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**2nd Quarter Real Estate Tax bills are DUE
 November 1st**

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CHARLES NEVILLE RETURNS TO MONTGOMERY!
 SAT., NOVEMBER 18TH from 7:00 – 9:00 PM!



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More information to come in November MT Breeze.

“I am still learning.”

Michelango



Outside the bird feeder with Lori Conley

THE BOBCAT

A few Montgomery residents have reported seeing bobcats lately. They are usually elusive and rarely seen.

The most common wildcat in North America, the bobcat is named for its short, bobbed tail. Weighing between 11 and 30 pounds, they are medium sized cats, about twice as big as an average housecat, and are slightly smaller than their cousin the lynx. Their coats vary in color from shades of beige to brown fur, with spots or lined markings in dark brown or black and white underbellies.

They mainly hunt rabbits and hares but are known eat rodents, birds, bats and even adult deer, which they usually consume during winter months. Bobcats are excellent hunters (mostly during twilight hours when eastern cottontail rabbits tend to forage), stalking prey with stealth and patience then capturing their meals with one great leap.

Usually solitary and territorial, females never share territory with each other and can be aggressive to other females. Male territories, however tend to overlap. Territories are established with scent markings and size of territories are extremely varied - generally 25-30 square miles for males and about 5 miles for females.

Each bobcat may have several dens, one main

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from Noon - 4 PM

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October Calendar

Oct. 3 Recycling day
Oct. 4 6:30 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Oct. 6 7:00 pm – Select board Meeting –Town Hall
Oct. 6 9:30 –11:00 am – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
Oct. 10 10:00 am – COA Coffee Hour – Town Hall
Oct. 11 6:30 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Oct. 11 7:00 pm – School Committee Meeting –Town Hall
Oct. 13 9:30 –11:00 am – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
Oct. 17 Recycling day
Oct. 18 6:30 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Oct. 20 9:30 –11:00 am – Osteoporosis Exercise – Town Hall
Oct. 20 7:00 pm – Select board Meeting –Town Hall
Oct. 24 10:00 am – COA Coffee Hour – Town Hall
Oct. 25 6:30 pm – Yoga – Town Hall
Oct. 25 7:00 pm – School Committee Meeting –Town Hall
Oct. 26 10:00 – Noon – COA Flu Clinic – Town Hall
Oct. 27 10:00 am – COA Coffee Hour – Town Hall
Oct. 31 Recycling day

Paula L. Chapman

Administrative Chief of Police for the Town of Montgomery
OFFICE HOURS 6:30 PM TO 7:45 PM

OCTOBER 12TH
OCTOBER 26TH

NOVEMBER 9TH
NOVEMBER 30TH

DECEMBER 14TH
DECEMBER 28TH

State Representative Peter V. Kocot

will hold office hours at the Montgomery Town Hall from
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 10th

Tuesday, November 14th

Tuesday, December 12th

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“I would like to apologize for not being able to take credit cards for one week and two weekend's last month.

Apparently due to perceived pressure from a Presidential tweet the mayor's office put a ban on all restaurants in Montgomery from taking credit cards. American money was all that was allowed. Good thing that is the same as cash.

Well after attending the mayor's meeting on the second Tuesday in the third week of last month I was able to get the ban lifted. So the Montgomery Grille and all the other restaurants in town can now accept credit and debit cards. American money is still always welcome!”



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Recycling News MONTGOMERY BULK DROP-OFF

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017
8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

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Available to Montgomery town residents – proof of residency, such as a license, may be requested. No trailer loads, please. Each household is allowed to bring up to five items – space permitting. (A few small items may equal one item.)

***** Please Note – Appliances WITHOUT freon are ALLOWED *****

Restricted and banned items are listed below. Please refer to this list before bringing items to the drop – off.

This is a volunteer effort. If you appreciate this service, please come to help for an hour or two. The organizers cannot carry the items into the dumpsters and are always looking for help. If you would like to help, or have any questions, please **Call Kate Griffen @ 862-0296**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Roll Off Restricted Items List

In order to ensure compliance with State and Federal Environmental Regulations, we are not permitted to accept the following items. Under no circumstances should they be placed in a container as trash or demolition.

- NO TIRES OF ANY KIND
- NO MATTRESSES/BOX SPRINGS
- NO COMPUTER MONITORS OR TV SETS
- NO ITEMS CONTAINING FREON
(Examples: refrigerators, freezers, A/C, dehumidifiers)
- NO YARD WASTE
- NO LIQUID OF ANY KIND
- NO HAZARDOUS WASTE
- NO ASBESTOS MATERIALS
- NO BATTERIES

These items are banned and cannot be disposed of as general trash or demolition. If they are found to be in the container, a handling fee will be charged to remove and properly dispose of the item(s). The fee varies according to the item and is set by the disposal site.

- If you have any appliances (stove, washer, dryer, etc) to put in the container, we need those to be loaded in first, at the opposite end from the door.

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Andrew Ellis
Jakob Fernengel
Carolyn Fuller
Joshua Galipeau
Henry LaFleur
Nathan Labay
Barbara Lee
Tim Lord
James Lutat
Chris Mann

Linda Morse
Carol Nummy
Emily Osdan
Scott Osdan

Montana Paradis
Julie Pike
Eunice Pomeroy
Dean Spencer
Jean Wall
Renee Whitaker

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jean & Bill Aras
Sheri & John Bucko
Laurie & Dan Flechsig

• Outside the bird feeder Continued from page 1

den (usually a cave or rock shelter, but can be a hollow log or some other protected space, also called the natal den) and several 'auxiliary' dens (located in less-visited portions of the range and are often brush piles, rock ledges or stumps, these are called shelter dens) within its territory.

Mating season is late winter with kittens are usually born around early spring and litter size is 1-6 kittens. The kittens begin eating solid food at around 2 months and begin learning to hunt around 5 months. After having learned to hunt with their mother, they are evicted from their

mother's territory at about 9-12 months of age.

They can live 10 - 12 years. Their current population is 'stable' - North American populations are believed to be quite large, with perhaps as many as one million cats in the U.S. alone. Threats include hunting and trapping for fur throughout most of their range and being killed by farmers for raiding. Habitat destruction and the ever-expanding human population limit their ranges.

Info from National Geographic and Defenders of Wildlife

Enjoy Fall with these end of season garden tips

It is always sad when the garden season comes to an end, but it has been a good year for most gardeners and farmers. Fall is a great time of year to enjoy the vibrant flowers that are still evident in most gardens. And the trees will be putting on a show, so enjoy and savor the moment.

Oct. is the month to:

- Limestone can be applied to lawns or gardens any time the soil is not frozen.
- Now is the time to plant garlic in your garden, pointy side up. Single bulbs should be planted about knuckle deep. Plant in soil with high organic matter about 6 in. apart in a row. Allow about 12" between rows. Apply 3 - 4" of straw before the ground freezes to protect the cloves from winter injury.

GardenNews by Chris Brown



- Dig up & store bulbs such as caladiums, cannas, dahlias, glads and tuberous begonias. Wait until the first frost has hit before digging bulbs. Do not wash bulbs, simply brush excessive soil off with a rag and let dry on newspapers for a few days. Store on crates or baskets using peat moss or wood shavings. Most bulbs should be stored at about 50 degrees.
- Take advantage of fall garden center and nursery sales. Deciduous trees and shrubs can be planted until about mid-Oct. Wait until Spring to plant needled and broadleaf evergreens.
- Water trees and shrubs periodically to ensure they go into the winter well hydrated.
- Clean up, repot if necessary, inspect for bugs all of your house plants before you bring them back into the house.

LEMON BLUEBERRY ZUCCHINI BREAD

4 eggs
1 cup canola oil
zest of 1 lemon
1 ½ tsp. baking soda

2 cups or less sugar
1 cup or more blueberries (fresh or frozen)
juice of 1 lemon
2 cups unpeeled, coarsely grated zucchini, drained

3 ½ cups unbleached flour
4 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat eggs; add sugar and beat until well mixed. Add oil and beat. Add zucchini, lemon juice and lemon zest and mix well. In separate bowl, combine flour, salt, soda and baking powder. Add to the wet ingredients, mixing well. Gently fold in blueberries. Pour the batter into 2 greased & floured 5 x 9 loaf pans. Bake approximately 55 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center of one of the loaves come out clean. Remove from oven and cool 10 minutes. Remove from pans and continue to cool on a wire rack.

OCTOBER RECIPE



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Chicken Pie supper and “Scoundrels” highlight Oct. events

Welcome, Autumn! Greetings to our Montgomery and Hilltown neighbors and friends! The Montgomery Historical Society welcomes all to attend the final **Open House** of the season on Saturday, September 30 at the Town House (historical museum) at the town center. Our doors are open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for any and all to browse through the little museum where we have artifacts and ephemera both from Montgomery and elsewhere. There are copies of historical Montgomery photographs on display, as well as articles from the past to be enjoyed. Please stop in on Saturday, the 30th, if you'd like to view some “history” – local history in particular.

FOR YOUR DINING PLEASURE: The popular annual **Chicken Pie Supper** is coming soon – **Saturday, October 21 at the Town Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m.** The menu includes the chicken pie accompanied by mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables in season, cranberry sauce, home-made dessert, and beverages. It's all a bargain for just \$10.00 (or \$5.00 for

Historical Happenings



children ten and under). We encourage early reservations as the dinner is sometimes a sellout... Please make your reservations soon (no later than Tuesday, October 17) by calling Laurie at 862-8095. Proceeds of the supper benefit the

annual scholarship(s) given by the Montgomery Historical Society to graduating Montgomery seniors, so please help us to help them!

We'd like to have you meet our guest speaker, retired Westfield State University **Professor Martin Henley**, author of several books including “**Scoundrels Who Made America Great**,” a non-fiction with a fresh view of heroism using dramatic events in the life history of each “scoundrel.” These include Benedict Arnold (America's most notorious traitor, who saved the American Revolution), John Brown (violent abolitionist who gave his life to end slavery), Iva Toguri (the infamous “Tokyo Rose” of World War Two, who risked her life to smuggle food and medicine to American prisoners of war), and others. We anticipate an interesting program with Professor Henley! Please join us for this event!

The Historical Society's display case (donated by Helen and the late Susan Allyn), currently houses a display designated “Putting Food By,” featuring items used to preserve foods in times past (before the advent of freezing fresh vegetables and fruits for enjoyment and sustenance over the winter). Our “foremothers” worked hard with the equipment they had in order to provide for their families! The items are from the collection at the Town House (historical museum) and will be returned there to the permanent collection. The display will change about mid-October, so check it out before it is replaced by another exhibit at that time. Note to all: we'd love to hear from our community members about items or collections you might be willing to loan for exhibit in the display case in the future. Please call Laurie at 862-8095 to schedule a time for you! THANK YOU!!

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**October
2017**

I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze.
The sweet chill of pumpkin and crisp sunburnt leaves. ~Ann Drake, 2013

NEW ITEMS IN THE LIBRARY

Magnus Chase: Ship of the Dead by R. Riordan
DVD 47 meters down
DVD Hero
DVD Born in China
Origin by D. Brown
Casualty of War by C. Todd

Last Castle the epic story of love lost by D. Kierman
Lying Game by R. Ware
Caroline by S. Miller
Cuban Affaire by N. Demille
Enigma by C. Coulter
Golden House by S. Rushdie
Plus many more! Stop by and check them out!

Trustees Meeting Oct. 5 at 6:30 PM

Museum Passes

Old Sturbridge Village
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Norman Rockwell
Mystic Aquarium
Deerfield Historical Mu-
USS Constitution
DCR State Park Pass
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Thurs: 4-8
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The Library annual fall

Book & Bake Sale will be on **Oct. 14 from 9 am to 2 pm** at the Little Red School House on the corner of Pitcher Street and Main Road. Donations of books can be brought to the library between September 10 and October 10. Please no Readers Digests, text books or Encyclopedias. Items that are damaged , moldy or in poor conditioned are not accepted either. Bake goods can be dropped of at the School House on the morning of the sale. Vol-unteers please sign up in the library. We could use all the help we can get!

Proceeds from the sale help sponsor events through our the year

COUNCIL ON AGING

Serving the Citizens of Montgomery

October 2017

Calendar

Tue – Oct 10 Coffee Hour – 10 a.m.
Diana Szynal – Kocot Aide

Tue – Oct 24 Coffee Hour – 10 a.m.

Osteoporosis Exercise Class
Town Hall – Friday – 9:30 – 11am

Birthdays

Barbara Lee	Linda Morse
Henry Lafleur	Carol Nummy
Ronald Brewster	James Lutat
Julie Pike	Kendra Berndt

Flu Clinic

On Thursday, **October 26th** we will be holding a flu clinic at the Town Hall, from 10 a.m. till noon. The Hilltown Community Health Center will be conducting the clinic and it will be open to all residents 19 years and older. You will need to register with the Health Center and provide your insurance card.

Look for notices posted in the senior room, town office and library.

- The cold and flu season is underway, so clean your hands often with hand sanitizer or soap and warm water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Sneeze or cough into your sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- If you're sick, stay home
- Ask your doctor about getting a flu shot to help you weather the season in good health.

Zodiac Sign - Libra/Scorpio

Flower – Marigold

Birthstone - Opal

Notice from CMS

You're getting a new Medicare card!

Cards will be mailed between
April 2018 – April 2019

You asked, and we listened. Between April 2018 and April 2019, we'll be removing Social Security numbers from Medicare cards and mailing each person a new card. This will keep your information more secure and help protect your identity.

You'll get a new Medicare Number that's unique to you, and it will only be used for your Medicare coverage. The new card won't change your coverage or benefits. You'll get more information from Medicare when your new card is mailed.

- Beware of anyone who contacts you about your new Medicare card. We'll never ask you to give personal or private information to get your new Medicare Number and card.

Please help yourself to the flyer that can be found in the Senior Room and in the Town Hall.

Medicare's Open Enrollment Period

October 15 – December 7

This is the time of year when everyone with Medicare can join or change their health and prescription drug plan for 2018.

This is an important opportunity to make sure you're getting the most from your Medicare benefits. Every year, Medicare plans change, and so do your needs. It's worth the time to shop around to see if your coverage is still the best for your situation.

Patty Sasso, from Senior Medicare Patrol, and John Bergeron, SHINE representative, will attend our coffee hour on November 14th.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point.

The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

How can National Breast Cancer Awareness Month make a difference?

We can use this opportunity to spread the word about steps women can take to detect breast cancer early.

Here are just a few ideas:

- Ask doctors and nurses to speak to women about the importance of getting screened for breast cancer.
- Encourage women ages 40 to 49 to talk with their doctors about when to start getting mammograms.
- Talk with women ages 50 to 74 in your community about getting mammograms every 2 years.

National Mammography Day

The third Friday in October each year is National Mammography Day. On this day, and throughout the month, women are encouraged to make a mammography appointment. In 2017, National Mammography Day is celebrated on **October 20**.

Since its inception, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month has been at the forefront of promoting awareness of breast cancer issues and has evolved along with the national dialogue on breast cancer. Today, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month recognizes that although many great strides have been made in breast cancer awareness and treatment, much still needs to be accomplished. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month remains dedicated to educating and empowering women to take charge of their own breast health by practicing regular self-breast exams to identify any changes, scheduling regular visits and annual mammograms with their healthcare provider, adhering to prescribed treatment and knowing the facts about recurrence.

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