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Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

PAKACHOAG CHURCH HOSTING DAYLONG
PROGRAM FOR ASPIRING ORGANISTS



AUBURN — On Monday, Feb. 18, young pianists and organ enthusiasts between the ages of 11-16 will gather at Pakachoag Church in Auburn for a free all-day Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza event that provides an introduction to the pipe organ as well as the opportunity to build, and then play, a small-scale working model of a pipe organ.

The program will take place at Pakachoag Church, located at 203 Pakachoag St. in Auburn, and is sponsored by the Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and registration, and the program will begin at 9 a.m. The morning program will introduce the students to the basic sounds and functions of the pipe organ through

both live and video demonstrations, allow them to look inside the church's organ chamber at the mechanical-action components, and provide each student with a chance to play the pipe organ. The afternoon will feature a student recital that will then be followed by the building of an Orgelkids organ kit (<http://orgelkidsusa.org>), as well as additional opportunities to play and explore both the main organ and the organ kit. Pizza and snacks will be served at various points throughout the day. The program will end at 4 p.m.

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza is a program designed to introduce youth to the pipe organ and is open to any piano student between the ages of

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Owner of Patrick Volkswagen pledges \$100,000 in support for Dana Farber

AUBURN — Neil Patrick, owner of Patrick Motors Volkswagen in Auburn, has committed to donate a minimum of \$100,000 to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. On Wednesday, Jan. 23, a special reception lunch was held inside the showroom at Patrick Volkswagen to showcase the presentation of the first in a series of ten \$10,000 checks.

Founded in Boston in 1947, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is world-renowned for its leadership in adult and pediatric cancer treatment and research. Mr. Patrick has had his own personal experience with Dana Farber and wants to give back to the organization that gives so many a second chance in life.

"Supporting Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund brings hope to adults and children with cancer here and around the world," he said. "It's just the right thing to do."

Old Sturbridge Village launches Winter Warmth and Cheer program

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — During weekends in January and February, guests at Old Sturbridge Village can witness period relevant preparations for a seasonal celebration at Winter Warmth and Cheer, the museum's newest way to welcome the coldest months of the year.

The event, which takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekends of Jan. 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27 and Feb. 2-3 and 9-10, features interpreters getting ready for a winter ball, which was a common happening for residents in early 19th century New England towns.

"During the spring, summer, and fall in the 1830s, you had a lot more work to get done, so you had more time

for socialization in the winter," said Rhys Simmons, Director of Interpretation at Old Sturbridge Village. "Groups, wealthy individuals, or trade organizations would have put together these kind of balls and celebrations."

Taking place primarily in the buildings on the Village Common, Winter Warmth and Cheer includes events such as printing invitations to the ball in the Printing Office, learning about financing the expenses of a winter ball at the Bank, cooking for company and entertaining children with games and toys at the Fitch House, tailoring clothing at the Fenno House, farming chores such as rendering tallow and building fences at the Fenno Barn, making candles at the



Building fences at the Fenno Barn.

Small House, creating warm outerwear and fancy bonnets at the Parsonage, and choosing dresses and hair styles at the Salem Towne House.

"The idea for doing this was to give the center village a theme and make it feel a little more alive," said Simmons. "Not that it doesn't feel that way every day, but this event gives each exhibit something to play off of one another and keeps it more centralized."

During Winter Warmth and Cheer, the Bullard Tavern is serving homemade soups and desserts, as well as three special cocktails at the bar for an additional charge. Live music and dance lessons also take place in the tavern each day, bringing winter ball traditions to life and

allowing visitors to participate.

"You would have dancing masters come through because learning how to dance was really important, not just for learning the dances, but to learn how to comport yourself in public," said Susan Trudeau, an interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village who spent this past weekend telling winter tales in the Friends Meetinghouse and discussing the rules of the ball. "The old-timers like to do a contradance, which is a line of men and a line of women, but now we are getting into something called a quadrille, where it's groups of four. We are not going to do waltzes because waltzes means you're touching someone and

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Four Score maintains interest in Charlton



Courtesy Photo

The proposed site of the Four Score marijuana facility at 144 Sturbridge Rd.

BY JASON BLEAU
STAFF WRITER

CHARLTON — After selectmen put negotiations on hold in November, it looks like Four Score Holding LLC is going to continue to pursue setting up shop in Charlton.

The company approached the Board of Selectmen on Nov. 20 to discuss the status of a host agreement with the town, however those talks were stalled by a new pending bylaw in the town that would have required town meeting for the agreement to be approved. How the attorney general's office denied that bylaw in a letter released on Jan. 15. Four Score appears poised to continue negotiations as soon as possible.

The company's plan involves a proposed 20,000 square-foot facility to cultivate marijuana for both medical and recreational use. The business would be housed at an existing building at 144 Sturbridge Rd., where another thousand square-feet of space will be added on to the building to suit the company's needs. However, the fate of the proposal was drawn into question after another marijuana-related business, Valley Green Grow, became the subject of controversy in 2018 partially due to the public's concern that they did not have a say in whether or not selectmen could approve a host agreement with the entity. The attorney general's letter solidified selectmen as the authorizing power meaning they will have the final say in the fate of any pending host agreement with Four Score.

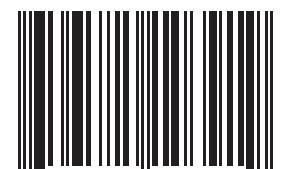
Town Administrator Robin Craver laid out the situation during an appearance by Four Score at a Board of Selectmen meeting on Jan. 15.

"One of the reasons the board had held on moving forward with Four Score was because you weren't sure on whether or not it needed to go to town meeting," Craver said. "Based

on the AG's decision today (the board of selectmen) is the contracting authority."

The application has gone before the Planning Board for discussion, however their decision was also halted due to the lack of a host agreement. The Planning Board did allow Four Score to submit a site plan and special permit application all the same after being informed the board could make a determination pending a host agreement.

Daniel Glissman, an attorney representing Four Score, was present at the meeting and sought input from selectmen on how the company should



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For the love of literacy

At the beginning of each new year, we often reflect on all the wonderful things that happened in the prior year and all that is to come in the new year. Many people make New Year's resolutions in hopes of improving. Pakachoag Elementary School and the Auburn Public Schools are dedicated to continuous improvement and we encourage you to join us in improving a child's love for literacy.

During the month of November, we celebrated Literacy Month by reading, "Zoey and Sassafras, Dragons and Marshmallows" together as a school. Our "One Book One School" initiative brought all of us together to enjoy a young scientist with a vivid imagination. Students anxiously waited to hear the next chapter and participate in lunch time trivia each week. The energy and excitement of students during our culminating event of Literacy Night was amazing. We are already searching and planning for next year to improve

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BY JENNIFER STANICK
PRINCIPAL
PAKACHOAG
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

the literacy experiences for our students and families!

Soon, we will be holding our annual "March Madness" Reading Challenge to continue to encourage a love of literacy. Each student will be challenged to read each and every day in a variety of ways such as: reading with a friend, reading with a flashlight, or reading in bed. Be sure to model how you read throughout your day to emphasize the importance of literacy to your child.

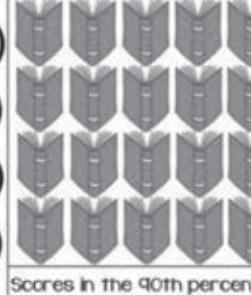
Please remember to read each day.

In closing, please remember the wise words of Dr. Suess, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go."

Mrs. Jennifer Stanick is the Principal of Pakachoag Elementary School. To

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contact her to share an idea, a concern, or ask a question, she can be reached at 508-832-7788 or via e-mail at jstanick@auburn.k12.ma.us. Thank you for your

continued support of and interest in the Auburn Public Schools!

Auburn Public Schools announce preschool & kindergarten registration

AUBURN — The Auburn Public Schools will hold Preschool & Kindergarten Registration at Auburn High School on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Children are eligible to be registered for kindergarten if they will be five years old on or before Sept. 1. Children who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1 are eligible to be registered for preschool.

Registration will be held between the hours of 3 and 7 p.m. Parents must bring a copy of a birth certificate, two proofs of residency, and immunization records. Children do not need to attend the registration.

Packets for registration are available at Bryn Mawr School, Pakachoag Elementary School, the Superintendent's Office at 5 West Street, Town Hall, the Auburn Public Library and various preschools.

Please pass this information along to friends and neighbors who may have children who will be eligible to attend preschool or kindergarten but may not yet be involved with the school system. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Stanick at 508-832-7788 or Beth Chamberland at 508-832-7733.

Local choral group offers a creative outlet for those with Parkinson's

SHREWSBURY — For an hour and a half every Monday morning, Gifford Hall at the First Congregational Church (FCC) of Shrewsbury is filled with music and singing. The enthusiastic singers, all with Parkinson's disease, come from the greater Worcester area to sing familiar tunes and practice for their occasional public performances.

The Parkinson's Chorus of Central Massachusetts was formed three years ago by members of a group that had participated in a clinical research project to explore whether singing might help "Parkies" with voice symptoms. The group found that their voice strength (as well as self-esteem) did indeed improve and they decided to continue singing together.

Today, the chorus, led by Denis Coughlin, is one of FCC's many outreach programs. Some of the members have previous singing experience, but many do not. Some are members of FCC, but most are not. The goal is to strengthen voice volume and breath control, to be supportive of each other, and most importantly, to have fun.

On a recent Monday morning, the group was preparing for their upcoming holiday concert at St. Vincent Hospital Atrium. The practice began with

some voice exercises. After voices were warmed up, accompanied by Coughlin on the guitar and FCC's music director, Curtis Smith, on piano, the group moved on to practicing familiar songs like "The Little Drummer Boy," "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer," and "White Christmas." Earlier in the fall, they practiced modern American folk classics like "Lemon Tree," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and "If I Had a Hammer" for a performance at Summit Eldercare. Some members had no visible Parkinson's symptoms, others were in wheelchairs. It was obvious, though, that everyone was having a good time. There was laughter, encouragement, empathy, and real improvement in the songs they had just begun practicing.

The Chorus is organized by and for persons with Parkinson's, and welcomes new members at any time (Caregivers are also encouraged to attend the group.). No singing experience is necessary and you don't need to know how to read music! If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about this fun group, contact Dave Russell, Volunteer Facilitator at dasrusl@charter.net or call him at 508-753-1660. Or you can just drop by the rehearsal on Monday mornings between 10:30 a.m. and noon.

Gateway Players kick off 44th season with "The Butler Did It"

SOUTHBRIDGE — Gateway Players Theatre, Inc. kicks off their 44th season with "The Butler Did It," written by Todd Wallinger. Performance dates are Feb. 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held at the Fellowship Hall of Elm Street Congregational Church, 61 Elm St. in Southbridge. Parking is available on Elm Street, or in the parking deck behind the Southbridge Town Hall.

This murder mystery will be directed by Joe Sawyer and produced by Sue Adams. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors and youth under 18. Tickets may be reserved by calling Gateway at 508-764-4531. Online credit card ticket sales are available at <https://www.brownpaper-tickets.com/event/4042674>. Presented by permission through special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service.

When it comes to solving mur-

der mysteries, it's always the one you least suspect! The very proper butler Jenkins and the fiery Cockney maid Sarah Jane are preparing the Covington household for a visit from Edwina Corry, the world's greatest mystery author and friend to Lady Miranda and Colonel Covington. Other guests arriving include Lady Covington's feisty old mother, their high-flying daughter Kat, their chatty priest who doesn't know when to quit and the caddish, eavesdropping neighbor boy Trevor. Things are soon thrown into confusion, however, when Trevor is found stabbed to death in the kitchen. On her arrival, Edwina eagerly launches an investigation into the murder. Unfortunately, the evidence is stacked against poor Jenkins from the start, and when the bloody knife is found in his pocket, the other mem-

bers of the household tie him to a chair and call the police. The only problem? Jenkins claims he didn't do it. And now he's got just half an hour to prove his innocence - while still tied to the chair.

The cast includes: Jenkins-Stephen Jean, Sarah Jane-Tatum Coraccio, Trevor Barstow-Mikey Dearn, Gram-Angela Clark, Colonel Nigel Covington- Sean Nault, Lady Miranda Covington-Cheri Cooper, Kat Covington-Danielle Holt, Father Timothy-Rom Portwood Jr and Edwina Corry-Sierra Trudel.

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AG strikes down Charlton marijuana bylaw

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CHARLTON — Despite earning support from voters in October a new bylaw in Charlton requiring town meeting approval for marijuana businesses has hit a snag as the state attorney general's office has disapproved the bylaw on the ground that it conflicts with state law.

Assistant attorney general Margaret Hurley released a statement on Tuesday, Jan. 15 rejecting all but a single clause in the bylaw. The regulation was approved by Charlton voters in a 139-95 decision in October in reaction to the recent controversy over the Valley Green Grow project and public opinion that the Board of Selectmen didn't seek fair public input before signing a host agreement with the company in May. The town was warned by town council at that meeting that there could be a conflict with state laws and that the bylaw would likely be rejected.

In the statement released to the town of Charlton, assistant attorney general Hurley wrote that the bylaw contradicts General Laws Chapter 94G, the sec-

tion of state law regarding regulation of the use and distribution of marijuana not medically prescribed. Hurley noted in her letter, "the statute does not require town meeting approval of a host community agreement of behalf of the host community." As such, allowing Charlton to implement such a bylaw would contradict with regulation the rest of the state has to abide by.

Hurley further clarified that this was not the attempt of the attorney general's office to take a position on the will of the citizens or their public opinion of any marijuana related issues. The ruling simply upholds state law.

"The Attorney General's limited standard of review requires her to approve or disapprove by-laws based solely on their consistency with state law, not on any policy views she may have on the subject matter or wisdom of the by-law," the letter states. "We approve the first clause of the by-law (requiring the Board of Selectmen to comply with G.L. c. 94G) but disapprove the rest."

Part of the bylaw was also meant to negate any previous host agreement

approved by the Board of Selectmen with companies like Valley Green Grow. In the letter Hurley also said the bylaw conflicts with the state statute as "unreasonably impracticable" and that the attorney general's office had been contacted by Valley Green Grow during the review of the bylaw detailing the company's steps taken during negotiations with town officials.

"The letter reaffirms our conclusion that the prospect of a previously negotiated agreement being potentially rendered 'null and void' by a later determination that it does not comply with (regulations) poses unreasonable risk to an applicant such that a reasonably prudent business person would not proceed under that requirement. This is especially the case because the by-law does not specify who will determine whether any previously signed host community agreement is a violation of the statute or the process by which this determination will be made," wrote Hurley.

This is only the latest in a continuing saga concerning the fate of mariju-



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na sales and businesses in the town of Charlton. On Jan. 2, the Planning Board unanimously rejected the plan for the Valley Green Grow project. The Planning Board is expected to address the subdivision plans in March.

Southbridge Knights of Columbus celebrate successful coat drive

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — For the last few winters, Southbridge's Knights of Columbus, DeTriana Council 199 has been distributing brand new winter coats to local kids in need. Their annual Coats for Kids drive usually begins in early fall and ends around Christmastime when they distribute the coats to families in need. The extra warmth for local kids and reduced worry for local parents will come in handy now, as the blustery New England winter begins to set in.

"No child should go without a coat in winter," comments Ray Fournier, chair of the Coats for Kids Program.

Local councils of the Knights of Columbus are eligible to pur-

chase new winter coats in bulk from the organization's Coats for Kids program. In 2017, the Southbridge council distributed 72 coats to children in need. However, they found that the need was even larger than they had expected; all coats were distributed within days of arriving in Southbridge, with others still in need.

To address that, the DeTriana council set their sights on a larger fundraising goal this year, announcing in September that they wanted to be able to distribute twice as many coats in Southbridge. The cost of 144 coats would be \$2,640 for the group, but seeing the need, they appealed to the community early in a fundraising campaign.

Fournier and other members

of The Knights of Columbus were pleased to be able to surpass that goal, purchasing and distributing 208 winter coats, more than doubling their distribution from the previous year. Coats were distributed to the community through Catholic Charities in Southbridge and the ecumenical coat closet that is housed each year at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Southbridge.

Fournier says that he would like to express everyone for their "incredible generosity" during the Coats for Kids fundraiser. With the "tremendous response" and the ongoing community need, the Southbridge Knights of Columbus will run the fundraising program again later this year.



Woman in Business, Tantasqua Drama Club team up for Dinner Theater Fundraiser

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT WIB'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

STURBRIDGE — Woman in Business, Inc. (WIB), a 501 (c)(3) that fosters networking, information sharing, and providing educational opportunities for local business women of all career paths, will team up with the Tantasqua Regional High School (TRHS) Drama Club for the second year in a row to collaborate on a fundraiser to support the WIB Scholarship Fund.

Held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on Thursday, March 7, tickets are on sale now for \$30 per person at wibsturbridge.org. Ticket cost includes a buffet dinner, sweet treats, desserts and performance. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Special guest emcee for the evening is Adam Webster, 98.9 Nash Icon and 100.1 The Pike.

The performance this year is titled "All in the Timing," performed by TRHS Drama Club students. Under the supervision and mentorship of TRHS English Teacher Samantha Briggs, the show will involve about a dozen students who perform six one-act plays. Some of the students are also playing the role of director for each play, including Alyssa Cameron & Olivia Hood, Andrew Gustavson, Abby Trent, Alexis Carson & Hope Dolan and Kat Henry.

"We are so excited to once again partner with Woman in Business and display a great theatrical performance,"

Briggs said. "We are fortunate to have an opportunity to support a local nonprofit and show our community how much amazing talent there is within our theater program."

"All in the Timing" is the winner of the John Gassner Playwriting Award. This critically acclaimed, award-winning evening of comedies combines wit, intellect, satire and just plain fun.

Over the last 27 years, WIB has awarded over \$40,000 in scholarships to more than 100 graduating seniors and young women within its community footprint for their continuing education.

"Supporting high school graduates to pursue their education and career paths is such an important part of Woman in Business," said WIB President Laurie Nelson. "We are so excited to have the talent of Tantasqua students and the vision of Samantha Briggs who will again entertain our audience and help support our scholarship fund for local students."

The evening will also feature a traditional "penny auction;" guests are encouraged to bring cash to enter to win some great prizes.

Woman in Business, Inc. is also looking for community members or businesses interested in sponsoring or donating to the event. Sponsor levels start at \$100 and businesses can be rec-

ognized on many platforms, including social media, printed program booklets and on-site signage. Leading sponsors will also receive complimentary tickets to Woman in Business' Scholarship Awards luncheon in June. Additional information on sponsorships and tickets can be found by visiting wibsturbridge.org or email info@wibsturbridge.org.

Pasture Time Players hosting auditions for spring show

CHARLTON — The Pasture Prime Players will hold auditions for their Spring production of "Lost and Found," an original play written by local playwright, Ed Humphries.

Auditions will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29. The production is looking for adults in their 20s through 50s for a variety of roles. Auditions will consist of live readings from the script and will be held at the Pasture Prime Theater at 4 Dresser Hill Rd., Charlton, MA 01507.

"Lost and Found" will be performed at the Pasture Prime Theater on the weekends of April 26-28 and May 3-5.

Additional details can be found at www.pastureprime.org or by contacting Ed Humphries at ehumphries72@gmail.com.

Southbridge Food Share is there for those in need

SOUTHBRIDGE — A reminder to any individuals who may be furloughed, unemployed or are in any way challenged to be able to purchase food: the Southbridge Food Share, located at 79 Elm St., Southbridge, is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Phone: 508-764-6583.

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Towns getting funds for 2018 early voting

BY GUS STEEVES
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OXFORD — Our communities will be getting money from the state for the November election's early voting period, since the state Auditor determined it was an "unfunded mandate" two years ago. Specifically, Oxford is getting \$3827.33, quite a bit more than Webster (\$770) and Dudley (\$591) submitted for.

"I put in for everything I could think of," Oxford Town Clerk Lori Kelley said, noting she "staffed it with more people this time so the office wasn't overburdened."

Webster Town Clerk Robert Craver



A Charlton poll worker helps a town election voter cast his ballot last year.

Gus Steeves Photo

said he had not yet heard that the funds were coming when reached last week. But Town Administrator Doug Willardson described the \$770 as "nothing to shake a stick at. We'll take it."

According to the Auditor's determination letter to the Secretary of State dated Jan 9, last year's 12 days of early voting cost Massachusetts communities a little more than \$1.14 million. That number was based on the fact that "some additional expenses – such as overtime for regular employees or the cost of additional election workers – ... constituted an unfunded mandate" under state law. The Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million to reimburse such

costs in general, and the Secretary of State gave communities grants to stay open for extended weekend hours on Oct 27 and 28.

Kelley said she'd just received the reimbursement notice, but not the funds, when I spoke to her last week.

"This time, it sounds like we'll get the money this fiscal year," she said. Towns had to wait longer for their funds after the 2016 election, largely because that was the first time Massachusetts had used early voting.

She said early voting requires extra staffing for several reasons. Not only do towns keep the polls open during regular business hours (and a weekend day, in many places), but the early ballots need to be kept sealed and secured until Election Day itself, when they're fed into the scanners. Every day, the staff has to update their system to make sure "those people don't show up again," and Oxford also used its new PollPad system to print ballot receipts for early voters and bar-code their ballot envelopes.

She said those improvements made early voting go "a lot quicker this time."

To Kelley, something else would make things even faster: Allowing early voters to cast their ballots directly into the scanners. But that would come with its own issues, namely having to lock up the scanners somewhere they'd still be connected to a power source. Although they have battery backup, she said "it wouldn't quite make it through the night."

As early voting moves forward, at least two major additions are in the works. The Secretary of State is proposing to add five days before the Presidential Primary, and State Sen Michael Barrett filed a bill to give towns the option of having early voting for local elections.

That idea drew a mixed response, with Kelley saying it would greatly increase her office's workload, and could par-

ticularly be a problem for towns with local elections in March (when the State Primary is).

"I don't know if we'd have time to do anything else," she noted.

Willardson, however, said he supported the concept, saying it's "worth a little extra money" and would probably only require one extra staff person to handle. Local elections in both Webster and Oxford are in early to mid-May.

The Secretary's spokeswoman Debra O'Malley noted having early voting for a primary is "risky" because "candidates often change very quickly – week to week." Giving it two weeks, as happens for the November election, makes it possible voters could end up voting for candidates who drop out.

She didn't state it, but that could be solved with an instant runoff voting system, as Maine recently implemented.

"Early voting doesn't increase turnout, it makes [voting] more convenient for the voters," O'Malley said. Kelley agreed, noting Oxford's turnout was simply more spread out.

According to the Secretary of State's Web site, the highest early-voting turnout statewide came from Mashpee (45.4 percent) and Orleans (40.7 percent) on Cape Cod. The lowest occurred in several Berkshire mountain towns which had none. Those towns did not file for reimbursements, but several communities that did have early voting turnout (including, in our area, Douglas, Holland and Wales) are also getting no funds, according to the Auditor's letter.

Towns in our region generally had early-voting turnouts between 20 and 30 percent, with Southbridge's 27.86 percent as the peak and Douglas's 12.01 percent as the nadir.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

TOWN	TOTAL	EARLY	%AGE REIMB.
Auburn	7744	2010	25.96% \$1600
Charlton	5841	1452	24.86% \$1698.50
Douglas	3971	477	12.01% - 0 -
Dudley	4313	1091	25.29% \$591
Oxford	5515	1186	21.50% \$3827.33
Southbridge	4727	1317	27.86% \$3753.60
Sturbridge	4654	1148	24.67% \$258.50
Webster	5504	1099	19.97% \$770

LEGALS

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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:Karen E. Davis
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. §§ 3901 et seq.:
Quicken Loans Inc.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 76 Bancroft Street, Unit C-1, Pine Ledge Condominium, given by Karen Davis, a/k/a Karen E. Davis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., dated February 28, 2014, and recorded in Worcester County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52115, Page 375, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/ have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before February 25, 2019 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on January 14, 2019.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
201311-0044-TEA
January 25, 2019

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Steve Okanlawon to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated September 15, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39923, Page 182 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on May 7, 2010 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 45769, Page 215, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2007-HE2 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44468, Page 262 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on February 15, 2019 at 64 Harrison Avenue, Auburn, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated at 64 Harrison Avenue, Auburn, Massachusetts,

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

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Sturbridge Farmer's Market preparing for second season

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Farmers Market is getting ready for its 2019 season, with vendor applications open now until Feb. 1 for the early review period, and until March 1 for the regular review period.

The market, which will take place on the Sturbridge Common every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting June 9 and ending Oct. 6, was created last year to support local food growers and artisans, promote sustainable agriculture and buying from small businesses, encourage the town's economic development, and strengthen the community by providing a healthy outdoor activity.

"We had a very successful first year with upwards of 60 applicants, and as of right now I already have 33 applications," said Kevin Filchak, the Sturbridge Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator. "We are expecting another great year."

In 2018, more than 20 vendors, including Free Living Farm, Hunt Road Berry Farm, Revive Coffee Roaster, Thompson's Maple Farm, Echo Farm, Giacomo's Gourmet Foods, Be Mindful Skin Care, Meadow Stone Farm Artisan Cheese, Crust Bakeshop, and Just a Nibble, set up each week free of charge to sell everything from organic produce, specialty coffee, and homemade ice cream to essential oils, beeswax cosmetics, and handmade soaps, and this year, many are expected to return and even more are expected to join.

"We have been marketing the Sturbridge Farmer's Market in more publications in the commonwealth, so



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Annie Sandoli Photo

it is very likely that we will see a lot of new vendors," said Filchak.

Last year, local musical acts, including Dan Feeley, Sarah Huber, Haphazard Jazz The Midnight Riders, The Island Castaways, Watson & Co. Minus Watson, Kristie and Ron, Tea for Three, Jesse Ljunggren, Jared Fiske and John Hankis, and CJ the Storyteller and Musician, were featured each week during the second half of the event. All the musicians volunteered their time and received a very good response from farmer's market participants.

"You should expect music again, whether it's paid or volunteered is still to be determined," said Filchak. "We had great musicians last year and will probably do something similar this year."

Those who have already put in an application to be a vendor or are planning to do so should note that early review period applicants must respond by Feb. 15 and regular review period applicants must respond by March 15. No applications submitted after March 1 will be considered.

"For anyone who is applying, do so as soon as possible because we are limited on space and we already have a lot of applicants," said Filchak. "If you are hoping to participate, apply now."

To apply to be a vendor, volunteer, or musician at the 2019 Sturbridge Farmers Market or for more information about the event, go to <https://www.town.sturbridge.ma.us/visitors/pages/sturbridge-farmers-market-0>.

PEO honors Chavez with P.E.O. Grant



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The P.E.O. organization is honored to announce that the prestigious P.E.O. grant in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2018-2019 academic year, was presented to Linda Chavez of Worcester, one of the practical nursing students of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's Class of 2019. The scholarship was presented to Chavez by Beth Clay, Jane Flynn, and Pam Thomas-Nielsen.

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excellence, well-rounded interests and involvement, passion for leadership and serving others, and immense dedication to the interest of nursing. Chavez has been voted the UNICEF Club secretary. The P.E.O. grant is intended for use in completing a degree or certification necessary for improving or gaining skills leading to employment. P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women, educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship, and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

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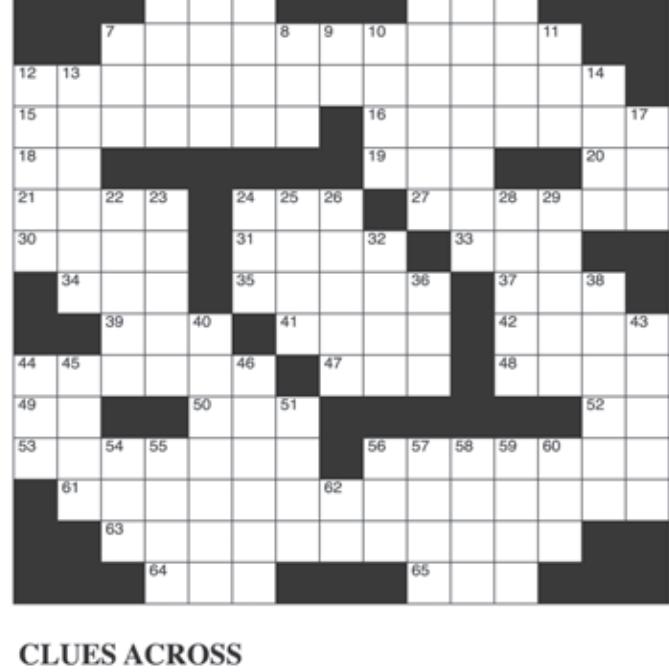
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proceed with the knowledge of the attorney general's recent decision on the proposed bylaw. He was asked to provide his information to the marijuana advisory committee while the Board of Selectmen asked the town administrator to continue discussions and negotiations with Glissman and Four Score.

Board of Selectmen Chair John McGrath warned citizens that pending those negotiations a host agreement could be voted on as early as the next meeting of the board on Jan. 29.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Political action committee
- 4. One point north of due east
- 7. Marital
- 12. Religious building
- 15. Intrinsic nature of something
- 16. Safe to drink
- 18. Letter of credit
- 19. Single Lens Reflex
- 20. Keeps you cool in summer
- 21. Monetary unit
- 24. The Eye Network
- 27. Moving with a bounding stride
- 30. Figures
- 31. Of the pia mater
- 33. Male offspring
- 34. Indicates near
- 35. Calvary sword
- 37. South American plant
- 39. Doctor of Education
- 41. Something to take
- 42. Remove the edges from
- 44. Inattentive
- 47. Pick up
- 48. Latch for a window
- 49. Region of the U.S.
- 50. Windy City ballplayer
- 52. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
- 53. Be permanently present in
- 56. Novice
- 61. Pirate novel
- 63. In a law-abiding way
- 64. Where one sleeps
- 65. Criticize

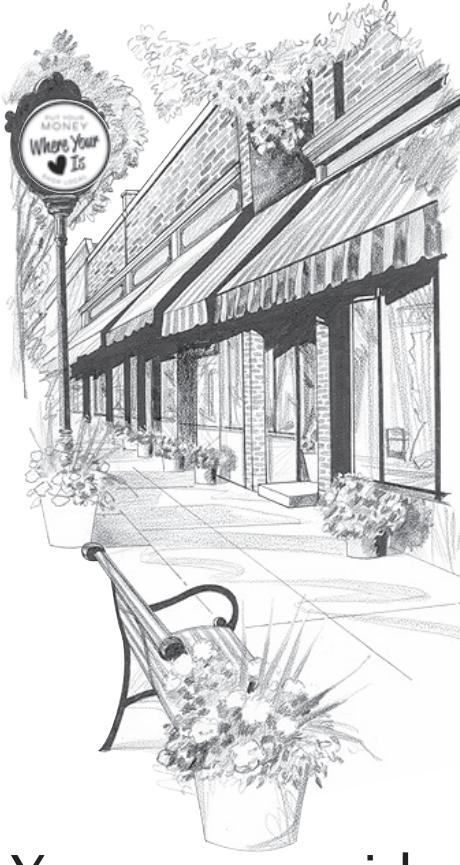
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bullfighting maneuver
- 2. Egyptian Sun god
- 3. Predatory semiaquatic reptile
- 4. Register formally
- 5. Eating houses
- 6. Japanese port
- 7. Genus of rodents
- 8. Nigerian city
- 9. Milliwatt
- 10. Mistake!
- 11. Women's ___ movement
- 12. Greeting
- 13. Songbirds
- 14. An arrangement scheme
- 17. Heartbeat test
- 22. Push back
- 23. Intended for the audience only
- 24. Cycles per second
- 25. Impartiality
- 26. Polio vaccine developer
- 28. Bowel movements
- 29. South American Indian
- 32. Queen of Sparta
- 36. Confederate soldier
- 38. Emerged
- 40. Death
- 43. ___ and flowed
- 44. Folk singer DiFranco
- 45. Email folder
- 46. Throbbed rhythmically
- 51. English rockers
- 54. Disaster relief operation
- 55. American model and TV personality Katherine
- 56. Potable
- 57. Tough outer layer
- 58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Negative
- 62. Camper

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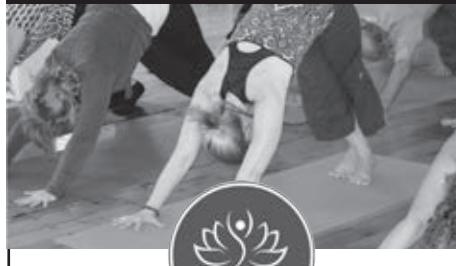
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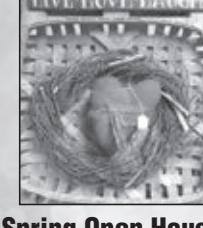
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Don't forget to add Red Racer cocktail tomatoes to the mix. The fruit are about the size of ping pong balls and perfect for stuffing, flavorful enough for salads and hearty enough for soups and stews.

Dress up your salads, sauces and sandwiches with colorful tomato slices. The six Chef's Choice tomato varieties provide a rainbow of colors for the relish tray. Guests will have trouble deciding between the red, orange, pink, yellow, green and now black-fruited varieties. These beefsteak tomatoes have the right balance between sugar and acid; perfect for eating fresh and cooking.

Consider mixing any of these winning tomato varieties in with your ornamental plants. A few tomatoes tucked into mixed borders or at the back of a flowerbed can add color, texture and interest to any landscape. Just be sure there's easy access for harvesting and use decorative obelisks and towers to support taller varieties in style.

*Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* gardening DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by AAS for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.melindamyers.com.*

These winning tomatoes were tested nationally by All-America Selections (AAS), a non-profit plant trialing organization (all-americaselections.org). Volunteer judges evaluated the plants for flavor, improved performance, growth habit, productivity, or pest resistance in the garden. Only superior, new, non-GMO varieties receive the AAS winner's title.

Include a few Firefly plants when looking for the perfect snacking and salad tomato. It's smaller than a cherry and larger than a currant tomato; just the right size to pop in your mouth without embarrassment. The extremely sweet pale white to pale yellow fruit will stand out in the garden, on the relish tray or in a salad.

Join the foodie trend by growing the slightly larger striped Red Torch tomato. The one-and-a-half-inch oblong fruit are red with thin yellow stripes. Enjoy an early harvest and eat Red Torch tomatoes fresh from the garden or cooked into a sweet and sour cherry tomato sauce to serve on bread or over chicken and other vegetables.

Boost your early harvest season with Valentine grape tomatoes. You'll enjoy the vivid deep red color and sweet flavor. Plus, this productive plant provides plenty of tomatoes for snacking, salads and to share with friends.

Add some purple to the mix with Midnight Snack. This cherry tomato ripens to red with a blush of glossy black-purple. Judges declared Midnight Snack a big improvement in the flavor of purple tomatoes.

Pot up one or more Patio Choice toma-



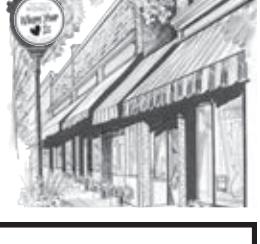
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EDITORIAL

Small gestures, big results

Never doubt how much a simple, kind word or gesture means.

Imagine a typical Monday morning scenario - some traffic, a few minor annoyances, misplaced files and other "Monday things." Maybe it's also raining. A very "Monday" kind of day, for sure. You stop for coffee.

As you wait in line, you mentally began running down the list of bad things already piling up in your morning. When it is time to pay, the woman at the counter makes eye contact, smiles and tells you she hopes you'll have a good day. She really seems to mean it.

You leave the shop with your coffee, a smile on your face and a feeling of appreciation for that cashier and her expression of kindness. The day already starts to look up. Small gestures really do matter.

Our world loves to celebrate and reward big gestures - remember the Walmart stories from December, when athletes and other celebrities secretly paid off the balances for customers with items in layaway? The big gesture gets recognition and celebration and lots of media coverage. Sometimes the big gesture deserves that kind of attention - people helping one another in a big way IS big news, and very good news. We need more of that.

But what about the small things? Don't they deserve recognition somehow? The cashier's smile and wish for your day would only take a fraction of a minute, but it could turn around another person's mood and possibly his or her day.

Holding the door - anyone for any body - is another small gesture that reminds us that more than anything else, we need to treat each other well. How about letting the person with fewer items get in line in front of you at the grocery store? That small act of kindness just might allow that person to arrive somewhere on time, instead of a few minutes late. Leaving a few extra quarters in the parking meter might help someone who's caught short of change. And a smile and nod to anyone you pass just might lift someone's mood, as that hypothetical cashier's would do.

Do these gestures get media coverage? No. And most aren't done for that purpose anyway. Do we know that our small gestures make an impact? Not always. But knowing the outcome isn't the point.

A small, kind gesture bridges the space between people. It costs nothing. It never hurts. It almost always helps. It just might cause the recipient to offer their own small gesture to another person. And that's a big result.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



Readers Share Tips and Tricks



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The new year is here and with it comes a fresh resolve to reach our goals. While some vows are lofty, it's often the little, everyday hassles that often get in the way of crossing off our list of accomplishments. Thanks to readers who took the time to share their strategies to save time, money and stress, thus eliminating a few of the little nuisances in life!

** Hard water is hard to deal with! Thankfully, this reader did her research and discovered an effective cure for the telltale stains that hard water leaves behind:

This tip addresses how to remove hard water ring around toilet. If you have a hard water ring around the toilet that resists bleach, CLR, or any other chemical method, try the Pumie toilet bowl ring remover (#TBR-6 available on Amazon.com and possibly Ace hardware stores).

The Pumie is a rectangular piece of pumice stone on plastic handle. Brush the bowl first with a standard toilet bowl cleaner and then scrub the hard water ring in a circular motion with the Pumie. It does make a horrible scratching sound when you scrub but no damage is done to the porcelain surface.

The results are magical and in no time it will rid your toilet bowl of rust and lime build-up through gentle abrasive action. Also it is all-natural so it is safe around children and pets.

The cost is about \$9 for one item and it will last quite a while depending on the water hardness.

Cathy Buonomo
Brookfield, Mass.

This reader's clever tip uses common sense ingenuity to solve a daily nuisance:

When no one is around to help me clasp my bracelets, I've discovered an easy solution. I scotch tape the "ring end" onto my wrist, leaving the ring exposed, then I can open the clasp with my free hand and hook onto the ring without having trouble "connecting." The ring is not a moving target!

The scotch tape is easily, painlessly removed and you're off and running, wearing a bracelet.

Janis Nelson
Charlton, Mass.

Recycling is good for the pocketbook and the planet, and this seasonal idea not only preserves your favorite cards, but makes repurposing them an enjoyable, annual project:

Hi Karen, my fiance lives in Webster and I live in Rhode Island. Every weekend when I get to his house I look forward to reading your tips and hints. My tip is: every year I save the Christmas cards I receive and the following year I tear off the front, fold in half, cut size, and use as name gift tags on gifts. They look so pretty and I save money buying tags.

Lorraine Suzman
N Providence, R.I.

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This reader shares a great way to update your address book with little effort:

New cards and new addresses came in with the Christmas card this year. In addition to cutting off the address label, I put the new date year on it and tape it in my address book. In addition, I wrote inside each Christmas card their new address or phone and will store them after the holidays.

This way, I have a hard copy of the address updates.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, Mass.

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Prize Winner
Congratulations to Lorraine Suzman, whose name was drawn for dinner for two at the Publick House. She submitted the recycling tip above.

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Win Dinner for Two

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

Safe ice brings anglers out in force



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Finally, we have some safe ice on most ponds in the valley, allowing anglers the opportunity to do some fishing. This past weekend, many anglers were fishing with friends and family, and some impressive fish were caught. Last week, prior to the storm, this writer and my brother Ken fished Manchaug Pond and after a couple of hours of fishing, not a single fish was caught. We were using only Jig sticks, but it is the first time that I can remember not catching a single fish.

This past week, I attended the monthly meeting of the Worcester County League of Sportsmen's Clubs which was held at the Singletary Rod & Gun Club in Oxford Mass.

Being a delegate for close to 50 years for numerous clubs in the valley, I decided to attend the meeting to see if it still works the same from years ago. Meeting a lot of old friends like Mel Crouse, now in his 90's and still hunting, was indeed a pleasure. Mel & his brother still hunt together and harvested a nice buck in Maine a couple of years ago. They stayed close together, and when they both spotted

the buck at the same time they decided to try firing at the same time. The buck dropped in his tracks.

They both managed to drag the big buck out of the woods. They do not make many guys like this anymore.

I also had a chance to speak to Mike Moss, a long time member of the league and president of the Sportsmen's council. He and his wife, Shelia Moss, are both active in both organizations. A lot of the old members were no longer there, and I was told that many were deceased. It sure makes you realize how lucky some of us are to still be involved in the activities of the league, and in the hunting and fishing activities that we enjoy every year. Both organizations have been working for sportsmen's interest for many years, and are dedicated to keep sportsmen's interest represented in the statehouse and with Mass. Fish & Wildlife. Unfortunately,

they have not been successful in getting MF&W and the legislators to pass a Sunday Hunting Bill or a crossbow bill that would allow anyone to hunt with a crossbow in Massachusetts.

A couple of local sportsmen were at the meeting, and inquired about having the Division acquire another shipment of shoal spawning alewives (bait fish) into Wallum lake and Webster Lake. When the alewives were introduced to the lake for the first time 20 or 30 years ago, the trout grew rapidly, and catching a four pound trout from wallum was a weekly or daily event. The officials at the meeting did not seem interested in the idea. The sportsmen vowed to pursue the matter, in hopes of changing their minds. Stay tuned! Change does not come easy in Mass. The Singletary Rod & Gun Club put on a great roast pork dinner for all in

Are you prepared for a natural disaster?



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The year ahead offers new opportunities and experiences. But as you make plans throughout 2019, be mindful of the things that can derail those plans - such as the natural disasters that affected so many families in 2018. Every area around the country is subject to natural disasters, whether they're wildfires, hurricanes or tornadoes. How can you prepare for them?

Here are a few suggestions:

Maintain adequate insurance. It's a good idea to review your homeowners' insurance at least annually to ensure it's still providing the protection you need. And make sure you know exactly what your policy covers in terms of natural disasters. You'll also want to review your life and disability insurance regularly. And, of course, you'll want to stay current on your premiums for all your policies.

Keep a record of your possessions. The insurance claims process will be much easier if you take the time, before a natural disaster occurs, to photograph or videotape the contents of your home. You also might want to list the brands and serial numbers of appliances and electronics.

Know your passwords. It's important to have ready access to the passwords for your financial accounts. You may be able to memorize them, but, if not, keep them somewhere - perhaps in your smartphone - that you can access anywhere. It's always possible that a natural disaster will strike so quickly that you can't even grab your phone, so, to be extra cautious, you might want to share your passwords with a trusted family member or friend. (Even then, though, you may want to change your passwords every so often.)

Build an emergency fund. During or following a natural disaster, you may need ready access to cash to cover some of the essentials of daily living, such as food and shelter. Keeping a lot of cash in your home may not be such a great plan, especially if you have to evacuate quickly. Consequently, you might want to create an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a low-risk, liquid and highly accessible account at a local bank or with your financial services provider.

Protect your documents. These days, many of your important financial materials, such as your investment statements, are available online, so they're likely safe from any disaster. But you may still have some items, such as checkbooks, birth certificates, passports, Social Security cards, insurance policies and estate planning documents (i.e., will, living trust, etc.) on paper. Even if some or all of these things could eventually be replaced, it would take time and effort. You're better off protecting them beforehand, possibly by keeping them in a safety deposit box at a local bank.

Save your receipts. You'll want to save receipts for repairs and temporary lodging to submit to your insurance company. If you are not fully reimbursed for these expenses, they may be tax deductible, though you'll need to consult with your tax advisor to be certain.

If you're fortunate, you'll never have to face a natural disaster that threatens your home and possessions. But it never hurts to be ready - just in case.

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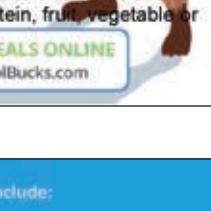
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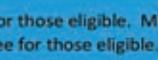
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Creamy Mac & Cheese Roasted Sweet Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans Garlic Texas Toast Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Happy Chinese New Year! Mandarin Flavored Chicken Chicken Fried Rice Vegetable Medley (Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots) Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Chicken Fajita Wrap Salsa, Sour Cream Sweet Potato French Fries Condiments Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Corn & Black Bean Salsa Assorted Fruit Cups	Lasagna Roll Ups Choice of Meatballs Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Seasoned Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup, Pudding Cup	Italian Kitchen Pizza Varieties Buttered Corn Chef Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
Deli Grinders (Ham, Turkey or Tuna) on WG Roll Condiments Roasted Diced Potatoes Seasoned Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Tacos w/Shredded Cheese Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes w/WG Taco Shells Seasoned Rice, Buttered Corn Refried Beans, Salsa Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Juicy Double Rocket Burger on WG Roll Spicy Spiral Fries, Condiments Seasoned Green Beans Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Happy Valentine's Day! Crispy Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato w/Gravy Butternut Squash Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit, Fruit Cup or Strawberry Shortcake National Pancake Day! WG Pancakes & Syrup Egg Patty Roasted Diced Potatoes Seasoned Corn, Ketchup Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit, Fruit Cup or Orange Juice Cup	Wild Mike's Cheesy Bottom School Made Pizza Roasted Broccoli Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY	No School	Meatball Grinder on WG Roll Tomato Sauce & Shredded Cheese Sweet Potato French Fries Condiments New England Baked Beans Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Meatball Grinder on WG Roll Tomato Sauce & Shredded Cheese Sweet Potato French Fries Condiments New England Baked Beans Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Gill's Pizza Slice - Varieties Mixed Vegetables Chef Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
Pulled Pork Sliders on WG Roll Baked French Fries Condiments Cole Slaw Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Chicken or Cheese Quesadilla on WG Tortilla Salsa, Sour Cream Sliced Carrots Black Bean & Corn Salad Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	National Strawberry Day American Chop Suey Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Seasoned Broccoli & Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Cheesy Garlic WG Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cups or Strawberry Cup	Stir Fry Teriyaki Chicken Chicken Flavored Rice Buttered Peas Mixed Vegetable Medley Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Jell-O & Cream	
HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY	No School	Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese or Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich on WG Bread Sweet Potato French Fries Ketchup New England Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cups	Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese or Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich on WG Bread Sweet Potato French Fries Ketchup New England Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cups	Our entrée options will include: 1. Hot Lunch Entrées 2. Romaine Salad w/Chicken Entrée Daily 3. Fresh Deli Sandwich Options
Pulled Pork Sliders on WG Roll Baked French Fries Ketchup, Ranch, Mustard Cole Slaw Assorted Fruit Cups	Chicken or Cheese Quesadilla on WG Tortilla Salsa, Sour Cream Sliced Carrots Black Bean & Corn Salsa Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	National Strawberry Day Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Cup Seasoned Broccoli & Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups or Strawberry Cup	Stir Fry Teriyaki Chicken Chicken Flavored Rice Buttered Peas Mixed Vegetable Medley Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Jell-O & Cream	

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Creamy Mac & Cheese Roasted Sweet Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans Soft Garlic Knot Assorted Fruit Cups	Tacos w/Shredded Cheese Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes w/WG Taco Shells Seasoned Rice Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Juicy Double Cheeseburger on WG Roll Baked French Fries Condiments Baby Carrots & Hummus Assorted Fruit Cups FUN STICKER DAY	Happy Valentine's Day! Crispy Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato w/Gravy Butternut Squash WG Dinner Roll Butter Pat Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup School Baked Cookie	Italian Kitchen Pizza Varieties Buttered Corn Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
Deli Grinders (Ham, Turkey or Tuna) on WG Roll Condiments Roasted Diced Potatoes Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cups	Tacos w/Shredded Cheese Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes w/WG Taco Shells Seasoned Rice Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese or Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich on WG Bread Sweet Potato French Fries Ketchup New England Baked Beans Assorted Fruit Cups	National Pancake Day! WG Pancakes & Syrup Sausage Patty Roasted Diced Potatoes, Ketchup Seasoned Corn Fresh Fruit, Fruit Cup or Orange Juice Cup	Wild Mike's Cheesy Bottom School Made Pizza Broccoli Trees Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY	No School	National Strawberry Day Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Cup Seasoned Broccoli & Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups or Strawberry Cup	Stir Fry Teriyaki Chicken Chicken Flavored Rice Buttered Peas Mixed Vegetable Medley Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Jell-O & Cream	
Pulled Pork Sliders on WG Roll Baked French Fries Ketchup, Ranch, Mustard Cole Slaw Assorted Fruit Cups	Chicken or Cheese Quesadilla on WG Tortilla Salsa, Sour Cream Sliced Carrots Black Bean & Corn Salsa Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	National Strawberry Day Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Cup Seasoned Broccoli & Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups or Strawberry Cup	Gill's Pizza Slice - Varieties Mixed Vegetables Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	

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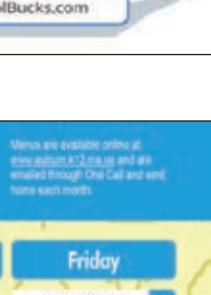
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Creamy Mac & Cheese Fresh Broccoli Trees & Dips Seasoned Green Beans WG Dinner Roll Cup	Happy Chinese New Year! Cherry Blossom Chicken Chicken Flavored Rice Vegetable Medley (Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots) Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Chicken Fajita on WG Wrap Salsa, Sour Cream Sweet Potato French Fries Ketchup Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Corn & Black Bean Salsa Assorted Fruit Cups	Lasagna Roll Ups Choice of Meatballs & Sauce Shredded Mozzarella Cheese Seasoned Green Beans Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Soft Pretzel Bites Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup, Pudding Cup	Italian Kitchen Pizza Varieties Buttered Corn Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
Cinnamon Glazed French Toast Cheese Omelet Roasted Diced Potatoes Ketchup Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cups	Tacos w/Shredded Cheese Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes w/WG Taco Shells Seasoned Rice Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Juicy Double Cheeseburger on WG Roll Baked French Fries Condiments Baby Carrots & Dip Assorted Fruit Cups FUN STICKER DAY	Happy Valentine's Day! Crispy Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato w/Gravy Butternut Squash WG Dinner Roll Butter Pat Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup School Baked Cookie	Wild Mike's Cheesy Bottom School Made Pizza Broccoli Trees Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY	No School	National Strawberry Day Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Cup Seasoned Broccoli & Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups or Strawberry Cup	Stir Fry Teriyaki Chicken Chicken Flavored Rice Buttered Peas Mixed Vegetable Medley Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Jell-O & Cream	
Juicy Hamburger or Cheeseburger on WG Roll Baked French Fries Ketchup, Ranch, Mustard Baby Carrots & Dip Assorted Fruit Cups	Tacos w/Shredded Cheese Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes w/WG Taco Shells Seasoned Rice Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	National Strawberry Day Breaded Mozzarella Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Cup Seasoned Broccoli & Carrots Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups or Strawberry Cup	Gill's Pizza Slice - Varieties Mixed Vegetables Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	

Students may select: 1. One entrée, 2. Pick 1 fruit and 1 or 2 or more vegetable sides. 3. Select a Milk choice of either Fat Free Chocolate Milk 8 oz., Fat Free White 8 oz. or 1% White Milk 8 oz. or 8 oz. bottle water with their lunch. If a student wants 8 oz. milk AND 8 oz. bottle water there will be a \$0.50 cent additional charge. NOTE: Water is also available from food service dispensers for children at no charge. When offered, all students are offered sides of beans with fruit and veggie choices.

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Monday	Tasty Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Available Daily! 1. Hot Lunch Entrée 2. WG Bagel with 4 oz. Yogurt & Cheese Stick 3. Yogurt Fruit Parfait 4. Garden Salad Box w/WG Bread 5. Garden Salad Box w/Garden Vegetables, Sunflower Seeds	WG = Whole Grain Happy Chinese New Year! Cherry Blossom Chicken Chicken Flavored Rice Vegetable Medley (Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots) New England Baked Beans WG Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cups	Tony's Cheese Superbowl Pizza Rounds Touchdown French Fries Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups	Creamy Mac & Cheese Fresh Broccoli Trees & Dips Seasoned Green Beans Soft WG Breadstick Assorted Fruit Cups	Tony's Cheese Superbowl Pizza Rounds Touchdown Spicy French Fries Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
Cinnamon Glazed French Toast Cheese Omelet Roasted Diced Potatoes Ketchup Seasoned Carrots Assorted Fruit Cups	Tacos w/Shredded Cheese Shredded Lettuce & Diced Tomatoes w/WG Taco Shells Seasoned Rice Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup	Juicy Double Cheeseburger on WG Roll Baked French Fries Condiments Baby Carrots & Dip Assorted Fruit Cups FUN STICKER DAY	Happy Valentine's Day! Crispy Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potato w/Gravy Butternut Squash WG Dinner Roll Butter Pat Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup School Baked Cookie	Italian Kitchen Pizza Varieties Buttered Corn Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups
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SPORTS

Rockets — behind Slade's four goals — win wild affair with Nashoba, 6-3



Nick Ethier photos

Auburn's Billy Erikson prepares to rifle a shot on net.



Anthony List of Auburn carries the puck and skates toward Nashoba's net.



Auburn's Adam Lanier winds up before delivering a slap shot at Nashoba's goal.



Ryan Slade of Auburn slides a pass down along the ice.



Auburn's Anthony List competes for the puck during a face-off versus Nashoba.



Ryan Lempicki of Auburn dumps the puck down into the corner of the rink.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — In a game that saw it all at the Horgan Rink on Saturday, Jan. 19 — fresh with major penalties, a hat trick and everything in between — the Auburn High boys' varsity ice hockey team emerged victorious in its matchup with Nashoba Regional, 6-3.

The Rockets, whose co-op includes players from Tantasqua Regional and Shepherd Hill Regional, saw themselves down a pair of players as they had to kill off a five-on-three penalty as they trailed, 3-2, heading into the third period. But Auburn killed it off, the Rockets tied it up, Slade then scored his third goal — the eventual game-winner — and he finished with four courtesy of an empty netter.

"These games have been like that all year, teams beating each other up. That's our 10th game and I bet you five or six of them have been like that," said Auburn head coach Glen Bombard, whose team improved to 7-3 and have won all of their "wild" games. "I don't know what it is, but that's just the way the games have been going."

"We can't be taking stupid penalties," added Bombard. "The referees have been calling things correctly, they've been doing an excellent job."

With Slade in the penalty box because of a five-minute boarding penalty, the Chieftains broke a 2-2 tie with 15.3 seconds to play in the

second period. Auburn's Adam Lanier was then called for a five-minute major penalty himself, as Nashoba looked to add to its lead in the third.

But the Chieftains picked up a pair of minor penalties themselves, forcing a three-on-three situation. There, the Rockets' Cam Dungey tied the score at 3-3 just three minutes into the period.

Anthony List assisted on the goal. Then, with Slade freshly out of the box, he snapped a goal bar-down with 10:29 to play, giving Auburn a 4-3 lead.

"Ry doesn't get many penalties," Bombard said of Slade. "He's one of our better players and I don't even have to say anything to him because it doesn't happen often. He's going to do what he can to make up for it."

"I knew I put my team behind the eight ball because five minutes is a long kill, especially in a 15-minute period," added Slade. "I just wanted to contribute so bad because I feel like I hurt my team. I said, 'I'm going to get you guys back.'"

Slade knew just how important it was for his team to kill off he and Lanier's penalties.

"I think that's the game right there because if they get one or two [goals] there the game's over," he said.

"That was huge," Bombard added of the killing of the penalties. "Those seven guys that we used in that five minutes did an unbelievable job killing that off."

With no more penalties taking place, the

Rockets and Chieftains were now skating five-on-five. Auburn's Caleb Mackin made it a 5-3 game with 2:36 left when he scored off a feed from Joel Miller, who won a one-on-one battle with a Nashoba defender for possession of the puck.

Slade then deposited the puck into the empty net with 1:03 to go for his first career four-goal high school game. It was already Slade's second hat trick of the season.

The game was much more competitive than the three-goal outcome, though. The Chieftains scored just 34 seconds in and then made it 2-0 with 21.8 seconds remaining in the first period.

"For some reason that period's been killing us," Bombard said of the first. "We have to come out faster."

Slade did make it a 2-1 game with 1.3 seconds to go, though, scoring from the point with assists going to Dillon Winkelmann and Dungey.

"That's when the momentum changed," said Bombard.

Slade then tied the game at 2-2 early in the second period when he received a pass from Drew Darger, who originally got the puck from Winkelmann.

Auburn goalie Collin Winkelmann made 20 saves in net and shook off the slow start to pick up the victory.

"We have a ton of confidence in him," Bombard said. "He got better as the game went on."

SPORTS

Much improved Auburn nearly outlasts Indians

AUBURN — Back on Wednesday, Jan. 9, when the Auburn High boys' varsity basketball team lost a closer-than-it-looked 76-61 game to Millbury High, which dropped the Rockets' record down to 1-9, first-year head coach Dan Koen had the following to say:

"I think we have made a giant improvement since

the beginning of the season. I do think we've made some steps in the right direction."

Auburn has continued to improve, as they then defeated Southbridge High, 77-66, on Friday, Jan. 11. The Rockets then hosted Grafton High on Wednesday, Jan. 16 and nearly defeated the Indians before falling

just short, 71-67. Auburn then ended last week with a game on Friday, Jan. 18, where they beat Quaboag Regional, 53-35.

The Rockets' improvement has seen their record go up to 3-10.



James Whittemore of Auburn extends his right arm in an attempt to win the jump from Grafton.



With his teammates watching intently from behind, Jason Henry of Auburn launches a corner 3-point attempt.



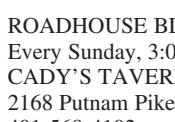
Auburn's Cam Bolduc drives past a Grafton defender and into the lane.

After driving through a pair of Grafton defenders, Auburn's Joe Clougherty dishes a behind-the-back pass to teammate James Whittemore.

HERE & THERE → Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings



ONGOING

-  MARIACHI BAND First Thursday of the month 5-8 p.m.
MEXICALI MEXICAN GRILL Webster location 41 Worcester Rd., Webster, MA 508-461-5070
-  ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
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TriviaNight

- TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS 7:00 p.m. register
7:30 p.m. start up
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB 325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA 508-892-9822
- WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

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East Brookfield, MA 774-449-8333
- THE CENTRAL MA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED meets the first Monday of every month from September through May.

We discuss a variety of conservation programs to improve the local cold water fisheries, local fishing opportunities, our annual High School Fly Fishing Championship (open to all MA high school students) And our annual fund raising banquet. Auburn Sportsman's Club 50 Elm St., Auburn, MA



National Opposite Day 2019 January 25

Most experts agree that National Opposite Day is observed on January 25th, but other experts claim it is celebrated on January 7th. Still others believe that it is to be celebrated every month of the year on the 25th day.

Is it National Opposite Day? Is it not Opposite Day? Or is it not not Opposite Day? Now even I am confused. Either way children across the country rejoice in this day as they declare they mean the opposite of whatever they say. I would love to do the dishes! Broccoli is my favorite food! I didn't push my brother in the mud! Here is a serious question... What is the opposite of Opposite Day?

National Opposite Day Activities

1. Call in Sick For Work, Then Show Up Anyway
Your boss will be confused for a minute, then it will dawn on them. Plus you shouldn't lose your job for this one, nor should you lose one of your sick days.

2. Say Goodbye When Greeting People

The confusion on their faces will be worth it. If you pair

this with the number one on our list, it will only get better.

3. Don't Do Anything for Opposite Day

Saying it's Opposite Day negates that it is opposite day. So don't do anything for opposite, but know in your heart that it really is National Opposite Day.

Why We Love National Opposite Day

A. The Pranksters in All of Us Rejoice

Class clowns who grew up to be office jesters, and even that really quiet co-worker on the third floor can enjoy opposite day. There is a built in excuse for joking, pranking, and tricking, everyone you know. You are only limited by your imagination.

B. It's Kind of Like, April Fools' Day Has An Awesome Little Sibling

What's better than pranking someone and saying you didn't prank someone. The answer is nothing is better than that. "No, I didn't turn all our appliances around and



flip your furniture upside down."

C. Spongebob Squarepants Has an Episode About Opposite Day

Nothing says cultural relevance like a children's TV show creating an episode about a holiday. Spongebob + Opposite Day = entertainment for all ages.

OBITUARIES

Leon G. Green, 88



SOUTHBRIDGE - Leon G. Green, 88, died Thursday, January 17th, at the Holden Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center. His wife of 47 years was the late Phyllis R. (LaRochelle) Green who died Dec. 21,

2007. He leaves his children Alan Green of Putnam, Alice Clifford of Charlotte, NC, Renette Green of Auburn, and Lance Green of Southbridge, 5 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his 2 brothers Lawrence Greenberg, and Edward Herman.

He was born in Boston, October 5, 1930, son of Abraham and Leah (Walters) Greenberg and has lived here most of his life. He was a member of Notre Dame Church, and was a US Navy veteran serving in the Korean War. He retired from Shaw's Supermarket, and also worked in the restaurant business for many years.

His passion was to travel to different ballparks to see the Red Sox play a series. His dream finally came through when the Red Sox won the World Series in 2004 for the first time in 86 years. He

enjoyed lounging and relaxing in his backyard by the pool. He was an avid walker (up to 4 miles a day), but most of all he loved to make people laugh. He loved his family and although he worked many long hours to support them, he instilled great work ethics in them.

The family would like to thank the Holden Rehabilitation & Skilled Nursing Center in Holden for their care and support of their father and his family over the past couple of years.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, January 21, from 5-7P at Sansoucy Funeral Home 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. A funeral home service will be held at 10AM Tuesday, January 22, with Rev. Jonathan Slavinskis officiating. Burial will follow at New Notre Dame Cemetery, 746 N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Brian A. DiGregorio Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 530, Sturbridge, MA 01566. www.sansoucy-funeral.com



Carol A. Passarelli, 75



C H A R L T O N - Carol A. (Lavigne) Passarelli, 75, formerly of Charlton and Auburn, died January 15, 2019, at Beaumont Rehab & Nursing Center in Worcester after a long illness.

Survived by her 3 sons Kevin Passarelli and his wife Linda of Sturbridge, Mark Passarelli of Southbridge, and Michael Passarelli of Georgia, and her daughter Shannon LeClair and her husband Michael of Leominster. She also leaves 7 grandchildren Jeremy, Monica, Matthew, Megan, Maxwell, Samuel, and Cameron as well as 2 great-grandchildren Jaxon, and Bella. She was predeceased by her 2 sisters Priscilla Eastman, and Constance Silvestri.

Carol was born in Southbridge, daughter of the late Ena Napoleon and Bernadette Vitaline (L'Ecuyer)

Lavigne. She grew up in Charlton, graduated from Charlton High School in 1961, and Ward's School of Business in 1963. Carol was a member of Notre Dame Church in Southbridge, and St Joseph's Church in Charlton. She spent her early adult life raising her four children then worked as a bookkeeper for the family auto body business, and later for the Town of Charlton, retiring many years ago after being stricken with a severe stroke. Carol had many hobbies over the years including crocheting, sewing, making leaded stained-glass pieces, and bird-watching. Most of all she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

The funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 10AM at Notre Dame Church - St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. Sansoucy Funeral Home is directing the arrangements. www.sansoucyfuneral.com



Joan Poirier Cosentino, 55

OXFORD - Joan Poirier Cosentino, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 13, at the age of 55. She is survived by her devoted husband John of 28 years, and her children Evan Cosentino and his

fiancée Desi Jones of Dallas, Texas, and Elaina Cosentino of Portland, Maine.

Joani is predeceased by her parents Paul Poirier and Helen (Tremblay) Poirier, who lived in Millbury. She is survived also by her beloved Boston Terrier Rambeau and her siblings Paul and Helen Poirier of Auburn, Ann Poirier of Oxford, and Rie Poirier-Campbell and Michael Campbell of Canton, Connecticut. She had numerous nieces and nephews who loved their Auntie Joani.

Joani was a gentle, grateful and enormously generous soul with a quiet grace and an unmistakable aura of kindness. She also had a wicked sense of humor. Her beautiful brown eyes had a mischievous snap of merriment and she loved to laugh to the point of silliness. While she never called attention to herself, her pride in her children knew no bounds. They always have been her greatest joy.

With an adventurous spirit, Joani traveled throughout Europe, Central America and the Caribbean, first as a student and later with her family. Boothbay Harbor, Maine, had a special place in her heart and she vacationed there every year with her family and friends. When at home, she enjoyed quiet nights curled up with Rambeau reading a good book or sharing a glass of wine with John in the sunroom that

he built for her. With John, Rie and Michael, she bought the house she grew up in on Lake Singletary in Millbury, Massachusetts and spent countless weekends enjoying the water. A perfect day for her consisted of packing the family in the boat and cruising around the lake while looking for herons and eagles and planning the next trip.

Joani graduated from Our Lady of the Assumption School in Millbury and Holy Name Central Catholic High School in Worcester before earning her bachelor's degree in sociology at Regis College in Weston. She had a varied career in retail, finance, education and human services. She worked for several years with her brother at the family business, Park Ave. True Value in Worcester. She also was a pre-kindergarten teacher at Saint Joseph School in Webster. Most recently, she was a loan manager for Easter Seals Massachusetts in Worcester, where she enjoyed helping disabled clients obtain assistive technology to make their lives easier and more productive.

Calling hours were 5pm-8pm on Thursday, January 17, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main Street, Oxford. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 10am on Saturday, January 19, at St. Mark's Church, 356 Boston Road, Sutton. Burial immediately following will be at Notre Dame Cemetery, 162 Webster Street, Worcester.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joani's name may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168, or the Animal Welfare Society, P.O. Box 43, West Kennebunk, ME 04094-0043. paradisfuneralhome.com

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 31

The Quality of Life, 6 p.m., Chuck's Steakhouse, Route 20 (10 Prospect St.), Auburn. Hosted by the Auburn branch office of Edward Jones. Who will change my light bulbs? How will I get an ice cream cone? Who will I have lunch with? What do these questions have to do with retirement planning? A lot more than you think. Find out how the answers to these questions can actually predict how rich and satisfying your retirement years will be with guest speaker Tim Hampson, Regional Vice President and Advisor Consultant for Hartford Funds. Registration begins at 5:45 p.m., with the seminar kicking off at 6 p.m. Although the seminar is free, reservations are required. Guests are welcome. Please call Karen Rieser at 832-5385 or e-mail karen.rieser@edwardjones.com by Jan. 28 to register. Refreshments will be served.

ONGOING EVENTS

12 STEP PROGRAM: Christian 12 Step Program for Men and Women 7:8:15 p.m. every Tuesday at Faith Baptist Church, 22 Faith Ave, Auburn. Do you feel your life/relationships/habits are

spinning out of control? A Christian 12 Step Program is the key to Christ and life providing abundance, blessing and grace. Come as you are or contact (508) 832-5044 x 155 for information.

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Attempted Suicide Prevention Group. Held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln St., Worcester Gym Entrance Side, second floor meeting room. Parking & T services. Weekly facilitator, inspirational speaker, founder Dan Pelly, two time attempted suicide survivor. Your life matters, never give up. No charge. More info at (617) 592-5081.

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

MUSEUM HOURS: The Auburn Historical Museum, 41 South St. is open

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

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

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

prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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

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

PEDALS

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11-16. The program is free for participants, but advance registration is required. Program and registration details are available online at <http://www.worcesterago.org/ppp2019/>.

Adults are welcome to participate in an evening "Pedals, Pipes, and Pinot" event on Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m., also at Pakachoag Church. See www.worcesterago.org for details.

About the Worcester Chapter American Guild of Organists

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is the national professional association serving the organ and choral music fields. Founded as both an educational and service organization, the

Guild seeks to set and maintain high musical standards and to promote understanding and appreciation of all aspects of organ and choral music.

The mission of the Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is to educate and empower local organists by providing resources to develop their skills and to network with other members of the arts community and church music profession in Central Massachusetts. The Chapter heightens the visibility of the pipe organ and its music by promoting recitals and recording projects, workshops, and other programs while actively supporting the next generation of organists by providing scholarships, seminars, and performance opportunities for young musicians.

WARMTH

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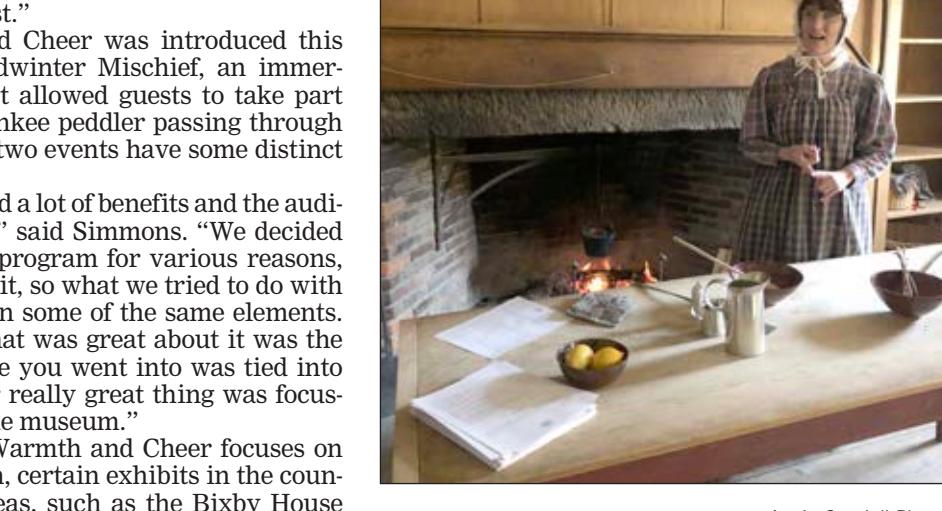
that is a little too fast."

Winter Warm and Cheer was introduced this year to replace Midwinter Mischief, an immersive production that allowed guests to take part in the story of a Yankee peddler passing through the village, and the two events have some distinct similarities.

"That program had a lot of benefits and the audience really liked it," said Simmons. "We decided not to do the same program for various reasons, but a lot of us loved it, so what we tried to do with this program is fit in some of the same elements. One of the things that was great about it was the fact that every space you went into was tied into one theme. Another really great thing was focusing on one part of the museum."

Because Winter Warmth and Cheer focuses on the Village Common, certain exhibits in the countryside and mill areas, such as the Bixby House and Blacksmith shop, are not open or staffed.

For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, call Old Sturbridge Village at 800-733-1830 or go to <https://www.osv.org/event/winter-warmth-and-cheer>.



Annie Sandoli Photos

During weekends in January and February, guests at Old Sturbridge Village can witness period relevant preparations for a seasonal celebration at Winter Warmth and Cheer, the museum's newest way to welcome the coldest months of the year. Here, we see a cooking demonstration at the Salem Towne House.

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attendance. It was a Humdinger!

I also spoke with a Singletary club member that was heading to Nantucket Island to hunt rabbits the following week. He stated that rabbit hunting on the Island was great. He did not have his own beagles, but he had a fellow hunter that was taking him out for a rabbit hunt. Unfortunately, the briar patches are still hard on both man and dogs but they manage to harvest a few rabbits on each trip. There is nothing like listening to a few beagles trailing a rabbit through fields and swamps. The good old days!

A young lady also was anxious to tell me about her Montana hunting trip last year where she harvested a great bull Elk while hunting with her husband. Unfortunately, the picture she gave me showing the 70 year old Ruth Granger with her Elk that she harvested using her 306 Remington rifle could not be used. The animal was dressed in the wilderness and packed out. Her family is still enjoying some great eating of Elk steaks.

Did you know that a gray squirrel can live up to 25 years? It is no wonder that there are so many gray squirrels in the valley. Red squirrels can live up to 15 - 20 years also, but can cause

a lot more damage to bird feeders and homes. There are very few hunters that participate in squirrel hunting, but there are plenty of predators that help keep their population down. Hawks, Fisher cat, coyotes, etc. harvest a lot of squirrels annually.

This past weekend, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held their second annual «Founders Day» event that was filled to capacity. A prime Rib dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance. A DJ provided music. Thanks to all of the members and officers of the club for putting on such a great evening of enjoyment and food.

The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual ice fishing derby this Sunday, Jan. 27. A breakfast will be served at 6 a.m., and the derby will start at 7 a.m.! The pond was stocked with trout last Saturday. Stay tuned for more ice fishing derby's being planned in the coming weeks.

This week's picture show Dan Southwick with a huge largemouth bass that he caught a few years ago while ice fishing. He knows how to catch fish. Monster pike are one of his favorite game fish to catch. All fish are released on site. I am sure I will be receiving some pictures of big fish now that the ice seems to have settled in on most lakes and ponds.

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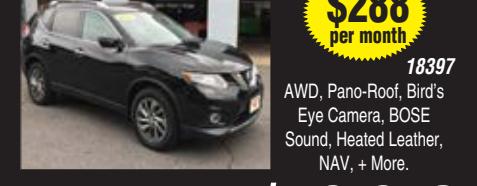
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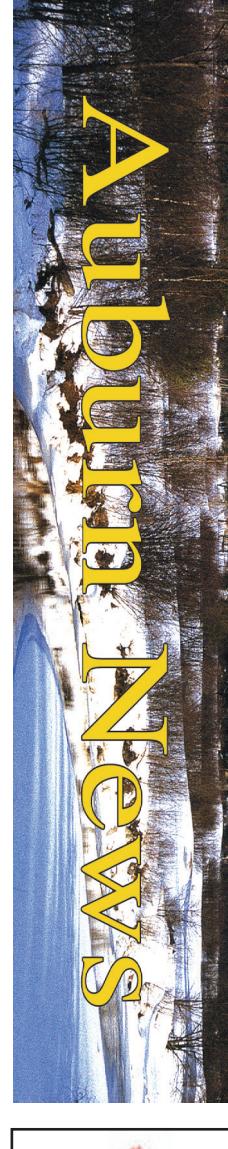
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East Brookfield officials look to keep a close eye on marijuana retailers

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
NEWS STAFF WRITER

EAST BROOKFIELD – Special Town Meeting voters last month approved a zoning bylaw governing where recreational marijuana establishments can be located.

The town's moratorium on retail pot proposals expired on Dec. 31. Prior to the expiration, officials wanted to have a bylaw on the books that allows for town control of retail marijuana siting. The bylaw does not affect medical marijuana proposals; it specifically regulates recreational proposals and limits the siting to commercial zones.

At the Dec. 17 Special Town Meeting, voters unanimously supported the bylaw.

"It is important to have this bylaw in place so the town can restrict [recreational marijuana siting] by special permit," said Selectman Theodore Boulay. "This gives the town the ability

to regulate the location and hours of operation."

The bylaw was supported by both the selectmen and the Planning Board. Its appearance on the Special Town Meeting warrant represented the end of a long process that began with two public hearings last January. A collaboration between multiple officials and boards ensued, with several months dedicated to securing additional input, conducting research, and drafting the bylaw.

Officials spent the entire spring of 2018 analyzing input received from residents and studying retail marijuana bylaws in surrounding communities. Town Counsel was then brought in to help refine the language for the bylaw.

"It's critical for the town to have the ability to regulate this. An establishment would only be able to be located in a commercial district," said Planning Board Chairman Mark Violette.

Complicating an already lengthy review process for town leaders last year were new regulations unveiled incrementally by the state's Cannabis Control Commission. Proceeding cautiously in its implementation of recreational marijuana, the state revised its regulations in stages throughout 2018.

"This has been a moving target as new regulations were created. We incorporated all of those new definitions into our bylaw," Violette told Stonebridge Press prior to the Special Town Meeting.

Even though the state regulation process has often been ambiguous, town officials worked hard to educate residents on the situation. In addition to the two public hearings held last January, officials have regularly made themselves available to answer questions from residents and business owners.

Residents received additional information on the zoning bylaw during a

November public hearing that included the Finance Committee, Zoning Board, selectmen, and the police department.

Now that the bylaw has been approved, a recreational marijuana company hoping to operate in town would require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. In order for a proposal to be considered, it would first need to enter a public hearing process.

The bylaw also outlines several other requirements of the special permit, and these conditions would likely limit the town to one retail marijuana facility. The bylaw conditions do not place a cap on the number of marijuana cultivation facilities that can operate in town.

The town has not yet received any proposals from retail marijuana companies. Located two towns over in Leicestershire, Cultivate Holdings, LLC, remains the only recreational supplier in the area.



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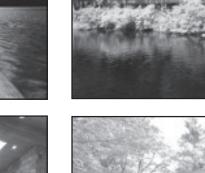
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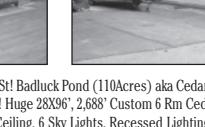
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PUTNAM – 48 Smith St! 2 Family! 3/8 Rooms! 1/4 Bathrooms! 1/1 Bath! Major Rehab 2005 – Roof, Gutter & Downspouts, Vinyl Siding, Windows, Entry Doors! 2018 Electric Heat Conversion! Gas Hot Water! Off Street Parking! Garage! Town Services! \$129,000.00

DUDLEY – 13 Oakwood Ave! Mason Road Room! 7 Rm Cape! HARDWOOD FLOORS Throughout! Home Offers Quaint Kitchen, Open Concept Dining & Living Rm! 3 BedRooms! 2 Full Bath! 2nd Flr Bdrms! Walk-in Cedar Closet! Breezeway to Garage! \$205,000.00

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WEBSTER – 21 Spring St! 6 Rm Ranch! Eat-in! Applianced Kit w/Mahogany Cabinets & Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds!

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WEBSTER – 25 Spring St! 6 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-In Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath! Convenient to 395, Close to Raceway Golf Course & Thompson Speedway!

WEBSTER – 26 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-In Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! Full Bath! Convenient to 395, Close to Raceway Golf Course & Thompson Speedway!

\$249,000.00

WEBSTER – 1 Spring St! 6 Rm Ranch! Eat-in! Applianced Kit w/Mahogany Cabinets & Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds!

WEBSTER – 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Eat-in! Applianced Kit w/Mahogany Cabinets & Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds!

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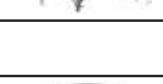
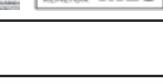
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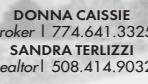

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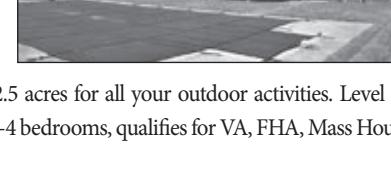


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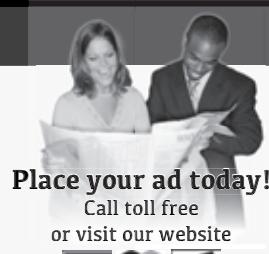
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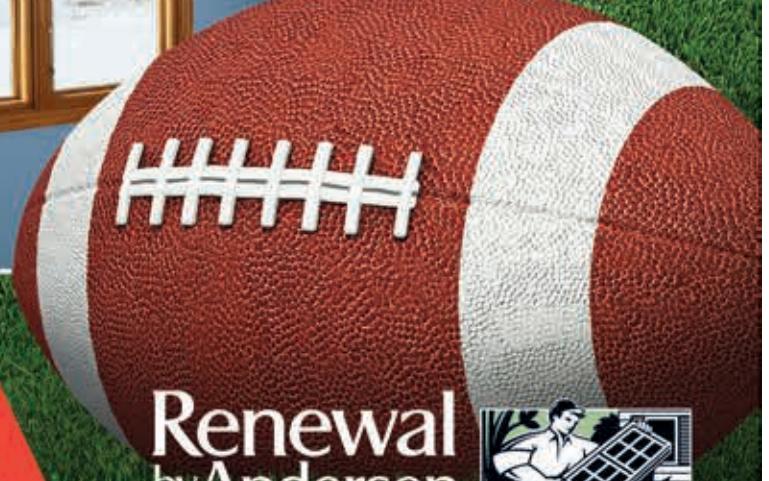
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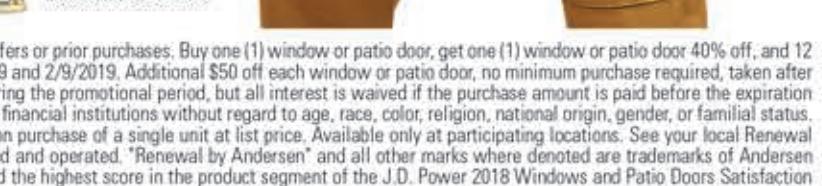
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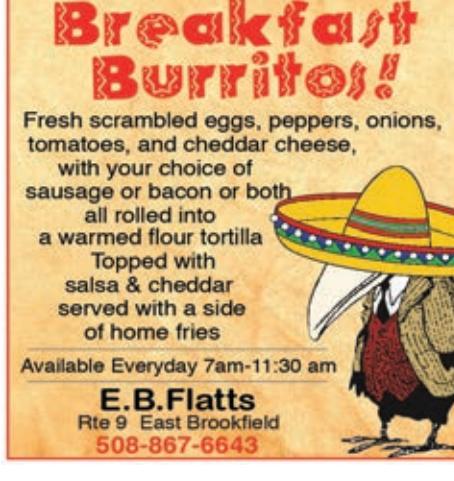
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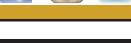
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The basics of driving with trailers in tow

Active adults and busy families understand that one perk to owning a pickup truck or an SUV is the ability to tow items behind the vehicle. Many of these trucks already come equipped with trailer hitches that make it possible to tow boats, RVs, snowmobiles and more. But safe and successful towing requires knowledge of the basics of hitching a trailer and some special rules of the road. The following are a few safety tips for drivers unaccustomed to towing.

- Know your vehicle's tow weight capacity. The owner's manual will list the maximum weight a vehicle can tow safely, but this is just a simplified estimation of data. To tow successfully, it's important to know your vehicle's gross combined weight rating, or GCWR. This includes the vehicle itself, its passengers and cargo, as well as the trailer and the trailer's cargo. More passengers on board reduces the amount of weight you can pull. Another weight factor is the tongue weight, or how much of the trailer's weight rests on the hitch, which should be around 10 percent of the trailer's weight. This helps reduce trailer sway and can improve steering.

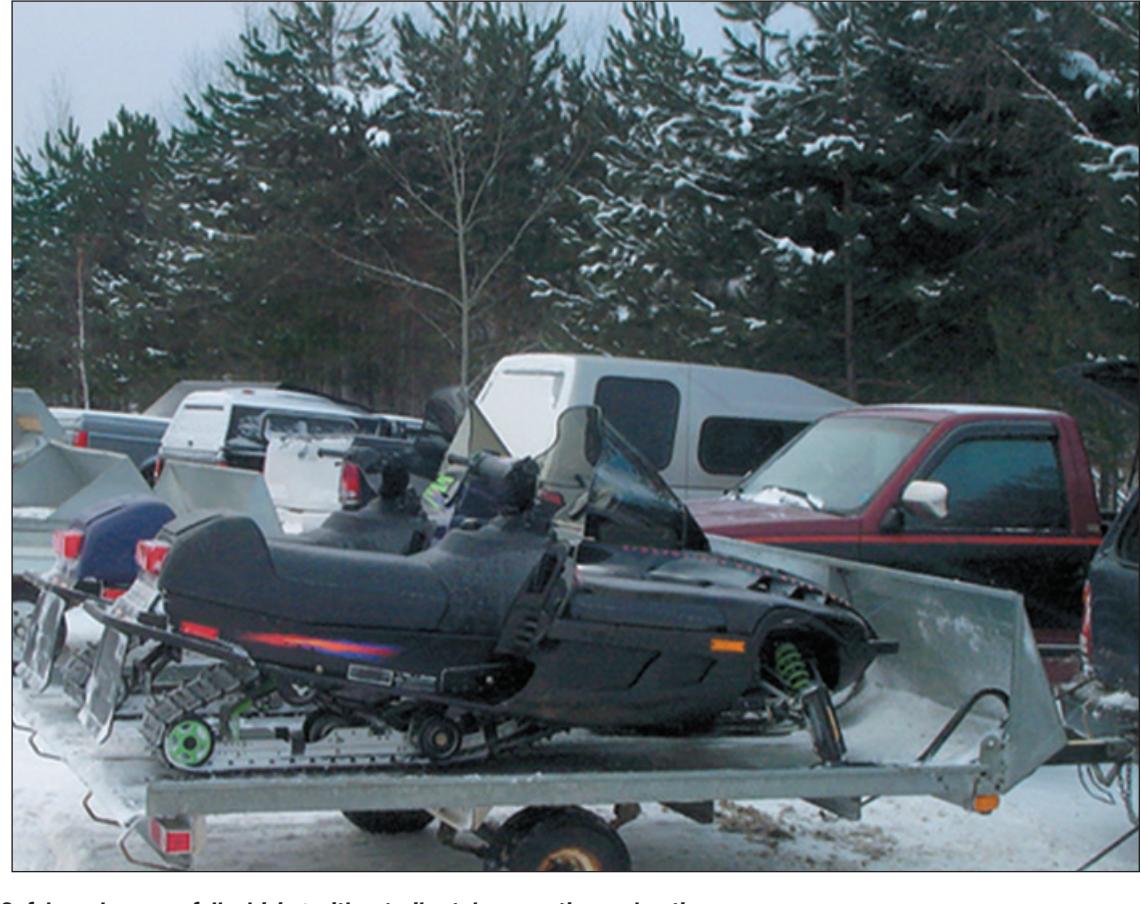
- Practice proper weight distribution. Distribute the weight of the item being towed to make towing smoother and safer. The cargo's center

of gravity should be low, and most of the weight should be toward the front. Weight on either side also should be even. These steps will help prevent the trailer from fishtailing or flipping over.

- Use the right hitch equipment. Adjust the hitch so that the trailer being towed is relatively level to your vehicle when attached. Connect lights to your trailer through the hitch system so that brake lights and other indicators work properly. Make sure the hitch ball is the right size for your trailer, otherwise the trailer might disconnect during towing. Use a pin and safety chains to keep the trailer secure.

- Check if extra brakes are required. Many states require a separate braking system on towed vehicles with a loaded weight in excess of 1,000 pounds. Newer trucks may have a built-in controller for brakes or you may need to have a system installed. Experts from Popular Mechanics advise using a trailer brake output system that matches the trailer brake output to the tow vehicle's deceleration.

- Slow down and drive more cautiously. A vehicle towing a trailer will not maneuver the same way as a vehicle without a trailer attached. Give yourself a greater cushion of space between other vehicles. It may take longer for you to brake because of the added weight.



Safely and successfully driving with a trailer takes practice and patience.

Get used to using side-view mirrors because the trailer may block your rearview. Larger, extended side-view mirrors may help you feel more comfortable and safe. Make wide turns so that the trailer will clear curbs and not tip over.

- Avoid backing up. Unless

you're experienced with driving large rigs, you may find reversing with a trailer very challenging. Limit situations that require backing up. Park in pull-through parking spots when possible. If you need to back up, move slowly and with your hand on the bottom of

the steering wheel, turning it in the direction you want the trailer to go.

- Practice, practice, practice. Get acclimated with towing in a parking lot or on empty streets before taking your trailer out on the open road.

Why clean air filters are important



Replacing air filters is an inexpensive way to keep vehicles performing at peak capacity.

Vehicle owners likely know to check fluid levels and get their cars' oil changed, but air filters may not be at the top of their maintenance checklists. Despite being a relatively inexpensive part, air filters often go overlooked.

Air filters have an important job in a vehicle, prolonging the life span of engines and helping cars run more smoothly and efficiently.

Purpose of vehicle air filters

Vehicle combustion engines operate with a mixture of fuel and air. Without oxygen, gasoline or diesel fuels cannot burn properly and power the engine. The air filter's job is to prevent dirt, dust and other debris from being sucked into an engine. Otherwise, grime can build up and impede engine performance or cause erosion of parts under the hood.

It is much more cost-effective to routinely change air filters than replace expensive engine parts. Rather than ignoring air filters until the last minute, drivers can take steps to keep filters clean and functioning at peak performance.

- Improve fuel efficiency. Clogged air filters reduce air flow to engines, resulting in an improper ratio of air to fuel. As a result, spark plugs can be negatively affected and the engine may idle roughly or misfire. These scenarios can greatly affect fuel efficiency as well as cause engine deposits from rich fuel. To save money and trips to the fuel pump, replace filters regularly. According to GearHeads, for older cars, studies have indicated that by replacing a dirty air filter, one can improve gas mileage by as much as 14 percent.

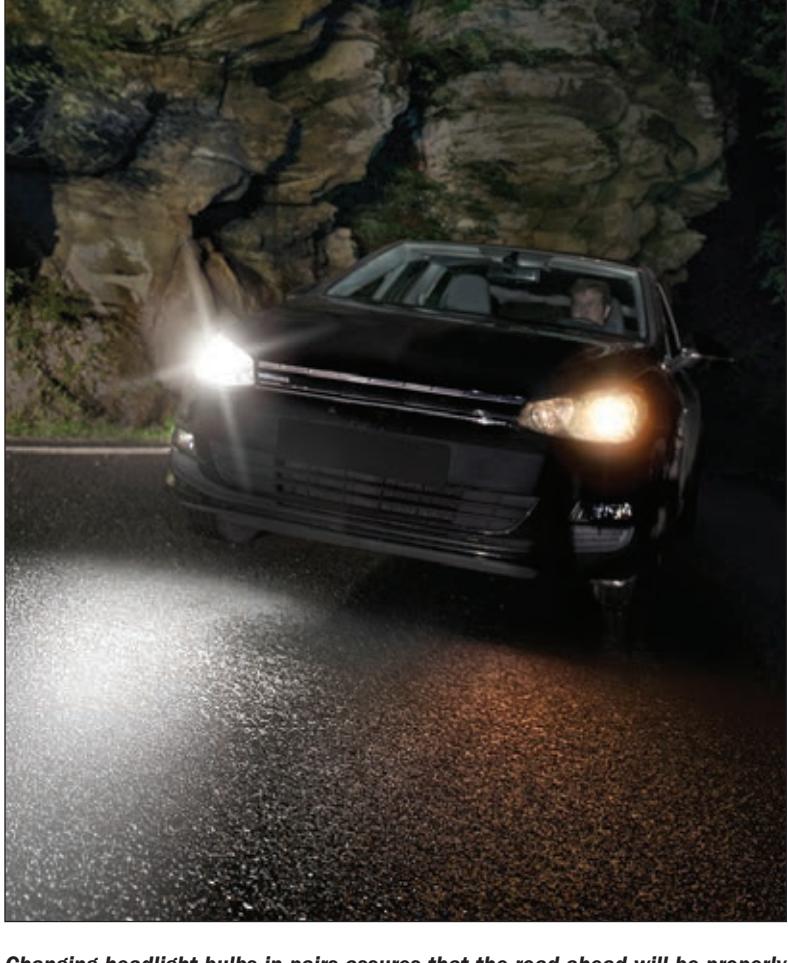
- Reduce stress on the engine. Because of the air-to-fuel mix in engines, even a mixture that is slightly off balance can affect what is going on under the hood. That means the engine must work harder to get enough clean air into the chamber to complete the combustion cycle, says the Automotive Training Center.

- Enjoy more power. A filter that is saturated with dirt will restrict air flow. In such instances, drivers may notice a lack of power during acceleration. Replacing the filter can easily restore that pep.

- Reduce vehicle emissions. Environmental concerns are a priority for many people. By keeping the engine working properly, with the advantage of clean, unobstructed air entering the chamber, a vehicle may produce lower emissions.

Replacing air filters is an easy fix that many drivers can do themselves, or ask their mechanics to do during oil changes or other repair shop visits.

Safety in numbers: Why it pays to replace headlight bulbs in pairs



Changing headlight bulbs in pairs assures that the road ahead will be properly illuminated and that drivers will get the full safety benefit of the vehicle's headlights, just as the carmaker intended.

Why replace aging headlight bulbs?

Few drivers include headlight bulb replacement in their vehicle maintenance routines. But old headlight bulbs can drastically compromise visibility at night, when drivers' visual acuity is naturally reduced by as much as 70 percent. As headlight bulbs age, the effects of exposure to sunlight, ozone and pollution can significantly reduce their light output. According to Philips Automotive, a leading manufacturer of vehicle lighting components, headlight bulbs begin to project significantly less light within two to three years of their initial usage, producing dimmer light outputs that compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers. For example, new headlight bulbs capable of projecting 240-foot beams in front of a vehicle may see that projection dwindle to just 160 feet within two to three years.

Why replace bulbs two at a time?

In an effort to promote the importance of changing headlight bulbs two at a time, Philips developed the "Change In Pairs" safety campaign, which aims to educate motorists about the dangers of dimming lights while promoting the many reasons that changing bulbs in pairs makes the road safer for all travelers. To support this safety initiative, Philips also packages its Upgrade Headlight Bulbs in pairs.

Though replacing two head-

light bulbs when only one is dimming may seem unwarranted, maintaining a consistent light output in both headlights makes the road safer for drivers, their passengers and oncoming motorists. When only one bulb is replaced, the resulting light output can be both unbalanced and unpredictable, providing inadequate lighting that can compromise driver visibility.

In addition, oncoming motorists may experience difficulty seeing vehicles with just one headlight operating at full capacity, and some may even mistake oncoming cars and trucks for motorcycles, creating positioning issues for drivers on both sides of the yellow line.

How else can drivers improve visibility?

In addition to replacing headlight bulbs in pairs every two to three years, drivers can take the following proactive measures to reduce the likelihood that their vision will be compromised while on the road.

- Replace worn out wiper blades. Wiper blades need to be changed each season or in three-month intervals. Rubber wiper blades can grow brittle rather quickly, potentially compromising driver visibility at times when they need their vision to be as strong as possible, such as when rain or snow is falling.

- Clean interior glass and mirrors. Over time, interior glass can develop a film-like buildup that reduces vision and creates hazy reflections from the sun. Smokers may notice such buildup is especially thick in their vehicles. Periodically clean interior glass and mirrors to prevent this film from compromising your vision.

- Don't hang accessories in your vehicle. Fuzzy dice, photos and other items hung on rear-view mirrors can prove distracting and block you from seeing the road.

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2. Carry a safety kit. It should include a snow shovel, broom and ice scraper for getting mud, snow and ice out of your way and off your windshield; abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter, in case your vehicle gets stuck in muck, ice or snow; jumper cables; a flashlight so you're not left in the dark; warning devices such as flares and emergency markers so you can be seen on the side of the road; blankets for protection from the cold; a cell phone with charger; and bottled water so you stay hydrated.

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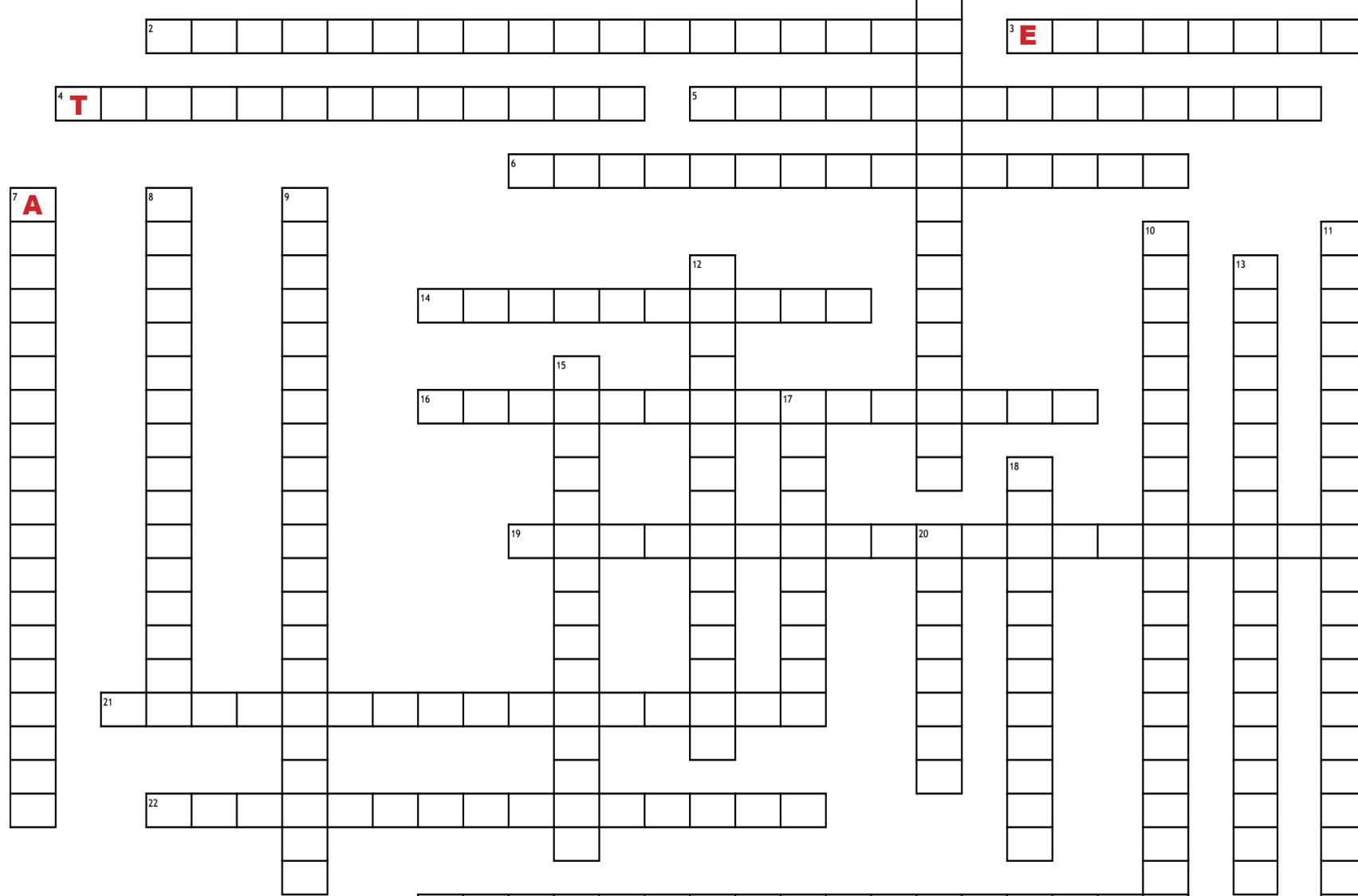
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