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Food pantry lauds efforts of Community Food Collaborative

Roberta Watson, director of the St. John Paul II Food Pantry, visited the Sturbridge Rotary Club recently and summarized the amount of fresh, organic vegetables delivered to the Food Pantry by the Community Food Collaborative.

"The total yield was 1,524 pounds from 20 different vegetables which generated a tremendous positive impact on those receiving this bounty" reported Roberta. "Favorites by the recipients were cabbage, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, summer squash, tomatoes, zucchini, watermelons and winter squash. Those impacted by the CFC's generosity each month were 831 people, which includes 164 seniors, and equates to an average of 310 households.

"Volunteer workers and clients from the St. John Paul II Food Pantry are so thankful to this community effort. We received beautifully tended and harvested produce from July to November. Gardening is a labor of love, endurance and faith. These gardeners and garden tenders are very much appreciated."

From the garden folks, the CFC feels proud of its accomplishment and especially for the health benefits received by those eating the fresh vegetables versus canned vegetables which typi-



Photo courtesy of Pauline White

Please Read **FOOD PANTRY**, page A2 Roberta Watson from the JP II Food Pantry

Tantasqua preparing for winter concerts

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

The music departments at Tantasqua Regional Junior High School and high school are getting ready for their annual winter concerts and will host four performances during the month of December, with the middle school's chorus concert on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7pm and their band concert on Monday, Dec. 17 at 7pm and the high school's show choir cabaret on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2pm and their band concert on Monday, Dec. 10 at 7pm.

The musical groups will be performing a mixture of holiday classics, such as "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson, and non-holiday selections with the goal of representing a variety of musical genres and styles and showcasing what the students have learned since the fall concerts in October.

All shows are open to the public and free of charge except for the show choir cabaret, for which there will be a fee. Tantasqua encourages community members to attend in order to support the students and give them an opportunity to showcase their talent and hard work to a receptive and encouraging audience.

"Music and the arts are an important part of our community," said Rob Raymond, the Tantasqua Performing Arts curriculum supervisor. "Our students work hard on improving their skills and enjoy showcasing these programs."

The young musicians at Tantasqua Regional Junior High School and High School are also very involved with the Worcester Youth Orchestras, which will have its annual Family Holiday Concert on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4pm at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. The concert will include the Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestras, the Wind Ensemble, which is directed by Tantasqua Regional Junior High School's instrumental director Lucy Colwell-Snyder, the Jazz Band and Combo, and the Worcester Children's Chorus. Ticket prices for reserved balcony seating range from \$5 to \$17 and ticket prices for table dinner seating range from \$25 to \$52.

"We do encourage students to be a part of the Worcester Youth Orchestras and other youth groups outside of Sturbridge, including the Springfield Youth Symphony and Boston Youth Symphony,"

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Christmas feasts ready for hilarity



Photos courtesy Gary Peck

This year's Feast cast at dress rehearsal.

Once again, Saint John Paul II Parish in Southbridge will be sponsoring its annual

Medieval Christmas Feasts on the second weekend of December. The dinners, pre-

pared by a professional caterer, feature entertainment from start to finish in the context of a late medieval castle banquet with singing, hanging of the greens, procession of the boar's head and flaming pudding. Of special interest is the court jester whose humor brings both laughter and joy to this holiday observance.

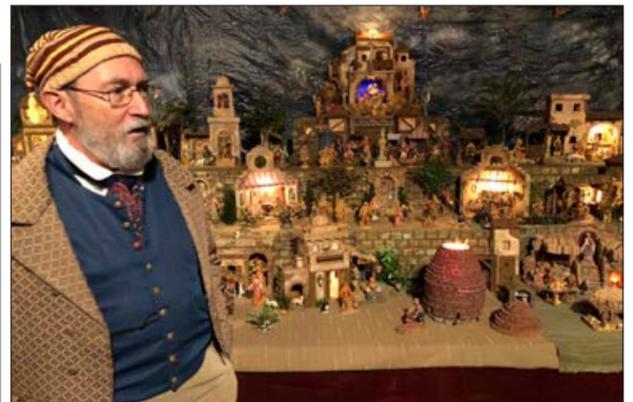
Similar to a Renaissance Fair but in a sacred context, these dinners are

sure to put you in the Christmas spirit!

The dinners take place all weekend, Friday, Dec. 7, Saturday Dec. 8 and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6:00 p.m. each night. The site is the LaSalle Reception Center at Notre Dame Church, 444 Main St., Southbridge. The cost is \$30 per person with a group discount for a table of eight available. To purchase tickets, contact (508) 320-2583 or email Choir.jp2@gmail.com



The ladies of Medieval Feast.



Annie Sandoli photos

Thomas Hopkins with his handmade nativity

OSV celebrates first night of Christmas by Candlelight

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

Old Sturbridge Village had a magical opening night on Friday, Nov. 30 as visitors went back in time to take part in Christmases of the 19th century.

A light snowfall made the evening unforgettable as soon as guests walked into the village by coating everything with a thin layer of white, including the giant evergreen wreath that greets each person upon arrival and the 40 foot Town Common Christmas tree that was celebrating its first lighting of the season.

"Tonight is your night to go back to a time when Christmas was less hurried," said the village's director of public programs Jim O'Brien to the crowd at the tree lighting ceremony. "It is your night to escape the commercialism of Christmas."

The entire village was inundated with interactive holiday traditions. In the Small House, two interpreters roasted chestnuts over a fire for visitors to try. A Christmas Carol sing-along took place in the Center Meetinghouse. At the District School, guests enjoyed readings of classic Christmas stories such as A

Visit from St. Nicholas. The Salem Towne House boasted Christmas vignettes on the main floor and homemade gingerbread samples in the basement. The workers in the Printing Office spent the evening teaching guests about the tradition of sending Christmas cards. In the Tin Shop, interpreters showed visitors how to make icicle-like ornaments by twisting pieces of tin. The Fitch House was celebrating Christmas with yule logs and wassail bowls, giving out samples of mulled cider to guests. The interpreters in the Fenno House taught visitors about the traditions of hanging stockings by the chimney and making ornaments to hang on a tree.

"My favorite part of this event is talking to everyone who comes in about their holiday traditions," said Jean Contino, the coordinator of households and domestic crafts at Old Sturbridge Village, who spent the evening making traditional ornaments out of straw.

"It brings up family and things about different holiday traditions all around the world."

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Joshua Hyde Library hosts holiday food drive

From now through Dec. 15, Joshua Hyde Public Library is taking donations for a holiday food drive, offering a way to give back to the community and help those who rely on food pantries to feed themselves and their families.

All donations received will benefit Food Share, a local pantry that is located in the basement of the Catholic Charities

building at 79 Elm St. in Southbridge and provides food to people all over Central Massachusetts.

The library is asking that members of the community bring in nonperishables such as canned goods, cereals, and peanut butter as a way to support the work that Food Share does. No expired food will be accepted.

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STURBRIDGE CHRISTMAS

(To have services included, email to ruth@stonebridgepress.news)

SPECIAL SERVICES

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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

AREA CHURCHES

First Congregational Church of Brimfield: has announced its Christmas Eve schedule. Monday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Services: 7:00 p.m. Family Worship. All are invited to join us in this joyous service as we sing and pray to honor the birth of our Lord and Savior.

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service: A more 'traditional' Christmas Eve Service. Please join us in this quiet and reflective service which leads us into Christmas Day.

Media employees unionize in western Massachusetts

BY JERRY CARTON
COURIER CORRESPONDENT

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

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

Efforts to unionize in Northampton began last year when Gazette executive editor Jeff Good said he was fired for supporting equal pay for female employees though corporate officials say that wasn't the case. Publisher Michael Rifanburg has folded the Advocate into the features department of the

Gazette and reduced staff, citing lower readership and tariffs on Canadian newsprint as factors for the moves.

"We're feeling the pinch," he said.

However, state Rep. Jim O'Day isn't buying it.

"Hopefully they'll let the process unfold in a democratic way," he said, adding, "I think whenever workers can come together, whether it's for better working conditions, greater wages, better hours, you name it, I think it's beneficial to those workers and their families."

Organizing into a union isn't as easy as it used to be, not since the Supreme Court delivered a blow to such efforts during the summer. If Newspapers of New England doesn't agree voluntarily to recognize the union,

organizers will have to ask the National Labor Relations Board to distribute ballots to the 72 members. However, prior to that ruling employees at the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune and the New Yorker magazine had voted to unionize.

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

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

A timetable for resolution of the Northampton effort is uncertain.

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cally contain lots of salt.

The CFC garden is the first project of the Rotary Community Corps of Sturbridge and Southbridge. The CFC is independently organized and operates totally by volunteers from the surrounding communities. The garden project was formed in the fall of 2017 with its first planting season in the spring of 2018. With a full slate of officers and over 90 volunteers, this group had a tremendous first growing season.

Three members of the CFC leadership team attending the Rotary Club meeting shared

their thoughts.

"In an effort to maximize our efforts, many hours were spent to get the garden infrastructure in place and learning the skill sets of who should be doing what. We've learned a lot this first growing season so we should be better able to improve on what we're doing. Expanding the garden is our first priority in 2019. We've had very generous donors this year, not only with funds to purchase materials and equipment but with in-kind donations and very supportive volunteers," said a speaker.

"We are in the process of creating a formal draw-

ing to present to the town of Sturbridge for approval. Once approved we'll look for estimates for excavation, fencing and irrigation. We're not resting this winter. We want to keep the momentum going."

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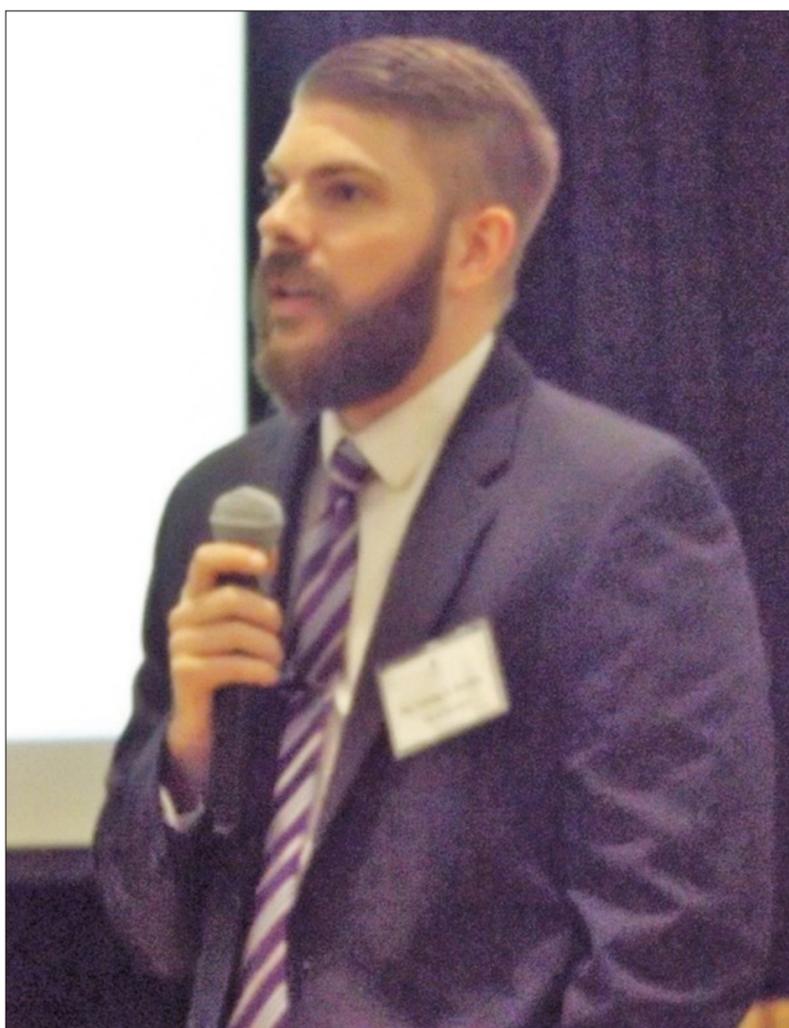
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Leadership requires emotional intelligence



Dr. Craig Bailey

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

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

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

As Craig Bailey told a dinner forum at Nichols last week, that word is an acronym for Recognize, Understand, Label, Express and Regulate, and it specifically refers to how to deal with something

everyone has, but many don't deal with too well – emotions.

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

He later observed members of groups need to know their leaders "have those feelings and what you do when you have those feelings. It's not just about having your emotions on your sleeves

all the time."

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

"We end up remembering things that have a lot of emotional significance to us," Bailey said. "If you're not doing things that are meaningful, you won't remember them."

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

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

To get an idea of how the roughly 25 participants thought about both leadership and what they wanted to feel in the workplace or similar organization, Bailey simply asked them. The responses were not surprising. Among the former, they said leaders need empathy, bring out the best in others, set things up so that "if you step out, others can carry on," and "have to have yourself squared away to help anybody else." Regarding the latter, they wanted a sense of pride and accomplishment, to be respected, connected, and productive, and feel, as one stated, the group is "a second family."

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

"It's more a reflection of the society we live in," not just those settings, Bailey noted. He points back to childhood, arguing, "children today don't talk about emotions because we as a society don't talk about emotions. The students are just a reflection of us."



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

Emotions, Bailey said, are based in biology.

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

Because they're so closely linked to basic survival needs, strong emotions tend to overrule the evolutionarily much more recent executive cortex, which is responsible for problem solving and logical decision making. But when we recognize that process in action, we can choose to step back and give ourselves the time to think about it, rather than just react. One way to put ourselves in a better mental state, Bailey suggested, is to take a moment to actually look at a photo (real or cell-phone) and remember whatever gives us joy. At the same time, we can help others by guiding them out of whatever the situation is that's stimulating them.

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Harrington names providers of the year

SOUTHBRIDGE — Harrington HealthCare System crowned its 2018 Providers of the Year at a recent celebration at The Barn at Wight Farm in Sturbridge.

This year, gynecologist-urogynecologist Dr. Christine Carey and family medicine nurse practitioner Kim Vetal won the distinguished honor following open nominations in October.

The Provider of the Year award has been given annually since 2011. This is the first year the healthcare system has given two awards: one for a physician and one for an advanced practice practitioner.

Carey has been a women's health provider at Harrington Hospital for 22 years. She joined Harrington Physician Services in 2009. She currently practices gynecology and urogynecology in Suite G05 on the Southbridge campus alongside doctors Mark Simonelli, Kirti Patel and nurse practitioner Maryanne Vogel.

Carey was also the recipient of the Worcester Telegram Best of Central Mass Physician of the Year award, successfully earning more votes than four other local physicians. She was honored at a celebration at the DCU Center which occurred the night after Harrington's.

Vetal began working in Brimfield as a family medicine practitioner in 2003, later joining Harrington Physician Services. She currently works alongside doctors Ruth Benet, Shannon Short-Graley, James Goodwin, and nurse practitioner Kristine Roth.

All members of Harrington's community — volunteers, board members, patients, employees or other medical staff — were eligible to nominate an MD, DO, NP or PA. The nomination form required a description of how the provider exemplified the values and characteristics of the award, which include being caring, collegial, safe, cooperative, flexible, available and reliable.

The winner is selected by a committee made up of the chief medical officer, the medical staff president, the chief executive officer, and previous years' winners: Dr. Paul Santolucito, Dr. Paul Harrington, Dr. John Tumolo, Dr. Tina Render, Dr. Talal Bou-Harb, Dr. Issam Oneysand Dr. Giza High.

In total, 32 physicians and 19 advanced practitioners from Harrington's medical staff were nominated for the award.



Courtesy photo

The 2018 Harrington Providers of the Year are, left: Christine Carey, MD, FACOG, gynecology and urogynecology (with husband, Ed) and, right: Kim Vetal, NP, family medicine (second from left, with medical staff President Dr. Frank Powers, Harrington President and CEO Ed Moore and chief medical officer Dr. Art Russo).

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Most Common Home Inspection Issues?

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

Realtor to decide if this would be your best approach or not.

If you do not do a pre-inspection it is good to go through the house and look for obvious issues that could come up on an inspection. Some of these may seem not to be a big deal but when adding them all together the buyer will get concerned. Some common issues I see are

Radon in the basement area and many times buyer will ask seller to repair

Water quality and quantity test which may result in a new well or mitigation systems for contaminants

Old stains on ceiling. Make sure to paint the and resolve source of stain. Also if there are stained ceiling tiles replace them as well. This is many times an old roof leak, an ice dam or



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even a sweating piped which could be wrapped to prevent dripping

GFCI's either not installed in kitchens or bathrooms or not working properly. Ensure your kitchen and baths have GFCI's and they are working properly

Water leaking into the electric panel. Have someone seal around the entry of the main electric line into house if that is the cause

Double tapped breakers. Have an electrician evaluate your electric panel and install additional breakers if there is space where there are doubletapped breaker

Decks missing joist hanger and lag bolts. Just proactively install joist hangers where needed and lag bolt the

deck to house.

Open Junction boxes. Cover thee to prevent concerns

Boiler not cleaned or serviced. Make sure boiler or furnace has been cleaned in last 12 months and also ensure there is a tag on the boiler

Lack of caulking arounds baths and sinks. Proactively recaulk around sink and tub.

Garage door not reversing when eyes are walked past or tension is placed on door. Have the eyes and the stop reverse adjusted.

Water leaking into basement. Proactively seal any cracks in walls that you can.

I know there are many more but I think you get the point. Either hire an inspector or take a quick walk around your home with your realtor and have them make suggestions on things you should proactively do to ensure you don't have issue down the road.

Six steps to stop porch pirates this holiday season



Courtesy photo

This is just tempting the porch pirates

BY SHANNON BOYLE,
CONTENT MARKETING SPECIALIST FOR
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The holiday season is in full swing and online shoppers

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

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

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

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

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

report it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SENIOR SCENE

Brimfield Senior Center

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Lunch: Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reservations required by 11AM on previous day. \$2.00 suggested donations. See calendar for menu list.

We have changed the suggested donations for classes. Amount for 55 and up \$2, under 55, \$3.

The Senior Center will be closed on December 24th and 25th for Christmas.

Weekly Activities:

Lunch Club. Get together for food, fun, and camaraderie at a different restaurant each month. This is a social club offered through the Friend's of the Brimfield Senior Center. The December lunch will be at 12:15 PM on the 7th.

We will meet at The Oxhead Tavern in Sturbridge. Please sign up no later than December 5th so reservations can be made. This is a self-pay lunch club.

Strength Training Classes: Mondays and Thursdays 9-10 AM. A total body workout to upbeat music. Uses hand weights and exercise bands.

Tai Chi - Qigong Classes: Tuesdays and Fridays at 9-10 AM This enjoyable class strengthens tendons, aids in fall prevention, balance and overall well-being.

Gentle Arthritis and Chair Yoga Combo Class: 10 AM Tuesdays. The perfect combination for those who need gentle exercise for joint pain and a gentle form of yoga to stretch your muscles regain flexibility. This class ends with quiet breathing and meditation exercises that help you ease discomfort

and calm your mind. Work at your own pace and ability level (suitable for wheelchair/chair bound)

Bingo: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Join our group for fun and CASH prizes. Snacks and beverages provided. \$1 per card, 25¢ per game. Coverall prize \$10.

December 7th
Planning, Crochet & Knitting

December 14th:
Brown Bag pick up between 11AM and 12:30PM

December 18th:
11AM to 12PM: Senator Gobi office hour. Meet with Tyler Wolanin, District Director for Ann Gobi. Please call the Senior Center at 245-7253 for Tyler's November Schedule.

10:30-11:30 Blood Pressure

Massage with Vicki 9:15-11:15, by appointment only. \$5 for ten minutes, \$15 for twenty minutes.

December 20th

11AM Christmas Concert starring the incredible students from Brimfield Elementary. Join us for this great holiday tradition. Lunch is available immediately after for a suggested \$2 donation. Pier 17 fish/tartar sauce; scalloped potatoes; spinach; rye bread and dessert. Please reserve lunch by 11AM on Dec. 19th.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Beginning Jan. 7th and running for 8 consecutive weeks. This Support Group is sponsored by the Brimfield Senior Center and facilitated by Rev. Dawn M. Adams.

CONCERTS

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said Raymond.

Although all young musicians in Central Massachusetts are welcome to join the Worcester Youth Orchestras, participants are chosen based on an audition and many Tantasqua students have made it in even though the school

has no direct affiliation with the organization.

"We have in the past and do currently have students in some of these ensembles," said Raymond.

Tantasqua will have several other music department concerts this school year, including a Memorial Day concert, at which all past and active military officers are encouraged to attend, and a June concert. Both will be held in

the high school auditorium.

For more information on upcoming winter concerts or the music departments at Tantasqua, go to <http://www.tantasqua.org>.

For further details on the Worcester Youth Orchestras or to purchase tickets for the Annual Family Holiday Concert, go to <http://www.worcester-youthorchestras.org>.

FOOD DRIVE

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Food Share is open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 to 11:15am to give out food to needy individuals and families in the community. Anyone who is struggling to make ends meet is welcome to go to the pantry during these hours to get food as long as they bring a valid Massachusetts ID.

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Homemade holiday gifts: high in creativity, short on cash

The holidays are here, and if you're scrambling to find the perfect present on a budget, you're not alone. Before you run out to search a token present from picked over department store leftovers, or recharge a chain store gift card, read on. This year's gift giving philosophy is all about back to basics and a homemade touch can make the difference between a dull or dazzling present. Read on for some new and old gift ideas that represent some of my favorites!

Festive Guest Soaps: These fragrant soaps are a nod to nostalgic soaps from days of yore. Fancy, yet practical, these impressive soaps make the perfect hostess present. Or add a few to a basket along with a pair of coordinating hand towels for a sensational gift set.

Ingredients: glycerin bar soap (available at dollar stores); dried flowers such as lavender, chamomile, etc.; dried herbs or herbal tea bags; essential oils.

Instructions: Cut glycerin soap bars into chunks and melt in a double boiler or (carefully) in the microwave. Stir until melted. Skim off any top residue that may form. Gently stir in dried flowers and herbs. Pour melted glycerin into soap or candle molds. When thoroughly cool, remove soap from mold. Embellish for gift giving by wrapping a grosgrain ribbon once around the soap, securing with a floral sticker. Or wrap in tissue paper and tie off with ribbon.

Homemade glycerin soaps are fantastic bath gift items for family members too. Chop unscented glycerin soap bars and melt.

For men: toss in a little white sand for an effective abrasive hand soap that's ideal for the workshop.

For women: the addition of poppy seeds, oatmeal or coffee grounds makes an excellent exfoliant soap.

For kids: Poke a plastic bug or other small safe toy surprise in the soap before setting.

Gourmet Condiment Basket: Fancy imported mustards and gourmet vinegars can be costly. All you need are some inexpensive ingredients and a few embellishments to conjure up a gift basket worthy of the fussiest of cooks! Mix up a couple of small jars of flavored mustard and add a tall decanter of vinegar for a complete gift.

Base Mustard Recipe
This base recipe uses the addition of ingredients (posted below) to prepare various gourmet mustards. Makes one cup.

Ingredients: Three ounces of brown or yellow mustard seeds; one quarter cup brown sugar; one teaspoon salt; one teaspoon cracked pepper; one teaspoon turmeric; seven eighths of a cup wine or white vinegar.

Instructions: In a blender, mix together mustard seeds, sugar, salt, pepper and turmeric. Add the vinegar one tablespoon at a time to form a coarse paste. Let mixture rest for about 15 minutes. Add the additional gourmet ingredient flavors below. Spoon into a tightly capped jar. Label jar with mustard name. Make up a gift tag with instructions to allow mustard to cure for two weeks before serving.

Gourmet Blend Additions (add to one cup base recipe)

Clove Spice Mustard: add one teaspoon of cloves; **Tarragon Mustard:** add a pinch of cloves and one teaspoon tarragon; **Horseradish Mustard:** add up to one tablespoon of grated horseradish; **Hot Garlic Mustard:** add one dried chili pepper and one garlic clove.

Note: Small jelly canning jars are ideal for packaging gift mustards. You can fill two jars with this one cup recipe. Use your computer to make up unique labels.



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

Scented Home Décor Medallions: These fragrant air fresheners make a fashion statement! They can be hung on a doorknob, in a closet or all around the house. These can be made with candy or candle molds as well as soap molds.

Materials: Plaster of Paris; pearly craft paint; essential oil; soap or candle molds; ribbon

Instructions: Mix plaster according to directions on package and pour into molds. Each medallion requires two identical molds. When completely dry, remove from molds. Using a pearl or enamel, paint front and sides of each form as desired. Leave a small area at the top of each mold unpainted. Apply a finish coat over paint. When dry, apply several drops of essential oil to the top of medallion. The unpainted area is porous and fragrance will be absorbed by the medallion. Cut a loop of ribbon and glue to the back of one mold. Glue the molds together back to back, securing carefully with a vise if necessary to press seams together. When dry and secure, suspend wherever a fresh scent is desired.

Heirloom Tea Spoons: Vintage silverplate spoons coated with candy provide a sentimental sweet treat for tea drinkers. Silver plated spoons are inexpensive and readily available at flea markets or antique shops. Wrap a few of these stirrers in cellophane and tie with a ribbon. To sweeten the deal present a matching set of spoons along with a selection of loose tea.

Ingredients: Approximately 35 pieces hard candy,

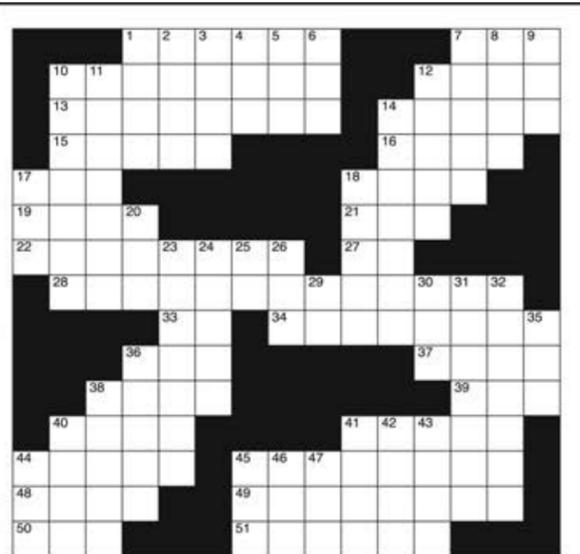
crushed (lemon and cinnamon are great with tea); two tablespoons corn syrup.

Directions: Line a cookie sheet with wax paper and spray with cooking spray. In a heavy saucepan combine crushed candies and corn syrup. Melt over low heat stirring frequently. Spoon candy into bowl of each spoon. Place spoons on cookie sheet with handles on rims to make spoons level. Allow to harden.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Doctor's clothes
- 7. NYC ballplayer
- 10. Flying vessels
- 12. Created
- 13. Convert
- 14. WWII battle
- 15. A cravat with wide square ends
- 16. Month in the Jewish calendar
- 17. Value
- 18. Brews
- 19. Child's eating accessory
- 21. Arrived extinct
- 22. Of the sea
- 27. Potato state
- 28. Leading man
- 33. Blood type
- 34. Oppressed
- 36. "Much ___ about nothing"
- 37. World's longest river
- 38. deGrom and Sale are two
- 39. Crafty
- 40. At all times
- 41. Twins great Hunter
- 44. Volcanic craters
- 45. Outpouring
- 48. Where a baby sleeps
- 49. Dancing a Brazilian dance
- 50. Unhealthy
- 51. Manufacturers

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Prevents harm to young
- 2. The Muse of history
- 3. Fascinated by
- 4. Unnilhexium
- 5. Honey maker
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 7. They hang out with papas
- 8. German river
- 9. Domain name
- 10. Type of chair
- 11. Fill someone with an urge
- 12. Sorceress
- 14. Unpleasant smell
- 17. Leg (slang)
- 18. Farewell
- 20. A life summary
- 23. Merchants
- 24. Southeastern Nigerians
- 25. Of I
- 26. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Atomic #3 (abbr.)
- 30. A type of sister
- 31. Omission of a sound
- 32. Screaming
- 35. Ottoman title
- 36. Sour
- 38. Take advantage of
- 40. Nobleman
- 41. Cathode ray was one
- 42. Long, winding ridge
- 43. Muckraking journalist
- 44. Defunct phone company
- 45. Military telecommunications term (abbr.)
- 46. Supervises flying
- 47. Firearms manufacturer

AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

Friday, Saturday & Sunday December 7, 8 & 9

MEDIAEVAL CHRISTMAS FEASTS: The dinners are scheduled Friday, Dec. 7, Saturday Dec. 8 and Sunday Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. each evening at the LaSalle Reception Center at Notre Dame Church, 444 Main St., Southbridge. Tickets are \$30 per person with a group discount for tables of eight available. For information or to order tickets call (508) 320-2583 or email Choir.jp2@gmail.com.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8

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

SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE: Auburn's Scouting Troop 101 will have

Christmas wreaths, baskets, and logs on sale at the Auburn Post Office on Saturdays Dec. 1 and 8, from 9AM-noon. Help fund Scouting activities! For inquiries or pre-sale, call George (774-239-2240)

Saturday December 15

SANTA VISITS THE FARM: December 15th from 1pm to 7pm. Holiday open house at the Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas with hot mulled cider and holiday cookies. Come get your holiday shopping done. Unique gifts at the country store. Santa wants to hear what you want for Christmas! Come tell Santa your wishes and get your photo taken with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. Photographer Kayla of Kayla Photographer & Art will be there to capture the moment. Santa will be in a private room.

HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL: Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St, Oxford will hold its annual Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish

hall. Chances on Baskets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A free ticket will be given for a donation of food, hats or gloves/mittens which will be given to the Oxford Food Shelf. In addition to Baskets, we will have Christmas hats and stockings which can be embroidered with a name for \$5. A hearty lunch will be available for \$5 as well as a bountiful bake table. Tours of our beautiful sanctuary on request. Contact Carol Uppgard for more info at 508-987-5680.

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

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Roasting chestnuts in the Small House



Making ornaments in the tin shop



Jim O'Brien (right) giving the tree lighting speech with carolers in the back



Christmas carol sing-along

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A storybook twist recreated the Christmas Carol in several of the village's buildings for the second year in a row, transforming the Parsonage into the home of Bob Cratchit and his family and the temporary dwelling of the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Parsonage Barn into Fezziwig's with live music, dance lessons, and refreshments, and the Law

Office into the counting office of Ebenezer Scrooge and Jacob Marley.

The handmade miniature nativity that depicts the Little Town of Bethlehem, an annual favorite, was on display in the Friends Meetinghouse and was accompanied by readings of Nativity bible verses throughout the evening. The makers, Thomas Hopkins, a past interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village, and his husband Darrell Hopkins, have been

setting up their display at Christmas by Candlelight for 15 years.

"A lot of the nativity is based on things we do here at the village, which are timeless crafts," said Thomas. "It also includes many of the crafts they did in the time before Christ, such as stonemasonry."

The Christmas spirit was by no means trapped inside the buildings. Roaming carolers filled the cold air with Christmas music and a bonfire

on the town common warmed up wanderers. Horse-drawn carriage rides encircled the common throughout the evening, with some guests singing "Jingle Bells" as they rode through the village.

With only one weekend underway, Christmas by Candlelight at Old Sturbridge Village will be creating more 19th century magic throughout the month of December and in the years to come.

"There are a lot of things that go on during this event and it's all about traditions," said O'Brien. "Every year we change something up and

make sure there are always surprises for people who come every year, but since we are all about traditions, a lot of it actually does remain the same."

Christmas by Candlelight will continue to take place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings from 3 to 8 pm now through Dec. 23, with a bonus night on Thursday, Dec. 20. Regular priced tickets are \$28 for adults, \$14 for youth ages 4 to 17, and children 3 and under are free.

For more information on Christmas by Candlelight or to purchase tickets, go to <https://www.osv.org/event/cbc>.



Jean Contino making ornaments out of straw in the Fenno House



Roaming carolers in front of the Salem Towne House

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

GRADE 7

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

Honors: Auburn: Amanda Wilbur; Charlton: Colin Brush; Dudley: Don Sousa; Holden: Liaidan Van Dyke; Millbury: Patrick Sheehan; Northborough: Craig Mitchell; Paxton : Robert Reynolds; Whitinsville: Natalie Overstreet; and Worcester: Emily Charlton, Isabella Vigliotti, Emberlynn Cao, Aidan Coppinger, Jonathan Doucette, Grace Williams, Jack McGrath, Miriam Greenslit, Caroline Harris

GRADE 8

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

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

GRADE 9

High Honors: Auburn: Claudia Symonick; Hudson: Benjamin Kushi; Millville

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

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

GRADE 10

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

Honors: Auburn: Matt Card, Kevin Ly, An Nguyen; Charlton: Mary Graff, Yuqi Han; Clinton: Issaih Agnew; Holden: David Prosser; Leicester: Jared Dahlgren, Christian Rivera; Medway: Anita Cuff; Milford: Ashby Norris; North Grosvenordale: Lillian Krynski; North Grafton: Anmarie Huggett; Oxford: Cienna Barszcz, Daniel Depatie, Christopher Mahlert; Paxton: Jillian Reynolds; Putnam, CT: William Aldredge; Rochdale : James Flanagan; Shrewsbury: Conor McTigue, Natalia Moura-Westdijk, Henry Seo, Seth Williams, Jongmin Lee; Southbridge: Amy Loin; Spencer: Kalli McCutcheon, Amanda Scannell; Sturbridge: Arianna Lester; Uxbridge: Kira Sullivan; Whitinsville: Mateo Morrisette, Robert Pingeton; Worcester: Isabel Ayers, Jacob Bowden, Anthony Cao, Emeline Class, Gianni DeProspro, Kaylee DeSiata, Paige DeSiata, Emily DiLiddo, Cristiaan Giovanangelo-Nicotera, Caitlin Graham, Randy Guarango, Willaim Huo,

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GRADE 11

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

Honors: Auburn: Anna Pyche, Nathalie Soto; Charlton: Janelle Schulman; Dudley: Colby Fenton; East Brookfield: Alexander Demarski; Grafton: Jack Chen; Jefferson: Madison Ayik; Leicester: Katelyn Leopard; Marlborough: Abigail Spitzer; Mendon: Priscilla Younces; Milford: Rachael Allegakoen; Millbury: Ariel Ji, Faith Sheehan; North Grafton: Picheng Li; Oxford : Abigail Duval; Putnam, CT: Thomas Aldredge; Shrewsbury: Emily Baril, Renee Baril, Sean Hammitt, Yunyi Jiang, Rylie Murphy, Yejun Qiu, Ian Wu; South Grafton: Isabella Diorio; Southborough: Isabelle Lindhurst; Spencer: Abigail Manfield, Ryleigh Modig; Sturbridge: Rebecca Kowal; Sutton: Karina Leblanc; Webster: Jessica Gardner, Ashley Wentworth; Westborough: Rachel Liazos, Declan Roche; Whitinsville: Lindsey Sanderson; Worcester: Anna Camfield, Linda Collesei, Ferras Coulibaly, Crystal Di, Ava Diggs, Jaina Edmonds, Abigail Erickson, Kamille Hylton, Celine Jia, Rahmya, Kelley, Esther Kim, Kayla Leong, McKenzie Logan, Yudong Luo, Olivia Lupisella, Brendan McGee, Amina Mohammed, Roshara Morgan, Astrid Otchere, Brett Pullman, Passapong Ruksee, Edward Shon, Emily Vo, Calvin Wang, Sky Weng, Mars Xu, Bruce Yu.

GRADE 12

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

Honors: Auburn : Jasmine Tao; Charlton: Emma Bailen, Kenneth Graff; Grafton: Gabriela Vescio; Hudson: Katherine Regis; Marlborough: Stephanie Monteiro; Millbury: Jillian Carew; Millville: Michelle Riley; Oxford: Kathryn Horan; Rochdale: Erin Socha; Shrewsbury: Olivia Ankrah, Nancy Guo, Wendy Zhang; Spencer: Morgan Woolard; Sutton: Reanna Mankaryous, Sabrina Woolf; Uxbridge: Ethan Hickey, Matthew Worthington; Webster: Morgan Richardson; Whitinsville: Marcos Morrisette; Worcester:

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Macharia awarded training grant



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

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

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Deer hunting yielded prolific harvest in state

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

He state that the largest buck was 186 pounds and many of the deer were in great shape. One bystander asked about the tick problem, and if the deer were carrying a lot of them this year. They did not seem to be as bad as last year, and in fact some of the deer had very



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few or none that could be detected during the quick survey.

Mike and his associate were also asked about the possible changes coming in 2020, in reference to the change in bag limits for wild turkey. Hunters could have a two bird limit in the spring, which could be taken on the same day, and still have a tag for the fall season, if the proposals are passed. We all know how tough it is to get hunting regulations changed in Massachusetts so we will just need to wait for the Fish & Wildlife board to act on their new proposals.

Local anglers are getting their ice fishing gear in order for the first ice. First ice is always dangerous and always has some one falling through

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EDITORIAL

Loss of a statesman

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

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

His modest adage was that no single person was ever wholly responsible either for triumph or failure.

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

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

He proved them wrong.

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

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

He was a diplomat.

He was a number cruncher.

He understood tactics and strategy.

He was a veteran.

He was a devoted husband and father.

He was a successful business man.

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

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

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

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

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

Goodbye Mr. President.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fontaine: message of hope

To the Editor:

The Quaboag community has gone through a difficult time to say the least. My daughter experienced tremendous loss as a senior at Quaboag High School last year with the loss of two close friends in the terrible 11/7/2017 accident that took the lives of Lena Noonan, Jaclyn Desrosiers, and Christian Congelos. That incident impacted the entire community and the pain still echoes today.

While my daughter and her former classmates have been dealing with the one-year anniversary of that loss, the same community suffered another loss as her friend who she graduated with, Tyler Kubert, lost his life tragically last week. Then, as she got home from Tyler's funeral this past Friday, she found out that Joe Noonan, her first basketball coach and Lena's dad, lost his long battle with cancer. The Noonan family alone has experienced its share of untold grief and loss.

As her dad, my heart is completely broken for my little girl. I hate seeing her in such pain. I want to be a hero to her and take away the grief and sadness she is enduring. I want to say some magic words that will take her pain away. As a pastor, I want to do the same thing for her friends and classmates, and for the families who have suffered such terrible loss. Yet, as much as I desperately want to be a hero, I know that I am not able to take away anyone's pain. I can sit with them. I can talk with

them. I can hug them. I can cry with them. But, take away their pain? That is beyond my abilities.

The holidays are always a time when grief can resurface in powerful ways. Many will feel distraught, lost, and grief-stricken, desperately looking for hope in the holiday season.

Real hope isn't found in a season, though. Real hope is found in a person, in the One who the holiday is all about: Jesus Christ. The Savior who came to earth 2000 years ago is the only one who can heal your grief. He is the only One who can bring real comfort, real peace, and real hope to those who are hurting.

Right now, life may seem like it's piling on top of you. Grief and sadness may be overwhelming you. You may feel like you are drowning in a sea of never-ending trials and troubles.

But, when Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior, He will walk through those troubles with you. The Christ who came 2000 years ago will never leave you alone. He will never forsake you! You don't have to walk through the dark valleys of life alone. While I can't say any magic words to make your pain disappear, there IS real hope for you this Christmas because you can find real hope in the Messiah, the Christ-child, the Savior of the world - Jesus Christ, the newborn King!

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Take advantage of tax diversification



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As an investor, you will have access to accounts that are taxed differently from one another. And it's possible you could

benefit from tax diversification by owning accounts in these three categories:

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

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

Tax-free - When you invest in a Roth IRA/Roth 401(k), you don't get an immediate tax deduction, but your earnings, as well as your withdrawals, are tax-free, provided you do not start taking withdrawals until you're 59 1/2 and you have had your account at least five years. (However, income restrictions do apply to Roth IRAs.)

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

If you only focus on traditional, tax-deferred accounts, you could end up with larger tax bills than you anticipated when you retire and start tapping into these accounts, particularly when you must start taking withdrawals - called "required minimum distributions" - when you reach 70 1/2. By having money in accounts with different tax treatments, you may have more flexibility in structuring your withdrawals during retirement, based on your year-to-year tax situation.

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

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In case you missed it

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



...AND ONE MORE THING...
 GREG VINE

Last Friday, in the hope that no one would notice in the mayhem of Black Friday sales, the Trump administration dropped a 1,600-page report on climate change which was drafted by 13 federal agencies and more than 300 leading scientists. So, in my very small way, I'm hoping my little essay will thwart the hopes of the administration and draw your attention to the National Climate Assessment released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration after 2 1/2 years of study.

Naturally, President Trump declared before jumping into Marine One on his way to address a gathering of his cult followers in Mississippi: "I don't believe it."

The following day, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, who does an impressive job portraying a presidential hand-puppet, declared the report is "not based on fact."

Nothing less, I guess, should be expected from an administration led by someone who has declared climate change to be a hoax perpetrated on a naive world by those inscrutable Chinese.

Well, since President Trump wouldn't recognize the truth if it weighed eight tons and plummeted out of the sky and onto the 18th green at Mir a Lago, here are some of the reports more disturbing findings:

First, for us New Englanders, warming ocean temperatures will continue to rise by at least one degree every 16 years, or so. So? So, as temperatures in the waters of our coast continue to warm, lobsters will continue to move north into the cooler waters where they thrive. While lobster boats active in the seas just south of Cape Cod and around Rhode Island brought in some 2,000 metric tons of the spiny crustacean in the 1990s, lobster populations in that area have since collapsed. After increasing catches in the Gulf of Maine (where most of those more southern-dwelling lobsters moved to) in the decades that followed, the catch suffered a precipitous decline last year. One of New England's most important economic sectors stands to be devastated.

Also of concern for the northeast, rising temperatures and wetter winters will

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What does it really mean to be patriotic?

Patriotism has been on a lot of people's minds lately. French President Emanuel Macron recently criticized President Trump and other world leaders for their "us versus them" view of patriotism.

"By putting our own interests first," he said, "with no regard for others, we erase the very thing that a nation holds dearest, and the thing that keeps it alive: its moral values."

Meanwhile, just ahead of the midterm elections, The New York Times noted that two clashing visions of patriotism were heading to the polls. President Trump and Republicans saw patriotism as "conspicuous displays of respect for the traditional expressions of America - the flag, the military, the Pledge of Allegiance." Democrats, by contrast,

saw it as protecting the norms and institutions of our democracy.

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

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



BEYOND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
 LEE H. HAMILTON

almost two decades of polling on the question.

The two broad strands outlined by The Times inarguably exist. We all remember the naval hero Stephen Decatur's famous toast in 1816, "Our country, right or wrong." And Senator Carl Schurz's amendment a half-century later: "My country, right or wrong - if right, to be kept right, if wrong, to be set right." We may criticize our country, in other words, but this is not motivated by malice. It's motivated by special affection and a belief that a great country can be made greater.

"There is nothing wrong with America

that cannot be cured by what is right with America," President Clinton argued, laying out a vision of patriotism that is not about symbols, but about building on a nation's intangible strengths.

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

Perhaps the most persuasive description I've heard on this score was Adlai Stevenson's.



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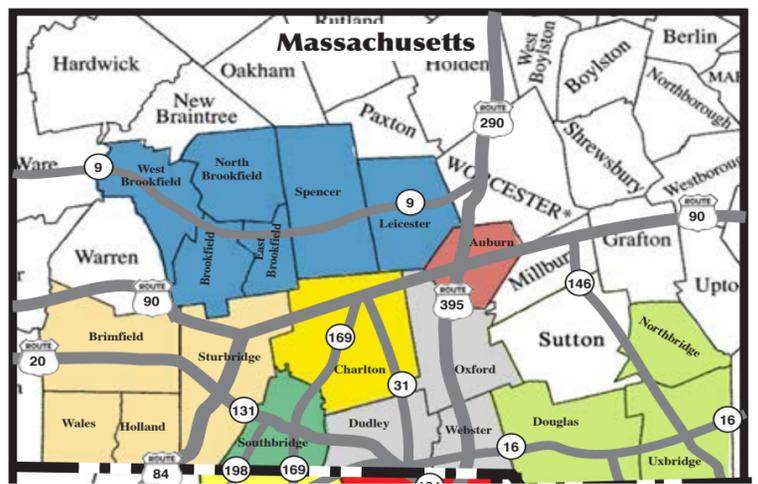
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Why are we still asking if Black Lives Matter or All Lives Matter?

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



MIND OF A CURIOUS GIRL
ANNIE SANDOLI

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

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

It is because I recognize that I am a privileged young woman who has to actively remind myself that I am a privileged young woman in order to see problems that exist for other humans even though those problems may not directly apply to me. In all truthfulness, I don't always think about the people who are starving because I never need to worry about where my next meal will come from, but that does not change the fact that others are hungry. I often don't recognize the pain people suffer from sickness because I am healthy and have access to doctors and medicine, but that

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

beings have been hurt and are still hurting.

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

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



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The shared photo

I just hope that a continuation of this conversation will help more people see Black Lives Matter as the form of inclusion that it was intended to be rather than the exclusion it is judged as next time they see it written on a shirt or mentioned on the news, because one person's inclusion does not automatically have to mean another's exclusion and past actions based on the belief that it does are exactly the reason why this issue was created in the first place.

Do we truly listen to each other?

Do we truly listen to each other? Or are we so afraid that our opinion could change that we decide to ignore what the other person is saying and focus on how we are right and how they are wrong. I say we, because I include myself in this. For those who don't know me I am a guy who loves to talk more than truly listen. I recognized that I needed to work on becoming an active listener myself before I could say something to others.

While on this journey of recognizing that I wasn't a truly active listener, especially to those who didn't agree with my opinion, I came to the realization, thanks to social media, that most people were only focusing on their own opinions instead of hearing from the opposition and I believe that this needs to stop. I again ask

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the question "Do we truly listen to each other?"

We like to do everything in our power to not truly listen to any opposition. We focus on things such as how redundant the person is in their words. We go so far to even start name calling when we run out of things to say to protect our opinion(s). We forget that the other person we are talking to is a human being that has feelings. Again I say, this needs to stop. For some strange reason we think that it is unacceptable for us to have a healthy conversation where we end it with us leaving with the opposing person's opinion in our thought process. Instead we focus on leaving the conversation with the satisfactory of not having anything changed in our own thoughts. I know that some who are

reading this are thinking "wow is he ignorant on what a debate is." No, I am not being ignorant about the fact that when we have healthy debates on certain topics, such as Brett Kavanaugh, or the debate on abortion, etc., that we are trying to change the other person's mind on a topic, all I am saying is that we focus on winning more than the fact that we are talking to another human who has thoughts and feelings. We have become a nation of "narrow minded people" and it is tearing our society apart. Look around for yourself and you will see it. I believe that it is time for us to realize that we need to start being active listeners.

An example of this is the #MeToo movement. You as a person may disagree with what either the accuser of the accused person is saying, but shouldn't we give them a chance to be heard? What if

you were the person who was the accuser or the accused? Wouldn't you like the chance to be heard before everyone made a decision against you before you had the chance to speak? The sexual assault victims need to be heard but the accused assaulter also needs to be heard as well before a decision can be made. I know I would want to be heard and I believe that most of you who are reading this would agree and would want to be heard as well.

How do we truly listen to each other? It's more than just being quiet and repeating what the person you are listening to just said. Instead we should start off by putting away distractions, such as our phones, and we should actually make eye contact with the person that we are talking to. We should be asking questions when we don't understand something that was said. When

we do oppose a thought instead of attacking the person verbally, we can state our opinion in a way that doesn't turn the conversation into a yelling match. So yes, that means that before we speak we need to actually think about what we are going to say. Here are a couple of questions that I ask myself that may help you. The first is "Does this edify or encourage the person to keep sharing their opinion with me?" and the second thought is "Does this need to be said right now?" These questions help me, and I hope they help you discern what to say and when to say your thought or opinion.

We need to start listening to each other, not only to better ourselves, but also to better our towns, cities, states, and our country as a whole. So I end with this question, "Do you truly listen?"

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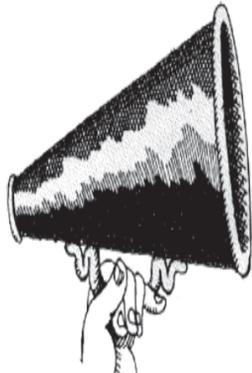
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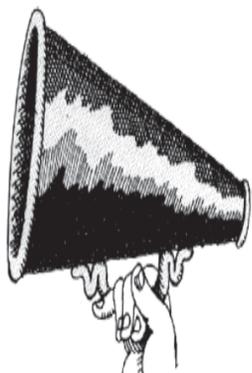
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SPORTS

Coaching carousel creates three local basketball changes at David Prouty, Tantasqua

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

The latest version of Webster's online dictionary tells us that the definition of symmetry is the beauty of form arising from balanced proportions. A practical example of the word, from a high school basketball standpoint, is what's going on this year at Tantasqua and David Prouty regional high schools.

Both schools have hired new boys' varsity basketball coaches. Tantasqua Regional hired Scott Dion, a longtime math teacher at the school, while David Prouty hired Patrick O'Connor, a 2008 graduate of the school.

When Dion was hired at Tantasqua it created the vacancy at David Prouty, which O'Connor filled. Both coaches referred to their new positions as the "ideal coaching job."

But wait, there's more to how intricately the pair is intertwined; O'Connor played for Dion his senior year — and for Dion's father, Al, the three years before that — and last year served as Scott Dion's assistant coach.

Dion had to leave David Prouty, where he has coached for many years, for O'Connor to have an opportunity to apply for the position he's thought about holding since he was in the seventh grade. In addition, Dion was able to leave David Prouty with a clean conscience knowing that O'Connor had a legitimate shot of replacing him as the Panthers' head coach.

"Things did work out well for both of us; it was a matter of good timing," said Scott Dion, a 1992 graduate of David Prouty. "This job opened up five years ago, before coach [Tom] O'Neil got it and I was teaching at Tantasqua and coaching at Prouty and I didn't apply for it because at that time in my life I wasn't ready to leave David Prouty. I wasn't ready to make the move. Now, things in my life have changed."

"Two of my children are now in high school [at Quaboag Regional] so this is closer and more convenient for me, which makes it easier for me to go watch them play," continued Dion, whose daughters Brooke (a sophomore) and Paige (an eighth grader) play for the Cougars, while the youngest of Scott and Jill Dion's three children, Emma, is in fifth grade and is also an up-and-coming basketball player. "I just felt that it was the right time; I'm ready to embark on this journey."

Even though he didn't know it at the time, O'Connor has been preparing

himself to be the David Prouty varsity boys' basketball coach since he was a youngster.

"I started going to David Prouty basketball games when I was in the fifth grade. I went to the first game of the season that year and I was hooked," said O'Connor, who was the North Brookfield varsity boys' basketball coach before assisting Dion at Prouty last winter. "From that point, I went to every single David Prouty basketball game until I graduated."

"Even though we had no family members on the team, my mother and father took me to every Prouty game — at home, on the road, it didn't matter — I went to all of them," O'Connor added. "I used to say to my friends, 'for eight years I didn't miss a single David Prouty game.'"

O'Connor has great affection for the Dions and all they taught him about the game of basketball during his formative years.

"The Dions taught me how to be a coach. Scott went from being my high school basketball coach to being one of my best friends," O'Connor said. "This is my dream job. I have a lot of fond memories playing basketball here for the Dions. Being the varsity boys' basketball coach at David Prouty is very special to me."

David Prouty has a new varsity girls' basketball coach on the sidelines this year as well.

Johanna Annunziata, who played for three years at Auburn High before transferring to the Miller School in Charlottesville, Va., takes over a Panthers' girls' program that has struggled in recent years. The 26-year-old English teacher at Nipmuc Regional — where she spent time as the junior var-



Ken Powers photos

David Prouty has a pair of new varsity basketball coaches in Patrick O'Connor, who will lead the boys' team, and Johanna Annunziata, who will guide the girls' squad.

sity girls' soccer and girls' basketball coach — is up for the challenge.

"These girls are the most coachable girls I've ever had in all my years of coaching, whether it was in AAU basketball or high school, or the year I spent as a college assistant," Annunziata said. "They absorb everything. They are very eager to learn, which I find very exciting."

"I think coaching young female athletes is way bigger than the game of basketball," Annunziata continued. "There's so much confidence and character building that goes into it. The big picture benefits I received from my coaches are the things I want to pass on. I always remember little things my coaches taught me — eye contact, body language, things like that. It's the kind of stuff in the moment that makes a player wonder, 'why is this important for the game?' But, later on down the road, when you're in a job interview or applying for college, you see why those things are important."



In Scott Dion's first year as head coach at Tantasqua Regional, the team will be led by eight seniors, including quad-captains (from left) Jackson Hall, Jeremiah Dingui, Chase Freeland and Hayden Peterson.

Punishing defense fuels Blackstone Valley Tech to State Championship



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

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

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Editor's Note: Blackstone Valley Tech was the only Stonebridge Press affiliated football team to reach Gillette Stadium for the State Championship game.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

"They ran the same play one time in the first quarter, so they lined up in the same formation. I decided I was going to

stay there because they threw it to the same person," Antaya said of his pick.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"He makes good decisions with the football," Archibald said of Mackay, who rushed 16 times for 96 yards and the two scores. "He was a little disappointed last year when [senior quarterback] Reece [Hendriks] came back from injury and he got benched. I told him to stay the course and he'll get his chance. I'm so proud of him and everything he stands for. He made huge play after huge play today."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"All for Yancik," Antaya concluded.



Jared Loisele of Blackstone Valley Tech catches a pass and turns up the field for a positive gain.

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Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

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CALENDAR

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Saturday December 8

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Monday December 24

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Should you scrap your silver?

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

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

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

Before you decide what to do with your silver, you should determine whether you have sterling or silver plate. If you have silver flatware or hollow ware (teapots, serving bowls, etc.), check the bottom. Most American silver should be marked sterling. It may also be marked 925 because sterling sil-



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ver is 92.5% silver. If silver were 100% it would be too malleable for flatware and hollow ware. You can also look for the word "plate." Silver plate, quadruple plate, Sheffield plate and EPNS indicate that there is just a small amount of silver. Except for exceptional pieces, most silver plate has little value.

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

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

Worcester silversmith.

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

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

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

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FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: Playgroup: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Time: 9:00-11:00 AM Dates: Mondays when school is in session until May 2019. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 508-867-2232 or emailing union61cfce@tansasqua.org.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers meetings! Times: Weigh-in/Registrations: 5:30PM Meeting: 6:00 PM Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers.com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

CHIKUNG: Chi Kung is a flow of slow, mindful movements, balancing practices, and some static postures done with the intention of enhancing the flow of energy throughout the body. Incorporated into this weekly practice will be a few gestures from the Yang style 108-movement Tai Chi form, a defensive ancient martial art form. Participants will be standing; no mat required. Wear comfortable clothing and non-skid shoes; bring water if you like. (6 classes) Dates: Mon, 6-7 PM B) Fee: \$60 Instructor: Sharon Palmer. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

YOGA WITH SHARON (HATHA): Discover the benefits of stress-relieving Hatha Yoga. Relax & rejuvenate with postures & guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. (6 classes) Time: 7:15-8:45PM Fee: \$65 Instructor: Sharon Palmer M.Ed., certified Kripalu Yoga instructor. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

UPCOMING

Monday, December 10

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Tuesday, December 11

ART GROUP: Participants enjoy time to socialize, draw and paint together informally without instruction. No pre-registration required. Bring your own supplies and enjoy! Free will Donations are

welcome. Time: 9-11:30 AM Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 for more information.

Wednesday, December 12

WATERCOLORS WITH BETH: Ongoing watercolor classes for all levels with a new painting every 3 weeks. You must register with Beth in advance to attend. Time: 9 AM-1 PM Fee: \$17 per week plus supplies. Instructor: Beth Parys. For information and to register, call Beth at 413-245-3295.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: Music & Movement: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 grant. Time: 9:00-10:00 AM Dates: Wednesdays when school is in session until May 2019. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 508-867-2232 or emailing union61cfce@tansasqua.org.

Thursday, December 13

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

The Massachusetts pheasant season is now closed, but local bird hunters got a few extra birds stocked in local covers prior to Thanksgiving week.

FAMILY FOUNDATIONS 5: STEAM Group: This free program for preschool aged children is sponsored by the Union 61 Family Foundation 5 Grant. Time: 9:00-10:00 AM Dates: Thursdays when school is in session until May 2019. Pre-register your child by calling Karen Distefano at 508-867-2232 or emailing union61cfce@tansasqua.org.

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GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN: This support group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:00-10:30AM and on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30-7:30PM. For more information contact Margo Chevers or Terri McIssac by calling 413 245 1219.

Friday, December 14

A L C O H O L I C S ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Time: 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 15

TAI CHI with DAVID: Warm up with 30 minutes of Chi Kung, switching to simple form work and into some more advanced forms. Approachable for all levels. Preregistration required. If not enough students have registered by the Monday before the workshop, it will be cancelled. Time: 9-11 AM Fee: \$23 Instructor: David Maser. Contact Hitchcock at 413 245 9977 or www.hitchcockacademy.org to register.

Sunday, December 2

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long and is well suited for all levels of practitioners including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez 413 279-4330 for more information.

Due to substantial rainfall, some regularly stocked areas were flooded, and it was necessary to avoid the areas. Those birds were transported to local areas like West Hill and Voss Farm in Uxbridge. More than 40 birds were released in both areas prior to the holiday week.

Black bear numbers continue to increase locally, and made their presence known this year. Numerous sightings in back yards by area residents had many resident feeling uneasy knowing that they had this large animal roaming in their back yard. Fortunately, no serious encounters were reported.

Local residents can also expect to see numerous deer in their back yard this year, due to the short supply of acorns. They will have their eye on some of the expensive ornamental bushes, and any other thing that can satisfy their appetite. Shopping for the sportsmen



Courtesy photo

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

in your family can be very easy if you buy them a gift certificate to their favorite sporting goods store. Trying to shop for sportsmen is very hard. A hunting and fishing license is another great gift. It is best to set aside purchasing a pet for a Christmas present. It is best to wait till spring. The Holidays are too hectic, and it is not fair to the pet.

Take A Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

OBITUARIES

Eugene J. Menard, 92



STURBRIDGE- Eugene J. Menard, 92, a longtime resident of Sturbridge, died Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at Brookside Rehab & Healthcare in Webster.

His wife of 58 years, was the late Lorraine A. (Lemoine) Menard, who died in February 2008. He is survived by his son Kevin Menard of Sturbridge, a daughter Deborah Menard of Palm Harbor, FL, and 2 grandsons Timothy Gallagher and his wife Kristin of Fitchburg, MA, and Daniel Gallagher and his wife Mindy of Maryland. He also leaves a sister Shirley Perrazola of Sturbridge, a brother Donald Dion of Florida, and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Springfield, son of Armand and Mabel (LeClair) Menard Dion, and lived most of his life in Southbridge and Sturbridge. He attended the former Cole Trade High School, and served his Country proud-

ly as a US Navy veteran of World War II serving in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He also later served in the US Navy Reserve for several years.

Eugene worked for over 40 years at the Amerbelle Corp. in Rockville, CT retiring in 1988.

He was an active member of the Faith Baptist Church in Southbridge for many years, and loved reading the Bible and doing woodworking projects.

The funeral was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, with a church service at the Faith Baptist Church, 515 Dennison Drive, Southbridge, MA 01550. A calling hour prior to the church service was held at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550, from 9:30-10:30AM. Burial with Military Honors followed at OakRidge Cemetery, Oak Ridge Avenue, Southbridge, MA 01550. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



Joseph T. Curtin, 79

HOLLAND- Joseph T. Curtin, 79, died Monday, November 26, 2018, at Harrington Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness. He leaves his wife of 41 years, Carol (Mercurio) Curtin. They were married November 5, 1977.

He leaves his son Sean Curtin of Holland, a daughter and son-in-law Sarah and Brian Clarke of Brookfield, and a grandson Camden Clarke. He also leaves 2 sisters Mary A. Curtin of Nanuet, NY and Sabina Kelemen and her husband Dennis of Thiells, NY, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 2 brothers Michael Curtin, and Timothy Curtin and a sister Noreen Geelan.

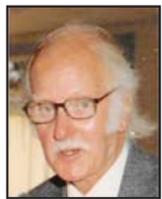
Joseph was born in New York City, son of Timothy and Mary (Tully) Curtin, and has lived here most of his life. He was a member of St. Anne's

Church in Fiskdale, and was a retired electronic technician. He was a veteran of the US Army. He studied languages, obtaining his Bachelor's Degree, with a major in Russian, and a minor degree in Chinese. He enjoyed learning foreign languages, computers, and was an avid reading. He was most proud of his Irish heritage, and after having spent six years in Italy, he loved all things Italian.

Services will be private. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge is directing the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



Albert Joseph Jette



Albert Joseph Jette, a resident of Wales, MA, passed away on Monday, November 26, 2018 after a short illness. Albert was born in Chicopee, MA on June 19, 1931 to Albert E. Jette of Chicopee and Mary (Bradford) Jette from Belfast Ireland.

Albert married Teresa Poliuk in 1951. They were together on their farm in Wales for fifty-eight years, until Teresa's death in 2010. He was also predeceased by his son, James M. Jette, his brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Anita Jette of Wales, his brother-in-law William Chevalier, several nephews, aunts and uncles. He leaves two sisters, Hermine Hurst and her husband Francis of Chicopee, and Virginia Chevalier of Peterborough New Hampshire. He leaves three children and their spouses, his son, Joel Jette and his wife Gail Jette of Wales, his son, Jonathan Jette of Vernon Ct., and his daughter, JoAnne Higgins and her husband Peter Higgins of Wales. Albert also leaves his grandchildren; Pearl Higgins, Arthur Higgins, Jasmine Jette, Kelly Collins, Gina Olearczyk, Mai Grover and seven great grandchil-

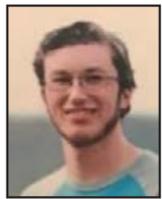
dren. Albert worked in many vocations throughout his life. He was employed as a short order cook, logger and textile worker among other things. He worked in the textile industry for many years and was employed at Ware Knitters and Hardwick Knitters. He also raised cattle on his farm in Wales until his death. He was an active volunteer for the Wales Recreation Department and took care of the town beach for 35 years. Albert was a communicant at St Anne's church in Fiskdale, MA and had many friends at the Holland Community Center. He loved animals, particularly "his damn cows" as Mom would say. He enjoyed music and dancing, and in his younger days, he liked to go fishing, hunting and being outdoors. He was very proud of the self-sufficiency of the farm in the early years of their residency in Wales.

Calling hours were 6 to 8PM Sunday December 2, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge.

Albert's funeral Mass was held at 10AM, Monday December 3, in St. Anne's Church, Church Street, Fiskdale section of Sturbridge. Burial followed in St. Anne's Cemetery Sturbridge.

An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Tyler R. Kubert, 19



WEST BROOKFIELD- Tyler R. Kubert, 19, passed away Saturday, November 24, 2018, at UMass Memorial Medical Center.

He leaves his mother Elissa B. (Lawrence) and step-father James Boos of W. Brookfield, his father Robert Kubert, Jr, and step-mother Alysia of Brookfield, 2 sisters Grace Boos and Juliette Boos of W. Brookfield, 2 brothers Salvador Martinez of Webster, and Brendon Martinez of Shrewsbury. He also leaves his maternal grandmother Ann Merriam and step-grandfather Edward Merriam of Warren, MA, maternal grandfather David Lawrence of N. Brookfield, paternal grandfather Robert Kubert, Sr. of W. Brookfield, his step great-grandparents Richard and Charlotte Boos of W. Brookfield, and Robert and June Power of Holland.

Tyler is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins Julie Lawrence, Ken and Sarah Lawrence, Laurie and David Caron, Linda and Dinin Lopez, Susan Kubert, Ronald and Sue Kubert, Jessica Girouard, and Jason Power.

Tyler graduated from Quaboag Regional High School in June 2018. He enjoyed fishing, owned his own landscaping business, selling and trading on websites, volunteering, and working part-time at the Big Y in Spencer, but most of all loved spending time with his family and friends, and helping those in need.

There was a church service at 10AM on Friday, November 30, 2018, at the Upper Room Christian Fellowship Church, 18 Central Street, West Warren, for family and close friends.

There was a Celebration of Life Friday evening from 5-8 at the West Brookfield Senior Center, 37 Front Street, West Brookfield MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Suicide Prevention Lifeline or Fisher Center for Alzheimer's.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is assisting the family with arrangements. <http://www.sansoucyfuneral.com>

Viola M. (Barnes) Cicetti, 99



CHARLTON-Viola M. (Barnes) Cicetti, 99 years and 8 months, passed away peacefully in her home at Overlook Health Center in Charlton, with the support of her family, on November 27, 2018. Her husband,

Armand J. Cicetti predeceased her on January 2, 1985. Viola leaves her 4 loving children, Armand L. Cicetti and his wife, Camille, of Crossville, Tennessee, Viola B. Whiteman of Warrington, Pennsylvania, Richard A. Cicetti of Santa Monica, CA, and Deborah C. Campbell of Sturbridge, MA. She also leaves her 4 loving grandchildren, Susan W. Nordlof and her husband, John Nordlof of Phila., PA, John E. A. Whiteman of Hellertown, PA, Christy C. Simpson and her husband, Andrew Simpson of Ware, MA, and Scott E. Campbell and his wife, Jill C. Campbell of Grafton, MA. She also leaves 4 great-grandchildren. Viola was predeceased by her son-in-law, Hugh M. Whiteman and several beloved pets.

Viola was born in Vailsburg section of Newark, NJ on St. Patrick's Day, 1919 the daughter of Amelia L. (Hollister) Barnes and LeRoy A. Barnes. She studied music and was coached in opera at Arts High School until 1937. Soon after she married the love of her life and then devoted her life to supporting her

husband's dream of owning his own floral shop and caring for her family in Livingston, NJ. In retirement, she and Armand resided in West Palm Beach, FL and Yarmouthport, MA. Viola volunteered her time as a Cub Scout Den mother, Girl Scout leader, was a deacon at Trinity Covenant Church, Livingston, NJ and Federated Church of Hyannis, MA. She was also a member of the Livingston Women's Club, their choral group and the NJ chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In later years Viola worked at the Turtle Back Zoo, South Orange, NJ, Buttner's in Hyannis, MA and Cape Cod Hospital Thrift Shop. Viola's favorite pastimes included researching her extensive genealogy, reading historic biographies, traveling, most fondly to Hawaii, and basking in the sun. Her family will most miss her charm, sense of humor and the twinkle in her eye.

The family asks that donations be made to the Overlook Communities and Overlook Hospice of Charlton, MA. There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 1:00pm in the Overlook Chapel, Charlton, MA. A private burial will take place at Ancient Cemetery in Yarmouthport, MA at a later date. Pillsbury Funeral Home 3 West Brookfield Rd. Brookfield. For an online tribute and guestbook please visit: Pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Michael "Mickey" Sullivan, 77



DUDLEY- Michael "Mickey" Sullivan, 77, of Joshua Place formerly of Southbridge, died Sunday, November 25, at his daughter's home after an illness.

He leaves his wife Carol (Trahan) Sullivan of 46 years, 3 daughters Jennifer Grant and her husband Jake of Dudley, Karen Nolin and her husband David of Charlton, Kelly Sullivan of Charlton, 2 sons Rodney Ward and wife Sue of Sturbridge, Keith Ward of Worcester, 10 grandchildren, Katie, Alison, Travis, Michael, Lucas, Molly, Cindy, Joey, Jessica, Jason and sev-

eral great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his daughter Debbie and granddaughter Tiffany, as well as many brothers and sisters.

Mickey was born in Greenville, NH., the son of the late John and Maude (Howe) Sullivan and lived in the area many years.

He enjoyed his family very much, especially his grandchildren. He also liked to look for a deal at local flea markets and enjoyed country music.

Calling hours were 2 to 4 on Sunday, December 2, in the Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge.

A graveside service will be private. An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Joan C. (Hoher) Mellen, 83



FISKDALE / BRIMFIELD- Joan C. (Hoher) Mellen 83 passed on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 after a courageously battling Alzheimer's.

Joan leaves her loving husband and best friend of 43 years Cliff J. Mellen. Joan was born in Manchester, Ct in 1936 to Franz and Phyllis (Burnam) Hoher. During her childhood Joan and her family lived in many parts of the US returning to Manchester, she graduated from Manchester High in 1954. Joan a strong and loving woman raised 8 children. She loved spending time with her family and traveling, especially to Key West, FL. She leaves her children Rikki (Everett) and husband Craig Carpenter of SC, Chris Everett and wife Trish of NY, Steven Everett and wife Lynda of Columbia, CT, Ronnie Everett and wife Evelyn of Monson,

MA, Randy Perigo and wife Chantal of Ellington, CT, Shelly Everett and partner Keith Dolin of Tolland, CT, Michael Everett and wife Lisa of NC. She is survived by her sister Susan Elkhay and brother Frank Hoher of Manchester, CT and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Joan is predeceased by a son Scott and daughter Ann and 2 great grandsons, Anthony and Andrew. A longtime employee of JD Realty of Manchester and Ole Sturbridge Realty and together with her husband owned and managed Mellen Mountain Antiques. The family would like to thank Summit ElderCare in Webster. Services will be private, a celebration of life will be held at a future date. 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.

Alice K. Lemieux, 92



NORFOLK / BROOKFIELD- Alice K. (Masterson) Lemieux, 92, went peacefully home to the Lord in the early hours of November 30, 2018.

Alice was predeceased by Joseph Lemieux, her husband of 62 years in 2016, and her son Peter in 2005. She is survived by her son Paul of Waltham; son Philip and his wife Cheryl of North Brookfield; son Stephen and his wife Kristen of Sturbridge; brother Robert Masterson of Worcester; 10 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Alice was born and raised in Worcester and graduated from the former St. Peter's High School. She moved to North Brookfield when she married and raised her family there. She was a faithful communicant at St. John The Baptist Church in East Brookfield for many years, living her faith by helping others in ways nobody

ever heard about.

Alice enjoyed trips to Atlantic City and Las Vegas and brisk 3-mile walks around town with her "walking buddies". Her grandchildren were her pride and joy in the later years and she never missed the chance to have them come stay with her and watch endless episodes of "Full House". She loved animals and adopted more than one stray in her lifetime. Plants and gardening also consumed some of her free time.

Calling hours are private for the family in Pillsbury Funeral Home 44 Gilbert St. North Brookfield. A funeral mass will be offered for Alice on Friday December 7, 2018 at 11:00 AM in St. John The Baptist Church, Blaine Ave. East Brookfield. Burial will follow in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Elm St., North Brookfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Second Chance Animal Shelter, Po Box 136 East Brookfield, MA. www.secondchanceanimals.org. For an online tribute and guestbook please visit: pillsburyfuneralhome.com

Barbara Reilly, 83



HOLLAND - Barbara (Belisle) Reilly, 83, of 25 Craig Rd, died Tuesday, November 27 at home. Her Francis Xzavier Reilly husband died March 14, 2014.

She leaves 4 sons, Thomas J. Reilly of (Brimfield), Richard A. Reilly of Parishville, NY, Gregory D. Reilly of Brimfield and David F. Reilly of Anaheim, PA. 4 daughters, Marla Jeanne Cardoso of Brimfield, Lydia Hayes of Southbridge, Jennifer M. Ferraro of Fiskdale and Lisa D. Boudreau of Holland. Barbara passed in the comfort of her family home sur-

rounded by her loved ones. She will be greatly missed by her nineteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Barbara was born in Hartford, CT. the daughter of Joseph and Genive (Yuscavitch) Belisle.

Barbara enjoyed spending time with her family, friends, going to the casino, playing cards and early morning swims at her lakeside home on Hamilton Reservoir.

Memorial service was held at Saint Anne Saint Patrick Parish in Fiskdale, MA 12/1 at 10:00am.

Belanger-Bullard funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge is directing arrangements.

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OBITUARIES

Catherine E. Kennedy, 89



SCARBOROUGH, ME- Catherine E. Kennedy peacefully passed away on her 89th birthday, November 29th 2018.

Cathy (a.k.a. "Catherine Eileen the Lovely") was born in Worcester MA on

November 29th 1929 the daughter and only child of Daniel F. and Ann (Kean) Kennedy. She attended Worcester schools graduating from North High School and the State College at Framingham in 1951.

She taught home economics in New Britain CT and also for 35 years at Tantasqua Regional Junior and Senior High Schools in Sturbridge. She was active in the Southbridge chapter of Literacy Volunteers for 15 years.

When she retired in 1989, she moved from Southbridge MA to her cherished beach cottage at Higgins Beach in Scarborough Maine. Her many friends will remember laughter and happy hours on her porch, sunny days on the beach, and lobsters steamed in her tiny kitchen. Cathy served as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Maximilian

Kolbe church. She loved to travel and took several trips to explore the U.S. and Europe in her retirement. Always interested in learning she continued her education through a wide array of subjects offered by Maine Senior College. She was a great story-teller, very proud of her Irish heritage and told her best stories speaking with a very convincing Irish brogue. Most of all Cathy loved music and theatre and enjoyed supporting both throughout her life.

Cathy received attentive and loving care from the Pine Point Nursing Home staff and Compassus hospice.

At her request, there will not be calling hours. Following cremation by Direct Cremation of Maine, a private burial will take place. Interment will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in West Brookfield Massachusetts.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made in her name to Tantasqua Education Association Scholarship Attention: Deb Blom Guidance Department Tantasqua Regional High School 319 Brookfield Road Fiskdale, MA 01518 or Literacy Volunteers of Southbridge MA or Portland ME.

Glenn E. Christianson, 48

BRIMFIELD- Glenn E. Christianson, 48, died Friday, November 24, 2018, at Harrington Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

He leaves his parents John E. and Leona F. (Hebert) Christianson of Brimfield, a brother John Christianson and his wife Melissa of Southbridge, a sister Tina LaFrance and her husband "EJ" of Brimfield, a daughter Leona Mitchell and her husband Steve of Worcester, 1 grandson Eli, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Glenn was born in Southbridge, June 14, 1970, and has lived in Brimfield most of his life. He was a welder and fabricator having worked in Chicopee. He enjoyed fishing, four-wheeling, and computers.

Funeral services will be private. Sansoucy Funeral Home 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge is assisting with arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

Elizabeth M. Dickson, 54

Elizabeth M. (Tetreault) Dickson, age 54, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 19, 2018.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Nicole M. Dickson; her sister, Denise Hendrix and her husband Russ of Duncan, SC; also her brothers, George A. Tetreault, III and his wife Valerie of Brimfield, MA; and Gregory A. Tetreault of Yarmouthport, MA; as well as nieces, nephews and cousins. She is pre-deceased by her former husband, William F. Dickson, her parents, Marie Jeannette Philibotte and George A. Tetreault, Jr., and her beloved brother Michael J. Tetreault.

A resident of Brimfield at the time of her passing, Liz was born on October 15, 1964 in Palmer, MA. She graduated from Palmer High School in 1982. She also attended Becker College and

Nichols College. Liz was a dedicated employee at Commerce Insurance Company for over 20 years. Liz found her passion in work, family, and friends. Outside of work, she loved to cook, enjoyed music, and the company of her dog, Noa. She touched every soul with her infectious smile and her heart of gold.

Calling hours were held from 5:00 - 7:00 PM on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the Belanger Funeral Home, 51 Marcy Street in Southbridge MA.

Her funeral was held at St. Mary's Church, 263 Hamilton Street, Southbridge.

Belanger-Bullard funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge is directing arrangements.

And online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Michael E. Beaudry, 49

BRIMFIELD - Michael E. Beaudry, 49, died unexpectedly at Harrington Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

Michael is survived by his wife of 27 years, Andrea (Norton) Beaudry, whom he married June 7, 1991. He is also survived by three sons, Jonathan, Nicholas, and Benjamin; three daughters, Samantha, Elizabeth, and Jillian; his granddaughter, Aubree; his parents, Francis H. and Dorothy M. (O'Keefe) Beaudry, Jr. of Warren, MA; his brother, Francis H. Beaudry, III of Warren, MA; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins, and friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Maureen H. Beaudry.

Michael was born September 6, 1969, in Ware, MA. He graduated in 1987 from the former Marianhill Central Catholic High School in Southbridge, MA. He retired as a Captain-Intelligence/ SRG Coordinator from the State of Connecticut's MacDougall Walker Correctional Institution, in Suffield,

CT, where he worked for 21 years. After his retirement, he served for 4 years as the Program Director of the Cheyney Halfway House in Hartford, CT. He also served as a school suspension teacher at Tantasqua Regional High School. Michael's greatest love was spending time with his family. He found many ways to give of himself. Michael had a unique ability to positively impact anyone who crossed his path.

Michael's funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, December 1, 2018, at St. Mary's Church, 263 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA at 10AM. Calling hours were Friday, November 30, 2018 at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA, from 4-7PM. Burial will be private at a later time. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please consider making memorial donations in Michael's name to the Shriners Children's Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. www.sansoucyfuneral.com

HAMILTON

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"True patriotism is not manifested in short, frenzied bursts of emotion," he said. "It is the tranquil, steady dedication of a lifetime."

Stevenson hit the nail square on the head. So much of our national discussion of patriotism is about military heroes. This is important, but it's an incomplete view of love of country. I'd argue that we encounter patriotism at all levels of American life. The teacher in the classroom, the parents who raise their children to be good citizens, the clerk who keeps town records and helps people

vote, the ordinary working person who goes about her tasks with dedication and proficiency — patriotism can be found everywhere in our communities, among all kinds of people who pursue their lives with the good of the country at heart.

We have inherited a magnificent political legacy, a set of customs and traditions and, yes, moral values that give ordinary people the tools and power to improve life for themselves and succeeding generations.

Patriotism lies in our efforts to enlarge that legacy so that it applies to all citizens. It means we defend civil liberties, the right to dissent, and the equality before the law of all Americans. And it means that upholding

our core values — tolerance, mutual respect, the right of everyone to be heard, the belief that in pursuing our own lives and interests we all are capable of contributing to the vibrancy of our democracy — is every bit as patriotic as placing our hand over our heart while reciting the Pledge.

Lee Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a distinguished scholar of the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a professor of practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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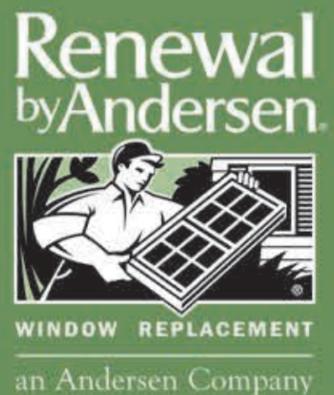
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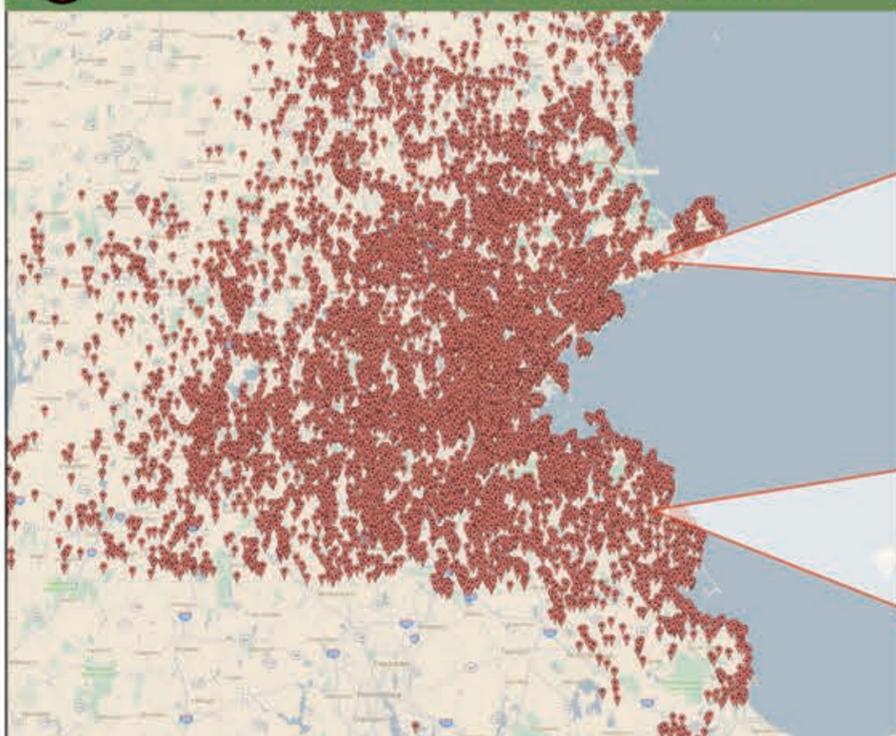
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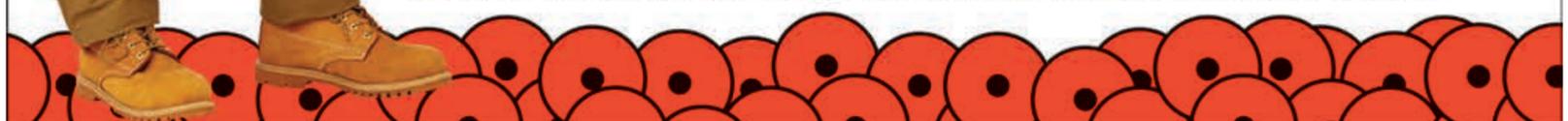
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The Wales Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in Wales Town Offices, 3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA to consider an application for site plan review and special permit for a large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic project at 40 Sizer Drive submitted by Sunpin Holdings, LLC. A complete copy of the application and site plan may be seen in the Wales Town Offices, 3 Hollow Road, Wales, MA, 9:00am – 2:00pm, M-Th. APPLICANT: Sunpin Holdings, LLC WALES PLANNING BOARD: James Whalen, Chairman November 30, 2018
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DUDLEY - 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm/Den! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/Carpeted Bdrms & Full Bath! Master/Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Gas Frpce! Patio! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **\$359,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE - 194 Killdeer Island! North Pond Views! Sandy Shore! 6 Rm Cape! Open Liv & Din Rm w/Newly Restored Fireplaced! New Lake Facing Windows! 2 1st Flr Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing 3 Bdrms! 2 Updated Bathrooms! Huge Composite Deck w/Vinyl Balis! Walk-out Lower Level to Courtyard! Garage Under! **\$559,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Waterfront! Completely Remodeled! 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/Island & Silstone Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Flr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 1 Full Bath! Fam Rm! **\$399,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE - 37 Bates Grove Rd! South Pond! A Second Home, Getaway or Expand it into Your Dream Home - Have Possible Plans! 4 Rooms! Open Flr Plan! Applianced Kit! 2 Bedrooms! Bathroom! Covered Deck! Ideal Gradual Sloping Lot w/Panoramic Lake Views! **\$399,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 104 Treasure Island! 1,974' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frpce Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$324,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 895 Treasure Isl! WATERFRONT! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874' Hrdwds! SS Applianced Quartz Kit! Open Flr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity! 2.5 Bath! Frpced Fam Rm! Newer C/Air & Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$459,000.00**

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WEBSTER - 89-91 SLATER ST
Large 2 Family - 3,255 Sq Ft, Desirable Side by Side Units, "Duplex", Letters of Compliance for Lead Paint! 1st Unit has 5 Bedrooms! 1-1/2 Baths! 2nd Unit, 3 Beds, 1 Full Bath. Each Unit recent Plumbing, & Electrical!! New Appliances, Vinyl Replacement Windows, Gas/ Electric Heat, Ceiling Fans. Roof 10 yrs. young! Covered Porches. Walkout Basement, Level Backyard. Lots of Storage. Close to town park and beach. Off Street Parking!
\$219,900

WOODSTOCK, CT- QUASSET LAKE
158 W. Quasset Rd. - Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quasset Lake! Unique, Tranquil, Quiet, Secluded & Private! Long circular driveway! 5.5 acres of land! Paved, covered patios & balconies, stone boat dock! Garage w/heated studio, Cape Cod shows, winding gravel path to 265' +/- of shoreline! 5,000 sq ft hip roof 3 story Colonial! 2 story foyer! Extremely impressive kitchen w/upscale everything! Offers formal dining & living rooms, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite, laundry/mudroom, exercise studio, LL, kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces & more! Master BRs w/private full baths.
\$1,299,000

THOMPSON, CT - 653 QUINEBAUG RD
Fantastic Ranch - One Floor Living with 3 Bedrooms / Hardwoods, 2 Full Tile Baths! Eat-in Kitchen with Built-ins, Appliances Included. Fireplaced Family Room with Hardwoods. Lots of Natural Light, Ceiling Fans, French Doors, First Floor Laundry, Screened in Porch - walks right out to your own private patio. New Roof in 2014. Spacious Flat Level Lot with Circular Driveway, Two separate 1 Car Garages.
\$279,900

WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN
New Listing Warm and Inviting, This Lovely Ranch Sits on A Beautifully Landscaped Yard Nestled in A Very Quiet, Wanting Neighborhood. This 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Home Has So Much To Offer!! Fully Applianced Eat-in Kitchen, Newly Carpeted Living Room and Three Cozy and Comfortable Bedrooms All On One Floor. Walk Down To The Lower Level To The Open And Spacious Family Room With Pellet Stove!
\$259,000

THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD
Very Interesting property, to a home owner or developer. 47 +/- Acres! Home is a 1300 sq ft ranch with a barn. The home consist of 3 bedrooms, and 1-1/2 bath, basement, farmers porch and 1 car garage. Much of the land is cleared. This property has 300' +/- of road frontage on East Thompson Rd. and road frontage on the entire length of pavement on Roy Rd. Rectangular in shape greater than 1300' wide X over 1600' deep. Needs TLC!
\$300,000

WEBSTER - 6 BROOKSIDE AVE
Beautiful 4 bedroom Colonial, new granite counter, stainless appliance kitchen. Dining room and large living room, hardwood throughout on the first level, 3 seasoned porch for added living area. Over sized master with double closets, and 3 additional bedrooms. Finished basement with pellet stove. Outside, a patio and above ground pool.
New Price \$279,000

WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST
Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! Curved brick walkway! Level lot! In-ground pool, built-in hot tub, custom stone work & landscape w/tire pit! Carport/pavilion for entertaining! Separate wings for private family living & entertainment, BR suites, 10 rooms total! Simply Amazing!
\$329,900

WEBSTER - 20 NORTH MAIN ST
2 Family - Spacious 3 bedrooms each apartment. Hardwoods, pocket doors, 10ft ceilings, New gas furnaces! Partially finished 3rd floor. 1st floor handicapped accessible. 2 car garage. All town services
\$199,900

LAND!
WEBSTER/DOUGLAS BUILDABLE LOTS
Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest
\$132,900
Webster Lake - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Buildable w/Town Water & Sewer.
\$59,400
SORRY SOLD
Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer
\$250,000
Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view!
\$99,900

CHARLTON - 142 OXFORD RD
Spacious 4104 SF Colonial on 1.24 +/- acres. In-law set up! Handicapped accessible! Hardwood floors! Landscaped yard! 4 oversized bedrooms, 2 full baths, on 2nd floor.
assisted sale \$419,900

THOMPSON, CT - 25 BONNETTE AVE
New Price! Roomy 1300 sq. ft., Hip roof Ranch Attached 2 car garage! PLUS 32x32 Detached Garage! Eat in Kitchen, Fireplaced living room with bow window! 3 bedrooms, enclosed heated sun room, central air, Koi Pond, on .87 +/- acre!
New Price \$265,000

On The shores of Lake Chargogagogganmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg

WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD
Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697 +/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage & a Great First Contemporary Ranch offers 996 +/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & full bath. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Webster Lake Level w/handicapped potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Western style views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available.
\$345,000

WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD
KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING/LOOKING FOR! 2.45 +/- Acres! 345 +/- road front, 336/364 +/- depth, 275 +/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge - like very few waterfront properties! The possibilities for this property are only limited by your imagination. The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/massive modern windows that invite your eyes to venture outside to spectacular 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets and beautiful natural shoreline beyond! Relax & entertain in the tiled, stone fireplaced family rm, wet bar combination living/dining area with a stone fireplace, an open stairway & interior 2nd flr balcony w/access to 5 spacious BRs that overlook the open water. A 30x32 +/- det'd garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath & huge fireplaced patio! Family owned gem for 60+ years!
\$1,495,000

WEBSTER LAKE - BEACON PARK #802
WEBSTER LAKE at BEACON PARK! TOWNHOUSE overlooking the COURTYARD! 1230 SF +/-, Open Concept Living/Dining FIRE-PLACE & PRIVATE DECK. Freshly painted rooms, updated appliances. Upper level has 2 SPACIOUS BRs including a MASTER SUITE w/ SKY-LIGHTED, PRIVATE BATH, 2nd BR w/lq walk-in closet, 2nd full bath! ENJOY LAKE LIVING on the most desired lake in Central MA at an AFFORDABLE PRICE!
\$264,900

WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR
1st Time Offered in Reid Smith Cove, Spectacular 3700 +/- SF, 13 Rm/4.5 Bath Lake Home, Uniquely Designed for Lake-Style Living! Private Setting, Ideal Location, 68 Acres, 92' of Natural Shoreline, Prof. Landscap. Multiple Decks, Lakeside Cabana, 3 Mstr BR Suites w/Elegant 1st Flr Mstr - all w/Private Baths, Finished Walkout LL w/Living & Billiard Rms & Summer Kitchen! Call Sharon at 508-954-7222 for More Information
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Monday, December 10, 2018
 3:00 PM-STURBRIDGE
 82 Breakneck Road
 sgl fam, 1,144 sf liv area, 4.17 ac lot, 6 rm,
 3 bdrm, 2 bth,
 Worcester(Worc): Bk 36435, Pg 123

4:00 PM-SOUTHBRIDGE
 10 Crescent Street
 2 fam, 1,900 sf liv area, 0.14 ac lot, 8 rm,
 5 bdrm, 2.5 bth,
 Worcester(Worc): Bk 40215, Pg 353

Thursday, December 13, 2018
 11:00 AM-BRIMFIELD
 51 Brookfield Road
 sgl fam, 2,140 sf liv area, 2.05 ac lot, 6 rm,
 3 bdrm, 3.5 bth, Hampden: Bk 15035, Pg 238

TERMS: \$5,000 cash or certified check at the time and place of the sale. The balance to be paid within thirty (30) days at the law offices of Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851, Attorney for the Mortgagee.

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NO MONEY DOWN PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE! CALL US FOR INFORMATION!

OPEN HOUSE 11-1PM SUNDAY SOUTHBRIDGE 156 DENNISON LANE.
 Lovely Lovely Home with 7 rms 3 bedrooms 2 full baths! Fully finished lower level. Possible in-law. Deck. 1.4 acres of land. Brand New Septic being installed. Great commuter location on Sturbridge side of Town. \$239,900.

SOUTHBRIDGE: Great 2 family with many renovations! 5 rooms 2 bedroom units. Beautiful hardwood floors, natural woodwork, large kitchen w/pantry. Dining room has closet, could be 3rd bedroom. Updated electrical service with landlord meter. Newer HW heaters. Roof in 2012. Windows & Doors 2008. Long term clean tenants. \$189,900.

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 Southbridge: 2.5+ acres, town services, private setting, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room
 153 Highland St ~ \$274,900

OPEN HOUSE • SUN. 11-1
 Webster: Fireplace, open floor plan, 1st floor family room, 2.5 baths, 4 bedrooms.
 11 Blueberry Ln ~ \$329,900

Southbridge: Grand Colonial, ideal for exterior rehab, interior several updates, HW floors, fireplace, windows updated.
 192 Chapin St ~ \$169,900

SZYMCZAK SELLS!
ON DEPOSIT
 Webster: Sided, 3 bedroom, New Septic.
 87 Worcester Rd ~ \$179,900

MAUREEN IS MAKING IT HAPPEN
 Webster: 4 Units, sided.
 28 Joyce St ~ \$279,000

Webster: 3 units, 4 car garage, new roof, 2 bedrooms each unit.
 9 Tower St ~ \$299,900

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Open House Directory

(C) Condo (X) Condo (M) Multi-Family (T) Townhouse
 (B) Business (U) Duplex (S) Single Family (D) Adult Community
 (P) Land (L) Mobile Home (A) Apartment (W) Waterfront

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
SOUTHBRIDGE 48 Hillcrest Ave	S	12-2	\$179,900	Re/Max Professional Associates / Patrick Sweeney 774-452-3578

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

WEBSTER 25F Third St	C	11-1	\$238,500	ReMax Advantage 1 / Maureen O'Connor 508-981-4902
15 Blueberry Ln	S	11-1	\$329,900	ReMax Advantage 1 Joanne Szymczak 508-230-6762 Vicki Bennett 774-663-6762
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OPEN HOUSE • SATURDAY 12-2

48 Hillcrest Ave, Southbridge, MA \$179,900
 Estimated Payment \$1371 per month

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 28 Mechanic Street, Webster, MA \$275,000 RENT TO OWN!!!!

Two Family!!! Central Air, Commercially Zoned
 43 - 45 Thompson Road, Webster, MA \$234,900
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OPEN HOUSE SAT 12/8 10-11:30



93 Barber Road Woodstock \$425,000
Stunning home on 18.24 acres of beautiful land. 1st floor master, hardwood floors throughout. Location is private, quiet & peaceful.
John Downs
860-377-0754

OPEN HOUSE SAT 12/8 12:00-1:30



369 Allen Hill Rd Brooklyn \$194,900 NEW LISTING
This charming 3 BR, 1 BA Ranch has something for everyone. Detached 2 car garage, over-sized deck for entertaining, & ample closet space.
Amy St. Laurent
860-617-6492

OPEN HOUSE SAT 12/8 12:00-1:30



130 Orchard Hill Rd Pomfret \$460,000 NEW PRICE
Enjoy comfortable & spacious living in this bright, modern, 5 BR, 3.5 BA home. 3 beautiful floors of living space located on 5 acres.
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Brooklyn \$520,000 NEW LISTING



Custom home on 10 acres. Built in 1989 w/3,739 SF, 4 BR & 4 full BA. Details include open floor plan & a 16' ceiling family room.
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Stephanie
860-428-5960

Thompson \$129,000 NEW PRICE



Lovely Ranch, perfect for downsizing or starter home. Clean and move in ready. Location is close to 395.
Call for a showing!
Kiona Carpenter
860-933-3305

Killingly \$199,900 NEW PRICE



Pristine 2005 updated Townhouse. Granite & hardwoods, 2 full BA, finished basement. Close to 395.
Mary Collins
860-336-6677

Hampton \$595,000



Reproduction Cape on 15 hilltop acres with long-distance views, barn and a pond! 3356SF with 3BR, 2BA and loads of custom details throughout!
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Stephanie 860-428-5960

Pomfret \$550,000



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860-377-4016

Top Buyers Agent



Belinda Culp
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Woodstock \$507,000



Step back in time to this homestead! The remnants of a mill house & grist mill that used the Sawmill Brook to power the mill can still be seen.
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Diane
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Plainfield \$325,000



View, views, views! This well-kept and loved secluded ranch sits by itself overlooking peaceful Moosup Pond.
The White/Cook Team:
Diane
860-377-4016

Ashford \$189,900



Great owner/occupy opportunity. Side by side units. Updated in 2003. Sits on 2.44 lovely acres.
Vivian Kozey
860-455-5363

Tolland \$299,900



Pride of ownership shines in this 4 BR, 3 BA over-sized Raised Ranch in a private country setting. This is a must see!
Vivian Kozey
860-455-5363

Killingly \$244,900



Great neighborhood, walk to water, new boiler, manicured yard, granite counters, HW floors. Must see!
Elizabeth Zimmer
860-617-2191

Woodstock \$1,490,000



Wonderful Antique Colonial with 182 acres, pastoral views w/ 4+ miles of wooded trails. Unique open concept, 3 story barn.
White/Cook Team:
Amy
860-377-2830

Willington \$349,900



Spacious Raised Ranch home w/4 BR & 4 car garage on 2.59 private acres. Lower level w/ possible in-law- BR, full kitchen, & BA.
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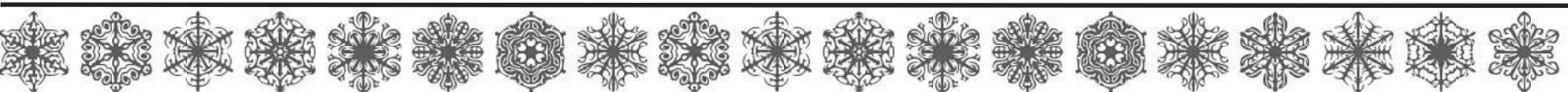
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

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Winter Sports Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

CURLING
FREESTYLE
HIKING
HOCKEY

ICE DANCING
LUGE
SKATING
SKIING

SLEDDING
SNOWBOARDING
SNOWSHOEING
TOBOGGAN

G I T E Y U P S X G F G
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ANSWER: SNOWBOARDING

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

W N S O H U C M N F U

ANSWER: Snow much fun



FRIGID

very cold in temperature

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Cold
SPANISH: Frío
ITALIAN: Freddo
FRENCH: Froid
GERMAN: Kalt

Did you know?

IF YOU BUILD A SNOWMAN IN A SPOT THAT IS SHADED, IT WILL LIKELY LAST LONGER THAN IF YOU BUILD IT IN A SPOT WHERE IT IS EXPOSED TO THE SUN.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CHILD RIDING SLED

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to textiles.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 23 = a)

A. 26 1 8 15 25
Clue: Thread or filament

B. 16 14 17 4 18 1 3 13
Clue: Covers the body

C. 10 23 25 3
Clue: Thick thread

D. 21 23 3 9 26 23 16 4 9 25 15
Clue: Make something

Answers: A. fiber B. clothing C. yarn D. manufacture

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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6	9	8	2	1	7	4	5	3
8	1	9	6	3	5	7	2	4
6	7	2	9	5	8	1	3	4
9	8	3	1	2	7	6	4	5
4	2	1	5	9	6	7	8	3
7	5	6	3	8	4	9	2	1
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Revisit lesser-known Christmas traditions

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Largely an English tradition, wassailing was brought to America by

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Easy Christmas morning breakfast



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

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

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

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

SPICED YOGURT MUFFINS

(Yield: 50 servings)

- 6 1/2 cups Dannon plain fat-free Greek yogurt
- 4 cups water, room temperature
- 1 box (5 lbs) Gold Medal® Muffin Mix, Whole Grain Variety
- 3 tablespoons McCormick pumpkin pie spice
- 2 tablespoons McCormick Chipotle cinnamon

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

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

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

Gingerbread goodness



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

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

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

HOLIDAY FOOD

Comfortable winter entertaining ideas



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

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

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

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

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

How to make the holiday season more eco-friendly

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

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

- Serve locally sourced foods. Food is often front and center during the holiday season. Whether hosting family and friends at home, dining out or catering an office party, patronize businesses that sell only locally sourced foods. Locally sourced foods are much more eco-friendly than foods that must be shipped from afar before they land on your dinner table, and such foods tend to taste fresh as well. If serving at home, use reusable dishware and cutlery instead of paper plates and plastic utensils.
- Reuse decorations year after year. Decorations need not be discarded once the holiday season ends. Come the new year, inspect holiday decorations and store those that made it through the season unscathed. Doing so benefits the planet and will save you the trouble of shopping for new decorations next holiday season.
- Get rid of your old holiday lights. Still using the same Christmas lights you used in 1995? Such lights are likely incandescent bulbs that are considerably less efficient than today's



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

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

An eco-friendly holiday season is easier to realize than many holiday celebrants may know.

4 tips to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season

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

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

1. PREPARE A FAMILIAR DISH.

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



2. SHARE SOME COOKING DUTIES.

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

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

3. ONLY MAKE

WHAT GUESTS ARE LIKELY TO EAT.

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

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

4. START EARLY.

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

uncertain about what to cook can look for meals that can be prepared in advance so come the big day all they need to do is turn on the oven and let meals cook while the family spends time together. Hosts can employ various strategies to simplify the process of cooking for a crowd this holiday season.



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