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State Rep. Paul Frost with members of the Auburn Police Department

Coffee with a Cop builds relationships

BY KIMBERLY MASCHI
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Auburn Police Department held Coffee with a Cop at the local Starbucks on Saturday.

Coffee with a Cop is meant to help relationship building between police officers and the community. It was initially launched in 2011 and this year the Auburn police decided to host the event locally. The department made a statement saying the event had a “nice turnout for our first official attempt.”

The department thanks the local Starbucks in Auburn for hosting. Sergeant Paul Lombardi organized and attended the event. Lombardi has worked tirelessly to help the police department and community come together.

“Officer Lombardi has dedicated the last three weeks to helping the Tarentino family with everything,” states the department.

Lombardi was recently on the popular radio show on WAAF discussing a comedy show in the hope to raise money to help Officer Tarentino’s

family.

Representative Paul Frost, attended the Coffee with a Cop event.

“I don’t always get my coffee from Starbucks...but when I do it’s nice to have a Coffee with a Cop!” said Frost.

Frost continued, “Thank you and all your brothers and sister in Blue for what they do.”

Frost posed for pictures with the local police and residents.

The police set out coloring pages and snacks for the local children who came for the event.

Residents who could not make it to

the event expressed their appreciation for the local police through their Facebook page.

Resident Rose Stevens writes, “I appreciate the sacrifices they make everyday to ‘Protect & Serve’ Thank you, be safe, and God bless.”

Conni Williams said, “Great job Lombardi!” praising the sergeant who put the whole event together.

The Auburn Police Department plans on hosting the event again in the future.

Dagilis announces retirement plans

WORCESTER — Jill C. Dagilis, executive director of Worcester Community Action Council, Inc. (WCAC) announced she will be stepping down May 31, 2019 after more than 12 years with the agency. Dagilis was appointed as executive director at WCAC in 2006 following 24 years with the city of Worcester.



Jill C. Dagilis

“It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the executive director of Worcester

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Sheriff Evangelidis announces national accreditation



Courtesy Photo

Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis and Worcester County Sheriff’s Office Superintendent David Tuttle along with WCSO employees Diane Cook, Kimberly Roy & Dominic Barbara receiving their certificate of accreditation from American Correctional Association (ACA) Officials recently in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Worcester County Sheriff’s Office received 100% compliance for all mandatory standards.

WEST BOYLSTON — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis has announced the Worcester County Sheriff’s Office has successfully completed all the requirements for re-accreditation from the nationally recognized American Correctional

Association (ACA). Earning 100% compliance for all mandatory standards and 98.4% for non-mandatory standards. Built in 1973, the Worcester County Jail & House of Correction is the oldest county correctional facility in Massachusetts. Due to the inherent

structural and square footage limitations of an older facility, physical plant waivers were awarded by the evaluation panel during the accreditation

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Local company part of economic development incentives

BOSTON — In September the Baker-Polito Administration approved nine economic development projects for state or local incentives under the Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP). The Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC) certified five projects that will be eligible to receive state tax credits and as well as local incentives from their host communities. An additional four companies were approved to enter local property-tax agreements with municipalities. Combined, these projects are expected to create 890 new jobs, retain 2,121 jobs, and leverage \$136 million in private

investment. “Our administration has worked hard to extend and expand resources for cities and towns to encourage job growth and attract private investment, for the benefit of residents across the Commonwealth,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “The Economic Development Incentive Program is an important part of the suite of tools we have to foster growing businesses, create new, well-paying jobs and help municipalities create the conditions for long-term economic growth in their communities.”

“As Massachusetts local officials

work diligently to build walkable, vibrant downtowns, support small businesses and meet the needs of their residents, our goal is to bolster locally-driven efforts to drive economic development,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “In August, Governor Baker signed a new, \$1.1 billion economic development bill to further critical programs, like MassWorks, EDIP and Seaport Economic Council awards which will build upon Massachusetts’ growth and provide municipalities and small businesses with vital resources to foster regional success and equity.”

“Since 2015, I’ve traveled through-

out Massachusetts to learn more from local officials, our business community, and communities about how we can better assist municipalities in their

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BVAA hosting shopping events

When thinking of unique gifts and cards, keep the Blackstone Valley Artist Association on your list of places to go. The gallery at Open Skies at 5 South Main St. in Uxbridge is open every Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. It will be hosting a First Night event with an artist reception for the annual Tapestry show.

The Tapestry Show is an open community event that features art work from the community as a whole weaving all generations, ethnicities, and abilities into one unique body of work. The reception will be held Dec. 1 along with all the other town wide activities. There will be goodies served and raffles to help support the galleries objectives.

We will then switch gears and have a small works show. Our artists will have small affordable works of art, prints and cards for sale. Elizabeth Havens will be featuring her made to order pet portraits. She will be there. Dec. 1, 8, and 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring a picture of your animal and Betty will do a watercolor in front of you for \$15 unmatted/\$20 matted. She is a popular addition to this venue. She has also done her portraits at Quite Fetching Barkery, in Grafton Center.

Other artists will be doing various activities during our Saturday hours. See our website weekly to see what is happening.

The BVAA has an art show at the Worcester Senior Center and there will be an opening there on Dec. 18 from 2-4 p.m.

The first prestigious Small Stones Art Festival was held at Apple Tree Arts in November. Twelve BVAA members were accepted into this juried show and four of the 12 awards went to our photographers.

January is our featured photography month, we will be hosting our "Anything Goes" open show. Over 100 photos were submitted last year which made for a great exhibition. Cash prizes are awarded. See our web page for details.

Contact Carol Frieswick for more information at info@bvaa.net

AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Golden Age Club of Charlton holds its Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Christmas items, handmade items, baked goods, raffles, and a white elephant sale. Luncheon includes homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more!

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. will again host a Christmas Fair from 8 am to 2pm, Saturday, December 1 at The Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Road, Charlton. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton community. The always popular "Gramma's Attic" will be offered and will be brimming with donations/bargains from our generous members. Cookies by the pound, crafts, raffles and so much more. We will be introducing "chapel" sauce, a homemade and delicious addition to the fair. Please join us, share the fun, the bargains and especially to... "HELP US TO HELP OTHERS."

LIBRARY FAIR: The 4th annual Library Holiday Craft & Gift Fair will be Saturday Dec. 1 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St., Charlton. All proceeds benefit the Charlton Public Library

CHARLTON ANGEL FAIR: The Charlton City United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Fair with a theme of "Angels" from 9 am to 3 pm at 74 Stafford St. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find items for everyone. Grandma's Christmas Treasures, jewelry, plants, homemade wreaths, a silent auction, cookies, pies and much, much more! Coffee and donuts will be served from 9-11 a.m. followed by a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available. Any questions call the church at (508) 248-7379.

FIFTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL: The 5th annual Winter Festival at East

Brookfield Elementary, 410 E. Main St. is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 AM-2PM. Pix with Santa \$20 for a package; food for purchase and Kid's Activity Room.

PEPPERMINT CHRISTMAS FAIR: Quaboag Valley Baptist Church, 175 Fiskdale Road, Brookfield is holding its 8th annual Peppermint Christmas Vendor & Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1st from 9 am until 2:30 pm. Lots of vendors, handcrafted gifts, baked goods, food, raffles, Christmas photos & more! 100% of proceeds to benefit Global One80.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: The First Congregational Church of Dudley, 135 Center Road Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 1 between 10 AM and 4 PM. The fair will include Selfies with Santa, crafters & vendors, LBS Christmas and Gift Shop, handmade quilt drawing, Basket Drawings, baked goods table, Café and live entertainment. The building is handicap accessible. For more information visit our website-events at www.uccdudley.org.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA: The annual Christmas Tea at First Congregational Church, Oxford will be Saturday, Dec. 1. Doors open for tea & sweets at 9:30 am; luncheon selections served 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Fair featuring gift baskets, baked goods, Granny's Attic - Gently Used Treasures; Raffle Room; Book Nook; door prizes. Food selections include soup, entrée, desserts cart, specialty teas, coffee & hot chocolate

SANTA BREAKFAST & FAIR: Operation Graduation 2019 will be holding its annual breakfast and vendor fair at Oxford High School Saturday Dec. 1 8 a.m.-noon. Adults \$5, Children \$3 (3-12), children under 3 free. Pictures with Santa \$5 donation. Pancakes and sausage will be served, raffles, face painting, activities and goodies for the children. Vendor tables available \$25 per six foot table; \$5 per additional table. Email jbrescia@oxps.org for more info.

HOLIDAY FAIR: Fraternal Order of Eagles, 59 Mill St., Southbridge will hold its annual Holiday Fair Saturday, Dec. 1 noon to 5 p.m. Vendors are being sought now: cost is \$15 per eight foot table plus one item donated for raffle. Contact Lynne Bertrand at (774) 230-1465 to secure your space.

SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE: Auburn's Scouting Troop 101 will have Christmas wreaths, baskets, and logs on sale at the Auburn Post Office on Saturdays Dec. 1 and 8, from 9AM-noon. Help fund Scouting activities! For inquiries or pre-sale, call George (774-239-2240)

CRAFT FAIR: Need unique, one of a kind Christmas gifts? Look no further than the Holly Berry Fair at the Sturbridge Federated Church, 8 Maple St., Sturbridge, on Dec. 1 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Local artisans and craftspeople will be selling all manner of handmade items including needlework, paintings and cards, Christmas ornaments, and other surprises. Come! Enjoy hassle-free shopping while supporting local artisans and crafts people.

CRAFT FAIR: Tis the season for crafters and lovers of locally made products. On Saturday, Dec. 1, the Leicester Turn To **FAIRS** page **A6**

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Honest Thief films in Oxford



Sarah Champagne photos

The film Honest Thief films in Oxford Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018.

BY SARAH CHAMPAGNE
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Oxford residents were surprised to learn last week that a star or two might be in their midst. News circulated quickly that Hollywood had come to Oxford and a production crew was in town to film scenes for an upcoming movie called Honest Thief. The movie stars Liam Neeson and Kate Walsh in

a story about a high-stakes criminal who falls in love with a woman and then wants to change his ways to lead an honest life. The lead character, played by Irish actor Neeson, has a hard time disentangling himself from a life of crime.

Scenes for the action movie were filmed at Life Storage in Oxford. Life Storage had recently bought the property from Uncle Bob's Storage and has built a large multi-story indoor storage facility.

The indoor storage units supplement the former all outdoor-facing rows of storage units on the property.

The setting must have seemed ideal to movie scouts because the main characters in Honest Thief meet at a storage facility. The repentant thief of the title has loot stashed in a storage unit and the woman he falls in love with works at that storage facility.

Diane Piegza, vice president of corporate communications for Life Storage, said that it is not the first time that the company has been asked for use of one of the company's sites for films or other projects. She says that Oxford-based employees of the company had been working in a trailer that was made into office space as the new storage facility was being built.

"We just expanded and built a new facility, so the timing worked out for us and for the production company," Piegza says. "We could have our asso-

ciates work out of the office trailer for another week or so."

Piegza and the Oxford-based employees couldn't comment specifically on whether or not any of the units in the new building had been rented out yet, but Piegza noted the "clean slate" of the new building lent itself to filming. Logos or other branding for Life Storage, based out of Buffalo, NY, will not be seen in the movie.

"We make sure our customers are not inconvenienced. If there is anything unusual going on, we would also contact our customers ahead of time," Piegza comments.

Oxford locals tried to get a glimpse of the filming as crews set up outside of the new facility. Large screens and lights, cranes and other equipment filled the parking lot facing the busy road Tuesday, Nov. 6 through Thursday, Nov. 8. Pedestrians were allowed to stand nearby and watch the crew work. A police officer stayed near the entrance to the property during filming. Police officers may have had to monitor traffic on the busy section of road; once word got out that a movie starring Kate Walsh and Liam Neeson was being filmed at the location, motorists would slow down even to a near stop to try to catch a glimpse.

Locals did not report any sightings of either celebrity, but many held out hope. A sign outside the nearby Route 12 Convenience store was changed to read "Welcome Liam" for the duration of the local filming. The crew parked and had meals at the nearby American Legion hall and several trailers for production personnel filled the lot next door to Life Storage, where Five Star Soccer Academy and K's Ambulance have headquarters.

An employee at Route 12 Convenience said the store's owners had put out the sign to express the excitement and buzz around town about the filming. She said she didn't know if anyone from the production, or Neeson himself, had seen the sign, but that someone had come in and bought twelve bags of ice early that morning.

"That's got to be something, right? What kind of local buys twelve bags of ice on a morning in New England? In November?" she asked.

The Oxford site was the first to



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be used for the part of filming listed as taking place in "Boston." In fact, the first "trivia item" for the film has been added to the Internet Movie Database, referring to the Oxford filming site.

The production has now moved on to Worcester, where several scenes have been filmed downtown near the DCU Center.



Signs in front of the American Legion in Oxford direct production crew members to parking and catering service for the film Honest Thief.



A sign outside of Route 12 Convenience in Oxford welcomes Liam Neeson to town.

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right now to prevent foreclosure even if you get a little bit less. Inventory is much more important that time of year when it comes to selling most homes. I suggest you look at how many homes sold this time of year in the previous years compared to the other months of the year in your neighborhood and price range. If you find that no homes have sold in those months then it is possible that waiting till sales typically happen could be more important than current inven-



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tory. Usually inventory is crucial. If you find that no homes in your price range in neighborhood are for sale or that the inventory is limited and those homes have been selling quickly then you would want to list

your home while you have less sellers even if there were less buyers this time of year. The most important time to sell your home is when your home is in show ready condition and you are ready to move. If you are not ready to move in 60-90 days then do not put your home for sale. Many times people will tell me that we can list higher so it takes longer to sell. I suggest we just wait until you are ready to move that way you can price the home

appropriately and most likely get more money for it. The other important factor is that if your home needs work to get it ready to sell then I suggest most of the time you complete the work even if the inventory is low because just because other homes are selling does not mean that yours will. If you want to move in the next 6-9 months, then I would suggest you meet with a Real Estate professional now so they can help you decide what the best strategy and timing will be for your home sale.

bankHometown kicks off 15th year of contributing to annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors campaign

OXFORD — bankHometown kicked off its 15th year of participating in the annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Campaign with a challenge to local residents to help support local food pantries.

For more than 30 years, NHN has helped people faced with financial difficulties caused by accidents, fires, life challenging illness and disabilities or other reasons beyond their control. Each November, customers and community members are invited to be a Hometown Hero for a \$1 donation or a Hometown Superhero for a \$5 donation, and business customers are solicited to contribute in larger amounts. bankHometown then matches all donations, dollar for dollar, and splits the

funds among food pantries that serve the areas surrounding each of its seven offices.

This year's campaign includes an opportunity to enter a drawing for a \$25 gift card. Anyone may participate just by dropping by one of bankHometown's 13 offices to make a donation in Massachusetts or Connecticut.

bankHometown President and CEO, Matthew S. Sosik said, "Last year's campaign concluded with a total distribution of \$25,000, representing contributions from personal and business customers, bank employees and directors, and a dollar for dollar matching gift from the bank. It's a way for the bank and its customers to make a real difference in the lives of local resi-

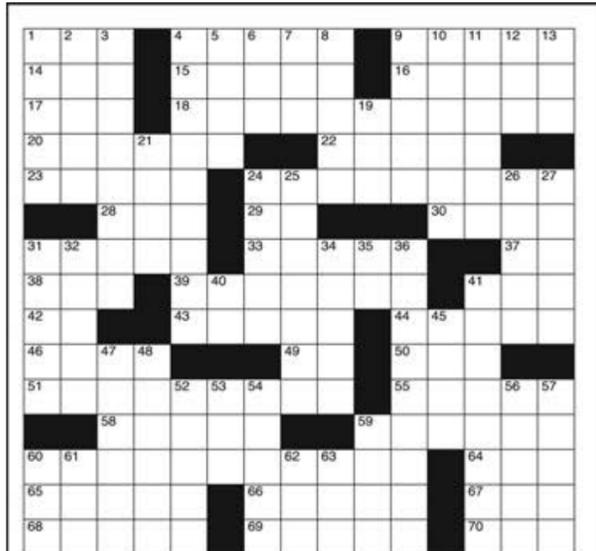
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- 66. Coined for one occasion
- 67. Pitching stat
- 68. "M" actor
- 69. Some are noble
- 70. Lair

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Places to eat
- 2. Marketplace
- 3. Unoriginality
- 4. Administrative officials
- 5. Female sheep and a loch in Scotland
- 6. Something to drill for
- 7. Midway between north and northeast
- 8. Cassia tree
- 9. Founder of medical pathology
- 10. Long-legged wading bird
- 11. ___ and goers
- 12. Go quickly
- 13. Used to cut and shape wood
- 19. Small island (British)
- 21. Dry or withered
- 24. "Last of the Mohicans" actress
- 25. Manufacturers need one
- 26. Tidal bore
- 27. Makes free of moisture
- 31. Semitic titles
- 32. Inappropriate
- 34. Gregory __, US dancer
- 35. ___, denotes past
- 36. Makes nicer
- 40. Indicates position
- 41. Made a priest
- 45. Sixth month of Jewish calendar
- 47. One who refrains
- 48. Type of top
- 52. Pay increase
- 53. Curved shape
- 54. Keeping down
- 56. Sleep sound
- 57. Tiny Iranian village
- 59. Only one time
- 60. Elected official
- 61. Before the present
- 62. Genus of grasses
- 63. Autonomic nervous system



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Stageloft to present A Christmas Survival Guide

SECOND PRODUCTION INCLUDES COMPAQ BIG BAND CONCERT

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE — Stageloft Repertory Theatre is getting ready for the holiday season with two performances that are guaranteed to spread some holiday cheer throughout Sturbridge and entertain audience members of all ages.

The theatre, which has been putting on holiday plays and musicals since its opening in 1994, switched owners in 2014 when its founder Ed Cornely passed the business down to its new artistic director Christine Taylor, who is determined to keep bringing in new and unique productions.

"I'm always looking for something that might not have been done," said Taylor. "Throughout the year, I take suggestions from audience members, our performers, and people I work with and spend a lot of time researching plays and reading scripts."

For this year's main holiday production, Taylor decided on A Christmas Survival Guide, a comical musical that is perfect for anyone who is all too familiar with both the stresses and joys that accompany the holiday season. Written by James Hindman and Ray Roderick and directed by Christine Taylor and Leah Marley, A Christmas Survival Guide is a musical revue that humorously revolves around a guidebook that exists to help its readers handle holiday pressures.

"The characters in A Christmas Survival Guide go through seasonal trials and tribulations, initially following

the guidebook carefully and ultimately realizing that they might not need it after all," said Taylor. "It's fun, upbeat, comical, and family-friendly."

The show features five actors who have a history of participating in plays at Stageloft, including Meg Norton, Justin Matson, and Amy Matson, who were all featured in The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Libbey Stearns, who appeared in The Hunchback of Notre Dame and The Graduate, and Christopher Crockett-Sears, who performed in The Graduate and Four Weddings and an Elvis. They will be accompanied by a six-piece band, the largest musical group that has ever performed for a play at Stageloft, which will be directed by keyboard player James Joinville.

"There will be some unfamiliar songs, but also traditional songs that people will know, such as 'The Man with the Bag and a Mashup of O Little Town of Bethlehem, Amazing Grace, and Some Children See Him,'" said Taylor. "We have an absolutely wonderful sound system and microphones on all the performers."

With the humor, charm, heartfelt moments, and holiday music, Taylor believes that Stageloft's production of A Christmas Survival Guide has something for everyone.

"This play is exactly the kind of performance that Stageloft does really well," she said.

This holiday season, Stageloft will also be hosting the Compaq Big Band for the very first time. The musical group was originally



Photo courtesy Christine Taylor.

The cast of A Christmas Survival Guide. Left to right: Meg Norton, Christopher Crockett-Sears, Libbey Stearns, Justin Matson, and Amy Matson

an employee club at Digital Equipment Corporation, which was absorbed into Compaq in 1998 and later acquired by Hewlett-Packard, but is now an independent band that plays shows regularly and collaborates with other performers.

"It's really something cool and different," said Christine Taylor, executive director of Stageloft. "The band used to be all computer guys and gals who played music, but now it includes both professional and

amateur musicians."

A Christmas Survival Guide will be playing at Stageloft from Saturday, Nov. 24 through Sunday, Dec. 9 with performances at 8pm on Fridays, 2pm and 8pm on Saturdays, and 2pm on Sundays. The Compaq Big Band will have one performance on Friday, Dec. 14 at 8pm. Tickets for both holiday productions are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors age 60 and over, students, and U.S. military officials, and \$10 for children

under age 12.

Stageloft is also getting ready to begin its 2019 season, with auditions scheduled to start on Monday, Jan. 14 and Tuesday, Jan. 15 starting at 6:30pm. The first shows of the year will be Real Housewives the Musical and Legally Blonde.

For a full audition schedule or to purchase tickets for A Christmas Survival Guide or the Compaq Big Band, go to <http://stageloft.org> or call 508-347-9005.

Becker College establishes new school

Becker College announced the establishment of its fifth school: the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. The new school replaces the current Division of Accelerated and Professional Studies effective immediately, and centralizes the administration of the college's graduate programs.

The School of Graduate and Professional Studies offers degrees and professional certificate programs in many disciplines designed to meet the needs of the adult-learner. With online and evening courses, students will be able to customize their academic experience to develop specialized skills required in today's workplace. Additionally, the school will consolidate resources currently supporting Becker's Master of Arts in mental health counseling and Master of Fine Arts in interactive media, which will maintain close ties with the departments where they are currently based.

"The addition of this fifth school allows us to keep pace with the rapidly changing professional marketplace and helps us respond to the demands of our ever-growing student body," said Nancy P. Crimmin, Ed.D., president of Becker College. "It also ensures that we maintain a climate of data-informed decision-making regarding graduate

and professional academic programs and offerings."

The new school will be headed, on an interim basis, by Ursula Furi-Perry, J.D., Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. A national search is currently underway for a new dean.

"Today's global economy and ever-evolving workplace require continuous learning and development," said Furi-Perry. "We have expanded our course offerings to better serve those individuals who see the world around them changing quickly and want to stay relevant or advance in their careers."

Among the new programs being offered at the school are: associate's degree in human services, bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and homeland security, and certificate in alcohol & drug abuse counseling.

The School of Graduate and Professional Studies is the latest academic unit added at the college. On July 1st, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences was formally launched and earlier this Spring, the Colleen C. Barrett Center for Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship opened, providing students access to cutting-edge technologies, including an augmented reality/virtual reality lab, game and

live studios, and an e-sports lab.

Becker's other schools – the School of Design and Technology, the School of Animal Studies and Natural Sciences, and the School of Nursing and Health Sciences – are renowned for their programs, including nursing, animal studies and game design. The Princeton

Review recently ranked Becker the #4 best school in world to study game design.

For more information about the new School of Graduate and Professional Studies, visit: www.becker.edu/academic/gps

INCENTIVE

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work to improve their local economies and provide new opportunities for residents," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Jay Ash. "Through our economic development bills in 2016 and 2018, we have enhanced the Economic Development Incentive Program, and we are pleased to continue partnering with businesses and municipalities to create new opportunities for workers across the Commonwealth."

"A thriving business sector is critical for a strong Commonwealth, and benefits our cities and towns in a variety of ways, including by sponsoring local sports leagues and leading downtown revitalization," said Assistant Secretary of Business Development and International Trade Nam Pham. "These tax credit awards help small businesses grow and contribute more to their local economies by creating new jobs and

enhancing the local tax base."

Since 2015, the EACC has approved 204 economic development projects. These projects will lead to the creation of 13,246 jobs, retention of 30,011 existing jobs, and leverage over \$5.7 billion in private investment. Additionally, the EACC has assisted 91 manufacturing companies and 92 companies in Gateway Cities during this period.

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Elijah is of Lebanese and Cape Verdean descent. He is funny, social and enjoys being around other children. He loves to play outside and watch television. Elijah has played baseball in the past and would also love the opportunity to try soccer. Elijah's foster mother says that Elijah has a big heart, and that he is very helpful around the house and will even ask to help with chores! He does well in class and has friends at school.

Ready for adoption, Devondrick and Elijah would like to be placed in a home together with a mother and a father, a single mother or a single father. Their social worker is open to exploring families with or without other children in the home.

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Task Force attempts to address issues surrounding opiates in Webster

BY ANNIE SANDOLI
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — The Webster Opiate Task Force held a public forum at Gladys E. Kelley Library on Thursday, November 15 to further open up a discussion about addiction and the resources that are available to the community.

The task force initiative began about a year and a half ago after a noticeable increase in drug overdoses in Webster and has since offered free Narcan trainings, recovery resources, and social work referrals to individuals who are suffering or recovering from an addiction.

“We do have an opioid addiction issue in town that is part of a nationwide crisis,” said Michael Shaw, deputy chief of the Webster Police Department and chairman of the Webster Opioid Task Force. “Our goal for this event is to educate people on the services that are out there and reassure them that they can get help and we as a community are working towards progress.”

The first guest speaker of the evening was Tara Rivera, a business development officer at Recovery Centers of America who is in long-term recovery herself. She told her story of growing up with parents who were both addicts during her

childhood, losing her father to an overdose, watching her two brothers fall into the addictive habits, entering young adulthood with substance abuse issues herself, attending recovery meetings with her mother at a young age, and finally convincing herself to get the help she needed.

“I haven’t had a drink or drug in 21 years,” she said, to which the audience applauded.

Rivera also educated the audience on national and state drug abuse statistics, why people tend to start using drugs, and how addiction affects the brain, stressing the fact that substance dependency is a “chronic, relapsing brain disease.”

“Dopamine gets released into our system when we use drugs,” she said. “Because of the high levels of dopamine that come with addiction, your body stops producing dopamine naturally. That’s when I say your brain breaks.”

The second guest speaker at the event was Chris Savasta of Millbury, a recovering addict who talked about his long and winding path to recovery from a life of gambling and substance abuse that began when he was still a child.

“I remember going to Atlantic City when I was 9 years old and watching my father put money



Annie Sandoli photo

A public forum on opiates drew a crowd to Webster

in slot machines,” he said. “I smoked my first cigarette at age 12, got drunk at age 13, smoked weed at age 14, and drank a little in high school.”

Savasta spent years mourning the loss of two of his friends, which he says was probably the trauma that prompted him to continue his addictive behavior. He spent his first years of adulthood gambling away the money he earned from selling cars and bartending, committing crimes for painkillers, heroine, and cocaine, doing time in jail, and relapsing. Yet thanks to help from the Reconciliation

House, a men’s sober house in Webster, and his own desire to heal, he is approaching the end of his second year in recovery.

“Yesterday, I signed up for classes at Nichols and I start in January,” he said, to which the audience applauded once again. “I feel like recovery is all about balance, meetings, getting and taking advice, and holding yourself accountable. I know I’m going to be alright.”

The Webster Opiate Task Force is continuing to make progress on a regular basis with new initiatives and programs, including having home

visits 24 to 72 hours after an overdose and creating plans to bring a branch of The Phoenix, a sober active community, to the town.

“People do succeed at this and get better, and that is the main reason we do what we do,” said Shaw.

The task force is planning to have another panel discussion similar to this one in the spring. For updates and more information on Webster’s fight against the opioid crisis, visit the Webster Opiate Task Force Facebook page or contact the Webster Police Department.

Tobacco advertising collectibles

CDC statistics show that 42.4% of the population smoked in 1965. By 2014, the figure had dropped to 16.8%. Despite the declining number of smokers, many people still collect tobacco related memorabilia.



ANTIQUES,
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Before I discuss tobacco memorabilia, I’ll provide some tobacco history. Tobacco in North and South America dates back to 6,000 BC, according to the University of Dayton website. Native Americans used tobacco for religious and medicinal purposes as early as 1 BC. Native Americans gifted Christopher Columbus with tobacco. The plant was brought back to Europe, where it was believed to have healing properties. They thought it could cure everything from cancer

to bad breath. Tobacco was even used as currency during the 1600s. In 1776 tobacco was used as collateral for loans to France that helped finance the Revolutionary War. The danger of tobacco use was first discovered in 1826, when nicotine was discovered to be a dangerous poison. In 1836, New Englander Samuel Green stated that it was an insecticide and could kill people. Despite the reported dangers, Philip Morris began selling hand rolled Turkish cigarettes in 1847. J.E. Liggett and Brother was established in 1849 and became the world’s first manufacturer of plug chewing tobacco in 1855. In 1901 3.5 billion cigarettes and 6 billion cigars were sold. Cigarette demand increased from 1914-18

during World War I when they were called “soldier’s smoke.” During the 1920s, Marlboro and Lucky Strikes marketing was targeted toward women. During World War II cigarette companies provided cigarettes for soldiers that were included in their C-rations.

More studies came out in the 1950s showing evidence linking cigarette smoking and lung cancer. In 1964 the Surgeon General’s report on “Smoking and Health” was issued, linking smoking to lung cancer and heart disease.

Cigarette advertising was curtailed in 1964, but there are plenty of earlier advertising collectibles that can fetch huge auction prices. An “Our advertiser” cardboard store display filled with tobacco sacks sold for \$8,000 at auction in 2014. A trifold Old Gold cigarettes sign depicting Babe Ruth brought over \$9,000 in 2009. A 1934 die-cut card cardboard sign

picturing Dizzy Dean and Paul “Daffy” Dean advertised Beech-Nut tobacco. It sold for \$12,000 in 2015. Last year a 6 sheet lithographed poster sold for Mail Pouch tobacco fetched \$25,000 at auction. Some wooden antique hand carved “cigar store Indians” have sold for over \$100,000 at auction.

Even some of the tins that held the tobacco can be very valuable. A Shogun tobacco mixture tin brought \$7,500 in 2010. A taxi crimp cut tobacco tin went for \$4,750 in a 2011 auction. An Empire State pocket tin picturing the Empire State Building sold for \$20,000 on the auction block in 2014. A Ty Cobb tobacco tin also went to auction in 2014. When the smoke cleared, it had sold for \$16,000.

I’ll be at the Shrewsbury Historical Society on December 12th at 7:00 PM for an antiques presentation. It is open to the public. We are continuing to accept quality consignments

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High School Art Club will hold its 16th annual holiday craft fair 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the school. Admission is free to the public. Crafters will feature jewelry, knitted items, wreaths, floral items, greeting cards, candles, stained glass products, gift baskets, homemade soaps, and much more. The snow date is Sunday, Dec. 2.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The annual Christmas Bazaar is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1 9:00AM – 2:00PM at St. Joseph’s Parish Center, 68 Central St., Auburn. Come and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas Bazaar and check out

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at the town hall in the evening.

WHITE CHRISTMAS AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL: First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St. West Brookfield will open at noon Dec. 2 for lunch featuring a scrumptious hot turkey sandwich, homemade soups, hot cider, a huge bake table and our massive and extremely popular and huge Holiday Raffle. The afternoon will bring a bell choir concert and our traditional Carols and Cocoa sing-a-long with free cookies and cocoa. New this year: a Lularoe dealer with beautiful garments to help you wrap up your shopping needs! For more information on the events at the church please call 508-867-7078.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8

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

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DAGILIS

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Community Action Council,” said Dagilis in a statement. “Every day I am inspired by WCAC’s mission and our efforts to help people in need move to economic self-sufficiency. I am humbled to work with such a dedicated Board of Directors and staff team. I am very thankful for WCAC’s strong partnerships with public, private and non-profit partners, our generous donors, legislative leaders, and volunteers

because together we have provided programs that contribute to the improved health and well-being of individuals, families and stronger communities in central Massachusetts. WCAC is well-positioned for the future with a strong financial base, and a talented, experienced staff and Board of Directors. I look forward to working with the Board, staff, and our federal, state, and local funders to ensure a smooth transition. I have dedicated my professional and volunteer service to the people and communities in this region. I am now

looking forward to spending time with family and pursuing my other interests.”

Board Chairperson Noreen Johnson Smith stated, “The board of directors is deeply grateful to Jill for her dedicated service to the community and for her longstanding commitment to alleviating poverty and helping all families move toward self-sufficiency. She has devoted herself to public service for many years, strengthening the city of Worcester and communities throughout central Massachusetts. Jill has been working with the board

during the past several months to ensure a smooth transition for the agency. The board will engage an executive search firm to support this process.”

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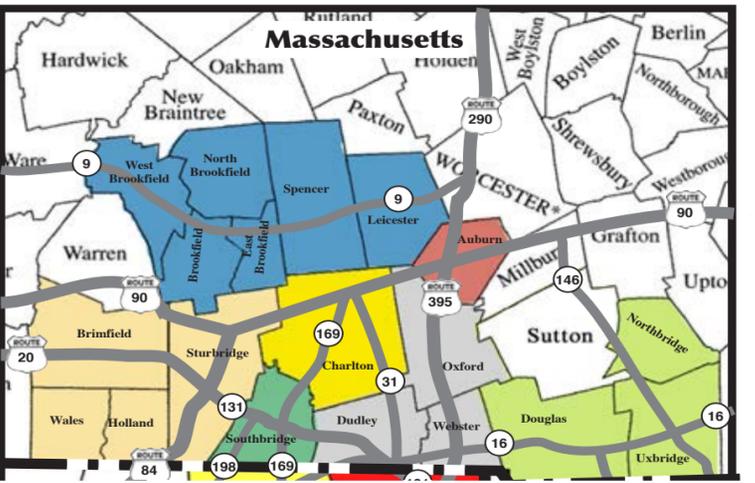
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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



Take a Walk

As Benjamin Franklin once stated, “Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning.” The Auburn Public School District is committed to continuous improvement and one initiative that is focused on that is Learning Walks. A Learning Walk is a brief classroom visit utilizing a tool that provides principals and teachers opportunities to reflect on what students are learning, learning strategies, student interaction with the content and student engagement. Learning Walks are 12-15 minute observations conducted by a mix of professionals from across the District - or even between districts - focused on specific teaching and learning standards and elements (identified by the district and aligned to the MA Educator Evaluation tool).

Data is collected around the identified area of focus, analyzed, collated and shared with the Principal of the building. The data is never used in an evaluative manner for teachers or administrators, but rather it is used to have discussions that reinforce attention to an instructional focus on teaching and learning. In addition, these Learning Walks help administrators to calibrate their observations, which ultimately will strengthen the formal evaluation process used in the District.

To capture data, members will listen to the teacher and students, observe actions of all participants and talk to students ONLY when appropriate (for clarity). The teams note just the facts and make no assumptions. They are there to observe the classroom environment and learning opportunities.

The collected data is then discussed

ROCKETS REVIEW

DR. KATHLEEN LAUZÉ, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

amongst the Learning Walk Team members to identify trends. The group chooses summary finding statements and establishes “Grows” and “Glow” (at least three commendations and three recommendations). The Learning Walk facilitator provides the building principal with finalized data in a written report and ultimately, the building principal decides

what and how to share the data with all stakeholders as they deem appropriate.

Some ways that principals may choose to share the data are through their building leadership team or department chairs. They may share it for discussion at grade level Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) or at a general staff meeting. The data may inform future professional development, peer observations, coaching needs or simply guide future Learning Walks.

Our goal is to conduct these at least three times per year per building. It helps all of us learn from other participants through everyone’s observations, questions, experiences and perspectives while deepening our understandings and practices related to continuous improvement. Thus far, Learning Walks have been a bright spot for the Learning Walk Teams as being in classrooms seeing where the real work happens keeps us truly focused on what is most important: the achievement of our students.

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

Time to think about year-end investment moves



FINANCIAL FOCUS

DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

We’ve still got a couple of months left in 2018, but it’s not too soon to start thinking about some year-end investment moves that might benefit you. Here are a few possibilities (although not all will apply to your situation):

Add to your IRA. For the 2018 tax year, you can put up to \$5,500 into your traditional or Roth IRA (assuming you are eligible), or \$6,500 if you’re 50 or older. If you haven’t reached this limit, consider adding some money. You have until April 15, 2019, to contribute to your IRA for 2018, but why wait until the last minute?

Increase your 401(k) contributions. You already may be investing in your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might be able to bump up your contributions for the rest of the year, if it’s allowed. Of course, you should always put in enough to earn your employer’s matching contribution, if one is offered.

Take your RMDs. If you are 70½ or older, you must start taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Generally, you must take these RMDs by Dec. 31 every year. But if you turned 70½ in 2018, you can wait until April 1, 2019, until you take your first RMD. However, you will then have to take a second RMD (the one for age 71) by Dec. 31, 2019. Taking two RMDs in one year could give you an unexpectedly large taxable income for the year, possibly bumping you into a higher tax bracket and affecting the amount of your Social Security benefits subject to taxes. So, if you are considering delaying your first RMD, consult with your tax advisor.

Make changes in response to life events. In 2018, did you experience a major life event, such as a marriage, divorce or addition of a child? Or did you change jobs or retire? Any of these events could lead you to adjust your investment plans, so now may be the time to do so, possibly with the help of a financial professional.

Review your investment mix. At least once a year, it’s a good idea to review your investment mix to ensure it’s still suitable for your goals and risk tolerance. Sometimes, even without your taking any action, your portfolio might change in ways you hadn’t expected. For example, suppose you wanted your portfolio to contain 60% stocks and 40% bonds and other investments. After a period of rising prices, though, the value of your stocks may have increased so much that they now occupy 65% of your portfolio – which means you may be taking on more risk than you had originally intended. Consequently, you may need to rebalance your portfolio to get back to your original 60% to 40% ratios. (Keep in mind that these figures are just for illustration; everyone’s ideal portfolio mix will depend on their individual situations.)

These aren’t the only year-end moves you may want to consider, but they can help you close out 2018 on a positive note. Plus, they can serve as a reminder that you need to be vigilant as you keep working toward your financial goals.

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There’s more to democracy than voting

Right now, with the elections almost upon us, the nation’s attention is understandably drawn to what happens in the voting booth. Yet as crucial as voting may be to making our representative democracy work, what happens outside the voting booth is just as crucial.

So I’d like to take a step back from the politics of the moment, and consider five essentials to living in a democratic country that you’re unlikely to see mentioned in the next few weeks’ news coverage.

The first is transparency. Without it, voters cannot do the work our Constitution entrusts to them. With very few exceptions — mostly related to national security — information generated or gathered by the government should be public.

Why? Because if citizens do not know what’s being done in their name, and so are unable to pass informed judgment on the elected officials and administrations who govern on their behalf, then you cannot have a representative democracy worthy of the name.

Government needs daylight, and citizens have to be able to weigh decisions and assess the decision-makers. It is all too common for public officials to want to hold information to themselves; it makes them feel more important and makes policy-making easier. But be suspicious of those who do so. Surely the burden is on them to persuade us that keeping us in the dark is to our benefit.

The second essential follows naturally from transparency: accountability. It is part of democracy’s bedrock — and is vital to good governance. Officials have to be held accountable for their actions and their decisions, especially if they choose not to adhere to their obligations or to follow the law.

This is not as rigorous as it ought to be. Officials seldom step up and say, “I’m responsible for this.” Within government, there needs to be a clear command and control structure that promotes accountability, with clean lines of authority. Decision-makers have to take responsibility for what they are charged to do. Few things in government frustrated me more than my often unsuccessful efforts to learn who was in charge.

Our system was created to encourage accountability by balancing power — among the three branches, between the House and Senate, between the federal government and the states, between elected officials and voters. The Founders



BEYOND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

LEE H. HAMILTON

set up a system of elaborate checks and balances to prevent abuse and the concentration of power, because they believed that the accumulation of power in any person or institution diminished accountability and could lead to tyranny.

At the same time, however, our system demands cooperation: between branches, parties, political leaders — really, all of us. We’re all in this together, and in the end, government cannot function if we do not work in a cooperative manner.

That’s why people like bipartisanship: it’s a key sign of cooperation. Polarization and extreme partisanship rightly irritate Americans because they exacerbate the differences among us. They make it much harder to govern. Trying to get all hands to work together for the common good is right at the core of representative democracy.

Which means that inclusivity is also key. People don’t want to be shut out or to be voiceless. Being shunted aside by those in power only builds resentment and anger.

The fourth essential is actually a matched set: accuracy, integrity, fairness — these are traditional values that ought never to go out of style, even if sometimes they appear to be in eclipse. If those who operate our system speak untruths, lack basic honesty, and show bias, it will surely fail.

Finally, democracy rests on pragmatism. Strong institutions to carry out policy, highly competent government officials, realistic expectations on what can and cannot be achieved, civility, compromise, and respect for all views — these are the necessary ingredients to make progress in a complex, divided country.

Pragmatism does, however, need to be leavened with a little optimism. Governing effectively requires a mindset that progress is possible, that we can understand the problem, look at proposed solutions, make rational judgments about what should be done, and then get them enacted into law and implemented.

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Holiday gifts that keep on giving



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Make gift giving easy with unique green gifts that provide weeks and in some cases months and years of beauty. Plus, gifting easy-care blooming plants is an experiential gift that's ideal for everyone, especially that person on your list who has everything.

Gardeners as well as practical family members and friends will enjoy the dual purpose the Christmas rose (Hellebore) provides. This popular European holiday plant is gaining popularity in holiday celebrations here in the U.S. Recipients will enjoy up to two months of blossoms indoors when grown in a cool bright location. Once the danger of frost has passed, it can be moved outdoors into a full or partially shaded spot in the garden for years of added beauty.

Even non-gardeners will be fascinated by the amaryllis as its beauty erupts from the bulb. Everyone will eagerly watch for the bulb to sprout, flower stems to quickly grow and eventually produce several large trumpet-shaped blooms. Make it easy and fun for all

with a waxed amaryllis bulb. Dipped in colorful wax, these freestanding bulbs need no soil or water. Just set the waxed bulb in a space where they can be enjoyed and watch the magic happen as the amaryllis breaks through the wax coating and grows into a colorful specimen.

Impress avid gardeners with unique varieties like Papilio Butterfly amaryllis. The flowers resemble orchids and are quite striking with maroon striped green petals. The narrow chartreuse lily-like blossoms of Evergreen eventually turn apple green, making it stand out among the red amaryllis and poinsettias of the season.

Dress up your amaryllis gift by planting the bulb in a pretty container, setting it on stones in a glass hurricane or combining it with spring-flowering bulbs like tulips, grape hyacinths and crocus.

Provide some aromatherapy, flavor and beauty with fragrant flowers and herbs. Lily-of-the-valley may be a bully in the garden, but it's a fragrant beauty sure to brighten a winter day when planted in a container and enjoyed indoors. The calming fragrance of Spanish lavender can be enjoyed fresh or the stems and flowers snipped, dried and added to bouquets and sachets. Rosemary's flavor makes it a perfect gift for the foodies on your list. And



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Amaryllis bulbs, like this Grand Amaryllis Trio, produce showy blooms that can last up to a month or more.

everyone, including non-cooks, will enjoy its fragrance. Grow it indoors in a cool location with morning sun or under artificial lights.

Take care of this and multiple holidays throughout the year with a subscription of 3, 6 or 12 Months of Blooms (gardeners.com). Your recipient will enjoy bouquets of bulbs or flowers sent on this and other

holidays like Valentine's Day, Easter, and more. Just place your order once and you're set for a few or all of the major holidays throughout the year. This is the perfect gift for the person who has everything or anyone that can use a little floral pick-me-up.

Make this the year you give the perfect gift; one that's unique and is sure to provide

instant smiles and weeks or months of fragrance and beauty.

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Holiday meal tips from the pros



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Few holidays compare to a traditional Thanksgiving celebration. Unlike Christmas, which can be a rush of excitement and energy, Thanksgiving provides extended families the perfect pause to relax and simply enjoy each other's company. In fact, AAA projects 54.3 million Americans will journey 50 miles or more (presumably to be with loved ones) during the Thanksgiving holiday, a 4.8 percent increase over last year. According to the motor club, that figure represents the highest Thanksgiving travel volume in more than a dozen years (since 2005)!

Whether you're cooking at home or traveling this Thanksgiving, the highlight of an annual feast is undoubtedly the turkey, served up as a crowning centerpiece of the both the table and the

holiday. Read on for some kitchen tips from experts (some old, some new) sure to help you achieve a Norman Rockwell-worthy Thanksgiving celebration.

Not sure how big a turkey to buy? A general rule of thumb is to allow one pound of uncooked turkey per person from an 8 to 12 pound turkey. Larger birds have a larger proportion of meat to bones, so three quarters of a pound per person should serve well when purchasing heavier birds.

Want a more precise estimate? Butterball.com offers a "Plan Perfect Portions Calculator" on its website that calculates the exact amount of turkey and stuffing per person.

Other tools on the website include a timing checklist, temperature conversions and a weights and measures conversion.

If you buy a frozen turkey, it is important to thaw it safely. The National Turkey Federation offers the

following guidelines to properly defrosting frozen turkeys: Like all protein foods, should be thawed in the refrigerator, never at room temperature. When foods are thawed at room temperature, surface bacteria can rapidly multiply to dangerous levels at temperatures of 40° F and above. For safety and superior quality, leave turkey in the original packaging and place in a shallow pan. Thaw, in the refrigerator, using the simple formula: whole turkeys thaw at a rate of four to five pounds per 24 hours. Example: A 15-pound frozen bird will take three to four full days to thaw in the refrigerator. To speed thawing, keep turkey in the original tightly sealed bag and place in a clean and sanitized sink or pan. Submerge in cold water and change the cold water every 30 minutes. The turkey will take about 30 minutes per pound to thaw. Refrigerate (at 40° F or below) or cook the turkey when it is thawed. Do not refreeze uncooked, defrosted turkey.

Stuffing is a delicious requisite for most Thanksgiving meals, but if you plan on stuffing the turkey it's important not to do so until just before it is placed in the oven for roasting. If preparing the stuffing ahead of time, wet and dry ingredients should be refrigerated separately and combined right before stuffing the turkey. The turkey should be stuffed loosely, with about three quarters of a cup of stuffing per pound of turkey.

It's also important to test the internal temperature of the stuffing as well as the turkey. The internal temperature in the center of the stuffing should register 160 to 165° F.

Did you know even a "pre-basted bird can benefit from hand basting? Basting gives your bird color, crisps the skin and helps hold in juices. Rub the bird with a few tablespoons of softened butter and pour two cups of turkey broth, chicken broth or water into your roasting pan. Baste every half hour or so. And be sure to baste quickly, because

the oven temperature will reduce every time you open the oven door.

Deep frying a holiday turkey has fast become a popular tradition. Experts say turkeys from about eight to 12 pounds are the perfect size for deep frying. And keep in mind the oil you use should have a high smoke toleration. Only oils that have high smoke points should be used. According to the National Turkey Federation, peanut, refined canola, corn oil, rice oil and peanut oil are all good candidates.

Here's a tip that's appeared in the column before, but it's worth repeating: Experts claim there are three simple secrets to perfect homemade gravy: 1. Cook the flour in the fat thoroughly before adding liquid to avoid a starchy flavor; 2. Avoid lumps by stirring in the flour with a wire whisk; and 3. The key to best flavor is salting it right.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Weather impacting hunting this year

This past weekend's snow storm sure changed outdoor activities for some sportsmen, but it could also provide some great tracking conditions for deer hunters. The background of snow in wooded areas can make the spotting of deer a lot easier, and could help in the final days of the archery deer hunting season. Shotgun deer season opens on Monday Nov. 26. This week's picture shows Collin Cormier with his 165 lb. 7 point buck harvested in North Brookfield with his bow. Nice buck.

Pheasant hunters were not too happy

with the snowstorm which hampered bird hunting activities. The final state stocking of pheasant prior to Thanksgiving Day signaled the end of the pheasant hunting season, which officially closed Nov. 24.

The second segment of the Canada goose season, and duck season closed on Nov. 24. The season will open again on Dec. 11, and will close Jan. 1 in the Central District, for both Canada geese and ducks. The season for the late Canada goose season will start Jan. 15, again allowing a daily bag limit of 15

birds. If fields remain covered with snow goose hunting on local rivers should provide for some great shooting.

Waterfowl hunters that have a good retrieving dog will be rewarded with some great retrieving of downed birds. Others will need to retrieve their birds with the use of a small boat or use of a pair of waders. This time of year can be extremely dangerous for both man & dog. Ice cold water conditions and unsafe ice, have cost duck hunters their life in past years. This time of year can also be extremely dangerous for dogs.

Dogs should be wearing a safety vest as well as hunters that attempt to retrieve their waterfowl from their small boat or canoe. My first Labrador retriever Max got into a serious predicament many years ago while retrieving a goose in the Rice City area. While he was retrieving the bird he made the mistake of trying to take a short cut back to the goose blind located on the small jetty. He attempted to climb onto the ice while holding onto the goose.

After numerous attempts to climb onto the ice I realized he was in trouble and I could see the fear in his eyes. Grabbing a long stick with a small fork in it I walked out onto the ice. When I got within 50 feet of him I started to crawl, hoping the ice would not give way.

I was now approximately within 10 feet of the dog. I extended the stick out to him and luckily the small fork



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

RALPH TRUE

of the stick grabbed hold under his collar. I felt the stick tighten and a slow hard pull was enough to give him the ability to climb onto the ice. Slowly slithering my body back on the ice towards the shoreline, I realized that I

had taken a great risk that could have cost myself and the dog our life. Max was still holding onto the bird when we reached shore. I took the bird from him, gathered up all of my hunting equipment and headed for the car.

Driving home many thoughts went through my mind, and I again realized that I was lucky to be alive. I never told anyone about the incident until today. Every time I go by Rice City I am reminded about the stupid move I made, but I could not watch my dog drown as I stood by and did nothing.

Max is buried on the hill in my back yard with numerous other dogs that I had owned, and during the summer months I often find myself sitting on my lawn tractor thinking about all of the great times they gave me in the field. After wiping away a few tears I continued to mow the grass. Grown men do cry even for man's best friend!!!

Wishing everyone a great holiday season & stay safe.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!!!!!



Courtesy photo

Collin Cormier with his seven point buck shot in North Brookfield with a bow.

SPORTS

Newly formed Raptors win 11U Division 2 Super Bowl

The Oxford/Webster Pirates American Youth Football (AYF) program teamed up with the Auburn Rockets AYF organization to create a combined sixth grade team this year, and the move paid immediate dividends.

With players from all three towns competing on the team, the newly formed Raptors won the AYF 11U Division 2 Super Bowl Championship.



Courtesy photo

The Oxford/Webster Pirates and Auburn Rockets merged to form the Raptors, a sixth grade American Youth Football team. And the Raptors recently won the 11U Division 2 Super Bowl Championship.

Thanks for running

"Baby, even the losers get lucky sometimes; Baby, even the losers keep a little bit of pride; They get lucky sometimes..." - Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers



...AND
ONE MORE
THING...
GREG
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After losing the 1984 presidential election to Ronald Reagan in a landslide, Walter Mondale met with fellow Democrat George McGovern, who had been steamrolled by Republican Richard Nixon in 1972. Mondale said: "After I lost my race...I went to see George. I said, 'Tell me how long it takes to get over a defeat of this kind.' He said, 'I'll call you when it happens'."

For every winner in last Tuesday's mid-term elections there was, of course, a loser. That means that last Wednesday morning there were an awful lot of people (mostly Republicans - this time) waking up with throbbing election hangovers.

I was heartened when, on Monday of this week, Republican Martha McSally conceded defeat to Democrat Kyrsten Sinema in the hotly-contested race to succeed GOP incumbent Jeff Flake as the next U.S. Senator from Arizona. However, I wasn't heartened just because Sinema won. I'm confident McSally, a former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, would have served her state with honor. What gave me hope was McSally's statement conceding defeat.

The day after the election, when it was evident a recount would determine the winner, President Trump, in his predictably classless manner, tweeted: "Just out - in Arizona, SIGNATURES DON'T MATCH. Electoral corruption - Call for a new Election? We must protect our Democracy!"

Even though the leader of her party

chose to throw a tantrum, McSally remained quiet and let the recount take its course. On Monday, when it became evident she would be unable to overcome her vote deficit, McSally called Sinema and congratulated her on being elected Arizona's first female senator. She lauded her opponent for waging "a hard-fought battle."

"I wish her success," McSally then said in a tweet. "I'm grateful to all those who supported me in this journey. I'm inspired by Arizonans' spirit and our state's best days are ahead of us."

McSally might have been forgiven had she chosen to sulk over her loss, but she instead gave us a display of how areal adults reacts to the occasional setback, no matter how painful. Juxtapose her reaction to that of Trump who - even though he actually won the 2016 presidential election...yes, WON the election! - whined and hurled fictitious accusations of fraud because he lost the popular vote by nearly 3-million votes. He became the first sore winner in the history of U.S. electoral politics!

But even before McSally's classy performance on Monday, I experienced "the warm fuzzies" last Saturday night when Pete Davidson apologized on "Saturday Night Live" to Republican Congressman-elect and former Navy Seal Dan Crenshaw, whom Davidson had mocked in a skit the week before. The SNL star's performance drew widespread rebuke from conservatives and liberal alike, as well as from fellow cast-members.

On Saturday night Peterson praised the newly-elected congressman, who lost an eye while serving in Afghanistan,

as a "true hero."

Well, Crenshaw not only accepted Davidson's apology, he appeared on SNL to accept it in person. First, though, in his victory speech on election night, Crenshaw said Americans "are not a people that shatter at the first sign of offense."

That's a message he should carry to the White House, given that the head of his party falls apart and becomes unhinged at even the slightest perceived insult. Unlike Trump, Crenshaw handled Davidson's off-target joke like a man, something we have yet to witness in the adolescent who deigns to be the leader of the free world.

Not only did Crenshaw accept Davidson's apology, he went on to say: "Tell a veteran, 'Never forget.' When you say 'never forget' to a veteran, you are implying that, as an American, you are in it with them - not separated by some imaginary barrier between civilians and veterans, but connected together as grateful fellow Americans who will never forget the sacrifices made by veterans past and present. And never forget those we lost on 9/11, heroes like Pete's Father. So I'll just say, 'Pete, never forget.'"

"Never forget," replied Davidson, whose New York firefighter father died in the September 11 terrorist attacks when Pete was just 7 years old.

Republicans may have lost the U.S. House, seven governorships, and more than 360 state legislative seats last week but, if the party looks to people like McSally, Crenshaw, Charlie Baker and other Republicans of principal, character, and courage to lead it there is hope for the party yet. If, however, the G.O.P. allows itself to remain the party of Trump, we can start now writing its political obituary.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Ski or snowboard at Wachusett Mountain

Are you interested in having a lot of fun while also helping to make the winter fly by? Any student (8 years and older), parent or teacher from any of the surrounding towns and states can ski or snowboard eight consecutive Saturday nights at Wachusett Mountain for just \$150 through the Southbridge Ski Club. You drive to Wachusett Mountain on your own. The eight-week program begins on Saturday, Jan. 5 and ends Saturday, March 2. Ski or snowboard rentals as well as lessons are also available at a very reasonable cost. You may also be able to ski or snowboard for free through your health insurance coverage.

Also anyone (students or non-students) can purchase Gold, Silver and Bronze Season Passes at a lower discounted price through our Club. All eight week and season passes must be ordered through the Wachusett website by Nov. 30 for these lower discounted prices. For more information on how to order, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

Worcester State Baseball Indoor Clinics are now held in the \$52 million gymnasium and wellness center. The second floor multipurpose gym allows for live practices with plenty of storage for the six indoor mounds, bats and balls, etc. Hitters will use the double-barrel cages on the first floor. Here kids will bunt/bat off the Hack Attack pitching machines (uses real balls; speed adjusted for ages), hit close-range BP, use soft toss nets, tees, and utilize slow-motion video analysis.

There are multiple upcoming clinics to choose from. For questions, please call (508) 929-8852 or (774) 230-3872, or email dbaker1@worchester.edu. Also, please visit wsulancers.com/camps-clinics for more information.

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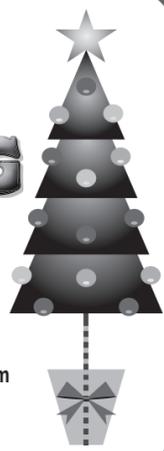
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Saturday November 24

HOLIDAY BAZAAR: 7th annual Holiday Bazaar presented by the GFWC, Auburn Junior Woman's Club Saturday, Nov. 24 9:00AM - 2:00PM at the North American Martyrs Parish Center, 8 Wyoma Drive, Auburn.

Saturday & Sunday December 1 & 2

TWO CONCERTS: Greater Auburn Community Chorus (GACC), under the direction of Charles J. Pietrello, will present 2 concerts on Saturday, December 1 at 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 2 at 2:30 PM at Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave in Auburn. Each concert will include "Rejoice in the Lamb" by Benjamin Britten and a variety of selections of music with the theme of "Snow". Tickets are \$15 and for ticket information, please call 508.826.9184.

Saturday December 1

SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE: Auburn's Scouting Troop 101 will have Christmas wreaths, baskets, and logs on sale at the Auburn Post Office on Saturdays Dec. 1 and 8, from 9AM-noon. Help fund Scouting activities! For inquiries or pre-sale, call George (774-239-2240)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: The annual Christmas Bazaar is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 1 9:00AM - 2:00PM at St. Joseph's Parish Center, 68 Central St., Auburn. Come and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas Bazaar and check out the collectibles, attic treasures, plants, jewelry, knit goods, holiday décor, toys,

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Saturday December 8

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

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Saturday December 15

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

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

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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 sarilb@verizon.net.

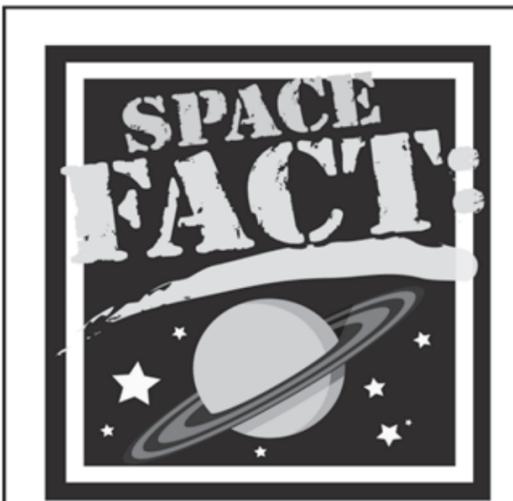
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STORY TIME: Open Story Time will be held 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Auburn Public Library. No registration required. Please drop in. Open to all ages. For information, call (508) 832-7790.

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



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ACCREDITATION

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process. The American Correctional Association founded in 1870, is the oldest and largest correctional association in the world. Their mission is to provide professional organization to departments that share their goal of improving the justice system.

In order to meet the criteria for this award, the department had to be in compliance with 384 stringent standards evaluated through a series of reviews, evaluations, an extensive audit and a formal presentation to the ACA panel.

The required standards focus on issues ranging from inmate care and safety, discipline, health care, education, fiscal efficiency, program development, officer training, and facility administration. Agencies that are accredited must be re-accredited every three years to maintain their status.

Evangelidis said, "There is no requirement the WCSO complete the rigorous and challenging process of maintaining national accreditation, but it is important for our entire staff to demonstrate to the residents of Worcester County that we are committed to professionalism by adhering to the highest industry standards. It is a tribute to our hardworking staff that we excelled in our ACA

re-accreditation, considered by many throughout the country as the highest standard of excellence in corrections."

As the last requirement to complete the re-accreditation process, the sheriff's department presented before the national board in Minneapolis, MN in August.

"The feedback during our presentation was excellent, they were very impressed with our operating procedures especially in light of the numerous facility challenges that are inherent in operating the oldest county correctional facility in Massachusetts," said Superintendent David Tuttle.

"When I took office, I made a commitment to increase professionalism at the

Worcester County Sheriff's Department including adhering to the highest industry standards with successful reaccreditation being imperative to reaching our goals. I am proud to say, our department is now one of the finest in corrections today. We will always continue to strive for excellence" said the Sheriff.

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DUDLEY - 5 Carlin Road! Welcome Home! Beautiful Tri Level Home Set on 4.5 Acres! 9 Finished Rooms, 3-4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths! Huge Oak Cabinet Packed Kitchen w/Gorgeous Granite & Pelia Slider to Enormous Trex Deck & In-ground, Heated Pool! Dining Room w/Bay Window, Hardwoods, Wainscot & Crown Molding w/French Doors Leading to the Sunroom which has Heat & AC where You Can Enjoy Your Morning Coffee Watching the Wildlife Around Your Pond or Take a Walk Across the Bridge to Check on Your Blueberry Bushes! Fireplace Living Room w/Large Front Window, Custom Built-ins & Hardwoods! 3 Large Bdrms w/Lots of Closet Space! Office Could Be Easily Made into 4th Bdrm! Master has Private Balcony Over Looking the Pool! Master Bath has W/D Hookups, Double Vanity & Walk-in Closet! Finished Walk-Out Lower Level Would Make a Great Game Room! 2 Car Garage which Leads to Rest of Basement which Houses the Utilities, another W/D Hook-up and Storage Galore! Too Many Updates to List Here! A Must See House! **\$459,900.00**



DUDLEY - 73 Tracy Rd! Majestically Perched on a Knoll, 1.47 Acres Beautifully Landscaped, Spacious 2252' 8 Rm Colonial! Stainless Applianced Eat-In Country Kit w/Center Isl, Pantry Closet, Recessed Lighting, Tile Flr & French Dr to Deck! Formal Din Rm w/Hrwd Flr & Classic 3 Windowed Bumped-out Wall! Entry Foyer! Formal Living Rm w/Hrwd Flr! The Fireplace Family Rm w/Wide Plank Hrwd Flr will Keep the Family Close! Side Entry Hall Dble Closet, Half Bath w/Laundry Closet! Upstairs 4 Comfortable Bdrms, 2 w/Hrwd's, 2 w/Wall to Wall all w/Plenty of Closet Space! 18 Master Bdrm w/Hrwd's, Ceiling Fan, Walk-in Closet, Master Bath w/Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! Off the Hrwd Hall the 2nd Full Bath w/Dble Sinks, Granite Vanity, Tile Flr & Linen Closet! Breezeway Attached 2 Car Garage! Quick Closing Possible, Start Packing! **\$369,900.00**



THOMPSON - 854 Thompson Rd! Appealing 9 Room Split! Beautiful 63 Acre! Eat-In Applianced Granite Kitchen! Dining & Fireplace Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 17x18 Cathedral Ceiling Great Rm w/Tile Floor! 3 or 4 Bedrooms, 3 w/Hardwoods! Fireplace Family Rm! Updated Full Bath! 1.5 Baths Total! 2 Car Garage! Recent Furnace! 18x24 Deck! Shed! Convenient to 395 in both Directions, Close to Raceway Golf Course & Thompson Speedway! **\$259,900.00**



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/Hrwd's! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **\$249,900.00**



WEBSTER - 23 Lincoln St! 3 Family w/ Great Curb Appeal! Owner Occupied or Investor! 554 Rooms! 2/2 Bedrooms! Hardwood Floors in Most Rooms! First Floor Apart Freshly Painted! Replacement Windows! Off Street Parking! 2 Car Garage! Easy Highway Access! Conveniently Located! **\$239,900.00**



THOMPSON - Quaddick Lake! 52 Beautiful Landings! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! Huge Level Lot/Lawn to the Water - 38 Acres! Open Floor Plan! 45 Room Ranch! 2 Bedrooms! 1.5 Baths! Applianced & Furnished! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Round! LP Gas Heat & HW! Generator! **\$229,900.00**



THOMPSON - 48 Smith St! 2 Family! 3/8 Rooms! 14 Bedrooms! 1/1 Baths! Major Rehab 2005 - Roof, Gutter & Downspouts, Vinyl Siding, Windows, Entry Doors! 2018 Electric Heat Conversion! Gas Hot Water! Off Street Parking! Garage! Town Services! **\$139,900.00**



WEBSTER - 5 Chestnut St! 6 Rm Ranch, 3 Bdrms, Remodeled Bath, Finished Lower Level! Corner Lot! Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Hrwd Flr, French Drs to 16x24 Deck! Din Rm w/Hrwd's! Remodeled Kit w/Cherry Cabinets & SS Appliances! Solar Hot Water! 1 Yr Old Roof! A/V Pool! Shed! **\$269,900.00**



AUBURN - 9 Lorna Dr! 2680' Split Entry! Applianced Oak Eat-In Isl Kit w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrwd's, Hrwd Flr, French Drs to 16x24 Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrwd's! Frplc Fam Rm! 2 Full Baths! 4th Bdrm/Office! Laundry! C/Air & Vac! Professionally Landscaped, 46 Acre Lot! 2 Car Garage! **\$389,900.00**



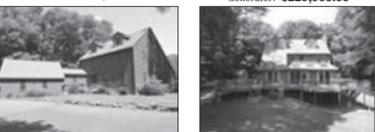
WEBSTER - 21 Spring St! 6 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Applianced Kit w/Mahogany Cabinets & Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Carpets over Hrwd's! 3 Bdrms w/Hrwd's! Master w/Walk-in Closet! Full Tile Bath! 14X40' Fam/Game Rm! 2nd Bathrm w/Laundry! Workshop! Utility Rm! 2 Z Oil Heat! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! Porch! Don't Miss Out! **\$219,900.00**



DUDLEY - 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! Den! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/Carpeted Bdrms & Full Hall Bath! Master/Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Gas Frplc! Patio! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **\$359,900.00**



DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Bath! 1 Acre Lot! Call-de-sac! Hrwd's Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Applianced Granite Kit w/Is! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **\$309,900.00**



SUTTON - 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplace! Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 2 1/2 Master w/Master Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x24 Season Porch w/2 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Generator! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **\$464,900.00**



DOUGLAS WATERFRONT! 36 Cedar St! Badluck Pond (110Acres) aka Cedar Lake or Laurel Lake! Western Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 2.74 Acres! 633' Waterfront! 471' Road Front! Beautiful Private Setting! Huge 2836', 2688' Custom 6 Rm Cedar Ranch w/Hrwd Flrs Throughout! Spectacular, Open Din Rm & Great Rm w/Stone Frplc, Soaring Beamed Cedar Cathedral Ceiling, 6 Sky Lights, Recessed Lighting, 1/2 Bath & 3 Sliders to 96' Lake Facing Screened Porch! Custom Kit w/2 Skylights, Recessed Lighting, Slider to Porch, Wall Oven & Center Island w/Triplic Bow Sink, Cooktop & Dishwashers! Mud Rm Entry w/2 Dble Closets, Tile Flr, Door to Kit & Door to Full Bath! 2 Lake Facing Bdrms w/Walk-in Closets, Skylights & Sliders to Porch! Full Tile Bath w/Separate Shower & Whirlpool Bath w/Door to Master & Hall! Office w/Dble Closet! 2.5 Baths Total! Cedar Lined Closets! Full Basement! Plus 36X72' 2 Story Heated Boat House/Garage/Work Shop w/Half Bath! Upper Level 5 Rm Caretaker/In-Law Apartment w/2 Full Baths! Full Bath! 5 Full + 2 1/2 Half Baths Total! One of a Kind Waterfront Home! **\$599,900.00**



SHREWSBURY - 747 Grafton St! 8 Rm Cape! 5 Acres off Route 20! Great Business Location! Home Needs Total Rehab! 1st Flr Consists of Eat-in Kitchen w/Built-in Hutch! Large Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w/Closet! Office! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Has 4 Bdrms w/Closets! Vinyl Windows! **\$198,500.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 15 South Point Rd! Waterfront Lot! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Conservation Approval! Build 2000' Dream! 100+ of Shoreline! 53.94' Road Frontage! Land Area 8,147! Town Services Available! 2 Docks! Lots on Webster Lake a Rarity, Don't let this Slip by without Your Consideration! **\$199,900.00**



DUDLEY - 9 Progress Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Move In Ready! Applianced Eat-In Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrwd's! 1st Flr Master w/Hrwd's & 2 Dble Closets & Ceiling Fan! 3 Season Porch! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Hrwd's & a Full Bath! 2013 AC & Heat! Water! Great Lakeside! Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$284,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Frplc Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frplc, Recent Wood Fr & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Hall Bath! 2nd Flr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Frplc, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing/Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! **\$559,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 209 Beacon Park! 1280' Townhouse! 5 Rooms! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pool! Applianced Kitchen! Carpeted Dining Rm & Fireplace Living Rooms! 2 Spacious Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Updated Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage! **\$239,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,000' Level! 2,300' Custom Colonial! Built 2015! Like New! Open Fr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frplc, Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fan! Living Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrwd's, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrwd's, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrwd's & Dble Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 26x30 2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! **\$789,900.00**



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



WEBSTER LAKE - 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Waterfront! Completely Remodeled! 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/Island & Silstone Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Fr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Fam Rm! **\$399,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrwd's & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrwd's! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frplc Lower Level Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! **\$729,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 9,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home! Like New! Open Fr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/7' Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound & Grooming Hrwd's! Granite Kit w/Is, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrwd's & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Grand Rm w/Lake Views! Hrwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frplc, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Docks! Get Packing! **\$724,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 810 Beacon Park! 5 Rms, 1100' Garden Unit! Fantastic Lake Views! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths! Din Rm w/Heat & AC Unit! Applianced! Brn Rm w/Bay Window! Large Covered Patio & Manicured Courtyard! Garage! Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! Best Seat for July 4th Fireworks! **\$259,900.00**



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



WEBSTER LAKE - 602 Treasure Isl! Townhouse! 6 Rm! 1,874' Hrwd Floors! Applianced Granite Kit! Open Fr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 3 Baths! Frplc Fam Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$334,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 202 Killdeer Island Rd! Panoramic View of North Pond! Natural Sandy Shoreline! Complete Rebuild Since 2002! Custom Center Island Applianced Granite Kitchen w/Walk-in Pantry, Recessed Lighting, Hardwoods & 1/2 Bath! Open Floor Plan! Dining Rm w/Window Seat, 2 Closets & Hardwoods! 19X19 Lake Facing Living Rm w/Hardwoods & 2 Sliders to Deck w/Recent Awning! Upstairs to 4 Bedrooms or 3 Plus Office! Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Master Bath w/Tile Floor, Huger Corner Shower w/Seat, Double Linen Closet! Halfway Laundry Closet! Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level Family Room, 2 Sliders to Patio! Full Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! 4 Zone Heat & 2 Zone C/Air only 2 Years Old! Start Packing! **\$629,900.00**



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\$329,900

WEBSTER - 100 THOMPSON RD

SORRY, SOLD!

Very Attractive 1700 sq ft stone face Cape! Attached 13 X 22 Garage. Fireplace front living room! Large Kitchen with ample amount of cabinets. 1st floor master bedroom. 2 large bedrooms on the 2nd Floor. 1/2 bath on the first floor, full bath on the 2nd floor. Natural Gas baseboard Heat! Vinyl Siding! Town water and sewer. Nice level lot, with mature shrubs. Very private rear yard. **\$140,000**

WEBSTER - 104 THOMPSON RD

SORRY, SOLD!

1+ acre of nicely manicured lawn with a well maintained 2 Family! Many improvements! 2 & 3 bedroom apartments! Oil heat! Large 24' x 30' garage! Mini 15' x 30' stone barn **\$325,000**

WEBSTER - 7 HICKORY LN

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

THOMPSON, CT - 359 E. THOMPSON RD

ON DEPOSIT

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

WOODSTOCK, CT - QUASSET LAKE

158 W. Quasset Rd. - Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quasset Lake! Unique, Tranquil, Quiet, Secluded & Private! Long circular driveway! 5.5 acres of land! Full, covered patio & balconies, stone base! 3 car garage w/hot tub! Studio, Cape Cod style, winding gravel path to 265' +/- of shoreline! 5000 sq ft 3 story Colonial! 2 story lift! Extremely impressive kitchen w/appliance everything! Offers formal dining & living rooms, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite, laundry room, exercise studio, LL, kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces & more! Master BRs w/private full baths. **\$1,299,000**

WEBSTER - 20 NORTH MAIN ST

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

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

DUDLEY - 7 DELANY AVE

First Time Offered! Large Raised Ranch in a quiet neighborhood, close to town beach. Vinyl sided, new roof, newer windows, 2 car garage. Finished lower level with fireplace. Sun filled living and dining rooms, eat in kitchen. Forced Hot Water, Natural Gas Heat! Great yard for fun and games all year long. **\$259,900**

WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697 +/- SF Lot, 53' Rd & Water Frontage, a Great First Contemporary Beach offers 596 +/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & full bath. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Lower Level w/hot tub & tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Western style views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available. **\$345,000**

WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLDEER RD

KILLDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING/LOOKING FOR! 2.45 +/- Acres! 345 +/- road front, 336/364 +/- depth, 275 +/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge - like very few waterfront properties! The possibilities for this property are only limited by your imagination. The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/massive modern windows that invite your eyes to venture outside to spectacular 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets and beautiful natural shoreline beyond! Relax & Entertain in the tiled, stone fireplace family rm, wet bar w/sliders to an enormous outdoor patio! The house features a 36 +/- open concept combination living/dining area with a stone fireplace, an open stairway, & interior 2nd flr balcony w/access to 5 spacious BRs that overlook the lake. A 30x32 +/- det'd garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath & huge fireplace patio! Family owned gem for 60+ years! **\$1,495,000**

WEBSTER LAKE - BEACON PARK #802

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER LAKE AT BEACON PARK! TOWNHOUSE overlooking the COURTYARD! 1230 SF +/-, Open Concept Living/Dining FIRE-PLACE & PRIVATE DECK. Freshly painted rooms, updated appliances. Upper level has 2 SPACIOUS BRs including a MASTER SUITE w/ SKY-LIGHTED, PRIVATE BATH, 2nd BR w/lq walk-in closet, 2nd full bath! ENJOY LAKE LIVING on the most desired lake in Central MA at an AFFORDABLE PRICE!
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WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR

SORRY, SOLD!

1st Time Offered in Reid Smith Cove, Spectacular 3700 +/- SF, 13 Rm/4.5 Bath Lake Home, Uniquely Designed for Lake-Style Living! Private Setting, Ideal Location, 68 Acres, 92' of Natural Shoreline, Prof. Landscape, Multiple Decks, Lakeside Cabana, 3 Master BR Suites w/Elegant 1st Flr Mstr - all w/Private Baths, Finished Walkout LL w/Living & Billiard Rms & Summer Kitchen! Call Sharon at 508-954-7222 for More Information
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NOVEMBER 23, 24, 25

COUNTRY FOLK ART CRAFT SHOW
STURBRIDGE HOST HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
366 Main St., Sturbridge, MA
Friday 11-6, Saturday 10-5
Sunday 10-4
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7-10 p.m. in the bar
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST
8-11 a.m.
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
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Wine (must be 21 years or older)
Refreshments
Free gift certificates to the first 50 people Fill out a wish list CORMIER JEWELERS & ART GALLERY
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13th Annual ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
St. Joseph's Parish Center
68 Central St., Auburn, MA
Raffles, jewelry, baked goods, toys, knits, plants, attic treasures, collectibles, holiday items, unique finds

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR
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9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Several vendors, lots of crafts, raffle baskets, cash raffle.
Cookies, café with homemade meatball subs, Hot dogs, chips, beverages.
Santa's Kids Workshop (for children K-3)
Dime Store Delights, Mary's Treasure Chest
7 Church St., Spencer, MA

Leicester High School's Art Clubs
16th ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
(snow date Sun., Dec. 2)
Free admission
LEICESTER HIGH SCHOOL
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9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
To benefit the Charlton Public Library
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7:30 p.m. start up
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SPORTS

A brief history of American football

According to Nielsen, 111.3 million people tuned in to watch the Super Bowl in early 2017. Almost two-thirds of adults in the United States say they currently watch National Football League games.

But American football is no longer relegated to the boundaries of the United States, as it is becoming a global sport. According to the International Federation of American Football, there are 80 countries with organized federations governing the game. Plus, thousands of youth and adult leagues exist all over the world. Even though soccer has long been a global sport, it seems the other kind of "football" is quickly catching up.

The sport known as American football was borne out of the English sports of association football (soccer) and rugby. During the late 19th century, elite Northeastern colleges took up the sport, playing a soccer-type game with rules adopted from the London Football Association. Intercollegiate matches began to spring up at



CAPTION: American football enjoys worldwide popularity and some of the most ardent fans in all of sport.

schools such as Rutgers, Princeton, Harvard, and McGill University. Rugby-type rules became preferential among players and spectators.

Walter Camp, known affectionately as the "Father of American Football," transformed

the rugby-style game into the one that resembles American football today. Camp brought two key innovations to the game. The opening "scrummage" was eliminated, and a rule was introduced that required a team to give up the ball after fail-

ing to advance down the field a specific yardage. Camp also developed the quarterback position, lines of scrimmage and the scoring scale used in football today.

Early games were controversial because of the high rate of injury.

Even President Theodore Roosevelt stepped in to ask collegiate teams to revise regulations to make the game less brutal. The committee overseeing the rules would later become known as the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Thanks largely in part to the popularity of college football, professional football began to gain traction with the public. The American Professional Football Association was formed in 1920. That league would later become the National Football League. The first televised NFL game occurred in 1939. Eventually, American football's popularity would explode.

Cheerleaders were introduced to the game in the 1960s. Currently, the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders are the most famous squad. Six teams in the NFL do not have cheerleaders: the Chicago Bears, the Cleveland Browns, the Detroit Lions, the New York Giants, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Green Bay Packers.

Football games typically last around 3 hours. Average attendance for an NFL game is 66,957 spectators.

American football has become a multibillion-dollar industry. What developed on college campuses has grown into a worldwide phenomenon.

Fire up fellow football fans with smoked wings



Virgil's Smoked Chicken Wings w/Blue Cheese Dip

The Super Bowl is nearly here, and that means scores of football fans are readying themselves for a day spent fraternizing with friends and indulging in all of the great food that has become synonymous with the biggest day in American professional sports.

No football feast is complete without wings, and this year Super Bowl party hosts can satisfy their guests' needs for this beloved bar snack with the following recipe for "Virgil's Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip" from Neal Corman's "Virgil's Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook" (St. Martin's Press).

VIRGIL'S SMOKED CHICKEN WINGS WITH BLUE CHEESE DIP

SERVES 4

BLUE CHEESE DIP

- 2 cups blue cheese crumbles, divided
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 cup finely chopped scallions
- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery

Marinade

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup hot sauce
- 4 tablespoons Virgil's Dry Rub (see below)
- 4 tablespoons granulated garlic
- 4 tablespoons granulated onion
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

Wings

- 8 large chicken wings
- 1/2 cup Virgil's Dry Rub (see below)

Sauce

- 10 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 4 tablespoons white vinegar
- 3/4 cup hot sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1. To make the dip, combine 1 cup of the blue cheese, mayonnaise, buttermilk, hot sauce, Worcestershire sauce, and salt in the bowl of a food processor and blend on low until smooth.

2. Remove to a medium mixing bowl and fold in the rest of the blue cheese, scallions and celery, being sure to break up the large blue cheese crumbles. Place in a covered container and refrigerate overnight.

3. Mix all the marinade ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Place the wings in a large container with a lid and pour the mixture over the wings. Toss until the wings are thoroughly coated. Cover and refrigerate for 2 days.

4. Preheat the grill or smoker to 245 F. 5. Spread out the wings on a sheet pan and wipe away any excess marinade. Sprinkle liberally with the dry rub, coating the wings all over.

6. Position the wings on the grill away from the direct heat of the coals or burners, and add hickory to the smoker, or place hickory chips on the coals or gas burners.

7. Cook the wings for about 3 hours, flipping every 30 minutes (their internal temperature should be about 165 F when cooked).

8. While the wings are cooking, cut the butter for the sauce into 1-inch cubes and refrigerate. Whisk the cornstarch into the white vinegar in a small bowl.

9. In a medium sauté pan over medium heat, bring the hot sauce to a simmer and whisk in the thickened vinegar. Return to a simmer, cook for 1 minute, and remove from the heat.

10. Add the cayenne and slowly whisk in the cold butter. Keep warm until serving.

11. Remove the wings from the smoker or grill and put half of them into a bowl, cover with the sauce, and toss. Repeat with the remaining wings and serve on a platter, with the blue cheese dip on the side.

VIRGIL'S DRY RUB MAKES 5 TO 5 1/2 CUPS

- 2 1/2 cups sweet paprika
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup Texas-style chili powder
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1/2 cup granulated garlic
- 1/4 cup dried parsley flakes
- 6 tablespoons kosher salt

Combine all of the ingredients in a medium bowl and whisk together until completely incorporated. Transfer to a covered bowl with a tight-fitting lid. Store in a cool, dry place.

Host a sports viewing party to remember



Amateur and professional athletics are both big business. According to Forbes, the Southeastern Conference, a collective of universities that includes the University of Alabama and the University of Georgia, generated \$375 million in television money alone in 2015, collecting another \$140 million from football and basketball postseason play. While that's a hefty chunk of change, and even more impressive when considering the SEC is just one of many conferences in college athletics, it pales considerably in comparison to the National Football League, which Forbes projected would surpass \$13.3 billion in total revenues in 2016.

Such figures highlight the popularity of both amateur and professional sports. Hundreds of millions of people across the globe enjoy sports, and many are fond of gathering with fellow fans to watch their favorite teams play, whether in-person or on television. Viewing parties are a great way to watch the big game with fellow fans, and such gatherings don't have to require all that much effort on the part of hosts.

• Make it a potluck affair. Potluck affairs make perfect sense for sports viewing parties, so don't be surprised if guests offer to whip up some homemade gua-

camole or a buffet-style dish for the big party. Encourage this, asking guests to share what they're bringing with other invitees so there are no duplicate offerings.

• Vary the food and beverage menu. Chicken wings and beer might seem like go-to foods and beverages for the big game, but even sports bars are increasingly recognizing sports fans' desire for healthy foods. It's still acceptable to serve staples like wings, nachos, chips, and pretzels, but try to provide some healthy fare like celery and salad as well. Even whole-grain pretzels might be more enticing to guests watching what they eat. In addition, provide alternatives to alcohol, such as water, soda and juice, for guests who are abstaining.

• Upgrade your television. Projection screens are go-to options for many avid sports fans. But projectors and

screens may stretch some sports fans' budgets. A 4K ultra-HD television can be an affordable option depending on the size of the television, and such devices provide incredibly crisp pictures that can make sports fans feel as though they're inside the stadium cheering on their favorite players.

• Purchase a sound system. Today's televisions are sleek and thin. While that saves space and provides more aesthetic appeal than the bulky televisions of yesteryear, thin designs leave little room for sound tech. As a result, it can be hard to hear what's going on in the game without a sound system. Sound systems are relatively inexpensive; just make sure to purchase one that is compatible with your television.

Sports viewing parties tend to be easygoing affairs that don't require the level of planning of more formal gatherings.

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The best ways to cheer on favorite sports teams

Autumn weather calls to mind sipping warm cider and raking leaves. But for sports fans, fall is all about sports.

American football, field hockey, ice hockey, and basketball are just a few of the sports that make autumn an exciting time for sports fans.

Even the most ardent fan may have room for improvement when it comes to supporting his or her team. Here are a few ideas to make cheering for a favorite team even more enjoyable.

Attend a game
Fans who never get to see their team play in person may miss out on a unique experience. The

atmosphere and energy of sitting in a stadium or arena cannot compete with a television simulcast. Ardent fans can resolve to attend a game in person this season. Enroll in employee entertainment clubs to receive discounts on sports tickets among other types of entertainment.

Host a game watch
Build camaraderie with fellow fans by hosting a game watch. A routine sports night is a great way to get together with friends and family members. Gather a group at your house each week to watch a favorite team battle it out on the big screen. Or get together

with fellow fans in the community at a sports bar or restaurant, combining a night out on the town with your passion for sports.

Get the kids involved
Spread the love of fandom to a new generation. Schools and youth organizations can encourage children to support local scholastic teams. Organize field trips to sporting events to involve as many students as possible.

Fall sports are heating up, and fans can do their part to support their favorite teams in various ways.



Grab some friends, food and drink, and enjoy time supporting the team.

Shop for sports eye protection



The end of summer is crunch time for families preparing for the new school year. So many items make up back-to-school shopping lists that it can be easy to overlook supplies necessary for extracurricular activities.

Autumn marks the beginning of many scholastic sports seasons, including cross-country, field hockey, football, and rugby. Sports can be exciting and challenging for athletes, but athletes also are at constant risk of injury.

Prevent Blindness America notes that more than 40,000 people seek treatment for sports-related eye injuries each year. While many of those injuries affect children, the good news is that sports-related eye injuries are largely preventable. Sports eye protection is a must, and protective eyewear should be included on back-to-school shopping lists.

In addition to wearing protective eyewear when playing sports, athletes can take the following steps to avoid sports-related eye injuries.

- **Wear helmets.** Kids who play youth baseball should always wear batting helmets with polycarbonate face shields when batting. When playing hockey, use helmets with face shields approved by the U.S. Amateur Hockey Association.

- **Wear safety goggles.** Regular glasses or goggles may not offer adequate protection. Wear proper safety goggles that have lensed polycarbonate protectors for racquet sports or basketball. All eye guards or protective eyewear should be labeled ASTM F803-approved, according to Prevent Blindness America. This eyewear is guaranteed to offer the highest levels of protection.

- **Recognize non-contact sports** also can be dangerous. Even non-contact sports such as badminton can present a chance for injury. Individuals should exercise caution any time they play sports that require the use of balls, rackets or flying objects.

- **Speak with coaches and teachers.** Open a dialogue with coaches or physical education administrators in an

effort to highlight the importance of protective eyewear and learn about the steps being taken to protect athletes and their eyes. Include youngsters in these discussions so they learn about the need for protective eyewear and the benefits that such eyewear provides in sports where there is a high to moderate risk of eye injury.

- **Protect eyes from the sun.** Athletes who play outdoor sports should take steps to protect their eyes from the sun. When shopping for goggles, find ones that offer UV protection. In addition, look for tinted lenses that reduce glare.

- **Exercise good sportsmanship.** Always follow the rules of the sport and be a good team player. Use the equipment in the way it was intended so everyone, including teammates and opponents, is as safe as possible.

Sports-related eye safety is about prevention. Protective eyewear is essential when competing in various sports.



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