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In his recently completed memoir, author Tim Parker discusses his career in aerospace engineering.

Fly me to the moon: memoirs of a space engineer

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

WARE – Writing a book isn't exactly rocket science...unless you're writing about rocket science.

In his recently completed memoir, local author Tim Parker discusses his lengthy career as a rocket scientist and aerospace engineer. Titled Touchdown, the memoir focuses heavily on Parker's team that contributed to the development and construction of the space suits used in the 1969 Apollo 11 lunar landing.

The mission was the first ever spaceflight to successfully land astronauts on the moon. Throughout the preparation process, Parker and his team faced many challenges that had never been previously addressed.

"I listed a number of examples in my memoir on how we addressed new requirements as NASA learned more about the

effects of cosmic rays, thermal extremes, and surviving in the vacuum/zero gravity of space. This needed to be done while keeping everything else on schedule for the next launch," Parker told the New Leader.

The memoir also highlights Parker's accomplishments in the years following the lunar landing. When he was still just 26 years old, he gave an international press conference on his involvement in the first lunar landing preparations. In recognition of his work, he received the Apollo Achievement Award and was also photographed for the World Book Encyclopedia's aerospace and engineering section.

Now an author of mystery and romance novels, Parker enjoys looking back on a serpentine career that sounds more like the plot of one of his novels. After his work on the Apollo 11 team, Parker

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Town kicks off holidays with song and lights



Photos courtesy Auburn Police Department

The elf and her Auburn Police Department helpers

KIMBERLY MASCHI
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Auburn brings on the holiday with dazzling lights and merriment. Every year the town of Auburn lights a giant tree in Drury Square. Last Friday joyous song and laughter accompanied the tree light-

ing ceremony.

The marching band and chorus from Auburn High School sang Christmas carols and started off the evening in reverie. Local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops joined in the celebration and songs.

Local residents poured into

the square to watch the lighting of the tree and see Santa.

Santa visited the event in the bucket of an Auburn firetruck. Santa and his helping elves handed out candy canes to the local children.

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Chamber grants aid teacher programs



Courtesy photos

Even the students react with happiness as the teachers receive their grant.

KIMBERLY MASCHI
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Auburn Chamber of Commerce gives grants to local school teachers.

Teachers and students are excited to put new grants to use in various projects.

Teachers from various

schools in Auburn apply for the mini-grants with applications referring to various school projects they wish to complete with their students in the school year.

Victoria Parent, assistant to vice president and CEO of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce

states, "The Auburn Chamber of Commerce is giving \$3,000 worth of mini grants to various teachers in town."

These mini grants are to help the local teachers with funding for their special projects.

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Dr. Craig Bailey

Leadership requires emotional intelligence

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

To be effective, one thing leaders really need is a ruler.

Not the political kind, nor the measuring kind, but the idea kind.

As Craig Bailey told a dinner forum at Nichols last week, that word is an acronym for Recognize, Understand, Label, Express and Regulate, and it specifically refers to how to deal with something everyone has, but many don't deal with too well – emotions.

"The skills of one person can make a difference in an organization," he noted, adding that leaders "set the tone, so their skills matter."

He later observed members of groups need to know their

leaders "have those feelings and what you do when you have those feelings. It's not just about having your emotions on your sleeves all the time."

Emotional intelligence can be learned, even when we're no longer in preschool. The key is to recognize what we feel and where it might be coming from (within or outside the situation). Emotions, he noted, can be responses to something that "doesn't have to be right in front of you," and are "characterized by a change" in thought, physical reaction, expression and/or behavior, often mediated by hormones and memories.

"We end up remembering things that have a lot of emotional significance to us,"

Bailey said. "If you're not doing things that are meaningful, you won't remember them."

Bailey, director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, said good leaders are aware of their impact on others, astute judges of people without being judgmental, balance drive with sensitivity to needs of others, communicate well, and balance emotion and logic. People need to feel validated; when that doesn't happen, "it just shuts everything down."

"It can never be just about yourself. It's always a conversation with other people," he said.

To get an idea of how the roughly 25 participants thought about both leader-

ship and what they wanted to feel in the workplace or similar organization, Bailey simply asked them. The responses were not surprising. Among the former, they said leaders need empathy, bring out the best in others, set things up so that "if you step out, others can carry on," and "have to have yourself squared away to help

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Six steps to stop porch pirates this holiday season



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This is just tempting the porch pirates

BY SHANNON BOYLE,
CONTENT MARKETING SPECIALIST FOR
BBB

The holiday season is in full swing and online shoppers

need to be on alert for ‘porch pirates’ — people stealing packages from unsuspecting homeowners. In a recent study, nearly 26 million Americans report-

ed holiday packages being stolen from their front porch or doorstep.

Last year, Amazon shipped more than five billion items to Prime members, sparking a packaging business to analyze Google search trends to determine where package theft is more concentrated. Boston is fourth on the list of the most prone cities to so-called porch pirates.

Although certain crimes occur more often around the holidays, the USPS and Consumer Reports have a few ways you can keep your packages safe from thieves.

Don’t leave delivered packages unattended. You wouldn’t leave \$500 sitting outside your house overnight so don’t leave your packages unattended for long periods of time. Pay attention to online tracking; if the company says it was delivered but it’s not at your house

report it.

For extra security, use motion detecting lights and camera systems to fend off would-be thieves.

Leaving town? Have your mail held at the post office. Once you return you can pick everything up or request it be delivered to your home.

Customize the delivery. If you know the package is going to be larger than the mailbox, authorize the carrier to leave it in a specified out-of-sight location. You can also request pick-up at their facility.

Secure the shipment. Signature confirmations ensure that the package ends up in the right hands. Register your most valuable packages so special care and documentation is used every step of the way.

Ship your packages to where you are, not where you aren’t. Spend all day at work? Talk to

your boss about having packages delivered to your workplace instead of your home address.

Keep an eye out for suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Some thieves follow delivery trucks waiting for the opportune time to steal packages. If you notice something out of place in your neighborhood, report it to the proper authorities with specific details.

You can also plan with neighbors to move any packages inside their home for safekeeping until you arrive home at night.

If you or someone you know has been affected by stolen packages, report it to BBB Scam Tracker to help warn others.

For more holiday tips you can trust, check out the BBB Holiday Guide at bbb.org or follow us on social media.

Media employees unionize in western Massachusetts

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

Employees of two publications in western Massachusetts have asked the Newspapers of New England to recognize them as the Pioneer Valley NewsGuild.

The Daily Hampshire Gazette and the weekly alternative Valley Advocate share ownership and a building in Northampton and are moving to solidify their status as a union as other papers have done.

Efforts to unionize in Northampton began last year when Gazette executive

editor Jeff Good said he was fired for supporting equal pay for female employees though corporate officials say that wasn’t the case. Publisher Michael Rifanburg has folded the Advocate into the features department of the Gazette and reduced staff, citing lower readership and tariffs on Canadian newsprint as factors for the moves.

“We’re feeling the pinch,” he said. However, state Rep. Jim O’Day isn’t buying it.

“Hopefully they’ll let the process unfold in a democratic way,” he said, adding, “I think whenever workers can

come together, whether it’s for better working conditions, greater wages, better hours, you name it, I think it’s beneficial to those workers and their families.”

Organizing into a union isn’t as easy as it used to be, not since the Supreme Court delivered a blow to such efforts during the summer. If Newspapers of New England doesn’t agree voluntarily to recognize the union, organizers will have to ask the National Labor Relations Board to distribute ballots to the 72 members. However, prior to that ruling employees at the Los Angeles

Times, Chicago Tribune and the New Yorker magazine had voted to unionize.

Newspapers of New England owns numerous publications including the locally regional Athol Daily News as well as the Concord Monitor and Greenfield Recorder.

The Winchendon Courier is owned by Stonebridge Press in Southbridge, which operates more than 20 publications throughout New England.

A timetable for resolution of the Northampton effort is uncertain.

AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
December 7, 8 & 9

MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS FEASTS: The dinners are scheduled Friday, Dec. 7, Saturday Dec. 8 and Sunday Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. each evening at the LaSalle Reception Center at Notre Dame Church, 444 Main St., Southbridge. Tickets are \$30 per person with a group discount for tables of eight available. For information or

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Bay Path Education Foundation Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 8 7:30-10:30 am. Free 5” x 7” photograph with Santa by Casson-Foster

Photographers. Tickets are \$5, children under 5 are free.

SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE: Auburn’s Scouting Troop 101 will have Christmas wreaths, baskets, and logs on sale at the Auburn Post Office on Saturdays Dec. 1 and 8, from 9AM-noon. Help fund Scouting activities! For inquiries or pre-sale, call George (774-239-2240)

Saturday December 15

SANTA VISITS THE FARM: December 15th from 1pm to 7pm. Holiday open house at the Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas with hot mulled cider and holiday cookies. Come get your holiday shopping done. Unique gifts at the country store. Santa

want s to hear what you want for Christmas! Come tell Santa your wishes and get your photo taken with Jolly Ol’ St. Nick. Photographer Kayla of Kayla Photographer & Art will be there to capture the moment. Santa will be in a private room.

HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL: Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St, Oxford will hold its annual Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish hall. Chances on Baskets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A free ticket will be given for a donation of food, hats or gloves/mittens which will be given to the Oxford Food Shelf. In addition to Baskets, we will have Christmas hats and stockings which can be embroidered with a name for \$5. A hearty

lunch will be available for \$5 as well as a bountiful bake table. Tours of our beautiful sanctuary on request. Contact Carol Uppgard for more info at 508-987-5680.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: the sixth annual holiday craft fair, presented by the Auburn Recreation and Culture Committee is planned Saturday, Dec. 15 with a snow date of Dec. 16; at the Auburn High School, 99 Auburn St., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 80 craft vendors to get you into the spirit, Santa will make an appearance, and other activities for the kiddos as well. Food available, schedule of events at www.auburn-guide.com.

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BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE
Zion Lutheran Church, 70 Main St., Oxford is planning a Blue Christmas candle-light service to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11th, at 7:00PM. All are welcome to this quiet, contemplative service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
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Several businesses join together in new venue



Kevin Flanders photo.

Spencer's Dylan Roy recently opened a business in town.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Although many local entrepreneurs wind up moving to cities, Dylan Roy is determined to help keep small businesses going strong in town.

Roy and several other area business owners are renting spaces at 7 Mechanic St. Featuring artists, crafters, antiques specialists, and other entrepreneurs, the venue's eclectic charm is attracting plenty of holiday season interest.

Roy's antiques business, West of Worcester, joined 15 other enterprises in opening late last month at the Mechanic Street storefront. Evinced by the name of his business, Roy is passionate about preserving the success of small businesses in small central Massachusetts towns. Though residents often head east to Worcester for their purchases, Roy urges them to think local first.

"It's always been my dream to open

up my own store in Spencer," said Roy, a lifelong Spencer resident. "People often go toward Worcester for different things, but we really want to promote local products."

Roy started out by making creative signs and selling them at craft fairs, but his fascination with antiques inspired him to expand his vision. A foray into furniture refurbishment helped add a new dimension to his talents, and before long he began acquiring antiques from yard sales, estate sales, and online sources.

Roy knew he was taking a risk upon quitting his job this year and fully investing in his business, but he embraced the opportunity to pursue his passion. The other business owners at 7 Mechanic St. have similar stories, many of them previously struggling to gain exposure for their products. Craft fairs provide much-needed infusions of cash for local artists and entrepreneurs,

but they are seasonal and vary widely in attendance. Roy and his colleagues knew they would never reach their full potential as business owners if they focused only on fairs.

"I felt like I was ready to make this leap. It's exciting to be part of a community of likeminded people," Roy told the New Leader. "Customers can come to this one building and support many local businesses."

Roy has mainly utilized word of mouth and social media to spread the news about his business. Because the building isn't on Route 9, business owners know they won't be able to rely on drivers spotting the venue as they pass through town. They'll have to be creative on social media and personal websites, but they are up for the challenge.

For Roy, it's exciting that business owners can easily promote each other in the building and support their fellow entrepreneurs in a collaborative community. And rather than drive across town, customers can walk a few feet and find themselves in the next business. Moreover, the cozy, openly spaced layout allows guests to feel like they're in a craft fair environment conducive to browsing.

"I was looking for a long time, and I felt like this was the right fit," Roy said of the building, which previously served as an antiques store.

Roy's business has the following hours: Thursday-Friday (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.); Saturday (9-5); Sunday (9-3). The business will be open year-round.

When he isn't preparing vintage and salvaged items for his business, Roy is always acquiring new pieces from various sources. Some of his most interesting finds over the years include books dating back to the 1840s and a World War II fighter jet plane antenna.

"I love finding new lives for items that could be forgotten or thrown away. It's a lot of fun," Roy said.

For more information about West of Worcester, check out Roy's Facebook and Instagram pages.

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Residents were loving the event, Maura Lyden of Auburn said, "This is my favorite thing that Auburn does... I get more excited about this than my teenager does."

Lyden looks forward to the next Auburn holiday event, The Santa Tour that is coming up later in December.

Resident Chuck Berry said, "Fantastic job Auburn" and Nicole Renee states, "It was fabulous as always! Thank you, Auburn!"

The police department was there to

join in the excitement and keep the community safe and secure.

"Great job keeping everyone safe tonight. Thank you," said Doreen Goodrich.

Bay Path Vocational Technical High School supplied the local residents with sweet treats and hot chocolate beverages. The students made sugar cookies with holiday designs. Gingerbread men and of course, a big bucket of marshmallows to put atop the rich hit chocolate.

Local business in Oxford, Stearns Electric Inc., donated their time to string the lights up on the tree for the evening.



The Auburn High School band has a good repertoire of winter songs.

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Most Common Home Inspection Issues?

After attending hundreds of Home Inspections I have found that many of the same issues will arise over and over again. It is always a good idea to resolve any potential inspection issues prior to the inspection. One way to do this would be to have a pre-inspection where the home inspector will come in at a lower cost and inspect the home before you put it up for sale. The one challenge with this is that your inspector most likely will not see everything and the next inspector will have less issues to find so they will find different ones. With this pre-inspection you could check the water quality and quantity if you have a well, radon in the air, and a pest inspection. This way if any issues came up you

could resolve prior to listing for sale so the buyer feels better knowing that you did what was necessary to take care of your home and didn't defer maintenance. I would advise discussing this option with your Realtor to decide if this would be your best approach or not. If you do not do a pre-inspection it is good to go through the house and looks for obvious issues that could come up on an inspection. Some of these may seem not to be a big deal but when adding them all together the buyer will get concerned. Some common issues I see are Radon in the basement area and many times buyer will ask seller to repair Water quality and quantity test which may result in a new well or mitigation systems for



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contaminants Old stains on ceiling. Make sure to paint the and resolve source of stain. Also if there are stained ceiling tiles replace them as well. This is many times an old roof leak, an ice dam or even a sweating piped which could be wrapped to prevent dripping GFCE's either not installed in kitchens or bathrooms or not working properly. Ensure your kitchen and baths have

GFCE's and they are working properly Water leaking into the electric panel. Have someone seal around the entry of the main electric line into house if that is the cause Double tapped breakers. Have an electrician evaluate your electric panel and install additional breakers if there is space where there are double-tapped breaker Decks missing joist hanger and lag bolts. Just proactively install joist hangers where needed and lag bolt the deck to house. Open Junction boxes. Cover thee to prevent concerns Boiler not cleaned or serviced. Make sure boiler or furnace has been cleaned in last 12 months and also ensure there

is a tag on the boiler Lack of caulking arounds baths and sinks. Proactively recaulk around sink and tub. Garage door not reversing when eyes are walked past or tension is placed on door. Have the eyes and the stop reverse adjusted. Water leaking into basement. Proactively seal any cracks in walls that you can. I know there are many more but I think you get the point. Either hire an inspector or take a quick walk around your home with your realtor and have them make suggestions on things you should proactively do to ensure you don't have issue down the road.

Homemade holiday gifts: high in creativity, short on cash

The holidays are here, and if you're scrambling to find the perfect present on a budget, you're not alone. Before you run out to search a token present from picked over department store leftovers, or recharge a chain store gift card, read on. This year's gift giving philosophy is all about back to basics and a homemade touch can make the difference between a dull or dazzling present. Read on for some new and old gift ideas that represent some of my favorites! ** Festive Guest Soaps: These fragrant soaps are a nod to nostalgic soaps from days of yore. Fancy, yet practical, these impressive soaps make the perfect hostess present. Or add a few to a basket along with a pair of coordinating hand towels for a sensational gift set. Ingredients: glycerin bar soap (available at dollar stores); dried flowers such as lavender, chamomile, etc.; dried herbs or herbal tea bags; essential oils. Instructions: Cut glycerin soap bars

into chunks and melt in a double boiler or (carefully) in the microwave. Stir until melted. Skim off any top residue that may form. Gently stir in dried flowers and herbs. Pour melted glycerin into soap or candle molds. When thoroughly cool, remove soap from mold. Embellish for gift giving by wrapping a grosgrain ribbon once around the soap, securing with a floral sticker. Or wrap in tissue paper and tie off with ribbon. Homemade glycerin soaps are fantastic bath gift items for family members too. Chop unscented glycerin soap bars and melt. For men: toss in a little white sand for an effective abrasive hand soap that's ideal for the workshop. For women: the addition of poppy seeds, oatmeal or coffee grounds makes an excellent exfoliant soap. For kids: Poke a plastic bug or other small safe toy surprise in the soap before setting.



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** Gourmet Condiment Basket: Fancy imported mustards and gourmet vinegars can be costly. All you need are some inexpensive ingredients and a few embellishments to conjure up a gift basket worthy of the fussiest of cooks! Mix up a couple of small jars of flavored mustard and add a tall decanter of vinegar for a complete gift. Base Mustard Recipe This base recipe uses the addition of ingredients (posted below) to prepare various gourmet mustards. Makes one cup. Ingredients: Three ounces of brown or yellow mustard seeds; one quarter cup brown sugar; one teaspoon salt; one teaspoon cracked pepper; one teaspoon turmeric; seven eighths of a cup wine or white vinegar. Instructions: In a blender, mix together mustard seeds, sugar, salt, pepper and turmeric. Add the vinegar one tablespoon at a time to form a coarse paste. Let mixture rest for about 15 minutes. Add the additional gourmet ingredient flavors below. Spoon into a tightly capped jar. Label jar with mustard name. Make up a gift tag with instructions to allow mustard to cure for two weeks before serving.

the top of each mold unpainted. Apply a finish coat over paint. When dry, apply several drops of essential oil to the top of medallion. The unpainted area is porous and fragrance will be absorbed by the medallion. Cut a loop of ribbon and glue to the back of one mold. Glue the molds together back to back, securing carefully with a vise if necessary to press seams together. When dry and secure, suspend wherever a fresh scent is desired. ** Heirloom Tea Spoons: Vintage silverplate spoons coated with candy provide a sentimental sweet treat for tea drinkers. Silver plated spoons are inexpensive and readily available at flea markets or antique shops. Wrap a few of these stirrers in cellophane and tie with a ribbon. To sweeten the deal, present a matching set of spoons along with a selection of loose tea. Ingredients: Approximately 35 pieces hard candy, crushed (lemon and cinnamon are great with tea); two tablespoons corn syrup. Directions: Line a cookie sheet with wax paper and spray with cooking spray. In a heavy saucepan combine crushed candies and corn syrup. Melt over low heat stirring frequently. Spoon candy into bowl of each spoon. Place spoons on cookie sheet with handles on rims to make spoons level. Allow to harden. ** Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned 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 email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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Why are we still asking if Black Lives Matter or All Lives Matter?



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Recently, I shared an image on Facebook of a white man wearing a Black Lives Matter shirt and holding a handmade sign that read, “Privilege is when you think something is not a problem because it’s not a problem to you personally.”

Instantly, I started receiving messages and comments telling me about how wrong I am, something I naively wasn’t expecting because my intention was just to share a positive message that would make people think a little harder about human rights. Yet in the blink of an eye, they found the need to make it negative and instantly convinced me to talk more about why I persist in saying Black Lives Matter rather than All Lives Matter even though I am white.

It is because I recognize that I am a privileged young woman who has to actively remind myself that I am a privileged young woman in order to see problems that exist for other humans even though those problems may not directly apply to me. In all truthfulness, I don’t always think about the people who are starving because I never need to worry about where my next meal will come from, but that does not

change the fact that others are hungry. I often don’t recognize the pain people suffer from sickness because I am healthy and have access to doctors and medicine, but that does not change the fact that people all over the world are suffering from fatal illnesses or a lack of medical assistance. I don’t have the need to worry about how I will be treated because of the color of my skin, but that does not change the fact that minorities across the country are still being discriminated against, criminalized, and even killed just because they were not born white.

Black Lives Matter is a movement that exists because too many people are not able to recognize very real and important problems that do not personally affect them. White people are not omitted from the campaign because their lives don’t matter, which is a shallow and unresearched claim, but because white people have always been so included throughout history that we are known for excluding others. Black Lives Matter is a response to the corruption, inequality, and legal racism that has been going on in this country for centuries, a problem that is, in fact, every citizen’s problem whether you are the one fearing for your life or not because the United States is advertised as a free and equal nation. Years of injustice isn’t something that disappears within a few decades, and the least we can do is take responsibility for the past and recognize that human beings have been

hurt and are still hurting.

No one is arguing against the idea that all human lives matter because that goes without saying, and being insulted by a movement that is fighting to make sure that all people are treated equally by focusing on including a historically excluded group of people is unjustifiable. The movement is a powerful, nationwide response to a form of oppression that has not yet gone away, and the proof lives on with memories of the nearly 800 black individuals who were killed by law enforcement officers between 2015 and 2017. Although black people only make up 13 percent of the total population according to the U.S. Census Bureau, they accounted for 23% of all those killed by police in 2017. Out of that percentage, 19 were unarmed compared to the 25 white people that were unarmed, a number that is way too close considering that white people make up 61 percent of the total population.

The United States of America has never been a colorblind nation, and white people do not get to decide that we suddenly no longer see race by asserting that All Lives Matter because we were the ones who made the decision to see it in the first place. This phrase eradicates a lengthy and intense history of systemic inequality and racism that included years of slavery, lynching, and abuse followed by decades of marching, rioting, and sit-ins.

I just hope that a continuation of this conversation will



Courtesy photo

The shared photo

help more people see Black Lives Matter as the form of inclusion that it was intended to be rather than the exclusion it as judged as next time they see it written on a shirt or mentioned on the news, because

one person’s inclusion does not automatically have to mean another’s exclusion and past actions based on the belief that it does are exactly the reason why this issue was created in the first place.

Should you scrap your silver?

The short answer on whether you should scrap silver is that you usually shouldn’t. I’ll provide a brief history before discussing what to do with your silver.

The oldest silver artifacts were made in ancient Sumer around 4000 BC, according to Britannica. “The scarcity of silver, combined with its softness and malleability, precluded its use for making tools.” However, those properties, along with its bright color and resistance to oxidation, made it desirable for ornamental pieces.

In Ancient Rome, it was used for plate ware, utensils, and ornamental work. Prior to the Middle Ages, gold was utilized more often, until after when silver became the primary metal in European metalwork. Silverwork continued to thrive during the Renaissance. During the 18th century, thin silver sheets were used to cover copper. This became known as “Sheffield plate,” and made silver affordable for most people.

Before you decide what to do with your silver, you should determine whether you have sterling or silver plate. If you have silver flatware or hollow ware (teapots, serving bowls, etc.), check the bottom. Most American silver should be marked sterling. It may also be marked 925 because sterling silver is 92.5% silver. If silver were 100% it would be too malleable for flatware and hollow ware. You can also look for the word “plate.” Silver plate, quadruple plate, Sheffield plate and EPNS indicate that there is just a small amount of silver. Except for exceptional pieces, most silver plate has little value.

Other silver isn’t as easy to identify. English silver hallmarks can be very complicated. There are different hallmarks for sterling and silver plate. According to the 925-1000.com website, there may be five hallmarks on a piece. The first is a standard mark which specifies the silver content. The next identifies the city, followed by a letter and the date. The last marks are duty and makers’ marks.

Earlier American silver is also hallmarked. It may have the last name or initials of the silversmith. Much of the early silver is made of “coin silver.” Coin silver is 90% silver which is the same amount that was in silver coins of the time. You can often find more info on the early American silversmiths. For instance, coins silver spoons marked Goddard may be from a Worcester silversmith.

Scrapping broken pieces may be fine. Sometimes a mixture of simply designed pieces may not have a value much above the scrap value. However, most sterling and coin silver by earlier silversmiths command prices above scrap value and shouldn’t be scrapped. If you have a spoon by Paul Revere Jr., it can bring thousands of dollars. Coin silver



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teapots by other American silversmiths can also sell for thousands.

An average sterling silver flatware set can bring anywhere from \$500 into the low thousands. Prices vary depending on the maker and pattern. We sold a rare sterling flatware set, with scarce serving pieces, for over \$15,000. Mid-century modern sterling pieces are among the mid-century pieces that are currently bringing strong prices. We sold a set of Georg Jensen sterling flatware for over \$4,000.

A rare George Jensen fish platter sold for \$120,000 at another auction house in 2011. You’d need something of similar quality to serve fish from a platter like that. A Martele sterling silver fish serving piece sold for \$2,700 in a 2013 auction.

I’ll be at the Shrewsbury Historical Society on Dec. 12th at 7:00 PM for an antiques presentation. We are still making estate pickup and accepting quality consignments for our Jan. 31st live auction. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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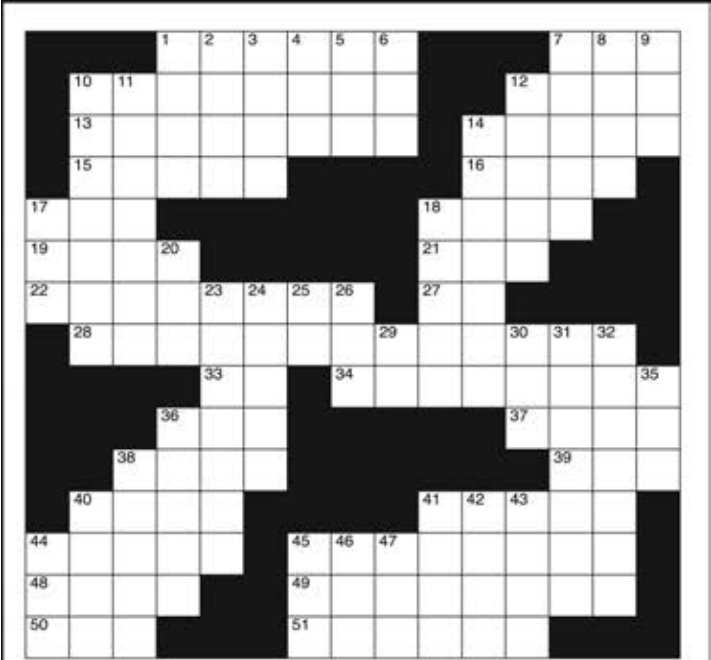
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1. Doctor’s clothes

7. NYC ballplayer

10. Flying vessels

12. Created

13. Convert

14. WWII battle

15. A cravat with wide square ends

16. Month in the Jewish calendar

17. Value

18. Brews

19. Child’s eating accessory

21. Arrived extinct

22. Of the sea

27. Potato state

28. Leading man
33. Blood type

34. Oppressed

36. “Much ___ about nothing”

37. World’s longest river

38. deGrom and Sale are two

39. Crafty

40. At all times

41. Twins great Hunter

44. Volcanic craters

45. Outpouring

48. Where a baby sleeps

49. Dancing a Brazilian dance

50. Unhealthy

51. Manufacturers

CLUES DOWN

1. Prevents harm to young

2. The Muse of history

3. Fascinated by

4. Unnilhexium

5. Honey maker

6. Soviet Socialist Republic

7. They hang out with papas

8. German river

9. Domain name

10. Type of chair

11. Fill someone with an urge

12. Sorceress

14. Unpleasant smell

17. Leg (slang)

18. Farewell

20. A life summary

23. Merchants

24. Southeastern Nigerians
25. Of I

26. Electronic countermeasures

29. Atomic #3 (abbr.)

30. A type of sister

31. Omission of a sound

32. Screaming

35. Ottoman title

36. Sour

38. Take advantage of

40. Nobleman

41. Cathode ray was one

42. Long, winding ridge

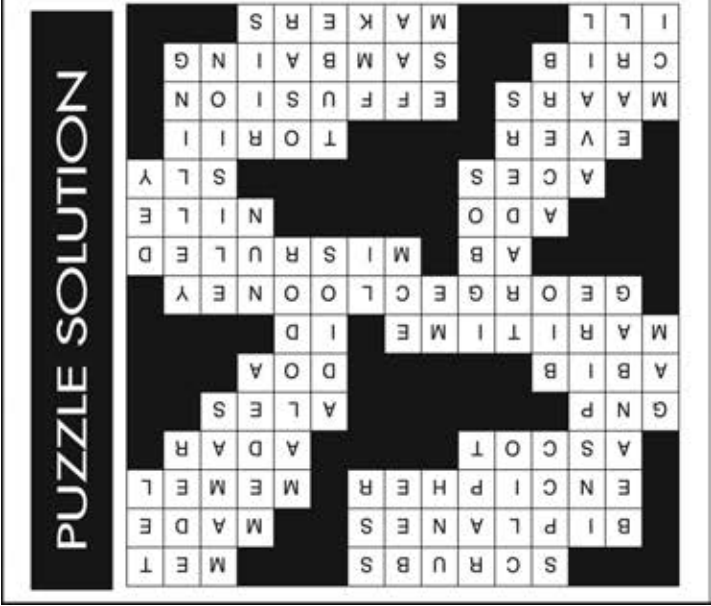
43. Muckraking journalist

44. Defunct phone company

45. Military telecommunications term (abbr.)

46. Supervises flying

47. Firearms manufacturer



LEARNING

BVT SkillsUSA Chapter announces charity dinner schedule

UPTON – Students from the Blackstone Valley Tech SkillsUSA Chapter and Culinary Arts Program are once again hosting a series of fundraising dinners to benefit several charitable organizations and causes. The monthly dinners are held in the student-run Three Seasons Restaurant located on the BVT campus at 65 Pleasant St. in Upton.

Each all-you-can-eat dinner is held on a Thursday evening and consists of a themed buffet, dessert, and beverage. The following dates and themes have been selected for the spring 2019 series:

January 10: Roast Pork
January 31: Meatloaf
February 28: Roast Chicken
April 4: Baked Fish
May 9: Porketta

Proceeds will benefit the Be Like Brit Foundation and the BVT SkillsUSA Chapter.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Dinner seatings are scheduled for 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Seats are limited and reservations are required. Contact Kathleen Manoogian at 508-529-7758 x3109 or via email to kmanoogian@valleytech.k12.

ma.us to book your reservation. The SkillsUSA Chapter encourages diners to make reservations early as seatings times are quickly filled.

Originally known as Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), SkillsUSA was founded in 1965. It is a national organization that supports career and technical education. Students compete at the district, state, and national level in their technical areas and leadership events.

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham,

Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, Blackstone Valley Tech creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. The school's website is www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.

HOLY NAME ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

The following students have earned a place on the honor roll at Holy Name for the first quarter.

GRADE 7

High Honors: Charlton: Chase Brush; Milford: Matthew Donahue; and Shrewsbury: Nathan Williams.

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GRADE 8

High Honors: Auburn: Ryan Mechery; Shrewsbury: Sabrina Williams; and Worcester: Kwame Asare, Keziah Danso

Honors: Auburn: Ashley Wilbur, Chloe Diguette, Adam Toscano; East Brookfield: Ronald Pataky; Mendon: Michael Younes; Millbury: Cadance Ryan; Northbridge: Michael Ronan, Emma Ronan; Princeton: Catherine King; Webster: Connor Paul; and Worcester: Joong Gun Lee, Joseph Bowden, Kayden Chevalier, Alexa Tighe, Logan Antkowiak, Stephanie Tran, Christopher Larson

GRADE 9

High Honors: Auburn: Claudia Symonick; Hudson: Benjamin Kushi; Millville : Isabelle DiCecco; Oxford: Benjamin Duval, Dominic Porcelli; Rochdale: Elizabeth Socha; Spencer: Makenna Barrows; Webster : Anna Richardson; Worcester: Kylie Barbour, Serena Kim, Sanaa May, Terrence O'Connor, Jaiden Shekoni, Marcy Suarez

Honors: Douglas: Seth Boudreau, Hayley Houston; Dudley: Alyson Gering, Madeline Grenier, Kaitlyn Nguyen; Grafton: Yihan Zhang; Holden : Xiaoyu Hei; Hudson: Sarah Walsh; Marlborough: Adam Short; Millbury: Sophie Ikeda, Quinn Romaine; Spencer: Elizabeth Manfield; Sturbridge: Nathan Kowal; Thompson, CT: Brayden Akana; Webster: Emilia Kreidler, Isabella Maglich; Worcester: Emma Bolduc, Brianna Borrero, Nicole Brown, Matthew Camfield, Lily Carelli, Liam Grow, Natalee Horton, Boston Kielbowicz, Harmon La, Ryan Lam, Kayla Marks, Martyna Myslinski, Ethan Paixao, Mario Paldino, Katie Paulino, Christina Pham, Marjorie Ramon, Bella Romeo, Corey Rondeau, Cormac Trainor, Nhu Tran.

GRADE 10

High Honors: North Oxford: Danielle Frasco; Oxford: Julianna Warman; Shrewsbury: Frances Fernandez; Spencer: Adam Scannell; West Boylston: Cadence Dimen; Worcester: Carissa England, Elizabeth Galeriu, Raigan Gregoire, Alexandra Selvitelli, Olivia Spokis

Honors: Auburn: Matt Card, Kevin Ly, An Nguyen; Charlton: Mary Graff, Yuqi Han; Clinton: Issaih Agnew; Holden: David Prosser; Leicester: Jared Dahlgren, Christian Rivera; Medway: Anita Cuff; Milford: Ashby Norris; North Grosvenordale: Lillian Kryszinski; North Grafton: Anmarie Huggett; Oxford: Cienna Barszcz, Daniel Depatie, Christopher Mahlert; Paxton: Jillian Reynolds; Putnam, CT: William Aldredge; Rochdale : James Flanagan; Shrewsbury: Conor McTigue, Natalia Moura-Westdijk, Henry Seo, Seth Williams, Jongmin Lee; Southbridge: Amy Loin; Spencer: Kalli McCutcheon, Amanda Scannell; Sturbridge: Arianna Lester; Uxbridge:

Kira Sullivan; Whitinsville: Mateo Morrissette, Robert Pingeton; Worcester: Isabel Ayers, Jacob Bowden, Anthony Cao, Emeline Class, Gianni DeProspo, Kaylee DeSiata, Paige DeSiata, Emily DiLiddo, Cristiaan Giovanangtelo-Nicotera, Caitlin Graham, Randy Guarango, Willaim Huo, Lauren Jeong, Ry Kariuki, Max LeFrancois, Lilianne Lipka, John Lopes, Molly Lynch, Amelia Nadeau-DaCruz, Richael Silverio, Olivia Spokis, Nolan Sweetser, Jack Xia, Jerry Xu.

GRADE 11

High Honors: Boylston: Elise Probst; Hudson: Emily Regis; Milford: Juliana Cafarella; Rutland: Erin Duncan; Shrewsbury: Elyse Duff; Uxbridge: Krista Sullivan; Webster: Jason Lin; West Boylston: Tony Hu; Worcester: Lucia Garcia, Benjamin Lanava, David Luo, Nhan Nguyen, Nguyen Truong.

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GRADE 12

High Honors: Cherry Valley: Panda Lin; Milford: Kaycee Conover; North Grafton: Abaigeal Carroll; Rutland: Catherine Dinsdale; Shrewsbury: Elizabeth Fernandez, Jax Kou, Varun Nathan, Sam Zhao; Whitinsville: Michael Wickstrom; Worcester: Dyson Barbour, Cyndi Le, Leila Liu, Charlotte Liu, Amy Shon, Peter Wang, Alexandra Ward, Francis Xu.

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Macharia awarded training grant



CHARLTON — James P. Chabot of MassHire Worcester Career Center announced the awarding of a \$5,000 in training grant for Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy student David Macharia of Worcester. Training grant funds encourage economic growth in the state and allows investment in additional training for healthcare workforce.

“We’re thankful for the support of the MassHire Worcester Career Center,” said Bay Path RVTHS practical nursing academy director Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. “Mr. Chabot have been incredibly helpful in assisting our practical nursing students. The grant will not only help our nursing students through the 10 months of rigorous training, but also ensure that they stay motivated and inspired to give their best. We are producing world class, real world

ready LPNs right here in Massachusetts.”

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and Commonwealth Corporation encourage businesses to address workforce training needs. Interested parties are encouraged to visit www.commcorp.org/wtftp to learn more.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a practical nursing certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing 239 Causeway Street Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 www.council.org. Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd, Suite 201 Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 www.neasc.org

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Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-OA6 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OA6 dated August 7, 2014 and recorded with said Registry on August 12, 2014 at Book 52662, Page 28, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on December 26, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 6 Elizabeth Drive, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

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For title see Deed Recorded with Worcester County Registry in Book

23441, Page 118.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23441, Page 118.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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EDITORIAL

Loss of a statesman

Whether you are a registered voter affiliated with a party; or whether you try really, really hard not to be involved with politics at all, you have to know the world has lost a true gentleman this week.

George Herbert Walker Bush was, for the most part, a soft spoken man... with a spine of steel. He chose not to put himself in the blinding spotlight and take credit for much of what was indeed his own work. He believed in those who worked with him; and gave equal credit to those around him.

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And he didn't just talk his talk, he lived it.

He nearly lost his election bid because people didn't "get" his demeanor. Time magazine called him a "wimp."

He proved them wrong.

His style was different, there wasn't bluster in his speech and mannerisms. There was honesty, and sincerity.

And while he didn't agree with everyone around him, even among those on his side, in his own party and his advisors; he handled any controversy calmly and quietly. Presenting himself and any rancor with a level headedness we could surely use now.

He was a diplomat.
He was a number cruncher.
He understood tactics and strategy.
He was a veteran.
He was a devoted husband and father.
He was a successful business man.

He was a friend, a good friend to many, staying friends with old Navy buddies, with college friends, with fellow politicians his entire life.

He may be the last of dying breed; an honest politician who understood compromise; understood human nature; and understood nothing gets done without both sides willing to talk and to sacrifice a bit.

And he understood we are all in this together. There is no "us" and "them"; we are one country.

If for no other reason than to honor his memory, we should attempt to act like it for a month or two.

He would understand that; and probably laugh at us all from Barbara's side; where he most assuredly is now; at peace.

Goodbye Mr. President.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



Is it really acceptable to be conventional?

While perusing the thesaurus, I took a moment to look at some synonyms for the oft used term, "old school" and I found the following words: acceptable, accustomed, classic, classical, conservative, conventional, customary, habitual, long-established, old, old line, popular, regular, rooted, and time-honored.

Now, that being said, I would suspect that very few parents today are bringing up their children in the exact same manner that their own parents raised them. Along that same vein, those of us in education have done an "about face" when it comes to our dealings with the students of the 21st century.

The child that sits before us today is most certainly not the same as the child that sat before us in the 1990s and the early 2000s. As a result, we need to make certain that we have changed the manner in which we do business in order to meet all of the needs of these 21st century learners.

The days of old ("old school") of yelling, screaming and excessive punitive punishment are no more, with the goals now being more focused on things, such as, accountability, remorse and what can be done differently "the next time," so as not to land oneself in a similar situation.

In the classroom, we speak a lot about differentiated instruction. Differentiated instruction focuses on the plethora of ways that the students before us daily learn best. For example, some students may be visual learners, some auditory learners, some experiential, etc. We, as

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educators, need to be able to present the lesson in such a way that each of these modalities are addressed during the course of the lesson so that all may benefit from it.

Conversely, this differentiated instruction "model" needs to carry over to the athletic realm, the disciplinary realm, etc., as well. What might motivate one basketball player on the

court to perform better, for example, might have the absolute opposite effect on another.

Across all of the disciplines, the common thread is the three "Rs": Relationships, Relationships, Relationships!" By building these relationships with our students, we are able to gain a clear window into what motivates them and as a result, we can appeal to whatever approach might work best for the individual. It is definitely not a "one fits all" formula.

In this "new school" approach, not unlike George H. W. Bush said back in 1988, we (on a micro level) are looking to create a "kinder, gentler nation" moving forward.

"Old school" is not necessarily a "good thing" in this new time...

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In case you missed it

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." – George Bernard Shaw



...AND ONE MORE THING...

GREG VINE

likely will lead to increasing populations of ticks carrying Lyme disease and mosquitoes carrying Triple-E and West Nile Virus.

As for the rest of the country, the report notes

that the amount of acreage charred by California wildfires each year has doubled since 1985. If mankind fails to significantly stem the release of greenhouse gases, the amount of acreage burned in the Sierra Nevada mountains could triple during the last three decades of this century.

The beautiful and temperate Pacific Northwest, says the report compiled by experts who know the subject, will see wilder bouts of severe weather, including extended drought, large wildfires, heatwaves, massive algae blooms, and periods of torrential rains.

Increasing temperature extremes in the Midwest will lead to significant crop failures, leading to shortages that will result in increased prices here in the U.S. and an increased likelihood of famine – due to decreasing U.S. agricultural exports – in other parts of the world.

Unchecked climate change could, by the end of the century, result in a 10 percent depletion in the U.S. economy, according to the report.

The change in climate, the report stresses, is due in large part to the activities of humankind. We broke it; we need to do what we can to fix it. It's pretty simple – for most thinking people, that is. But President Trump, if he's known for anything, is certainly known for a lack of thoughtfulness.

Hopefully, whoever follows him into the White House will act quickly to reverse his disastrous environmental policies. If not, well...we're screwed. Or should I say our children and grandchildren are screwed. They are the reason we need to act now, but the president and his cult followers just don't give a damn. If it's not going to affect them personally it's not worth worrying about.

Aggressively addressing the problem may have its cost but, as President John F. Kennedy – a real president – said: "There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long-range risks of comfortable inaction."

Take advantage of tax diversification



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As an investor, you will have access to accounts that are taxed differently from one another. And it's possible you could benefit from tax diversification by owning accounts in these three categories:

Tax-deferred – Tax-deferred accounts include the traditional IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. When you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, your money can grow faster than if it were placed in an account on which you paid taxes every year. You also may get a tax deduction for contributions you make today. When you start taking withdrawals from these tax-deferred accounts, typically during retirement, the money is usually taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.

Taxable – Taxable investments are those held in a standard brokerage account, outside your IRA or 401(k). While you can put virtually all types of investments into a taxable account, you may want to focus on those considered to be most tax-efficient. So, you could include individual stocks that you plan to hold, rather than actively trade, because you will not get taxed on the capital gains until you sell. You also might consider mutual funds that do little trading and generate fewer capital gain distributions. This is important not only in terms of controlling taxes, but also because the taxes on these distributions can reduce your investments' real rate of return.

Tax-free – When you invest in a Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), you don't get an immediate tax deduction, but your earnings, as well as your withdrawals, are tax-free, provided you do not start taking withdrawals until you're 59 ½ and you have had your account at least five years. (However, income restrictions do apply to Roth IRAs.)

So, given the difference in how taxes are treated in these accounts, how can you choose where to put your money? For example, when would you contribute to a Roth IRA or Roth 401(k), rather than a traditional, tax-deferred IRA or 401(k)? If you are in a high tax rate now and expect it to be lower in retirement, a traditional IRA may make more sense, as you potentially get a sizable benefit from the tax deduction. But if you are in a lower tax rate now, you have most of your retirement investments in tax-deferred accounts, and/or you can afford to forego the immediate tax deduction, you might find that the Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), with its tax-free withdrawals and earnings, ultimately will make more sense for you. But since no one can predict where tax rates will go in the future, having money in different types of accounts – i.e., tax diversification – can be beneficial.

If you only focus on traditional, tax-deferred accounts, you could end up with larger tax bills than you anticipated when you retire and start tapping into these accounts, particularly when you must start taking withdrawals – called "required minimum distributions" – when you reach 70 ½. By having money in accounts with different tax treatments, you may have more flexibility in structuring your withdrawals during retirement, based on your year-to-year tax situation.

There's no formula for achieving an ideal tax diversification. You'll want to consider your own needs and circumstances in choosing the right mix of taxable, tax-deferred and tax-free accounts. Ultimately, taxes should not drive all your investment decisions – but they should not be ignored, either.

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Holiday dinner

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Courtesy photos



What does it really mean to be patriotic?



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Patriotism has been on a lot of people's minds lately. French President Emanuel Macron recently criticized President Trump and other world leaders for their "us versus them" view of patriotism. "By putting our own interests first," he said, "with no regard for others, we erase the very thing that a nation holds dearest, and the thing that keeps it alive: its moral values."

Meanwhile, just ahead of the midterm elections, The New York Times noted that two clashing visions of patriotism were heading to the polls. President Trump and Republicans saw patriotism as "conspicuous displays of

respect for the traditional expressions of America — the flag, the military, the Pledge of Allegiance." Democrats, by contrast, saw it as protecting the norms and institutions of our democracy.

I don't entirely buy this distinction, at least when it comes to partisan labels. I've known plenty of Democrats who consider it patriotic to honor the flag, the military, and the Pledge. And I've known a lot of Republicans who value our democratic traditions.

The vast majority of Americans consider themselves patriots — even if, as Gallup found in June, less than half of poll respondents considered themselves "extremely proud" to be American. This was the first time this has happened in almost two decades of polling on the question.

The two broad strands outlined by The Times inarguably exist. We all remember the naval hero Stephen Decatur's famous toast in 1816, "Our country, right or wrong." And

Senator Carl Schurz's amendment a half-century later: "My country, right or wrong — if right, to be kept right, if wrong, to be set right." We may criticize our country, in other words, but this is not motivated by malice. It's motivated by special affection and a belief that a great country can be made greater.

"There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America," President Clinton argued, laying out a vision of patriotism that is not about symbols, but about building on a nation's intangible strengths.

I buy that. I believe that patriotism means getting on with the serious business of improving our country. It means that we strive to ensure that we live up to our pledge of liberty and justice for all. In this formulation, patriotism is best expressed not in parades or speeches or exhortations or conspicuous displays, but in what we do.

Perhaps the most persuasive description I've heard on this

score was Adlai Stevenson's. "True patriotism is not manifested in short, frenzied bursts of emotion," he said. "It is the tranquil, steady dedication of a lifetime."

Stevenson hit the nail square on the head. So much of our national discussion of patriotism is about military heroes. This is important, but it's an incomplete view of love of country. I'd argue that we encounter patriotism at all levels of American life. The teacher in the classroom, the parents who raise their children to be good citizens, the clerk who keeps town records and helps people vote, the ordinary working person who goes about her tasks with dedication and proficiency — patriotism can be found everywhere in our communities, among all kinds of people who pursue their lives with the good of the country at heart.

We have inherited a magnificent political legacy, a set of customs and traditions and, yes, moral values that give ordinary people the tools and

power to improve life for themselves and succeeding generations.

Patriotism lies in our efforts to enlarge that legacy so that it applies to all citizens. It means we defend civil liberties, the right to dissent, and the equality before the law of all Americans. And it means that upholding our core values — tolerance, mutual respect, the right of everyone to be heard, the belief that in pursuing our own lives and interests we all are capable of contributing to the vibrancy of our democracy — is every bit as patriotic as placing our hand over our heart while reciting the Pledge.

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helped develop materials, designs and processes that were used in conventional manufacturing.

Reflecting on where it all began, Parker is fascinated by how everything fell into place.

"Becoming an aerospace engineer or rocket scientist wasn't in my long-term game plan because neither term or position really existed at the time," added Parker, who majored in chemical engineering in college. "Working on the evolution of military and aerospace products in research and development

was thrilling when I stumbled into it by answering an advertisement. The initial objective was to make a decent living for my family, but it was invigorating on a daily basis."

Growing up on a farm in rural western Massachusetts, Parker knows he never would have succeeded in the pressure-packed space race of the 1960s if not for his ability to solve problems and manage challenges. Throughout the 1960s, when the space race between the U.S. and Russia was in full flight, time was the constant opponent for Parker's team. Determined to meet President John F. Kennedy's goal of landing a man on the moon and return-

ing him safely to Earth by the end of the decade, the pressure on the entire space program was immense.

And as a member of the team entrusted with designing the suits that would keep astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin safe in space, Parker felt the full weight of high expectations.

"Working at high speed to solve one problem and jump to the next one with inadequate funding and time was gratifying and a lot of fun," Parker recalled. "Building teams to meet seemingly impossible goals in short intervals was an extremely rewarding experience."

For Parker, who has written mystery novels Wispa and Missing in

Switzerland, the transition from fiction to memoir writing brought unique challenges. Now that the memoir is complete, he is eager to return to familiar territory.

"Trying to remember the details of exactly what I did 50 years ago to write the memoir wasn't easy, but there was nobody else to do it. Now I can get back to writing mystery novels," Parker said.

Parker hopes his memoir will be released sometime next year, which represents the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing. To learn more about the author, visit www.TimParkerNovels.wordpress.com.

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anybody else." Regarding the latter, they wanted a sense of pride and accomplishment, to be respected, connected, and productive, and feel, as one stated, the group is "a second family."

As we now do things, Bailey said, surveys in schools and workplaces tend not to have those things. Instead, students, teachers and workers are often feeling stressed, tired, bored and disrespected in various ways by a large margin.

"It's more a reflection of the society we live in," not just those settings, Bailey noted. He points back to child-

hood, arguing, "children today don't talk about emotions because we as a society don't talk about emotions. The students are just a reflection of us."

He didn't note why specifically, but several theories exist. Among them are ideas that our culture has become seriously divorced from Nature, with various studies showing that most people who have time walking or sitting among green trees, flowing water and the like experience demonstrable reductions in stress hormones. Other ideas have fingered the fact our culture and economy emphasize individualism and technology to an extreme when humanity is inherently a social species. Several theorists have noted all of these

and other issues feed into each other.

Emotions, Bailey said, are based in biology.

"Your reaction [to something] is your body's way of telling you to pay attention to something," and those events can be positive or negative. In the brain, emotions are rooted in the amygdala, which is right next to and linked to the hippocampus, the area of memory formation.

Because they're so closely linked to basic survival needs, strong emotions tend to overrule the evolutionarily much more recent executive cortex, which is responsible for problem solving and logical decision making. But when we recognize that process in

action, we can choose to step back and give ourselves the time to think about it, rather than just react. One way to put ourselves in a better mental state, Bailey suggested, is to take a moment to actually look at a photo (real or cell-phone) and remember whatever gives us joy. At the same time, we can help others by guiding them out of whatever the situation is that's stimulating them.

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SPORTS

Auburn graduate Koen ‘very excited’ to lead Rockets’ basketball team

KOEN: ‘I WANT TO MAKE BASKETBALL AS IMPORTANT AS THE OTHER SPORTS IN THIS TOWN’



Dan Koen, a 2001 Auburn High graduate, is set to lead the Rockets’ basketball team this winter.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Having witnessed firsthand the success of several other Auburn High sports teams, Dan Koen, the Rockets’ first-year boys’ varsity basketball coach, knows the unlimited amount of success that could await his program as well.

“I know the potential that this town has from an athletic standpoint,” said Koen, a 2001 Auburn High graduate. “It seems like Auburn has been good at every single sport except for basketball.

Basketball has enjoyed some success, to be sure, but nothing like football and baseball and the runs that those programs have had. Hockey and soccer are usually pretty good, too.

“For whatever reason, though, basketball hasn’t gained its niche,” Koen continued. “I would classify Auburn as a sports town, just not as a basketball town — yet. That to me is the ultimate challenge and something I look forward to changing; I want to make basketball as important as the other sports in this town.”

Koen has some big sneakers to fill; he is replacing longtime Rockets’ head coach Andy Niedzwiecki, who resigned over the summer in order to become varsity boys’ basketball coach at his alma mater, Sutton High. Niedzwiecki was Auburn’s coach for 15 years.

After graduating from Auburn, Koen matriculated to Fitchburg State University, where he played for Shawn Conrad, the current Anna Maria College men’s basketball coach.

“Coach Conrad is a great coach; he’s very intense,” Koen said. “He taught me how to compete; how to play hard and how to work hard.”

After graduating from Fitchburg State, Koen spent a year as an assistant for the Falcons before moving on to Burncoat Middle School, where he worked and coached the middle school basketball team. From Burncoat, Koen went to Leicester High, where he helped out Mike Lynch — also an Auburn High alum — for a couple of years. After taking a year off, Koen ended up at Worcester State for three years assisting Lancers’ head coach Dave Lindberg.

“That was a crazy experience,” said the 35-year-old Koen, who confirmed that the Auburn job is his first head coaching position above the middle

school level. “Worcester State was in the middle of building a gym and we didn’t have a practice gym so we went all over for practices and games. We played our games at Assumption and Clark. Even our home games were away games.”

The last two years Koen coached the middle school team at Leominster’s Sky View Middle School, where he also teaches.

“I got very excited when I heard the Auburn job was open; I jumped at it as soon as I heard,” said Koen, who lives in Auburn with his wife Ashley (Galicja) Koen and the couple’s 2-year-old daughter, Nora. A second daughter, Koen said, is on the way.

Koen, who played for the legendary Joe Hurley at Auburn, helped the Rockets capture the 2001 Clark Tournament Large Schools Championship.

“That was a very good team,” Koen said. “I got to play with guys like Tommy Sullivan, Javier Mojica, Bryan Porcaro and Dave Goodrich. We had a very talented team.”

Koen, who has inherited a team that went 10-13 last year, said he has been pleased with how the ramp up to the 2018-19 season has gone.

“We had a bunch of kids try out,” Koen said. “We’ll have a freshman team, a JV team and a varsity team, so I’ve got about 30 kids in the program to pick from. The middle school team had 45 kids try out. It seems like there have been some interest here in Year 1. We’re looking to set the foundation and build off of that.”

Koen said he expects this year’s team to play an up-tempo style of basketball.

“We’re going to have to play fast because we don’t necessarily have the size that most teams have,” Koen explained. “So we’re going to have to

turn it into a 94-foot game on offense and defense. We’re going to put a lot of pressure on offense to make good decisions and have good possession, and we’re going to put pressure on our opponents with our defense. In addition to that, we’re going to have to come together as a team and just play hard.”

Even though he’s been away for a while, Koen said Auburn High is, well, still Auburn High.

“Basketball is basketball, so you can always stick by that,” Koen said. “But it’s different in the sense that it’s a new school. The building aspect is new, but the basketball and the kids and the community, that stuff hasn’t really changed over the years.”

SPORTS BRIEFS

Auburn’s Hynes garners NFHCA All-New England East recognition

WORCESTER — Worcester Polytechnic Institute junior back Shannon Hynes of Auburn has been honored by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) as an All-New England East Second Team selection. It is the first time an Engineer has been recognized since recent WPI Hall of Fame inductee Kelly Johnson was voted to the second team in 2009.

Hynes, a repeat All-NEWMAC honoree who earned a promotion from the second team a year ago, guided a defense that ranked second in NEWMAC contests with a 1.72 goals against average and posted four shutouts on the year. Offensively, the back notched goals at Lasell and versus Wheaton while handing out assists at Simmons, Elms, MIT, Mount Holyoke and against Wellesley.

Field Hockey (12-5, 5-3 NEWMAC) won its first seven games of the season and later defeated MIT for the first time since 2009 to secure its 10th win of the campaign. It marked the second consecutive 10-plus win season, and sixth overall, for head coach Lisa Moreau, who collected WPI win No. 100 versus Clark. The Engineers also defeated Fitchburg State in the first-ever fall varsity contest played on Rooftop Field.

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Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

Worcester State Baseball Indoor Clinics are now held in the \$52 million gymnasium and wellness center. The second floor multipurpose gym allows for live practices with plenty of storage for the six indoor mounds, bats and balls, etc. Hitters will use the double-barrel cages on the first floor. Here kids will bunt/bat off the Hack Attack pitching machines (uses real balls; speed adjusted for ages), hit close-range BP, use soft toss nets, tees, and utilize slow-motion video analysis.

There are multiple upcoming clinics to choose from. For questions, please call (508) 929-8852 or (774) 230-3872, or email dbaker1@worchester.edu. Also, please visit wsulancers.com/camps-clinics for more information.

Punishing defense fuels Blackstone Valley Tech to State Championship



Blackstone Valley Tech head coach Jim Archibald and the team captains celebrate with the State Championship trophy after defeating St. Mary’s of Lynn, 18-0, for the Division 7 crown.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Editor’s Note: Blackstone Valley Tech defeated the local team from Bay Path Regional, 42-0, back on Oct. 12.

FOXBOROUGH — The old adage “defense wins championships” proved to be true for the Blackstone Valley Tech varsity football team, as the Beavers won regular season, sectional and state games by way of the ‘D’ en route to a second straight appearance at Gillette Stadium for the Division 7 State Championship Super Bowl.

The Beavers lost to Mashpee High last season, 22-16, but avenged that setback by pitching a shutout this time versus St. Mary’s High of Lynn, 18-0, on Saturday, Dec. 1.

Valley Tech finished its season 11-1 while the Beavers’ defense allowed an average of just 6.25 points against per game.

“Anthony Landini, our defensive coordinator, prepares these kids better than anybody,” said Valley Tech head coach Jim Archibald. “He knows what the other team’s doing before they do it.”

That appeared to be the case versus the Spartans, as St. Mary’s could only muster a single first down and 27 yards of offense in the first half while the Beavers took a 12-0 lead. The Spartans finished with only 75 yards and six first downs. In comparison, BVT accumulated 285 yards and 15 first downs.

“Our defense, we came to play today,” said cornerback JD Antaya. “We knew that St. Mary’s was a smash-mouth football team and that’s what we wanted. We wanted to be a smash-mouth football team playing another smash-mouth

football team.”

Antaya came away with a second quarter interception of quarterback Derek O’Leary.

“They ran the same play one time in the first quarter, so they lined up in the same formation. I decided I was going to stay there because they threw it to the same person,” Antaya said of his pick.

Antaya — who doubles as a tailback — also scored the Beavers’ first touchdown when he scampered into the end zone from two yards out with 4:04 remaining in the first quarter. That gave BVT a 6-0 lead when the point after kick was blocked.

“It’s another field, but now I can say I have a touchdown at Gillette,” said Antaya, who finished with 69 yards rushing on seven carries.

Quarterback Scott Mackay got into the scoring action in the second quarter — following a 47-yard run by Antaya — when he bootlegged out to his left and raced into the end zone untouched with 59 seconds to play before the half. The snap came on a fourth-and-goal from the 1 and Mackay made a nice fake to Aidan Fitzgerald, who was lined up behind decoy fullback Ethan Blake, a 270-pounder.

Mackay said that Archibald called the play at the perfect time.

“He saw that the defense kept collapsing in and just trusted me to boot out with it and it’d be open,” said Mackay.

Blackstone Valley Tech took a 12-0 lead into the locker rooms and added to it with 4:07 to go in the third quarter. There, Mackay called his own number — again from a yard out — and ran up the gut for the touchdown.

“He makes good decisions with the football,” Archibald said of Mackay, who rushed 16 times for 96 yards and the two scores. “He was a little disappointed last year when [senior quarter-

back] Reece [Hendriks] came back from injury and he got benched. I told him to stay the course and he’ll get his chance. I’m so proud of him and everything he stands for. He made huge play after huge play today.”

“It was definitely motivating,” added Mackay of not being able to take the field at Gillette as a starter last year. “I just took it one step at a time. [Archibald] knew I wasn’t exactly ready and Reece was more ready, but this year I was ready for the challenge and we came through.”

Mackay’s second touchdown made it 18-0 and the Beavers’ defense held serve from there. They preserved the shutout with a fourth down stop near their own goal line as time was winding down on the fourth quarter clock.

Once the final whistle sounded a Super Bowl worthy celebration ensued, which was followed by Blackstone Valley Tech receiving its State Championship trophy.

“We knew we had a team that could win a State Championship and just credit to these kids,” said Archibald.

“I can’t even put that into words,” added Antaya. “Winning a Super Bowl, I think it meant a lot to everyone on this team.”

The Beavers were celebrating the win not only for themselves, but also for former assistant coach Derek Yancik, who passed away in May from cancer.

“I wish we could have a beer with him and celebrate, but we keep him in our memory,” said Archibald. “I know he’s not here, but he’s with us. He meant so much to our program and he meant so much to our kids. We miss him every day and we dedicated this season to him so it couldn’t have ended on a better note.”

“All for Yancik,” Antaya concluded.



JD Antaya of Blackstone Valley Tech rushes the ball past St. Mary’s defender Eni Falayi and down the field for a big gain.



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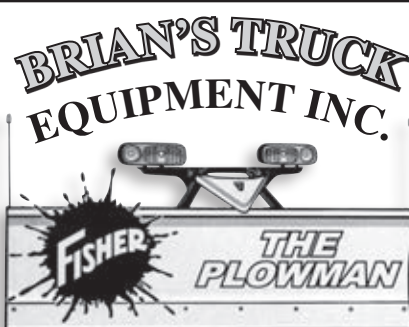
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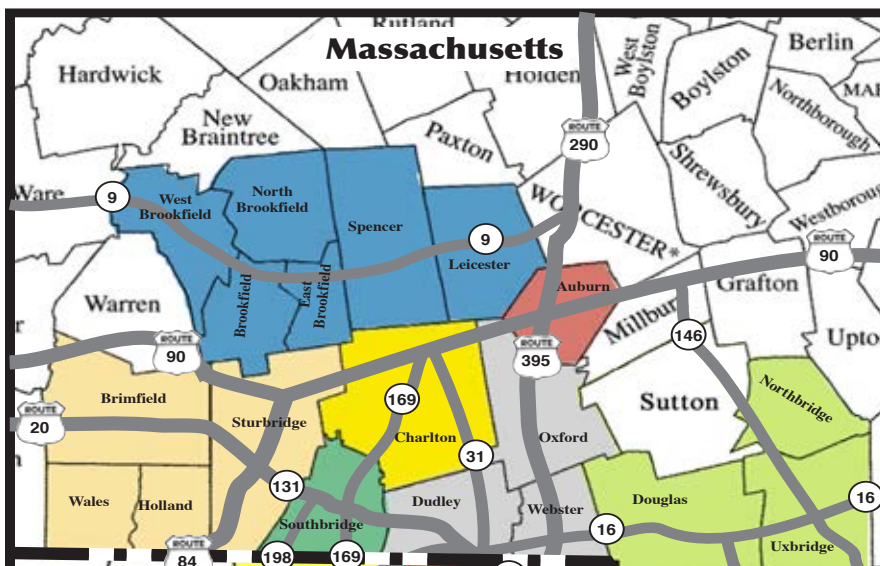
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OBITUARIES

Anne Marie (Robidoux) Houle, 87



AUBURN - Anne Marie (Robidoux) Houle, 87, passed away on Friday, November 30, 2018, at Brookdale – The Lodge at Eddy Pond Senior Living in Auburn. One of 11 children, Anne was born on July 26, 1931, in Rochdale. She was the daughter of the late Joseph G. Robidoux who was born in Canada, and the late Victoria (Courtemanche) Robidoux who was born in New Bedford. Anne married Gerard Houle on July 5, 1968, her beloved husband of 47 years. Gerry predeceased her on November 9, 2015. Anne and Gerry had made their home in North Oxford for 45 years.

Anne was a 1949 graduate of St. Peters High School in Worcester and a 1952 graduate of St. Vincent’s Hospital where she earned her degree in nursing. After graduation, Anne spent many years caring for patients at St. Vincent’s as well as working in the hospital’s blood bank. She also cared for patients at a local nursing home before her retirement in 1993. Spending time with her family and her many friends was one of Anne’s biggest joys in life. She loved baking and sharing the results of her efforts with everyone. Anne also enjoyed traveling and spending time at the beach. She was always available to anyone who might seek her help and over the years many did just that. Anne will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Blessed with a lovely soprano voice, in her youth, Anne was a member of the choir at St. Aloysius’ Catholic Church

in Rochdale. Music was a big part of Anne’s youth. She enjoyed listening to music, playing the piano, and much to the joy of their mother, singing with her sisters as they washed and dried the supper dishes. Being a very devout Roman Catholic, Anne attended St. Ann’s Church in North Oxford where she was a regular communicant.

Anne is survived by her sister, Annette Derian (Karney) of Valatie, NY. She was predeceased by her brothers Arthur (Irene) of North Oxford, Raymond (Jean) of Rochdale, Willie (Peggy) of Rochdale, Roland (Mary) of Rochdale, Ronald (Diane) of Mt. Home, NC, and Joe (Toni) of Rochdale. She was also predeceased by her sisters, Rita Gallant (Joe) of Oxford, Anita O’Brien (Mike) of Northborough and Theresa Broman (Roy, Sr.) of Worcester. Very devoted to her family, Anne never stopped missing her departed siblings. She is also survived by her very special niece, Diane Cook, who took care of Anne and saw to her every need during her declining years. Although Anne never had children of her own, she enjoyed the company of her many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were Tuesday, December 4, 2018, from 9:00-10:15 a.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A funeral Mass was held 11 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Ann’s Church, 652 Main St., North Oxford. Burial followed at St. Roch’s Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. paradisfuneralhome.com

Joan L. Ayotte, 76



OXFORD – Joan L. (Ackerman) Ayotte, 76, of Wheelock Street, died peacefully on Saturday, November 24, 2018, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She is survived by three brothers, Alan Ackerman of Millbury, Donald “Jack” Ackerman of Auburn, and Robert Ackerman of Spencer; four sisters, Dorothy Mandella of Auburn, Hilda Brunnett of Leicester, Marion Cote of Brookfield, and Andrea Ackerman of Worcester; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Gilbert F. Ayotte who died in 2015; three brothers, George Ackerman, Thomas “Buster” Ackerman, and Richard Ackerman; and a sister, Margaret

Brunnett. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late George and Hilda (Dyson) Ackerman, and was a lifelong resident of the Worcester area.

Mrs. Ayotte worked in food service her entire career, most recently at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. She was a foster grandparent at a local elementary school for several years and was an avid bowler. She helped her sisters and brothers as a caretaker for her nephews and nieces for several years.

No funeral service in planned. There are no calling hours. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is assisting with arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Michael Ross Pintacura, 70

CHARLTON- Michael Ross Pintacura, 70, an avid collector of many interests and history buff, died on Thanksgiving Day at Life Care Center of Auburn. Mike will be sorely missed by his sister, Janice Kay Kerber, and her husband, Ken, of Auburn. Before his failing health, Mike was a resident of the Charlton Housing Authority on Meadowview Drive, where he enjoyed many hours with friends sitting outside his back door. Originally from Chicago, Mike relocated to Massachusetts in 1985 to be close to his sister. Before retiring, Mike operated vacuum chambers in the optics industry. He graduated in 1975 from the University of Illinois at

Chicago Circle with a double major in physics and classical civilization. Mike faced his many health challenges with heroic courage and grace, choosing to move forward rather than complain. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 260 Cochituate Road #200, Framingham, MA 01701. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with his arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday December 8

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Bay Path Education Foundation Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 8 7:30-10:30 am. Free 5” x 7” photograph with Santa by Casson-Foster Photographers. Tickets are \$5, children under 5 are free. SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE: Auburn’s Scouting Troop 101 will have Christmas wreaths, baskets, and logs on sale at the Auburn Post Office on Saturday Dec. 8, from 9AM-noon. Help fund Scouting activities! For inquiries or pre-sale, call George (774-239-2240)

Saturday December 15

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: the sixth annual holiday craft fair, presented by the Auburn Recreation and Culture Committee is planned Saturday, Dec. 15 with a snow date of Dec. 16; at the Auburn High School, 99 Auburn St., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 80 craft vendors to get you into the spirit, Santa will make an appearance, and other activities for the kiddos as well. Food available, schedule of events at www.auburnguide.com.

Sunday December 16

Christmas Choir Concert: Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. at United Presbyterian Church, 51 Cottage St., Whitinsville. Relax and enjoy a Christmas Concert featuring the choir at United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville as well as tradi-

tional carols you know and love. Light refreshments follow the concert.

Sunday December 30

RETIREMENT RECEPTION: Rev. Gordon Merten, minister of the First Evangelical Congregational Church of Uxbridge is retiring. His last service, following 50 years plus in the ministry, will be held on Dec. 30 followed by a closing service and reception. The Worship Service will be held at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary of First Evangelical Congregational Church, Court Street, Uxbridge. The community is also invited to a reception and open house from noon to 3 p.m. in the Community House next door to the church.

ONGOING EVENTS

12 STEP PROGRAM: Christian 12 Step Program for Men and Women 7-8:15 p.m. every Tuesday at Faith Baptist Church, 22 Faith Ave, Auburn. Do you feel your life/relationships/habits are spinning out of control? A Christian 12 Step Program is the key to Christ and life providing abundance, blessing and grace. Come as you are or contact (508) 832-5044 x 155 for information.

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,

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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) 832-7790.

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.



A teaching team were awarded a grant.

Parent continues, “We had a total of 21 grants this year.” The grant subscriptions were read by the Auburn business partnership committee and

scored.

“We and giving out 14 grants in total for the total amount of \$3,000,” said Parent. This will be the 14th year that Auburn

GRANTS

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Chamber of Commerce has helped the local teachers. The money for the grants was raised from the annual golf tournament held earlier in the year.

The teachers who received the grants took to Facebook to thank the Chamber.

From the Auburn School district, “Thank you to Auburn’s Chamber of Commerce School-Business Partnership for their incredible generosity in awarding \$3,000 in grants to teachers across the Auburn Public Schools!”

The districts site goes on to state, “Also, thank you to Auburn’s teachers for writing these grants to bring innovative programs and activities to our amazing students!”

The Auburn Middle School site stated, “Big thanks to the town of Auburn, Chamber of Commerce for providing grants for our teacher to enrich student learning. Four grants announced Nov. 26th, will impact over 300 students.”

There will also be scholarships for local students in May 2019. A total of \$16,500 will be divided to nine total students.

Parent states, “The Chamber has been doing this since 1995.”



Mrs. Sale was the recipient of a grant.

Deer hunting yielded prolific harvest in state



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The first week of the Massachusetts shotgun deer season had a lot of deer being checked in at the Webster checking station located at Bob's Archery & Pro Shop. My brother Ken and I stopped in at the checking station around 1:00 p-m Saturday, and was told that more than 100 deer were checked in during the week, and they were still coming in when we left. We spoke with Central District wildlife biologist Michael Morley from Mass Fish & Wildlife and asked him about some of the deer checked in during the week.

He state that the largest buck was 186 pounds and many of the deer were in great shape. One bystander asked about the tick problem, and if the deer were carrying a lot of them this year. They did not seem to be as bad as last year, and in fact some of the deer had very few or none that could be detected during the quick survey.

Mike and his associate were also asked about the possible changes coming in 2020, in reference to the change in bag limits for wild turkey. Hunters could have a two bird limit in the spring, which could be taken on the same day, and still have a tag for the fall season, if the proposals are passed. We all know how tough it is to get

hunting regulations changed in Massachusetts so we will just need to wait for the Fish & Wildlife board to act on their new proposals.

Local anglers are getting their ice fishing gear in order for the first ice. First ice is always dangerous and always has some one falling through thin ice on local ponds and lakes. Only seasoned anglers should be navigating first ice using an ice chisel after each step, to insure their safety. Two inches of good black ice can hold a single angler but three inches or more is necessary for more than two people. Snow ice needs to be a couple of inches thicker, and snowmobiles and other ice machines need at least five inches to insure their safety. Snowmobile operators need to use extreme caution when navigating over frozen ice. Every year lives are lost to snowmobilers failing to use good judgment, prior to crossing over frozen bodies of water. Don't be one of them!!

The Massachusetts pheasant season is now closed, but local bird hunters got a few extra birds stocked in local covers prior to Thanksgiving week. Due to substantial rainfall, some regularly stocked areas were flooded, and it was necessary to avoid the areas. Those birds were transported to local areas like West Hill and Voss Farm in Uxbridge. More than 40 birds were released in both areas prior to the holiday week.

Black bear numbers continue to increase locally, and made their presence known this year. Numerous sightings in back yards by area residents had many resident feeling



Courtesy photo

Ardent rabbit hunters from a field trial in Sutton a few years ago.

uneasy knowing that they had this large animal roaming in their back yard. Fortunately, no serious encounters were reported.

Local residents can also expect to see numerous deer in their back yard this year, due to the short supply of acorns. They will have their eye on

some of the expensive ornamental bushes, and any other thing that can satisfy their appetite.

Shopping for the sportsmen in your family can be very easy if you buy them a gift certificate to their favorite sporting goods store. Trying to shop for sportsmen is very hard. A

hunting and fishing license is another great gift. It is best to set aside purchasing a pet for a Christmas present. It is best to wait till spring. The Holidays are too hectic, and it is not fair to the pet.

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Santa spends the day with pets



Courtesy photos

Rob and Kerry Stahelski with their pups Kingsley and Tonks

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NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Local pups, and cats had the opportunity to meet Santa and take some fun pictures!

The local organization, The Friends of the Oxford Dog Park, held a fundraiser for the new dog park over the weekend. Saturday, Dec. 1 was the second year that the Holiday Pet Photos occurred. Local business, Cornerstone Bank, held the event at their Webster location.

Local families brought their dogs to come sit with Santa and tell them what they wanted for Christmas! Toys, snacks, catnip, bacon, and a tummy rub are just some of the things the animals most certainly wanted from Santa.

Emilie Arrighi, of the Friends, states "We raised \$370 and we had a ton of dogs come through but also a bunny and a cat."

This event was free, but welcomed donations at the event. All donations were donated to the Friends of Oxford Dog Park.

The dog park has not broken ground yet. But the Friends continue to raise the funds necessary for the development.

The park will be called "The Barking Lot", and will consist of two distinct sides, one for smaller dogs and one side for larger breeds. The entire park will be fenced in and the design has waste and bag stations, benches, and more.

The free holiday photo event had locals buzzing.

Stacey Lee Bernard said, "Such a nice fundraiser!"

Allison White said that she would be taking her pet Leia.

Arrighi states, "(The event) is always just so much fun. There are always a lot of puppies that come through."

Many puppies have trouble sitting in one place. Many want to nibble on Santa's beard, or snuggle into his warm red and white fluffy coat.

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Lucy with Santa, owner Kris Bird

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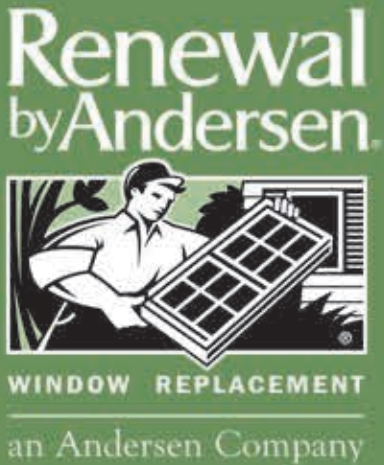
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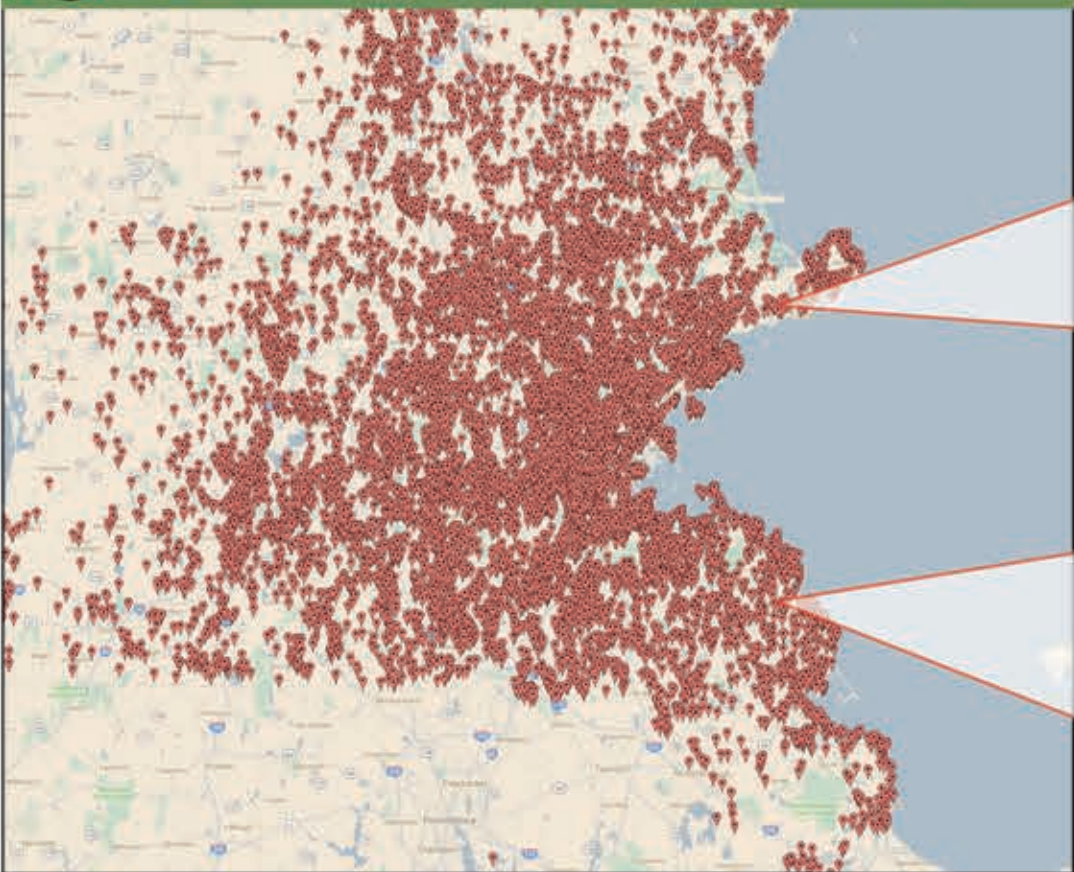
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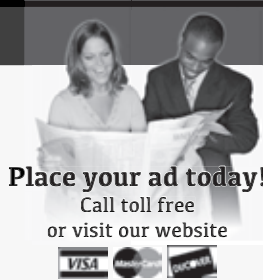
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158 W. Quasset Rd. - Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quasset Lake! Unique, Tranquil, Quiet, Secluded & Private! Long circular driveway! 5.5 acres of land! Paved, covered patios & balconies, stone boat 3 car det'd garage w/heated studio, Cape Cod shower, winding gravel path to 265'-4" of shoreline! 5,000 sqft hip roof 3 story Colonial! 2 story foyer! Extremely impressive kitchen w/upscale everything! Others formal dining & living rooms, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite, laundry/drum, exercise studio, LL, kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces & more! Master BRs w/private full baths \$1,299,000

WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST

Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! Curved brick walkway! Level lot! In-ground pool, built-in hot tub, custom stonework & landscaped w/irrigation! Carport! (perfect for entertaining!) Separate wings for private family living & entertainment, BR suites, 10 rooms total! Simply Amazing! \$329,900

THOMPSON, CT - 653 QUINEBAUG RD

Fantastic Ranch - One Floor Living with 3 Bedrooms / Hardwoods, 2 Full Tile Baths! Eat-In Kitchen with Built-Ins, Appliances Included, Fireplace! Family Room with Hardwoods, Lots of Natural Light, Ceiling Fans, French Doors, First Floor Laundry, Screened in Porch - walks right out to your own private patio. New Roof in 2014. Spacious Flat Level Lot with Circular Driveway. Two separate 1 Car Garages. \$279,900

WEBSTER - 20 NORTH MAIN ST

2 Family - Spacious 3 bedrooms each apartment. Hardwoods, pocket doors, 10ft ceilings, New gas furnaces! Partially finished 3rd floor. 1st floor handicapped accessible. 2 car garage. All town services \$199,900

WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN

New Listing Warm and Inviting, This Lovely Ranch Sits On A Beautifully Landscaped Yard Nestled in A Very Quiet, Wanting Neighborhood. This 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Home Has So Much To Offer!! Fully Appliance! Eat in Kitchen, Newly Carpeted Living Room and Three Cozy and Comfortable Bedrooms! All On One Floor. Walk Down To The Lower Level To The Open And Spacious Family Room With Pellet Stove! \$259,000

THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD

Very Interesting property, to a home owner or developer. 47 +/- Acres! Home is a 1300 sq ft ranch with a barn. The home consist of 3 bedrooms, and 1-1/2 bath, basement, farmers porch and 1 car garage. Much of the land is cleared. This property has 300' +/- of road frontage on East Thompson Rd. and road frontage on the entire length of pavement on Roy Rd. Rectangular in shape greater than 1300' wide X over 1600' deep. Needs TLC! \$300,000

WEBSTER - 6 BROOKSIDE AVE

Beautiful 4 bedroom Colonial, new granite counter, stainless appliance kitchen. Dining room and large living room, hardwood throughout out the first level, 3 seasoned porch for added living area. Over sized master with double closets, and 3 additional bedrooms. Finished basement with pellet stove. Outside, a patio and above ground pool. New Price \$279,000

CHARLTON - 142 OXFORD RD

Spacious 4104 S.F. Colonial on 1.24 +/- acres. In-law set up! Handicapped accessible! Hardwood floors! Manicured landscaped yard! 4 oversized bedrooms, 2 full baths, on 2nd floor. \$419,900

THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE

New Price! Roomy 1300 sq. ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 32x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitchen, Fireplace living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on .87 +/- acre! New Price \$265,000

WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

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10 Crescent Street
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Parmesan 3 Pasta & Sauce Zucchini & Diced Tomatoes Garlic Bread Assorted Fruit Cup	½ Day of School 4 No Lunch Served	Crustless Chicken Pot Pie 5 Seasoned Broccoli WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cup	Fish-N-Chip Boat 6 Tartar Sauce Carrot Sticks & Dip New England Baked Beans Fruit Cup Pudding & Cream	Gill's Cheese Pizza 7 Sweet Potato Fries Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cup
Chicken Nuggets 10 Dipping Sauce 3 Bean Salad Potato Wedges WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cup	Chicken Fettuccini 11 Alfredo Seasoned Green Beans Garlic Texas Toast Fruit Cup FUN! STICKER DAY	Ham & Swiss on 12 WG Croissant Potato Salad Buttered Carrots Assorted Fruit Cup	Open Face Turkey 13 w/Stuffing & Gravy on Texas Toast Peas & Carrots Cranberry Sauce Assorted Fruit Cup	Individual Cheese 14 Pizza Round Buttered Peas Fresh Garden Green Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cup
Mac & Cheese 17 Mini Meatballs in Gravy Buttered Peas & Carrots Garlic Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cup	Toasted Cheese 18 Sandwich Green Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fruit Cup	Hamburger on a Roll 19 Oven Roasted Sweet Potatoes New England Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cup	Special Holiday Meal 20 Sliced Turkey & Gravy Fluffy Mashed Potatoes Savory Stuffing Buttered Peas Cranberry Sauce Fruit Cup, Holiday Dessert	Gill's Cheese Pizza 21 Seasoned Green Beans Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cup
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Chef Salad 10 3 Bean Salad WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Butternut Squash Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Chicken Fettuccini 11 Alfredo Seasoned Green Beans Garlic Texas Toast Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Chicken Noodle Soup 12 Ham & Swiss on WG Croissant Potato Salad Buttered Carrots Green Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Open Face Turkey 13 w/Stuffing & Gravy on Texas Toast Peas & Carrots Cranberry Sauce Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Potato Corn Chowder 14 Individual Pizza Round Corn Niblets Fresh Garden Green Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
Mac & Cheese 17 Meatballs in Gravy Buttered Peas & Carrots Garlic Breadstick Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Veggie Soup 18 Chicken or Veggie Burrito Seasoned Rice Mexican Salad (Peppers, Onions, Corn, Olives) Green Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Southwest Soup 19 Rocket Burger w/Cheese Oven Roasted Sweet Potatoes Cole Slaw New England Baked Beans Green Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Special Holiday Meal 20 Sliced Turkey & Gravy Fluffy Mashed Potatoes Savory Stuffing, Buttered Peas Cranberry Sauce Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Holiday Dessert	Turkey Noodle Soup 21 Gill's Pizza Slice - Varieties Seasoned Butternut Squash Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
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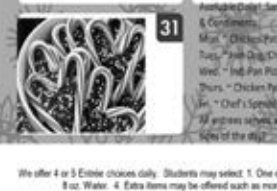
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Auburn Middle School

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2. Romaine Salad w/Chicken Entrée Only
3. Fresh Deli Sandwich Options

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
French Toast Sticks 3 Sausage Links Hashbrown Rounds Condiments Assorted Fruit Cups or Orange Juice Cup	½ Day of School 4 No Lunch Served 	"KFC" Popcorn 5 Chicken Salad Whipped Potatoes & Gravy Corn Niblets, WG Roll w/Butter Pat Sliced Red Peppers & Hummus Assorted Fruit Cups	Mandarin Orange Chicken 6 over Rice Seasoned Broccoli Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Pudding & Cream	Asian Soup 7 Gill's Pizza Slice - Varieties Sweet Potato Fries Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
Turkey, Bacon Ranch 10 On a Pretzel Bun Roasted Broccoli Fun Size Potato Chips Assorted Fruit Cup	Nacho Basket, Seasoned 11 Taco Meat w/Cheese Sauce & Taco Chips Buttered Corn & Carrots Mexican Bean Layer Dip Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Taco Soup 12 Crunchy Chicken Tenders Cucumber Slices Sweet Potato Fries Soft Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Assorted Fruit Cup	Open Face Turkey 13 w/Stuffing & Gravy on Texas Toast Buttered Peas Cranberry Sauce Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Turkey & Rice Soup 14 Individual Pizza Round Corn Niblets Fresh Garden Green Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
WG Pancakes w/Syrup 17 Sausage Patty Hashbrown Rounds Condiments Assorted Fruit Cups or Orange Juice Cup	Chicken & Cheese 18 Quesadillas Steamed Squash & Carrots Refried Beans Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup FUN! STICKER DAY	Squash Soup 19 Routel w/Plain or Meat Sauce Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Green Salad w/Asst. Dressings Cheesy Garlic Bread Assorted Fruit Cups	Special Holiday meal 20 Sliced Turkey & Gravy Fluffy Mashed Potatoes Savory Stuffing Buttered Carrots Cranberry Sauce Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Holiday Dessert	Turkey Noodle & Carrot Soup 21 Gill's Pizza Slice - Varieties Seasoned Green Beans Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
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HOLIDAY FOOD

Revisit lesser-known Christmas traditions

Christmas celebrants participate in many different traditions year after year, but some may not fully understand the meaning behind such activities. A Christian holiday, Christmas did not originate with all activities centralized to the church. In fact, many of the traditions people hold dear have pagan roots, which were adapted as Christmas celebrations evolved.

People who hang mistletoe in doorways may be surprised to learn that this tradition dates back to the ancient Druids. The Druids believed mistletoe possessed mystical powers that brought good luck to the household and warded off evil spirits.

Evergreen trees are now associated with Christmas trees, but evergreen boughs were once used to decorate homes during the winter solstice to help people envision the spring to come. Christians often look at evergreen trees as a sign of everlasting life and their relationship with God.

However, while many Christmas traditions continue to be an integral part of annual celebrations, there are some customs that have fallen out of favor. Although these traditions may no longer be widely practiced, anyone can revive them and make them part of their holiday celebrations.

Wassailing is a custom that has ancient origins and is not as popular today as it once was. “Wassail” comes from the Anglo-Saxon phrase “waes hael,” which means, “good health.” Wassail is a drink made



Wassail is an ancient spirited beverage that was brought house-to-house with the goal of spreading Christmas cheer.

of mulled ale, spices and other ingredients. To go wassailing meant to travel door-to-door singing and offering a drink from a wassail bowl in exchange for gifts. Wassailing has been mentioned in certain Christmas carols, including “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

Largely an English tradition, wassailing was brought to America by

British settlers. January 17th, the old Twelfth Night, is the traditional date for wassailing. Although wassailing has largely fallen by the wayside, increased interest in ales and craft brewing may help revitalize this Christmas tradition, which can inspire community spirit.

Gift-giving with fruit cake is another tradition that has been much maligned

and does not enjoy the same popularity that it once did. Fruit cake is a cake made with chopped candied fruit, nuts and spices and is occasionally soaked in spirits. Fruit cakes have been enjoyed all over the world, but Americans may never have embraced the Christmas fruit cake tradition as much as those from other countries. However, with the right

recipe and an open mind, it may be possible to resurrect the fruit cake tradition once again.

Mummers plays are another British tradition that arrived in North America with settlers but has largely fallen by the wayside. Mummers plays involved miming folk dramas, and the plays were commonplace around the holiday season. Celebrants may

want to research such dramas and include them in this year’s festivities to liven up celebrations even more.

Traditions passed on through the years help make Christmas a favorite time of celebration. People may want to explore the less popular traditions today and once again make them interesting parts of this year’s festivities.

Easy Christmas morning breakfast



Make-ahead muffins can be a quick breakfast that’s perfect for Christmas mornings at home.

Christmas morning is an exciting and joyous time for families. Children are anxious to rush downstairs and see what Santa has left under the tree, and parents are eager to see the looks on youngsters’ happy faces.

Having a fast and easy breakfast at the ready on Christmas morning allows families to jump right into the festivities rather than spending too much time in the kitchen.

This recipe for “Spiced Yogurt Muffins,” courtesy of the National Dairy Council, Dannon and McCormick, can be made in advance and then enjoyed while peeking into Christmas stockings or watching holiday parades on television. This big-batch recipe is ideal for feeding a houseful of overnight holiday guests. Or it can be prepared in advance and doled out as needed throughout the week. The muffins also can be made as a treat for holiday office luncheons. Cut the recipe in half for smaller yields.

SPICED YOGURT MUFFINS

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- 4 cups water, room temperature
- 1 box (5 lbs) Gold Medal® Muffin Mix, Whole Grain Variety
- 3 tablespoons McCormick pumpkin pie spice
- 2 tablespoons McCormick Chipotle cinnamon

Combine yogurt and water in mixing bowl. Whisk until blended. Set aside.

Add spices to dry muffin mix in a large bowl. Add yogurt and water mixture to the muffin mixture. Mix until just blended. Don’t overmix.

Using a scoop, portion into greased or lined muffin pans. Bake at 350 F for 24 minutes, or 17 to 20 minutes in a convection oven, until the tops are golden brown.

Gingerbread goodness



Gingerbread is a broad term that can describe anything from a firm and crispy cookie to a moist, soft cake. Traditionally, gingerbread is seasoned with ginger, cloves, nutmeg, and other aromatic spices. Molasses and brown sugar counteract the spice with sweetness. North Americans have been baking gingerbread in various shapes or forms for more than 200 years, and the recipes even pre-date the American revolution. However, gingerbread

dates back even further to the Shakespearean era, with The Bard having mentioned it in one of his plays. Gingerbread’s name can be traced to medieval England and once referred to any kind of preserved ginger. The term went on to reference ginger-flavored cakes in the 15th century, and gingerbread eventually became popular throughout the world. Even though gingerbread cakes and cookies have been made for centuries, Germans are often credited

with creating gingerbread houses, according to Smithsonian. They were probably modeled after the witch’s candy cottage in the German fairy tale, “Hansel and Gretel.” Even though gingerbread can be made any time of year, it is particularly associated with the Christmas season, with gingerbread men and other fanciful shapes turning up on cookie platters.

HOLIDAY FOOD

Comfortable winter entertaining ideas



Coffee enjoyed with a group of friends can warm hearts on cold winter days.

Winter entertaining need not end once Christmas and New Year's Day have come and gone. Getting together with friends and family is still possible even if the weather outside is frightful. When Mother Nature takes a chilly turn, those who don't want the party can consider the following entertaining ideas.

- Indulge in sweet treats. Comfort foods can make even the most blustery winds easier to tolerate. Invite people over for a dessert party. At a dessert pot luck party, everyone brings along a favorite decadent dessert, from molten lava chocolate cake to warm bread pudding. Serve alongside tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Adults can enjoy the added punch of spiked beverages, which can warm everyone up instantly.
- Host a "snowed in" party. Spending a day cooped up inside when the roads are covered in snow might not be your idea of fun, but invite a mix of friends and neighbors who live nearby over, and this impromptu party can make the cabin fever disappear. Ask guests to bring one food item or beverage. Light a fire in the fireplace and set out some cozy throw blankets. If possible, invite everyone outdoors to build a snowman.
- Get physical. Get physically active

with friends or family members by staging mock Olympic events in the yard. These can be fun "sports" created by participants or variations on fun winter activities. Sledding races, snowball dodging contests, ice skating obstacle courses, and much more can make for an entertaining afternoon.

- Get cooking. Cooking can certainly pass the time, and it can be even more enjoyable when done in the company of others. Send out an invitation for friends to stop by for a meal or plan a meal prep party.
- Host a movie marathon. Handpick some favorite films and invite everyone over for a movie marathon. Fill the family room, home theater room or living room to capacity and host a group for a film fest. If space permits, set up one room with a children's movie for youngsters, while the adults retire to another room for movies that are more their speed. A buffet table set up with assorted snacks will help keep bellies full while guests watch some favorite flicks.

Winter days and nights are ripe for entertaining possibilities. These events help squash the cabin fever that can sometimes develop during the colder times of year.

How to make the holiday season more eco-friendly

With so much to do, it can be easy for people celebrating the holiday season to forget about the environment. But no matter how hectic the holiday season can be, there are always some simple opportunities to make it more eco-friendly.

- Create an eco-friendly party theme. Many holiday parties have themes. For example, "ugly sweater parties" have become so popular that many clothing manufacturers now intentionally produce colorful sweaters that might otherwise draw the ire of fashionistas. Hosts planning to throw an ugly sweater party can easily transform such festivities into something more eco-friendly by encouraging guests to purchase their sweaters from thrift stores. A Christmas tree planting party is another eco-friendly party theme that can benefit the planet and revitalize local forests at a time of year when they might be depleted due to the demand for natural Christmas trees.

- Serve locally sourced foods. Food is often front and center during the holiday season. Whether hosting family and friends at home, dining out or catering an office party, patronize businesses that sell only locally sourced foods. Locally sourced foods are much more eco-friendly than foods that must be shipped from afar before they land on your dinner table, and such foods tend to taste fresh as well. If serving at home, use reusable dishware and cutlery instead of paper plates and plastic utensils.
- Reuse decorations year after year. Decorations need not be discarded once the holiday season ends. Come the new year, inspect holiday decorations and store those that made it through the season unscathed. Doing so benefits the planet and will save you the trouble of shopping for new decorations next holiday season.



Serving only locally sourced foods at your holiday party is one way to keep the festivities eco-friendly.

Get rid of your old holiday lights. Still using the same Christmas lights you used in 1995? Such lights are likely incandescent bulbs that are considerably less efficient than today's

LED Christmas lights. The Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy notes that LED lights consume 75 percent less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent lighting. In addition, the OEERE says that LED holiday lights are easier to install and that as many as 25 strings of lights can be connected end-to-end without overloading a wall socket. An eco-friendly holiday season is easier to realize than many holiday celebrants may know.

4 tips to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season

Families big and small typically celebrate the holiday season together. For some, celebrating the holidays with family requires traveling, while others stay put and welcome family and friends into their homes.

At some point during the holiday season, celebrants who host family and friends will no doubt prepare a homecooked meal for their loved ones. Cooking for a crowd can seem like a daunting task, especially for first-time hosts. However, there are various ways for hosts to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

1. PREPARE A FAMILIAR DISH.

Hosts may agonize over their holiday menus, and some may feel compelled to prepare a family specialty or the same dishes their parents or grandparents prepared for holiday dinners when they were children. But holiday hosts can make things easy on themselves by choosing dishes they've made in the past, regardless of their place in family history. Chances are the ingredients for hosts' own specialties are already in the pantry, saving a potentially time-consuming trip to the grocery store. And thanks to the familiarity factor, hosts' own specialties likely won't require as much time to prepare.

2. SHARE SOME COOKING DUTIES.

Another way to simplify cooking for a crowd is to invite guests to bring along a side dish or dessert. Guests who live nearby can make something in advance of the big meal, while hosts can hand over their kitchens to overnight guests who

express a willingness to contribute their own homecooked dish to the party. Sharing the cooking duties gives hosts more time to connect with friends and family and serves as a great way to plan the menu in advance.

3. ONLY MAKE

WHAT GUESTS ARE LIKELY TO EAT.

Hosts also should not feel pressured to cook more food than is necessary. Holiday meals have a tendency to be lavish, but hosts don't have to spend all day in the kitchen preparing food that will likely end up as leftovers or trash. Get a final

headcount in the days before everyone comes over and adjust your recipes accordingly.

4. START EARLY.

If the big is on Christmas Day, that does not mean hosts have to start cooking while everyone unwraps their presents. Hosts who are

uncertain about what to cook can look for meals that can be prepared in advance so come the big day all they need to do is turn on the oven and let meals cook while the family spends time together.

Hosts can employ various strategies to simplify the process of cooking for a crowd this holiday season.



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