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Find those trees starting this weekend



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Sturbridge Fire Department folks get in the holiday spirit! MaryLou Volpe, Bryan Swanda, Matt Roderick, and Scott Belanger.

The Sturbridge Conservation Department is once again sponsoring their family-friendly event at the beautiful Heins Farm property at 197 Leadmine Road. This is the eighth annual tree Scavenger Hunt, and it begins this weekend.

Beginning Thanksgiving week-

end and running through the New Year's holiday, decorated trees will hide along the Pond Loop and Cabin Loop trails waiting to be discovered by young children and families. Children are encouraged to take their photo with their favorite decorated tree, and submit the pho-

tos for a chance at a grand prize drawing. Photos can be emailed to SturbridgeTreeHunt@hotmail.com any time before Jan. 9.

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of 13 to introduce them to this local recreation resource.

Every contestant receives a certificate of participation, and a grand winner is chosen at a January Conservation Commission meeting.

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New hires bring familiar faces to PD

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Several new hires were approved and announced for the Sturbridge Police Department earlier this month. Two new officers, two new dispatchers, and a new emergency management coordinator were all approved by selectmen, each with connections to the local community.

Police Chief Thomas Ford III proposed all five hires before selectmen on Nov. 6, praising each candidate as worthy selections to fill the vacancies within his department.

The first hires were two dispatchers,

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Gobi has a challenger: Steven Hall

BY GUS STEEVES
STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — To Steven Hall, there's "a lot of nonsense going on" in Boston and we'd "have a lot more money for projects in the towns if we stop wasting money on the state level frivolously."

He's hoping enough people across the region will agree with that and a list of other positions -- most of them fairly traditionally Republican -- to elect him state senator in November 2018. Recently, he threw his hat into the race against incumbent Democrat Anne Gobi.

During his announcement speech at the Publick House, he answered his own question about why he's running by saying "the health care system is a mess," with Obamacare "dictating care and taking away the patient-physician relationship," increasing insurance costs. At the same time, he argues, Medicaid costs have been rising "at an unsustainable rate," and

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Gus Steeves photos

Steven Hall, left, shares ideas with former State Rep. Reed Hillman, right, and another man.

Town exploring Complete Streets program

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The town is looking into the possibility of embracing the Complete Streets program, an initiative meant to provide towns resources and opportunities to improve local streets, roadways, and town centers to be more safe and accessible or all modes of travel.

Numerous communities have embraced the program, and Sturbridge has only recently begun to examine the possibilities of what the initiative could mean for the local community. Town Administrator Leon Gaumond Jr. gave the initial presentation of how the town could utilize the program Nov. 6, and

said Sturbridge has a lot of options on the table to work through.

"Complete Streets may be large scale, such as corridor wide improvements that include separated bike lanes, new crosswalks and new sidewalks," Gaumond said.

"We talk about things like curbside parking, little cafes and plazas, stop signs and signalized intersections which are clearly marked, bicycle lanes on either side of two-way streets. They can be minor projects such as a new bicycle facilities, speed signs for traffic calming, street lighting, sidewalk repairs, or park and ride facilities just as a few ideas."

The Board of Selectmen previous-

ly set goals to review the commonwealth's Complete Streets standards and the Planning Board has previously discussed the program before drafting a policy in October, which selectmen discussed during their Nov. 6 gathering.

Selectmen approved the policy in a unanimous vote by all present for the discussion, but not without some debate. One of the biggest concerns came after Gaumond revealed the program could result in grant opportunities totaling \$50,000 in technical assistance and up to \$400,000 in construction funding. However, there's a loophole that may leave the most desired locations for improvements in Sturbridge ineligible for grant-funded projects.

"While this is a Mass DOT policy, it only applies to local roads and not to state roads. It is something to be concerned about. That doesn't mean that we can't work with and, when possible, partner with our friends and colleagues at Mass DOT on areas where maybe we have joint collaborative desires. The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission has encouraged us to move forward and has even included projects on state roads within our prioritization plan as a way of encouraging the state to implement some of these changes. If you think about the changes where this would be possible, or practical, you have Route 20, Route

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Gobi office hours

Tyler Wolanin, District Aide to Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) will be holding office hours throughout the district during the months of November and December. The normal schedule has been divided to accommodate holiday season scheduling. Constituents and town officials are invited to meet with Tyler to express any concerns, ideas and issues they have. Walk-ins are welcome, but to set up an appointment you can e-mail Tyler at tyler.wolanin@masenate.gov.

gov, or call at 508-641-3502. Appointments are encouraged so that information on cancellations can be shared. Town groupings are not restricted to residents of those towns.

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Spencer - Howe Village, 12:30 to 1:30 PM
East Brookfield Municipal Offices, 2

to 3 PM

Tuesday, November 28th
Sturbridge Town Hall, 11 AM to 12 PM
Holland Town Hall, 12:30 to 1:30 PM
Monson Town Hall, 2 to 3 PM

December
Tuesday, December 5th
Brookfield Town Hall, 11 AM to 12 PM
West Brookfield Senior Center, 12:30 to 1:30 PM
New Braintree Town Hall, 2 to 3 PM

Thursday, December 7th

Ware Senior Center, 12 to 1 PM
Palmer Senior Center, 1:30 to 2:30 PM
Warren Municipal Building, 3 to 4 PM

Tuesday, December 12th
Brimfield Senior Center, 11 AM to 12 PM
Wales Senior Center, 12:10 to 1 PM
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Wednesday, December 13th
Ashby Town Hall, 6 to 7 PM

Monday, December 18th
Ashburnham Town Hall, 12:30 to 1:30 PM
Winchendon Town Hall, 2 to 3 PM

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Local students in WSU production

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"The Seagull," written in 1896 by Russian author Anton Chekhov, as translated by Paul Schmidt, takes place on an estate in rural Russia. The play follows the lives of several members of a community where love triangles, pas-

sion, and betrayal intertwine to portray a captivating story for the audience.

Love found and love lost is a common theme throughout the play. A detailed, and challenging play to perform, WSU's Visual and Performing Arts Department students welcome "The Seagull" and its challenges.

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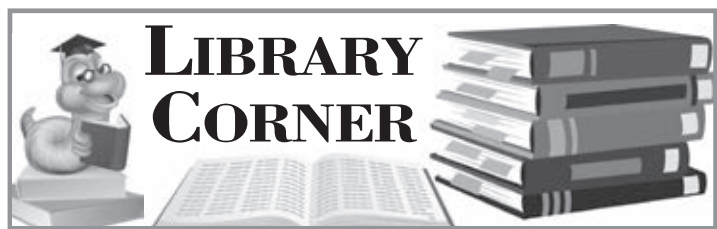


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Wednesday, December 13

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131, Route 48, and Route 49," Gaumond said.

Still, Gaumond said he believes there are benefits to be had from moving forward with the policy and program. The \$400,000 maximum grant could lead to

great changes in other parts of Sturbridge, and even state roads if a deal were to be struck, and plans for what could be done where are not set in stone.

Selectmen still remained concerned that Sturbridge wouldn't receive the most out of the program without including state roads in the planning. However,

all selectmen present agreed the policy was worth approving and embracing. It was stressed however that Sturbridge do everything it can to work with the state about bringing improvements to the state roads, where they are most needed within the community.

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Friday's Child

Jobak is a fun loving four-year old boy of Cape Verdean descent. Jobak typically makes people smile with his sweet spirit and determination. Jobak loves water and looks forward to having bath time. Jobak also enjoys playing and exploring in the outdoors. During summer months, he can often be seen running around in the sprinkler. Jobak likes to have sensory items he can play with to help soothe him. He also likes toys that light up or play music.

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'Tis the season for craft fairs

BY GUS STEEVES
 STAFF WRITER

With the holiday season around the corner, people have already begun seeking places to get gifts, ornaments, and other Christmas things. While some have no problem hitting the malls and chain stores, others would much rather find quirky, unique and handmade things that have character.

For them, there are a long list of arts and crafts fairs over the next month around the region, some of them long-running, some just being born.

The list starts this weekend at Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford with the “One-Stop Holiday Shop,” run by Dawn Oxnard.

“This will be a family-friendly shopping adventure where you can hopefully cross a bunch of names off your list,” its Facebook page states, noting its aim is “supporting local women in business.”

At the day’s core, though, is a “superhero-themed” fundraiser for the family of Devin Suau, who died last month at age 6 of what his obituary dubbed “a terribly underfunded and unknown cancer” abbreviated DIPG. Officially called Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, Dana Farber’s website describes it as “highly aggressive and difficult to treat tumors found at the base of the brain.” About 300 children, usually between ages 5 and 9, get this diagnosis annually, but the tumors “do not generally appear in adults,” it adds.

“I ordered superhero masks for everybody [vendors and volunteers, that is] and people are encouraged to come as their favorite superhero,” Oxnard said, noting a friend of hers is close to Devin’s family.

This is the sixth fundraiser vendor fair her group, the Bay State Network, has done, but she also did similar things when living in Rhode Island, she said. It will feature “a huge raffle table with items from each of the 28 vendors.” Before and after the event, people can donate by sending checks to #whynotdevin, PO Box 755, Framingham, MA 01701, with the money seeding a foundation to support further research into and treatment for this illness.

The following weekend, Nov. 18, there are at least two fairs nearby, and “many people make the loop of craft fairs that day,” said Stephanie Nikopoulos, who is promoting Overlook’s 26th annual Holiday Craft Fair in Charlton.

“This is 100 percent run by the residents,” she said, noting the money from table fees, food and other things is the primary source of funds for an annual \$1000 scholarship awarded to four residents or family members annually.

“I’ve never had a problem attracting vendors, and a lot of town people know it’s that day,” she added.

Although some fairs (including Pine Ridge’s) will have Santa stop by, Nikopoulos said Overlook tried that a couple years ago and it didn’t really work. “It’s not really something kids come to,” she said.

He’ll probably be at Shepherd Hill’s Festival of Crafts that same day, though. For 26 years, that event has raised funds for the school’s Chorus program. That event’s site includes a very long list of area crafters who are involved, and is already seeking vendors for next year’s festival.

One of them is Imelda Lundstrom of Southbridge, who makes American Girl doll clothing out of recycled fabrics. She started tabling at the festival about

five years ago and said she does about five fairs during the Christmas season, with many of her customers being older adults who “are still working and don’t have the inclination to make doll clothes,” so they buy hers.

“You’re not really making a lot of money, but I’m not there with other people, laughing with children, sharing American history,” she said. She added that she especially enjoys promoting the American Girl book series, which highlights a wide range of girls doing things in historical settings, teaching about the past while providing strong messages of young female empowerment. “That’s exciting for me.”

Lundstrom said she finds a key aspect of the fair “precious” -- the fact the students who staff it are mostly in costume, singing songs and otherwise “making it fun.”

Each vendor is met by students in reindeer outfits who help carry material to their tabling location, among other things.

Combined all of the area’s craft fairs represent only a tiny fraction of the “nearly 310,000 people employed by the creative economy in New England -- working within and organization or freelancing -- who combined [to] earn nearly \$17 billion a year,” according to the June 2017 “Jobs in the Creative Economy” study by the New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA). “This group is a more prominent part of New England’s economy than the national average....”

Many have a regular job besides the creative one that might bring them to a craft fair; some make a living at their art, writing or crafting and would therefore be included in NEFA’s “70,800 creative non-employers, most of which are

self-employed individuals.” Of them, half report “using their home as their primary work space, so their home life and work life are intimately intertwined,” it found.

In general, NEFA found the creative economy has been harder hit by the long-running recession than most economic sectors, but some aspects have actually done well. “Most of the job losses have been concentrated in the manufacturing, wholesale and retail sectors of the creative economy ... while those sectors that rely on an audience (e.g. artists, museums, theaters, etc) have remained stable or have grown over time,” it states.

Just a few of the many arts and crafts fairs around the region are:

Nov. 18: Festival of Crafts at Shepherd Hill, Dudley, from 9-4.

Nov. 18: Holiday Craft Fair at Overlook, Charlton, from 9-3.

Nov. 19: Arts and Crafts Show at Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center from 10-4.

Nov. 24-25: Folk Art Craft Show at Sturbridge Host Hotel, all day.

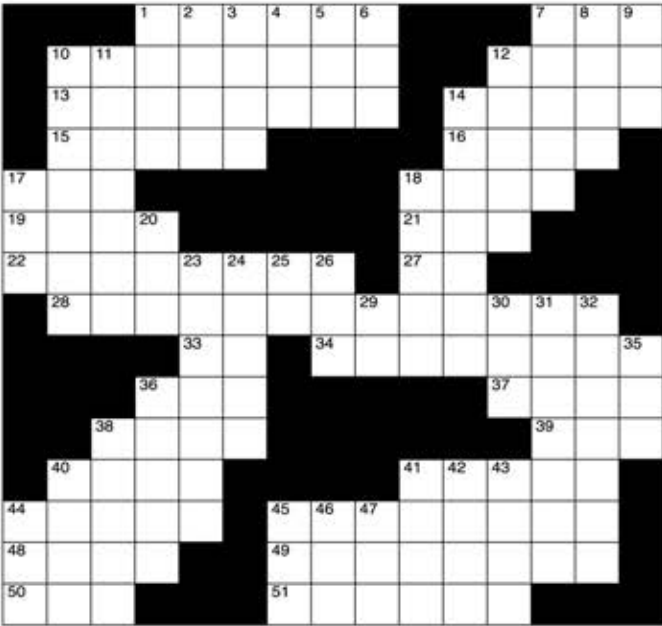
Nov. 25: Vendor and Craft Show at St Joseph’s Parish Center, Auburn, from 9-2.

Dec. 1: PTO Vendor and Craft Fair at North Brookfield Elementary School, from 6-9 pm.

Dec. 2: Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair at Alternatives, Whitinsville, from 11-5.

Dec. 16: Townwide Holiday Craft Fair at Auburn High School, from 9-4.

Dozens more fairs and similar events are listed at the Central Mass Vendor and Crafts Fairs Facebook page and/or at www.fairsandfestivals.net/states/MA/, where most of these came from.

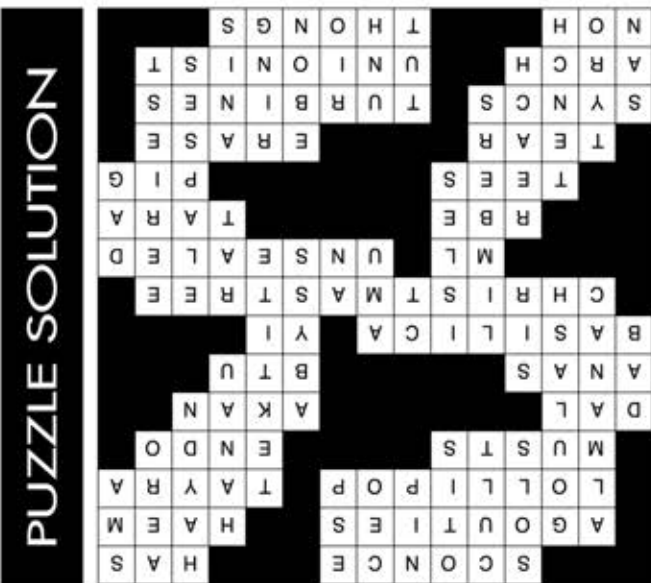


CLUES ACROSS

1. Holds candles
 7. In possession of
 10. Rodents
 12. Type of cofactor (Brit. sp.)
 13. Hard candy on a stick
 14. Animal of the weasel family
 15. Things that should not be overlooked
 16. “Silence” author
 17. Dried, split lentils
 18. People native to Ghana
 19. Barros and Gasteyer are two
 21. British thermal unit
 22. Large oblong hall
 27. Ethnic group in Asia
 28. Holiday decoration
33. Milliliter
 34. Open
 36. Health physics concept (abbr.)
 37. Tantric meditation
 38. Where golf games begin
 39. Birth swine
 40. Rip
 41. Remove
 44. Puts together in time
 45. Rotary engines
 48. Skeletal structure
 49. Member of a labor organization
 50. Japanese classical theater
 51. Undergarments

CLUES DOWN

1. “Snake Tales” cartoonist
 2. Religious group
 3. Singer Redding
 4. ___ and tuck
 5. Head honcho
 6. Second sight
 7. Composer
 8. About aviation
 9. Senior officer
 10. Forecasts weather
 11. Seasoned Hungarian soup
 12. Town in Hesse, Germany
 14. Thought to derive from meteorites
 17. Hit lightly
 18. Seemingly bottomless chasm
 20. Title of respect
 23. Warms up
24. Man and Wight are two
 25. Type of scan
 26. Atomic mass unit
 29. Article
 30. Incriminate
 31. Passes by
 32. Most nerve-inducing
 35. David Alan Grier sitcom
 36. Achieve
 38. Freshwater fish
 40. Beginner
 41. Dark brown or black
 42. A newlywed wears one
 43. DiFranco and Vardanyan are two
 44. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
 45. Ancient Egyptian King
 46. Old name (abbr.)
 47. Brazilian city (slang)



History of American Optical topic at next meeting

The Sturbridge Historical Society meeting will be on Thursday Dec. 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Publick House Historic Inn on Sturbridge Common. Dick Whitney will speak on the History of American Optical.

Dick will let us know about the American Optical from its founding in 1833 up to today now called Carl Zeiss Vision.

As AO grew to be the largest manufacturer of eye glasses in the world, that growth led to important developments such as prescription lenses, safety eyewear and fiberoptics.

Dick will also provide us with information on the optical museum which showcases the history of the American Optical Company.

Whitney graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 1973 earning his BS degree in

astronomy. He started work with the American Optical in their central testing laboratory in 1974 and recently celebrated 42 years of service.

Dick is also the executive director of Zeiss sponsored Optical Museum and was inducted to the Vision Council Hall of Fame in Las Vegas in 2016.

Historical Society meetings are free of charge with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick, Publick House Innkeeper. Our sincere thanks go out to Mr. Glick.

Society annual dues are \$10, which helps support the cost of speakers. Meetings are held September through May on the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December. November’s meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

All meetings start at 7 p.m.



NEW VANS PURCHASED

Recently Bay Path High School purchased two new vans to transport students to their vocational worksites off campus. The attached picture shows the students from the health ssisting shop in front of their new van. The students were departing the school to go to work at one of their clinical sites.

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EDITORIAL

The gratefulness factor

We have heard the proverb, “I despaired because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet...”

As we recover from the abundance of a full groaning feast and enter into the frenzy of what to buy for Uncle Fred, reflect a moment on that.

Because we, most of us at least, did indeed indulge in a huge meal, the leftovers alone could feed a small army. If we have become tired of the turkey in a few days, an abundance of perfectly good food may find its way into trash bins just because we don’t want it any longer.

How sad is that?

We’ve done it. We’ve all done it. Bought something that sounded like a good idea as we roamed the market, brought it home with all good intentions, and never ate it. It deteriorated into some sort of unidentifiable fuzzy object in a vegetable bin, or a mutant green goo in a plastic container and hit that trashcan.

Ouch.

In a world where food deprivation is real, and programs like free and reduced lunches exist, and service clubs send home bags of food to be certain children eat on the weekends when they aren’t getting that school meal, and a newspaper runs a story extolling the new program about having breakfast in a classroom every day to be certain every child starts school not hungry...

Ouch.

We won’t even go into the “starving children in (fill in the blank third world country) our mothers threatened us with to get us to clean our plates. Because they are still starving. Nothing is any better for them either.

Ouch.

We do food drives every single month in every single city and town in America. We do it in conjunction with other activities, Bring a canned good and get a \$1 off admission to something else.

And yet, in a country as rich as ours, where our politicians are fighting over how much of a tax break to give one another (forget us, we don’t count); and we are shipping food grown in this country to other countries because we have so much, we have hungry people.

We have older people who must choose between paying for medication and food.

We have struggling families who must pay the mortgage and a car payment and insurance and then squeeze groceries out of what is left.

Single mothers.

\$8 an hour workers working three jobs at once to make ends meet.

Students trying to go to school and live on their own.

On top of all that, we have people who no longer know how to cook, how to do the simple meals from basically nothing and turn it into a good supper. Because they don’t know how to cook, they then must buy over processed expensive prepackaged nonsense that costs them even more and satisfies even less. What a merry-go-round.

And on top of it being over processed, expensive and unhealthy, it is even worse: it makes you fat. So while you may be starving for good, clean, well made food...you may be fat. It’s too much sugar, too much carbohydrate, too much salt....

Starving...and fat.
What a country.



OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM STURBRIDGE, BRIMFIELD, HOLLAND AND WALES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tobacco Free: time again to Cold Turkey

To the Editor:

This Thanksgiving season, I’d like to remind readers to thank a co-worker, friend or family member who has quit smoking. Many smokers say quitting is the hardest thing they have ever done and any amount of recognition can help someone stay quit.

Smoking is the number one cause of preventable death and disease in Massachusetts. Nicotine is a very addictive drug and it takes most smokers several tries to quit for good. So reach out to smokers or ex-smokers. Let them know you are proud of how hard they’re working to better their wellbeing. Thank them for improving their health and the health of the people around them.

If you’re a smoker, even though the holidays can be a tough time to quit, they are a great time to get support from your loved ones to help you try to quit. If you have tried in the past, keep trying. Take advantage of the many resources available in Massachusetts to help you reach your goal.

Smokers can call the Massachusetts Smokers Helpline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) to talk with a free quit coach or enroll online through KeepTryingMA.org The Helpline is open 24 hours each day, seven days a week (excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas). Smokers can receive a four-week supply of free nicotine replacement help from the patch, gum or lozenge. Online supports include quit planning tools, peer support and motivational text messages.

Smokers who get support and use stop-smoking medicines are nearly three times as likely to quit for good as those who try to quit on their own. Quitting is hard—give thanks to a smoker in your life for quitting or for trying to quit. Every email, text message, phone call, or encouraging word makes a difference.

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Salvation Army: bell ringers needed

To the Editor:

The Sturbridge Southbridge community is a very caring community - locals give generously to many different organizations including The Salvation Army: whose annual Red Kettle Campaign is underway! It is Bell Ringing Season!

Many readers already know that Red Kettles will be at local stores - including Big Bunny, Stop and Shop, Shaw’s, Yankee Spirits, J C Penny and of course Walmart! Kettles will be in out starting Nov 20 and every day (except Sundays) until Dec 23rd. We look forward to meeting the many regulars that give each year indeed each time they pass a Red Kettle! Every little helps all the coins, & bills add up!

The money that goes into Red Kettles in Sturbridge & Southbridge stays in this area! The Salvation Army help local families and individuals with utility bills including heat, food, clothing, furniture and even sending children to camp in the summer! They also help in times of emergency - fires and floods etc. - several Massachusetts units were

deployed to help hurricane victims in Florida and Texas.

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers - to “Ring the Bell” at all the local kettle locations this year. Volunteers sign up for a 2 hour time slot at a location on a day and time convenient for them. Anyone can ring - children - accompanied by a parent, teens can ring in pairs. adults can ring by themselves! We welcome youth groups, organizations, churches and individuals as well! The only thing Bell Ringers are required to do besides ring a small hand held bell is say “THANK YOU” to everyone that makes a donation.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the local Kettle Coordinator Tamsin Lucey at (774) 200 4279 or Redkettlesbridge@gmail.com.

Thank you very much with every best wish this Giving Season

Tamsin Lucey
Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Coordinator
Sturbridge/Southbridge

Moneysaving Tips

With the holidays around the corner and escalating gas and oil prices there’s never been a better time of year to tighten the family’s financial belt. Read on for workable strategies to help you save money on everyday expenses.



TAKE
THE
HINT

KAREN
TRAINOR

basil, oregano,
Directions: Mix all together into a plastic baggie and shake chicken or pork to coat before baking.

Through the years this column has periodically offered advice for saving money at the gas pump.

With fuel prices climbing there’s never been a better time to review the many ways a conscientious driver can offset the latest jump at the pump!

Downgrade: Buy the lowest grade of octane that is appropriate for your vehicle. Why pay for more if you don’t need it? Check with your mechanic or car dealer to see if it’s safe for you to switch to a lower grade. You might save hundreds of dollars a year.

Spring Ahead: Be sure to remove snow tires in good weather. The deep tread and big tires use more gasoline than regular tires.

The Wheel Deal: Keeping tires properly inflated and aligned equals gas savings. Periodic wheel alignments and keeping tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure really does improve your gas mileage, according to experts.

Haste Makes Waste: Tests show quick starts and hard breaking reduces travel time by only four percent, but fuel consumption is increased by nearly 40 percent.

Slow Down, You Move Too Fast: The faster you drive, the more gas you use. Did you know lowering your speed from 65 to 55 mph can improve your fuel economy by two miles per gallon?

Also, traveling at fast rates in low gears can consume up to 45% more fuel than is needed.

Idle No More: Did you know ten seconds of idling actually uses more fuel than restarting the engine? Save gas by making it a habit to turn off the car when parked.

Rough Road Ahead: Opt for driving
Turn To **TRAINOR** page **A11**

During holidays, be extra vigilant about protecting financial data



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To help achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you should save and invest

regularly. But that’s only part of the picture. You also need to protect your financial assets in various ways. One such method is guarding your personal information - especially any information that could be linked to your financial accounts. It’s obviously important to be vigilant at any time, but you need to be even more on your toes during the holiday season, when fraudsters are particularly active.

So, to help keep your important data under wraps during the holidays, consider these suggestions:

Extend your protection to all mobile devices. Identity thieves can now compromise your mobile devices by installing spyware that steals usernames, passwords and credit card information. Fortunately, you can fight back. By doing a little research online, you can find the best mobile security software for your needs.

Use multiple passwords. Online security specialists recommend that you use different passwords for each new online shopping site you visit during the holiday season. Although this might seem like a hassle, it can be helpful, because even if identity thieves were to grab one of your new passwords, they still couldn’t use it for other sites you may visit. And you can even find a free online program that can help you keep track of all your passwords.

Be suspicious of “huge savings.” It happens every holiday season - identity thieves develop fake sites with attractive graphics and stunningly low prices on a variety of items, especially digital devices. If you fall for these pitches, you won’t get any merchandise, but you might get a handful of headaches once the bad guys have your credit card number and other personal information. To prevent this, be wary of any deal that sounds too good to be true, and do some digging on the websites that offer these mega-savings.

Watch for fake shipping notices. During the holidays, when you may do a lot of online shopping, you will probably receive some legitimate shipping notices. But the bad guys have gotten pretty good at generating fake notices designed to resemble those from UPS, FedEx and even the U.S. Postal Service. If you were to click on the link provided by one of these bogus notices, you could either take on some malware or get taken to a “phishing” website created by the shipping notice forgers. Your best defense: Only shop with legitimate merchants and only use the tracking numbers given to you in the email you received immediately after making your purchases.

Keep your Social Security number to yourself. As a general rule, don’t give out your Social Security number online - to anyone. No legitimate retailer needs this number. Finally, be aware that not all attempts at stealing your personal information will come online. When you’re out shopping at old-fashioned, brick-and-mortar stores, consider bringing just one credit card with you - and protect that card from prying eyes.

By following these precautions, you should be able to greatly reduce the risk of being victimized by identity thieves and other miscreants. And the more comfortable you are in doing your holiday shopping, the more you can enjoy the season.

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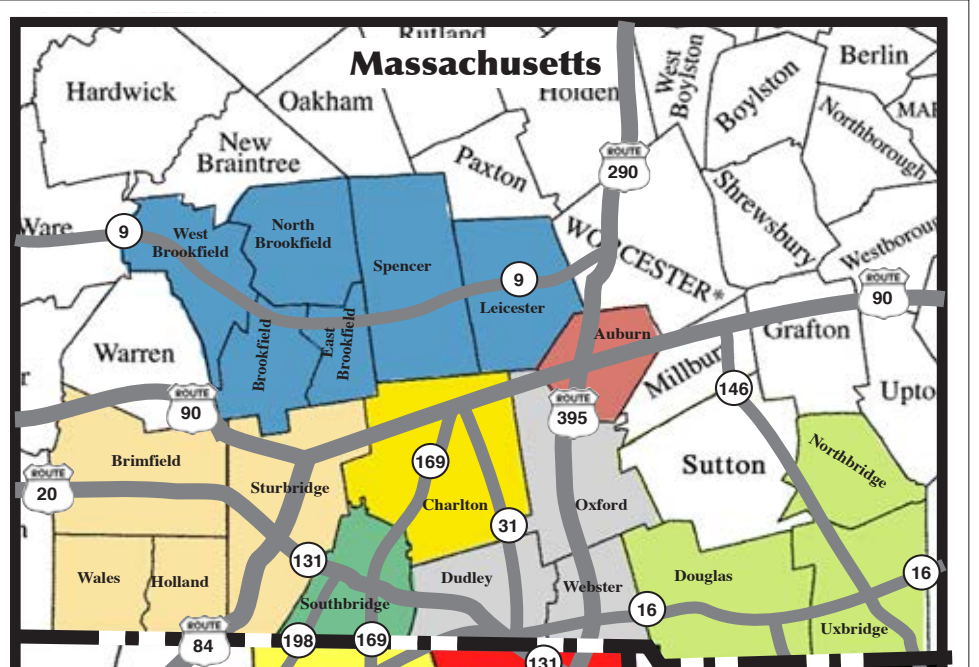
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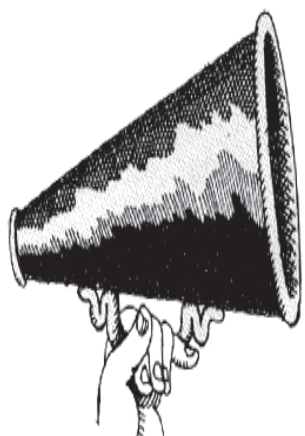
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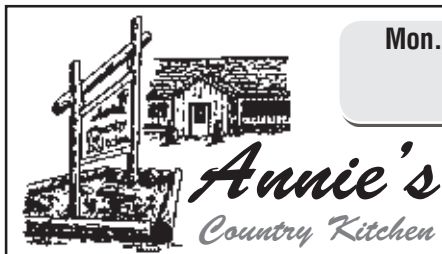
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With various baseball clinics at Worcester State University set for

2018, please visit wsulancers.com/camps-clinics and facebook.com/WSUbaseballclinics for more information. You can also call (508) 929-8852, (774) 230-3872 or email dbaker1@worchester.edu.

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gold, silver and bronze century passes at a lower discounted price through our Club. All eight-week and season passes must be ordered through the Wachusett website by Nov. 30 for these lower discounted prices. For more information on how to order, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Fall into fitness: Youth sports at the Y

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Tri-Community YMCA, a non-profit organization, is offering kids a great way to stay active and connected with others interested in healthy competition. Choose from a variety of youth sports for both boys and girls of all ages this Fall 2 Session.

Gymnastics: Tuesdays, through Dec. 21 at the YMCA's Gymnasium from 4-5 p.m. Ages 5 years and up. Start with the basics such as balance, coordination, tumbling, stretching and safety — and

finish with full routines.

Youth Basketball League: Runs 10 weeks through the end of February, 2018 — Clinics starting on Nov. 11 (Grades K-4, Ages 6-10) and Dec. 2 (Grades 5-8, Ages 11-14). Boys and Girls will learn the fundamentals of basketball, good sportsmanship, and most importantly, to have fun! Includes clinics, weekly team practices, games, team shirts and more!

Rock Climbing: Fridays from 6:30-8 p.m. Come try our 20-foot indoor rock wall with five different climbs from beginner to advance. The basics of climbing are reviewed. Come have fun and try out your skills. Free for Members and non-members included in a guest pass.

Cheer: Cheer is here! For Grades K-5 beginning the week of Nov. 13. Practices will be once a week on Thursdays and game times announced by coaches. This session offers a sound foundation for cheer, while learning about team building and the importance of good sportsmanship in a supportive and fun environment. No tryouts or experience required. All divisions are Co-Ed.

For more information on costs and to register, please call (508) 765-5466 or visit tricomcommunityYMCA.org.

Get Back On Your Feet—Tips For Running At Any Age

(NAPS)

Running can seem like a daunting workout no matter your age. It takes an impressive amount of dedication to run long distances. However, 66-year-old Barbara McGirr did not let that deter her. Starting at the age of 62, McGirr set her sights on completing her first half marathon. After only six months of training and a lot of hard work, she achieved that goal.

Taking advantage of the free fitness membership she received through the SilverSneakers program offered by her Medicare plan, McGirr started her training by walking to build up endurance. From there she started running small increments and gradually increased over time to reach her ultimate goal. Now, even after retirement, McGirr continues to compete in 4K and 5K races.

Her inspiring fitness journey was recently recognized by SilverSneakers as she was named the national winner of the SilverSneakers Richard L. Swanson Inspiration Award, which honors older adults who improve their health through fitness. Running has greatly improved McGirr's quality of life, and she shares that it helps keep her body and mind in shape.



Sixty-six-year-old distance runner Barbara McGirr was the national winner of award honoring older adults who improve their health through fitness.

If you are interested in running and improving your health, SilverSneakers offers the following tips:

- Talk with your doctor:

You're never too old to start running, but it's always good to check with your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine.

- Get the proper gear: Invest in a good pair of shoes. Consider getting fitted at an athletic store to keep your feet comfortable.

- Start slow: Start with brisk walks and then slowly transition to running. Running for one minute, then walking for one minute is a great way to build stamina.

- Set manageable goals: Take it easy at first and listen to your body. If running a longer distance is your goal, work up to it gradually—walking for a few weeks, then intervals of jogging and walking. Before you know it, you'll be running with ease.

- Don't skip the cooldown: Always cool down with a slow walk and lots of stretching to reduce recovery time.

SilverSneakers partners with more than 13,000 participating fitness locations and wellness centers, giving members access to the site's basic amenities, including weights, treadmills, pools, etc., as well as specialized SilverSneakers exercise classes led by certified SilverSneakers instructors. The program is offered at no additional charge through the nation's leading Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement carriers and group retiree plans.

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Legislature passes bill to expand language opportunities for students

BOSTON — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced the Legislature passed bipartisan legislation that updates the existing statute relative to English language education in the Commonwealth's public schools. The bill promotes research-based best practices for programs serving English learners (EL).

Since the year 2000, the number of EL students in Massachusetts has doubled to more than 90,204 students, or 9.5 percent of the student population. While statewide graduation rates for students have risen over the past ten years, the achievement gap between EL students

and their peers persists.

This bill expands on the current mandate requiring schools to use Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) as the default English learner program model by giving schools the flexibility to establish programs based on the diverse needs of their students. Under this legislation, school districts can maintain current SEI programming or choose to implement an alternative instructional program that meets federal and state standards.

“Given the globalizing world in which we live, this bill highlights the importance of providing students with

the skills necessary to succeed in the twenty-first century job market,” said Senator Moore.

This bill supports parental choice and involvement by expanding the role of Parental Advisory Councils and allowing parents the flexibility to choose programs that best meet their child's needs.

To better identify and assist English learners, this legislation requires greater tracking of academic performance and enhanced review of programs. Furthermore, this legislation directs the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop

additional guidelines and supports for school districts.

The legislation also establishes a state Seal of Biliteracy that will be awarded by participating school districts to students who have attained a high level of proficiency in English, and one or more foreign languages.

This bill will now move to the Governor for his signature. To continue tracking the bill, H.4032, please visit the Legislature's website, www.malegislature.gov.

Youngsters learning the ropes and becoming outdoor enthusiasts



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The recent cold blast has cooled down local ponds and lakes, and trout fishing has picked up big time for anglers that have not put there fishing gear away. This week's picture shows young Scarlett Hendricks with her catch of some impressive trout recently at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. Her dad Brian stated that she reeled in the three trout all by herself. Another youngster that will hopefully continue fishing throughout her life and enjoy the great outdoors.

The second picture this week shows 14 year old Tyler Conroy with his harvested deer during the Massachusetts annual youth deer hunt November 8, 2017. Tyler harvested the deer with a family Remington 1100. Tyler made a great shot at 50 yards. Congratulations to both young sportsmen.

Local archers have been doing very well harvesting deer. Sitting in a tree stand this past Saturday, waiting for a deer to present a shot, tested the hunter's patience. The freezing temperatures had the hunters sipping hot coffee and kept the hand warmers close by. Having the correct clothing for cold temperatures, kept

many hunters in there tree stand longer than those that did not dress properly for the hunt.

Archers are noticing a big surge in the theft of tree stands and trail cameras this year. Some of the gear has been returned after archers did some of their own investigations, but most of it is lost forever. Cameras and tree stands are not cheap, and if the culprits are caught they could face felony charges. Is it worth it?

Back more than 20 years ago this writer lost a tree stand to thieves, and I to started my own investigation. I started by knocking on doors in the area of the theft, and asked if anyone they knew in the area was a deer hunter. In a few days I returned to the area of the stolen tree stand to hunt, and found my stand laying against the tree that it was stolen from. Lucky for me I must have knocked on the correct door. A week later I shot a huge buck from the stand. I still have the tree stand at home but no longer use it.

Tautog fishing remains red hot in Mass. & Rhode Island waters. My nephew Captain Mel True of "FISH NET CHARTERS" had his recent clients returning home with limits of tautog and sore arms. To see some of his most recent charters, check him out on his web site fishnetcharters.com or on face book.

Pheasant hunters are enjoying some great bird hunting in local covers and at pheasant preserves. Local covers also



Tyler Conroy during the annual youth deer hunt made a great shot to bring down this fine deer.

have some cotton tail rabbits this year. I am hoping to have my wife's beagle encounter one soon. She has found a few pheasant and quail for me this year, but no rabbits. I am surprised that she has not opened up on the hot trail of a running pheasant, but she continues to trail them silent. It is great to watch her working a scent, as her tail wags side to side, almost like she had a motor on it, but the beagles bark will provide the ultimate hunt. A pack of beagles trailing the elusive rabbit is missed by this writer.

In my younger years, I had three beagles that I would take to the Douglas State Forest, and meet up with a couple of hunting buddies that also had a few beagles. At that time many hunting clubs in the val-

ley bought live snow shoe hare from a trapper in Canada and stocked them in area swamps and woodlots. We would run the beagles all summer at night. The sound of the hounds chasing the hare was music to our ears. Maybe some day in the future the hare stocking program will return to the valley, but I do not think it will happen in my life time. Future generations will never know the great fun we had with our hounds.

During the upcoming winter months, local Rod & Gun Clubs will be holding meat raffles and dinners. They provide great entertainment and good food, at a good price. The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club, Singletary Rod & Gun Club, Wallum Lake Rod & Gun



Courtesy photos

Scarlett Hendricks with her fine mess of trout caught at Uxbridge Rod & Gun.

Club, Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club, Blackstone Valley Beagle Club, Auburn Sportsmen's Club are only a few clubs that welcome the public to their functions. Check them out on their web sites for a list of upcoming events.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Frost's amendment to protect police officers passes in House criminal justice reform bill

BOSTON — State Representative Paul K. Frost (R-Auburn) and State Representative Kate Campanale (R-Leicester) announce they successfully passed their amendment to protect police officers in the House Criminal Justice Reform Bill debated Tuesday, Nov. 14. The amendment makes assault and battery with serious bodily injury on a police officer a felony charge, rather than a misdemeanor charge as designated by current Massachusetts law. The Frost and Campanale amendment, adopted by the House of Representatives, featured language used by Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito in a bill the administration had filed earlier this year.

After Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino Jr. was shot and killed on Rochdale Street in Auburn on May 22, 2016, local law enforcement and beyond called for a change to the law regard-

ing how assault and battery on police should be treated. Officer Tarentino's killer had several prior assaults on police officers. Legislation to address these issues was filed by Representative Frost, Representative Campanale and Senator Michael Moore, as well as the Baker/Polito Administration in the wake of Officer Tarentino's tragic death.

The language of the amendment not only seeks to make it a felony charge for A&B with serious bodily injury instead of a misdemeanor, it also contains language allowing District Attorneys to ask the court to hold someone for committing an A&B on a police officer for a dangerous hearing. This option would be aimed at keeping those who are extremely dangerous in custody longer instead of releasing them on bail and risking them hurting or attacking others.

Frost commented, "I'm pleased we

were successful in having this included in the Criminal Justice Reform Bill as we are fixing an inequity in the law. Assault and battery on firefighters and even police dogs can be treated as felony charges, while the same actions against police officers are merely misdemeanors. This makes no sense, and we are making progress to make it right and fair. We, as a society, have an obligation to protect our men and women in blue when they are on our streets and in our neighborhoods protecting all of us."

"We owe this to the officers, men and women who put their lives on the line on a daily basis," said Rep. Kate Campanale of Leicester, who serves as the State Representative of Officer Tarentino's hometown. "I am proud to be a part of this amendment, which justly matches the punishment to the crime, while benefitting the safety of our officers."

The House version of the Criminal

Justice Bill will now go to conference committee to work out the differences from the Senate version. In addition to Representatives Frost and Campanale, the House Amendment was co-sponsored by Representatives Donald Berthiaume (R-Spencer), Peter Durant (R-Spencer), Kimberly Ferguson (R-Holden), Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury), Kevin Kuros (R-Uxbridge), Joseph McKenna (R-Webster), David Muradian (R-Grafton), Timothy Whelan (R-Brewster), Keiko Orrall (R-Lakeville), Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick), William Crocker (R-Barnstable), Susan Gifford (R-Wareham), Bradford Hill (R-Ipswich), Bradley Jones (R-North Reading), Elizabeth Poirier (R-North Attleboro), Alan Silvia (D-Fall River), Todd Smola (R-Warren), and Donald Wong (R-Saugus).

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

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

SCAVENGER HUNT

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Last year's winner, Lucas Vilandre of Wales, received a year's subscription to Ranger Rick, a National Wildlife Federation publication, and a copy of Critters, a Massachusetts Wildlife publication.

The public is welcome to enjoy the fun exploring some of the abundant trails offered in this community. The Heins Farm land, with its 2.4 miles of marked trails through historical

farmland and over the historic Stafford Turnpike, along with the Leadmine Mountain's approximately seven miles of marked walking trails, are managed as permanently protected by the town of Sturbridge Conservation Department as part of the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The town's new Conservation Agent Rebecca Gendreau adds, "December weekends and school vacations are a perfect time for families to get outside for walks and fresh air. We hope families can take advantage of this opportunity."

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CALENDAR

Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24

NO SERVICE MAKE A NOTE: S.C.M. Elderbus will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Saturday, November 25

STEPPIN' OUT: The Hayloft Steppers Square Dance Club is holding a Harvest Ball dance on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 8-10:30 p.m. (early rounds at 7:30). The caller will be Don Bachelor and the cuer will be Lee Fremault. Admission is \$8 per person. ***There will be a collection to support the Toys for Tots Program*** Bring a new, unwrapped, toy and get \$2 off dance admission! For more information on our Beginner Classes, please call Moe at (508) 344-3430 or Al at (413) 436-7849 or visit our website at www.hayloftsteppers.org. The club is located at 232 Podunk Road in Sturbridge.

Saturday, December 2

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Charlton City United Methodist will be hosting its annual Christmas Fair. Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. located at 74 Stafford St. in Charlton. Just like the Wise Men, follow the stars from table to table; be rewarded with fellowship and goodies. There will be handmade items, fresh handmade wreaths, a large variety of delicious cookies, baked goods, a jewelry table, Grandma's Christmas attic, and so much more. Don't forget our men's scrumptious luncheon. You will find an array of gifts at our silent auction table.

There will also be local vendors. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be there to take pictures. We are handicap accessible and there is plenty of parking available. We are located at 74 Stafford St., Charlton, please call the church at (508) 248-7379 for details.

HOLIDAY FAIR: Fundraiser to benefit the Charlton Public Library, Saturday, December 2, 9:30am-4:00pm at Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton. \$2.00 Donation, \$1.00 OFF with ad. Children 18 & under Free

CRAFTERS: The Holly Berry Fair committee of the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge is looking for crafters and artists who wish to sell their handmade items on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Remember, local fairs are best! This popular annual show attracts people from all over the area. Our booth fee is \$25 for each 8 foot space, optional lunch and table fees are on the registration form. To join us, simply go to the church website, www.sturfed.org or call the church office (508) 347-3915. You may also get an application by e-mailing janraerose@gmail.com or nancast148@gmail.com We welcome all inquiries.

CRAFT FAIR: Need some unique, one of a kind Christmas gifts? Look no further than the Holly Berry Fair at the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Local artisans and craftspeople will be selling all manner of handmade items including needlework, paintings and cards. Along with gift items, there will be baked goods, ornaments, and face painting for children. Enjoy some hassle-free shopping while supporting local artisans and crafts people.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will host their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 am to 2 pm at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton Community. Offerings include our popular "Grammar's Attic",

Bake and Cookie by the Pound Table, Vendors, Raffle Tickets, Ticket Auction, etc. All raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the fair. Please join us, share the spirit of the season, the fellowship, bargains and especially to, "HELP US TO HELP OTHERS."

CRAFT FAIR BAZAAR

We are looking for crafters to join our Craft Fair Bazaar on Dec. 2 at the Charlton City Methodist Church, Stafford Road in Charlton. Tables at \$30 and spaces are \$25. Please contact Martha at mburbridge50@gmail.com for more information. Please join us for the bazar and craft fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: sponsored by the Golden Age Club, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. Hand knit items, baked goods, craft items, holiday & Christmas items, raffles, homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more!

Sunday, December 17

QUABOAG CHORAL SCHEDULE: The Quaboag Choral Society will be performing a Holiday Concert in the area. Entitled, "Small Town, Big City", this enchanting concert of Holiday favorites will be sure to inspire a feeling of the Christmas season. Please join us, with family and friends, at one of our three concerts: Sunday, Dec. 3, West Brookfield "White Christmas" at the town hall at 6:15 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 8, North Brookfield, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, at 7 p.m. or Sunday, Dec. 17 Charlton, The Overlook Performing Arts Center, at 2 p.m.

ONGOING

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: On the third Wednesday of each month, 6-7 p.m. at the Overlook SuIndependent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium,

88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

Free Playgroup at the Hitchcock Academy; sponsored by Union 61 Family Foundation Five Grant. It includes: Music & Movement on Wednesday 9-9:45 a.m. and Playgroup on Monday & Thursday 9-11 a.m. For more information about these and a variety of other classes visit us at www.hitchcockacademy.org or call 413-245-9977

Grief Support Group: at Overlook Hospice, Charlton: Have you recently experienced the loss of a parent, child, sibling, friend or spouse? We are here to help. Join a safe, supportive and caring group to share your stories and support others who are learning to live again after the death of a loved one. Drop-in group for adults meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

THRIFTY: Saint Paul II Parish's Flea Market, at 40 Charlton St., Southbridge, is open each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include household, linens and furniture. We also have a holiday room. Donations are appreciated. All proceeds go to the support of the church.

NUMISMATICS: Southbridge Coin Club meets on the third Friday of the month (except July and August). The doors open by 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Collectors of all ages are welcome. The meetings include raffle, auction, and show and tell. Light refreshments are served. The meetings are held in the community room at the Southbridge Savings Bank at 200 Charlton Rd. (Route 20), Sturbridge.

HALL

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there is "a severe shortage of health care workers" because many "won't commit to full-time employment" because they'll lose their current benefits.

Hall comes to that view from several years as a nursing home administrator. His LinkedIn profile states his current job (since October 2016) is as a consultant at Modern Healthcare Advisors LLC, but lists several long-term care administration posts before that back to May 2008. It also cites two wheelchair safety-related patents, one issued in 2002, one filed in 2016.

One aspect of his platform that is unusual is his intention to challenge the Registry of Motor Vehicles recent tightening of inspection rules and other issues, which he described as "overreach." He said the more stringent inspections, in which stations are installing more cameras "to make sure not even a little bit of rust gets through," will "hurt the poor and middle class," particularly in rural areas. While urban dwellers usually have access to public transit, "in our district a car is a vital requirement to get to work," Hall said.

Before his speech, he was blunt about how he sees the RMV: "They have no common sense."

In other areas, his views are conservative, particularly regarding business. He argues

the state needs to reduce taxes and fees "that are making it impossible to do business in Massachusetts," and states "small businesses, including our farmers, are the lifeblood of our state."

Overall, Hall says he'd like to work for "a climate where there's less despair and more hope," noting many people have turned to street drugs to cope with physical and/or emotional pain because they don't "feel like they're a valued part of society."

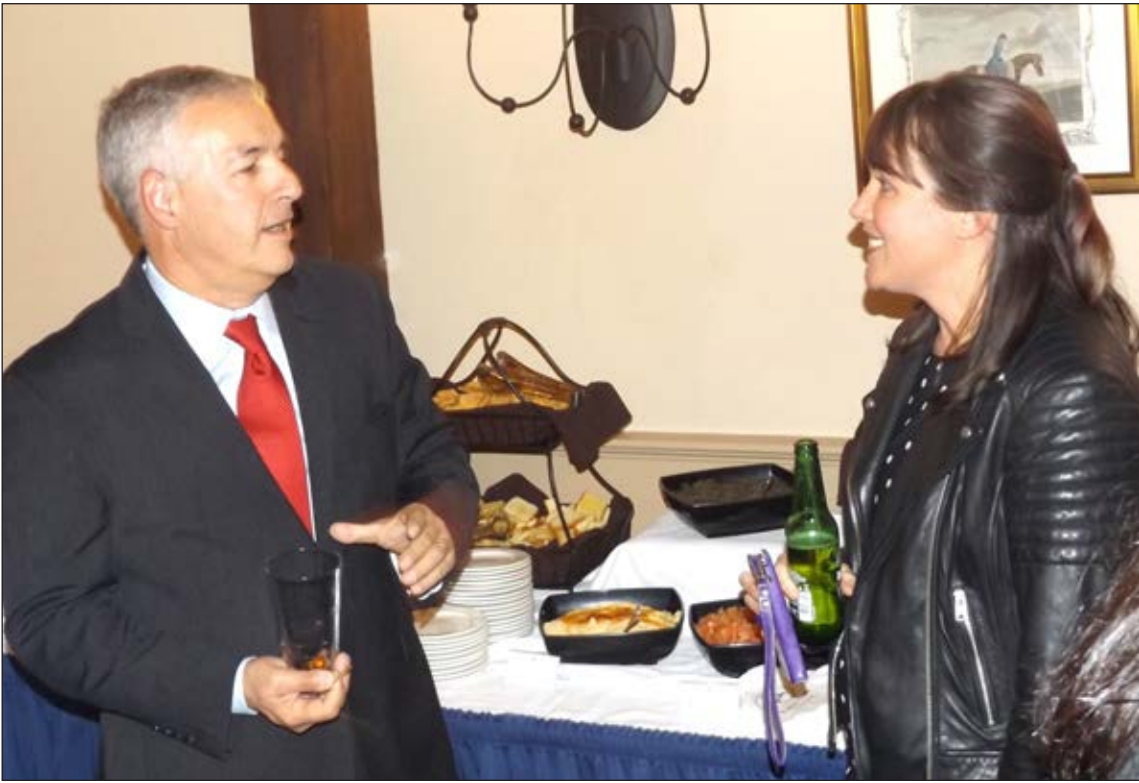
The system needs to recognize the difference between real pain and self-medication, and provide help to those who need it, he said. He didn't, however, explain how he'd do that.

"Everywhere I go, I meet people with a new optimism about their vote and the power of their voice," he said. "In Central Mass, people are tired of the politics of old, and politicians who see the people as serving their agenda on Beacon Hill."

His wife Janet is a supporter. She described Hall as having "an uncanny ability to listen" and come up with solutions and a "driven personality. He works on it until he accomplished his goal. During rough times is when his true character shines."

In the audience, long-time friend Tony Leary said he normally tries to avoid politics, "but Steve I know and I trust. We need to bring the good people from local levels up and bring them in."

Hall actually has no local



Republican senate candidate Steven Hall chats with a visitor at his candidacy declaration party at the Publick House.

government experience. He did serve for a while as recreation director in Wales, and has been involved in various community volunteer efforts as a coach, in Toastmasters, and other things.

Toastmasters membership seems to be a common thread among several of his supporters. One of them, Luba Sinigur, said this is the first time she's been involved in a political campaign; she migrated from Moldova in 1998 and became a

citizen in 2012, and describes this as taking "baby steps" that might lead to local political activity.

"If we want to make a change in this country, we have to vote," she said. "Whatever you stand for, we have to find people to vote for."

Hall's son-in-law Josh Paydos said Hall has been talking about the idea "a number of years."

"Steve likes to succeed at whatever he does," Paydos

said. "I'm sure this won't be any different. He'll give it his 110 percent."

The Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire & Middlesex senate district is a sprawling one, including all or part of 28 towns running from Sturbridge to the New Hampshire line. In this area, it includes Sturbridge, Brimfield, Holland, Wales, Spencer, Charlton and all of the Brookfields.

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AREA BAZAARS AND FESTIVALS



As the fall festivals and winter bazaars go into full swing, many people travel from town to town, scooping up the sales and gathering in the hand-crafted items for gifts. In addition, the ethnic foods and mouthwatering baked goods add just the right touch for holiday entertaining. With that in mind, the Stonebridge Press newspapers are adding this listing of area events just for the upcoming couple of months so you can find the nearby festivals on a crisp weekend adventure. Enjoy!

Saturday, November 25

HOLIDAY BAZAAR: The GFWC, Auburn Junior Woman's Club will be holding their 6th annual Holiday Bazaar at North American Martyrs Parish in Auburn on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Vendors, local crafters, lottery board, homemade items, and plenty of raffles to take a chance on! Santa will be visiting from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. so get your camera ready.

Admission is \$1 or a non-perishable food item to benefit Kateri's Kitchen (food pantry).

If you have questions, please contact us at auburnjuniors@gmail.com, or comment on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GFWCA>. This is sponsored by the Auburn Junior Woman's Club with proceeds from admission benefiting Kateri's Kitchen.

Saturday, December 2

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: All Saints Academy is holding their annual Christmas Bazaar Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St Anne Campus, 12 Day St, Webster. Shop local vendors, participate in holiday games and crafts, take pictures with Santa, enter to win raffles, and enjoy a pancake breakfast. No entrance fee.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: Holiday Craft and Gift Fair held at the Charlton Public Library on Dec. 2. Applications available at the front desk of the Charlton Public Library or online at <https://www.facebook.com/charltonli>

braryfriends/posts/1900020216878052:0 For questions contact Melinda at (508) 248-6292 or by email at melinda@sewcialite.com.

CRAFT FAIR: Need some unique, one of a kind Christmas gifts? Look no further than the Holly Berry Fair at the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Local artisans and craftspeople will be selling all manner of handmade items including needlework, paintings and cards. Along with gift items, there will be baked goods, ornaments, and face painting for children. Enjoy some hassle-free shopping while supporting local artisans and crafts people.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will host their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 am to 2 pm at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton Community. Offerings include our popular "Gramma's Attic", Bake and Cookie by the Pound Table, Vendors, Raffle Tickets, Ticket Auction, etc. All raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the fair. Please join us, share the spirit of the season, the fellowship, bargains and especially to, HELP US TO HELP OTHERS.

CRAFT FAIR BAZAAR: Craft Fair Bazaar on Dec. 2 at the Charlton City Methodist Church, Stafford Road in Charlton. Please join us for the bazaar and craft fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: sponsored by the Golden Age Club, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. Hand knit items, baked goods, craft items, holiday & Christmas items, raffles, homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more!

SANTA PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton, Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Tickets \$5, children under 5 free. Free 5x7 family picture with Santa Claus professionally taken by Casson-Foster Photographers. You will receive an e-mail approximately one week after the event, notifying you that your photo is ready to be picked up in the main office at Bay Path. Raffle available.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Saturday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 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 décor, toys, candy & baked items and so much more! Take a chance on one of our many rafles. There is something for everyone! Free Parking. Handicap Accessible.

CHRISTMAS TEA: First Congregational Church of Oxford, 355 Main St. will hold its annual Christmas

Tea Saturday, Dec. 2. Doors open with tea & sweets at 9:30 a.m.; luncheon selections served 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Soups: corn chowder, autumn bisque, tomato basil; Entrees: baked apple French toast (lactose free), French (tourtiere) meat pie with gravy (contains potato), roast beef & bacon wrap with Provolone, lettuce and tomato, and chicken salad on a roll; Desserts: trio tray sampler, Black Forest cake, carrot cake, assorted scones; Specialty Teas: assortment of loose leaf teas; (flavors of the season); Coffee or Hot Chocolate. Treat: Sweet & Beverage: \$5.50; Snack: Soup, Sweet & Beverage: \$8; Delight: Entrée, Soup, Sweet & Beverage: \$10; Complete: Entrée, Soup, Sweet & Beverage: \$12.00; Child 8 and Under: Small Entrée, Sweet & Beverage: \$5. Gift Center, baked goods, Raffle Room, Book Nook & Granny's Attic: gently used treasures sure to please

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Charlton City United Methodist will be hosting its annual Christmas Fair. Please join us on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. located at 74 Stafford St. in Charlton. Just like the Wise Men, follow the stars from table to table; be rewarded with fellowship and goodies. There will be handmade items, fresh handmade wreaths, a large variety of delicious cookies, baked goods, a jewelry table, Grandma's Christmas attic, and so much more. Don't forget our men's scrumptious luncheon. You will find an array of gifts at our silent auction table. There will also be local vendors. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be there to take pictures. We are handicap accessible and there is plenty of parking available. We are located at 74 Stafford St., Charlton, please call the church at (508) 248-7379 for details.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The First Congregational Church of Dudley at 135 Center Road is having a Christmas Fair on Saturday Dec. 2 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The fair will include crafters & vendors, a Christmas and gift shop, delicious baked goods and luncheon, pictures with Santa, live entertainment, a basket drawing and a handmade quilt drawing. Great food and fun for all ages! A Goods and Service auction will take place at 2 p.m. Child care and movies will be provided during the auction. For more information and a list of auction items, please check our website: www.uccdudley.org

Sunday, December 3

MARK THE CALENDAR: Craft Fair/ Winter Carnival Assumption School Event, 17 Grove St, (in Assumption Parish Hall) Millbury, on Sunday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. (some tables open at 10 a.m). Homemade scarves, jewelry,

hand crafted minerals, floral arrangements, Mary Kay, LulaRoe, Perfectly Posh, any many more; great items for Christmas gifts! Games, face painting, kitchen menu, candy sales, gift wrapping Grand Raffle, and Crafter Raffle. Please join us!

December 7, 8, & 9

NATIVITIES AROUND the WORLD & QUABOAG CHORAL SOCIETY: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 108 New Braintree Road, North Brookfield, is again hosting Nativities Around the World Thursday, Dec. 7, 5:30-8 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 8, 5:30- 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Also on Friday, Dec. 8 starting at 7 the Quaboag Choral Society will present Small Town, Big City. Refreshments will follow.

Share your nativities for the event. Please leave a message for Robin at (508) 347-7092 to inquire about loaning your nativity for this event. We welcome your participation.

Saturday, December 9

SANTA NEEDS HELPERS: Do you create amazing crafts? Sell beautiful jewelry, handy handbags, useful kitchen tools, natural soaps & lotions? OHS Operation Graduation 2018 is currently accepting vendor applications for our Santa Breakfast & Vendor Fair to be held Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Oxford High School cafeteria. OpGrad members will do the cooking, vendors will sell their wares! Cost is \$25 per 6-foot table space (you provide your own table) and \$5 per additional table (if you need more than 1). Please contact Lysa Dell'Aquila at lvd987@charter.net or 508-523-8982 (text or call) to submit a Vendor Application.

A pancake breakfast (pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee) will be served from 8-11 a.m., and children will have the opportunity to have their photos taken with Santa.

Saturday, December 16

HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL: Grace Episcopal Church will hold a Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 16 in Hodges Hall, 270 Main St, Oxford. The event will run 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a variety of baskets as well as small, affordable gifts, a bake sale table and a delicious lunch available. This will be a great event for those last minute gifts and for an opportunity to recharge your holiday spirit "battery."

3 ways to improve headlights for safer nighttime driving

(MS)—Many motorists find it more difficult to drive at night than during the daytime. Drivers may fear nighttime driving because they feel their comfort levels behind the wheel are compromised when the sun goes down. Statistics show those fears are not unfounded, as a 2016 analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Fatality Analysis Reporting System found that 43 percent of motor vehicle crash deaths in the United States in 2014 occurred between the hours of 6 p.m. and 3 a.m.

But drivers should not simply blame their nerves for the discomfort they feel when driving at night. A recent study from the AAA automotive club found that the halogen headlights in more than 80 percent of the vehicles on the road today fail to safely illuminate unlit roadways, even when vehicles are moving at speeds as low as 40 miles per hour.

To maintain their vehicles, many drivers take their cars and trucks in for routine oil changes and tire rotations. But headlight maintenance can go a long way toward making drivers feel safer at night, when visual acuity of the human eye is reduced by up to 70 percent. The following are three ways drivers can improve the performance of their headlights.

1. Upgrade headlight bulbs.

A recent report from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety was



CAPTION: Vehicle with standard headlight bulbs (left) and vehicle with Philips X-tremeVision Headlight Bulbs (right), which can put up to 100 percent more light on the road.

critical of headlight design, painting a bleak picture for headlight performance in 30 of the 31 vehicles tested for the report. Many vehicles on the road today are equipped with standard halogen headlights that begin to break down in two to three years, potentially reducing light output by as much as 30 percent. Philips X-tremeVision Bulbs employ advanced technology that can deliver up to 100 percent more light on the road than standard halogen bulbs.

Compatible with various makes and models, each bulb produces a longer beam pattern than standard halogen headlights, vastly improving nighttime visibility on even the darkest roadways.

2. Turn headlights on earlier.

Another way to improve headlight performance is to start utilizing them earlier. Once manufacturer-supplied bulbs have been replaced, drivers can make a conscious effort to turn their lights on before the sky

goes completely dark. Many drivers feel their vision is most compromised during twilight hours, when a setting sun and shifting shadows combine to greatly compromise driver visibility. By turning headlights on during twilight hours, drivers can counter the effects of Mother Nature during those hours when they feel most vulnerable.

3. Maintain clean headlights.

Drivers wouldn't spend hours on the road driving

with dirty windshields, but many are unknowingly driving with clouded headlamps that could be compromising their nighttime visibility and reducing light output by as much as 40 percent. The Philips Headlight Restoration Kit is designed to restore headlamp lens clarity to "like new" condition. Utilizing a protective UV coating that produces longer lens clarity and prevents clouding for up to two years, the kit can effectively improve lenses that turn hazy and yellow

after years of exposure to sunlight, ozone, pollution and other environmental factors.

Many drivers are naturally more nervous at night than during the daytime. But upgrading headlights and taking steps to maintain headlight performance can calm those nerves and make for safer nighttime driving. More information is available at www.philips.com/automotive.

How to dig out your car after a storm



The arrival of cooler, shorter days is often a precursor to winter storms dominated by snowfall. A snow-covered landscape can make for an appealing image. But heavy snowfall also makes for extra work, especially for drivers who must dig their vehicles out of the snow after each storm.

Some people live in suburban areas where they can

park their cars in driveways or garages, while others live in cities and have to park on the street, where snow plows can do a wonderful job of burying vehicles underneath mounds of snow. Rescuing a car or truck from a pile of snow can be tricky and time-consuming, but there is a process that can make the job easier.

- Begin by clearing out the

tail pipe of the car. This is a vital first step because failure to do so can back harmful carbon monoxide gas and other fumes into the car. Take the time to clear out the rear of the car, including the taillights, so you will have improved visibility.

- When the exhaust pipe is clear, turn on the car. Some people prefer to put the defrost-

er on right away. Others wait until the vehicle warms up before doing so. Having a warm car will melt some of the accumulated ice and snow and make it easier for you to clear the car.

- The right tools make faster work of the task at hand. A shovel is a necessity, and a telescoping snow broom/ice scraper can be helpful. This allows

you to safely push the snow off the roof of the car. Some regions fine drivers who do not remove snow from the roofs or hoods of their cars, so take the time to clean such snow before driving.

- Work from the top of the vehicle down. Otherwise, you will end up negating all of your work by throwing fresh snow on the areas you already cleared.
- By now the defrosters should have kicked in sufficiently enough to make it simple to clear snow from the windshield and rear window. Use some deicing windshield fluid to dislodge wiper blades if they have frozen to the windshield. Some drivers leave their wiper blades standing on end and away from the windshield prior to a big storm to prevent them from freezing to the windshield. Consider this trick if you're especially worried about the blades freezing to the glass.
- Use your shovel to carefully remove as much snow as possible from around the tires. Be careful not to puncture the tire with a metal shovel. Try to create a tire path in the direction you plan to move the vehicle. So if you will be backing out of the driveway, clear the way behind the car. If traction is a problem, use a bit of rock salt or cat litter behind the tires to give them more grip. Slipping a car mat under the tires also can provide much-needed traction.
- Exercise caution if you are digging out a car on a busy roadway. Make yourself visible to other motorists and use traffic cones, if you have them, to keep drivers away from your vehicle. Do not shovel the snow in the path of oncoming vehicles.

Shoveling out after a snowstorm is a task few people enjoy. However, it is a necessity of the season and one that can be done safely and efficiently.

Prepare vehicles for harsh weather

As the seasons change, motorists must take steps to safeguard their vehicles, especially when the season changes from fall to winter. Each winter, many vehicles are subjected to sub-zero temperatures, snowfall and icy roads, and such conditions can take their toll on vehicles over time. Taking steps to prepare vehicles for winter weather is a vital step that can make cars and trucks safer for drivers and their passengers.

BATTERY

Old batteries should be replaced before winter begins. Without a strong, properly functioning battery, engines cannot turn over. Most batteries last between three and five years. However, extreme cold can compromise batteries, especially those that have been around awhile. Batteries are made up of acid and water, and cold temperatures can freeze the water, thereby affecting battery performance. According to AAA's Automotive Research Center, at 32 F, the average battery loses 35 percent of its strength.

Newer batteries can be protected by starting the vehicle each day to warm up and recharge the battery. Let the car run for at least 10 minutes if you



CAPTION: Replace existing wiper blades at the beginning of each winter so driver visibility is not compromised.

cannot take an extended drive.

EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

Keeping a car waxed and sealed can help maintain a durable exterior finish. This includes not only the paint, but the rubber and vinyl parts of

the car's exterior.

Winter is a good time to switch to a heavy-duty synthetic wax that can shield against water and road salts. High-quality sealants can be used on bumpers, trim and rubber door seals as added protection. Speak with an automotive retailer or even the car dealership

if you are unsure which products will make your car's parts most durable for winter weather.

Do not stop washing your car just because the weather is cold. Slushy, wet roads and snow-melting salts can speed up the formation of rust or other decay on the undercarriage of the vehicle.

These materials will need to be periodically cleaned off. Flush the underside of the vehicle whenever possible, taking advantage of any dry, slightly warmer days.

TIRE PRESSURE

According to the automotive retailer Pep Boys, vehicle tires lose a pound

of air pressure for every 10-degree drop in temperature. Many modern cars will alert to changes in air pressure, and drivers should be diligent in maintaining the proper tire pressure. Fuel economy as well as handling ability can decline when tires are not inflated properly. Tires can be refilled at many gas stations for little cost.

WIPERS

Visibility is key in hazardous weather conditions, and keeping the windshield clean is a priority. This means ensuring there is enough windshield wiper fluid in the car and that it is a product that will not freeze.

Wiper blades can freeze and crack in the winter. Older blades may be more susceptible to damage. It's a worthy investment to replace existing wiper blades at the start of each winter. When vehicles are parked, pull the wipers off of the windshield to safeguard them from sticking and cracking.

Cold weather requires drivers to amp up their vehicle maintenance routines. Consult with a mechanic or automotive retailer for more ideas and products that can help your vehicles operate safely and efficiently this winter.

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Visibility starts with your windshield



Visibility is an essential component of automotive safety. According to the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, inability to clearly see the road, other motorists and potential obstacles is a leading contributor to automotive accidents and injury.

Approximately half of all fatalities due to motor vehicle crashes occur at night, even though the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration notes that traffic volume is substantially less at night. Lack of visibility, which may result from a dirty windshield or inclement weather, can render pavement markings nearly invisible or throw off drivers' senses of direction.

Poor visibility can be hazardous, and drivers must take steps to ensure they have maximum visibility at all times, whether it's day or night or if the weather is poor or fair.

One of the best ways to ensure maximum visibility is to keep your windshield clean. Not all windshield washer fluids and wipers are created equally. For example, some washer fluids are ineffective in freezing temperatures. Frozen washer fluid can cause a complete blockage of the system and greatly impair visibility.

As anyone who has driven on snowy and/or salty roads can attest, such substances can quickly gather on windshields, where they crust up and impede visibility. A windshield cleaning system that is not working effectively is a recipe for an accident.

Always read the product label before purchasing washer fluid. Summer blends are only effective when tempera-

tures remain above 32 F. When the mercury dips below freezing, these fluids freeze up. Winter formulas should contain an antifreeze solution that will lower the freezing point of the liquid. Many such fluids employ methanol to not only prevent freezing but also to melt frost and light accumulations of ice.

Drivers also may be able to supplement their washer fluids with common items to increase durability during extreme cold snaps. Mix 99 percent isopropyl rubbing alcohol into the washer fluid to prevent it from freezing. Otherwise, the washer fluid brand may have specific instructions for mixing for use in areas where the temperature regularly dips below freezing.

In addition to maintaining an obstruction-free washer fluid system, drivers can reduce accidents from poor visibility by heeding these tips from The National Weather Service:

- Clear your windshield and mirrors before getting on the road.
- Drive slow to maintain a safe stopping distance.
- Be aware that, when driving in conditions where visibility is impaired, drivers tend to follow the tail lights of the vehicles in front of them. Keep your headlights on to improve your own visibility and help others see your car.
- Don't slow down so much that you become a hazard to other drivers.
- If necessary, pull off the road and wait for conditions to improve. When pulling off, park as far off the road as possible, then turn off your headlights and put on your hazard lights.

CAPTION: Maintain a clean windshield to ensure your visibility is not compromised while driving.



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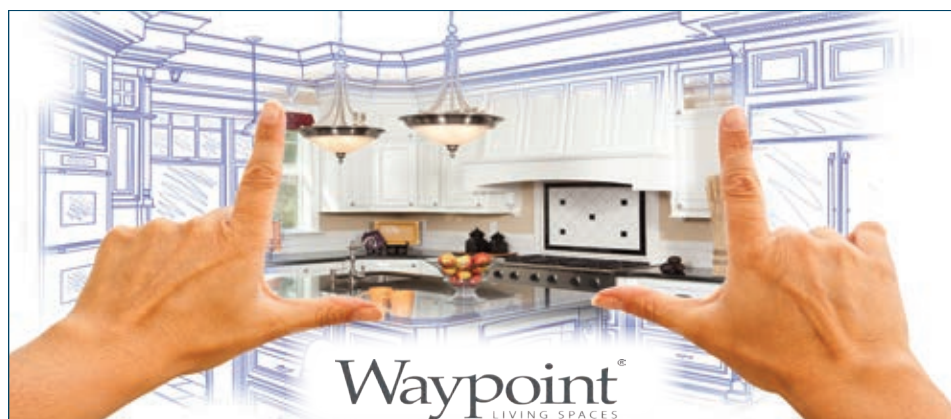
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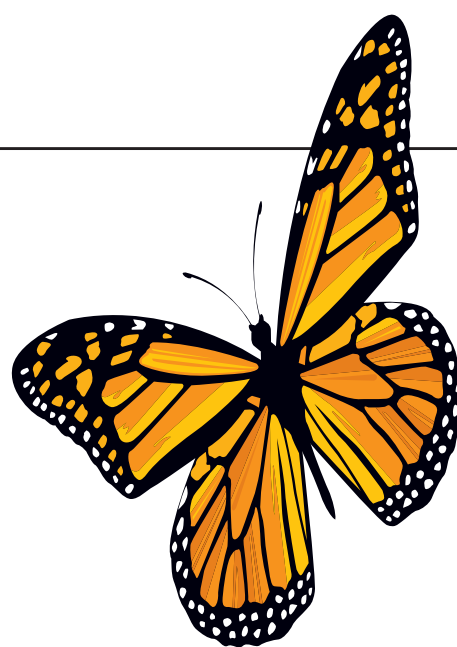


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David Prouty High School
Class of 2007 10th Class Reunion
Class members are allowed to
bring one guest
Tickets: \$20 online and at the door
\$20 guest (at all times)
8:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
Spencer Country Inn
500 Main St., Spencer, MA
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/david-prouty-class-of-2007-reunion-tickets-32864875728>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 p.m.
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Claus 10:00 a.m.: Pumpernickel
Puppets 11:00 a.m.: "Holly" the Elf
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EAST BROOKFIELD - 854 Podunk Rd! 6 Rm Cape! 1.5 Acres! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! New & Recent Features! Open Flr Plan! Granite Kit! SS Appliances! 1st Flr Hrdw! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! Natural Woodwork! Patio w/Hot Tub! Fruit Trees! Recent Roof & Windows! New Garage Door! **\$247,900.00**



WEBSTER - 8 Oakwood Rd! 12 Rm Hip Roof 5,165' Custom Colonial on 1 Acre w/In-ground Pool! Formal Din & Liv Rms! Frplc Fam Rm & Frplc Den! Master Suite! Master Bath! 6 Bdrms! 3 Full & 2 Half Baths! Hrdw & Wall to Wall! C/Air! In-law Potential! 2 Car Garage! **\$499,900.00**



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AUBURN - 5 Pinedale Rd! Updated 7 Rm, 4 Bdrm Cape! Appliance Cabinet! Kit! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdw! NEW 20x22 Liv Rm out to 14x20 Deck! 1st Flr 2 Bdrms w/Laminate Flrs! Recent Full Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Laminate Flrs! Laundry w/Washer & Dryer! 2 Sheds! Town Services! **\$222,900.00**



DUDLEY - 36 Fish Rd! 7 Rm Raised Ranch w/Huge Split Level Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm w/Skylights! Open Cathedral Ceiling Kit/Din & Living Rms w/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 3 Full Baths! Huge Steel I Beam Clear Span 2 Car Garage! 1.1 Acres! Oil Heat! Shed! **\$299,900.00**



DUDLEY - 20 Williams St! Nice 7 Rm Cape w/2 Car Garage! SS Appliance! Kit w/Oak Cabinets & Corian Counters! Frplcd Liv Rm & Din Rm w/Hrdw! Sunroom w/Hot Tub/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Tile Baths! Finished Furnace! Town Services! Buder Backyard! **\$244,900.00**



LEICESTER - 38 Boyd St! Spacious 3 Fam! 60x6 Rm! 30x2 Bdrms! Investment or Owner Occupied! Quiet Residential Neighborhood! Corner Lot! Open Din/Liv Rms, Eat-in Kits w/Pantries & Laundry! Sep Utilities! Rools, Cutters & Downspouts! 2017! Garage & Shed! Off St Parking! Well Maintained! **\$330,000.00**



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DUDLEY - 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set On 1.84 Acres! Appliance! Granite Kit! Frplcd Dining Rm! Living Rm w/Hrdw! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! **\$359,900.00**



WEBSTER - 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm Open to Living Rm w/Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/Built-ins! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 395 Near! Walk to Schools & Churches! **\$114,900.00**



CHARLTON - 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm Colonial w/Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Quartz Counters! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdw! Frplcd Fam Rm w/Hrdw! Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Total! 16x30 Deck! 2 Car Garage! Shed! 2016 Roof! Many Updates! **\$344,900.00**



OXFORD - 74 Walnut St! 5 Rm Ranch! Central Location w/Good Size Level Yard! 2 Bdrms w/3rd Possible! Full Bath! Hrdw! Liv Rm & Bdrms! Cedar Closet! Basement w/2 Finished Rms! Vinyl Siding! Older Replacement Windows! Deck! AC Pool! Shed! Cosmetics Needed! **\$184,900.00**



WEBSTER - 42 Cushing Rd! 7 Rm Ranch! Cabinet Kit w/SS Appliances & Tile Flr! Dining Area w/Corner Hutch! Frplc Liv Rm w/Hrdw! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdw! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Den w/New Carpet! New Electrical Service! Partially Finished Basement! Garage! Screened Porch! Shed! Town Services! **\$239,900.00**



WEBSTER - 141 Gore Rd! Rte 16! 1.68 Acres! Prime Exposure! Business Opportunities! Zoned Commercial! 165' Road Frontage! 183x2' 4 Car Garage! 123x20' Workshop! 7 Rm Colonial! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdw! Din/Liv Rm w/Hrdw! Side! NEW FURNACE! Needs Roof, Updates to Electrical & Cosmetics! **\$109,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 294 Killdeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrdwd Flrs! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 1420 Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Pond Landscaped! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! **\$524,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 10 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! Sandy Shoreline! 9 Rm Colonial! Ranch, 3 Bdrms! 3 Baths! Lake Views from Most Rooms! Hrdwd & Tile Flrs Throughout! Brumhan Custom Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets! 1st Flr Office! Master w/New Bath! Frplcd Fam Rm! Deck w/Custom Bar! 2 Car Garage! **\$639,900.00**



WEBSTER - 56 Chase Ave! Well Maintained 2 Fam! 6/4 Rms! 3/2 Bdrms! Appliance! Eat-in Kits! Formal Din Rm! Carpeted Liv Rm! Large Bdrms! Updated Full Bath! Skylight! Hrdw! 6 Panel! 22' Oil Heat! Furnaces 1 Yr Old! Newer Plumbing & Electrical! Fenced Yard w/Patio! **\$219,900.00**



WEBSTER - 47 Harris St! Custom Built 6 Rm Ranch! 43 Acre Lot! Eat-in Kit w/Oversized Pantry! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Bay Window! 3 Large Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpets & Large Closets! Den! Full Bath w/Linen Closet! Semi-Finished Lower Level! 2 Access All the Lake Has to Offer! Newer Gas Furnace! **\$239,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 271 Killdeer Island Rd! Middle Pond! 120' Waterfront! Cottage West! Beautiful Sunsets! 7 Rm Yr Rd Potting Open Flr Plan! Cabinet Kit & Din Rm out to Lake Facing Deck! Liv Rm that Walks Out to Small Balcony! 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath! Level Lot! Access All the Lake Has to Offer! **\$279,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - Access! 124 Gore Rd! 440' Waterfront! Great Location! Direct Highway Access! 3.4 Acres! UNDEVELOPED LAND w/EXQUISITE VIEW! Explore the Opps! Build a Restaurant, Hotel, Condominiums! Cozy 4 Rm, 2 Bdrm Home! Oversize 2 Car Garage w/2nd Floor! **\$399,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Pond Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Appliance! Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdw & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdw! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frplcd Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$749,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrms, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/Heated Flr! Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frplc Liv Rm! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! Lake Facing Master w/Master Bath! Upstairs 3 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! Lower Level Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Sauna & Full Bath! 3 Car Attached, 1 Car Detached! Security! Generator! Boat House! **\$1,195,900.00**



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WEBSTER LAKE - 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Expo! Awesome Sunsets! 10 Rm Content! Pano Lake Views Most Rms! Open Flr Plan! Frplcd Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! 3 Lake Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Remodeled Baths! 2 Car Garage! Deck! Add Lot Across St! Recent Roof! **\$599,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 33 Beacon Rd! 6 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! 141' Waterfront! 12,458' Lot w/Plenty of Privacy! Kit, Master Bdrm, Master Bath, Roof & Windows New in 2013! Enjoy Sunsets from Wrap-around Porch! Beautiful Lake Views! Frplc Liv Rm! SS Appliances! C/Air! 2 Car Vag! **\$519,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 33 Killdeer Island! Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained 7 Rm Colonial! Appliance! Oak Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdw! Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Cathedral Ceiling 3 Season Sunrm! Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Sandy Beach! **\$469,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Lakeside Ave! 100' Waterfront! Huge Views of South Pond! Western Exposure = Fantastic Sunsets! In Time for Summer! 5 Rooms of Rustic Charm! Real Log Summer Cottage! 10,924' Lot! Allows for Room to Expand! Remodel! It! Tear it Down! Build New! **\$359,900.00**



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HEALTH

Myths And Facts: Clearing Up A Few Misconceptions About Eye Exams

(NAPS)
People are constantly reminded to eat right and exercise to stay healthy. But what about eye health? Dozens of eye diseases and conditions, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and some cancers, can be diagnosed and detected during a simple eye exam.

This is because the eye is actually part of the nervous system. An eye physician can detect abnormalities in the fine blood vessels at the back of the eye before they're seen in other parts of the body. Trouble spotted in the eye may signal health-related changes that may otherwise go undetected.

Eye Health Truths

Here are the facts on a few common myths about eye exams:

- **Myth:** Eye exams only provide a prescription for eyeglasses.

- **Fact:** There are two different types of eye examinations:

1. A comprehensive medical eye exam is typically performed by an ophthalmologist, a physician who specializes in medical and surgical eye care. Your ophthalmologist will dilate your eyes with drops. This lets him or her thoroughly examine your retina and optic nerve, located at the back of your eye, for signs of damage from disease.

2. A routine eye exam determines whether you need glasses or contact lenses to see clearly. You will be asked to read a standardized chart to determine how well you see at different distances. This exam

is typically performed by an optometrist.

- **Myth:** An eye exam is unnecessary unless you have a vision problem.

- **Fact:** Don't wait to notice a vision problem before you get an eye exam. Some eye diseases and conditions have no early warning signs until vision is lost. If they're detected early, however, vision can usually be saved.

Eye Exam Recommendations

The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends that people get a baseline eye examination at age 40, the time when early signs of disease or changes in vision may occur. This exam is just as important as a baseline screening for diabetes or certain cancers. If you're age 65 or older, have your eyes checked every year or two for signs of age-related eye diseases such as cataracts, macular degeneration, and glaucoma.

Sight-Saving Care

If you are 65 or older and worry about the cost of an exam, the American Academy of Ophthalmology's EyeCare America program may be able to help. EyeCare America provides medical eye exams, often at no out-of-pocket cost, to eligible people through a network of approximately 6,000 volunteer ophthalmologists. Nearly 2 million people have been helped through EyeCare America's two programs. The Seniors program connects eligible seniors with a volunteer ophthalmologist for a medical eye exam at no out-of-pocket cost for up to one year, while



It's wise to have a professional check your eyes regularly.

the Glaucoma program offers a glaucoma eye exam to eligible individuals who are at increased risk for glaucoma, determined by their age, race, and family history.

Program Eligibility:

Seniors Program:

- U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Age 65 or older
- Not belong to an HMO or have eye care benefits

through the VA

- Not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years

Glaucoma Program:

- U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Not belong to an HMO or have eye care benefits through the VA
- Not had an eye exam in 12 months or more
- At increased risk for glaucoma, determined by your

age, race, and family history

Learn More

For further information about the program and to see if you, a family member or anyone else you know may be eligible, visit www.aao.org/eye-careamerica.

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Get Back On Your Feet—Tips For Running At Any Age



Sixty-six-year-old distance runner Barbara McGirr was the national winner of award honoring older adults who improve their health through fitness.

(NAPS)

Running can seem like a daunting workout no matter your age. It takes an impressive amount of dedication to run long distances. However, 66-year-old Barbara McGirr did not let that deter her. Starting at the age of 62, McGirr set her sights on completing her first half marathon. After only six months of training and a lot of hard work, she achieved that goal.

Taking advantage of the free fitness membership she received through the SilverSneakers program offered by her Medicare plan, McGirr started her training by walking to build up endurance. From there she started running small increments and gradually increased over time to reach her ultimate goal. Now, even after retirement, McGirr continues to compete in 4K and 5K races.

Her inspiring fitness journey was recently recognized by SilverSneakers as she was named the national winner of the SilverSneakers Richard L. Swanson Inspiration Award, which honors older adults who improve their health through fitness. Running has greatly improved McGirr's quality of life, and she shares that it helps keep her body and mind in shape.

If you are interested in running and improving your health, SilverSneakers offers the following tips:

- **Talk with your doctor:** You're never too old to start running, but it's always good to check with your doctor

before beginning a new exercise routine.

- **Get the proper gear:** Invest in a good pair of shoes. Consider getting fitted at an athletic store to keep your feet comfortable.

- **Start slow:** Start with brisk walks and then slowly transition to running. Running for one minute, then walking for one minute is a great way to build stamina.

- **Set manageable goals:** Take it easy at first and listen to your body. If running a longer distance is your goal, work up to it gradually—walking for a few weeks, then intervals of jogging and walking. Before you know it, you'll be running with ease.

- **Don't skip the cooldown:** Always cool down with a slow walk and lots of stretching to reduce recovery time.

SilverSneakers partners with more than 13,000 participating fitness locations and wellness centers, giving members access to the site's basic amenities, including weights, treadmills, pools, etc., as well as specialized SilverSneakers exercise classes led by certified SilverSneakers instructors. The program is offered at no additional charge through the nation's leading Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement carriers and group retiree plans.

For more information, to check eligibility or enroll, visit www.silversneakers.com.

Medicare Open Enrollment Means More To Boomers Than Ever

(NAPS)

Each year, Medicare Open Enrollment begins on October 15 and ends on December 7. It's an important opportunity for eligible individuals to select a Medicare plan that best meets their current and potential health needs, and also offers crucial protection for unexpected costs.

Although it's been 10 years since the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression hit the U.S., most middle-income boomers say they still don't feel their finances have fully recovered. According to a recent study from the Bankers Life Center for a Secure Retirement, today, only 57 percent of middle-income boomers feel confident meeting their daily financial obligations, down from 65 percent before the crisis. Along with their smaller savings accounts, concerns about rising health care costs as they age could be feeding boomers' lack of confidence in their financial futures.

Today, boomers expect to carry more debt into retirement; only 34 percent expect to retire debt-free. One of the main drivers of debt for this demographic is the nationwide increase in health care costs. Boomers—an estimated 74.9 million Americans aged 53 to 71 in 2017—will likely live to around age 85, on average, according to the Social Security Administration, and unexpected health issues associated with age can drain savings and increase the risk of added debt.

During Medicare Open Enrollment, middle-income boomers can identify health care savings opportunities and prepare for unexpected costs related to illness or injury, with the goal of achieving a more per-



Planning for your retirement should include taking medical costs into account. A professional financial adviser can help.

sonally satisfying retirement.

Here are four tips to consider as you plan for Medicare Open Enrollment:

1. Create a monthly budget to assist in managing your debt. Boomers are realizing they will not be as financially independent in retirement as they once expected. Examine your monthly financial obligations and create an achievable budget to manage your income and pay down debt.

2. Determine which Medicare coverage plan is right for you. Health needs vary by individual. Evaluate your personal health needs and research each plan to determine the right amount of coverage. For example, Original Medicare supplies beneficiaries with Parts A (hospital insurance) and B (medical insurance). However, some people may need more coverage. Medicare supplement plans are sold by private companies and can help pay some of the health care costs that Original Medicare doesn't cover, such as co-payments, co-insurance and deductibles. Medicare Part C, or Medicare Advantage, is an alternative to Original Medicare offered by pri-

vate insurers, and provides Medicare Parts A and B, plus additional coverage to protect you against health care related debt. Knowing your options will help you choose the plan that's right for you.

3. Create a plan for monthly health care payments. Estimate what your financial responsibility is under Medicare including premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and uncovered expenses like long-term care. Earmark a portion of your retirement savings and income to address these out-of-pocket costs.

4. Seek help. Navigating Medicare Open Enrollment can be difficult but you don't have to do it alone. Consult a trusted financial adviser for guidance on which plan is right for your needs and where you can identify savings opportunities.

Free Booklet

To download a free booklet on Top Tips for Retirees, including Reducing Debt in Retirement, Managing Prescription Drug Costs, Selecting a Long-Term Care Plan, and more, visit www.BankersLife.com/TopTips6.

WINTER SPORTS

Family-friendly winter activities

Many people may run indoors when the temperatures outside approach or dip below freezing. But the truly adventurous see no reason why a little cold weather should keep them cooped up indoors for months at a time.

Sports and other physical activities can provide the perfect respite from the cabin fever that can settle in during long winters. Families looking to get some quality time outdoors together this winter can enjoy a host of activities in the great outdoors, even if the temperatures are a tad on the chilly side.

- **Sledding:** Sledding may remind adults of their childhoods and turn kids' snow days into fun afternoons they will never forget. Kids can seemingly ride their sleds and toboggans down snowy hills all day long, but even parents get a kick out of racing kids downhill or sharing a sled with their youngsters. While older kids can typically handle sleds on their own, parents should ride along with toddlers to prevent falls and han-



dle steering duties. When sledding, keep a close eye for any signs that suggest kids might be getting too cold, such as shivering or clothes that are soaked through.

- **Snowshoeing:** Parents

may not know that many retailers sell snowshoes for children. While snowshoeing can be physically demanding, it's also a fun way for families that like family walks to continue those traditions

even if there are a few inches of snow on the ground. Make sure kids are bundled up, paying extra attention to their footwear. Kids will enjoy snowshoeing more if their boots are both com-

fortable and capable of keeping their feet warm.

- **Snowman building:** Perhaps no outdoor winter activity is more conducive to family fun than building a snowman. The season's first substantial

snowfall provides the perfect opportunity for parents and their children to start building some snowmen. While "snowman building" is unlikely to find its way onto any gym schedules, building a snowman provides a great workout. Lifting snow is great strength training, while pushing snow to form Frosty's body is a great way to get in some cardiovascular exercise.

- **Skiing and snowboarding:** The earlier youngsters start skiing and/or snowboarding, the more likely such activities will prove second nature. Many resorts offer skiing and snowboarding lessons to kids and adults, so parents can book weekend getaways for the family to nearby resorts and foster a love of winter sports in youngsters.

While it's tempting to huddle up indoors when winter hits full swing, families who embrace the great outdoors when the temperatures dip can avoid cabin fever and enjoy one another's company along the way.

Safety first for winter sportsmen



CAPTION: Sledgers, be they children or adults, should always sled feet-first or sitting up.

Winter is a special time of year for sportsmen. The great outdoors beckons men and women in the wintertime, when skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and sledding are just a few of the many cold weather activities to entice athletes out of their homes.

Though winter sports can help fend off cabin fever, those who don't exercise certain safety precautions might find themselves dealing with another kind of fever. Cold weather can leave men, women and children susceptible to illness or injury if they aren't careful. The following are a few safety tips for winter sportsmen who want to make the most of the coming winter sports season.

CLOTHING

Inadequate clothing is one of the easiest ways a winter sportsman can fall victim to illness or injury. But the right

clothing can go a long way toward ensuring this winter sports season is fun and illness- and injury-free.

- * **Wear protective head gear.** Protective headgear can help sportsmen avoid colds and head injuries. When venturing outdoors in the winter, always wear a protective wool ski cap. Most body heat is lost through the head, but wool caps help your body retain warmth on cold days and nights. In addition, sportsmen should always wear protective headgear when skiing, sledding, snowboarding or playing ice hockey. Even the most experienced sportsmen can suffer a head injury when playing a winter sport, but the appropriate headgear can prevent head injuries to veteran and novice athletes alike.

- * **Dress in layers.** Dressing in layers is another way to stay warm and prevent illness in the winter months. Kids are

especially susceptible to cold weather, so parents should dress them in one more layer than they dress themselves. When wearing scarves, sportsmen should tuck their scarves in so they don't get tangled with sporting equipment.

- * **Remove drawstrings from kids' clothing.** Drawstrings on winter hats, overcoats and pants can prove harmful to children. These drawstrings can easily get tangled and lead to strangulation. Parents should remove all drawstrings from kids' winter clothing before kids participate in winter sports.

ICE SKATING & HOCKEY

Winter is a great time to go ice skating or play some hockey. However, ice sports like skating and hockey can be especially dangerous, and it's wise for adults and children to

be as cautious as possible when getting in some ice time.

- * **Beware of thin ice.** Ice that forms on moving waters, including rivers and creeks, is never safe enough to skate on. Such waters should always be avoided no matter how thick the ice may appear. When going ice skating or playing hockey outdoors, only do so on waters that are supervised and have been tested and approved for skating.

- * **Skate with the crowd and never skate alone.** Skating alone might give you all the room in the world to perform a figure eight, but skating alone leaves you with no backup should the ice break and you fall in or if you injure yourself in a fall. When skating, never skate against the crowd.

SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING

Skiing and snowboarding are immensely popular in the winter, but that popularity should not overshadow how dangerous these activities can be.

- * **Get instruction.** Ski resorts typically require guests with no previous skiing or snowboarding experience to get lessons before they can take to the slopes. These lessons are a must for novice skiers and snowboarders and even those athletes with no recent experience on the slopes.

- * **Be especially cautious when entering or exiting the ski lift.** Ski lifts pose a significant injury risk, so skiers and snowboarders should always be attentive when entering or exiting the lift.

- * **Don't allow young children to snowboard.** Many of today's youngsters prefer snowboarding to skiing. However, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children seven years of age and younger should not snowboard.

- * **Don't be in a hurry.** Skiing or snowboarding too fast increases the chance you will lose control and cause injury to yourself or others. Go at a slower, more relaxed pace and take in all of the beautiful scenery along the way.

SLEDDING

Sledding is a great way to have some fun in the winter snow. But even though sledding is often seen as a carefree activity, it can be risky as well.

- * **Never sled near traffic.** Sledding near traffic is a definite no-no, as it risks the lives of sledders and motorists alike. Always make sure you sled in an insulated area far away from roadways.

- * **Sled feet-first or sitting up.** Sledding feet-first or sitting up greatly reduces a sledder's risk of suffering a head or neck injury. Never sled while lying down head first.

- * **Never sled on ice.** Sledding on ice can cause injuries and make it difficult to control a sled. When sledding, only do so on packed snow.

- * **Do not allow a sled to be pulled by a vehicle.** Being pulled by a vehicle while on a sled might seem like fun, but it's nearly impossible for oncoming traffic to see a sledder behind a vehicle, and it's very easy for the sled to fishtail into oncoming traffic.

WINTER SPORTS

How to maintain workout routines during the holidays

Between decking the halls, visiting family and attending holiday parties, it may seem like there is little time to maintain a workout routine during the holiday season. While the holiday season is an especially busy time of year, men and women who plan and stay dedicated to their routines do not need to let their health fall by the wayside until January.

Several studies show that people can gain anywhere from one pound to a few pounds between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Although that might not seem like a lot of weight, a report in The New England Journal of Medicine noted that many people never lose the weight they put on during the holidays.

Those who struggle to keep the weight off understand the importance of maintaining both a consistent fitness schedule and healthy eating habits. This may be challenging when the rich foods and parties synonymous with the holiday season are around to threaten healthy habits. Here's how to stay on course.

- Establish a regular exercise date. Treat exercise as any other obligation on the calendar. Make it a necessity and not a luxury. Schedule time for workouts, even if it means removing something else from your agenda.
- Don't worry about the length of your workouts. If you're accustomed to an hour-long workout but cannot fit in more than 20 minutes on some days, don't skip the workout simply because it's shorter. Make the most of that time by targeting larger, core muscles.
- Change your schedule. You may need to alter your daily schedule to fit in gym workouts or other exercise. Try getting up earlier and heading out prior to work or school. This will open up time throughout the rest of your day, and you can use that time to meet the demands of the holiday season.
- Get a trainer or a workout buddy. It's far easier to blow off a workout when you go it



CAPTION: Daily exercise need not fall by the wayside during the hectic holiday season.

alone. However, if you have a workout partner who is counting on you and vice versa, you may be less inclined to miss a workout — even when you're not especially motivated to hit the gym.

- Try new activities. Workouts need not be limited to exercises in the gym. Plenty of activities work the body and burn calories. Sledding, ice skating, skiing, and snowboarding are just a few winter sports that can help you stay in shape.
- Choose a hotel with a pool or gym. If holiday travel is on your itinerary, select a hotel

that has fitness equipment. This way you can keep up with your routine. Even swimming a few laps in an indoor pool can provide a cardiovascular workout while you're on vacation. Remember, it only takes a two-week break from exercise to experience a fitness regression, and you will only have to work harder to get back to your current fitness level if you let exercise slide too long.

- Add short, high-intensity exercises. Burn more calories in less time with high-intensity workouts. This way you won't need to schedule as much time for workouts but will still get

the benefit of exercise.

- Transform chores into exercise opportunities. See that vacuum cleaner, rake or broom as a piece of exercise equipment. While cleaning up for holiday company, turn on the radio and get your heart pumping, too. Do leg raises while you're preparing meals or do some pushups off of the kitchen counter.
- Use your bodyweight. Even if you can't make it to the gym, rely on your own body resistance for a thorough workout. Pushups, squats, burpees, mountain climbers, jumping rope, and lunges are some exer-

cises that rely on bodyweight for effectiveness.

- Periodically exercise during the day. If you have a few free moments here and there during the day, use these opportunities to exercise. By the end of the day, you may find you squeezed in an entire workout's worth of exercise over the course of several 10-minute intervals.

Exercise and fitness do not have to play second fiddle to other holiday activities. Make time for workouts, and you will be ahead of the game come the new year.



Make this season on the slopes safe and successful

Skiing and snowboarding remain very popular among athletes and outdoor enthusiasts who refuse to be relegated to the couch upon the arrival of winter weather. For the millions of men, women and children who can't wait to hit the slopes each winter, the thrill of racing down snow-covered mountainsides is a feeling unlike any other.

While skiing and snowboarding are popular recreational activities, they can still be dangerous. As a result, it's imperative that anyone who plans to hit the slopes this winter takes steps to ensure this winter sports season is as safe and successful as it is thrilling.

- Start exercising. If it's been awhile since you hit the gym or broke a sweat, it's best to start exercising before you hit the slopes. Your risk of injury is greater if you are out of shape upon returning to the slopes, so start exercising as the season approaches so you can regain any flexibility you might have lost since you last slipped on your skis or strapped into

your snowboard. Some strength training exercises can reduce your risk of broken bones should you fall while on the mountain, and the better shape you're in the more energy you will have to stay on the slopes.

- Reassess your gear. Before your first skiing or snowboarding trip, reexamine your gear to make sure it does not need to be replaced. If your gear has a bit too much wear and tear, the National Ski Areas Association recommends choosing gear that is resistant to wind and water and wearing gear that protects you from the sun, which can still do damage by reflecting off the snow and causing sunburn. In addition, inspect your equipment, including your skis and snowboard, to make sure they are up for another season of hitting the slopes.
- Take lessons. Novice skiers and snowboarders might want to take a refresher course at the onset of each ski and snowboarding season. Qualified instructors can acquaint you with tech-

niques you might have forgotten since last winter, and such instruction can reduce your risk of injury.

- Ease yourself back in. While it can be tempting to pick up where you left off last season, going too hard on your first trip can increase your risk of injury. Ease yourself back in on your first few trips down the mountain, warming up on easier slopes until you once again get the hang of things and feel comfortable tackling more difficult trails. If you do find yourself struggling on a slope, the NSAA advises that you always leave your skis and snowboard on and side step down the slope.

Many athletes and outdoor enthusiasts anxiously anticipate the day when they can return to the slopes to ski or snowboard. But it's important that skiers and snowboarders of all skill levels exercise caution so their winter sports season starts off on the right foot.

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What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



B



Answers: 1. Glasses on desk 2. Blue bin missing label 3. Pencil behind boy's ear 4. Girl wearing a ring

THIS DAY IN...



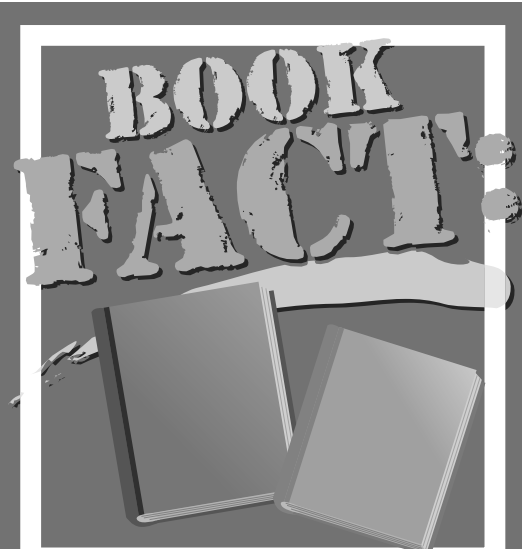
HISTORY

- 1778: CAPTAIN JAMES COOK BECOMES THE FIRST EUROPEAN TO VISIT MAUI.
- 1789: THE FIRST NATIONAL THANKSGIVING IS OBSERVED IN THE UNITED STATES.
- 2011: THE MARS SCIENCE LABORATORY LAUNCHES TO MARS.



ILLUSTRATE

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THIS BOOK BY MAURICE SENDAK IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS OF ALL TIME.

ANSWER: "WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE"



ENGLISH: Author

SPANISH: Autor

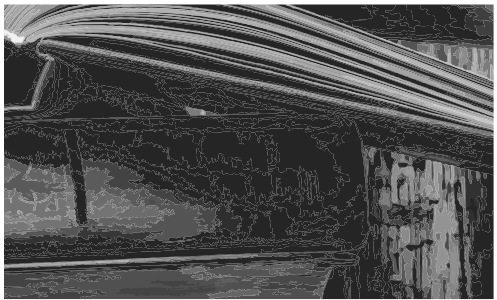
ITALIAN: Scrittore

FRENCH: Écrivain

GERMAN: Shchriftsteller



BEFORE CHILDREN CAN READ ON THEIR OWN, LISTENING TO OTHERS READ TO THEM CAN HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR VOCABULARY.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: OPEN BOOK

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to shopping.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 1 = e)

A. 16 1 9 7 10 15 1 16

Clue: Checkout

B. 25 16 1 24 7 15

Clue: Not cash

C. 17 14 16 25 4 11 10 1

Clue: Something bought

D. 16 1 15 11 7 26

Clue: The sale of goods to the public

Answers: A. register B. credit C. purchase D. retail

SUDOKU

		7			6	4		
1	9	4	8					
		8	9		2			
2					4		3	
						5	6	
4			3					
		5						
7					5	9		
9	6		2					

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	9	6	3	2	8	7	1	4
6	7	1	2	4	5	9	3	8
8	4	5	6	1	3	9	7	2
4	5	6	3	9	8	2	1	7
6	4	1	5	6	2	7	3	9
2	7	1	5	6	4	8	3	9
9	6	3	8	9	4	2	7	5
1	9	4	8	7	5	6	2	3
5	2	7	1	3	6	4	9	8

ANSWER:

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