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APPLE COUNTRY FAIR CELEBRATES AUTUMN IN NEW ENGLAND

BROOKFIELD, Mass. — Showcasing the work of more than 70 local crafters, the 31st Apple Country Fair will be held on the Brookfield Town Common, Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Fair also will feature live music, children's games, baked goods, raffles and an apple pie contest — all to benefit the Brookfield Community Club, a charitable organization that makes grants to enrich community life.

Fairgoers can browse and buy hand-knit sweaters and blankets, carved wooden bowls and decor, beaded jewelry, specialty soaps and lotions, hand-crafted toys, locally-produced honey and more. A partial directory of crafters appears on the Fair Web site: www.applecountryfair.com.

New to the Fair this year, the Master Plan Committee will sponsor a dunk booth, offering locals the opportunity to drench their favorite town politicians and figures all for a good cause. Local authors Rita Schiano and Ellie Kraner will be on hand to sign copies of their books.

Children will enjoy games and prizes, face-painting, sand art and a moon bounce. The guild of Masons in North Brookfield will offer concessions throughout the day. The bake table will tempt with homemade fudge, candied apples, applesauce, cookies, brownies and, of course, pie.

A raffle will offer chances to win prizes including the community-stitched quilt, family passes to local museums and attractions, a portrait photography session, and gift certificates to local restaurants and stores. Tickets will be available at the Fair and are on sale now at the Merrick Public Library and from Community Club members. Entries for the apple pie contest will be accepted at Town Hall until 10:15 a.m. the day of the Fair. Judging categories are for children under 12, ages 13-19, and adults ages 20 and older.

Volunteers are still needed to bake and help with the raffle and children's games. To volunteer, please call 508-867-9553 or sign up at the Merrick Public Library.

In case of rain, the Apple Country Fair will be

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BREWER PRESENTED HANK WALKER SENTINEL GOOSE AWARD

On August 27, 2009, Senator Stephen M. Brewer was presented with the Hank Walker Sentinel Goose Award at the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's (DFW) annual waterfowl hearing hosted by the Gun Owners' Action League (GOAL). The award is given to those who have dedicated their lives to being ever watchful in protecting the rights of sportsmen and conservation. Brewer who is dedicated to supporting sportsmen and women throughout both his district and the Commonwealth currently holds an A+ GOAL rating, given to candidates who have consistently voted to support gun rights in the state legislature. Brewer was also a recipient of GOAL's Heroes of Freedom Award and a sponsor of GOAL's second annual legislative firearms education day.

"Gun Owners' Action League was pleased to honor Senator Stephen Brewer with the Hank Walker Sentinel Goose Award for Conservation. For decades, the sportsmen and women of the Commonwealth have maintained a dedicated effort to protect and preserve

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AUTUMN CLEANUP AT THE CEMETERY

From October 1st - October 31st, the autumn cleanup at the cemetery will be occurring. Please be sure to pick up any gravesite decorations that you wish to keep. All out of season and faded artificial flowers and baskets will be removed.

Invitation to Seniors

The Council on Aging invites seniors to the Banquet Hall Tuesday, October 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Library Director Brenda Metterville will teach and demonstrate the *Wii Sports* game which includes bowling and tennis. The Wii console and games are available to borrow free on weekends from the Merrick Public Library. Join us for fun and snacks! Barbara Harrington, our Outreach Coordinator (508 867 0220) will be present to answer any inquiries you may have. For more information, please call: Barbara Clancy at 508 867 6043.

News from First Congregational Church Of West Brookfield

Contemporary Worship

The First Congregational Church, 36 North Main Street, West Brookfield will hold its next Contemporary Worship Service on Sunday, October 4th at 5:00 PM. The band is led by Pastor Lisa, and accompanied by Ginny Bailey, Wally Hall, and Jeremy Kaplan. All are welcome attend this very lively service. A contemporary worship service is planned for the first Sunday of each month at 5:00 PM.

Attention Deficit Disorders

Monday, October 5th 6:30 - 8:30

Brookfield Elementary Library

Guest Presenter

Fran Peterson, MEd, CAGS LMHC

Family Works of Worcester

Have you wondered what ADD & ADHD are?

Do you wonder if your child has trouble paying attention?

Does your child always seem to be on the go?

Does your child interrupt you all the time?

Does your child have a difficult time following multi stepped directions?

Come learn about attention deficit disorders. What to look for. Tips and strategies to help children & adults cope with some of the symptoms of ADD & ADHD.

There is limited child care available for this presentation, pre registration is required. If you do not have transportation, please call us & we will work with you to provide transportation solutions.

Questions: Call us 508-867-2232 or email: sinkop@tantasqua.org

Can We Find You?

The Brookfield Public Safety Departments would like to ask all of the town's residents to see if their house numbers are in place and visible from the street. If not, please place or replace the house numbers so that we can find you quickly if there is an emergency.

Post your house numbers so they are clearly visible from the street. If you have a long driveway, post your house numbers at the end of the driveway as well so that they are visible both ways coming down the street. Do not assume that a fire truck, police cruiser, or an ambulance will always be approaching your house from the direction of the center of town. Many times we have to respond to emergencies while out on the road or while returning from other emergency calls and may approach your house from a different direction than usual.

Please use numbers that are at least three (3) inches in height and have a contrasting color to your trim or house color. Brass numbers look great but are very hard to see in the sunlight, and written numbers are hard to read at night. When placing numbers on your mailbox, place them so that your mail flag does not block them.

Now that we are able to find you, can we get to you? Long driveways and private roads need to be cleared of brush, trees, stumps and rocks for an area fourteen (14) feet wide and twelve (12) feet high to accommodate our emergency vehicles. Tree limbs hanging down will damage the ambulance, police cruisers, and fire trucks, as will brush on the sides of the roadway or driveway. This also closes in the road, making it harder for vehicles to pass safely.

The posting of house numbers is required by town by-laws.

If you are not sure what your house number is, or if you need us to assess your driveway or roadway, please call;

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at 508-867-6036

Fire Department at 508-867-7306

Police Department at 508-867-5570

Thank You

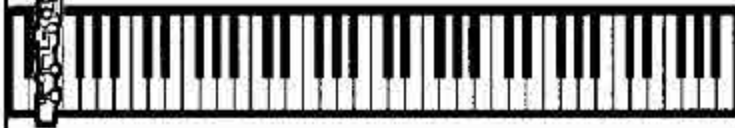
Lila M. Farrar • Music teacher

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Suzuki
piano - flute

The Suzuki method is based on ear training.
For an explanation, call for free appointment.

Visitors always welcome.



Library News

Brenda Metterville



"It's funny that we think of libraries as quiet demure places where we are shushed by dusty, bun-balancing, bespectacled women. The truth is libraries are raucous clubhouses for free speech, controversy and community. Librarians have stood up to the Patriot Act, sat down with noisy toddlers and reached out to illiterate adults. Libraries can never be shushed." -- Comedian and author Paula Poundstone, national spokesperson for Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA)



Apple Country Fair Friends of the Library Book Sale, Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.! Books may be dropped off during regular library hours. The Friends will hold their Book Sale in front of the library. Buy a Friends bag for \$5.00 and fill with books. RAPPLE tickets are available for purchase at the library. The quilt is on display at the library.

Adult volunteers are still welcome to sign up at the library to assist with the Kids' Games, the Book Sale and /or the Friends table on the common or any other part of this fun community event.

Costume swap is set up once again! Parents may bring in old costumes and swap.

Thursday, October 1, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. MOCK TRIAL on cyberbullying/text messaging. In the Banquet Hall of Brookfield Town Hall. Be a part of the jury when the realities of the criminal justice system with youth from our community face the legal consequences of poor decision-making. Assistant District Attorney M. Julie Lesure, Acting Chief Chris Welsh, Attorney Robert George will assist students in this presentation. Call the library for more information 508 867 6339.

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. Story Time with Sharon Champoux. Join us for this free program sponsored by the Community Partnership for Children.

Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. Kids Yoga with Ann Ramsey. The Friends of the Library sponsor this free program.

Fridays, 11:30 a.m.. Music & Story Time with Renee Coro. All ages welcome, no sign-up necessary. This program is funded in part with a grant from the Jeppson Memorial Fund, Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

Fire Safety and Equipment Tours with Fire Chief Peter Martell for pre-school children are scheduled for Wednesday, October 7 at 11:30 a.m. and Friday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m. (Barring any emergencies, of course!)

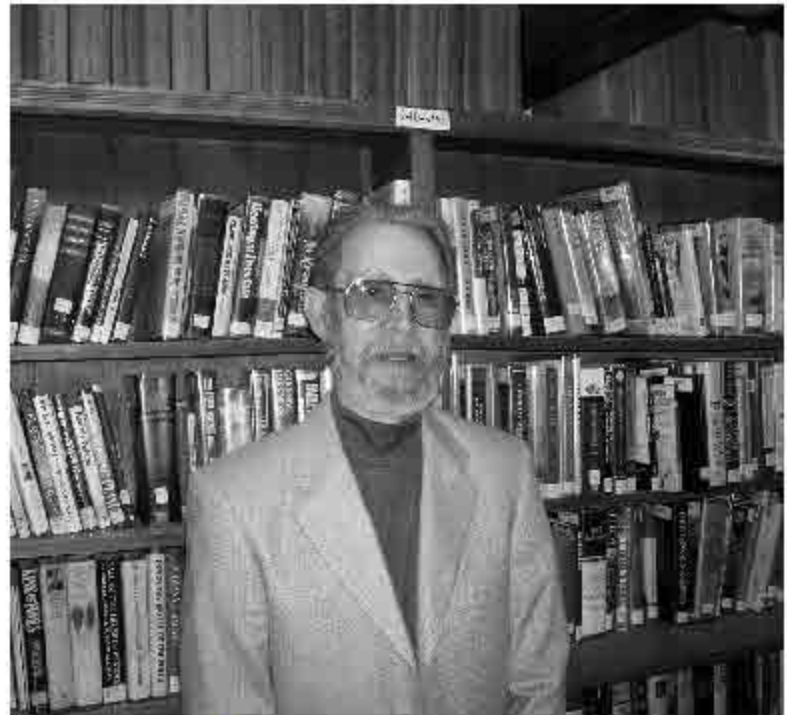
Banister Book Group:

Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox by Maggie O'Farrell. From Publishers Weekly

an intricate, eloquent novel of family malice, longings and betrayal.

Check out our blog for updates and current events: merrickpubliclibrary.blogspot.com

Library Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday & Friday 11:00 to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday, 508 867 6339. Ask a librarian: brookfieldlibrary@gmail.com



Our esteemed Robert Wilder whose offering for the Citizen is *Pilgrims or Puritans*, next page.

Car Seat Safety

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports 8 out of 10 car seats are installed improperly. Acting Police Chief Chris Welsh is certified by the NHTSA for (free) car seat inspections. He is available by appointment, please call 508 867 5570. Chief Welsh will also perform car seat safety checks at the library or elementary school. A grant funded by the Jeppson Memorial Fund for Brookfield, Greater Worcester Community Foundation will provide Brookfield's families with hardship, a free infant seat, convertible seat and/or a booster seat. Please submit a one-page letter to the Brookfield Police Department for review. BPD-Car Seat, 3 Post Road, Brookfield, MA 01506

The Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church will hold its annual Yard Sale on October 10, across the Common from the Apple Country Fair. Featured items include adult and children's clothing, books, kitchen utensils, dishes, crafts, lamps, and much more.

For more information on donating items, please contact the church at (508) 867-5145.

