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Auburn's Patrick Germain among newest Correctional training graduates



Patrick Germain

PAXTON — Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis has announced the graduation of Basic Recruit Training Academy #52. The most recent academy class, comprised of 11 new correctional officers, includes four members who are military or still-serving reservists in the United States Army and National Guard. Among the graduating class of new correctional officers is Officer Patrick Germain of Auburn who was also selected as Class President of BRTA #52 by his peers.

During his tenure, Evangelidis has made significant changes to the hiring standards in order to professionalize the department. All correctional officer applicants must have, at a minimum, an associate's degree or at least two years of military service. They must also take and pass a written exam, physical fitness test, background check and psychological screening test. United States military applicants are given priority status

in the hiring process.

"Corrections is a serious business, our primary responsibility is public safety and to serve and protect the citizens of Worcester County. Our newly sworn-in officers have met the highest hiring standards in corrections today and have completed the finest training academy in Massachusetts," Said Evangelidis.

During the formal graduation ceremony, among the traditions that were observed was as a badge-pinning where the new officers were "pinned" into their new profession by a family member.

"I am proud to welcome our latest graduating class of eleven new correctional officers who have met the challenges presented to them during their rigorous twelve-week Academy. They will surely make us a better department," aid Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis.

Domino's® 'Pizza Theater' now open in Auburn

OPEN-CONCEPT STORE BRINGS THE FUN OF PIZZA-MAKING TO THE FOREFRONT

AUBURN — The first Domino's "pizza theater" in Auburn is now open! The locally-owned store, located at 711 Southbridge St., officially opened for business on Jan. 27.

"I'm very excited to open the doors to the first Domino's in town," said Sara Andrade, Auburn Domino's franchise owner. "The store features an open-concept, interactive experience where customers can actually watch and track their pizza being made, each step of the way. Domino's is bringing the art and fun of pizza-making to the forefront."

Domino's pizza theater design allows flexibility for several elements otherwise unheard of when it comes to a "traditional" store. Highlights include an open-area viewing of the food preparation process, indoor seating, the ability to track carryout orders electron-

ically on a lobby screen and a chalkboard to allow customers to express their creativity or to leave feedback for the store team members.

"I hope local residents come out and enjoy our beautiful new space," Andrade said. "We look forward to serving delicious pizza and providing exceptional service to this area."

The store is also looking to hire delivery drivers, customer service representatives and assistant managers. More than 90 percent of Domino's U.S. franchise owners actually began their career as parttime team members, including Andrade. She began working at Domino's as customer service representative in 2007 and worked her way up. Domino's in Auburn is Andrade's first location.

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School Committee to Interview Superintendent candidate

AUBURN — On Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. in the School Committee Room, located at 5 West St. in Auburn, the Auburn School Committee will interview the lone internal applicant for the position of Superintendent of the Auburn Public Schools, effective July 1.

The successful candidate will assume the role of Superintendent, replacing Dr. Maryellen Brunelle, who will retire on June 30 after serving as Superintendent of the Auburn Public Schools since 2008, having previously served as the Principal of the Bryn Mawr School in Auburn from 2001-2006.

On behalf of the Auburn School Committee, we welcome your attendance at the meeting.

Name reveal held for new manikin at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

CHARLTON — A name reveal ceremony was recently held for the new manikin in the Simulation (SIM) laboratory at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. The name "Sam" was voted on by PN Class of 2020.

The manikin's gender can be suited to the teaching-learning scenario, and a gender-neutral name is appropriate. Sam will be "Samantha" for when the manikin requires a female gender for SIM scenarios, and "Sampson" for when the manikin requires a male gender for SIM scenarios. As it happens, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy have produced several successful "Samantha's" and is soon to graduate a "Sampson."

The new manikin was purchased by the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy through funds received from Perkin's grant. Influencing the manikin name reveal is the fact that Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni continues to return and assist in

every way they can with current students. Tasheena Laliberte, LPN from Worcester, of PN Class of 2019 was at the first SIM Lab to assist.

"We have a wonderful team here at Bay Path and an even more amazing alumni community," expressed Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director.

In addition to honoring alumni, the PN staff and faculty wanted the students in the program not only to have access to something important to their overall training but to be engaged and involved in decisions, even simple ones such as naming the manikin.

"We love that our alumni are supporting current cohorts even after they have left, continuing to recognize that nursing is vital to improving healthcare for all," said Bolandrina.

"The practical nursing faculty is extremely appreciative of the generosity of time, inspiration and camaraderie from the alumni, and the opportunities it provides the current students in their practical nursing education," concluded Bolandrina.





Courtesy Photo

New Charlton CEA updates announced

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - If they haven't already, participants in the Town of Charlton Community Electricity Aggregation, or CEA, Program will soon be receiving details on the new deal for 2020 through 2022 which sees Charlton partnering with NextEra Energy Services in the

Touting the new rate as 26 percent lower than National Grid's Basic Service Supply Rate, the program offers participating Charlton power customers a chance to go green and to decrease their energy bills by sourcing electricity from New England-based renewable energy sources including solar, wind

and hydroelectric providers.

John O'Rourke, a representative of energy management consulting company Good Energy, provided details on the new partnership to Charlton's selectmen on Jan. 14. The Program applies to Charlton, Millbury and Oxford residents and continues an effort sparked in 2017 to help offer power customers a chance to utilize greener energy at a cheaper rate than National Grid. The new partnership with NextEra is only the latest step in lowering those bills and continue to provide new power options for Charlton residents.

"We went out to bid last May. The reason we did that was because our analyst told us the market was very good during that period of time and to go out

to bid to start the renewal program for January 2020. We got a very good bid of 10.316 cents per kWh, slightly below the current rate of the aggregation," said O'Rourke. "What we also did because there's more interest in renewable energy we added a product to the aggregation, 100 percent local green. That's priced at 12.366 cents. Essentially what that is, we get Massachusetts Class 1 renewable energy certificates from an organization called the Green Energy Consumers Alliance. They are the gold standard here in Massachusetts.'

The new price per kilowatt hour of 10.316 cents is a drop from the previous deal which was set at 10.430 cents per kWh. Good Energy assumes an average cost of \$15 more a month for power

customers who choose to embrace the Charlton Premium 100 percent Local Green program costing 12.366 per kWh.

O'Rourke and Good Energy previously met with the town administrators and managers of the three participating communities to work out a plan to spread the word of the new partnership for customers. This resulted in the creation of a detailed letter informing residents what they can expect from the new partnerships and how this will be reflected on their bills.

Information about the changes or about the Charlton CEA Program in general can be found at Charlton-CEA. come or by calling the Charlton Town Hall at (508) 248-2209.

Abducted girl rescued in Sturbridge

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — An 11-year-old Springfield girl was rescued recently after an Amber Alert led to the arrest of her abductor on the Mass. Pike in Sturbridge.

At 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 15, Charlotte Moccia was forced into a vehicle shortly after she got off her school bus. Police immediately issued an Amber Alert, asking residents to be on the lookout for a blue Honda Civic with yellow fog lights and no front license plate.

The abduction took place in the Springfield neighborhood of Princeton and Amherst Streets. State and local police quickly fanned out across the area, and Amber Alerts were broadcast through television, radio, and text

"Preliminary investigation suggests that a white or Hispanic male was walking behind Charlotte and forced her into the back of an older model (believed to be 2001-2005) dark blue or black Honda,' read the initial statement issued by the State Police. "The vehicle has distinctive aftermarket rims and a moonroof."

Police were praised for the level of details released on the suspect's vehicle in the Amber Alert. Because of the alert, multiple drivers on the Mass. Pike reported a car heading eastbound

that matched the suspect vehicle's description. One driver even followed the vehicle for several miles while on the phone with police, officials said.

Troopers then flooded the highway and stopped the vehicle near the Sturbridge-Charlton line, roughly six hours after the abduction and 30 miles away. The car was located by troopers in a work zone and pulled over without incident, police said. The driver, Miguel Rodriguez, 24, of Springfield, was arrested and charged with aggravated kidnapping.

Rodriguez was transported to the State Police Charlton barracks for booking. Moccia, found in the suspect's vehicle with no apparent injuries, was evaluated as a precaution by EMS personnel, police said.

The suspect and victim were not related, police said. Rodriguez appeared in Springfield District Court for arraignment on Jan. 16. He was held without bail and ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation. He will return to court later this month for a dangerousness hearing.

Police are not seeking any other suspects in the crime. A few witnesses had described seeing a woman in the suspect's car, but police believe Rodriguez acted alone.

Emily M. Martin of Auburn named to Clemson University President's List

CLEMSON, S.C. — Emily M. Martin of Auburn has been named to the President's List at Clemson University. Martin, whose major is Health Science, made the President's List for the fall 2019 semester.

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

Municipal Building Committee looks ahead

BY JASON BLEAU

CHARLTON - Charlton's Municipal Building Committee is looking ahead to the needs of the future for the town's infrastructure with an eye on several priorities for the 2020 calendar year.

Charlton Building Commissioner Curtis Meskus represented the Municipal Building Committee during a meeting with selectmen on Jan. 14 where he provided an update on recent discussions among committee members and some priorities that the town should be exploring in the immediate future. The update was the first in a while provided by the committee with Meskus delving into several items during a short discussion where infrastructure, facilities management, community lighting and green community projects were all put on the table.

"We need to continue down the development of a facilities maintenance department so that our department heads and building heads are doing their jobs and not being torn by having to take care of maintenance tasks on a daily basis. There has been discussion and will probably continue to be discussion about the further buildout of the department of public works and what goes in there and what facilities are needed as that goes forward. The construction of a new public safety building will free up the space at 85 Masonic Home Rd. for additional municipal purposes," said Meskus. The Masonic Road property he spoke of is the current fire department building which could become vacant if the town were to build a new facility to house both fire and police officials.

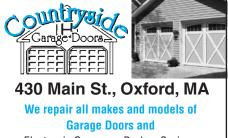
Other projects and priorities discussed included requests from the cemetery commissioners who are seeking a space for them to operate, the poten-

tial for new roof projects including at the police station and obtaining grant funding to convert streetlamps to LED bulbs. The committee is also continuing to work with municipal departments to achieve the 20 percent reduction required by the Green Communities Act. One major need Meskus says is a place for file storage, a project which has been conceived and abandoned already in recent years.

"We did embark on a program quite a while ago to build and archival storage building. We had the design for that and put that project out to bid and that number was very unpalatable for a fireproof closet. We looked at some other potential options, but we'd have to design those options and bid those out. We are making strides forward with our network. We are very fortunate to have just gotten a grant for a little over \$90,000 for backup equipment - digitization of records has always been a goal of mine," said Meskus.

When selectmen had their chance to chime in Selectman Bill Borowski commented that Charlton should be examining a much bigger priority as well, a more serious consideration of the overarching infrastructure needs of the community. Meskus noted that none of the projects presented are set in stone but he felt it was time that the board have the opportunity to discuss the questions and initiatives his committee had helped think up.

We just wanted to make sure (the selectmen) were aware as transitions occur that these are things that the community needs to be aware of," said Meskus. "The committee felt that it was important to get this information before the board at this time because you are making some very large decisions about the assets of this community."



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Alexis Wilson of Auburn named to Champlain College Dean's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Alexis Wilson of Auburn has been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester.

Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit. private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and Dublin, Ireland. Champlain offers a traditional undergraduate experience from its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain, and more than 90 residential undergraduate and online undergraduate and graduate degree programs and certificates. Champlain's distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. Champlain College is included in the Princeton Review's The Best 385 Colleges: 2020 Edition. It was named a "Most Innovative School" (for the fifth year in a row), ranked among the top 100 Regional Universities in the North, and is featured as "One of the Best Undergraduate

Teaching Programs" and a "Best Value School" by U.S. News & World Report. The Fiske Guide to Colleges for 2020 calls Champlain one of the "Best and Most Interesting Schools" in the United States, Canada and Great Britain. Champlain is also a 2020 College of Distinction. For more information, visit: www.champlain.

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Bottle & Can Box celebrates 15th year



CHARLTON — If you're a Charlton resident, chances are that you've seen the Charlton Lions Club's purple Bottle & Can Box across from the Main Street Post Office

Fifteen years ago, the Lions embarked on a different twist to the old fashion bottle drive - they built a permanent box to create a drop off for redeemable bottles and cans. The Lions are always looking for ways to fundraise for their many charitable causes, and that's how the Bottle & Can Box was born. The Box was the idea of Lions members Steve & Shelley Doucette.

"To be honest, we stole the idea from

a Lions Club in Vermont. We saw their box and thought it was a great idea," said Steve Doucette.

The idea is simple. Most people want to recycle their old bottles and cans, but they don't have the time to go to a store and feed the recycling machine.

"So, we decided to build a permanent recycling box to give folks a place to donate their redeemable bottles and cans year-round," said Shelley Doucette.

The idea took off immediately, and the Box has been raising money for charities in Charlton ever since. Jack and Sandra Bacon allowed the Lions to put the first Box on their property in the center of Town. Thank you, Jack and Sandra, for starting something really special. There are now two boxes across from the Post Office, just waiting for your redeemable bottles and cans.

Over the past 15 years, the Bottle & Can Box has raised almost \$20,000 from the generous donations of the people of Charlton. All the money the Lions Club raises through the Bottle & Can Box donations goes back to funding our charitable projects; like Walmart Christmas gift cards, handicap ramps, eye glasses and hearing aids for seniors, and scholarships for graduating Charlton high school seniors. Over the years the Lions have shared the Box with other non-profits and charities in town, like the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Youth Football and Cheerleaders, the Charlton Leos Club and so many more. If you run a youth organization, or a non-profit, and would like to use the Bottle & Can Box as a fundraiser for your group, please email us at "thecharltonlions@ gmail.com," and give us your contact information.

So, after 15 years of collecting bottles and cans, the Charlton Lions would like to thank all of you who have donated your bottles and cans. We have received almost 400,000 bottles and cans, so thank you to all the Coke, Pepsi, Bud Light and Coors Light drinkers throughout the town. Your effort to help the Lions Club by emptying those cans does not



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go unappreciated. Just a note to our faithful donators, the Box is designed to receive just redeemable 5 cent cans and bottles. We cannot take items, like water bottles, that do not have a 5 cent redeemable label. So, before you bring your bag of bottles and cans, if you could do one last sort to make sure that only 5 cent cans and bottles are donated, we would greatly appreciate it.

If you're interested in learning more about what the Charlton Lions Club does for our Town, or perhaps if the Lions Club could help you, please email us at thecharltonlions@gmail.com, or call Steve Doucette, the Club President, at (508) 248-4411. Be Part of Something Great – Become a LION.

Traffic Commission seeks to grow

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – After making great strides in helping the town of Charlton address traffic and road safety concerns, specifically along Route 20, since its inceptions in late 2017 the Charlton Civilian Traffic Commission is looking to take the next step by reorganizing and including several more town officials in the conversations.

Mike McGrath, Chairman of the Civilian Traffic Commission, appeared before the Board of Selectmen on Jan. 14 to discuss a pair of letters provided to each selectman by members of his own commission. While one letter regarded a proposed survey of local traffic the second delved into the concerns about the limitations that keep the commission from making real changes beyond simply providing ideas at public meetings.

"There is one that was brought up in regard to doing a traffic softening survey for the town. Although we discussed that financially it may not be feasible to do, the majority of the board wanted to present that to selectmen as an option," McGrath said. "The second letter is a little more to the point. We've found over the last couple of years that although we've had some great ideas and we've gone forward with some

and had a lot of discussions in regard to what's going on in town our ability as a think tank is limited."

Many times, the commission has to go to outside parties including finance officials, highway officials and others in the town hall to gather information regarding their ideas and the possibilities for traffic solutions. For McGrath and other members, they'd like to see these resources be permanently included in the commission rather than simply turning to them after ideas are brought to the table.

"We found that we're kind of running into a lot of roadblocks that we're dealing within the traffic commission," McGrath said. "We're looking to either disband or reorganize the traffic commission to include those people that have a little more say in financing and the actual operation of the town roads and signage or whatever it might be."

The proposal was to include a representative of the Department of Public Works, the Town Administrator, town planner and members of the planning board into the mix. The police department already has representation on the commission. This would essentially evolve the civilian commission to a more standard town body mixing civilians and town authorities at one table. McGrath thinks this can only

help create even more effective discussion.

"There's a lot of good ideas and a lot of good discussions. Citizens have come in and brought up some of the points that they needed to address for traffic concerns in their neighborhoods. We also need to be able to do something besides saying 'That's a great idea,'" McGrath said.

Selectmen agreed to table the discussion to get a better idea of how they would like to approach possibly changing the makeup of the commission. They were scheduled to discuss the matter further during their Jan. 28 meeting.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Fall 2019 Dean's List

WORCESTER — The following local residents were among 1,678 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2019 semester.

Elizabeth Butler of Auburn, Mass., is a member of the class of 2021 majoring in biomedical engineering.

Eliana Palumbo of Auburn, Mass., is a member of the class of 2023 majoring in biomedical engineering.

Ioannis Kyriazis of Auburn, Mass., is a member of the class of 2021 majoring in computer science.

Dayna Tang of Auburn, Mass., is a member of the class of 2023 majoring in engineering.

Jackson Sypek of Auburn, Mass., is a member of the class of 2023 majoring in mathematical sciences.

Hannah Mikkila of Auburn, Mass., is a member of the class of 2020 majoring in mechanical engineering.

Paul Mara of Auburn, Mass., is a member of the class of 2021 majoring in robotics engineering and computer science.

The criteria for the WPI Dean's List

differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students go beyond the classroom to work on open-ended problems in and for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real" said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.'

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 50 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 14 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber,

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Amanda Doherty named to Dean's List at Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Amanda Doherty of Auburn excelled during the Fall 2019 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y. that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). Our campus is a leafy oasis just a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and professional opportunities. We offer small classes and personal attention, with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 160 undergraduate program options and 165 graduate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services, the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Hofstra University is a dynamic community of more than 11,000 students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excel-

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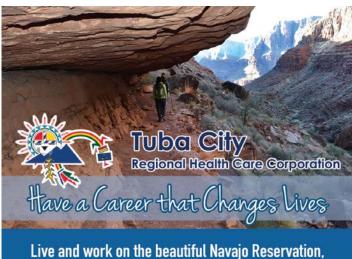


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Charlton FD welcomes new firefighter



Courtesy Photo

Fire officials stand with new Charlton firefighter Lindsay Kelly.

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Charlton Fire Department added a new member to its ranks in mid-January unveiling a new firefighter in front of selectmen at a meeting on Jan. 14 where officials also discussions dispatch concerns for both fire and police services.

Chief Ed Knopf started off his portion of the Board of Selectmen meeting by introducing Lindsay Kelly to the board. Previously a firefighter for Hopedale, Mendon and Sherborn, Kelly joins Charlton after an extensive search in mid and late 2019 to fill an opening. Kelly was joined by her father who pinned her badge to her uniform.

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Following the pinning ceremony Knopf delved into another personnel need, this time one mutually beneficial to the fire and police departments in the form of a dispatcher. Until the Jan. 14 meeting only one dispatcher was on duty handling calls for fire, EMS or police services in Charlton. This is in contrast for many neighboring communities where two dispatchers are often if not always on duty to handle the call volume.

"I don't want to say that there's personnel issues or anything like that. We just identified that there's a gap there. We've seen increases. Our volume has gone up 21 percent over the last three years. Overall volume in the dispatch center has risen 55 percent during that same period of time. However, we have one dispatcher on at one time. We've

identified an area within the workday where the volume is at a greater pace, usually 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., where we believe that an added dispatcher would bring great value to the service," Chief Knopf told selectmen. "We're working on providing some efficiencies within our respective groups to make the job a little easier for the dispatchers, but the fact remains that they are inundated and we haven't had the opportunity to address this since they went full time with one dispatcher for the last twenty-some-odd years."

Selectmen were supportive of the idea and showed understanding of the need, but the concern seemed to be how to fund a second dispatcher for an extended period of time. Police Chief Graham Maxfield said there is \$15,000 remaining from a grant that would help fund part of the \$24,000 it would cost for the dispatcher.

"I'm about halfway there in my existing budget to fund that person. We'd have to take a look at it again in the spring to see where we are as far as salaries and if we can continue on or if we can move some money to try to get this done without having to go ask for any more," Chief Maxfield said.

With the money question still unanswered selectmen decided to allow the use of the grand funding to at least begin the process of adding a second dispatcher from in house. Further funding for the current fiscal year and an approach for permanent funding were slated to be discussed at a future date.

Hurricane Katrina – a National Guardsman's experience

BY BRENT STANLEY

Editor's note: The following piece was submitted by Brent Stanley, Supervisor of the MassDOT Highway Call Center in Charlton, who felt compelled to share his memories of being deployed to New Orleans as a member of the National Guard in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf Coast 15 years ago this August.

We rode a bus from the airport for as long as we could.

The water was up to the axles, and we were still four miles from our destination – the University of Louisiana. Our commander said "Time to pack and walk." I shouldered three packs as did my buddies, and in the wee hours of the morning, we walked. The water was up to our waists in some areas, up to our knees in others. It was so dark we reached out to touch each other's packs to keep together. The water was black and nasty smelling. There was only the drinking water from our canteens and the MREs (meals ready to eat) in our packs. Dawn came, and we were still sloshing through the floods. The light of the new day showed us the horrors of Katrina. Dead animals and dead humans. We couldn't deal with them

then – we had to reach the University and help the living. Water was way over our boots, and we were soaked through our uniforms, but at least it was warm and we were in no danger from exposure. We saw alligators and large fish in the water. They didn't bother us.

We finally reached our destination about mid-morning. The University was trashed. There was human waste everywhere. The walls were covered brown with feces. Water was up to our knees.

We set up operations in the campus police quarters. That first night, we caught three looters with computers, DVDs, and TVs. They had a Doberman, and the smallest of them outweighed me by 100 pounds. But we had M16s. They surrendered peacefully and we handcuffed them and sat them down on the ground that we had used for a latrine. It wasn't by intention – the situation called for it. We gave them food and some of our limited water. We were still not connected with a supply line. The Doberman didn't look too mean. He was panting, and he looked thirsty. I asked my commanding officer if I could give the dog water.

"We don't have much water, Stanley," he said.

I said the dog really needs water. He made a pained expression, and said "give him a little." When his back was turned, I gave him a lot.

On the third day, our supply line was established, and we finally had food and water beyond what we carried. We were, by this time, way beyond the need for a shower. There were no showers. Power was dead, and the showers at the University were full of filth and feces. Some of my buddies and I decided to clean out an area in the shower stalls. At the same time, other guardsman succeeded in getting a diesel generator running, and we had power. Still, there were no showers. I told a buddy that I could hear the ocean at night.

"Let's go to the ocean and clean up," I said.

We found bicycles, and after chow time, rode in the direction of the ocean sounds. When we got there, it was dark, but the light of the moon shone on the ocean. I shined my torch down on the eight foot drop to the water. We saw old tires, garbage, and raw sewerage. To say we were disappointed would have

been a huge understatement. "Let's go back to base," I said.

On the sixth day, we finally had showers.

Our days were taken up with helping the local population find their way to the relief centers that had been set up. People were lost and disoriented. They were glad to see us, and told us so. Our uniforms represented stability and hope in a flood of despair. I felt good helping people who had lost all hope and were totally vulnerable to Mother Nature.

During the second week, we were very much aware of the suffering of animals - pets that had been abandoned. Our commander had said we were not to feed or help the animals. There were too many other priorities. Still, it was hard to see the suffering. There was a female dog that had just had pups. Here teats were all swollen and red, and she kept hanging around. I asked my commander again if I could give her some of my food. He said no. Later, when it was dark, I snuck out to the perimeter of our base and fed the dog my rations. She ate hungrily, and licked my hand after. She was as confused as she was hungry, and seemed grateful for human contact. I sneaked back to my barracks undetected. I had a hard time to get the dog not to follow me. She kept following me even when I told her to go back. I felt good about helping the dog.

We saw lots of bodies. They were bloated and disfigured. There was nothing we could do for them. Our mission was to help the living. It felt like Stephen King's "The Stand." It didn't seem real. This was a disaster of major proportions.

After the third week, the water seemed to recede. There were huge pumps set up to remove water. When the water receded, there was a filthy layer exposed. The smell was terrible. We continued to help people to the shelters, where they would have food and clean water. It was hard to sleep and not have dreams about the horrors we had seen.

When the mission was over, I felt good that I'd been able to help. I knew that it would be years before things were back to normal in this area, but the Guards had done their best to help these desperate people through this disaster. This was what I signed up for. I wanted to help people.



** Triday's Child ***



Treyvon Age 8

Hi! My name is Treyvon and I am very affectionate!

Treyvon is a playful seven-yearold boy of Hispanic descent. He can be shy when meeting new people but once he is comfortable, he is affectionate and easily engaged. Treyvon enjoys playing age-appropriate games, watching movies, playing outside, and coloring. Treyvon does extremely well in a structured environment with clear and consistent boundaries, both at home and in school.

Treyvon is legally freed for adoption and can be placed in any type of family with or without other children. Treyvon has bi-monthly visits with his birth mother until an adoption is finalized, then the visits will decrease to two visits per year. Treyvon will also need to maintain three visits per year with his sibling.

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 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."





Worcester State University Dean's List

WORCESTER — Worcester State University congratulates the following students from central Massachusetts on being named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2019.

AUBURN: Alexa K Adams, Anya E Arenius, Domenic R Astrella, Nicole A Berthiaume, Dominick A Boschetto, Alexis H Brunsell, Veronica A Campoverde, Deanna A Dalli, Quynh D Doan, Kerri J Dowd, Danielle M Dufault, Julia M Duquette, Jessica D Ferris, James D Frederick, Alexandra E Giaquinto, Carrie A Girardin, Rachel A Griffin, Maggie R Grogan, Sarah M Kendrick, Lauren E Kennedy, Kaylee A Kittredge, Victoria R Konicki, Samantha M Kowalchek, Jenna L Lanciault, Christena Mena, Engy L Mena, Eric J Merriam, Monika Mularski, Katherine E Nordborg, Ashley M Peck, Courtney J Prescott, Renae M Renihan, Paige F Robidoux, Amanda N Roux, Emily A Saucier, Brianna L Stomski, Caitlyn E Sullivan, Sean M Sullivan, Aliana Torres, Monica K Tran, Hayleigh L Vail, Makenzie R Ward, Allison J Woeller, Andre

BLACKSTONE: Jefferson B Coutinho, Myah C Dawson, Andre M Jarret, Emily N Labrie

BRIMFIELD: Kayla C Archambault, Kelly N Austin, Christine Corrow, Maren C LaBonte, Alison P Senecal, Anita J Swift

BROOKFIELD: Natasha D Austin, Jade E Menard, Faye L Rhault

CHARLTON: Nicholas R Brooks, Michael Brunelle, Susan Burtchell, Ryker X Capielo, Deven E Chaffee. Brenna J Chaisson, Kylie E Chupka, Michelle A Elliott, Megan R Greenough, Heidi E Hazzard, Zachary M Hill, Bethany A Irish, Hayley Johnston, Angela M Kaperonis, Barbara N Kuria. Cameron E Lanier, Jonah J Messier, Kiara A Millett, Casey E Mullaly, Stephen T Myers, Emily L Novack, Parth S Patel, Brandon A Premo, Emily M Provasoli, Kathryn E Ryan, Aviya T Singer, Abigail M Snopkowski, Abigail M Stone, Michael J Sullivan, Andrew C Vizzachero, Allison H Walker

CHARLTON CITY: Julia L Fitzpatrick, Kayla J Fitzpatrick

MILFORD — Imagine you are

out on the water when the boat's

captain somehow is incapacitat-

ed or falls overboard and can't

swim back to the boat. Are you

prepared to take basic actions to

get help, stop or start the engine

and take the helm? A little

knowledge could save lives and

make you feel more comfortable

boating when you're not gener-

pen while on that fishing, div-

ing, adventure, or party char-

ter. Being out on your own

boat with that significant other

at the helm, or going out on a

friends' pontoon boat can also

Misfortunes can and do hap-

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CHERRY VALLEY: Megan Gaucher, Emily J Hastings, Elise M Leveillee, Samantha J

DOUGLAS: Amanda L Bara, Sydney C Connor, Meghan L Foley, Maureen L Grady, Margaret E Gurney, Hanna R Kearney, Bethany M King, Ryan J Klenk, Melissa E Landry, Santina M MacGregor. Davis M Parella, Erin S Theroux, Rebekka L White, Angela M Woodford

DUDLEY: Amanda Babbitt, Jacob J Bond, Willie Bounphasaysonh, Bailey Bellalorraine Bowes, Carey-Hicks, Vanessa Corriveau, Trevor R Dow. Megan F Gatsogiannis, Jason F Harrington, Juliet L Helock, Sara N Jedrzynski, Monika M Kicilinska, Arton Krasniqi, Amanda Lane, Allison R Marrier, Heidi A Marrier, Erin Masciangioli, Emily Mattson, Camryn M Ozolins, Danele Pierce, Kyle F Quadarella, Molly H Springer, Justyn W Sudyka, Sarah E Tonkin, Michael J Toomey, Victoria L Townsend, Benjamin R White, Erica J White, Michaela L White, Catherine A Wielock

BROOKFIELD: Caitlyn A Bean, Ciara A Haddad, Julia E Joyce, William J Mitchell, Ashley E Paine

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FISKDALE: Jillian Bellville, Paige Szczypien

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- 1. Surgical procedure of the heart (abbr.)
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- 3. Evergreen trees and shrubs
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Nichols College students named to Fall

DUDLEY — Many hard-working students at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., have achieved Dean's List or President's List honors during the fall 2019 semester. The following local students received academic honors from Nichols College:

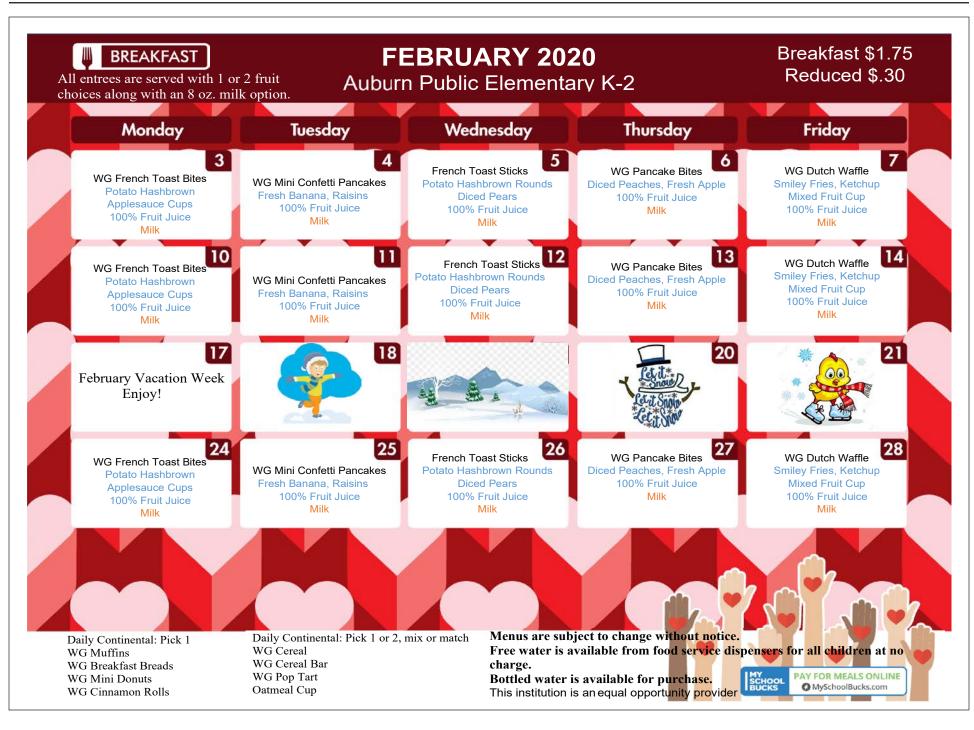
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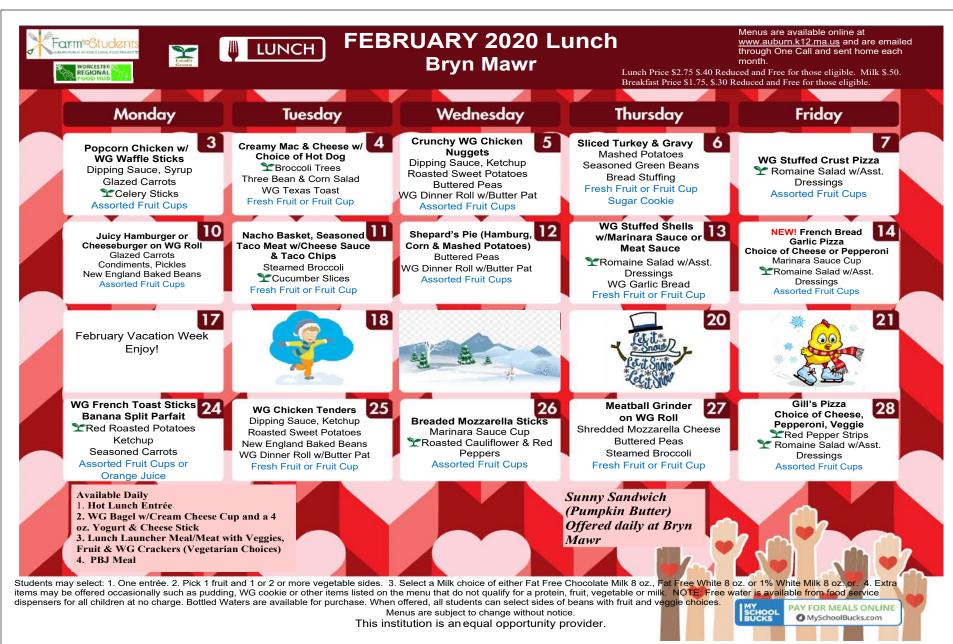
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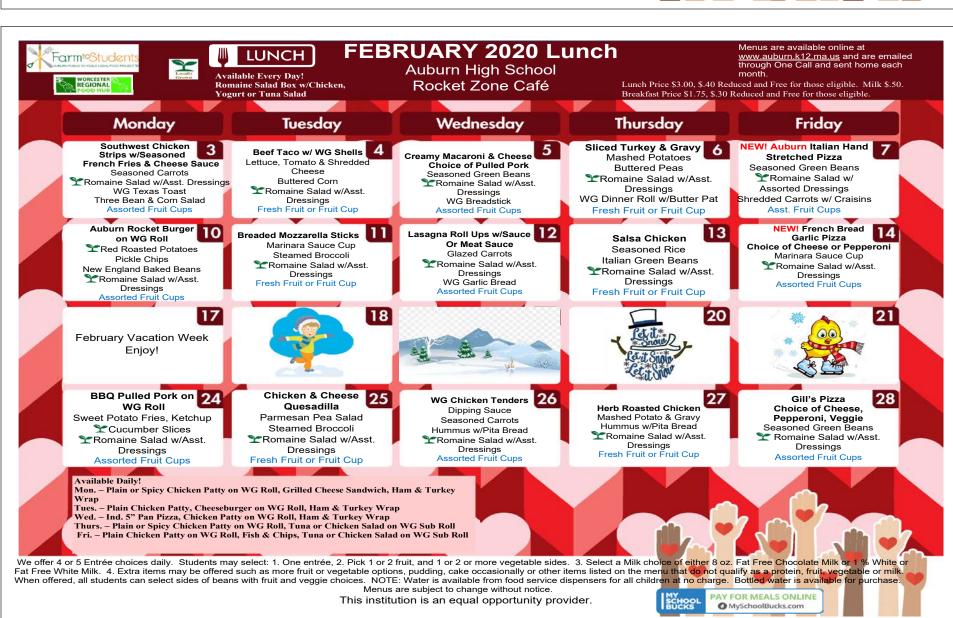
Lauren Duquette of Auburn The Dean's List and President's List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below Bduring the semester. Students whose semester average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President's List honors.

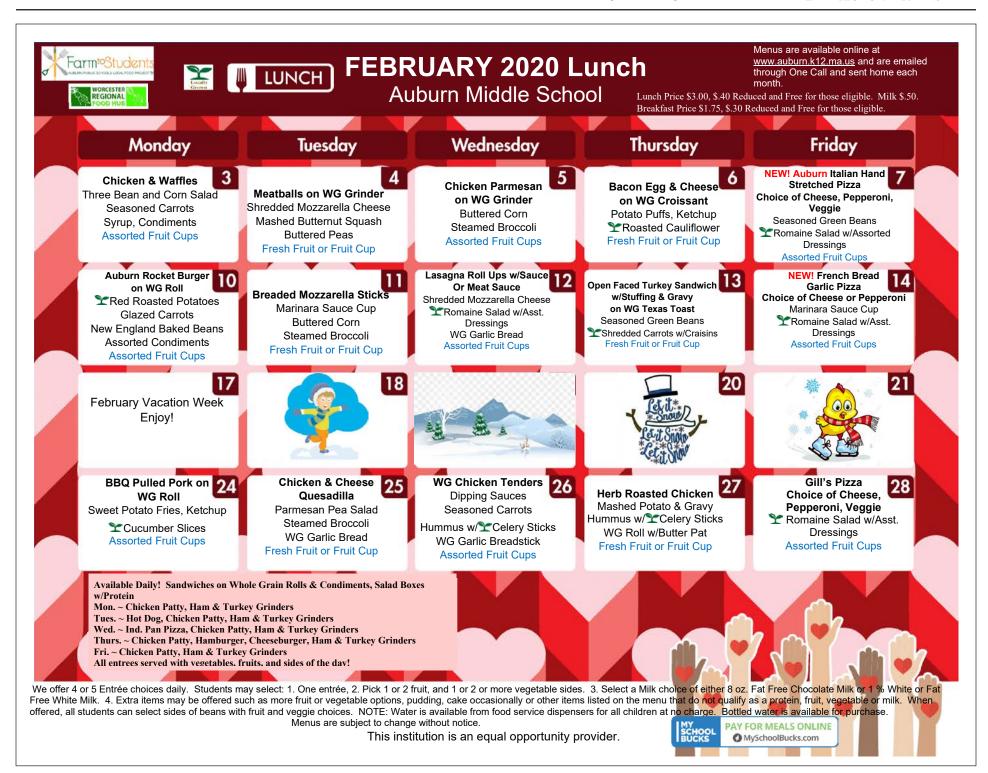
Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.

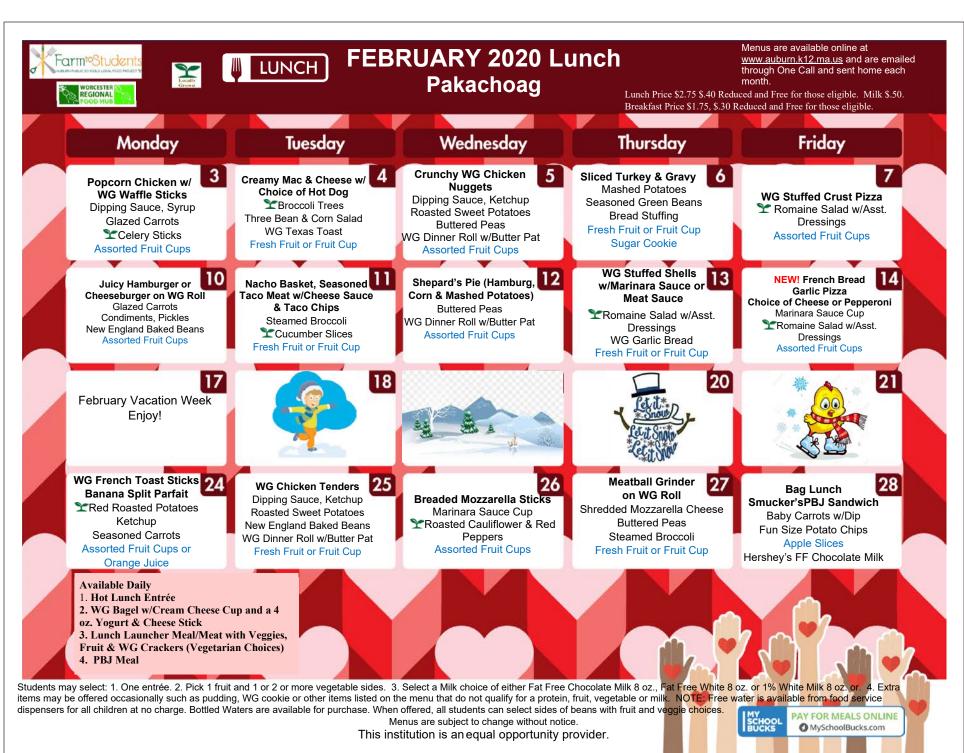
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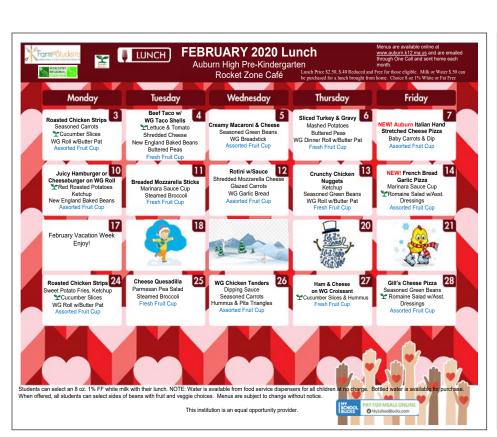


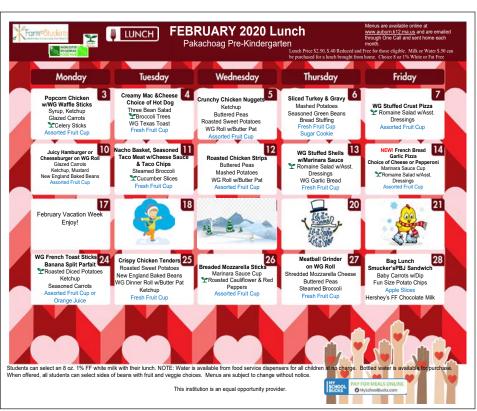


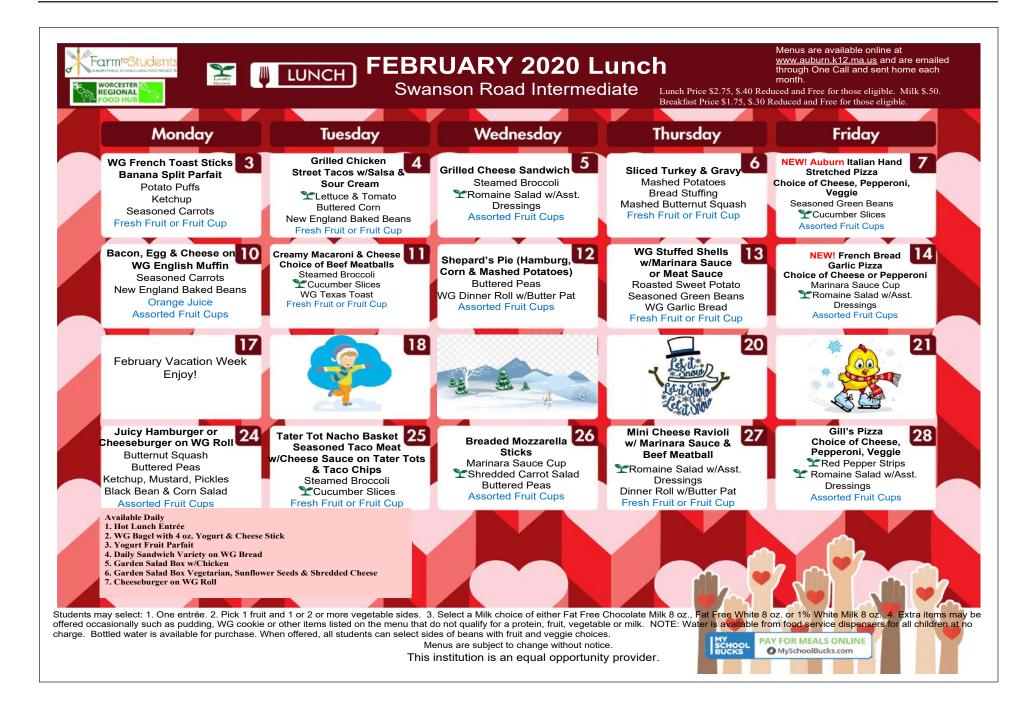


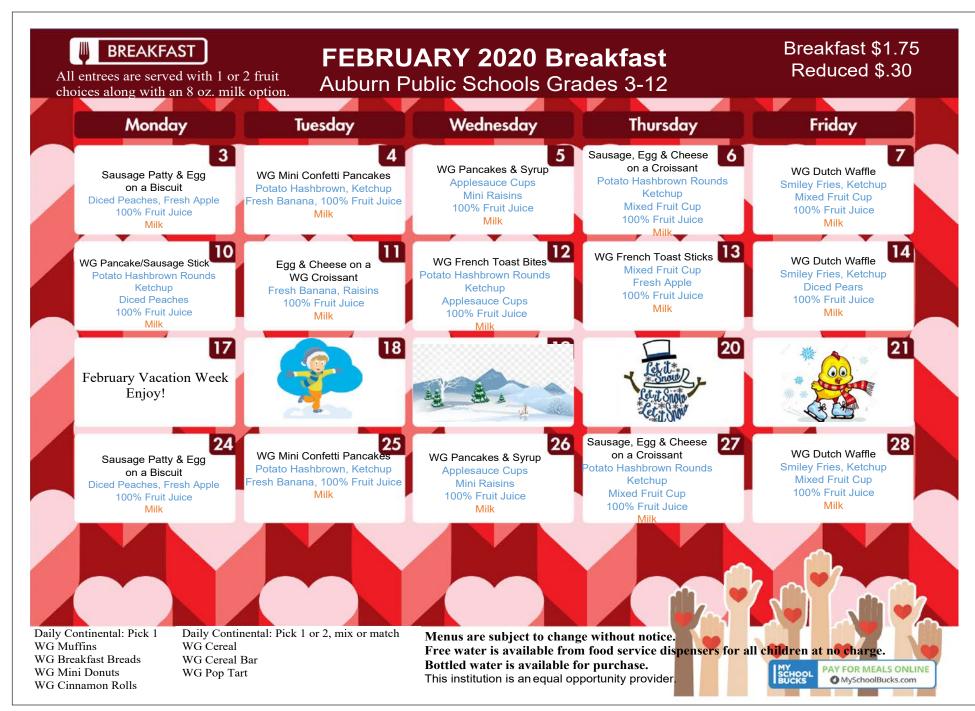












LEGALS

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT 19 SM 006246 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: Raymond Fortin

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

Corporation

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 2 Aleda Drive, given by Raymond Fortin to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC, dated October 25, 2018, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59596, Page 152, and now held by Plaintiff by Assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 20, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 15,

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

(SEAL)

January 31, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT Docket 20 SM 000276 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Thomas Michniewicz; Carly J. Gustafson

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2019-3, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 56 Barnes Street, given by Thomas Michniewicz and Carly J. Gustafson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Drew Mortgage Associates, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated October 26, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37651, Page 16, as affected by a Loan Modification dated December 1, 2014, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 53262, Page 352, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If

you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 9, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on January 22, 2020

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder (19-008368 Orlans) January 31, 2020



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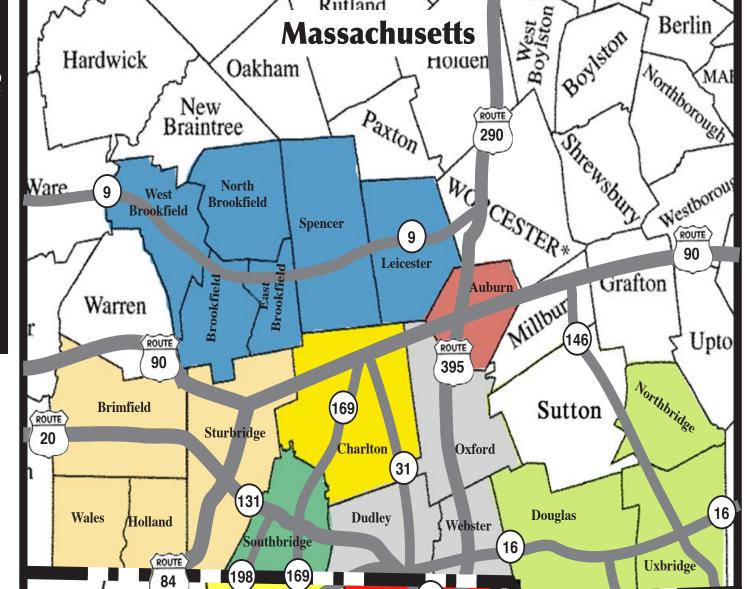




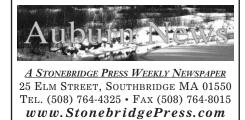
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EDITORIAL

We must remember

This past Monday, Jan. 27, was Holocaust Remembrance Day, the date designated by the United Nations General Assembly as the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Everyone is urged to take a moment on that day to honor the six million Jewish victims who lost their lives, those who were ripped from their families and placed in concentration camps, and the survivors who did their part in educating others to help prevent anything that would ignite genocide in the future.

The Holocaust is one of the most horrific events in human history. Millions of innocent people, simply looking to live their lives, love their children and families, and seek happiness and success were killed not because of any crime they committed, not because they were bad people, but because they were Jewish. Unbelievably, we have seen in recent years an uptick in Anti-Semitic hate crimes. To have so much hate in one's heart is simply unfathomable. That is why this day of remembrance is so important. It reminds us all to stand up for what is right when we encounter hate speech, particularly of the anti-Semitic variety. It is simply unacceptable in this day and age, and we all must remember to protect each other, and to protect what's treasured, peaceful, kind and good about humanity.

Most history classes in schools across the country at least touch upon the Holocaust; however, it is surprising — indeed, alarming — how many young people do not seem to have a firm grasp on how or why millions of "undesirables" were deprived of their homes and possessions, herded into labor camps, and as the "Final Solution," systemati-

cally slaughtered.

Jewish people were quarantined to a section of town that was enclosed with barbed wire and guarded. There was no medicine, minimal food and water and was overly crowded with the living conditions unheard of. They were lied to as they boarded trains headed to concentration camps. They were told they were going to a better place, when in fact they were led into gas chambers in large groups and executed. Those deemed fit enough were spared and put to work; however, many died of starva-

Those that did survive did so by hiding, often in plain sight. Many pretended to be a part of a family they were not biologically related to. They hid in basements and other rooms until they were able to escape to a free country.

It is hard to comprehend such horror. In a report on NBC, Sonia Klein, who was a teenager in 1943 when she first stepped foot at the Nazis' most notorious death camp said the most important way to honor its liberation two years later was to ensure that as many young people as possible know what happened

Klein, now 94, was quoted as saying "Young people are the ones that have to carry the memory of our loved ones forever. I survived the death march to tell the tale, but it was important to remember those who didn't."



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Strap on your armor

Thank you all for your prayers and notes of encouragement. As most of you know, I had major surgery to remove thirty inches of my colon last week and I'm recovering and feeling great.

My seven days in the hospital were restful and inter-

esting. I kept hearing from doctors, nurses and caregivers that they were surprised by my positive outlook and optimism. I must confess that their surprise, surprised me. I was able to have a few conversations with my nurses about their average patient facing tough surgeries with various outcomes. They kept telling me how different I was than most of their patients and how upbeat and positive I was responding.

Why expect the worse?

There is an old saying that says, "Your attitude, not your aptitude, effects your altitude." In other words, the optimism you bring to the fight is more powerful than your education or IQ. If you believe you can beat cancer, your chances are improved dramatically. If you believe in a positive outcome, you will fight. If you believe there is no hope, why would you bother? The impact of optimism on the mind and body is powerful.

Of course, there are times that a positive attitude may not overcome a medical reality. A positive attitude alone will not heal you, but healing is enhanced with a positive outlook.

Sound simple? Yes, but it's not easy.

When we are faced with a life-threatening crisis, our minds go into to hyperdrive, churning out all the things that can go wrong. When we are dealing with cancer or a variety of other frightening events, it's easier to believe the worst. It takes no effort. Just close your eyes and let the negative demons move out of the depth of your mind and tell you why you are dying. It's easy. Just let it happen.

Or you can dig in and fight.

Make the decision to fight it out. Research the successful stories on the internet that detail the successes others have enjoyed. Speak only positive outcomes into your universe and be an inspiration to those around vou. Tell yourself, "I'm a fighter! I'll beat this!"

Your positive attitude will not only

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By Gary W. MOORE

help you but provide a more positive support system. Giving up has an equally negative impact on those who love you. To see you give up, curl into a ball and await whatever may come, saddens everyone. Be brave. Be strong. Fight for your life.

Albina and Tim Dugan are two of the most remarkable people I know. Over fifteen years ago, Albina was given five years to live. She was diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer and was told there was no hope. Her doctor told her to go home and get her life in order.

Instead, Tim began searching the world via the internet for options and Albina strapped on her armor, mounted her horse and rode into battle. Her 5 years to live has now passed three times and she's working on twenty years. She still has the cancer. No one totally understands why, but Albina has successfully fought and continues to hold her cancer at bay. How? Partly because of her positive attitude. At the time of her diagnosis, she had four young children at home. She proclaimed she wasn't going anywhere until they were grown, married and she met her grandchildren. Tim never gave up in his relentless search for medical options and people all over the world were lifting them up in prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer.

Albina and Tim have been an ongoing source of inspiration for people all over the world and they continue to fight.

I keep telling everyone, "I'll die of something someday, but not this. I truly believe that cancer is already sorry it chose me. It just picked the wrong guy. I won't stop fighting until cancer is sent in defeat, squealing away from my body." I'll remind everyone of this column every 5 years or so. I'll be here.

Every person reading this column has, is or will face something in their life that requires a positive attitude and a fight. Never give up. Never give in. Be like Albina. Strap on your armor, mount your horse and ride enthusiastically into the fight ...to win.

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Fight Flu & Colds Naturally

As if flu season isn't bad enough, current coronavirus reports have heightened concerns. With that in mind, this you can employ to increase your odds of

column will review some natural and proactive methods

staying healthy this season. Whether you're worried about catching a cold or are fretting about the flu, there are alternatives to treating what ails you. From herbs and spices to massage and aromatherapy, the following information and strategies can be valuable weapons in the

annual battle of the cold and flu bug.

Stats: The flu season affects one in five adults, who will contract the virus this year. By contrast, the average person will suffer two or four common colds this annually according to national statistics.

Cold or Flu? You know you're sick, but not sure how sick. Is it a common cold or the dreaded flu? . Symptoms can be similar at the beginning of the infection. Since colds and flu are often treated differently, and an average of 23,000 people in the US die from flu related complications each year, it's important to identify the illness.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a cold is a milder respiratory ailment that has symptoms that last a few days; the flu can last weeks and result in such serious health problems as pneumonia. While a stuffy nose and aches and pains are symptoms typically present in both colds and flu, a temperature reading can often differentiate the two. A common cold rarely causes a temperature to reach over 101 degrees. Also, body aches are much more common with the flu virus.

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Symptoms: Symptoms usually begin with sore throat, runny nose followed by congestion and cough. Mucus may become thicker and darker. A slight fever is possible. Cold symptoms usually last for about a week. During the first three days that you have cold symptoms, you are conta-

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Flu Symptoms: Flu symptoms usually come on quicker than cold symptoms are typically more severe. They can include a sore throat, (sometimes hacking) cough, congestion, accompanied by headache, fatigue, chills and fever 102 to 104 degrees. Most symptoms improve in about five days, but fatigue can linger on for a week or more. The flu virus can be contagious from the day before the onset of the virus up to a week after.

How Colds & Flu are spread: Cold and flu viruses are spread when an infected person releases germs in the air via coughing, sneezing and close contact. Cold and flu viruses can live for hours on surfaces such as telephones, desks, door knobs, etc.

The flu is highly contagious as an infected person can spread flu germs a day before symptoms appear and can remain contagious for up to a week later. Studies show children with the flu virus can be contagious for over a week after onset. A person with a cold or flu is most contagious the first three days of infection, when the virus is most concentrated in nasal secretions. To prevent spreading the flu virus to co-workers and the public in general, the CDC recommends that people with flu stay home for 24 hours after their fever breaks.

According to the CDC, the single, most effective way to avoid contact with cold and flu viruses is to wash your hands. Wash them often and scrub with

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Protect your business with key person *insurance*



FINANCIAL Focus

DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

If you have a family, you understand the importance of life insurance when it comes to protecting your loved ones. Businesses need similar protection, especially when they rely on one or two significant employees for their special skills or ability to generate income. These are most likely individuals who are crucial to the ongoing success of the business. If one of them passes away or is disabled, the business may not survive.

Consider this example: Sam and Jack are key employees at a successful software company. While Sam is the programmer who developed much of the custom software, Jack is skilled at selling the product. Both of them play a critical role in the business, and it's questionable whether the business would survive if something happened to either one of them. Key person insurance can help protect the company from a potential loss.

• How does it work? Your business purchases a life insurance policy on the key person and pays the premiums. The business is both the owner and the beneficiary of the policy. The key person is the insured individual, but he or she does not receive any benefits. If the key person passes or becomes disabled, your company receives the benefit.

The payout can then be used to help your company survive the impact of losing that individual. The outcome will vary based on the circumstances, but it could range from covering expenses until you find a suitable replacement all the way to paying off debts and closing down the business.

· When do you need it? Let's go back to Sam and Jack. If something happened to either one of them, the software company would be in jeopardy. Losing a key person threatens the company's ability to generate income, mainly because that person has skills that would be difficult to replace.

But this is not the only situation. Because the loss of a key person could make it difficult for your company to pay off any debt, most banks and other lenders, including SBA lenders, require that key person insurance is in place before extending a loan or investing in the business.

· How much do you need? This depends a great deal on the size of your business and what the money would be used for. In the previous example, if Jack passed, the owner of the company might need to search for another sales person. In the meantime, he would need to replace the sales income that Jack had been providing in order to keep the company up and running. If the company has debt, that needs to be factored in as

The cost of the coverage depends on the insured's age, health and gender. Coverage is typically more expensive for males than females.

• What are the types of key person insurance? Much like life insurance, key person insurance is available either as a term policy or a permanent policy. Term insurance is generally the better choice because its more economical and also because you can't be sure how long employees will stay with the company. With term insurance, you can cover the employee for a specified number of years.

If the loss of key people could put your business in financial ruin, you may need key person insurance. Talk with your financial professional to learn more about protecting what matters most to you.

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Support your local bait & tackle shop



Ice fishing took another hard hit this past week, causing cancellation of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club derby again. Other clubs in the valley are also hoping for safe ice to hold their fishing derbies. It did not stop numerous anglers from fishing some ponds in the area, but most anglers kept a safe distance from each other. Inviting groups of anglers to a fishing derby with dangerous ice conditions was not something the Uxbridge Rod & Gun was going to do. For anglers that did fish some small ponds last weekend, action was great.

Catching pickerel and perch with a horn-pout mixed in provided a great day in the outdoors.

This past week, this writer was talking with a few sportsmen in the valley about the

loss of small Bait & Tackle shops that were scattered throughout the state 30 or 40 years ago. Large companies like Walmart, Target, Cabela's, and Bass Pro Shops were more competition than the small shops could compete with. At one time, there were 21,000 small Bait & Tackle shops from the Cape to New Jersey to Maine & to Rochester, N.Y. Today, there are only 780 shops left. This information was provided by a salesman that sells his fishing equipment to the small shops throughout the above mentioned areas.

Purchasing your fishing equipment from the small Bait & Tackle shops may cost a few more bucks, but they are there when you need them. Many big companies sell out of a popular item and do not restock them until the following year. The small shops that also sell archery and hunting equipment are doing much better, but it is

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the only way they can survive. The small shops have the expertise to set you up with the proper fishing & bow hunting equipment, and are often owners that run the shop, ensuring that you are satisfied with your purchase. The next time you need hunting or fishing supplies, give the little guy some of your business.

A couple of local hunters headed for the saltwater to do a bit of

sea-duck hunting last week. They experienced some great Eider hunting while sitting in a boat that was well camouflage. They used a Chesapeake Retriever to find and retrieve the downed birds. Hunting any waterfowl needs a strong dog to bring them back, as the tidal flow can be very strong, and can tire the dog very quickly as this writer found out on my last eider hunt. Fortunately, we had a guide that quickly retrieved the dog and duck after numerous retrieves.

This week's picture shows Dan Southwick with an impressive Northern Pike he harvested a few years ago under harsh weather conditions. Dan releases

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Vintage travel posters

Most people enjoy vacations and travel, so it makes sense that travel related posters would appeal to collectors. Many posters have bright graphics that depict exotic locations often along with ships, trains, airplanes, and other modes of travel.

Travel has been long documented, before the invention of the printing press. Medieval manuscripts WAYNE TUISKULA depict people traveling by horse. Prior to that,

paintings depicted ships, horse carriages, and people on horseback. Broadsides originated in the 15th century. They were single sheets of paper printed on one side and used to make announcements. According to the Library of Congress, broadsides were "often quickly and crudely produced in large numbers and distributed free in town squares, taverns, and churches or sold by chapmen for a nominal charge, broadsides are intended to have an immediate popular impact and then to be thrown away." Broadsides remained popular through the 19th century and were often used to promote ship or train travel. Some broadsides can be worth hundreds or even thousands of dollars,



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but I'll focus more on newer travel posters in this column.

The 20th century saw the bright, colorful travel posters that we are more familiar with today. The Library of Congress lists the golden age of travel posters as the 1920's to the 1960's. "Great travel posters attract the eye in a variety of ways: by highlighting points of interest, depicting the conveyance used to reach a location,

or by featuring activities available at the destination." Later posters typically used photographic images and do not have the collector value of the graphically produced versions.

Older travel posters with nice graphics can sell for hundreds of dollars and better examples can bring thousands. Philip Zec's 1932 LMS / BY NIGHT TRAIN TO SCOTLAND shows a passenger train being pulled by a steam engine. Smoke pours from the smokestack under the night sky with a full moon. It sold for \$16,000 at auction in 2014. A 1938 poster depicts "the New Twentieth Century Limited." The streamlined train poster touted that it could travel from New York to Chicago in 16 hours. One of

these posters sold for \$18,000 in a 2015 auction. A poster of St. Moritz picturing a skier flying through the air above the Engadin Valley also brought \$18,000 in a 2014 auction. "L'Atlantique" poster from 1931 shows a huge ocean-liner dwarfing a tugboat in front of it. The 1931 poster by Adolphe Mouron (A.M.) Cassandre sold for \$120,000 in 2011. Another Cassandre poster set an auction record in 2012. He created a very low production run of these posters that pictured the stylized steel wheels of a railroad steam engine. The 1928 "L.M.S./Best Way" poster steamed to \$162,500 at auction

We have several travel posters and other posters in our January 30th auction. My 'Evaluating your antiques' class will be held on March 3rd at the Bay Path Adult Education Evening School in Charlton. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www.centralmassauctions. com for details on these and

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warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. If washing isn't practical, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol and rub into your hands until dry.

Home Remedies: The following remedies are effective "first step" treatments to cold and flu. Symptoms that last more than a few days or become severe should be checked by a physician'

*A hot bath can be a powerful cold chaser and in Chinese medicine very hot baths are used to "sweat" out a cold at its earliest stages. To kick up the detox power of a bath, add a few drops of eucalyptus, rosemary or thyme essential oils to the water.

Note: Check with your doctor before taking a hot bath if you are pregnant, diabetic, have heart disease or other complications.

*Giving colds a two step punch with a double dose of ginger and lemon can relieve cold and flu symptoms. Adding ginger and lemon to a hot cup of tea not only soothes the throat, but ginger's antimicrobial properties and lemon's vitamin C help fight the bug. To break up mucus, add a pinch of cayenne pepper to the hot tea. Or try this recipe from Food Network to relieve cold and flu ailments: Combine in a mug: the juice of half a lemon, a quarter size piece of fresh ginger, two teaspoons of honey, and 3/4 cup of boiling water. Allow to steep for at least three minutes. Add dark rum if desired.

*It's true that chicken broth can offer cold and flu sufferers relief, but did you know it's the "bone broth" from the homemade brew that provides much of the healing power? Broth made from boiling bones offers magnesium, sulfur, phosphorus and other trace minerals that are easily absorbable not always readily available.

*Whether you like it hot or cold, a compress applied to sinuses can relieve congestion quickly. A freeze pack (or bag of frozen vegetables) works as a cold pack on the sinus area to decrease symptoms. Or, heat up a wet facecloth in the microwave (not to hot) and apply across the bridge of the nose for similar relief.

*While there's no cure for the common cold some foods appear to reduce susceptibility to catching colds, or at least reduce the severity of the symptoms. Foods containing beta-carotene, vitamin C, and zinc have shown to have immune repairing and boosting properties. Research suggests that zinc (which is in many over the counter products to prevent colds) can work to reduce the duration and severity of a cold. But it is only effective if it's started early, at the very first signs of illness.

*"Take two squares of chocolate and call me the morning." may seem an unlikely prescription for cough relief, but research reveals dark chocolate can curb your cough. The secret is Therobromine, an ingredient in chocolate. According to medical studies, therobromine is nearly one third more effective in halting persistent coughs than codeine. Dark chocolate typically contains about 450 mg of therobromine per ounce. Some experts suggest two ounces of dark chocolate every four hours as an effective anti cough dose for adults. Just be aware chocolate contains caffeine.

*Did you know you can reach into the refrigerator to clear congestion? Apple juice and purple grape juice both have properties to help clear congestion and a runny nose. As a bonus dark grape juice is rich in tannins, which have been known to kill viruses.

*Hot foods may be the weapon to battling mucus. Studies show foods such as chili peppers, horseradish and garlic help reduce congestion by driving out mucus. How? The same agent that induces tears also helps thin out excess mucus.

*Coughs and congestion is uncomfortable, but relief can be as close as your water bottle. Keep hydrated by drinking at least 64 ounces of water a day. Water is the best expectorant, and will help thin the mucus and loosen the cough.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

Auburn resident named to Western Connecticut Dean's List

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SPORTS

Rams survive scare from Auburn, qualify for postseason play with win



Nick Ethier photos

Michaele Company Journals of Queint attempt in front of Northbridge defender Assert.



Alexia Morawski of Auburn finds a way to shoot up and over the reach of two Northbridge defenders, Maddie Boermeester (14) and Liz Quimby.



Northbridge's Liz Quimby maintains possession of the ball while being well-defended by Auburn's Emily Turcotte.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTHBRIDGE—Once play between the Northbridge High and Auburn High girls' varsity basketball teams reached halftime at Veterans Memorial Field House on Friday, Jan. 24, one team—the Rockets—had all the momentum against the other team—the Rams—that had jumped out to a big early lead. Northbridge was ahead 12-2 after one period of play, but Auburn won second quarter scoring 11-4 to cut into the deficit, 16-13.

"I have seen them this year and they play a very scrappy type of game. They play very good defense, they play about 12 girls, and they just keep coming," Rams' head coach Matt Gauthier said of the upset-minded Rockets. "I thought their energy level was excellent tonight. I said at half-time I thought they were outhustling us to everything.

"I was concerned about our offense," Gauthier continued. "Part of that was their defense. We definitely talked at half-time about what we were going to do to make sure that we straighten things out on the offensive end."

Northbridge did just that, scoring 24 second-half points to Auburn's 10 to pull away for a 40-23 victory.

"First thing we did when we came out was we got penetration in the middle. We were not doing a good enough job in the first half of getting into the paint," said Gauthier, as getting the ball to the middle allowed it to free everyone else



Hanorah Murphy of Auburn looks to drive the baseline on Northbridge's Maddie Boermeester (14) and Abby Fraser.



Auburn's Mia DelloStritto works her way by Northbridge's Abby Fraser.

Auburn head coach Nicole LePrevost was proud of the way her team battled in the second quarter but wished that the 10-minute intermission didn't ensue to allow her team to carry that momentum they had generated into the third period.

"I think that we played really hard in the first half. It was one of those games where I wish there wasn't halftime. I wish we could have kept playing through," she said, acknowledging that the second quarter was the Rockets' best. "They played with confidence. When you have a halftime or an extended timeout you kind of lose some of that momentum. My nervousness was coming out flat and that's a little bit of what happened."

Leading 22-16 midway through the third quarter, Northbridge's Jill Labrie connected on a 3-pointer from the right corner to extend the advantage to nine points. Labrie and Abby Fraser then executed a perfect two-on-one that saw Fraser bounce a pass to Labrie at the right time, and she was able to make the layup to make it 27-16.

Later, Fraser beat the buzzer with a 3-pointer to deflate the Rockets' spirits and extend the lead to 30-19 with just eight minutes to play.

Gauthier was thrilled with Fraser's play, as she not only finished with a game-high 16 points but also her ability to play the point guard position in the absence of an injured Hannah Lomonaco, all while limiting her turnovers and creating plenty of plays with assists.

"Abby Fraser really played well," said Gauthier. "She was doing everything and she really came to play in the second Fraser leading the team in scoring — Labrie netted 11 points and Maddie Boermeester added 7 more — also means that the Rams have plenty of scoring options, making life difficult for the opposition to defend.

"A few games ago it was Liz Quimby with 17, the game after that it was Maddie Boermeester with 22, the game after that it was Avery Senosk with 19," Gauthier noted.

And Lomonaco is slowly but surely making her way back to action, as she has missed the last seven games with an ankle injury.

"She's out of the boot and we'll see when she's comfortable enough to have a light practice," said Gauthier.

And the Rams may have dodged a bullet when Avery Senosk rolled her ankle with just 11 seconds to play, chasing down a rebound, but she appeared to be OK following the contest.

Northbridge, now 5-2 without Lomonaco, improved to 10-3 overall and has officially qualified for the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament.

"Now our next goal is to get a home game. We want to keep piling up the wins and get a home game on this court right here," said Gauthier. Auburn, meanwhile, slipped

to 4-7 as they are currently dealing with the most difficult portion of their schedule, as they must be 10-10 or better at season's end to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament. Hanorah Murphy led the Rockets with 6 points, while Olivia Mathews and Meghan Stevens both netted 4 points.

SPORTS

Nashoba posts shutout of Rockets

MARLBOROUGH — Looking to keep its winning streak intact, the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team traveled to the New England Sports Center to take on Nashoba Regional on Wednesday, Jan. 22. But the Chieftains were able to skate past the Rockets, 3-0.

That loss dropped Auburn, which also includes student-athletes from Millbury High, Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional as part of its cooperative agreement, to 4-5-1, but the Rockets rebounded with a 6-3 win against Minnechaug Regional three days later to even its record at 5-5-1.





Photos courtesy Mark Seliger, www.SeligerPhotography.com Nic Spanos of Auburn carries the puck unimpeded into the neutral zone.

Auburn goalie Tyler MacKoul sees the puck clearly in order to make a save.







Joe Valone of Auburn stick-checks a Nashoba player free of the puck.

A near miss for Bay Path against Monty Tech

CHARLTON — A number of near misses has plagued Bay Path Regional's boys' varsity basketball team during this 2019-2020 season, and it happened again as the Minutemen hosted Monty Tech on Thursday, Jan. 23. The two-win Minutemen hung tough but lost a close decision to the Bulldogs, 63-56.



Bay Path's Aiden Sabatinelli searches for an open teammate to pass the ball to.



Jason Mckay photos

Bay Path's Xavier Edmonds soars past a Monty Tech defender en route to a layup.



Ben LaPointe of Bay Path rises up to attempt a midrange jump shot.



tightly defends.



Anthony Barbale of Bay Path attempts to Bay Path's Dylan Cotton fights for control of the ball while two Monty drive in for a layup while a Monty Tech player Tech defenders struggle to rip the ball out of his hands.

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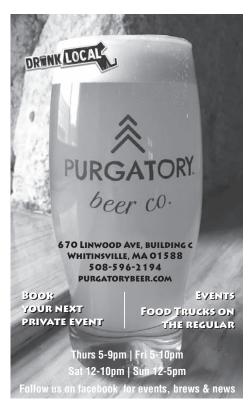
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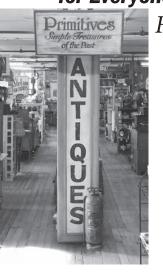


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Grow cacti and succulents in a cool, sunny location for winter. Give each plant enough room to capture the sunlight it needs and to show off its unique form and color.

Expand your indoor growing space and enjoy greenery throughout your home by adding artificial lights. New furniture grade LED light fixtures like the Bamboo Mini LED Grow Light Garden (gardeners.com) fit into small spaces and look great on countertops, work desks and shelves. You'll

save energy with LED lights and add a bit of style to your home décor with these attractive light gardens.

Increase your success with the popular fiddle leaf fig and other floor plants. These beauties are often used to decorate a bare wall, corner or other space in need of a focal point. Oftentimes these areas do not receive sufficient light for the plants to grow and thrive. Soon leaves begin to yellow and drop. Keep them healthy and beautiful with supplemental light. Hang a pendant light above or set a plant light stand beside these large plants. Many are trendy decorative fixtures similar to those used to light your home.

Save time and increase success by growing houseplants in self-watering containers. These pots have built-in water reservoirs that extend the time between watering. They also help reduce the mess of water spilling over the saucer and onto wood or carpeted floors.

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Maximize time spent tending your plants by using the proper tools. Many indoor gardeners use old silverware or try adapting outdoor tools for indoor garden use. Having the right tool for the job provides better results in less time. Indoor garden tool sets have



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they prefer.

Set large plants on wheeled caddies or a collection of pots on a wheeled tray to move them out of the way when cleaning or hosting a gathering. Then wheel them back in place once your company has left.

Adding some convenience for easy care will allow you to spend less time keeping your plants looking their best and more time enjoying the individual beauty each plant provides as you grow them in

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD serie-sand the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and con $tributing \ editor \ for \ Birds \ \&$ Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardeners Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www. MelindaMyers.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 23

WORCESTER RAILROADERS INC. ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE: 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Auburn Elks Club, 754 Southbridge St. (Route 12), Auburn. Admission \$5, children under 12 free. Handicapped Accessible. Info: Ralph Kimball, 508-868-5189, ralphkimball@charter.net and www.wmrr. The show has approximately 25 model railroad dealers offering items for sale as well as HO scale, operating layouts available for viewing. Raffle tickets for a complete 4'x8' model railroad layout (on display) will be available at the show. Hourly raffle will also be held. The 41-foot-by-53-foot Worcester Model Railroad Club layout will be open and operating using Digital Command Control and is only 15 minutes from the show in Webster. For directions, go to www.wmrr.org.

ONGOING EVENTS

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SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at

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(617) 592-5081.

STORY TIME: Have a little one in the house? Looking to get out and do something? The Auburn Public Library may have just the thing for you. Mother Goose Story time is for children ages 6-15 months. It's a great place for children and their grownups to listen to stories, share nursery rhymes and have time to connect with others during musical free play. Mother Goose Story Time is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please stop by and join us. For information, you call the library at (508) 832-7790.

MUSEUM HOURS: The Auburn Historical Museum, 41 South St. is open Tuesday, 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Admission is free to see a variety of artifacts and memorabilia concerning Auburn as far back as when it was known as the town of Ward. All are welcome to come. For more information contact Sari Bitticks at sarilb@verizon.net.

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STORY TIME: Open Story Time will be held 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Auburn Public Library. No registration required. Please drop in. Open to all ages. For information, call (508)

BOYS' GROUP: Chuck wants boys in the 6th through 10th grades to join The Man Cave. The Man Cave is a boys' group that meets from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. Thursdays at the AYFS, 21 Pheasant Court, Auburn. This is where members will learn that peers their own age share similar concerns. Group members will be able to discuss ways to cope with their concerns as well as receive positive feedback. Each week will center around a particular topic for discussion. No cost to join. For information, call Brandon Pare (508) 832-5707 x 16 or Dan Secor (508) 832-5707 x 14. Free food available.

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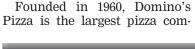
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

"THE LAKE IN WINTER" EVENT. 2:30: Ken Ethier: Presentation on Ice harvesting

East Brookfield Town Hall 3:30: Bonfire, Music, Skating and S'mores with DJ and concessions. Lake Lashaway Town

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

6AM - 2PM FISHING DERBY -Details to come! See Facebook @EB100th or tinyurl.com/EB100th!



SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/ Boy Scouts)

108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan The First and Second Settlements East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS at Pelletier Woods

Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR). 108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK



Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield 10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK -Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields (Spooner / Newton Murders) East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield 2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21. 125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-

MONDAY, JULY 6



SUMMER READING KICK EB Library - continues for five weeks. East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Parade & Fireworks

Connie Mack Field East Brookfield **SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT! Route 9, East Brookfield,

9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR, ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel. Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall. \$15-\$20.00 pp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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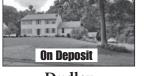


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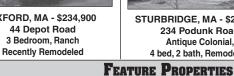
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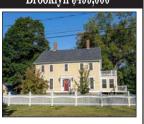
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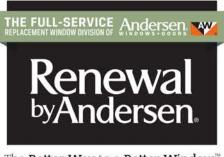
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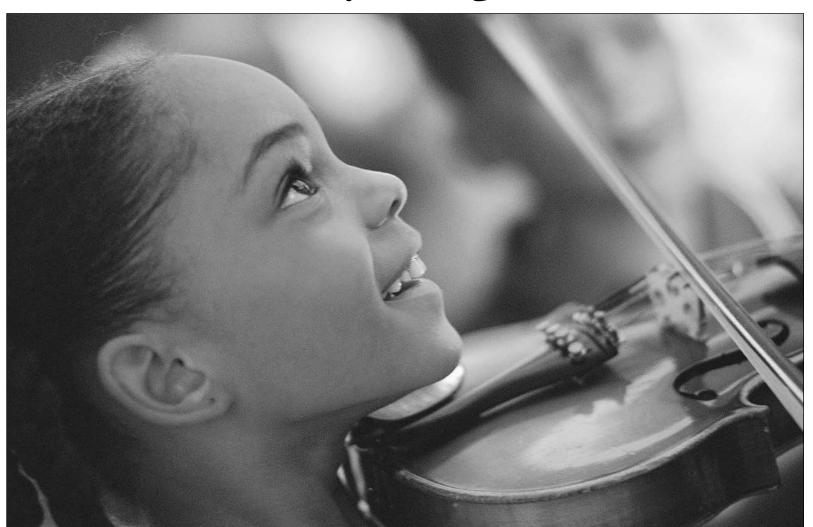
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The benefits of music instruction for young learners



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Young students are often introduced to the recorder or ukulele in the early grades and then given the opportunity to join primary bands as they move through elementary school and into middle school. Some children also may want to supplement school music lessons with private music tutors, who can provide more in-depth instruction.

Parents considering making a commitment to music instruction may find that kids benefit from being involved with music in many ways, some of which may be surprising.

• The New England Board of Higher Education says several studies show that consistent music education improves vocabulary and reading comprehension skills. Emerging evidence points to an area of the brain that controls both musical ability and

language comprehension as being more closely related than previously thought.

· Music education may help young children learn words and how to pronounce them, as learning to play music enables them to process the many new sounds they hear from others.

 Researchers have discovered a strong relationship between participating in school arts and academic success as demonstrated by students' grade point averages, according to the National Association for Music Education.

The relationship between music and academic performance has been studied for decades. As far back as 1988, studies have been conduct-

ed about the benefits of music education. An analysis of data from the National Educational Longitudinal Study of 1988 demonstrated a significant correlation between participation in school music groups and achievement in math and English. And a 1996 study published in Nature found first graders who participated in special music classes as part of an arts study program saw their reading skills and math proficiency increase dramatically.

 Introducing music lessons to young children can have profound effects on their social development. Music fosters greater trust and cooperation, as well as a sense of community and belonging.

· Another benefit of music education is it allows children to harness their creativity and express it in a healthy

· The music instruction company Music U says children with developmental disorders and mental health issues might be able to unlock their potential with music. Music therapy has been shown to affect significant change in children with autism-spectrum disorders, learning disabilities, attachment disorders, cerebral palsy, and more.

Music instruction both in and out of the classroom can be a benefit to young learners.

The role of free play in early education

Glance at a typical family schedule and you would no doubt see that afternoons are jampacked and many children — even the youngest among them — have full itineraries of structured after-school activities.

In an effort to raise well-rounded and intelligent children, many parents enroll their youngsters in all sorts of extracurricular activities, including sports leagues, travel teams, enrichment clubs, and musical instruction. While these activities benefit kids in myriad ways, it's also beneficial to let kids be kids and to provide ample time for them to engage in free play.

According to the popular toy and learning company Alex Brands, structured activities can teach children how to follow rules and routines and help them build developmental skills. But free play can improve critical skills as well. One of the biggest benefits to free play is it can foster kids' creativity and help kids discover their interests on their own. Free play also helps children learn independence and how to keep themselves occupied.

The United Nations recognizes free play as a basic right of every child and underscores its importance. Despite this, unstructured play seems to be on the decline, with more structured activities taking over young children's days.

Even in school settings free play has given way to more time spent at desks and devices in preparation for standardized testing. Recess, which has been cut or reduced in many school districts, has become a hot-button



issue for many free play advocates. The development of Recess for All Florida Students, as well as proposed legislation in other states, has redirected attention to free play and the importance of it. Recess is a form of free play and provides students with a break from the rigors of learning.

In a 2011 article in the American Journal of Play, Peter Gray, Ph.D., a researcher at Boston College, indicated that "lack of play affects emotional development, leading to the rise of anxiety, depression, and problems of attention and self-control." Gray also indicated that without play, "young people fail to acquire the social and emotional skills necessary for healthy psychological

development." Free play also can benefit youngsters in the following ways: · Enables kids to learn dexterity and improve on

other strengths; fulfills exercise requirements for grow-

ing kids; · helps kids conquer fears and develop confidence;

· establishes natural leadership roles and hierarchy in social groups;

· contributes to emotional well-being by giving children a respite from schedules; and

· helps teach self-responsibility, which may translate to better behavior at home and in school.

Free play is an important component of learning and exploration for children. A mix of structured and unstructured activities is key to raising well-rounded individ-

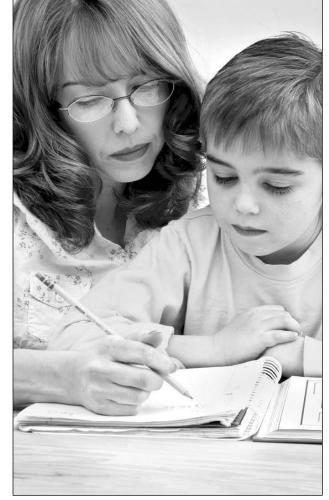
Successful tips for finding a tutor

ural-born students who take to their academics like ducks to water. Others may not catch on as quickly as their parents desire. Every student has unique learning requirements, and sometimes all it takes is some one-on-one intervention with an experienced tutor to turn the academic tide.

The National Tutoring Association reports that the number of individuals offering private tutoring has increased dramatically in recent years, which can make finding a tutor challenging. It also means parents may face stiff competition in regard to procuring the services of qualified tutors. But parents can employ various strategies to improve their chances of finding skilled tutors to work with their children.

 Specify what you need done. The more clearly you define what you and your child hope to gain from individualized instruction, the more capably you can zero in on a tutor who will meet those needs effectively. Some students need reinforcement for testing, while others may struggle with a particular skill set. The more specific you are when illustrating your needs, the more likely you are to find someone who can help address those areas that need improving.

· Seek recommendations. Ask around for recommendations from other parents or educators. Speak with school personnel to find out if someone on staff may tutor in his or her off



· Try a favorite teacher. Many students may have a favorite teacher, past or present, with whom they developed a rapport. If your child fits that mold, contact this teacher to see if he or she tutors students on the side.

· Call the library. Many times high school or college students offer free or reduced-rate tutoring at local libraries. These sessions can be just as beneficial to young students as sessions with professional tutors.

· Consider a tutoring center. Nationally recognized tutoring organizations can be invaluable to students struggling with their studies. Explore the cost options of one-on-one sessions versus small group instruction.

• Look for specialized tutors. Certain tutors specialize in certain subjects or skills. Lean toward those tutors for advanced lessons in tricky subjects like maths and sciences.

Upon hiring a tutor, give it a few lessons to see if the tutor clicks with your child. Set benchmarks for success that the tutor can work toward. If the relationship is not working, start the process over.

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How being bilingual benefits kids

Being bilingual is a necessity for millions of people across the globe. While many United States citizens may never need to speak any language other than English, that's not the case for people who reside in other parts of the world. Even some citizens of America's neighbor to the north, Canada, may need to learn both French and English depending on where they live.

Fluency in more than one language can produce some surprising benefits. For example, a 2017 study published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America found that lifelong bilingualism may help to delay the onset of dementia by as much as five years. In addition, numerous studies, including one conducted by an economist at MIT, found that people fluent in more than one language can earn tens of thousands of dollars more than their monolingual peers over the course of their careers.

Perhaps in recognition of the benefits of bilingualism in an increasingly global world, foreign language programs are now part of the curriculum at many daycare facilities and preschools. That might come as a surprise to parents who did not begin studying foreign languages until junior high or even high school. But the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services notes that the following are some of the ways that being bilingual can benefit



COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

The DHHS notes that a nearly 20-year-old study from the National Clearinghouse for Bilingual Education found that bilingual students had an easier time understanding math concepts and solving word problems than their who were not bilingual. The

DHHS also notes that researchers have uncovered numerous additional cognitive benefits to being bilingual as opposed to monolingual. These benefits include a greater ability to use logic, focus, remember, and make decisions.

> **SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Researchers with National Academy of Science found that children who grow up in bilingual households exhibit better self-control than those who grow up in monolingual households. That's an important benefit, as the DHHS notes that self-control is a key indicator of academic success. The DHHS adds that bilingual children benefit socially from

being bilingual because they are capable of making new friends and building strong relationships using their second language as well as their

The ability to speak more than one language fluently can produce some surprising benefits that children can use to their advantage in school and throughout adulthood.

Reading can help get kids ready to go back to school



It is common for children to backslide during summer vacations as they get further away from their daily school year routines. The rigors of schoolwork may come as a shock as children return to school and must reacquaint themselves with studying and doing their homework. But there are some steps students can take to keep their minds sharp as they ease back into school.

One of the most effective ways for students

to stay sharp over summer is to continue reading. Pearson Education says evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better on reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Reading for pleasure also bears more influence on a child's academic performance than his or her social or economic background.

Summer reading assignments may not be mandated, but children can take it upon themselves to continually push themselves through recreational reading and language arts pursuits. Here are ways that parents can facilitate that process.

• Set up a reading time. Children should have a set time each day that they devote to reading. Many find a regular reading time later in the

evening before bed or as a precursor to other activities, such as watching television or playing video games, can help

make reading a priority. Keep fresh reading materials. Stock the house with new books, magazines, newspapers, and even graphic novels. The more reading materials children have access to, the more likely they are to become habitual readers.

 Parents can lead by example. Parents should read as well. Choose books and periodicals over time spent on digital devices.

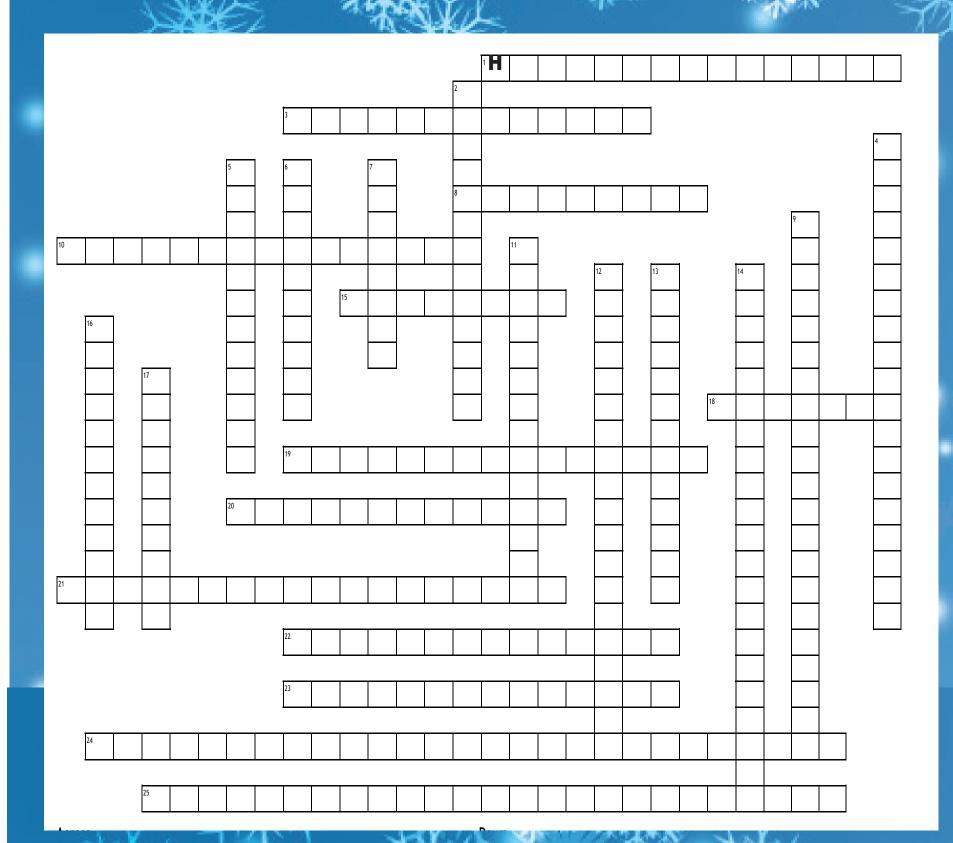
· Read in the world around you. Stop and read signs, menus, cereal boxes, billboards, and anything with the written word. Jot down difficult words and look them up together and discuss the definitions.

Consult with the teacher. Educators have tools they use to assess reading levels and abilities. Knowing a child's

reading level and choosing the appropriate reading materials for that level can set kids up for

Reading is an important part of getting into the back-to-school groove. Make sure students set aside ample time for reading throughout the day, even during extended breaks from school.

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