildenstein & Co. of New York who was handling the sale of the statue. He told them that he did not believe it was Gauguin's work because it was smoother than the rougher pieces Gauguin created. Fourmanoir also noted that Gauguin never used a plinth (according to Merriam-Webster: a usually square block serving as a base) in his works. Additional research found that the plinth contained lacewood, which does not grow in Tahiti. Gauguin only used Tahitian wood. Photos of the artwork were later discovered that belonged to Gauguin's friend, Jules Agostini. Agostini took photos of the statue in 1894 a year before



he met Gauguin and while Gauguin was still in France. The new evidence has led the Getty Museum to now attribute the statue to an unknown artist instead of Gauguin.

In more positive news, a 1950's coin operated children's Pegasus ride sold well at auction recently. The Antiques and Arts Weekly reported

on the sale of the Pegasus. "The symbol of speed and power, this example predated Mobil's adoption of the steed as its US trademark in 1968," they wrote. It brought \$25,200.

A space suit from Stanley Kubrik's movie "2001: A Space Odyssey" recently sold at auction, according to Vanity Fair. The space suit is believed to have been worn by Keir Dullea during the final shut-down sequence of the HAL 9000 computer. It sold for \$370,000, well above the \$200,000 estimate.

Another item is expected to bring an even larger figure. Smithsonian Magazine reported that the world's most expensive coin is headed to auction. According to the magazine report "the rare silver dollar is thought to be one of the first, if not the very first, coins minted in the newly independent United States of America." The coin will fetch much more than pocket change with its \$10 million estimate.

We will feature coins from three different estates in our October 29th online multi-estate auction. There is still time to consign for that sale. The preview for our Warren, R.I. auction takes place on Sept. 12 with bidding ending on Sept. 16. Please see the link on our website to register and bid on this auction. I will be appraising items for the Townsend Historical Society's virtual appraisal event on October 10th. Participants can submit photos of their items to the Townsend Historical Society in advance. You can also bring your items in person on the day of the event, and I will appraise them virtually. Please keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for information on upcoming events.

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

How to prepare kids to go back to school

The end of summer can be a bitter-sweet time for students. While many students look forward to seeing their friends, few want to say goodbye to the relaxing days of summer.

Parents know that getting their children back in the school day swing of things can be a challenge. The following are some ways to make that transition go smoothly.

- Introduce more structure as summer vacation winds down. The chance to unwind in a structure-free setting can benefit students at the onset of summer vacation. Many parents grapple with the notion that their children's lives are overscheduled, and the Cleveland Clinic notes that limiting organized activities clears up down time for kids to play and relax and spend time with their families. So it's important that parents afford their children this down time during summer vacation, only gradually introducing more structure as the school year draws closer. In the weeks before the school year is slated to begin, start waking kids up a little earlier and reintroducing bedtimes for younger children who may have been staying up later over the last couple of months. This can be an effective way to begin slowly preparing youngsters for the structure of the school year.
- Encourage children to read throughout the summer. A report from the education publishing company Scholastic found that 47 percent of parents are unaware of the "summer slide," which refers to the loss of academic skills that occurs when school is not in session. Scholastic notes that the slide is largely attributed to a lack of reading when school is not in session. By encouraging kids to read during their summer vacations, parents can make sure youngsters' brains stay sharp and are ready to learn once the school year begins.
- Focus on the positive. Even kids who love school may be apprehensive about returning to the classroom. After all, summer vacation is fun. Parents can confront that apprehension by focusing on the positives of returning to school. Emphasize the chance to see friends every day or participate in a beloved extracurricular activity, like sports, band or a favorite academic club.
- Let kids do some of their own back-to-school shopping. The items that constitute back to school supplies may have changed since parents were in school. But many parents still take their children on back-to-school clothes shopping excursions. Let kids choose their own clothes, as an opportunity to wear clothes they picked themselves might make them excited for the new school year.

Parents can take various steps to make the transition back to school a successful one for their young students.



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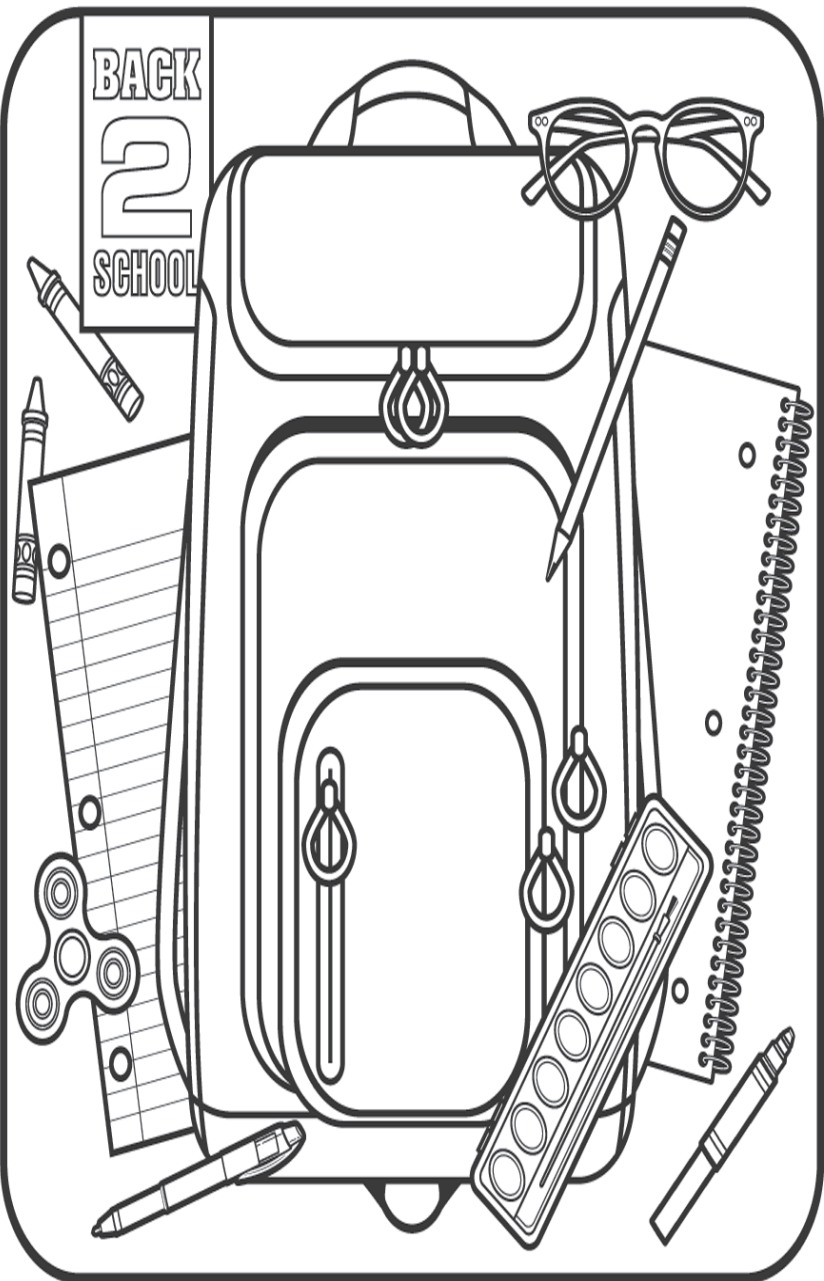
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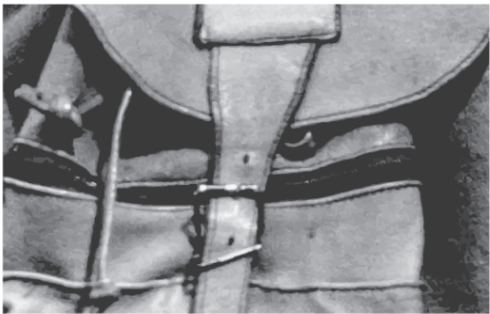
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A. 17 7 2 17 13

Clue: Bird noise

B. 19 5 5 9 19

Clue: Small parts of a plant or flower

C. 17 10 10 4

Clue: Shelter for poultry

D. 5 1 1 19

Clue: Breakfast food

Answers: A. cluck B. seeds C. coop D. eggs

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	1							
						4	7	
9			6			5		3
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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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9	4	7	6	8	3	1	2	5
1	5	6	4	9	2	8	7	3
8	2	3	1	5	7	4	9	6
7	8	1	3	9	6	2	5	4
5	6	9	2	1	4	3	8	7
4	3	2	5	7	8	9	6	1
3	1	8	5	2	6	7	4	9
2	7	4	9	1	5	6	3	8
6	8	9	7	4	3	5	1	2

ANSWER:

A refresher course in school bus safety

The dawn of a new school year is a time marked by change and fresh opportunities. For many children, school marks the first time they are away from their parents for an extended period of time. It also may be the first time they ride in a vehicle other than their parents' cars.

Each school day, 25 million children ride a bus to school in the United States. A school bus is among the safest modes of transport and one of the most regulated vehicles on the road, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Riding a school bus can be a novel experience no matter a student's age or grade. Kindergarteners may be introduced to the school bus on their first day of school, while older students are no doubt familiar with life inside a school bus. But all students and families can benefit from a refresher course on school bus procedures to ensure this school year begins on safe footing.

- Be a smart pedestrian. Riding the school bus is very safe, but injuries can occur walking to and from the bus stop. Watch for cars backing out of driveways and always look both ways multiple times before crossing streets.



- Remember school bus laws. Most areas of the country have specific school bus laws that include stopping when red lights are flashing on the school bus. Cars must stop whether they're behind the school bus, next to it or on the opposite side of the street facing the bus. Stopping allows passengers to enter or exit the bus safely.
 - Stand away from the curb. The National Safety Council advises keeping six feet, or three giant steps, away from the curb while waiting for the bus. Young children should be carefully supervised.
 - Be visible. Always cross in front of the bus, making eye contact with the driver so that he or she knows your intentions before crossing. If you drop something, do not bend down to pick it up. Tell the driver instead.
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Bay Path alum earns nursing degree at American International College

SPRINGFIELD — Nicole Kline, LPN, a 2016 graduate of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton, graduated from the American International College with a Bachelor's in nursing degree, Cum Laude.

What is impressive about Kline in her nursing journey is how she excelled in both the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy to become an LPN and the American International College to become an RN. While at Bay Path, Kline completed the 10-month rigorous curriculum, was inducted to the National Technical Honor Society, and passed the NCLEX-PN the first try! At the American International College, Kline was inducted to the National Honor Society, earned her BSN, Cum Laude and passed the NCLEX-



Photo

(Left) Nicole Kline

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Open Sky Community Services appoints new Director of Training and Professional Development

WORCESTER — Open Sky Community Services has announced the appointment of its new Director of Training and Professional Development, Suzy Langevin. As part of her new role, Langevin, who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in behavioral health, will also lead the Bridge Training Institute, replacing long-time employee and recent retiree Stephen Murphy.

"2020 has brought unique challenges for the individuals we serve and our staff need high quality, up-to-date training. Suzy is the right person for that important job," said Ken Bates, President and CEO of Open Sky Community Services. "COVID-19 may have started as simply a health crisis, but it has morphed over the past several months into a mental health crisis as well. In order to help the individuals we serve, our Clinicians and Direct Care staff, we will be looking to Suzy to strengthen our collective skill sets."

For years, the Bridge Training Institute had hosted workshops at an off-site hotel, but these types of large gatherings have been suspended due to COVID-19. Langevin sees this suspension as a growth opportunity rather than a barrier.

"Having worked with Steve Murphy for years, I have a strong understanding of what the Bridge Institute was, and I'm excited to expand its offerings. Having to innovate where and when we provide workshops is a real opportunity to broaden our audience beyond our core here in Central Massachusetts," said Langevin. "Reducing barriers like time and travel to make training opportunities accessible to as many professionals as we can will exponentially help more people and expand the training opportunities we currently provide from Open Sky."

Open Sky Community Services is an affiliation of The Bridge of Central Massachusetts and Alternatives Unlimited, Inc., which came together in 2018. Langevin previously served as Director of Dual Diagnosis Services, where she developed a model for services for co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. She also previously worked to implement and supervise the provision of Illness Management and Recovery (IMR) services and was instrumental in the development and opening of The Bridge Counseling Center, Open Sky's outpatient division. As a consultant and train-



Courtesy

Suzy Langevin

er, she specializes in Motivational Interviewing, and is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT). She was recently named to the Leadership Worcester Class of 2021.

For more information about Open Sky Community Services, please contact Lorie Martiska, lorie.martiska@openskycs.org. For more information about the Bridge Training Institute and its 2020-2021 training calendar, please visit the website www.thebridgetraininginstitute.org or contact traininginstitute@openskycs.org

About Open Sky Community Services

Open Sky Community Services is dba

for Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. and The Bridge of Central MA. Open Sky offers a wide range of services for adults, adolescents, and children with mental health challenges, developmental and intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, brain injury, homelessness and other challenges throughout Central Massachusetts. Open Sky Community Services has over 1,300 dedicated employees and an annual budget of \$83M with more than 100 programs throughout the region. For more information, please visit www.openskycs.org.

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