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Schools to be reviewed for compliance

During the week of January 7, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct a tiered focused monitoring review of the Auburn public schools. The Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Areas of review related to special education include student

assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program Team process, and IEP development and implementation.

Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson from the Office of Public

School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report.

During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's special education Parent Advisory Council. Other onsite activities may include interviews of district staff and

administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations.

Parents and other individuals may contact Doreen Donovan-Barbera, public school monitoring chairperson, at (781) 338-3725 or DDonovan-Barbera@doe.mass.edu to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, the department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60

business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the Auburn public schools with a report with information about areas in which the Auburn schools meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the schools require assistance to correct or improve practices.

The public will be able to access the report at www.doe.mass.edu/pqa/review/cpr/reports/.



Courtesy photo

Pictured (L-R): Sen. Michael O. Moore, Second Worcester District, Ron Ford, DHS Regional Cybersecurity Advisor, Rob Knake, Senior Fellow, Cyber Policy, Council on Foreign Relations, Hans Olson, Assistant Undersecretary for Homeland Security, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sen. Moore featured during cyber security panel discussion

BOSTON – Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) recently participated in a panel discussion regarding the cyber security public policy landscape. The conversation focused on efforts underway in the Massachusetts State Senate to protect data privacy and to promote a uniform set of standards in the

Commonwealth.

Last year, Senator Moore was appointed to serve as chair of a newly-established Senate Special Committee on Cyber Security Readiness. The special committee issued a report earlier this year which makes several recommendations including the creation of a standing

Joint Committee relative to Cyber Security, and the creation of a Cyber Security Control Review Board.

"The efforts underway in our state complement a national conversation on cybersecurity readiness," said Senator Moore. "In the

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Manchaug Trust assessed penalty for asbestos violations

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has assessed Manchaug Trust of Sutton a \$16,813 penalty for violations of asbestos regulations that occurred at a vacant commercial property undergoing renovation in Sutton. The Trust bought the former American Legion Post building and was in the process of renovating it when the violations were observed.

In September 2016, MassDEP inspectors responding to a complaint observed that Manchaug Trust improperly removed asbestos-containing transite roofing shingles and asbestos-containing heating system insulation from pipes in the basement of the building. MassDEP required the Trust to retain a licensed asbestos contractor to implement a MassDEP approved plan to cleanup and decontaminate all

affected parts of the property and properly package, label and dispose of all asbestos-containing waste materials.

MassDEP regulations require notification to MassDEP 10 working days prior to commencing any asbestos removal work so that the department is aware of the removal work and has the opportunity to conduct inspections to ensure compliance with the regulations. The regulations also establish certain work practices, such as wetting, bagging and labeling asbestos-containing waste materials during demolition or renovation work.

"Asbestos is a known carcinogen, and following required work practices is imperative to protect workers as well as the general public," said Mary Jude Pigsley, director of MassDEP's central regional

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Kevin Flanders photos

Spencer Writers' Group members discuss their stories and offer advice during their Dec. 3 meeting.

Sharing stories: writers' group meets every month

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

SPENCER – Understanding that writing is an innately solitary undertaking, it means a lot for area residents to meet monthly and share their passion.

As one of the only local programs of its kind, the Spencer Writers' Group has been embraced by residents throughout the Route 9 corridor. Established in 2017, the group meets on the first Monday of each month at 5 p.m. at Richard Sugden Public Library.

On Dec. 3, Stonebridge Press stopped by the library to meet group members and get a glimpse into their writing backgrounds. Some of the members enjoy poetry, while others are focusing on short stories and novel manuscripts.

Group founder Sharon Legasey works closely with all members to hone their skills and maximize their writing potential.

"Sharon does such a great job and is very encouraging," said group member Sue Sheperd, who lives in Auburn. "It is a great opportunity to work with other writers and hear their pieces."

Currently in the process of editing her poems, Sheperd

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Volunteer open house planned in January



Courtesy photo

Suzanne Buchanan, volunteer coordinator at Blackstone Heritage Corridor, will explain the many volunteer opportunities available in the 25 communities of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, at the Volunteer Open House on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc. (BHC) is hosting a Volunteer Open House on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at its office at the Linwood Mill, 670 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. BHC volunteer coordinator Suzanne Buchanan will lead the event, inviting the public to learn how to participate in a variety of unique volunteer opportunities available in the region's Volunteers-In-Parks program.

Volunteer open houses are held monthly in various locations throughout the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. To RSVP, email volunteer@BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org or call (508) 234-4242.

In Fiscal Year 2018 (ending September 30), volunteers in BHC's Volunteers-In-Parks program tallied 15,393 hours of service at a value of \$378,290.93. To learn more about BHC and its VIP program, visit www.

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MassDevelopment issues loan to continue Webster project

MassDevelopment has issued a \$1 million loan to the Worcester Community Action Council, Inc., an agency that offers a wide range of education, employment, and social service programs throughout 45 communities in central Massachusetts. After an exhaustive site search, WCAC recently signed a 25-year lease with the town of Webster to occupy a two-story, 8,400-square-foot building at 116 School Street. Originally constructed as an elementary school, the building most recently served as a senior center for the town. WCAC is currently in the process of converting the facility into classroom space for its Head Start program for south central Worcester County. WCAC has received \$1.7 million in federal and state grants for building renovations and has raised over \$500,000 in capital campaign contributions for the project. The organization will use proceeds of the MassDevelopment loan to complete the proposed renovations and improvements.

"Thanks to federal, state, and community partners, the Worcester

Community Action Council is well on its way to creating a new home for their Head Start program in the town of Webster," said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss. "MassDevelopment is proud to add to this support with a \$1 million loan and help the Worcester Community Action Council bring this project to life."

The Worcester Community Action Council was established in 1965 as the local "community action" agency under the federal government's Economic Opportunity Act. The organization serves as the designated anti-poverty agency for the region with a mission of helping individuals and families achieve economic self-sufficiency through its programs, partnerships, and advocacy. Based in Worcester, WCAC employs more than 110 people throughout central Massachusetts and serves more than 75,000 clients annually with programs like fuel assistance for the elderly, summer employment for youth, childcare and Head Start services, and food assistance for families and individuals. WCAC previously operated its

Head Start program in Oxford until February 2016, when heavy snow, ice, and subsequent leaking compromised the building's roof and resulted in a need to evacuate. The new program, at 116 School Stt. in Webster, will initially serve income-eligible families from Webster but will eventually expand to serve more than 70 children from Webster and the surrounding communities of Dudley, Oxford, and Southbridge.

"WCAC is delighted to receive this significant support from MassDevelopment," said WCAC Executive Director Jill Dagilis. "This loan, coupled with state, federal and private funding, helps us bring this long awaited project to fruition."

MassDevelopment, the state's finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, financial institutions, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. During FY2018, MassDevelopment financed or managed 384 projects generating investment of more than \$4.1 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects

are estimated to create or support 10,994 jobs and build or rehabilitate 830 housing units

Since 1965, the Worcester Community Action Council has served as the federally designated anti-poverty agency for central and southern Worcester County, with a mission of helping people move to economic self-sufficiency through programs, partnerships and advocacy.

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AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

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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.auburnguide.com.

bankHometown kicks off 16th annual Pajama Drive

OXFORD — bankHometown kicked off its 16th annual pajama drive on Nov. 26 with a challenge to residents to help support local children in need of new pajamas or slippers.

Until tomorrow, Dec. 15, all 13 bankHometown branches will be accepting pajama donations for children sizes 4T and up, as well as small and medium sizes in men and women. Pajamas must be in complete sets (top and bottom) or an appropriate nightgown. The pajamas and slippers will go to local shelters throughout central Massachusetts and northern Connecticut.

"We believe in giving back to our community all year round, but especially for children during the winter and holiday season," said Matthew Sosik, President and CEO of bankHometown. "This initiative is to give children in our communities the warmth and comfort they may need during the cold winter nights."

The pajamas and slippers are sent to local schools in central Massachusetts and northern Connecticut, as well as the TEEG (Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group) in Thompson, CT.

bankHometown was founded in 1889 and is headquartered

in Oxford. bankHometown has 13 branches located throughout central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. For more information, please visit www.hometowncoop.com.

Hometown Financial Group (HFG), a \$2.1 billion mutual holding company headquartered in Easthampton, is the parent company of bankESB and

bankHometown. Both banking franchises offer a complete line of commercial, business, and consumer products to customers throughout its 24 branches located throughout western and central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. For more information on Hometown Financial Group, please visit www.bankhfg.com.

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Tri-Valley joins Meals on Wheels America and Subaru in Sharing the Love

11TH ANNUAL SUBARU EVENT WILL HELP DELIVER NUTRITIOUS MEALS

Tri-Valley's nutrition program is proud to announce it will be participating in the annual Subaru Share the Love Event as a member of Meals on Wheels America — one of four national Share the Love charitable partners for the 11th year running. From Nov. 15 to Jan. 2, Subaru will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased to the customer's choice of participating charity.

Participating Meals on Wheels America members, like Tri-Valley's nutrition program, will receive a share of the revenue raised by Subaru in their state. Tri-Valley has partnered with Long Subaru in Webster to raise awareness for the popular year-end sales and giving event, and drive support for Meals on Wheels through a number of community activities that included: a kick-off event at Tri-Valley's office in Dudley and publicity events at area senior centers.

Kristin McCarthy, nutrition program director, said, "The people at Long Subaru

are very cooperative and genuine in wanting to give back to the community. They were eager to work with us again this year and to help us make the Share the Love event a success."

"Meals on Wheels America is thrilled to partner with Subaru of America for the Subaru Share the Love Event for the eleventh year in a row," said Ellie Hollander, president and CEO, Meals on Wheels America. "Since 2008, the Subaru Share the Love Event has helped local Meals on Wheels programs deliver nearly two million meals to vulnerable seniors nationwide. We remain proud and grateful to have the generous support of Subaru in helping us ensure that homebound seniors receive the daily nutrition and companionship they need to thrive."

Over the last 10 years, Subaru of America and its participating retailers have donated more than \$118 million to its charity partners. This year's Subaru Share the Love Event is on track to

bring that total to over \$140 million, proving there's no limit to the amount of love we can all share.

By purchasing or leasing a new Subaru during the Event and selecting Meals on Wheels America as your charity of choice, you can help deliver nutritious meals and other important services to seniors right here in your own community.

For more information, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove.

Tri-Valley is a private, non-profit agency. The agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and from the Federal government, under the Older American's Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging. Funds are also received from other public and private sources. All donations are welcome and memorials may be established. For more information about services or volunteer opportunities, please call Tri-

Valley at 508-949-6640.

Meals on Wheels America is the oldest and largest national organization supporting the more than 5,000 community-based programs across the country that are dedicated to addressing senior isolation and hunger. This network exists in virtually every community in America and, along with more than two million staff and volunteers, delivers the nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks that enable America's seniors to live nourished lives with independence and dignity. By providing funding, leadership, education, research and advocacy support, Meals on Wheels America empowers its local member programs to strengthen their communities, one senior at a time. For more information, or to find a Meals on Wheels provider near you, visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org.



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Show support with this special 'Hoyt' plate

HOLLAND - After several years of supporting the local father-son racing duo of Dick and Rick Hoyt, Massachusetts residents now have the opportunity to show their Team Hoyt support each time they get behind the wheel.

The Hoyt Foundation has been working with the Registry of Motor Vehicles to produce a new specialty license plate for Massachusetts motorists. The license plate design depicts Holland's Dick Hoyt pushing his son, Rick Hoyt, in his familiar running chair. Despite his quadriplegia and cerebral palsy, Rick hasn't let anything hold him back, accomplishing his dreams with his father always at his side.

The Hoyts have become well-known

for their annual involvement in local road races and the Boston Marathon. Their journey began back in 1977, when Rick Hoyt told his father he wanted to participate in a 5-mile benefit run for a local athlete who had been paralyzed in an accident. Since then, the duo has completed more than 1,100 races together - including duathlons and triathlons - and they participated in their final Boston Marathon together in 2014 after 32 years.

Throughout their decades of lacing up and giving back, the Hoyts have always relied on support from area communities. Now they're hoping to see more of that same support for the license plate initiative.

The cost of each plate is \$40, with \$28

going to the Hoyt Foundation and \$12 going to the RMV for manufacturing costs. Upon renewal of each plate, the Hoyt Foundation will get the full \$40.

Pre-orders for license plates are currently being collected. If you're interested in applying for a plate, send an email to TeamHoytMAPlate@gmail.com. Additional information can be obtained on the Hoyt Foundation website: www.TeamHoyt.com.

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wake of growing concerns relative to data privacy, security and increased threats, we are taking action to improve the Commonwealth's capabilities within the cyber space."

The panel discussion was part of a regional, annual conference organized by the Advanced Cyber Security Center (ACSC). Senator Moore was invited to participate by a resident of Shrewsbury named Lisa Johnson who works for ACSC.

Senator Moore also serves on the U.S. Department of Justice's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative Global Advisory Committee. Through the role, the Senator participated in advisory groups to help ensure public safety against foreign and domestic threats, and to provide leadership in preventing and controlling crime.

According to statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, millions of people across the United States are victims of internet crimes each year. To access the Special Committee's full report, please visit the Legislature's website, www.malegislature.gov.

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2	Mendon	21.35%	12.20%	17.57%	67.71%	29.71%
3	Upton	18.78%	11.01%	16.79%	70.32%	29.23%
4	Uxbridge	25.74%	9.20%	20.17%	60.82%	28.98%
5	Millville	14.10%	20.57%	19.73%	57.93%	28.08%
6	Grafton	17.35%	13.10%	16.86%	64.33%	27.91%
7	Hopedale	13.97%	4.38%	19.36%	71.11%	27.21%
8	Sutton	12.60%	11.06%	16.67%	67.91%	27.06%
9	Milford	17.35%	17.71%	14.70%	57.27%	26.76%
10	Oxford	15.74%	16.14%	15.81%	59.14%	26.71%
11	Auburn	9.25%	12.78%	16.99%	64.88%	25.97%
12	Bellingham	10.38%	2.73%	25.35%	65.19%	25.91%
13	Westborough	12.42%	9.03%	16.60%	63.78%	25.46%
14	Northbridge	2.99%	9.94%	14.01%	71.45%	24.60%
15	Blackstone	15.96%	2.31%	19.87%	54.94%	23.27%
16	Charlton	7.46%	8.48%	14.40%	59.68%	22.50%
17	Southbridge	18.82%	13.70%	10.03%	41.21%	20.94%
18	Dudley	6.81%	4.17%	14.20%	58.20%	20.84%
19	Webster	11.05%	9.57%	12.30%	50.36%	20.82%

The elections of 2017-2018 have been held. The votes have been counted and finalized and the winner of the Senator Louis Bertonazzi Outstanding Citizenship Award with an average voting percentage of 30.40% is the town of Douglas.

The award is earned by the town that turns out the highest percentage of voters in each community who actually voted in the four 2017-18 elections. It enables the town to be officially recognized as the "Best Voting Community" of the 19 competing towns for that time period. Past winners of the award have been Sutton, Upton twice, Mendon and Northbridge twice.

As a result of their victory the Douglas Town Clerk and Board of Registrars will receive a check from the Foundation for \$1000 to be used as they

see fit to increase future voter turnout. The Douglas Board of Selectmen will be presented a plaque to be displayed for the next two years in the Douglas Town Hall. And the people of Douglas, who earned the award, will receive a huge banner proclaiming Douglas as the "Best Voting Community" 2017-2018 to be displayed as they see fit.

As the accompanying chart shows, Mendon, Upton, Uxbridge, Millville, Grafton, Hopedale,

Sutton, Milford and Oxford comprised the upper tier of challengers. The middle group of finishers was Auburn, Bellingham, Westborough, Northbridge, Blackstone and Charlton. Southbridge, Dudley and Webster trailed the field.

The chart also shows that the winning final average was 30.40% while the

lowest final average was 20.82%. All 19 towns but the winner were in the 20% range.

The aim of the contest is to offer another small incentive for people to exercise the privilege of voting: a privilege won and maintained by the courage and sacrifice of so many over the history of our country.

Arrangements will be made through the Douglas Town Clerk to make the presentation to the Douglas Board of Selectmen in January.

The Senator Louis Bertonazzi Foundation Board of Directors is made up of Dr. Carl DiGregorio, Chairman; Michael Diorio, Treasurer; Atty. David Bertonazzi, Clerk and members Gail Crimaldi, Cynthia Casey, Joseph Nigro, Janice Guerriere, Julie Richards, Tom Cullen and Louis Bertonazzi, Ex Officio.

WCAC's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) fuel assistance and Energy Efficiency programs assist homeowners and renters with home heating bills, past due balances on utility bills, and in some cases receiving forgiveness credit and making monthly payments. Energy efficient weatherization, heating system repair and upgrades can help to stretch energy dollars.

LIHEAP officially opened November 1st and will accept applications through April 30th. Assistance can be applied towards home heating bills incurred anytime during that time frame. Eligibility is based on the number of individuals who live in a household, their combined income, housing status and fuel type. Help is available whether a household heats with oil, gas, wood or propane.

All first time applications must complete a face-to-face interview. New applications can be submitted at the Worcester Office located in the Denholm Building, 484 Main St., Worcester without an appointment weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. New applications also accepted by appointment at outreach sites in Southbridge, Webster, Spencer and West Warren. Please refer to WCAC's website for details information about required documentation to apply.

CITIES/TOWNS WCAC SERVES: Worcester, Auburn, Brookfield, Boylston, Charlton, Charlton City, Charlton Depot, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Holden, Jefferson, Leicester, Cherry Valley, Rochdale, Millbury, North Brookfield, Oakham, Oxford, North Oxford, Paxton, Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Fiskdale, Sutton, Manchaug, Warren, West Warren, Webster, West Boylston, West Brookfield.

If you or someone you know is struggling with home heating bills, WCAC may be able to help!

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Steven P. Testa to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, dated March 3, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38598, Page 195, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, its successors and assigns to Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for the Certificate Holders CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2006-OA6 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OA6 dated February 18, 2010 and recorded with said Registry on September 20, 2010 at Book 46329, Page 164 and by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, its successors and assigns to The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The 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:

The land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as LOT 15 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Auburn, Massachusetts, prepared for Wilfred J. Ezold, Sr., and Michael N. Aboddeely, Jr." dated July 7, 1992 and recorded with Worcester County Registry in Plan Book 680, Page 53, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

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.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE 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 Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201706-0320 - PRP

November 30, 2018
December 7, 2018
December 14, 2018

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 2015SM002463 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Margot E. Bianco; Thomas Bake a/k/a Thomas P. Bake and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.: PNC Bank, National Association claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, 77 Rochdale Street, given by Margot E. Bianco, Thomas Bake

a/k/a Thomas P. Bake and Dawn Bake a/k/a Dawn M. Bake to National City Mortgage Co dba Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, dated October 22, 2003, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32057, Page 80, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 14, 2019 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on November 27, 2018.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 201311-0044-TEA December 14, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Georgios D. Mantalvanos to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated December 28, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56540, Page 269 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on January 4, 2019 at 17 Appleton Road, Auburn, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the easterly side of Appleton Road in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of the premises herein described at a point 482.26 feet south of Southbridge Street and the southwesterly corner of land, now or formerly, of Place; THENCE, easterly by the southerly line of said Place land, 250 feet to land, now or formerly, of Benoit; THENCE, southerly by the westerly line of the said Benoit land, 60 feet to land, now or formerly, of

Fox; THENCE, westerly by the northerly line of said Fox land, 250 feet to the easterly line of Appleton Road; THENCE, northerly by the easterly line of Appleton Road, 60 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 15,000 square feet, more or less. Being all and the same premises as conveyed by Quitclaim Deed dated 5/24/2011 and recorded with Worcester South District Registry of Deeds on 3/29/2011 in Book 47233, Page 132. 56540-266 The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. PNC Bank, National Association Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 18-009647 December 14, 2018 December 21, 2018 December 28, 2018

Bringing an international culture to Leicester

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Continuing to advance an already strong cultural program, Leicester High School is benefiting from its latest international guest educator.

LHS students and staff alike are absorbing information from Bouchra Ait Msguine, an Arabic teacher who is visiting this year from Morocco. Her stay is made possible by the Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP), which is run by the U.S. Department of State.

The highly competitive program is designed to increase the study of world languages within U.S. schools. Not only must international teachers compete to earn consideration by program officials, but U.S. schools must also demonstrate that they are worthy of a partnership. For the second consecutive year, LHS separated itself from the competition and earned a visit from an international educator.

Last year, LHS was one of only 26 schools nationwide to be selected for the grant-funded program. An Egyptian educator spent the year teaching at LHS in 2017-18, and now the students have the opportunity to work with Ait Msguine.

“We are very lucky to have Bouchra. It has been a wonderful experience for everyone involved,” said LHS foreign language teacher Kelley Southwick, who has helped



Kevin Flanders photo

Moroccan teacher Bouchra Ait Msguine is spending the year teaching Arabic at Leicester High School.

facilitate the TCLP process at the school.

For Ait Msguine, it has been a thrilling whirlwind experience since arriving in the U.S. for the first time this summer. It's hard enough for teachers to familiarize themselves with new students in a new school, never mind in a new country.

But LHS students and teachers have been impressed with Ait Msguine's ability to quickly adapt and set a strategy for offering as much material in a year as possible. She began the

year by introducing students to basic cultural and geographical facts, followed by a deeper study into the language.

“Everyone has been so welcoming and nice. The students are great and learn fast,” said Ait Msguine, who learned English while living in Morocco. “The students enjoy being able to spell their names and decipher words.”

Having taught English for 12 years in Morocco, Ait Msguine has enjoyed the opportunity to switch roles and introduce

Arabic to American students. There are many differences between schools in the two countries (Moroccan students typically take a two-hour lunch break at home and then return to school until the final class lets out at 6 p.m.), but there are also many similarities. LHS students have been fascinated to learn how much their Moroccan counterparts know about American culture.

“They are interested in American movies, TV shows, sports, politics, history – everything, really,” Ait Msguine said.

Likewise, LHS students have had plenty of questions for Ait Msguine about life in Morocco. Similar to many South American countries, Middle Eastern and African nations consider soccer to be football. Students have been learning about several other cultural differences, and they are transitioning to the written and conversational phases of learning the language. Because the Arabic alphabet features completely foreign letter symbols, the process of forming sentences is much more challenging for Western students than the process of learning Romance and Germanic languages.

LHS administrators are excited to see their students embrace the challenge and take advantage of an opportunity that few school districts offer across the state.

“This is great for our students and the broader com-

munity as well,” said LHS Principal Tracey Hippert. “A big piece of this program is the outreach that these teachers do for the entire community. Their presence extends to the middle school and several other community venues as well.”

To that end, Ait Msguine will attend senior center and library events before her time in Leicester is finished. She will then return to Morocco and incorporate much of what she has learned in the U.S. into her daily instructional routines.

Ait Msguine has also had the opportunity to travel to conferences in the U.S. and learn more about educational practices. She is enjoying her first holiday season in the U.S., and she looks forward to visiting more states during vacations.

“The weather is much different than my city,” she laughed after describing her Thanksgiving meal and the mid-November snowstorm.

Meanwhile, Hippert and her team hope to continue bolstering their culture program by eventually establishing a short-term student exchange program. A former foreign language teacher herself, Hippert wants to keep languages and cultural studies at the forefront of LHS course offerings.

To learn more about the TCLP, visit www.TclProgram.org.

Tips to turn forestry finds into rustic holiday décor



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The holidays are here and that means decking the halls (and front doors) for the yuletide season. With a “back to basics” movement in full swing, there's never been a better time to consider creating natural wreaths and swags from locally sourced “found” materials. In fact, nearly everything you need to pull together a rustic holiday décor is likely as close as your own backyard (or back roads)! The New England forest is a valuable source of evergreen branches, pinecones, bark and other materials that form rustic forest wreaths - rich in fragrance, texture, and old fashioned eye appeal. Read on for tips to choose, adorn and create a holiday wreath!

Fresh Evergreens: Nature's evergreens, vividly apparent among a blanket of fresh white snow, are celebrated by bringing their festive fragrance and natural beauty into the home at yuletide. Pine and fir varieties are plentiful in New England, and each brings their own qualities to the decorating mix. When foraging through your local woods (be sure to ask owners for permission), seek out broken or fallen branches, as this not only eliminates chopping chores, it's an ecofriendly choice. Choose (or prune) branches from about six inches up to foot long, and always bring home more branches than you think you'll need. Fuller wreaths always look better; and any leftover branches can be made into swags or used to adorn the holiday table!

Boxwood, laurel, fir, arborvitae, juniper and pine are all classic holiday evergreens. If the preference is for strongly scented greens, choose juniper, pine, or balsam fir varieties. Spruce, and yew also emit a fresh tree fragrance but not as strong. Some of the best wreaths are constructed of mixed evergreens. Look for healthy branches with little

or no needle loss. Careful pruning won't harm the trees and shrubs, but be sure to look for fallen or broken branches before cutting. Don't have woods nearby? Local Christmas tree farms often have spare branches for free or purchase.

If greens cannot be used immediately, store branches outside (preferably in the snow) until ready to use. Pliable greens, such as princess pine and arborvitae can be rejuvenated by dipping or spraying with water prior to use. Once you've collected the greens, shake them clean and lay them out on a clean floor or large table space (expect plenty of fallen needles and debris). Snip off sections of each branch to form generous “bundles” of greens.

Natural Embellishments: pinecones, holly, bittersweet, and wild yew branches with their distinct bright red berries are just some common “forest freebies” that are very festive. If your search is started early in the season, look for acorns, seed pods, pig nuts, and miniature crabapples, all of which add texture and color to holiday wreaths. The addition of dried fruits, such as dried apples and lemons also contribute an impressive dose of eye appeal.

Keep in mind holly, yew berries, mistletoe berries, ivy plants and bittersweet are only some forest materials that are poisonous. Any of these plants used on wreaths and swags should be kept out of the reach of children and pets.

Wreaths with Swag: Fresh, moist greens with a strong fragrance and pliable needles make the best wreaths. To construct a wreath, cut the greenery into six inch sections. Use your creativity when assembling a wreath and don't be afraid to merge an array of evergreens. Greenery will be attached to a wreath form, such as a 3D wire wreath form, which is hollow inside, a double wire frame, or simply a homemade wire circle made from a coat hanger. Even narrow grapevine wreaths can serve as a suitable form, as the evergreens are both wired and tucked into the wrapped grapevine. Tie bundles of greens together to form a bouquet. Place each bundle on the form, overlapping each

bouquet to produce a thick, full wreath. Attach each individual bouquet to the form with a florist wire. Twist around each bundle a two or three times to fasten it to the frame, working your way around the wreath. No florist wire? Improvise with metal trash bag ties.

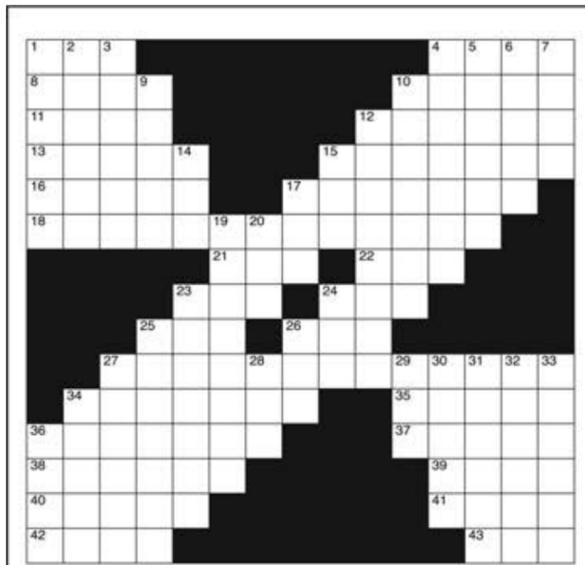
The crowning glory of a wreath is its embellishments. Wrap wire around pinecones, bittersweet and berry branches, etc. to fasten them to the wreath. Dried fruits can be stabbed with metal wig picks and attached to the lush greenery. Or, if you prefer, most materials can be hot glued onto greenery. Just be sure to attach to a thick, stable bundle. Homemade bows are easily tied or glued onto the completed wreath.

If you plan to hang the wreath on an outside door that also has a screen door attached, be sure to measure the allowance between the two doors. While a fluffy balsam wreath is a holiday beauty, a narrower princess pine wreath may deliver just as much festive décor and better fit into your space.

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 E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

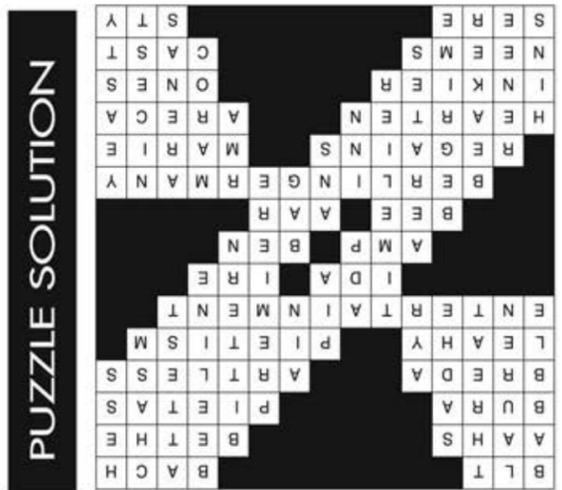


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A great lunch
- 4. German composer
- 8. Expresses pleasure
- 10. Unit of energy
- 11. Genus of beetles
- 12. Type of respect
- 13. City in Netherlands
- 15. Showing lack of skill
- 16. Irish surname
- 17. Exaggerated or affected sentiment
- 18. Diversion
- 21. Journalist Tarbell
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Current unit
- 24. Sixers' Simmons
- 25. Makes honey
- 26. Tributary of the Rhine
- 27. Once home to a notorious wall
- 34. Gets back
- 35. She was beheaded in France
- 36. Cheer
- 37. Tropical Asian palm
- 38. Darker
- 39. Figures
- 40. Old World trees
- 41. Protects a broken bone
- 42. Dried-up
- 43. An enclosure for swine

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Blab
- 2. ___ Bacall, actress
- 3. Declaration of an intention to inflict harm
- 4. The most direct route
- 5. Affirm to be true or correct
- 6. Rift
- 7. Oil company
- 9. Alphabetic character
- 10. Large marsh bird
- 12. Hollywood event
- 14. Scottish port
- 15. French river
- 17. Something frustrating (abbr.)
- 19. More in time
- 20. Payroll company
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. A way to steal
- 25. Blacken with dirt
- 26. Autonomic nervous system
- 27. A lab tech's tool
- 28. A place to stay
- 29. UK school
- 30. Moroccan
- 31. Where rockers work
- 32. Most friendly
- 33. In a state of turbulence
- 34. "Bridget Jones" actress
- 36. Hebrew liquid units



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EDITORIAL

Traditions

What are holiday traditions in your family?

Some of that depends on whether your family observes a religious aspect to the holidays or not of course; and therefore which of the holidays matter to you.

The end of the calendar year is rife with holidays. They are, whether they mean something deeply and truly important to us or not, part of our lives.

The modern world is inundated with messages bombarding us 24 hours a day, some of them so subtle we aren't even aware of them. Some of them engrained into us; to the point we think everyone else around us must do and think the same we do and we are startled when we discover they don't.

Example: we all know, or think we know, Santa Claus.

But there are people who would prefer not to have that tradition in their homes.

Yet how do they keep it out? And, how do they justify their reasons for the choice not to play into it?

It's a small thing in it's way. But we do it. We all do it. And the expectations are huge.

One of the hugest (like that word?) is that Santa brings the biggest, most expensive gifts...and they are monstrous. TVs; video equipment; bicycles; even puppies. The concept is that Santa brings what the parents can't or won't. He's something that guy.

But what happens when the kids compare notes later. When someone finds out Santa managed a mega-toy or huge pile of toys at one house; but could only manage a single, smaller toy at a less affluent house? Why the disparity?

How is that fair? How do the kids justify it?

Do they get it? Do they blame the parents? Or an unfair practices Santa?

Which is why there are people in the world, especially the USA, who have quietly told their children that Santa skips their house altogether. That no matter what they have been told about Santa, it isn't entirely so, and their own family just aren't part of it.

It can be done. It has been done. It is being done.

And there can still be gifts.

It is between the members of a household who want to acknowledge one another with a token of respect and love. Not with an obligation and an expectation.

So what is your tradition?

LETTERS

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

We think you're important enough to tell all our readers to turn to the Opinion pages and read your Letters to the Editor.

But first, you have to write us!

Mail your letters to the Auburn News, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Or e-mail your letters to the editor at ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

You'll need to provide your name and place of residence, along with a phone number, so we can verify the letter is yours.

We don't have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you're going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.

If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.

Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



Extra blessed to be part of it all

The holiday season is upon us and for me, it is a time to be extra thankful for the blessings of family and friends, colleagues and coworkers, those people who we rely on, receive unconditional love and support from, and with whom we share our dreams, laughter and tears the whole year through. In short, it is a time to be truly "present," ensuring that despite the frenetic pace of our daily lives, we stop and enjoy the special people and moments that are all around us.

As the proud Superintendent of the Auburn Schools, I feel truly blessed to be part of an organization that has students as its primary focus, the District believing that through teamwork, a positive attitude and a strong work ethic, educational excellence will be ours for the benefit of our students. It is, after all, for the students – those we already know and work with, as well as those who have yet to enter our schoolhouse doors – that we engage in this most important work, holding ourselves to the highest of standards.

Earlier this week, as has become the tradition, several members of the Auburn School Committee joined me for a tour of the schools. As School Committee members, they are charged with the awesome responsibility of overseeing all of the Auburn schools, and, among other important responsibilities, they hire and fire the superintendent, create and defend the annual budget and establish policy. They attend numerous meetings, including those held bimonthly throughout the school year, attend the annual and fall special town meetings and serve as advocates for the Auburn Public Schools the whole year through. They don't often, though, get to see firsthand the fruits of their labor: the work that takes place in our schools on a daily basis, classroom by classroom, teacher by teacher, student by student.

As we meandered through the halls



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of each building, visiting classrooms, engaging with students and staff and being truly immersed in the "life of a school," it was exciting to see everything through their eyes: marveling at the high level of engagement demonstrated by students across the grades, the extremely positive relationships between students and staff that demonstrated respect and civility at every turn, and the classroom environments that created high-quality learning environments in which the students worked with peers, interacted with varied activities and learned from and with their teachers. While I appreciate those environments each time I visit schools and classrooms, today's tour helped to especially remind me of the truly wonderful school system we have. The same is true because of the efforts of many: the School Committee for their steadfast advocacy, the leadership team and staff members for the tireless dedication, the parents for their unwavering support and the students for their commitment to learning and being the very best they can be each day.

An unknown individual once said, "Excellence is never an accident; it is the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful execution, and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities." To me, that sums up the progress of the Auburn Public Schools, but so, too, does our commitment to continuous improvement. There is always more work to do and we commit to doing it! I once again thank you for the opportunity to serve as this fine district's superintendent...it is truly an honor!

To contact me to share an idea, a concern or to ask a question, I can be reached at 508-832-7755 or via e-mail at mbrunelle@auburn.k12.ma.us. Thank you for your continued support of and interest in the Auburn Public Schools!

Three factors to consider when making charitable gifts



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The holiday season is here, which means gift-giving is probably on your mind. In addition to making gifts to your family and friends, you also may be interested in contributing to charitable organizations. But before you donate financial assets, such as stocks, you will need to consider several factors, including taxes, your portfolio balance and the reputation of the charity. Let's look at these areas:

Taxes – Your donations to qualified charities (those that are considered 501(c)(3) organizations by the Internal Revenue Service) can give you tax deductions – if you itemize deductions on your tax return. However, due to recent tax law changes, the standard deduction for 2018 has almost doubled, to \$24,000 for married couples, and to \$12,000 for single filers. As a result, you may be less likely to itemize deductions, so you could have less incentive, at least for tax reasons, to make charitable gifts. However, if you give appreciated stocks, you may be allowed a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift on the date of the transfer, even if your original cost was only a fraction of today's value. Plus, you may not be subject to the capital gains tax you might have to pay if you eventually sold the stocks.

Also, depending on your age, you might be able to use your traditional IRA as a charitable-funding vehicle. Once you turn 70-1/2, you generally must begin taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions or RMDs – from your traditional IRA. (Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime.) These RMDs from your traditional IRA are taxable, but you may be able to exclude up to \$100,000 of RMDs per year from your taxable income if you transfer the funds directly to qualified charitable organizations.

In any case, consult with your tax advisor before donating appreciated assets to a charity.

Portfolio balance – When you donate financial assets to a charity, you are also taking them away from your portfolio. This could be an issue, especially if you repeatedly donate the same types of assets. For example, if you're donating some growth-oriented stocks, will you lower the overall growth potential of your portfolio?

You may want to consult with a financial professional to ensure your charitable gifts will still allow you to maintain a portfolio balance appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance.

Reputation of the charity – You may want to do some homework to make sure you are giving to a reputable charity. Many experts on charitable giving say that a worthwhile charity should spend at least 75 percent of its income on programs, rather than administrative costs. You may be able to find this type of information on a charitable group's annual report and its website. You can also browse the web for the names of agencies that evaluate charitable groups.

By considering the aspects of charitable giving described above, you can get more satisfaction from your generosity – because you'll know that your gift not only supports a good cause, but also fits well into your overall financial picture.

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Christmas Cookies

In that great time, there was a hand mixer on sale and I thought it would complement my cookware for under \$15. There was a cheaper hand mixer with less power, and the sales lady said it was the one she used,

and why pay more for something that works well and is less expensive? But when I worked renovating houses, Alan warned me that if the price was close, always buy the more powerful engine... it would pay for itself over time. So I spent the few extra bucks and got the mixer with higher wattage and more RPMs.

Yesterday I decided to unbox the mixer and make maple walnut cookies. The recipe was simple. I had all the ingredients, and the smell of cookies would make for a festive air.

"Butter and margarine should be at room temperature." While I followed this direction, it was only later that I realized that I was in a down jacket and that my regular kitchen temperature was subarctic. No problem. It might have been a tad cooler than requested but as I turned on the oven, the temperature was destined to rise as with global warming. I was ready.

I glanced at the instruction pamphlet. Next to the mixer "safeguards" (which could have been labeled "electrocution made easy") was the common sense admonition for first time users to always begin with the lowest speed and work up. Of course. Mixing flour and butter would make thick dough, so a lower speed would tax the engine less. There was manly logic to this baking.

Braced with this knowledge, I began to mix the ingredients.

Imagine my surprise when the mixer jumped out of my hand and began to throw flour and dough across the kitchen at the lowest speed. An alien observer would have seen both surprise and uncoordinated flailing as I sought to halt the flying goo...

(You might ask at this point why an alien observer would be focused on a humble kitchen in the first place. Let us not presume on the interests of aliens.)

The jet whine increased, as did the splats of dough now smacking into walls.

There was no Red Power Off button! All the buttons looked the same!

Ah, there was the answer... a button marked Ejector! I hit the ejector button...the jet engine whine climbed a little higher. Flour and dough continued to fly. Somehow I had moved the rotation speed of the beaters up



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MOON

the scale... to number 6 in fact. On a flight deck, this was the equivalent of a 6G takeoff. Great for jet flight, not so much for baking. In a panic, I pressed the ejector button harder... again... and again... finally, the whirring beaters shot to the floor.

I took a deep breath and surveyed the kitchen.

The even dispersal of white gobs sticking to the walls and ceiling was a satisfactory indication of RPM power. Excellent tool choice, I thought. But perhaps I should have familiarized myself with the mixer a little more by reading the directions. Perhaps there was a little more sophistication attached to this baking thing. Perhaps...ah what the hell. A little clean up and the Nabisco factory would be back on schedule!

I stepped gingerly to wipe more dripping dough from the wall but failed to notice a Brylcreem sized dab on the floor. Any physics student could predict that this dab of lubrication would transfer my weight quickly and efficiently. I thought of this as my feet rose above my head and gravity completed my head thumped journey.

Gazing up from the floor at the global mayhem that was now my kitchen, I noted that I had been at work less than ten minutes and yet, like some mythical force, like the Star Thrower of legend, I had managed to spin dough clumps into spiral galaxies. I had started to bake cookies but had transmuted myself into the god of a dough-spun universe.

Or perhaps dark forces were at work. The voice came unbidden in a whisper: "Use the force, Pat."

What, to add the walnuts? Let us skip the description of the final product.

Suffice to say that my cookies could replace the heat tiles on a space shuttle. I have concluded that baking cookies is not my forte. It is not my five-te either. I'm pretty sure my baking prowess ranks up there with jet engine maintenance. That is a skill I am unlikely to master as I have added the whine of a jet engine to my list of auditory anxieties. On the plus side, it has reintroduced centrifugal force as a subject of interest.

I am conscious of iconic scenes in British war movies where one soldier turns to another as they watch a human silhouette disappear into no man's land.

"My God, Sergeant...he's just a cook!" "Don't be daft, Harry," says the gruff sergeant in close-up. "He baked maple walnut cookies. The Boche are done."

Perhaps computer repair at a nuclear facility is a better match for my skills...

DON'T MISS A BEAT
CHECK OUT THE
SPORTS ACTION!

Fly, my darling, fly: A note on divorce for the holiday season

Mommy told me I could fly. She said I could do anything I set my mind to. When I was a tiny, blonde, wide-eyed bundle of energy, she would push me in the little red airplane swing in our backyard.

Daddy told me I could fly. He took me to the airport often, and I would run through the breeze, my arms out like a bird's wings. He took me for my first flying lesson on my 13th birthday.

My family is no less dysfunctional than any other family. I am actually quite confident that is more dysfunctional than many. But somehow, the distrust never outweighed my love. The tension never outweighed my love. The anger never outweighed my love.

Divorce isn't easy for any child, at any age. It doesn't matter what day of the year it is, it is always complicated and never painless. However, there is something about the holidays that brings up just a little more sadness, a little more heartache, and a little more longing for your parents to be together, or at least be friendly with each other for your sake. I spent year after year wondering why my parents loved me so much even when I made mistakes, but couldn't do the same for each other.

Strumming chords on her 12-string, my mom told me musicians are trouble, don't date one. Then I became one.

Playing his Yamaha baby grand, my dad told me women are trouble, don't trust one. Then I became one.

Trouble or not, I'm made of them. I have my dad's wit and my mom's drive. Some days I look like him, some days I look like her. But most days

I look like both of them, a clean cut down the middle.

We don't choose our parents, but even if we did, I still would have picked mine.

My parents, like many couples, had a complex and agonizing divorce. My mom and dad are not friendly or cordial, probably for their own good reasons, nor are they currently okay with seeing each other at any holiday or event, even if it is for my sake. It wasn't my marriage nor my decision to have a child, yet I'm the one who had to find them completely separate seats at my most recent graduation even though my guests were supposed to be in one section. I'm the one who either misses out on seeing one of them on a given holiday or uses two tanks of gas to dodge from place to place, trying to make sure they're both happy.

I don't remember a year when the holidays were not worrisome for me as I tried to appease both my parents and often failed to make myself happy in exchange. I don't remember a time when I wasn't stressed about their relationship even though it was never meant to be my problem. I don't remember a time when my parents didn't constantly tell me that my desire for their cordiality was unrealistic.

Their insistence, however, never stopped me from hoping that they could put their bad feelings aside for me. I was 9 years old when I saw my parents give each other a hug for the first time since they separated. It was Thanksgiving, and my mom was



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dropping me off with my dad's family. I finally saw them put aside their anger for a few seconds and thought to myself, "Maybe this whole divorce thing will get easier with time."

Yet here I am at age 22, and as I was driving down Route 49 going from my mom's family to my dad's family on Thanksgiving Day, I thought to myself, "I can't believe I was so convinced that this whole divorce thing would get easier with time."

There has always been anger, distrust, and the loudest silence I've ever heard.

But the music has always been louder. It's the only thing that connects me to both of them. My mom used to sing to me every morning to wake me up. She would sing John Denver's "Leaving on a Jet Plane" whenever she pushed me in that little red airplane swing. We still sing Billy Joel's "Only the Good Die Young" at the top of our lungs every time it comes on the car radio. When my dad wasn't around, he sent me cassette tapes of him singing songs like the Beatles' version of "Till There Was You" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow".

My parents' song was "Don't Know Much" by Aaron Neville and Linda Ronstadt. The song sings exactly how I feel.

"I don't know much, but I know I love you. That may be all I need to know."

It took me nearly two decades to begin to truly accept that it really is their problem. It has always been their problem, not mine. I think that's the hardest thing for children of divorce to finally come to terms with. Every day, you're told it's not your fault, but you're also caught in the middle like a tree in a lightning storm, not causing the uproar but likely to get struck by it. How could you not be? You're made of them. You're what they have to remind them of each other.

During this holiday season and every day of the year, love should outweigh all else, and my love for my parents as well as every other child's love for their parents should be celebrated, appreciated, and recognized, because the relationship between every parent and their child, no matter how complicated, is beautiful in its own way. Just because their love for each other was clouded in anger, distrust, and betrayal, my love for both of them is still very much intact, screaming in the unbearable silence, and that should be very much okay. I will continue to hope that, at some point in the future, I will have them both by my side for the holidays, because that possibility keeps me going every year.

And no matter where I end up, it is because of them that I fly. It is because of them that I choose love over hate, because they have loved me through it all. And I know how toxic hatred can be.

And when I fall, I get back up, and think of what my parents have said to me all my life.

"Fly, my darling, fly."



006: Spencer Writers' Group founder Sharon Legasey, right, is photographed with member Sue Sheperd before a recent meeting.

WRITERS

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hopes to ultimately compile many of her works into a book. She has benefited greatly from the feedback she receives each month from Legasey and other group members. Writers are often forced to pay to have their manuscripts edited, but the Spencer Writers' Group provides a cost-free forum for reactions and suggestions. It also helps writers with the process of reading their stories aloud to an audience.

"There are so many writers around here, and I wanted to create a place where they could come together and work with each other," Legasey said.

The group features a solid core of regular members, plus residents who occasionally attend a meeting. Because the group is open to anyone in high school and older, meetings have included a wide range of attendees.

"I love to see the rapport between everyone in our group. It's fun to see teenagers, young adults, middle-aged folks, and seniors all coming in and learning from each other," Legasey added.

For East Brookfield's Joan Bedard, who published a memoir in her nineties, it's a thrill to work with writers of all ages. Now that her memoir, *All Ya Need is Love*, has entertained local

readers for a few years, Bedard is busy with new writing projects. During the Dec. 3 meeting, she shared a few of her new stories with fellow members.

"I love working with people who have the same interest as me. We learn a lot and are always challenging each other to keep improving," Bedard said.

The writing group also includes plenty of discussion about how to create engaging dialogue, vivid settings, and dynamic characters. Legasey, who lives in Spencer, takes pride in being able to share her knowledge with local writers of all ability levels. Whether a member is preparing a story for a high school class or a memoir to share with family, everyone has a story to tell.

Legasey also discusses routes to publication to help members get their stories into print. Long gone are the days when literary agents dictated whose works were published. With an array of self-publishing options to choose from, writers are only a few clicks away from sharing their stories.

After reading their pieces to the group on Dec. 3, writers enjoyed refreshments and handed out a few holiday gifts. If you love writing and would like to get involved, you are welcome to attend the next meeting on Jan. 7.

You can sign up for the free writers' group by visiting the library website, www.SpencerPublicLibrary.org. Click on the tab for adult programming.

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Friday's Child



Selena

Age 5

Hi! My name is Selena and I like to color!

Selena is a sweet, smart and determined five-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. Her favorite activities include doodling, coloring and counting. She is able to count up to 20!

Selena is on the Autism Spectrum. She has some words, but is not yet able to utilize expressive language. Selena has impressed her caregivers with her ability to retain information like letters and colors, as well as her ability to follow directions that she is given. Selena is currently enrolled in a public school setting where she is receiving extra supports.

Legally freed for adoption, Selena's social worker is open to exploring a family of any constellation where Selena can be the youngest or only child in the home. An ideal family for Selena will be able to advocate for Selena's needs, seek appropriate resources, and provide her with unconditional love and support. They must also be willing to maintain contact with Selena's birth parents in Massachusetts.

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mare-inc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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SPORTS

Auburn wins defensive battle against Spartans



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Semran Sahota of Auburn pulls up in transition and takes a jumper.



Jackie Landry of Auburn swoops in to steal the ball away from Uxbridge's Grace Orr.



From the corner of the court, Victoria Murphy of Auburn attempts a jump shot.



Auburn's Megan Stevens keeps her eyes peeled on the basket while releasing a jump shot.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — The Auburn High girls' varsity basketball team hosted Uxbridge High on Opening Night — Thursday, Dec. 6 — and it proved to be a true defensive battle. The Rockets' offensive performance proved to be a little more productive, though, as they defeated the Spartans, 31-9.

"All things considered, the fact that we are literally a week into practicing, I think that it was a great start. I really liked how our defense looked," said Auburn head coach Nicole LePrevost. "I think offensively we were executing pretty well, we just have to work on finishing."

Uxbridge head coach Tracy Larkin had a similar sentiment.

"We've had four days of practice to prepare, so the offense will come," said Larkin.

The Rockets tied the score at 4-4 in the first quarter and led after the opening eight-minute frame, 6-4, and never relinquished their lead. Auburn won second quarter scoring, 11-0, to take a 17-4 lead into the locker rooms at halftime.

Senior co-captain Semran Sahota was the Rockets' boost of energy, scoring all 10 of her game-high point total in the first half and pulling down 13 of her game-high 14 rebounds through the first two quarters.

"She absolutely came out guns blazing, ready to go," LePrevost said of Sahota, a 5-foot-7 forward. "She doesn't let her size — she's a smaller forward — affect her. She has put in so much work in the offseason."

Sahota was named a Southern Worcester County League All-Star

last season, but she aspires to be even better this go-round.

"She rounded out last season pretty well, but she wants to make her senior year special," said LePrevost.

With Sahota securing 14 rebounds, it helped the Rockets win the battle of the boards, 51-23. And Auburn committed just nine team fouls, so they found a way to be aggressive but not pick up many penalties.

"We haven't been overly boxing out drill-wise, but they did a great job of speaking it in practice. I was impressed," LePrevost said.

The third quarter was much like the first, with the Rockets scoring six points to the Spartans' four, which gave Auburn a 23-8 lead heading into the final period. There, the Rockets won quarter scoring, 8-1, to account for the 31-9 final.

Auburn, now 1-0, hopes to reach the 10-plus wins plateau to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament a year after suffering through a tough 3-17 campaign.

"In the back of our minds making Districts is always there," explained LePrevost. "We lost two seniors, but we have a lot of juniors [now seniors] stepping up. We have a whole bunch of sophomores coming up. We have a nice mix of experience and youth, and I think that our chemistry is really flowing right now. Because we didn't make it last year these girls are coming out with a vengeance."

In addition to Sahota's performance, senior Victoria Murphy (eight points), senior co-captain Molly Cutting (six points, five rebounds), senior Jackie Landry (three points), sophomore Emily



Auburn's Molly Cutting takes a shot from downtown.

Turcotte (two points, five rebounds), sophomore Isabelle Therrien (one point, six rebounds) and sophomore Allie Morawski (one point, seven rebounds) contributed to Auburn's victory. As far as Uxbridge goes, the loss wasn't concerning to Larkin. Instead, she's focused on certain positives such as having 21 athletes between the junior varsity and varsity teams instead of last year's varsity-only club that featured just nine players.

"I have 21 fabulous young ladies, it's fabulous. We have a bright season ahead of us," said Larkin.

Larkin is also looking to motivational speaker Jon Gordon and his book, 'The Power of a Positive Team,' which the girls read as part of their summer reading, to give inspiration.

"We have to trust the process and it's going to take one day at a time. We're going to enjoy the journey and work hard," said Larkin. "The girls have to learn how to trust in each other. I see it developing; it's going to take some time."

The Spartans were also without senior co-captain Olivia Hicks, last year's leading scorer. Hicks was in Florida at a national soccer tournament — next fall she was play collegiately for the University of Maryland — but she will be rejoining the team soon.

Uxbridge point scorers included senior co-captain Maggie Streichert (four points, four rebounds), senior co-captain Erin Jones (two points), sophomore Ashley Dube (two points, six rebounds) and sophomore Sarah Johnston (one point).



Auburn's Molly Cutting releases a layup in front of Uxbridge defender Ella Correa.

SPORTS BRIEF

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.

SPORTS

Experience paves way for Minutemen to beat Southbridge



Nick Ethier photos

Bay Path's Alexxus Afriyie beats her Southbridge counterpart to the basket on a dribble-drive.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — Experience was the name of the game for the Bay Path Regional girls' varsity basketball team when hosting Southbridge High on Monday, Dec. 10. The Minutemen's opening five boasted over a dozen years of starting experience, and it showed during their 55-25 victory.

"There's one sophomore and four seniors — very experienced," said Bay Path head coach John Selen. "This is their year to shine. They have high expectations for themselves this year and they want to go as far as they can. They have a lot of chemistry together. It's a great unit."

Sophomore Madison Paulhus is a two-year starter, while seniors Alexxus Afriyie and Nekelle Waskiewicz are four-year starters. Senior Kiara Coates is a two-year starter, and senior Emily Wong Kam has three years of experience while taking the jump into the starting rotation.

The Pioneers, meanwhile, lack experience at every position.

"We're young. I have no juniors, no seniors," said Southbridge head coach Elvin Rodriguez. "I have nine girls on my team. We're going to have our growing pains, speed bumps throughout the season."

"I just want to see improvement from game to game and I definitely saw that today from certain individuals," continued Rodriguez.

The Minutemen opened up a 4-0 lead and, after a Pioneers' 3-pointer, they proceeded to score the next 16 points to



Bay Path's Kiara Coates focuses on the rim while shooting through defensive traffic.

grab a 20-3 lead. Bay Path led, 24-5, after the initial eight-minute quarter.

The aforementioned starting five made its mark almost immediately. Once Paulhus made a layup with 4:30 to play in the first quarter, all five had found the scoring column.

Then, in the second quarter — where many substitutes got valuable minutes on the court — the Minutemen scored nine points to Southbridge's five to take a 33-10 halftime lead.

Bay Path's starters played a majority of the third quarter — a frame they won, 13-7 — before giving way to the bench in the fourth, which they also won, 9-8, to produce the 30-point victory.

Coates finished with team-best totals of 15 points and 8 rebounds, with Paulhus right behind her with 9 points and 7 rebounds. Afriyie added 6 points, Wong Kam 5 and Waskiewicz 2, with Emily Margoupis coming off the bench to drain a pair of 3-pointers for 6 points.

The win improved Bay Path's record to 2-0, but Selen mentioned that the game had added significance because they renewed a rivalry with the Pioneers.

"This was a special game for them. We haven't played Southbridge in a few years and a lot of these girls are from Southbridge," explained Selen. "It's a friendly rivalry so it was a lot of fun for them."

The Minutemen hope to take the momentum this victory produced and parlay it into many wins throughout the season.

"We hope to make districts again — three years in a row in districts, so we hope to make it a fourth," said Selen. "This group has never not known a year where we didn't go to districts. They hope to have a really good record and maybe host a home game for districts."

And although the Pioneers dropped to 0-2, Selen predicts some success for them down the road.

"Southbridge is very young, there's some good things to come for them," he said.

Rodriguez noted that Ashanti Morales and Jomarieliz Lebron — the only two Pioneers with "extensive varsity time" from last season — will be called upon to provide bigger roles this winter.

"She's going to have to carry the load," Rodriguez said of Morales, who finished with a game-high 16 points. I'm hopefully getting Jomarieliz to be the [recently graduated] Julitza [Delgado] of the team as far as bringing the ball up and running the offense to keep [Morales] in the corner and just let it fly with her 3-point shot."

Morales canned three triples versus Bay Path and made eight treys in a game last season versus David Prouty Regional, so her shooting skills are high.

Lebron (5 points) and Aleysha Cruz (4 points) were the Pioneers' other point producers.



Nekelle Waskiewicz of Bay Path dribbles the ball down the length of the court.



Defender Nalin Koo of Bay Path keeps her arm high to disrupt a potential pass by Southbridge's Aleysha Cruz.



Bay Path's Madison Paulhus catches a pass in transition while getting ahead of a Southbridge defender.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 traditional 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, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

STORY TIME: Have a little one in the house? Looking to get out and do something? The Auburn Public Library may have just the thing for you. Mother Goose Story time is for children ages 6-15 months. It's a great place for children and their grownups to listen to stories, share nursery rhymes and have

time to connect with others during musical free play. Mother Goose Story Time is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please stop by and join us. For information, you call the library at (508) 832-7790.

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OBITUARIES

Paul T. M. Sweeney, 62



OXFORD – Paul T. M. Sweeney, 62, of Leicester Street, died Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cheryl A. (Corey) Sweeney of North Oxford; four children, Jamie L. Matthews and her husband Jared of Auburn, Kristi M. Sweeney of North Oxford, Elizabeth A. Sweeney of North Oxford, and Jonathan D. Sweeney of North Oxford; three brothers, Neil Sweeney of California, Joseph Sweeney of Worcester, and James Sweeney of New York; two sisters, Cathy Sweeney of Oxford and Debra Hurd of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren, Gabriel I. Sweeney of North Oxford and Jared L. Matthews of Auburn; two step grandchildren, Julisa and Kyra Matthews; and a large extended family. He was predeceased by three children, Rachael (1992), Erica (1993), and Paul (1996); and a brother, Peter Sweeney (2006). He was born in Worcester, son of the late Neil and Joan (Grandmaison) Sweeney, and

lived in Worcester and Auburn before moving to North Oxford last year.

Mr. Sweeney was a truck driver for many years. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. He also served in the Air National Guard and belonged to the Marine Corps Reserves. He enjoyed reading and was an avid outdoorsman who loved camping and fishing.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at Oak Hill Bible Church, 40 Sacarrappa Rd., Oxford. Burial with military honors was held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018, at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon. There were calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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Raymond A. Lehner, Sr., 87



CHARLTON - Raymond A. Lehner, Sr., 87 of Charlton passed away on December 10, 2018 after a short illness. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Dorothea E. (Conway) Lehner; his son, Raymond A. Lehner, Jr. and his wife Gina of Charlton; his daughter, Karen Mangini and her husband Michael of Grafton; a grandson Mark Mangini of Grafton; two sisters, Frances DuPont of Auburn and Dorothy Painchaud of Worcester; and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Auburn, the son of the late Joseph J. and Mary V. (Sifferlen) Lehner, and had lived in Auburn and Charlton. He was a graduate of Auburn High School and St. Anselm College in New Hampshire.

He served in the U. S. Army in Korea

as a company clerk and taught Chemistry for 30 years at David Prouty High School in Spencer. He enjoyed traveling, going on cruises and was an avid gardener.

A Calling Hour was held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 8:45-9:45 AM at the ROBERT J. MILLER- CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. followed by a Funeral Mass at 10AM at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H-Putnam Rd., Ext., Burial with Military Honors was at Northside Cemetery in Charlton.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to: St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN. 38105.

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Keith C. Dupras, 52



WEBSTER-- Keith C. Dupras, 52, transcended peacefully on Dec 4th, 2018 at UMass-Lake Ave, Worcester with his family by his side.

He leaves his wife, Jodi Kubilis Dupras of Little River, SC. A

son, Matthew Dupras and only beloved grandson Benjamin Dupras, both of Webster. Mother, Edna LaPan of Millbury, sisters Cheryl Belanger of Millbury, Linda Luks and husband Joe of Auburn, Melissa and husband Don Hermans of Grafton, Sharon Spatol of Webster, one stepsister and three stepbrothers. Many nieces, nephews, and was predeceased by his father Edward Dupras, stepfather Richard LaPan, brother Steven Dupras and sister Christine Geer.

He was employed over 35 years as an expert in his trade at canvas fabrication and stitching. Most recently employed with Zmetra Clear Span Structures, aka Tents for Rent in Webster in a supervisory role.

His favorite thing to do was spend quality time with his grandson. He enjoyed playing the lottery, NASCAR, fishing, camping, and visiting the White Mountains in NH.

A memorial service will be held at Millbury Baptist church, 17 N Main St, Millbury, MA on Sat Dec 22, 2018 at 2PM. Immediately followed by a celebration of life in the church hall. The family welcomes you to join them. In lieu of flowers,

they also request a donation to cancer research in his name and honor. www.bartelfuneralhome for Keith's condolence book



SPENCER - Jacqueline (Jackie) S. (Noon) MacLean, 67, of Wire Village Road, died Monday, December 10, 2018 with her loving husband by her side, after battling a prolonged illness.

Jackie leaves her husband of 39 years Scott D. MacLean, two sons: Daniel S. MacLean and his wife Stephanie of Medfield and Michael J. MacLean and his wife Stephanie of Paxton; a brother Lawrence J. Noon of Worcester; two sisters: Linda M. Furey and her husband John of Spencer and Patricia A. Noon-Samuel of Florida; four grandchildren: Joshua, Jackson, Leah and Kane, and several nieces and nephews.

Jackie was born in Johnstown, PA, daughter of John and Mary (Hrivnak) Noon. She graduated from Auburn

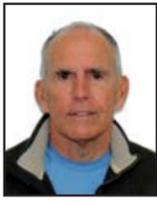
High School in 1969 and Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing in 1972. She worked at Worcester City Hospital until it closed in 1991, and then went on to hold various nursing positions. Most recently she was a Disability Nurse Reviewer for UMass Medical School.

She was a longtime volunteer at Second Chance Animal Shelter and The Richard Sugden Library. She enjoyed spending free time with her family/grandchildren, friends, and happy hour with her partner-in-crime Linda.

The services will be held Friday, December 14, 2018 in J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer. Calling hours will be from 9:30-11:00 AM with a brief memorial service to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Second Chance Animal Services, Inc., P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

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Walter R. "Skip" Barys, Jr., 73



AUBURN – Walter R. "Skip" Barys, Jr., 73, of Phoenix Road, died Saturday, December 8, 2018, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, with his family by his side. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judy A.

Barys of Auburn; two children, Barbara A. McKeon and her husband Matt of Oxford, and Bob J. Barys and his companion Spring Libutti of Fort Myers, FL; his brother, James A. Barys and his wife Elizabeth of Oakham; three grandchildren, Justin, Matthew, and Jenna; a nephew Mitchell; a niece Julia; and several cousins. He was born in Fort Monroe, VA, son of the late Walter R. and Ruth E. (Burns) Barys, and lived in Holden before moving to Auburn in 1970. He graduated from Wachusett Regional High School in 1963, received his bachelor's degree from Clark University in Worcester in 1967, and received his master's degree in guidance and psychology from Assumption

College in Worcester in 1969.

Skip was a guidance counselor at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School in Charlton for over 30 years, retiring in 2003. During the summer, he worked at Jack's Boat Rentals in Wellfleet. While attending Clark University, he excelled at basketball and eventually entered into the Hall of Fame at Clark. Skip's favorite place to spend time was Wellfleet. He enjoyed skiing, boogie-boarding, walking on the beach, kayaking, hiking, biking, and most of all loved spending time with his family. He was an avid reader, a fan of the Boston sports teams, and most of all he loved to watch his grandchildren playing sports.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to the ICU staff at St. Vincent Hospital that cared for Skip.

Memorial calling hours were Thursday, December 13, 2018, from 4-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Services and burial will be private at a later date.

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AUBURN- Clotilda (Tillie) M (Korbe) Addison age 80 died Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at the University of MA Memorial Healthcare Center, Worcester. She was the wife of the late Frederick Addison who died in 2009. She leaves two sons, Mark Rano of Norwood, MA and Joseph Rano of Jefferson, MA, two daughters, Lori Kidder of Northborough and Kathleen Gregoire and her husband Mark of Auburn, many grandchildren and one great grandson and her beloved dog Oliver. She also leaves a sister Millie. She was born in Hays, Kansas daughter of the late Mike Korbe and Clara (Braun) Korbe and lived in Auburn

for the past 30 years, prior to that living in Worcester. Tillie worked for many years in food service at WPI in Worcester. She enjoyed crocheting and crafts. There are no calling hours all services are private. Please omit flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, 372 North Main St., North Brookfield, MA 01535. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Clotilda M Addison, 80



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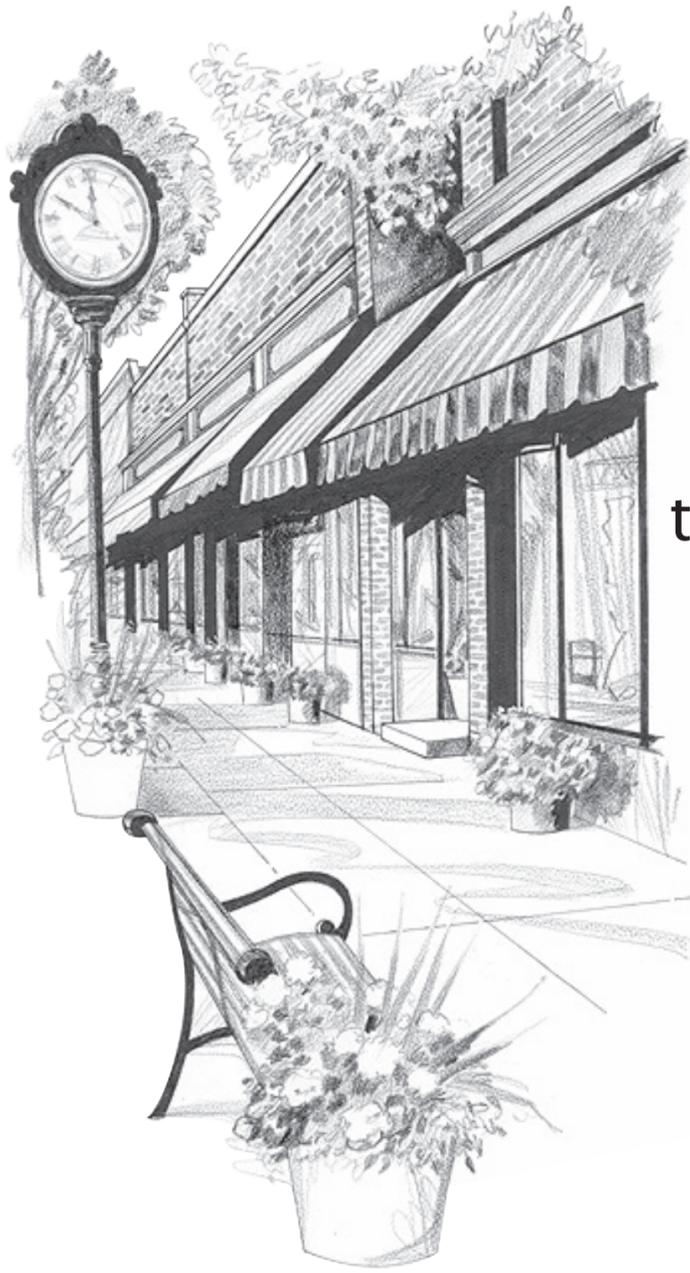
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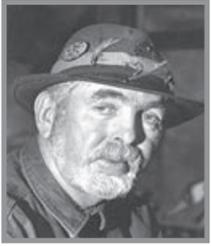
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This week's pictures show Ralph Godin with the first buck of his life, although he has harvested numerous other deer over the years.

The second picture shows a very happy deer hunter with a magnificent buck taken locally.

This year has had deer hunters take 200 pound deer that had some very magnificent antlers. Although there were very few acorns for the deer to feed on, most were in good health and were doing well on grass and other browse available to them in the woods. Fortunately, no serious accidents were reported. Hunting has become a very safe sport for deer hunters after the regulation of wearing blaze orange for deer hunters was passed!

The news of a dog being found shot in the woods, was an act that is outrageous, and needs to have the person held responsible and prosecuted. There is always one idiot that makes the sport of hunting look bad. The owners of the dog also need to have some sense of guilt after they allowed their family pet to roam free during the hunting season or at any time of the year. Most towns have a law that requires dog owners to keep their pets under their control at all times. There is also a state law that requires dog owners to keep their dogs from running free. As the owner of two dogs, I need to have them under my control at all times. They are like family, and allowing them to roam free could have them being hit by cars, or meet some other form of dangerous incident that could cost them their life. The family must be heart broken and I



Ralph Geddes with the first buck he's managed, despite years of hunting. He has a bevy of does to his credit, but this is his first buck.

feel their pain!!

The cold weather predicted this week could have some ponds safe for ice fishing, but extreme caution needs to be practiced on first ice as I mentioned in last week's column. Ice fishing with a jig stick is this writer's favorite method of fishing. It requires cutting a lot of holes, but when a school of yellow perch are found the action can be fast. Using a Swedish pimple lure with a single hook baited with a piece of garden worm is usually the best way to catch the first perch. Removing the eye from the perch, and attaching it to your hook is the best method to catch numerous perch and other fresh water fish. During a feeding frenzy pickerel, bass, and other fresh water fish are often caught and need to be retrieved slowly to avoid breaking the line. Numerous 4 lb. bass have been caught by anglers using jig sticks. A few years ago an ice fishing angler caught a large pike on a jig stick at Manchaug Pond which required some tricky maneuvering to get the huge fish thru the hole.

Next week we will discuss some of my



Courtesy photos

This is a local hunter with a magnificent buck taken locally.

favorite fishing spots, and the methods that I use to catch numerous species of fresh water fish through the ice. My first catch of yellow perch often has my wife cooking them the next day. An order of shrimp fried rice and vegetable chow mein from the Food Works

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60 Maple St., Spencer, Ma
The Anna Maria College Music Department presents a "Christmas Festival Concert" from 2-4 p.m.
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7:30 p.m. start up
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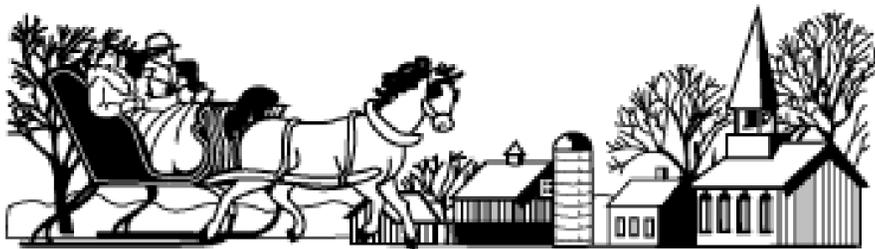
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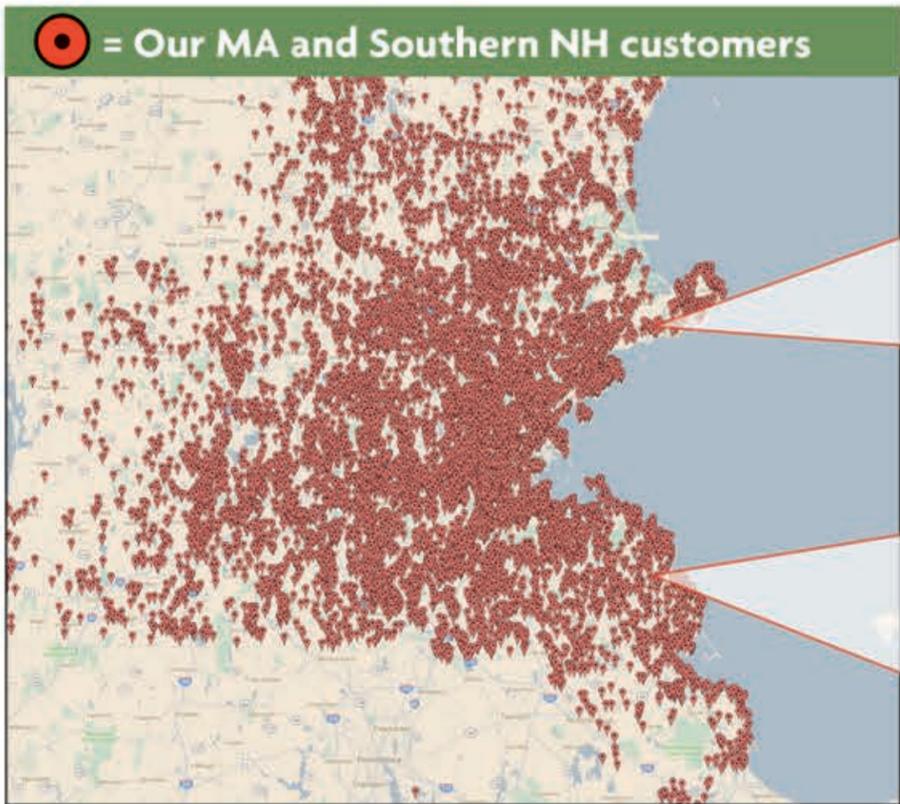
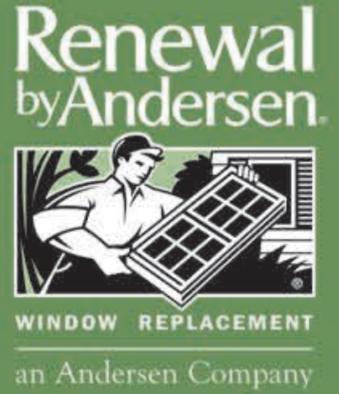
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HOLIDAY DRINKS

Warm up with a classic hot toddy this holiday season

Come the holiday season, hot toddies are ideal for entertaining, providing spirited fun and a means to chasing away the winter chill.

Hot toddies have been around for centuries. Usually a mix of a spirit — either whiskey, rum or brandy — hot water, honey and spices, some believe the word “toddy” comes from an Indian drink of the same name that is produced by fermenting the sap of palm trees. Other sources say the hot toddy was created by Dr. Robert Bentley Todd, an Irish physician who prescribed a drink made of brandy, white cinnamon, sugar syrup, and water. The drink was dubbed the “hot toddy.”

Hot drinks embellished with alcohol were long used for medicinal purposes. While alcoholic beverages are no longer used as medicine, hot toddies can still chase away a chill. “Grog” is another name given to hot alcoholic drinks, or any drink in which unmeasured amounts of spirits are mixed with other ingredients. Grog may also refer to a water-and-rum mixture that sea merchants once drank. The water kept the merchants hydrated, while the rum prevented the water from spoiling during voyages.

The classic hot toddy can be a versatile drink used to keep guests comfortable and cheerful. This warm libation is soothing and savory,



Soothe holiday visitors with a hot toddy. The combination of lemon, honey and whiskey makes hot toddies a comforting libation.

mixing citrus, honey and spices, which each have their various health benefits.

Although hot toddy recipes vary, the following is the recipe for a classic hot toddy, as culled

by recipes from Wine Enthusiast, Imbibe and PBS Food.

CLASSIC HOT TODDY

1 1/2 ounces bourbon,

whiskey or another brown liquor

1 tablespoon honey

1/2 ounce fresh lemon juice

1 cup boiling water

Cinnamon stick
Lemon wedge
Cloves or star anise

Combine liquor, lemon juice, honey, and boiling water together in a mug or Irish coffee glass. Push

cloves or star anise into the lemon wedge. Add the cinnamon stick and lemon wedge to the mug. Allow lemon and cinnamon stick to steep in the beverage for a few minutes. Stir and enjoy.

Sweet sangria adds fun to the festivities



with juice, spices and sweet liqueurs, such as brandy. Sangria is a punch that can be prepared in advance and served in a decorative bowl so guests can simply refill their drinks as needed.

Even though sangria is a summertime staple, simply adjusting the flavor profile can make this beverage perfect for any time of year. With this recipe for “Citrus Pomegranate Prosecco Punch,” courtesy of Ruffino wines, the drink takes on the familiar flavors of pomegranate and orange that tend to show up in the winter months. Plus, the sparkling prosecco gives it that light and fizzy feel that evokes a festive atmosphere.

CITRUS POMEGRANATE PROSECCO PUNCH

1/2 part orange juice
1/2 part pink grapefruit juice

1/4 part pomegranate juice

1 part Ruffino Prosecco, well chilled

Slices of assorted citrus and pomegranate seeds, to garnish

In a large pitcher or punch bowl with plenty of ice, combine the fruit juices. Pour the Ruffino Prosecco over top. Garnish generously with sliced citrus and pomegranate seeds. For best flavor, use freshly pressed juices as available. Ruffino Sparkling Rosé is a great choice for this recipe too. Make available coupe cocktail glasses for serving.

The holiday season is one of the most festive times of the year as social engagements fill up many people’s calendars. Seasoned hosts or hostesses often have a go-to list of foods and beverages available to ensure guests are treated to the best of the best.

One easy way to keep the beverages flowing is to have one or two signature drinks, such as sangria, at the ready that can be prepared in advance and then generously doled out as needed.

Sangria traces its origins to Spain. It is traditionally made with wine and chopped fruit. Since “sangria” is Spanish for “blood,” red wine is often the vintage of choice, though lighter wines can be used based on personal preference.

Sangria is often mixed

What to get the beer drinker on your holiday list



Craft beer enthusiasts who love to study how beer is made may appreciate a beer making kit. These kits typically are designed for novices, though shoppers also can find more advanced kits for beer lovers who have already begun to make their own ales, stouts and lagers. When shopping for a beer making kit, be sure to buy one that suits the space your loved has available. Some kits are ideal for apartments, while others require more space to set up.

• Magnetic bottle opener: Magnetic bottle openers save beer lovers the hassle of finding that ever-elusive bottle opener. Easily attached to the refrigerator, magnetic bottle openers can be customized with a loved one’s name and some even include a pocket that catches bottle caps as beers are opened. Small magnetic bottle openers make great stocking stuffers.

• Beer glasses: Though it might seem insignificant to non-beer drinkers, the glass in which beer is served goes a long way toward ensuring its flavor is fully enjoyed. Beer glasses are shaped differently for a reason, and craft brewers often give ample thought to the shape of the glasses their beers will be served in. Ensure your loved one is getting the most out of his or her favorite beer by purchasing a set of glasses from his or her favorite brewery.

Options abound when buying gifts for the beer drinker on your list this holiday season.

Craft beer is having its moment. According to the Brewers Association, the craft brewing industry experienced a 5 percent growth in 2017 and now accounts for more than 23 percent of the \$111.4 billion beer market in the United States.

Craft beer drinkers’ devotion to beer is perhaps only matched by their love of exploring new beers. The popularity of the geosocial networking service and mobile phone application Untappd, which allows its roughly seven million users to check in as they drink beers and share those check-ins with friends, is a testament to the passion many craft beer drinkers have for beer. Holiday shoppers with craft beer aficionados on their shopping

lists can consider these gift ideas when shopping for that loved one who loves nothing more than hoisting a pint.

• Pressurized growler: Craft breweries sell beer in cans and bottles, but many craft beer enthusiasts prefer to take their favorite ales home in growlers. Growlers are glass bottles, often gallon-sized, that contain beer poured directly from the tap. This may make the beer taste more fresh than it might out of cans or bottles, and it provides beer lovers with that unmistakable draft beer taste. Beer sold in traditional growlers may not stay fresh for more than a couple of days. But a pressurized growler can keep beer carbonated and fresh for weeks.

• Beer making kit:

HOLIDAY DRINKS

How to host a successful business dinner

Throughout the history of commerce, many a deal has been made at the dinner table. Business dinners are a great opportunity to lay a foundation for long, potentially lucrative professional relationships.

Etiquette is important when hosting business dinners, as a breach of decorum can derail a relationship before it even begins. Professionals tasked with hosting business dinners can take the following tips to heart before sitting down to break bread with their colleagues.

- Choose a restaurant that can cater to various diets. Hosting a business dinner can be similar to hosting family during the holiday season, when hosts must cater to guests with various food allergies and dietary restrictions. Asking for such information in advance of a business dinner may seem intrusive to guests, so try to find a restaurant that offers a flexible menu capable of accommodating vegetarians, vegans and guests who might be gluten-free. Avoid restaurants that specialize in styles of cuisine that might be unhealthy or so extraordinary that guests might be hesitant to order anything from the menu.

- Confirm the reservation. Make the reservation well in advance of the date of the dinner, and don't forget to confirm the reservation a week beforehand. Confirming a week beforehand gives hosts time to book another reservation should theirs have been canceled by mistake.

- Arrive at the restaurant before your guests. Hosts should arrive at the restaurant before their guests so they can address any potential issues in advance of the beginning of the

dinner. Arriving early gives hosts time to ensure the table set aside for their party is not in a heavily trafficked area of the restaurant, such as adjacent to the kitchen or restroom. Hosts who arrive later than their guests may also give guests the mistaken impression that they are unimportant.

- Let guests order first. Once everyone has sat down at the table, hosts should allow guests to order first. Doing so saves guests who don't want to eat that much the potential discomfort of sitting there while their hosts eat an appetizer and/or large entrée. If guests choose to abstain from alcohol, follow suit. If guests want to have a drink, hosts can limit their consumption to a single beverage.

- Don't eat too quickly or too slowly. Hosts should try to keep pace with their guests in regard to how quickly or slowly they eat. Guests might feel uncomfortable if they finish first or feel pressured to eat quickly if their hosts finish first.

- Pay in advance. Business dinner guests do not expect to pay for their meals. While it's widely accepted that hosts will pay, it can feel awkward to have the bill brought to the table. Upon arriving early, hosts can give their credit cards to the wait staff and ask that they be charged without having the bill brought to the table. If necessary, step away from the table during the meal to sign the bill and address any discrepancies.

Business dinners have sparked many successful professional relationships, often-times thanks to hosts who took the time to ensure the dinners went off without a hitch.



What are the differences between sparkling wines?



As midnight approaches on New Year's Eve, revelers anxiously anticipate toasting the arrival of a new year with a glass of something bubbly. Once the cork is popped and the drinks are poured, the party can truly begin. Although revelers may assume any fizzy beverage they are served is champagne, by the true definition of the word, they actually may be drinking something else — one of many varieties of sparkling wine.

TRUE CHAMPAGNE

Authentic champagne is named after Champagne, France, the region where the grapes used to make it are grown, fermented and bottled. According to European law, the only labels that are allowed to include

the grapes and how the grapes can be harvested and processed. Champagne is produced by méthode champenoise, a process that is said to have been invented by a monk named Dom Perignon. This procedure involves double fermentation in bottles and creates an earthy, yeasty flavor.

SPARKLING WINES

Champagne is sparkling wine, but not all sparkling wines are champagne. Other notable types of sparkling wine include Italian Prosecco and Spanish Cava. Sparkling wine is produced in regions of France as well as in the United States and Canada. But sparkling wine can be made just about anywhere grapes are grown. Sparkling wines are often double-fermented in steel containers instead of bottles.

People are drawn to other sparkling wines besides champagne for various reasons. For some, cost is a heavy consideration, as authentic champagne can be considerably more expensive than sparkling wine. In addition, some people find less expensive champagnes are not as palate-pleasing as sparkling wines.

Few things are more universally associated with celebrations than a bottle of bubbly. Subtle differences set sparkling wines apart from champagne, but personal preference is oftentimes the deciding factor when choosing which beverage to choose for a special occasion.

Wines to pair with your favorite foods

Pairing wines with your favorite foods can be intimidating. Professional and amateur sommeliers might know just the bottle to pair with that sizzling steak, but weekend warriors might not be so confident. The Food Network offers the following pairing tips to people looking for the right bottle to go with some popular foods.

- Steak: Cabernet Sauvignon is a red wine that's high in tannins. Novice wine drinkers might wonder why certain wines dye their mouth after drinking, and that's because of tannins. Steak softens the impact of tannins because of its fat content, making this an ideal pairing.

- Spaghetti and meatballs: Italian food and wine go hand-in-hand, and Chianti is a great wine to pair with spaghetti and meatballs. Chianti has a bold flavor, and the Food Network notes it has enough acidity to stand up to all the tomatoes and meat in spaghetti and meatballs.

- Indian cuisine: Fans of Indian cuisine no doubt like spicy foods, but that doesn't mean they wouldn't also enjoy some temporary relief from their fiery favorites. Rieslings, which tend to be low in alcohol content, are sweet white wines that can be just the thing to complement all that spiciness. The Food



Network notes that high-alcohol wines might make spicy Indian food feel even spicier, so if Riesling isn't your ideal wine, at least opt for another wine with a low ABV.

- Salmon: Seafood fans who love salmon might like it even more if they pair it with Pinot Noir. While many types of fish are best paired with white wine and Pinot Noir is a red, this pairing actually works well because the salmon stands up to the wine's bold flavor.

- Lamb: Red meat and red wine go great together, but different types of red meat pair better with different types of wine. Lamb and Bordeaux go great together because lamb has a gamey flavor that requires a rich, bold wine. Bordeaux fits that bill, allowing the rich, fatty lamb meat to absorb its tannins.

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<p>LIKE NEW 2017 FORD ESCAPE SE SUV #39138A  NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$28,045 WHOLESALE PRICE: \$18,744 SAVE \$9,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE! <i>4x4, 17" Alloys, Back-Up Camera, Turbo, Bluetooth, Satellite Radio.</i></p>	<p>LIKE NEW 2015 RAM 1500 EXPRESS CREW CAB #H0552  NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$39,585 WHOLESALE PRICE: \$27,999 SAVE \$11,600 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE! <i>Bedliner, 20" Alloys, iPod Input, 4x4, 5.7L V8 Hemi, Tow Hitch.</i></p>	<p>LIKE NEW 2017 HYUNDAI SANTA FE ULTIMATE #H0194  NEW RETAIL PRICE: \$40,335 WHOLESALE PRICE: \$26,999 SAVE \$13,300 OFF OF RETAIL PRICE! <i>Sport 2.0L Turbo Trim, Moonroof, Heated Leather, Alloys, Navigation.</i></p>
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