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CLEANING UP THE TOWN

Students from Auburn High School braved the cold weather on Nov. 17 to help clean up litter around town. Photo courtesy of the school's Twitter feed.

Frost looks to send military members care packages

AUBURN — State Rep. Paul K. Frost (R-Auburn) is seeking the names of military servicemen and women from the towns in his district who will not be home for the holidays so he can send them a Christmas care package, an annual tradition since he took office in 1997. His district is composed of Auburn, Millbury, precincts 2 and 3 in Oxford, and precinct 4 of Charlton.

"This time of year brings families and communities together," said Frost, "but there are many men and women in service to our country who are not able to come home for the holiday season. Wherever they may be stationed, I want to acknowledge and thank them and their families for their incredible commitment to protecting our nation and way of life. For the past 22 years now, I have been sending these brave men and women care packages as a small gesture to express my appreciation and let them know we are thinking about them back at home. As we celebrate the holidays, those serving in our military should be a part of our thoughts, prayers and well wishes during this joyous season."

The packages will contain treats and holiday greeting messages. If anyone in the district has a loved one from the district and in the military who will not be home for the holidays, call Rep. Frost's office at 617-722-2489 or email paul.frost@mahouse.gov by Monday, Dec. 9 to have a care package sent to them. Please include whether or not there are any food allergies when providing details.

Finalists for town administrator named

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Four individuals are being considered to fill the vacant Town Administrator seat in Charlton. The Town

take place next month.

The candidates are Andrew Golas, who serves as the town administrator in Barre; Thomas Guerino, the former town administrator for Bourne; Kimberly Newman, differing levels of experience to the table. Golas has been Barre's town administrator for two years previously serving as an executive assistant in Palmer. Guerino spent 14 years with the town of Bourne Mendon as administrator five years and was previously an administrator for the city of Lyndon in Kansas and the assistant town manager for Killingly, Connecticut. Selby has never served as an admineconomic development coordinator for Ashland.

These four candidates will look to succeed Robin Craver, who vacated her seat in Charlton after 13 years as of Oct. 1, 2019. Police Chief Graham Maxfield has served as Town Manager in the interim. Meet and greets with the four candidates have been

Administrator Search Committee heard the recommendations during a meeting on Nov. 21 where four names were presented as candidates for the job with interviews to

who is the current Mendon town administrator; and Matthew Shelby, the land use and economic development director for Acton.

The candidates each bring

before the two parties separated in 2019 and previously served nine years as executive director of the Massachusetts Rural Development Council. Newman has led the town of istrator but has held his role as development director in Acton for three years previously serving separate stints as the director of community development and health and

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Courtesy Photos

Before and after photos provided by MassDOT present the current Exit signs compared to the new mile marking signs to be installed

Numbering changes in store for highway exits

BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

REGION—The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has announced a new highway exit sign numbering system set to impact the region and the state over the next three years.

Interstates 395 and 290 are among the many highways that will receive the renumbering which will conform to the mile-marker format of numbering rather than using sequential numbers. Connecticut also adapted its highways signs to represent mile markers several years ago. The change, which was announce on Nov. 18, is meant to conform with the requirements of the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices issued in 2009 which seeks that all states adopt a mile-based sign numbering system. Massachusetts is one of only three states currently in noncompliance including New Hampshire and Delaware and failure to make this change could result in loss of federal funding according to the MassDOT.

The Department of Transportation released a pamphlet online detailing the finer details of the project which confirms that the state has committed to making the transition by January of 2022. The change is expected to start in the western part of the state and working eastward one route at a time with the changes taking place from east to west or north to south depending on the roadway. As was done in Connecticut, "Old Exit" signs are expected to be included to help commuters with the transition for at least two years. Exits that lead to the same interchange, such as the current Exit 4 in Oxford off of I-395, would not be labeled with different mile markers but would maintain

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Charlton City UMC hosting Gingerbread Fair



Courtesy Photo

Spencer residents Judy Fortin (L) & Sue Foley (right) chair the Gingerbread Fair.

CHARLTON CITY -Christmas is coming, and so is the Gingerbread Fair! Hosted by Charlton City United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the fair will include all the great holiday fair goodies families love. For seasonal sweets, there'll be homemade cookies, apple pies, and other great baked goods. Children can even make their own, decorating gingerbread cookies while you shop. Looking for decorations or gifts?

The church fair will be selling fresh handmade wreaths, plants, handcrafted items such as ornaments and kitchen towel gift sets, as well as gently used Christmas decorations from Grandma's Attic. The silent auction will be a place to find great bargains on items donated by members and many local businesses, like gift baskets and gift certificates. The

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Moore, Frost vote to pass child wellness legislation

BOSTON - Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Rep. Paul K. Frost (R-Auburn) announced the passage of legislation to support the health and wellness of children across the Commonwealth.

The bill aims to break down silos of service to better address the complex health and wellness needs specific to the Commonwealth's 1.4 million children. The effort seeks to create a foundation for better access to services and more data to inform future policy, while supporting a holistic approach to children's health and safety.

"As a father, and as a legisla-tor, I was proud to support this bill because the wellbeing of the children in our Commonwealth is of paramount importance," said Sen. Moore. "Providing increased access to health care and enhanced services is critical to helping our youth thrive."

"This legislation just makes sense, as we support all children as they become young adults by covering those in DCF and Foster Care with the healthcare coverage others would get with their parents," said Rep. Frost. "This bill makes sure less fortunate children aren't left behind when it

comes to healthcare, and covers behavioral health needs as well."

Among its provisions, the legislation seeks to address child wellness in several key areas. In particular, the bill secures healthcare benefits for foster children until the age of 26, making it easier for this vulnerable population to access MassHealth benefits they are entitled to, at minimal cost to the Commonwealth. It codifies the practice for Massachusetts in the event of change on the federal level to the Affordable Care Act.

The bill also requires insur-

ance companies to maintain accurate and accessible provider directories for health plans. The provision directs companies to make the directories available without requiring users to create a new online account or profile. Importantly, the bill also creates childhood behavioral health centers of excellence via a pilot program that designates three regional centers to act as clearinghouses to connect families, providers, and educators to services and training opportunities.

Lastly, the bill establishes several special commissions and requires the Heath Policy Commission to conduct an

analysis of children with medical complexities to analyze costs and population characteristics of this group in order to develop recommendations about how to serve this unique population. One of the special commissions established under the bill is tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on mandated reporting to improve responses to child abuse and neglect.

The bill now goes to Governor Charlie Baker for his consideration. To continue tracking the legislation, H.4210, visit the Legislature's Web site, www. MAlegislature.gov.

Cops and Kids and Lions toy drive underway

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Lions Club and the Southbridge Police Department are sponsoring their second annual Cops "N" Kids & Lions Toy Drive.

Please help us bring Christmas to deserving children in our area by donating new, unwrapped, non-violent toys by Dec. 20. Of particular need are toys for adolescents ages 12 through 16. Some gift ideas for this age group ranging up to \$30, include: water bottles, reusable straws, pop socket, skin care kit, scrunchies, cool charging cables, stickon phone card holder or phone case, portable phone charger, also neutral baseball caps (Nike versus a team).

Toy Drop-Off Locations Avelino Restaurant **Big Bunny Market** Cedar Street Cafe Cedar Street Grille Harrington Hospital Jacob Edwards Library Micknuck's Marketplace Southbridge Credit Union (all locations) Southbridge Fire Department

Southbridge Common Southbridge Police Department Southbridge Town Hall Sturbridge Police Department The Duck

All toys will benefit local families. Monetary donations can be made at any Southbridge Credit Union location. Contact us for sponsorship or donation opportunities:

copsnkids@southbridgemass.org.



Legislature passes distracted driving bill

BOSTON – Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) and Rep. Paul K. Frost (R-Auburn) announced that the Legislature gave final approval of a bill to ban drivers from using hand-held electronic devices in vehicles unless they are in hands-free mode.

The bill defines hands-free mode as one that engages in voice communication with and receiving audio without touching, holding or otherwise manually manipulating a mobile electronic device. Law enforcement officials will issue warnings to drivers for first offenses of the new law until March 31, 2020.

"The use of mobile devices while driving is a serious issue that we see all too often," said Sen. Moore. "Whether on highways or back roads, it's hard not to find a distracted driver whose attention is focused on their phone. With thousands of lives at risk, this issue merits a legislative response."

"With today's technology facilitat-ing hands-free options when using cell phones, we have reached an era where our motor vehicle driving laws should be updated," said Rep. Frost. "Distracted driving is a problem and one that has many forms, but with the

bluetooth technology and hands-free options that already exist there is no reason anyone should need to hold a cellphone to their ear while driving.'

Additionally, this legislation improves transparency in public safety by granting expanded access to traffic stop data. It has been 15 years since the last public report on traffic stop data; under this bill the state will be required to publish and analyze the data annually. Expanding access to this information improves transparency and improves public safety outcomes.

The bill will also:

Allow for drivers to use mapping or navigation devices if they are affixed to the windshield, dashboard or central console or integrated into the vehicle and only involve a tap or a swipe;

Exempt use of electronics in the case of an emergency and for first responders if they are using the devices as part of their duties;

Penalize drivers with \$100 fine for the first offence, \$250 fine and safety course for the second offence and \$500 fine and surcharge for third and subsequent offences;

Expand data collection of

identifying characteristics including age, race and gender and location when police issue a uniform citation;

Hold law enforcement agencies accountable, if data suggests those jurisdictions may be engaging in racial profiling, by requiring them to collect data on all traffic stops for a one-year period and provide implicit bias training;

Require the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPPS) to publish data online annually

Mandate EOPSS to contract with a research institution to conduct an annual analysis of the data collected.

Direct the EOPSS Secretary to hold three public hearings across the Commonwealth annually to present the findings of the annual report and analysis and field public testimony; and

Create a public awareness campaign informing and educating drivers on the dangers of using technological devices while driving.

The bill now goes to Governor Charlie Baker for his consideration. To continue tracking the legislation, H.4203, visit the Legislature's Web site, www. MAlegislature.gov.

Auditions scheduled for Gateway's first production of Season 45

SOUTHBRIDGE — Gateway Players

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CMS Chamber welcomes new insurance office to Sturbridge



Ary Belen, Jr.

STURBRIDGE — Join the Chamber, local dignitaries, neighbors and guests at a ribbon cutting ceremony at Allstate Insurance in Sturbridge on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 6 from 4-5 p.m. All in the community are welcome to come and meet Ary Belen and his team.

Ary Belen, Jr. is a licensed insurance agent with Allstate Insurance, operating exclusively as the Ary Belen Agency located at 71 Main St., Suite 10 in Sturbridge. What makes him different from other agents in the industry? Belen is well-respected as a trusted advisor.

"I'm here to provide peace of mind throughout the community, always keeping in mind the customers' need," Mr. Belen said.

Belen began with Allstate five years ago in Providence, R.I., where his wife, Jeo Sanchez, is an Allstate Agency owner. She opened her office in 2014. Together, they built a very successful agency and Belen decided it was time to branch out and establish his own agency in Massachusetts. He is currently working hard to build his agency, be a strong supporter in the community and welcomes anyone to call or stop by his office for a free quote. Contact Belen at 508-909-6784.

Belen is collecting items for Toys for Tots at the ribbon cutting ceremony. If you would like to contribute a new unwrapped toy, your gift would be most welcome. Guests will enjoy complimentary hot chocolate and some sweet desserts from The Publick House at the ribbon cutting ceremony. No need to RSVP, everyone is welcome!

This will be the sixth official red ribbon the golden shears of the Chamber of Central Mass South have had the privilege to snip in 2019. If it is time for you to grow your business and join a dedicated and

passionate business community, visit the Chamber of Central Mass South online at cmschamber.org.



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Gobi testifies in support of **Healthy Incentives Program**

BOSTON — Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) was present today to testify in support of S.48 and H.145, An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program, currently being heard in the Joint Committee on children, families, and persons with disabilities. These bills would establish the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) in statute, ensuring this successful program's long term viability.

Asked for comment on the hearing, Gobi, Senate Chair of the Massachusetts Food Systems Caucus and Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, remarked, "HIP has been extremely successful with our farmers, playing a critical role in providing healthy foods to many of our most vulnerable neighbors. I appreciate the committee's attention in hearing the bill, and I look forward to seeing it moved out of committee in the near future.'

The Food System Caucus has convened around three specific priorities this legislative



Courtesv Photo

Pictured, left to right: Rep. Mindy Dombs, Sen. Anne Gobi, Winton Pitcoff (Director, Massachusetts Food Systems Collaborative), Rep. Paul Mark, Sen. Jo Comerford, Sen. Dean Tran, Rep. Natalie Blais, and Becca Miller (Massachusetts Food Systems Collaborative).



session: increasing access to food and reducing food insecurity, protecting land and water resources used for agriculture and advancing economic development opportunities in the food system sector.

HIP furthers all of these goals since its inception in April 2017, HIP has provided vulnerable families and individuals across the Commonwealth with vital access to otherwise unaffordable fresh, healthy and local fruits and vegetables and spurred significant increases in sales for local farms across Massachusetts. To date, HIP has yielded \$12 million in sales of fresh fruits and vegetables for more than 200 farms in Massachusetts, providing 65,000 families in our Commonwealth with HIP incentives. This increased revenue to farms means farmers have an easier time staying in business, which in turn ensures that their farmland stays as farmland.

The program demonstrates the exceptional results that occur when state agencies work

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together toward a common goal that connects their missions. The Department of Transitional Assistance, in their role as lead agency for HIP, is providing more and healthier foods for SNAP households. The Department of Agricultural Resources has helped farmers sustain their operations through increased sales, and the Department of Public Health has helped vulnerable communities move toward better health outcomes by healthier eating. Thanks to this collaborative effort, HIP is far exceeding expectations, demonstrating the need for continuation of this program, which both families and farmers have already come to depend on. This legislation directs the three departments to continue this collaboration.

HIP is not without challenges most notably deficient funding levels which have necessitated multiple month suspensions in FY18 and FY19 and closed the program to many farmers, families and individuals who want to participate. The FY20 Budget included \$6.5 million for HIP -\$3.6 million of that has been disbursed in just the first 4 months.

The ability to ensure consistent, uninterrupted operation of the program is essential to the success of HIP, as suspensions have limited farmers' ability to plan and sustain meaningful business as well as the program's ability to maximize effectiveness in changing consumers eating habits, and left vulnerable program clients without a precious resource. Passage of this legislation would be a significant step towards ensuring a long term solution to these challenges.

For more information on the bill, please contact Senator Gobi's office at (617) 722-1540.

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Hazard Mitigation Plan finalized

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - The town of Charlton has approved a new Hazard Mitigation Plan pending final approval by Federal Management Emergency Agency.

The process of producing a new mitigation plan started in 2018 leading to a public information event in June of this year. The final plan was sent to FEMA and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, MEMA, has now been approved by the Board of Selectmen to receive one final look-over and approval from FEMA.

Trish Settles, the Deputy Director Regional for Collaboration and Community

Planning for the Central Massachusetts Regional Panning Commission, or CMRPC, attended the Nov. 20 meeting of the Board of Selectmen to see the board's approval of the final mitigation plan. The discussion was relatively straight forward with Settles explaining that Charlton will be the final town in her organizations attempt to help several Massachusetts communities update their expires and outdated plans for emergency situations and events.

"We've been fortunate to receive a grant on behalf of communities including Charlton to assist in the development of the plan update. The town's last plan was developed somewhere around 2012. It's

since expired. We've worked with a number of communities to individually update that plan. (Charlton) is that last of those 27," Settles said.

Latte,r she stressed the importance of approving the new plan and how it will allow Charlton access to recovery resources should an emergency occurz\s.

"A hazard mitigation plan is important for a town to have as it makes the town eligible for funds in the event that there is a disaster declaration in the state. The series of storms last winter resulted in a declaration that makes funds available. This plan identifies the areas within the town where the town can be proactive," said Settles. "For every dollar a town spends on mitigation typically you save about four dollars in what you'd be using the remedy that down the line, so we feel it's really important.'

This financial benefit was stressed by Charlton Fire Department Lt. Carl Eckman, who represents the department in matters of emergency management. Eckman has been a go-to resource and contact for the CMRPC throughout the process of developing the new mitigation plan and put into perspective the cost-saving benefits of having the document in place.

"For the hazard mitigation grants that are out there you gave to have a plan approved. Say, for instance, all of a sudden, you're getting an area where it keeps flooding. A culvert could fix it. They have a formula they use where if they had to detour traffic, say they had to go around two miles, they take into effect the mileage, the time wasted, and say you had 2,000 cars go by there a day it could be a significant amount of money. Say it was \$50,000 for the culvert, their figures came out to \$52,000 you are wasting because of not having the culvert there. They would give it to you for \$2,000 or even a dollar, as long as you can show that you'd be wasting more money there by even a dollar they will pay for it. It's a very wise thing to have," Lt. Eckman said.

Selectmen approved the plan unanimously which now goes to FEMA before it is officially implemented in Charlton.

Holiday Craft Fair returns to LHS Dec. 7

LEICESTER - Residents seeking to shop local this holiday season will have plenty of opportunities to support area crafters. Among the most popular annual events is the Leicester High School Art Club's Holiday Craft Fair, which is back for its 17th year.

Set for Saturday, Dec. 7, the event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Leicester High School. Admission is free, and guests will have the chance to meet more than 60 crafters selling an array of products.

The school's International Club will run a concession stand and a raffle table to support their trip to Quebec City in January.

The snow date is Sunday, Dec. 8.

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STA seeking nominations for Business of the Year

STURBRIDGE

The Sturbridge Tourist Association (STA) is preparing to award four local businesses with the title "Sturbridge Business of the of Year." This is the first time the STA is recognizing local businesses for all that they do to make Sturbridge a special place, and it needs your help to do it.

Please take a few minutes to complete the nomination form for a local Sturbridge business. The link to the nomination form can be found on the homepage of www.sturbridge.gov. You can nominate any businesses you like so long as they can fit into one of the four categories listed below:

Shop: for those businesses who sell goods to customers in Town

- Eat: for those businesses who

prepare meals and/or drinks for patrons in Town

Stay: for those businesses who offer overnight accommodations to guests in Town

- Play: for those businesses who offer patrons with something fun to do while they're in Town

The great thing is that many businesses in Town can fit into several categories! So you can decide which category a business can be nominated for. Furthermore, if you can't decide which business to nominate, you can nominate several different businesses! Just follow the same link to fill the form out again. Finally if you're a local business owner and you feel you've done some great thinks this past year, please feel free to nominate yourself!

The STA will announce the winner in late December and provide each with fabulous prizes! Prizes include:

- A free, one year membership to Discover Central Massachusetts

- A free marketing grant to promote their business to new audiences

- Recognition from the Town with a "Business of the Year" Award

Thank you for taking the time to complete this nomination form. It will help the STA recognize several local businesses for their hard work and dedication to Sturbridge over this past year. Nominations close on Dec. 11 at noon, so hurry and get your nominations completed today!



DUDLEY — In 2015, Nichols the remaining \$10 million and shown what we can achieve comprehensive campaign – the campaign by fall 2020.

College launched a \$45 million complete the now \$66 million

with visionary leadership, an engaged community, and a compelling case for support. We are not done yet. Like the future leaders we educate, Nichols is still discovering its full potential and getting ready for its next milestone," said John Davis, who co-chaired the Bicentennial Campaign with Gerald Fels '66. The campaign extension will focus on growing the endowment, enhancing campus facilities, and investing in educational initiatives such as greater experiential opportunities for students and advanced technology. The Bicentennial Campaign began a new chapter in Nichols' unique history and provided an opportunity to both honor the past and shape the future," said Dr. Engelkemeyer. "The campaign extension allows us to renew and strengthen our commitment to offering students a dynamic and distinctive education that fully prepares them for their careers.

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28. Popular card game

32. Spiritual leader

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largest in its history – in honor of the institution's bicentennial. In June 2017, when the campaign had surpassed its goal with \$46.1 million, two donors were inspired to keep it going.

Nichols Board Chair John Davis '72 and his brother, Trustee Steve Davis '80, proposed to extend the campaign with a \$5 million conditional matching challenge and an additional \$20 million goal.

Nichols President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D. recently announced that the \$5 million challenge has been matched, unlocking the Davises' commitment and raising \$10 million toward a \$20 million campaign extension goal. The matching donors are Keith Anderson '81, Bob Kuppenheimer '69, Peter Lynch '74, John McClutchy, Jr. '72, Tom Niles '63, Al Rock '63, and Robert Stansky '78.

Nichols is entering the final phase of the campaign to raise

The Bicentennial Campaign, officially titled "Securing a Legacy of Leadership," has already been a considerable force of transformation on the campus. Funds raised supported the construction of the Fels Student Center and a stateof-the-art academic building and major renovations to athletic facilities. The number of endowed scholarships rose from 21 to its current 78. The college added academic specializations and created co-curricular initiatives such as the Institute for Women's Leadership and the Emerging Leaders Program.

The campaign prompted an unprecedented level of giving among alumni, friends, faculty, staff, parents and students, drawing some 15 gifts over \$1 million, including two gifts of \$5 million, and more than \$10 million in deferred gift commitments to help secure the college's future.

'The Bicentennial Campaign has

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scheduled for Dec. 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Charlton Town Hall with interviews in public forum to take place the following night, Dec. 5, from 6 until 10 p.m.

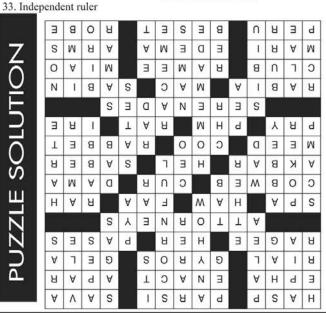


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chairwomen are Judy Fortin and Sue Foley from Spencer who are working with a wonderful committee to present a fair that has something for everyone.

If you get hungry, coffee and doughnuts will be served from 9-11 a.m., followed by lunch available from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., prepared by the men of the church. Charlton City United Methodist Church is located at 74 Stafford St., Charlton. The church is handicapped accessible, and has plenty of available parking.



LEARNING

LHS student earns an "A +" from Channel 5

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER – Students across central Massachusetts excel each day, but a Leicester High School senior recently discovered that only a handful of students earn an A+.

Aliciea Diaz was selected to be honored by the WCVB Channel 5 A+ Program, which highlights the accomplishments of students who are making a difference inside and outside their classrooms. Diaz, a Worcester native, has enjoyed all facets of her career at LHS.

"The A+ Program is a show that Channel 5 hosts to shed light on students who have had hardships in their lives and yet still continue to maintain good grades along with pushing themselves to do the best they can in other ways, such as sports, community services,



Courtesy Photo

ing themselves to do the best Leicester High School senior Aliciea Diaz, left, was they can in other ways, such recently chosen for an impressive honor.

and more," Diaz said.

After reading one of her college essays, Diaz's guidcounance selor, Kathy Warnken, suggested that she submit an email informing A+ Program leaders of her many accomplishments during four years at LHS. Through hard work and dedication to her studies, she has impressed

teachers and classmates alike. Shortly after sending her submission, Diaz learned that she was selected as an A+ student. Her standout resume includes membership on the LHS Student Council and the Environmental Club (she is the president of the latter organization). Outside of school, Diaz has an internship with Senator Michael Moore's office. As part of this role, she travels to the State House in Boston, attends meetings, and assists with several administrative tasks.

As if she didn't have enough on her schedule to keep her busy already, Diaz will begin a second internship in January with the Law Office of Michelle Murray in Spencer. It means a lot to her to be involved in the community, and she was thrilled to earn the A+ designation. "This honor has shown me what it means to push myself for the greater good," Diaz told the New Leader. "It feels great when people tell me that I have inspired them and motivated them to do better in their lives."

Looking ahead, Diaz hopes her internships with Senator Moore and Attorney Murray teach her a lot about what it takes to earn sustained career and community success. The extra responsibilities also prepare her well for the challenges of managing college coursework and other duties.

"I hope to learn from both of these incredible people what it means to help people," Diaz said.

In college, Diaz plans to study law and political science.

HOLY NAME HONOR ROLL

WORCESTER — Holy Name Junior/ Senior High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

GRADE SEVEN

High Honors Mendon – Kamil Minnich, Webster – Annabella Tran Worcester – Emily Galeriu, Ellie Kadamus, Malaak Massoud, Claire O'Connor, Vincent

Pham, Daijon Rondeau

Honors

Dudley – Tanner Kreft

Oxford - Eva Bonczek

Spencer – Emily Manfield, Adriana Russell

Worcester – Alexa Benson, Kevin Dunn, Doris Fan, Jonathan Gualdarrama, Louis-Spencer Kong, Paula-Ashley Kong, Randy Lam, Alexandra Lech, Felipe Silva

GRADE EIGHT

High Honors Boylston – Emily Charlton Charlton- Chase Brush, Colin Brush Holden – Liaidan VanDyke Milford – Matthew Donahue North Auburn – Amanda Wilbur Shrewsbury – Nathan Williams Worcester –Isabella Vigliotti, Grace

High Honors

Auburn – Claudia Symonick Douglas – Hayley Houston Dudley – Kaitlyn Nguyen Oxford – Benjamin Duval, Dominic Porcelli

Webster – Anna Richardson

Worcester – Kylie Barbour, Maria Basta, Brianna Borrero, Harmon La, Ryan Lam, Sanaa May, Terrence O'Connor, Ethan Paixao, Corey Rondeau, Jaiden Shekoni, Marcy Suarez, Nhu Tran, HuaQuingWang

Honors

Dudley – Alyson Gering, Madeline Grenier Grafton – Olivia Melo

Holden – Joseph Buckley, Xiaoyu Hei Hudson – Benjamin Kushi Marlborough – Adam Shorst Millbury – Sophie Ikeda Millville –Isabelle DiCecco Northbridge – Andrew Decoteau Oxford – Yihan Zhang Rochdale – Elizabeth Socha Spencer – Makenna Barrows, Fallon Desforges, Elizabeth Manfield Sturbridge – Nathan Kowal

Webster – Cole Fitzgibbons, Emilia Kreidler, Isabella Maglich, Felix Agbo, Ebenezer Ampofu, Emma Bolduc, Nicole Byrnes, Matthew Camfield, Katarina Dacri, Anna Fernandez, Marc Garabedian, Ahniya Hatcher, Natalee Horton, Boston Kielbowicz, Benjamin Koranteng, Kayla Marks, Martyna Myslinski, Grace O'Gara, Mario Paldino, Enger Paulino, Katie Paulino, Christina Pham, Danellis Ramirez, Marjorie Ramon, Ethan Robbins, Bella Romeo, Connor Sotiropoulos, Cormac Trainor Jefferson – Maura McCarthy Leicester – Michael Beando Milford – Ashby Norris Northbridge – Mateo Morrissette Oxford – Cienna Barszcz Paxton – Jillian Reynolds Rochdale – James Flanagan Shrewsbury – Conor McTigue, Natalia Moura-Westdijk, Henry Seo Spencer – Kalli McCutcheon West Boylston – Cadence Dimen, West Boylston – Cadence Dimen,

Worcester – Cara Amorati, Jacob Bowden, Kristen Bowden, Caitlin Graham, Raigan Gregoire, Randy Guarango, Ry Kariuki, Max LeFrancois, Lilianne Lipka, John Lopes, Dominic Porcaro, Alexandra Selvitelli, Olivia Spokis, Nolan Sweetser, Seth Williams

GRADE 12

High Honors Auburn – Anna Pyche Boylston – Elise Probst Milford – Rachael Allegakoen, Julianna Cafarella Shrewsbury – Elyse Duff Sutton – Karina Leblanc Uxbridge – Krista Sullivan Webster – Nicholas Paul

Westborough – Rachel Liazos Worcester – Ferras Coulibaly, Lucia Garcia,

Benjamin Lanava,

David Luo, Steve

Nguyen, Thomas

Pholnikorn, Brett

Kim,

Ester

Donovan

Rutland–Erin Duncan, Julia Riggieri Shrewsbury – Emily Baril, Renee Baril, Sean Hammitt, Rylie Murphy, Ora Qiu

South Grafton- Isabella Diorio

Southborough – Isabelle Lindhurst

Sturbridge –Rebecca Kowal Webster – Jessica Gardner, Jason Lin, Ashley Wentworth

Westborough – Declan Roche Whitinsville – Lindsey Sanderson

Worcester – Jason Abdelnour, Tanya lerte Olivia Alexander Barbara

Alerte, Olivia Alexander, Barbara Amoah, Norah Brennan, Anna Camfield, Linda Collesei, Crystal Di, Ava Diggs, Jaini Edmonds, Abigail Erickson, Oumou Fall, Zayvier Fields, James Gu, Tony Hu, Celine Jia, Kayla Leong, Mingge Li, Jay Liu, McKenzie Logan, Olivia Lupisella, Josiah Marengo, Amina Mohammed, Margaret O'Connor, Daniel Onyema, Astrid Otchere, MinkyuPark, BrockRichmond, Passapong Ruksee, Gianluca Santi, Truc Tran, Nguyen Truong, Emily Vo, Calvin Wang, Adina Williams, Ian Wu, Weipeng Yu, Ivy Zhang



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Honors

Berlin – Julia Resteghini Grafton – David Romaniec Marlborough – Kevin Short Millbury – Patrick Sheehan Northborough – Craig Mitchell Northbridge – Lauren Decoteau Paxton – Amiya Charpentier Pomfret Center, CT – Caroline Harris Shrewsbury – Millenny Silva

Worcester – Janelle Ankrah, Naima Bleou, Emberlynn Cao, Aidan Coppinger, Jonathan Doucette, Tyler Foster, Jonathan Frederick, Miriam Greenslit, Jake LeFrancois, Connor Linnus, Jack McGrath, Mia Monje, Aidan Morrow, Carlos Narvaez, Joseph Okla, Chiamaka Onyema, Dean Pullman,

Dominic Selvitelli, Aidan Sweetser, Azahra Swiga

GRADE NINE

High Honors Auburn – Ryan Mechery East Brookkfield – Ronald Pataky Mendon – Olar Minnich North Grafton – Abigail Burbick Shrewsbury – Sabrina Williams West Boylston – Jacob Olson Worcester – Kwame Asare, Keziah Danso, James Farrell, Theresa Harrison-Attobrah, Gwen Marcotte

Honors

Auburn - Chloe Diguette Charlton – Dara Gadbois Fisksdale - Chris Menard Grafton- Taylor Coonan Mendon - Mark Younes North Auburn – Ashley Wilbur Northbridge – Emma Ronan, Michael Ronan Oxford - Patrick Mahlert, Ziwen Meng, Alexandro Montreuil Shrewsbury - Amanda Achu Fon, South Grafton – Dominic Boscia Uxbridge – Lily Turenne Webster – Connor Paul Whitinsville - Oscar Hay Worcester - Logan Antkowiak, Kim

Co, Denise Donkor, William Ford, Matthew Franchi, Marcus Johnson, Sophie Kassini, Isaish Makor, Angelina Minchala, Mary Nguyen, Kevin Vo

GRADE TEN

GRADE 11

High Honors Auburn – Ashley Deneault North Grafton – Anmarie Huggett North Oxford – Danielle Frasco Oxford – Jay Warman Shrewsbury – Frances Fernandez Worcester – Carissa Covello, Kaylee DeSiata, Paige DeSiata, Elizabeth Galeriu, Cristianna Giovanangelo-Nicotera, Yuna Kim, Max Nadeau-DaCruz

Honors Auburn - Matt Card, Kevin Ly, Liam Silva Clinton – Issaih Agnew Douglas – Amanda Scannell

Fisksdale – Kaitlyn Andersen

Pullman **High Honors** Auburn Nathalie Soto Charlton Anthony Pingeton, Janelle Schulman Cherry Valley -Peter Li Hudson - Emily Regis Leicester - Katy Lepard **Millbury** Jacob Ikeda, Ariel Ji, Julia Rosum, Faith Sheehan North Oxford Daniel Donovan Oxford – Abigail

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the single number representing the initial mile followed by letters like "a" and "b." Exit numbers will be rounded to the nearest mile with the lowest possible number being Exit 1. Only four corridors will remain unchanged through the plan, Route 213, Interstates 291 and 391 and the Lowell Connector. The Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program is providing 90 percent of the funds for the state to make the transition, with the other 10 percent paid for by state highway funds.

The DOT explained that there are sev-

eral factors that play into this change. One major element involves calculating miles traveled and allowing drivers to better determine distance between destinations. It is also believed to help with reporting highway incidents more accurately and it would prevent the need for costly renumbering if new exits were added to routes. Most of all though the change would bring Massachusetts in line with 47 other states and preserve funding on the federal level.

The interstate highway sign numbering transition is expected to commence in the summer of 2020.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard A. Pingalore and Cheryl A. Pingalore to Chase Bank USA, N.A. dated July 18, 2006, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39451, Page 88; said mortgage was then assigned by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by virtue of an assignment dated June 13, 2019, and recorded in Book 60589, Page 255; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 01:00 PM on December 10, 2019, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 4 Gilbert Way, Auburn, MA 01501. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage: The land located partly in Auburn and partly in Millbury, Worcester County, Mass., shown as Lot 7 on "Plan to Shown Proposed Subdivision in Auburn and Millbury, Mass., owned by Anthony W. & George E. Kowszik", dated July 22, 1968 and prepared by Kenneth Shaw of Sutton, Mass., as recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 304, Plan 23, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point at the Northeast corner of Lot 9 on said plan; Thence S. 78° 27' 50" W., by said Lot 9, 307.41 feet to a point in a stone wall; Thence N. 11° 17' 30" W., by said stone wall, 159.79 feet to a point; Thence N. 80° 08' 30" E., 110.66 feet to a point; Thence by a curve, the radius of which is 298.49 feet, 39.94 feet to a point; Thence S. 02° 11' 30" E., 9.40 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract contains approximately 49,000 square feet, more or less, of which 48,857 square feet is in Auburn and 143 square feet is in Millbury. For title reference see deed recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 8822, Page 345. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale. Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be. In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale

executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Dated: October 31, 2019 U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 225D, Beverly, MA 01915 www.dgandl.com 921-2670 (978)51613 (PINGALORE) November 15, 2019

November 22, 2019 November 29, 2019

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 148 Leicester Street, Auburn, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Crystal Carpenter and James Carpenter to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., DBA American Mortgage Network of MA, said mortgage dated July 16, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41517 at Page 216 and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust by virtue of an assignment from Federal National Mortgage Association to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust dated July 6, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 55879 at Page 240, previously assigned by JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, to Federal National Mortgage Association by virtue of an assignment dated December 24, 2014 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 53575 at Page 363, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to Chase Home Finance LLC, by virtue of an assignment dated August 16, 2010 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 46216 at Page 227 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on December 9, 2019 at 3:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being a part of the premises conveyed to Delia T. Tobin by deed of James Humphries dates January 29, 1908 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 1872, Page 297 bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner thereof on the northerly side of Leicester Street at a point 100 feet westerly, measured along the northerly line of said Leicester Street, from a stone bound at the westerly end of a curve at the northwesterly corner of said Leicester Street and Oxford Street; THENCE N. 16 degrees 53' East. 94.3 feet by land of Della T. Tobin to land conveyed to Thomas F. Tobin, Jr. and Getrude M. Tobin;

the southwesterly corner of the last mentioned Tobin's land and bounded by said land;

THENCE northerly 12 feet by said last mentioned land;

THENCE N. 66 degrees West, 50 feet to land conveyed to J. Harold and Claire J. Tobin and bounded by other land of Delia T. Tobin;

THENCE S. 25 degrees 38' West, 142 feet more or less by land of said J. Harold and Claire J. Tobin to the northerly line of Leicester Street;

THENCE S. 83 degrees 52' East 150 feet by the northerly line of said Leicester Street to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 36/100 of an acre of land, more or less.

Map 48

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The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated July 16, 2007, and recorded in Book 41517 at Page 214 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurers or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurers or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue

Farmington, CT 06032

November 29, 2019

Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868 November 15, 2019 November 22, 2019

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Bushee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and now held by LoanCare, LLC, said mortgage dated November 6, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 42057 at Page 372, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated June 22, 2017, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 57385 at Page 340, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on December 20, 2019, at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in said Auburn, on the westerly side of Carroll Street, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of Carroll Street three hundred seventy-five (375) feet northerly of the intersection of the northerly line of Lincoln Street with the westerly line of Carroll Street;

THENCE: northwesterly by Lot 13 on plan of House Lots in Auburn, owned by Mary J. L. Pond-Snyder by Arthur

N. Pond dated November 2, 1947 and not of record, as revised, for a distance of one hundred sixty-seven and seventy-five hundredths (167.75) feet, more or less, to a point at land now or formerly of Pinehurst Development;

THENCE: northerly by said Pinehurst Development one hundred thirteen and eleven hundredths (113.11) feet, more or less, to an iron pipe;

THENCE: easterly on a line parallel to the northerly line of Lot 14 on said plan one hundred eighty-two and eight tenths (182.8) feet, more or less, to the westerly line of Carroll Street;

THENCE: southerly by the westerly line of Carroll Street one hundred twelve and five tenths (112.5) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Being Lot 14 and the southerly half of Lot 15 on said plan.

This conveyance is made subject to and together with rights over Carroll Street; Subject to the following restrictions: All buildings are to be set back at least thirty (30) feet from street line excepting steps, bay windows, porticoes, etc. may be within restricted area. No house to be built to accommodate more than one family and said house is to cost not less than \$5,000.00. No garage for more than two (2) cars shall be erected on the premises. No mercantile or manufacturing business shall be carried on said premises.

THENCE westerly 77.5 feet to

The Auburn Water District ("the District") a duly organized public water district, acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners (the "Commissioners"), invites sealed proposals for the lease of certain land adjacent to the District's office and located at 541 Southbridge Street in Auburn, Massachusetts, for purposes of the selected lessee operating a Golf Driving Range. The proposed lease agreement will be for a multi-year term expiring on December 31, 2024. Terms and conditions of the Request for Proposals may be obtained at the District's office, 75 Church Street, Auburn, Massachusetts, beginning on November 25, 2019 during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday (telephone: (508) 832-5336).

Proposals will be received at the District's office until 9AM on Thursday, November 19, 2019.

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Proposal For Golf Driving Range." It is the bidder's responsibility for timely delivery of their bid proposal to the location indicated.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part, should it be in the District to do so. AUBURN WATER DISTRICT

Board of Water District Commissioners:

November 29, 2019 December 6, 2019

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 29 Carroll Street, Auburn, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ronald H. Bushee and Patricia Bushee a/k/a Patricia E. St. George The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated November 21, 1995, and recorded in Book 17506 at Page 58 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 275 West Natick Road, Suite 500 Warwick, RI 02886 Attorney for LoanCare, LLC Present Holder of the Mortgage Telephone: (401) 234-9200 MLG File No.: 19-02824 November 29, 2019 December 6, 2019 December 13, 2019

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Editorial

A time to be thankful

From 1621 to 2019, Thanksgiving has always been about celebrating an abundant fall harvest. The holiday's roots date back to the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag tribe, who shared the first Thanksgiving meal together.

The celebratory feast was held by individual colonies up until 1789 off and on, with the first Presidential proclamation recognizing its significance issued by George Washington himself. His successor, Thomas Jefferson — an ardent believer in the separation of church and state — felt that it was not the government's place to sanction a celebration that he believed had religious undertones, and it wasn't until Abraham Lincoln's Presidency in 1863 that the annual celebration was enshrined as a federal holiday.

Tasked with guiding the nation through its darkest period, Lincoln rightly intuited that a celebration focused on family and thankfulness would help to heal the wounds inflicted upon the nation's psyche by the bloody and destructive Civil War.

"Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," he wrote.

As we sat down to reflect on what we are grateful for this year as Thanksgiving approaches, we have been thinking about the unseasonably cold snap that has ripped through the east coast. Winter seemed to come in in like a lion this year, and not everyone was ready.

There is, however, something unexplainably welcoming about hunkering down for a long winter. Spending time outside in the middle of a snow globe is refreshing, yet serene, and this year

If the remains of Tom Turkey are still taking up half of your refrigerator space, it's time to use up all the leftover meat pronto or freeze it for future meals. According to the Center of Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), the Thanksgiving turkey can

be eaten for four days after cooking. This week's column will spotlight some delicious meals perfect for last minute suppers - or beyond, if you

have frozen the leftovers. If you think hot turkey sandwiches and turkey noodle soup are your only options, read on. With a few extra additions, your post Thanksgiving meals can be as interesting as the memorable main event.

Leftover Turkey and Potato Casserole This scrumptious recipe uses up turkey and mashed potatoes, and even that extra can of evaporated milk you have from baking!

Ingredients: three tablespoons butter; two tablespoons all-purpose flour; one (5 ounce) can evaporated milk; one cup cold water; one quarter teaspoon salt; one quarter teaspoon pepper; one quarter teaspoon onion powder; one cup cooked, diced turkey meat; one cup shredded cheddar cheese; two cups leftover mashed potatoes two tablespoons butter; one cup finely crushed herb-seasoned dry bread stuffing mix.

Instructions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. For sauce: Melt three tablespoons butter in a saucepan over low heat. Add flour and stir until mixed. Slowly stir in evaporated milk and water, then season with salt, pepper and onion powder. Stir over low heat for five minutes; remove from heat. Place turkey in a lightly greased 9 by 13 inch baking dish. Pour sauce over turkey, then sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Spread mashed potatoes over cheese. Melt two tablespoons butter and add to stuffing mix; sprinkle stuffing over top of casserole. Bake, uncovered, in the preheated oven for 45 minutes.

Cream of Turkey Soup

Forget boring clear leftover soups, this one is rich and delicious!

Ingredients: one quart turkey broth; one cup diced, cooked turkey; one half cup diced, cooked carrots (optional); one cup light cream; four tablespoons butter; four tablespoons flour; one quarter teaspoon salt; one eighth teaspoon white pepper; one eighth teaspoon nutmeg or mace; one tablespoon minced parsley or chives Directions: Melt four tablespoons butter in a large heavy saucepan over moderate heat and blend in four tablespoons flour. Add broth and cream and heat. stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth. Mix in all seasonings, turkey meat and carrots; cover, let mellow over low heat for about ten minutes, Serve hot. Makes about four servings.

TAKEThis Mexican crock
pot dish that uses up
lots of leftover turkey,
is an award winning
recipe from Mary Torell
with the Nebraska Dept
of Agriculture.

Ingredients: one chopped onion; one cup chopped celery; four

cups cooked turkey chopped; two 15.5 ounce cans Northern beans, drained; two 11 ounce cans shoe peg corn, undrained;; one four ounce can chopped green chilies; one quart turkey broth; one half cup mozzarella cheese, grated.

Directions: Place cooked turkey and all other ingredients in a slow cooker. Mix well and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours.

For a thicker sauce, remove the cover for the last hour. Sprinkle with Mozzarella cheese.

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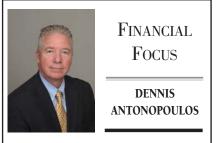
Turkey Timer Trivia: Pop up timers have saved many a Thanksgiving turkey from ruin. Have you ever wondered how they work? In case you missed this in a previous column, here's everything you've always wanted to know about the handy plastic pop ups!

A pop up turkey timer is typically comprised of the outside case, a red stick that pops up, a metal spring and a dab of soft metal similar to solder. The soft metal is solid at room temperature and turns to a liquid at about 185 degrees (when a turkey is fully cooked). When the metal melts, it frees the end of the red stick that had been trapped in the metal. The spring pops the red stick up and you know the turkey is done! One little known fact is that these timers are reusable. If you dip the tip in hot water it will remelt the metal and you can push the pop up piece back into the metal. Then let it cool, and the pop-up piece will be back in its original position, ready to use again!

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 renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

New at investing? Follow these suggestions



If you're fairly new to investing, you might be wondering what sort of rules you should follow or moves you should make. And while everyone's situation is different, there are indeed guidelines that make sense for all investors.

Here are some to consider:

Learn the basics. The investment world can seem confusing, but the more you know about the basic components, the more confident you'll be when you begin to invest. For starters, you'll want to be familiar with the essential types of investments: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on. And it's also important to know that some investments are designed to provide growth - an increase in the investment's value – while others provide income in the form of dividends or interest payments, and still others may offer growth and income.

Set your goals. You need to know why you're investing – and that means you must clearly define your goals. Do you want to retire early? When you do retire, what kind of lifestyle would you like to have? Are you planning on helping your children (or grandchildren) pay for college? Once you've established your goals, you can create the appropriate investment strategy for achieving them, taking into account your time horizon and risk tolerance.

Invest regularly. At first, you may only be able to afford to put in small amounts to your investment accounts, but even so, try to contribute regularly. You'll get into the habit of investing and, later on, when you earn more money, you can ramp up your contributions. If you have a 401(k) or similar plan at work, the money can come out of your paycheck before you even see Think long term. As you begin investing, it's important to have the right attitude. Specifically, don't look for the "hot" investments that will make you a "bundle" in a matter of weeks. Investing just doesn't work that way - instead, it's a decadeslong process of carefully choosing, managing and adjusting a diversified portfolio that's suitable for your individual needs. And by maintaining a long-term focus, you'll be less susceptible to making ill-advised moves in response to short-term market events. Don't get scared off by downturns. If you invest for many years, it's inevitable that you will experience sharp drops in the financial markets. But these declines are actually a normal part of investing. If you overreact to them by selling investments just because their price has dropped, you'll not only be breaking a cardinal rule of investing – to buy low and sell high – but you'll also be disrupting the type of cohesive, continuous investment strategy that's necessary to help you achieve your goals. Get some help. You may find it easier to navigate the investment landscape if you get some help from a professional advisor - someone who understands your goals and family situation and who can make appropriate investment recommendations. A financial advisor can also suggest changes to your portfolio in response to changes in your life (new job, child graduating college, etc.) and in your goals, such as a new date for retirement. When you invest, there aren't many guarantees. But by following these suggestions, you will know, at the very least, that you're taking the steps that can lead to success.

- although we know many of you out there may not share our inclination - we are thankful for the changing season.

When we can look at winter as something to be enjoyed rather than endured, a shift happens. Having a positive mindset will lessen the chance of seasonal depression setting in. When someone begins complaining about the cold weather and shorter days, counter it with something positive, such as how much fun it is to go snowmobiling, or skiing. Even a walk around your yard, kicking up freshly fallen snow can be a therapeutic plus. Staying physically active is key. Joining a gym, playing outdoors with your children or even following along with a 15 minute workout video indoors can give your mental state a boost.

Wintertime is also, of course, the season of holidays, and to us, nothing is better than gathering with family and friends to celebrate the season as you sip from a mug of hot chocolate with a dab of that New England favorite, marshmallow Fluff.

Whatever your own holiday traditions, and wherever you may be traveling this week, we wish you a safe journey, a hearty meal, and a wonderful time in the company of kith and kin.





Slow Cooker White Turkey Chili

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

LETTERS

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

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

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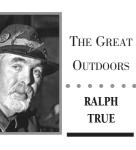
The dangers of deer bunting

Massachusetts deer hunting opens this coming Monday, Dec. 2, for shotgun. Numerous large deer were harvested during the archery season, and it has become one of the most popular and successful seasons among deer hunters. State of the art

bows have increased the success rate of harvesting deer. If a cross bow bill is passed for the 2020 hunting season, it will only make recovery of more deer, other than losing them to a bad shot. This week's picture shows a trophy deer with an impressive set of antlers harvested in Massachusetts a few years ago. The mount was part of a display at last year's sportsmen's show at the Big-E in Springfield.

Hunting has become a dangerous sport, as some hunters over the years that have found out the hard way. It is not a wise idea to confront a hunter in the woods if you feel he is trespassing on private property, or doing something illegal. Thanks to cell phones, the matter is best left for the authorities. A simple call should keep you A hunter recently confronted an safe. ATV rider about trespassing on private property, and was run over by the machine. Numerous other incidents over the years resulting in injury to the hunter after falling from his or her tree stand, are on the increase.

Applying to much doe urine to you clothing to mask your human scent can also be dangerous. In fact, it may work



too well. Reports of hunters being attacked by bucks that are in rut happen more often than we think. Suddenly, you are the hunted.

Last week, a young lady shot her first buck of her life. She tried to do everything right. After the shot, she left the area

to get help tracking the huge buck. It is always best to leave the deer, instead of pushing the deer farther away, and possibly into another hunter. The rule is that the last hunter to shoot the deer has the right to claim it. I know it happened to me a couple of times.

After gathering up a couple of friends to help track the deer, they found themselves tracking the deer for some time. Soon they realized the buck had headed for the river, and they lost the track at the river bed. They left the area to get a boat and a canoe, which was necessary to cross over to the other side, to continue tracking the deer. Two hunters jumped into the canoe, and one quickly fell overboard, taking the other tracking hunter with them. It was not long before the small boat became full of water, and all of the hunting party was cold and wet.

It was starting to get dark when the group decided that they had enough, and planned to come back in the morning. They soon realized that one of the hunting party became separated from the group. It seems that he had left his cell phone in the car during all of the excitement. He was located a short time later cold and wet. It was a good thing that all of the hunting party were wearing their life jackets, or it could have ended up a lot worse. No one could make up this story. As of the column deadline this past Friday, the deer was still on the run.

Wild animals are fighting back as one local resident found out recently. This writer wrote about the increase in fisher cat last week in the valley. Well, a local resident came face to face with a large fisher cat after he opened his shed door in his backyard. The huge cat charged the resident and landed on his chest immediately sinking his teeth into the man's neck. He quickly grabbed a sharp object and started to stab the animal until he fell to the floor. I have not heard how the man is doing. Just imagine if it happened to a young child.

Bobcats have also made the list of frequent visitors in the valley. There numbers are increasing annually, and are a threat to small pets. They also dine on small rodents and rabbits that have made a comeback to the valley area.

After reading this column, some local residents that are anti hunting could change their minds. Most hunters would like to be considered your friend and respect and appreciate hunting private property. Do not let a few disrespectful hunters influence your thoughts about the majority of sportsmen.

Hopefully, everyone is enjoying their Thanksgiving weekend. We sure have plenty to be thankful for after listening to the news about floods and fires that have displaced thousands of families in



California, Texas and other states. Do not forget our veterans and the elderly, especially at this time of year. God Bless!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Brighten your spiris and indoor décor with a colorful Cyclamen

Add some unique beauty to your indoor décor or give the gift of low maintenance splendor with the easy-care cyclamen. You'll enjoy the colorful plain or ruffled white, pink, rose or lavender flowers that look like shooting stars hovering over heart shaped leaves with silvery highlights.

Best of all, there's a size for every home and occasion. Use miniatures as a place card holder at your next gathering, for added color in a terrarium or to brighten any small space. Dress up the dinner table, mantle or side table with one of the larger varieties. Large or small, they make wonderful party favors and hostess gifts. Place the plants in a decorative container, basket or colorful tin for an even more impressive display.

Grow your cyclamen in a cool bright location. These in cooler temperatures and should be kept out of drafts of hot and cold air. Consider moving your plant to an even cooler room at night to extend the bloom time.

Use your finger to monitor soil moisture. Water thoroughly when the potting mix that's just below the soil surface is starting to dry. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer, decorative basket or foil wrap. Allowing plants to sit in water leads to soggy soil and the decline of the plant's health and beauty.

Or set the plant on a saucer of pebbles. The excess water will collect in the saucer while the pebbles elevate the pot above the water. You'll reduce the risk of root rot and save time by eliminating the need to pour off this excess water.

Remove any yellow leaves to keep your plant looking its cy and growing conditions if this is a frequent problem. Overwatering or allowing the soil to dry to the point of wilting can cause the leaves to yellow. Low light and drafts of hot and cold air can do the same.

Remove flowers as they fade. Gently twist and pull off or cut spent flower stems back at their base in the foliage. Regular deadheading will increase the number of flowers and length of bloom. With proper care, you will be enjoying flowers for four weeks or

more.

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leaves

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If you like a challenge, try forcing it into bloom a second time.

Simply cut back on watering when you notice the leaves begin to yellow. Then stop watering once all the leaves have dried. Move the plant to a cool dark location for several months. After the rest period, bring your plant out of dormancy and encourage it to bloom. Begin watering, fertilize once new growth appears and place it in a sunny window. Then wait for a beautiful

floral display.

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Mediterranean plants thrive best. Adjust watering frequen- mant period.



Melinda Myers Photo

Easy-care cyclamen varieties offer plain or ruffled white, pink, rose or lavender flowers.





Age 11

Alijah is a social, engaging and polite boy of Cape Verdean descent. His favorite activities include playing sports, board games and card games, and singing and dancing. He also likes cooking, baking and swimming. Alijah is particularly good at basketball and he enjoys showing others his skills.

Alijah does benefit from accommodations listed on his IEP to assist him with more emotional/social supports. He does well in school and is performing on grade level. Alijah is hopeful that he will be able to step down to a less restrictive setting in the near future.

Legally freed for adoption, Alijah will do best in a family with no other children in the home or with children older than he is. An ideal family will be able to give Alijah the one-on-one attention that he craves, and provide him with structure and clear rules. He would also love for his future family to have pets or be open to adopting a pet. It is very important to Alijah that he is able to maintain contact with his eight siblings who are also looking to be adopted.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

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

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





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SPORTS Auburn multi-sport star Picard chooses baseball at University of Hartford

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — By the end of Coleman Picard's sophomore year at Auburn High School, and maybe even after his freshman year, it wasn't a question of whether or not the talented, athletic, three-sport standout would continue his athletic career in college, but rather where he would continue it, and in what sport.

On Thursday, Nov. 14, Picard's family, friends, teammates and classmates, as well as members of the Auburn High administration, faculty and staff, packed the lobby and hallway adjacent to AHS's Pappas Gymnasium to watch Picard sign a Division 1 National Letter of Intent to attend the University of Hartford, where he will play baseball for the Hawks.

"The whole family is very excited," Picard said. "It was great to have all my family and friends there on such an important day."

In the end, after visits to schools all over New England, Picard — who said the final two schools he considered were the University of Hartford and the University of Maine chose Hartford, which is an easy, under-an-hour drive from Auburn.

"It was a really tough deci-



Courtesy photo

Auburn High's Coleman Picard makes his college choice official by signing a National Letter of Intent to attend and play baseball for the University of Hartford.

sion. Hartford and Maine are both really great programs. I really trusted both coaching staffs and I felt a real good connection at both schools," Picard said. "I think, ultimately, it came down to location. Being 45 minutes from home so my parents can come up and see our home weekend series was a big factor in my decision to choose Hartford."

Picard, a 6-foot-1, 175-pound right-handed pitcher, was 7-1

last year for the Rockets, finishing the season with a 1.42 earned run average and 81 strikeouts in 41 innings. Picard has also played right field for Auburn throughout his career and last year batted .381 and drove in 20 runs. He was an everyday player for coach Eric Swedberg as a freshman, helping to lead the Rockets to the Division 3 state title in 2017.

Swedberg thinks Picard and Hartford are a good fit.

Swedberg's younger brother Jeff played for Hartford in 2000, so he has visited the campus and knows the area. Back when he played at Worcester State University, Eric Swedberg (a catcher) caught current Hawks' coach Justin Blood (a pitcher) in the annual New England Collegiate All-Star Game.

Swedberg said he believes Picard's athleticism and work ethic will help him greatly with the learning curve that comes with transitioning from high school baseball to the Division 1 college game.

"Coleman is a thoughtful player and he just goes out and does his thing," Eric Swedberg said. "He's a huge team guy, a lead-by-example guy. He has a professional attitude when he's on the field.

"He has a great work ethic, too," Swedberg continued. "He works out, even at 4:30 in the morning on days after he pitches. He's always prepared, he's healthy, and he cares about what he eats. Being prepared and having a terrific work ethic are the signs of a high-level college athlete."

Picard's priority at Hartford will be as a pitcher, but neither he nor Blood has ruled out his spending time in the outfield.

"Coach Blood gave me the option of playing the outfield and pitching, although my primary focus is going to be on the mound," Picard said. "But coach Blood said I could come in in the fall and try both and if both were working we would talk about me playing both. So, I'm going to go there in the fall and try both out and see what happens."

This fall, as the starting goalkeeper on the boys' soccer team — a position he held since he was a freshman — Picard led Auburn back to the semifinal round of the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament. He finished the season with 14 shutouts and allowed just eight goals in 20 games. Last winter Picard averaged 16.4 points per game for Auburn's boys' basketball team and connected on 33 3-point attempts.

Picard and Blood have also talked about the possibility of Picard playing soccer for the Hawks in the fall and baseball in the spring.

"We talked about it and coach Blood told me one of his former players, who ended up getting drafted, played goalie for the soccer team and first base for the baseball team," Picard said. "Coach Blood seems to be a big proponent of it. An aspect of his recruitment of me was the fact that I played multiple sports. He seemed down for it. If I ever decided to do it, I think he'd let me."

Webster Lake the place Fernandez honed his skills to become wakeboarding national champion



ated from Woodstock Academy in 2018. "I started wakeboarding when I was 8 years old because two of my cousins that I am best friends with [Austin and Travis Sroczenski] learned how to do it and I thought it was cool," Fernandez said during a recent phone interview. "That day I asked my mom to buy me a wakeboard."

Fernandez's mom, Webster native Jill Pratt, an accomplished water skier during her college days at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., was all for it

for it. "We went right over to Lakeview professional wakeboarding whatsoever. I do it purely for fun and for the love of doing it.

"I feel like instructing might be a career path for me, It's so much fun. One of the best feelings I get from wakeboarding is teaching new people. The smile on their faces when they try it and realize they love it is just priceless," Fernandez concluded.

Courtesy photos

Nick Fernandez, a native of Webster and Woodstock, Conn., was crowned Men's A Division National Champion at the 2019 Collegiate Wakeboard National Championships.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

When Nick Fernandez attended a family gathering on Webster Lake 11 years ago, he had no idea he was going to be introduced to something that would change the course of his life, but that's exactly what happened.

On that summer day in 2008 Fernandez, now 19 years old, witnessed the sport of wakeboarding for the first time. He quickly became obsessed with the sport and was out on the water every day he could talk his mother or his father — or anyone else, for that matter — to drive the boat for him.

In September Fernandez, a sophomore at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., was crowned Men's A Division National Champion at the 2019 Collegiate Wakeboard National Championships, held at the Orlando

Watersports Complex.

Fernandez's performance helped lead Rollins College to a ninth-place overall finish. The event included teams from all the elite watersports schools, including the University of Central Florida, South Florida, Florida, Miami, Arizona State, Baylor, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M and Wisconsin.

Along with the designation of national champion came another honor for Fernandez, a spot on Team USA in the 2020 Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire (FISU) World University Waterski and Wakeboard Championships. The FISU championships will be held Sept. 22-27, 2020, in Dnipro, Ukraine.

Fernandez grew up on Webster Lake, close to Point Breeze, before his family moved to Woodstock, Conn. He gradu-



Rollins College sophomore Nick Fernandez honed his wakeboarding skills at nearby Webster Lake.

Marina and picked up a wakeboard," Fernandez said. "From there we went to the lake and I tried wakeboarding for the first time and loved it. I 100 percent fell in love with wakeboarding. I was out on the lake every chance I could be. I was out on the lake every day in the summer. I just wanted to keep going and keep improving. "I wakeboarded all the time,

"I wakeboarded all the time, Fernandez added. "In the winter I snowboarded. That was my cross-training, so to speak. It was all just for fun."

Fernandez began competing in wakeboarding tournaments when he was 11.

"At that point I started getting recognized by some of the local shops and some of the brands more involved in the sport. They gave me some small sponsorships to start," said Fernandez, now in his second year as captain of the Rollins College wakeboard team. "That was very motivating; to be recognized by these water skiing and wakeboarding shops."

The dictionary defines wakeboarding as "the sport of riding on a short, wide board resembling a surfboard and performing acrobatic maneuvers while being towed behind a motorboat."

Fernandez has a different definition.

"I would describe it as snowboarding behind a boat," he said. "We use the wake of the boat to jump high and do flips and spins. In competitions you usually get two runs up and back down a certain stretch of the lake you're on. You usually get to do 4-5 tricks in either direction, and whoever does the best tricks wins.

"The judges sit in the boat and they give you a score out of 100 points," Fernandez continued. "It's based on a couple different things — how difficult your tricks were and how well you executed them. The way it's scored, honestly, is like gymnastics."

Interestingly enough, Fernandez is not attending Rollins because of wakeboarding.

"Rollins is one of the top business schools in Florida. It is a really good school," Fernandez said. "The wakeboarding just came with it because Orlando is basically the water sports center of the universe."

Fernandez said he has no plans to become a professional wakeboarder.

"Absolutely not," said Fernandez, whose major sponsors are Ronix Wakeboards and Gator Bait Wakeboard School in Miami. "There is no money in

<u>Sports Briefs</u>

Shrewsbury Club seeks players, teams for new rec basketball league

The Shrewsbury Club is seeking players and teams for a brand new high school boys rec basketball league. The league is open to all boys in grades 9-12 that are not on a high school basketball team roster. League play begins Dec. 8 and runs through Jan. 26. Teams are guaranteed seven regular season games. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Dec. 4. To register or for more information please contact Steve Garrity at Steveg@shrewsburyclub.com.

Individual Registration: \$95 per player. Sign up with a friend or sibling and receive 50 percent off the second registration. Team Registration: \$300 per team. Ask about discount for multiple team entry.

Ski or snowboard at Wachusett Mountain

Are you interested in having a lot of fun while also helping to make the winter fly by? Any students in grade 3 and up, parents or teachers from any of the surrounding towns and states can ski or snowboard eight consecutive Saturday nights at Wachusett Mountain for just \$158 through the Southbridge Ski Club. You drive to Wachusett Mountain on your own. The eightweek program begins on Saturday, Jan. 4 and ends Saturday, Feb. 22. Ski or snowboard rentals as well as lessons are also available at a very reasonable cost. You may also be able to ski or snowboard for free through your health insurance coverage. Also, anyone (students or non-students) can purchase Gold, Silver and Bronze Season Passes at a lower discounted price through our Club. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.



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OBITUARIES

Jose A. Pena, 84



SOUTHBRIDGE-Jose A. Pena, 84, of Cross St., passed away on Saturday, Nov. 23th, in the Harrington Memorial Hospital, Southbridge, after a brief illness. He leaves his long-

time companion,

Maria Molina; his son, Jose Pena and his wife Kathy of Southbridge; his sister, Zaida Pena of Southbridge; his two grandchildren, Jose C. Pena and his wife Stephanie and Sheena Burgess and her husband Erik of Auburn; his step children, Denise Molina, Luis Molina and Betsy Molina; his step grandchildren, Adam Supka, Ryan Supka and Tyler Supka; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Carmen (Escobar) Pena in 2005; his son, Henry Pena in 1998; his

grandson, Shaun Pena in 2011 and his granddaughter, Phylicia Pena in 2005. Jose was born in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico the son of Andres and Monserrate (Andujar) Pena.

Jose worked at the American Optical Co. in Southbridge for many years, retiring in 1982. Jose was an avid softball player and for years was a constant figure at the Henry Street Softball Field in Southbridge.

His funeral will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27th, from the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a Mass at 10:00am in St. Mary's Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 263 Hamilton St., Southbridge. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Southbridge. Calling hours in the funeral home will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26th, from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

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Thomas F. Guilfoil, 75

Thomas F. Guilfoil, 75, of Dudley, died peacefully Friday, November 22, 2019 at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. He survived a successful double lung transplant in 2018 and fought bravely and stubborn-

ly against the insurmountable medical complications from the surgery. Thomas was born in Worcester, MA. He is the son of the late William and the late Ann (Griffin) Guilfoil.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Carol-Ann (Bardsley) Guilfoil, two daughters, Kelley Guilfoil-Zinkevich, her husband Brian, of Worcester, and their children, Joseph, Maximilian, Xavier and Caroline, daughter, Karryn Ryan of Oxford, and her children, Griffin, Colin and Nathan, grandchildren, Connor, Erin and Jacob Murphy and their father, John Murphy, and Daniel O'Connor, who Tom considered a son. He was predeceased by his beloved daughter, Kerri (Guilfoil) Murphy and sister Clair (Guilfoil) Docherty. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends behind.

Tom was raised in Auburn, attended Auburn schools and received his BS from Clark University and MBA from Anna Maria College. He was a Human Resources Director for many years and retired from Wing Memorial Hospital, in Palmer. After his retirement he staffed the front desk at his daughter

Kerri's gym, The Fitness Studio, and volunteered for Special Olympics.

Tom considered himself blessed to find Carol as his high school sweetheart, they built their life and found wonderful life-long friends and neighbors in Auburn. He was active in Auburn Lassie League softball, bowled at Colonial Bowl in Worcester, and was an avid golfer, swimmer and skier. His special place was his second home in Springfield, NH, where he enjoyed all of his dogs, the outdoors and making mischief with countless friends and family.

Everyone Tom met, from the grocery clerk, to the pharmacist, to the server at his favorite breakfast place, was drawn to his spirited, positive and caring demeanor, and he loved to talk to young and old alike. At his most recent home in Dudley, he was often found playing catch with his grandchildren or relaxing on the front porch, smoking a cigar, sipping a scotch and doing a crossword puzzle.

The funeral was held 11 AM on Tuesday, November 26 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley. Calling hours were Monday, November 25 from 4-7 pm at Bartel Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Adam Bullen Memorial Foundation, 24 Charlton St., Oxford MA, 01540 (508) 987-5999



Saturday, November 30

AUBURN JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB EIGHTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., North American Martyrs Parish Center, 8 Wynona Dr., Auburn. Come and celebrate small business Saturday with us! Crafters, and vendors will be selling their wares. There will also be some attic treasures for purchase as well as food and beverages. Admission is \$1 or a non-perishable food item to benefit Kateri's Kitchen (food pantry).

Saturday, December 7

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Joseph's Parish Center, 68 Central St., Auburn. Come and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas Bazaar and check out the Collectibles, Attic Treasures, Plants, Jewelry, Knit Goods, Holiday Decor, Toys, Candy & Baked Items, and so much more! Take a chance on one of the many raffles. There is something

Sunday, December 8

TAPESTRY OF LIGHT — A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: 2:30 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave., Auburn. A performance by the Greater Auburn Community Chorus of a piece by Joseph M. Martin, along with holiday selections from movies and theater. For ticket information, call (508) 826-9184.

Tuesday, December 10

RETIREMENT BY DESIGN: p.m., Brookdale Eddy Pond East. 667 Washington St., Auburn. Join us for our presentation. We'll discuss how you can translate your vision for retirement into tangible goals. Whether you are 10 or 40 years from retirement, you'll learn investment strategies you can use to help design the retirement you want tomorrow. Hosted by Edward Jones Financial Advisors of Auburn.

& T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

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

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

NEW GROUP FORMING: If you're

6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

STORY TIME: Open Story Time will be held 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Auburn Public Library. No registration required. Please drop in. Open to all ages. For information, call (508) 832-7790.

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

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Christmas in Heaven

Memorials

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Obituary Page December 20th.

In the December 20th issue,

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ONGOING EVENTS

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

separated or divorced, you don't have to go through it alone. DivorceCare meets weekly, you'll receive practical support and find healing and hope for the future in a friendly, confidential setting. We meet Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., beginning Feb. 1 at Faith Church, 22 Faith Ave., Auburn. Call (508) 832-5044 or email divorcecare@faithauburn.org for more information.

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at

HERE!: The Pumpkin Patch at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central Street, Auburn will be open daily 10 a.m. (11 a.m. on Sundays) 'til dusk Sept. 28 through Oct. 31. There will be gourds and pumpkins of all sizes and prices – one for every need; be it for your fall decor, carving, baking - you name Taking in the beautiful sight of it! the pumpkins, in combination with the changing leaves and the backdrop of the church steeple - makes it worth the trip! If you have any questions, feel free to call the church office at 508-832-2845. See you there! Where do these pumpkins come from? The pumpkins are raised and harvested by the Navajo Indians on their reservation in New Mexico. The money they receive helps their schools and other programs and a percentage of the sales helps our church as well.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS: Is food a problem for you? Have you been worried about the way you eat? Do you resolve to go on a diet tomorrow, only to fail again and again? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? You are not alone. Övereaters Anonymous can help. No dues, no fees, no weighins. Meetings are held Sundays in Worcester (St. Michael's On-The-Heights, 340 Burncoat Street) at 7 p.m., Mondays in Auburn (Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave.) at 7 p.m. and Wednesdays in Putnam, Conn. (Day Kimball Hospital, 320 Pomfret Strett) at 6 p.m. Want more information? Call or text Bruce P. (508) 864-0593, email him at brucep.oa@charter.net or visit oa.org.



SUICIDE **PREVENTION:** Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meet-

To place a Card of Thanks In-Memoriam, Birthday or Anniversary Greeting,

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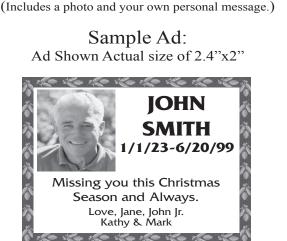
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Deadline Friday, Dec. 13th @3pm

Please email to June at jsima@stonebridgepress.news, or mail or drop off by Friday Dec. 13th to June Simakauskas 25 Elm Street, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.

at 7:30 p.m. at St Bernard's Church, ing room. Parking

Big Brothers Big Sisters receives \$20,000 from Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation

REGION Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest was awarded \$20,000 from Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation for calendar year 2019. The funds will be used to support one-to-one mentoring programs between adult, volunteer mentors and at-risk children living in Middlesex County and Westborough.

There are two different mentoring programs in the region that this funding will support. The community-based program matches children referred to by parents or guardians who are in need of the extra support that a mentor provides to help them succeed. The volunteer mentor (Big) meets with his/her mentee (Little) on their own schedule regularly, often engaged in activities in the community in which



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest was awarded \$20,000 from Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation for calendar year 2019. In the past year, BBBS they live. The site-based CM/MW has created

program also matches children needing that extra help, but the volunteers originate from local corporations or colleges and see their Little Brothers or Little Sisters at a local site, typically at an after-school program.

and supported nearly 400 mentoring matches in Middlesex County and Westborough and expects to make 60 new matches in the upcoming year.

"We are so grateful for the support that Middlesex Savings Bank, and its foundation, has provided for our mission. Research has indicated that there are thousands of children in the Metrowest and Middlesex County region that need a reliable, positive, and effective mentor to help meet life's challenges - today,"

said Jeffrey Chin, MSW, LCSW, Chief Executive Officer for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest. "This incredible support from our friends at Middlesex Savings Bank goes a long way in helping us address this need and make an impact on our

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communities."

To learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass. & Metrowest, visit www. bbbscm.org.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest, Inc. is to create professionally supported mentoring relationships, empowering youth to realize their potential and build brighter futures. Children's lives are enhanced and their potential unlocked when they have a mentor in their lives to celebrate their successes. For more than 55 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass. & Metrowest has helped transform the lives of more than 30,000 children facing adversity.

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The "Trips Offered" section is for non-profit organizations and will run as space allows. Mail your information to Trips Offered, c/o Brendan Berube, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550; fax to (508) 764-8015 or e-mail to news@stonebridgepress.news.

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DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

DUDLEY SENIORS

Dudley Seniors presents a Branson Show Extravaganza, Saturday, May 2 through Sunday, May 10, 2020, \$905 per person, double occupancy. Incredible price includes motorcoach transportation, eight hights loaging including four consecutive nights in the Branson, Mo. Area, 14 meals (eight breakfasts and six dinners), admission to seven fabulous Branson shows, including New Jersey Nights, Amazing Acrobats of Shanghai, Doug Gabriel, Presley's Country Jubilee, "Noah the Musical," and the Hughes Show; and one dinner show on the Showboat Branson Belle. For pictures, video and information, visit www.GroupTrips.com/dudleyseniors. Departure point: Dudley Town Hall, 71 W. Main St., 8 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Animals "Miracle of Christmas Show at the Milenium Sight and Sound Theater. Following the The Miracle Show is Dinner at the always delicious Plain and Fancy Restaurant. Also included in this trip and happening on Tuesday is a Dinner Show production of Irving Berlin's Musical "Holiday Inn" featuring thrilling dance numbers, laugh out loud comedy and a Parade of Irving Berlin's Hit Songs. Thursday features a visit to Hershey's Chocolate World and Milton Hershey School and Founders Hall before we head home with rest stops on our way back. This Trip includes 2 nights Lodging, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, Tickets to The Miracle of Christmas and Tickets to the Holiday Inn Show and a Full Commentary Back Country Tour of the Farmlands of Lancaster Country.

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Friday, March 20, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

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*Spain & Portugal: Sept.9-23, 2020

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*Galapagos Islands: Jan 4-13, 2021 *Galapagos with extension to Peru (Machu Picchu): Jan 4-19, 2021

*Botswana, Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls: May 5-16, 2021

*Alaska (land and cruise): early August, 2021

PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

Save the Date: Tuesday, December 3 at the Paxton Senior Center, 17 West St., at 10:30 a.m. This will be a presentation by Vinny Brown, AAA Member Choice Vacations, and Lynn Natale, Travel Agent, AAA Travel, Worcester Branch.

The Presentation will be about our 2020 overseas adventure. Our adventure will be an 11 day trip: River cruise on the Danube River plus couple of days on land. The trip begins on Thursday, Oct 8, when we will fly out of Boston.



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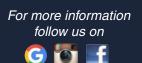
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December 3, Tues., 6pm

Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St., Putnam.

December 5, Thurs., 4-5pm

Tween & Teen Happenings Ages 9-17 welcome- Candy games. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Rd., Killingly, CT 06239 (860) 779-5383

December 6, Fri., 5-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

December 7, Sat., 10am-3pm

The East Woodstock Congregational Church 6th Annual Holiday Art Show will be held at the church located at 220 Woodstock Rd., East Woodstock, CT. 24 vendors will be set up in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served. Parking and admission are free. Please email Karen McFarlin at kmcf3470@gmail.com if you have any questions.

December 7, Sat.,9-10:30am

Character Breakfast, \$10.00 per person. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, mini pancakes, home fries, bacon or sausage, coffee, juice, and pastries. Tickets can be purchased at the church office on Tuesday at 11:30-5:00 pm or at WINY radio. 175 Main St., Putnam CT. Use parking lot door.

December 7, Sat., 10am-3pm

The 7th Annual Holiday Arts and Craft Show will be held at the East Woodstock Congregational Church. The hall will be filled with over 20 vendors, just in time for the Christmas season. Take a chance on one of our donations, as each crafter has donated an item to the church. Pick up door swags for your home or light post. A luncheon can be had and a full room of Christmas Treasures will be for sale. See you there. Email kmcf3470@gmail. com for more information.

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December 8, Sat., 5pm

30th Annual Tree of Life Ceremonies to benefit Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut at Simultaneous Tree Lighting Ceremony in 11 Northeast Connecticut Towns

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Visit the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HHHouse on Sunday, 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret, CT. Admission is free. New and old campers, families and friends are welcome to stop by the lodge for crafts, cookies and s'mores and tour the facilities. Great chance to check out 4-H camp as you start thinking about plans for next summer. Enjoy Lunch with Santa upstairs in the lodge or just come for a photo with Santa. Made to order Pasta Bar (gluten free pasta available). Tickets available ahead of time by calling 974-3379 or at the door, \$6.00 for children up to age 8, \$10.00 for those 9 and older for lunch, 5x7 Photo with Santa \$8.00. Raffle baskets too!

December 12, Thurs., 1-2pm

Commission on Aging trip club meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Bingo afterward from 2-3pm

December 13, Fri., 5-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

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