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## A long tradition of caring

Masons working in concert with Auburn YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



Joel H. Prouty Lodge members braving the cold while filling the baskets, and delivering the donations to the Auburn Youth and Family Services Center.

AUBURN — Over the last 21 years, there has been a partnership that has evolved between the Auburn Youth & Family Services and the local fraternal lodge of Masons, known as Joel H. Prouty Lodge situated at 780 Southbridge Street, Auburn for annual food drives held on Nov. 16 & 23.

Twice a year, the brothers at the lodge gather up their banner, tables, cold weather gear, and a crew to man their collection station outside of the Park'n Shop grocery store at 711 Southbridge St., Auburn.

The Masons are putting into action their values of brotherly love, relief, and truth to help, aid, and assist those that are less fortunate and in need of their assistance. They Thanksgiving and before the Easter seasons Massachusetts on the web at: www.massto encourage their fellow man in assisting them in filling the pantries of the Auburn

Youth & Family Services shelves so they may assist local families.

There has been a bond molded between the Auburn Youth & Family Services Executive Director, Sally D'arcangelo, the store manager Ed Paquette and Jim Alicea, Asst. Store Mgr. along with the Charity and Relief Committee of the Masonic lodge, chaired by R.W. Daniel Barston.

You can learn more about the Auburn Youth & Family Services, Inc. mission to support families through Empowerment and Community Collaboration on the Web at: www.ayfs.org

You can also learn more about the world's oldest & largest international fraternispend two consecutive weekends before ty through the Grand Lodge of Masons of

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### New town administrator announced

BY JASON BLEAU

CHARLTON – After a brief extensive search process the Charlton Board of Selectmen has chosen the top candidate to serve as their new Town Administrator.

In October, Charlton said farewell to long-time town administrator Robin Craver leading the town's top board to initiate a search for a new hire with the goal of solidifying the new administrator before the end of the calendar year.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, selectmen welcomed the three finalists, Barre town administrator Andrew Golas, former Bourne Town Administrator Thomas Guerino, and Mendon town administrator Kimberly Newman to be interviewed in a lengthy question and answer session giving each individual time to share their experience and goals for the Charlton community. In the end, Kimberly Newman was chosen as the first choice to fill the vacancy receiving the most first place rankings among the selectmen who each ranked the candidates on their own private ballots. Golas was ranked second and would be the candidate approached should negotiations between the town and Newman fall through.

Prior to revealing their rankings, the selectmen all praised the three finalists as worthy candidates for the job which several admitted made their rankings tough to finalize. In the end, though, each board member had their priorities in mind for what they were seeking in a leader for the town hall.

Selectman Bill Borowski said it came down to two factors for him, finances and relationship building.

"We have literally three fine candidates, and any one of them could do a great job for the town of Charlton," said Borowski. "The most important characteristics that I was looking for were financial acumen, because we all know our budget constraints especially with our capital expenditures over the next few years, and as important if not even more important is around relationship building. We all know we've had a tumultuous couple of years between boards, citizens, administration, and those to me at the two biggest factors I was looking for – Those were the two real drivers, at least for

Borowski's sentiments were echoed by many members of the board with several agreeing that considering the town's budgetary situation and several controversies in the last year that have created a void between town leaders and the public having personability and financial skills were certainly at the top of their lists of qualifications. Even still, Board Chair David Singer said it didn't make it any easier a decision and made the interviews an integral part of the decision-making process.

"I had a certain hope to come from this. I think coming in I already had the impression that I'd be looking at three incredibly talented people who could do this job or they wouldn't have made it this far,

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### Region digs out after first major snow storm

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION - Worcester County residents spent much of last week digging out from the season's first major snowstorm.

Accumulation totals varied widely, with some towns receiving significantly more snow than their neighbors. Northbridge checked in with about 22 inches of snow, while Warren also received just under two feet of heavy wet snow. Just to the west, Ware only picked up about seven

The Route 9 corridor was also hit hard, with school closures taking place across the area following a foot of snow. The Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District was among those to call off classes as late as Tuesday, Dec. 3, nearly 48 hours after the storm began.

In Leicester, meanwhile, Mulberry Street was closed in the area of the airport due to high winds causing snow drifts. Police in area towns also responded to multiple minor accidents, but most drivers avoided the peak snow times on the nights of Dec. 1 & 2.

As the snow continued to pile up, plow drivers saw cash accumulate with every inch. After lackluster winter seasons last year and in 2017 in terms of snow accumulations, local plow drivers said they appreciated the early season snow. Students were also thankful for an extended Thanksgiving break, though they might be singing a different tune in June if too many snow days add up.

At the western edge of the county, officials and residents alike were thrilled to finally receive a White Christmas in

West Brookfield following a string of wet and windy days for the annual tradition held in the town center. Though residents always show up ready to celebrate no matter what the weather is like, the snow makes it far more memorable, officials said.

The snow-covered lawns also added to the ambience of the annual Parade of Lights held in Spencer on Dec. 7. The event always draws thousands of guests to the sides of Route 9 for a holiday celebration, and the winter themes along the parade route were augmented

by a backdrop of white.

Craft fair organizers were also pleased by the early season snow, which got people in the spirit of Christmas shopping. Holiday-themed fairs were held last week in East Brookfield, Spencer, and Leicester, while Auburn is gearing up for its annual major event at the high school on Dec. 14.

All in all, an early December snowstorm was as much a gift as it was an annoyance in Worcester County.



From left: Stacy Delacruz, Harrington Infusion Nurse; Heather Staniszewski, Harrington Infusion Nurse; Donna Kentley, PA, The Cancer Center at Harrington; Joseph Fantini, Executive Director of Fundraising for CDYFC; Austin Foyle, Lieutenant with the Charlton Police Explorers; Stephanie LaChance, Charlton-Dudley Cheery Director; Beth Bourassa, Treasurer, CDYFC; Graham Maxfield, Charlton Police Chief.

### Charlton police raise funds for Harrington's Cancer Center

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Cancer Center at Harrington received a check for \$1,300 from the Charlton Police Department on behalf of its fundraising efforts for the Pink Patch Project. The Charlton Police Explorers, Police Department and Charlton Dudley Youth Football and Cheer teamed up to sell more than 100 patches, with 100 percent of the proceeds going toward The Cancer Center in Southbridge.

Retired Police Detective Mike McGrath said it was important for the group that the money raised directly supports patients in treatment. The Cancer Center has a dedicated fund that helps patients and their families with co-pay assistance, medication expenses, transportation and other helpful items. The CDYFC

donated their concession stand tip jar during a few home games, and the Police also set up a table at Treehouse Brewing Company in October. Many, many thanks to our wonderful, supportive community for the generous donation, which will assist so many patients who live right in south central Massachusetts.



### Relieving the pressure one box at a time!



Courtesy Photo

Connie Thompson peeks over pile of Care Boxes as they get ready for shipping.

STURBRIDGE — New Hope United Church of Christ, the fun church, sent some smiles, goodies, and a bit of relief to their students and miltary personnel recently as they sent off their care

"Our youth are under so much pressure these days. sending goodie boxes serve as friendly reminders that they may be out of our sight but never our of our hearts and prayers," said Reneé Graveline, Mission Shepherd.

The congregation donates items and treats and does their best to customize each of them. Each box includes an encouraging note from Pastor Janet. The boxes go out twice a year and are scheduled arrive just before exams. One funny note was that in the age of e-mail and social media, we've discovered that the students rarely check and may not even have a snail mail box so we let them know when it's on its way - electronically of course.

New Hope United Church of Christ, the fun church, is located at 345 Main St. (in the Bethlehem Lutheran Building). It offers Church School from 10 - 10:45 a.m., and parents are invited to drop off or chill out with coffee. Worship is

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### New Hope UCC breaks the mold to bring families Christmas fun!

STURBRIDGE — New Hope United Church of Christ, "the fun church," is once again reaching out to the community by hosting a free Christmas Carnival on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. - 2

While churches traditionally use holiday time for fundraisers, New Hope UCC wanted alleviate some of the pressure on families of all varieties and to give them gift of laughter and holiday fun by hosting this free event. There will four or five craft and science stations, four to five game stations, door prizes, a quiet corner for holiday storytelling, a simple lunch offering and a take home goodie bag for each child.

It was all the brainchild of Liz Lamparth, a busy mother of three active boys. The congregation jumped into joyous action when she said at a gathering several months ago, "Family time is so hard to come by during the holidays, wouldn't it be nice if we could do something to help them," and the Christmas Carnival was

Everyone is so excited about this project and hope that it will become a regular event.

Once again with the hectic family schedule in mind, New Hope United Church of Christ will hold their Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at



Paige Higby (center) trys out a few Christmas Carnival activities with the Lamparth boys (left to right) Dennis, Eli and Christopher.

9 p.m. Everyone, everyone, everyone is invited!

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### Forum provides information on school building project

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

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about the town's school building project during a public forum last month.

On Nov. 27, the Leicester School Building Committee hosted its third public forum regarding the proposed school that would house students in grades pre-K through eighth grade. Officials and residents gathered at Leicester High School to ask questions

"The forum went well. It was a very productive meeting that informed the town about the site," said Leicester Public Schools Superintendent Marilyn

If the \$87 million project receives approval for funding at the 2020 Town Meeting and election, the school would be built on the site of the existing middle school. About \$41.5 million would be covered by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, while the town would be responsible for \$45.5 million.

If approved, the new school would be constructed on the field behind the middle school. The existing building would then be demolished, with the space to be used for athletic fields.

After a careful evaluation of several options, school leaders agree that a new building is the best route. It would cost about \$31 million to renovate the existing elementary and middle schools, and additional funds would be needed for repairs as the schools continue to age,

officials said. The new school would also ensure that all students in the district remain on the same campus, which increases efficiency for district-wide transportation and programming. Moreover, the new school would feature several technological amenities, including a STEM

space and a media center. The district currently runs three schools, and the new building would enable long-term cost savings for the district by reducing the campus to two buildings. The project would also preclude continued costs needed annual-

ly to repair aging buildings.

During the Nov. 27 public forum, residents viewed site plans and interior designs for the school, which would house approximately 930 students across ten grades. Forum attendees also shared some of their concerns, including drainage operations on the site. Officials explained several facets of the design scheme in detail, then provided an outlook for actions planned over the next few months.

"We will submit the plans for two independent firms to give us estimates, finalize the estimates, and submit the proposal to MSBA," Tencza added. "We will return to MSBA to seek funding approval in February or April.'

Once MSBA funding is secured, additional public forums will be held ahead of the Annual Town Meeting to inform residents of the cost to the town.

Additional information about the school building project can be found by visiting www.leicesterbuildingproject.

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# Southbridge resident seeks help ending torment of Lyme disease

SOUTHBRIDGE — Jen Sheehan has one really big Christmas/New Year's wish this year: a last-ditch chance to get rid of the chronic Lyme disease she has been battling for years.

In January, she might be able to do that by taking part in an experimental treatment in Germany, but it's not cheap. Even with part of the cost covered by a grant, she needs to find \$35,000 before then.

'It's the only place in the world that knows how to treat complex chronic Lyme cases like mine," she said during a recent interview. "... After 15 years of hoping I could get care here [in the US], I'm taking a leap of faith."

The place is called the Klinik St. Georg (St. George Hospital) in Bavaria, and uses a method called hyperthermia, a controlled rise in body temperature to 106.8 degrees to essentially bake the bacteria. After a while at that temp, the doctors carefully reduce it to normal, and she'll return for a second round. Treatment, however, isn't over then; that just kills off enough of the Lymecausing bacteria (Borrelia burgdorferi) to allow several weeks of antibiotics to work on the rest and the various co-in-

Sheehan knows she'll be awfully sick after hyperthermia, since "when you kill the bacteria, they release toxins,' but she admits she's reaching her last

'If you told me at this point to cut off a limb and the bacteria will go away, I'd do it. That's how desperate you get,'

Sheehan's case dates back to 2002, when she spent summer on Cape Cod and came back "feeling weird" but had never seen a tick bite or the characteristic "bullseye rash." That turned into "the worst flu that wouldn't go away," insomnia, numbness, forgetfulness, bone pain that "felt like someone set me on fire from inside," and a long list of other symptoms over the years, especially after a tick bite she knew about in 2012. Those have in turn been diagnosed as a laundry list of ailments, including multiple sclerosis, fibromyalgia and a couple of other autoimmune disorders, fears of cancer that have so far not materialized, mini-strokes, various organ conditions, and probably the most troublesome one, somatization

The latter is a psychological concept by which many doctors write patients' concerns off as "faking it," even when they have other doctors' diagnoses to look at. It's unfortunately super-common as a depiction of chronic Lyme sufferers, because a large swath of the medical community rejects even the existence of chronic Lyme.

"I was somebody prior to Lyme disease who never went to doctors," she recalled. "After my early 30s, it became a full-time job, and they hold it against me that I want to find out what's happening to me."

That really angers Sheehan, who said she's had doctors tell her "you just need to get a life and get to work," she said.



Jen Sheehan

For a long time, even her family didn't get it, pushing her into depression, but that's changed. Last month, her father joined her at the annual Central Mass Lyme Conference in Sturbridge.

'When he listened to their stories, he said, 'My god, they're talking about you,'" she said.

Now he plans to go to Germany with

A large majority of Lyme cases, when caught early (for example, by seeing a bullseye rash), are fairly easy to treat using a couple weeks of antibiotics, but the body does not develop immunity to it, even when successfully treated. However, some cases don't get a rash and/or the bite occurs in an unseen location. To make things worse, the standard Elisa test for Lyme gives false negative results for a wide range of cases, sometimes depending on when the test occurs, and sometimes even when a rash is visible. (It also gives false positives in some.) A test called the western blot test is more accurate (because it looks for certain proteins, not just antibodies), but is often not given if there's a negative Elisa result.

Without the rash, such tests cannot detect antibodies until at least four weeks after infection, meaning it becomes harder to treat. Furthermore, since the body still has antibodies for years after an infection, they can't detect a new round of Lyme, according to lyme-basics.com.

The closest the National Institutes of Health comes to a "chronic Lyme" diagnosis is the wordy "Post Treatment Lyme Disease Syndrome." By definition, that presumes the patient got treatment, thus doesn't include people misdiagnosed with other ailments. Several of them coexist with and look much like Lyme, including babesiois, ehrlichiosis and other tick-borne diseases, further complicating both diagnosis and treatment.

For Sheehan, the road to Germany began when her doctor said she'd be a good candidate and gave her an application. She sat on it for a while, thinking she couldn't afford it, but finally sent it in two months ago, then "everything happened so fast." She said she got a response directly from the Klinik's main doctor, Freidrich Douwes, who accepted her based on the severity of her records and told her she needs to get there ASAP.

The grant that covers part of her cost was arranged by a private donor for Lyme patients in Massachusetts, but it calls for Sheehan to raise part of the funding herself, including by setting up a GoFundMe page - https://www. gofundme.com/f/help-jennifer-get-togermany-to-fight-lyme – with a \$35,000 goal. That would cover the German trip plus subsequent treatment back home; as of Monday, she had \$9,000 in pledges and has people in the community helping to round up donations in other

"I recognize it's a tough ask, especially at this time of year," she said. "I'm hoping people will respond, help me get there in any way they can.

So far, she said her part-time job (Savers Bank) has been "very supportive," by giving her a lot of time off for doctors' visits and a flexible schedule to deal with how much Lyme takes

out of her. She notes she's lucky to work behind the scenes, rather than having to deal with people daily. Savers bank is accepting cash and check donations at any of their branch locations. Checks can be made payable to The Jennifer Sheehan Medical Treatment Fund. C/0 savers bank 270 Main St Southbridge Ma 01550. They have set up a fund and supporting this effort.

"I've lost but I friends, gained better friends," Sheehan said. "You kind of find out who your real friends are with Lyme. There's a lot of blessings mixed in with the hell I've gone through."

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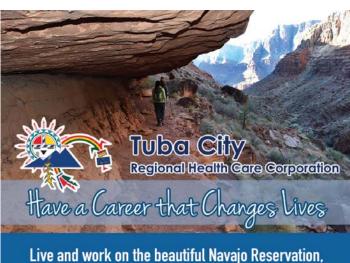
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Makaila is social teen who enjoys engaging in lively conversation with others and exploring her community. She is thoughtful, reflective and is tuned into her emotions. She gets nervous easily but can manage strong feelings once she processes them. This thoughtfulness extends to others as well, and Makaila is generally caring, considerate towards

others and has a solid moral compass. Makaila puts a lot of effort into her studies and with the right supports in place she can be successful academ-

Legally freed for adoption, Makaila maintains regular contact with her birth parents through an open adoption agreement. A single or two-parent family with a female parent is preferred for Makaila. She will do well with other children in the home if they are older than her. She is in need of a compassionate family who will work with her as she processes her past losses. Most important to Makaila is having a family that is active and spends a lot of time together.

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# Local experts say "do your research" on CBD



Gus Steeves Photos

Laura Huard talks about her CBD-based business and related issues.

BY GUS STEEVES

CHARLTON - Laura Huard has a lot of experience with cannabis, saying she's found it helpful over the years for a range of ills, from skin to anxiety to her son's migraines.

But that doesn't mean she just accepts all the hype that's come to surround the growing marijuana and hemp industry. Under the name Hole in the Wall LLC, she makes and sells CBD oils, salves and tinctures, and strongly urges people to get the paperwork to make sure whatever they use has been tested.

"You can buy this stuff in gas stations," her husband and partner, Mark Huard, agreed. "Do your research. Some things are insanely expensive, but some are insanely cheap," and buyers should be wary of

Legally, testing for CBD products isn't (yet) required (but it is required for THC products), so "a lot of products don't have

the correct amount of CBD in them," she notes. "Some have none, some have more" than their labels state.

Finding the right one for personal use can depend on several factors, some of them we don't know much about yet. She notes effective dosing can vary a lot, and people should start low and work their way up to one that works for whatever they're using it for. But there are some people for whom CBD doesn't work, although in her experience, even those folks won't see negative side effects.

"I have no medical training," Huard admits. "This just comes from years and years and years of knowledge for myself and my family.'

Mark Huard agrees. He said he's found relief from spinal stenosis that used to require him to wear a back brace almost everywhere and caused his arms to get numb.

"We've seen a lot of coincidences with things," he said, referring to people using CBD in conjunction with other treatments. "But [the real question] is why does it happen nd how does it happen?"

Both of them note there are some circumstances where you should not use CBD - but many of them are also cases where mixing any substances can be dangerous. One is pregnancy, since almost anything the mother uses will pass through the placenta to the fetus. Another is when using some diabetes medications.

They also note cannabis should generally be avoided by young people, because their bodies aren't yet fully developed. But Mark said one famous case led to the discovery that a certain cannabis strain without THC has notably reduced seizures in childhood epilepsy. It's now called Charlotte's Web after the girl who took it in Brooklyn.

These days, one of the more common uses Laura Huard puts CBD to is stress relief.

"I did my CBD before I came up here. No matter how often I talk, I get anxious," she admits.

She said she sees an effect almost instantly "but for other people, it seems to take up to 20 minutes." Curiously, her father is an exception; she said it can take two days for him to see an effect.



CBD products come in various forms, including edibles, salves and tinctures (shown here).

Regardless, Huard is a big proponent of CBD, saying it has antimicrobial, antifungal, antiinflammatory and other efects on the body. That's in large part because human cells (particularly in the immune system) have natural cannibinoid (CB-2) receptors, and she argues that through much of human history, most of us had regular small doses of it from various sources (often hemp seeds, which are edible by people and were long grown as feed for farm animals).

Historically, cannabis has been traced back at least 5,000 years. The plant is native to the steppes of Central Asia, and the earliest known archeological evidence of its use was found in Chinese graves. In reality, there are three species - Cannabis sativa (by far the most common), C. indica, and the very rare C. ruderalis - plus other plants that have chemicals that mimic cannabinoids and use the same body receptors.

CBD, an abbreviation for cannabidiol, is just one of more than 200 natural chemicals found in the plants. Growers have bred many strains with varying concentrations of them, mostly for THC and CBD. the two for which we have the most research. Testing facilities currently test for a handful of others, as well as metals, toxins, molds and pesticides to ensure purity.

Huard said the various forms

CBD comes in have various uses. For skin issues and surface pains, she typically uses a soap or salve, but for deeper issues, edibles or tinctures might be better. The latter come in two main forms - oilor alcohol-based (she prefers oils); alcohols get into the bloodstream more quickly, but the body absorbs more CBD from oils, she said.

Both of them say there's still a need for better education arounnd cannabis, particularly for medical professionals. While some have been moreor-less quietly embracing it. others strongly reject it - something Mark largely attributes to the influence of the pharmaceutical industry.

Last year, federal law legalized hemp growing, is working toward allowing hemp firms to use banks, and multiple bills have been filed to legalize marijuana outright. But there have also been some conflicts. In our state, for example, the government greatly restricted hemp farmers' ability to sell this year's crop after farmers had planted it. Furthermore, the rules for hemp set a very low THC limit – just three tenths of a percent - and mandate that anything above that be burned. In Vermont, he said, the state allows those accidentally-higher levels to be sold to dispen-

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### Bay State Savings Bank promotes Lucas J. Miller

WORCESTER State Savings Bank is proud to announce that Lucas J. Miller has recently joined the Senior Leadership team, currently holding the role of Senior Vice President and General Counsel.

In this new role, Mr. Miller will oversee Information Technology and Facilities while continuing to ensure that the Bank's regulatory compliance, BSA obligations, and legal affairs are handled efficiently and effectively.

"Lucas has been with the Bank for over six years, heading up our Compliance Department," said Bay State Savings Bank President and CEO Peter Alden. "He has become an invalu-



Lucas Miller

able resource for all of us as we navigate the constantly changing world of banking rules and regulations, and I am confident he will continue to help our Bank thrive as a member of the Senior Leadership team."

Mr. Miller has more than 20 years' experience serving the legal & financial services industries. He also values serving our communities, whether through volunteering, providing pro bono legal counsel to need-based individuals, or otherwise

helping nonprofits such as Habitat for Humanity and others. He currently resides in Leicester.

# Bay State Savings Bank promotes Trinny Pineda to Branch Manager

WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank is proud to announce Trinny Pineda has been promoted to Branch Manager at the Bank's 799 Grafton St. location in Worcester.

Mrs. Pineda holds 16 years of banking experience. She joined Bay State Savings Bank in 2003, serving as a Teller at the Bank's Worcester and Holden branch locations. In 2014, she was promoted to Senior Teller. In 2015, she was promoted to Head Teller and then shortly after, to Branch

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**Trinny Pineda** 

Supervisor. She currently serves as a member of the Bank's

Employee Appreciation Committee.

Mrs. Pineda currently resides in Worcester with her husband and four children.

Bay State Savings Bank of Worcester has been a mutually owned community savings bank since it was founded in 1895. In addition to its main office, Bay State Savings Bank has branches in Auburn, Holden, and Worcester. For additional information, visit www.baystatesavingsbank.com.



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# PFAS chemicals subject of talk



Gus Steeves Photo

Maia Fitzstevens talks to Rep. Paul Frost after her presentation.

BY GUS STEEVES

SOUTHBRIDGE an acronym, PFAS is pretty non-assuming. As a full name, it's a bit of a mouthful: per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

But as a group of more than 4700 chemicals, it's increasingly being recognized as a health threat that's in use nearly everywhere and is already in the bodies of nearly every American citizen, even infants.

According Fitzstevens, a water quality project scientist at the Silent Spring Institute, PFAS were first manufactured (they do not exist naturally) in the 1950s and have since been used in all kinds of things, including nonstick cookware, various waxes, food packaging (including cans and coated pizza boxes), firefighting foams, Goretex jackets and flame-retardant furniture. Although a few have been banned (particularly bisphenol-A) and others are under scrutiny as carcinogens, there are so many of them that corporations engage in what she dubbed "regrettable substitution," making a slight formula change that doesn't change its

She spoke last Thursday to a small audience as part of the Festival of (Giving) Trees although her talk was not in the festival calendars posted in many local places or on the FOGT Web site, even after the fact. This reporter only knew of it from a flyer seen at Big Bunny about two days in advance.

The problem with these "forever chemicals" is that they are "very mobile; travel[ing] easily through the environment," and is being found in groundwater wells in several communities

which makes this decision difficult. I had to enter

with this assumption that any one of them could

do the job, any one of them could build a budget.

any one of them could manage a town. Which then

in my opinion could do what I thought we really

needed and would focus on that? To me that meant

answers from the heart, answers that were sub-

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in Massachusetts, including Stow, Hyannis and elsewhere (although not in Southbridge at this point). Fitzstevens said they end up in drinking water via at least four main routes: firefighting foams, chemical manufacturing sites, farm use of sewer sludge (because most sewer plants can't test for or remove them) and landfill leachate. Regarding sludge use, she noted PFAS have been found in Mass Water Resources Authority fertilizers - the agencv that runs the reservoirs supplying Boston with water.

Nationwide, there are 610 known contaminated sites in 43 states, but she believes there are likely more, since state testing programs vary greatly. Michigan has "one of the most comprehensive testing programs," so that state has found many sites.

Based mostly on animal tests, "these chemicals have very harmful health effects even at very, very low levels," she said. Among them are cancers and other illnesses, changes in breast/mammary gland tissue, endocrine disruption, and even reduced effectiveness

of vaccines. For these reasons, state and federal governments are starting to look at designating safe drinking water levels, although they're only "guidelines," not requirements at this point. The EPA level is 70 parts per trillion (ppt), but many states are looking at much lower levels around 20 ppt. That includes Massachusetts, where the DEP started a guideline creation process last January and released draft standards at 20 ppt on six PFAS chemicals in

Fitzstevens said Silent Spring has three PFAS-related studies running now. One, called REACH, involves 120 children in Hyannis and Portsmouth, NH, looking at PFAS effects on growth and immune toxicity. Next year, Hyannis and Ayer residents (1000 adults, 300 children) will be sought for an ATSDR-funded study on more general health effects. Cape Cod is also central to the third project called STEEP, which runs for five years looking at PFAS concentrations in wells and how it moves through groundwater.

In the latter case, they've so far found about half of the wells have detectable PFAS levels, generally in association with high nitrate levels. In some wells, they've found long-unused PFAS varieties, and have so far not found any above the EPA's 70 ppt level, but some over the state's proposed 20 ppt level, Fitzstevens said.

"We're trying to make this pretty complex issue translatable and relatable to people," she said.

Silent Spring's website includes links to several recent research projects on PFAS and other contaminants. One from this year was the first to implicate use of some kinds of dental floss as a PFAS risk factor alongside various other better-known sources.

"Given their extensive and persistent nature, it is unsurprising that PFASs have been detected in water and soil, and in the bodies of almost all Americans. Exposure to the long-chain PFASs perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) has been linked to kidney and testicular cancer, decreased semen quality, and ulcerative colitis in adults, and to thyroid disease, immune response, and lowered sex and growth hormones in chil-

stitutive, perhaps a bit deeper thinking about our

community and also revolved around transparen-

Negotiations between Kimberly Newman and

selectmen took place behind closed doors and

were not discussed in a public forum. Police

Chief Graham Maxfield has served as interim

town administrator since Craver's departure after

cy, honesty and integrity," Singer said.

13-years of service to Charlton.

dren," the study team led by Katherine Boronow wrote in the January 2019 edition of the Journal of Exposure Science & Environmental Epidemiology.

Later in their discussion, the team noted, "Consumer product sources of PFASs are difficult to untangle, and this study extends work identifying consumer product pathways for exposure to these chemicals and draws attention to food packaging and dental floss as modifiable sources."

Fitzstevens noted the PFAS chemicals are just one group of the more than 80,000 chemicals now on the market and in our environment. "Very few have been tested for their ability to cause breast cancer" or other illnesses, alone or in combination, she said. As an example, she said the US bans just 11 chemicals from cosmetics, while Europe bans 1300.

"In Europe, chemicals have to be proven safe, but in the US, we have it a little backwards, she said. "Chemicals have to be proven harmful to be taken off the market.'

But there are some ways to inform ourselves about risks. Silent Spring offers a free Detox Me app, which offers "practical tips on reducing exposure;" one of the more effective is carbon block water filter use. She also recommended avoiding bottled water, since "PFAS levels are high in bottled water, so it isn't necessarily safer. ... Bottled water is generally less well-tested than tapwater" because it's under FDA rules.

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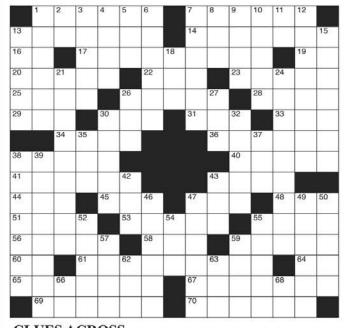
After talking, she took several audience questions. One involved Walker Pond residents finding salt and arsenic in their wells and being tols to treat the latter before the state would help with the former. She connected them with State Rep. Paul Frost, who has been a legislative supporter of Silent Spring over the years.

Frost said the legislature is currently looking at earmarking \$200,000 for Silent Spring's work, and he believes there's a need to compare Cape Cod results to inland communities. The level had been as high as \$1 million a year, "but when we started finding what some answers are, they cut the money," Cheryl Osimo said.

"Drinking water is very precious" worldwide, Frost said. ...These are nice conversations for us to have.'

The Silent Spring funding and several PFAS-related issues are part of the ongoing supplemental budget bill amendments, but PFAS is also subject of three specific bills. Two (S. 2284 and H. 3851) aim to create a PFAS task force to "investigate water and ground contamination," while H. 3839 aims to ban PFAS in food packaging. As of Sunday, local Sen Ryan Fattman had co-sponsored H.3851, but Rep Peter Durant hasn't co-sponsored any of them.

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### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Rope used as a lasso 7. Lomb's partner
- 14. Rounds up cattle
- 16. Densest naturally occurring element
- 17. Home of the Brewers
- 19. Atomic #44 20. Vetches
- 22. Moved earth with a tool
- 23. Cavalry sword 25. Supplements with difficulty
- 26. Encouraged
- 28. Speech defect Periodical (abbr.)
- 30. Very cold
- 31. Paulo, city 33. Former OSS
- 34. Approves food
- 36. Cars need them
- 38. Sweden's dominant phone company

- 40. Long lock of a woman's hair
- 41. North American natives is. Fly nigh
- 44. One type is fire
- 45. Nocturnal bird
- 47. More than one male 48. LOTR actor McKellen
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Tony-winning actress Daisy
- 55. Tennis star Kournikova
- 56. Pulitzer-winning composer 58. The opposite to pro
- Safecrackers
- 60. Denotes past 61. Parrots
- 64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.) 65. Reduce the importance of
- 67. Stiffly
- 69. In a sensible way 70. Signs

### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Capital of Zambia 2. Article
- 3. Country star LeAnn
- 4. Egyptian goddess 5. Afflict in mind or body
- 6. Showy but cheap
- 7. Belgian urban center 8. Short-winged diving seabird
- 9. Deploys
- 10. Ballplayers can legally do it
- 11. Centiliter
- 13. Type of pole 15. Distinguish oneself

12. Contrary beliefs

- 18. 8th month of the year (abbr.) 21. One who monitors
- 24. Petty quarreling
- 26. Fiddler crabs 27. Touch lightly
- 30. American state
- 32. Pro wrestler Randy

- 235. Indicates spelling mistake
- 37. Macaws 38. Gradually narrowed 39. Installments
- 42. Female sheep
- 43. Politician
- 46. Servant
- 47. Said to facilitate concentration 49. California ballplayers
- 50. Once Toledo's tallest building
- 52. A type of pie
- 54. State of southwestern India 55. Principal member of Norse
- religion
- 57. Counterspy 59. Wellness practice
- \_-de-sac: dead end street
- 63. Used to cook
- 66. Type of hospital 68. Direct message

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### **DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB**

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

### **DUDLEY SENIORS**

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

For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

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Friday, Feb. 14, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$20 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

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

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SPENCER — Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508)

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

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fly home from Munich. Transportation from Paxton to and

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coach to Munich/Fussen. This is a wonderful trip and we

sincerely hope that you can join us on December 3 and especially next October.

Bob Wilby, 508-792-4662 or rwilby@ charter.net

Please call or email me if you plan to

come to the December 3 informational meeting.

### **LEGALS**

### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S** SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 29 Carroll Street, Auburn, Massachusetts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

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

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the

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

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT 19 SM 005791 **ORDER OF NOTICE** 

To: Jenelle Girouard

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 5 Chestnut Avenue, given by Jenelle Girouard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, as nominee for Plaza Home Mortgage Inc., dated March 31, 2017, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56922, Page 58, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated February 5, 2019, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60201, Page 289, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attornev must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 13, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 26, 2019. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder 17453

December 13, 2019

(SEAL)

To:

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT 17 SM 001532 **ORDER OF NOTICE** 

Joseph Malloy and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act,

50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Auburn, numbered 16 Linda Avenue, given by William D. Malloy and Joseph Malloy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Bank of America, N.A., dated May 20, 2009, and recoded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44430, Page 75, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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

or before January 06, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on November 20, 2019. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

17-028375/ FC01 December 13, 2019

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THE COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT 19 SM 005853 **ORDER OF NOTICE** 

To: Michelle Welch

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### **EDITORIAL**

### Celebrate the season with Yuletide lore

Did you ever wonder where the tradition of the Christmas stocking came from, why the traditional Christmas colors are red, green and gold, or why Kentucky Fried Chicken in Japan is so busy on Christmas?

There are endless myths and fables surrounding the Christmas holiday, but there are even more interesting facts. While researching Christmas, and digging deep, we found a plethora of fun and thought provoking facts worth sharing with our readers.

The first one notes that early images of St. Nicholas depict him as a strict disciplinarian rather than the overweight, jolly man in the red suit we see today.

Way back when, a common Christmas Eve tradition was to tell scary ghost stories by the fire; it was, in fact, this uniquely British tradition that Charles Dickens intended to hearken back to with his classic "A Christmas Carol."

In 1914, during the First World War, a truce between the United Kingdom and Germany was held. They decorated their shelters for the holiday and exchanged gifts and even played a game of football with each other.

When a child drops a letter in the mail to Santa in America, the mail is sent to Santa Claus, Indiana.

Thanks to the province of Nova Scotia, which has, since 1918, been sending the city of Boston an enormous Christmas tree as a thank you for supporting them during the Halifax explosion.

Pope Julius I, Bishop of Rome, proclaimed Dec. 25 as the official day to celebrate the birth of Jesus in 350 A.D. Interestingly, there is no mention of Jesus' exact date of birth anywhere in the Gospels. The date of Dec. 25 was chosen because it happened to coincide with an existing celebration honoring Saturn, the Roman god of wealth, agriculture, and renewal, making it easier for early Christian missionaries to encourage pagan converts to make Christ, rather than Saturn, the central focus of the festivities.

For the past 40 years, people in Japan have made it a national custom to eat Kentucky Fried Chicken for Christmas dinner. There is so much demand for KFC at the holidays that customers are asked to place their family meal orders two months in advance.

British illustrator John Callcott Horsley invented the notion of the Christmas card in 1843.

In England from 1649-1660, Puritan dictator Oliver Cromwell outlawed Christmas celebrations and carols.

The first artificial Christmas trees were made in Germany out of dyed goose feathers.

X is the Greek letter "chi," which is an abbreviation for the word "Christ" in Greek — hence, the abbreviation X-mas being used so often.

Several European countries thought that good and evil spirits were active during the Twelve Days of Christmas. These 'spirits' later found their way into the more family-friendly mythology sur-

rounding the holiday as Santa's elves. Have you ever wondered what a 'Yule' log actually is? It is a large log that is burned during the Twelve Days of Christmas as a symbol of health, fertility, luck and is said to ward off evil spirits. Don't have a fireplace? Rest assured there is something of a cottage industry in video recordings of Yule logs on the fire that you can pop into your DVD or Blu-Ray player on an endless loop at your holiday gatherings.

In Bolivia, there is a celebration called the 'Mass of the Rooster' that takes place on Christmas Eve. Some people bring roosters to the mass to symbolize the thought that a rooster was the first animal to announce the birth of Jesus.

In 2010, the Columbian government hung lights on jungle trees. When the FARC guerrillas sauntered by, the trees lit up and released banners asking the terrorists to lay down their weapons. As a result, 331 guerrillas peacefully re-entered the community to celebrate the holiday.

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### **Annual Round** of Spice Healers

the holidays around the corner, the focus turns to homemade pies, cookies and other comfort food confections that conjure up fond holiday memories. One of the simple pleasures of churning out home baked goods this time of year is the unmistakable aroma

of such spices as cinnamon, nutmeg and

The next time you're stocking up on these "pie spices" you might want to grab an extra jar or two. Studies show popular holiday spices can benefit your health as well as your taste buds. Read on for this column's annual review of how a dash of this and a pinch of that can spice up your life!

Note: Do not ingest spices as home remedies without proper medical supervision. Life threatening allergies, overdoses, and side effects can occur.

Nutmeg: Often sprinkled in a holiday eggnog or added to a meat pie, the nutmeg spice jar does duty beyond the kitchen cupboard, from clearing a complexion to promoting sweet slumber.

According to the Encyclopedia of Healing Foods, a little nutmeg added to a glass of warm milk can lull you off to sleep in record time.

Nutmeg has also been hailed for its anti inflammatory properties, which makes it a powerful weapon in battling blemishes. To zap a zit, make a paste of ground nutmeg and milk, and apply to pimple to reduce redness and swelling.

Cinnamon: Move over cinnamon toast and apple pie, the spice has a higher calling. Ever since a study published in the journal Diabetes Care found half a teaspoon of cinnamon daily could be helpful in reducing blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes, cinnamon has been touted as an additional dietary supplement along with conventional medications to fight the disease.

The study also revealed the spice reduced triglyceride, LDL cholesterol, and total cholesterol levels among the same test group.

Research from Want more? Copenhagen University showed a significant relief in arthritis pain when patients were given half a teaspoon of cinnamon powder combined with one tablespoon of honey every morning for a week.

And another study found that the mere act of smelling the spice can boosts cognitive function and memory!

Cinnamon FYI: Microbiologists at Kansas State University found that adding small amounts of cinnamon to samples of apple juice contaminated with E. coli bug killed most of the bacteria. Just one teaspoon of cinnamon killed 99.5 percent of the bacteria after three days at room temperature.

Ginger: Ginger bread and ginger snaps are familiar holiday treats, but did you know ginger has long been hailed for its power to tame a tummy ache? It's also a well known home remedy to treat motion and sea sickness. In fact, in one study, ginger was shown to be superior to a commonly used over-the-counter and prescription drug for motion sickness. reducing dizziness, nausea, vomiting, and cold sweats.

It's also claimed that ginger can aid in relieving arthritis and sciatica pain.

A simple Ginger tea is made by steeping one or two half inch slices of fresh ginger in a cup of hot water. Or add 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger powder too three cups of boiling water and let steep for a few minutes.

TAKE THE HINT

**KAREN** TRAINOR

Or, some people simply eat several pieces of crystallized ginger to help relieve joint and nerve pain.

Allspice: Christmas pudding, mincemeat and pumpkin pies all benefit from the addition of allspice, but did you know your

health can too? Allspice is famous for its ability to relieve muscle aches and pains when applied topically. To make an allspice poultice, mix ground allspice with water to form a thick paste. Apply it to

the body, cover with gauze and relax for

15 to 20 minutes. Sipping tea made from the spice can also be helpful in relieving menstrual cramps and headaches.

Allspice berries can also be used to temporarily relieve toothache pain. Simply chew one allspice berry for quick relief.

More kitchen cupboard Rx:

Soothe a Sore Throat: To relieve a sore throat, squeeze one half fresh lemon into one half cup warm water. Mix one tablespoon of salt and one quarter teaspoon of cayenne pepper. Gargle with the mixture three times per day until pain is relieved. Do not swallow this mixture.

This remedy, attributed to Dr. Jane Guiltinan, chief medical officer at John Bastyr University Natural Health Clinic in Seattle, is said to also relieve coughs and fight viral infections.

Time to Cure Cough: Did you know Thyme may help reduce coughing due to a cold? Make up thyme tea by adding a teaspoon of crushed thyme to one half cup of boiling water. Allow to steep for ten minutes, then strain and sip. As a bonus studies suggest that thyme can help maintain brain function and promote heart health.

Halt a Headache: Cayenne pepper is a proven pain reliever, especially for headaches. It is said cayenne dilates blood vessels to improve circulation. Before you reach for a pain killer, you might want to try this: Mix one half teaspoon cayenne pepper in six ounces of water and drink slowly.

Cut Congestion: For generations, cayenne has been used as a remedy to clear a head cold and relieve congestion and sinus pain. All it takes is a dash or two of cayenne powder in a cup of hot tea (preferably with honey and lemon) to do the trick!

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### Use year-end bonus (or gift) wisely



FINANCIAL Focus

**DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS** 

As 2019 draws to a close, you may be anticipating – or have already received – a year-end bonus from your employer. Or you might be receiving a substantial cash gift for the holidays. (If you're really lucky, you might get both.) You can doubtlessly think of many ways to spend this money right now, but how can you use it to help yourself in the long run?

Here are a few suggestions:

Pay off some debts. Virtually all of us carry some type of debt, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. For example, your mortgage not only gives you a place to live and a chance to build equity in your home, but the interest payments are typically tax deductible. Other debts, though, such as those on consumer items, are not so positive you generally can't deduct the interest payments, and the items themselves probably won't enhance your personal wealth. Plus, the bigger your monthly debt payments, the less you'll have to invest for your future. So, you might want to use your bonus or monetary gift to pay off, or at least pay down, some of your less productive debts.

Start an emergency fund. If you were to face a large, unexpected expense, such as the need for a new furnace or a major car repair, how would you pay for it? If you didn't have the cash on hand, you might be forced to dip in to your long-term investments, such as your stocks and mutual funds. A much better option is to build an emergency fund, containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. It will take time to build such a fund, of course, but your year-end bonus or gift money could give you a good start.

Contribute to your IRA. You can put in up to \$6,000 to your IRA, or \$7,000 if you're 50 or older. And although you've got until April 15, 2020, to fully fund your IRA for the 2019 tax year, you still night want to put your into your account right away. If you wait, you'll probably find other uses for this money. And if you're going to enjoy a comfortable retirement, you'll need to maximize every possible resource - and your IRA is one of your best ones. Furthermore, the sooner you get the money into your IRA, the more potential it will have to grow over time.

Feed your college fund. If you're already contributing to a college fund for your young children or grandchildren, vou can use vour vear-end bonus or monetary gift to add to the fund. If you haven't already started such an account, you might want to use this money for that purpose. You could open a 529 plan, which provides possible tax benefits and gives you control of the funds until it's time for them to be used for college or some type of vocational school. (Depending on where you live, you might also get tax benefits from your state if you use a 529 savings plan to pay for K-12 expenses.)

To achieve all your financial goals, you'll need to take advantage of your opportunities - and your year-end bonus or monetary gift can certainly be one of them.

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# Reflecting on shotgun season





RALPH TRUE

THE GREAT

As we swing into the final days of the Massachusetts shotgun deer season, it is time to reflect on the crazy but successful first few

days. Two snow storms kept many older hunters away from the woods because of the hard walking conditions. The deer were not moving much because of the heavy snow Monday &

Tuesday, but hunters did manage to harvest some very impressive deer. One of the most impressive bucks was harvested on opening day by Mark Kuras of Whitinsville, shown in

this week's picture. The moose like antlers were awesome.

This past Saturday, the success rate of local hunters increased dramatically as walking and tracking conditions improved in snow, although the snow very noisy underfoot. Hunters that consisted of four or five more trackers did very well harvesting deer. My brother Ken and I hunted a small track of land on Saturday, but did not find a single deer, although there was plenty of deer tracks in the area. After hunting a few hours, we headed for the nearest coffee shop.

We decided to take our annual ride to Bob's Pro Shop in Douglas. It is one of the many checking stations throughout Massachusetts that successful hunters can check in their deer. On our way to the station in the area of the Douglas State Forest on Route 16, a very large doe bolted out of the woods in front of my car. I was able to stop in time, avoiding a car deer collision. Two more deer were spotted waiting to cross the road. One quickly darted across the road, but the second deer retreated back into the woods.

When we arrived at the checking station Shawn Linnehan was checking in a real nice buck shown in this week's second picture. The eight point buck weighed in at 164 pounds field dressed. At noontime Saturday, the checking station had 72 deer checked in for the week. They normally have more than one hundred. Although the numbers were a bit low, wildlife officials are confidant the harvest will be very good this year.

Successful deer hunters are reminded that all deer do not need to be brought to a checking station after the first week. They do need to be checked in online at mass fish hunt within 24 hours. This year, local Environmental Police found numerous hunters failing to keep the tag on the deer, and also brought the deer to the checking station without a portion of the deer showing, as required by law when transporting the deer to a check station or transporting it to their residence. After the deer is checked in the hunter does not need to have a portion of the deer showing.

The shotgun deer season closes this Saturday in Massachusetts, followed by the primitive arms season that opens this week, Dec. 16, and runs until Dec. 31. There are a lot of deer available to the primitive arms hunter in Massachusetts this year, and it could become a record year for deer hunters. The new inline black powder guns are extremely accurate and easy to use. It will be the last opportunity to harvest a deer in Massachusetts this year.

Ice fishermen were out on some small ponds this past weekend, but the forecast for heavy rain and warm temperatures this week was expected to negatively impact all safe ice. Every year, someone falls through



the ice and drowns because of poor judgment. Dogs are also lost to unsafe ice. Keeping your dogs away from frozen ponds and rivers needs to be practiced at this time of year. Only experienced anglers and the adult skating public should be on what is presumed safe ice. Constant checking of ice needs to be practiced as you walk on first ice. Because it may be safe on one end of the pond or lake, it

does not mean that the entire lake is safe.

Sportsmen & women will need to dig deeper into their pockets in 2021 if Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife makes good on their proposals to raise hunting & fishing licenses in the state. Sources report that sporting licenses will cost \$90, and all permits will rise to \$20. Yikes!

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# Turn milkweed pods into works of art



GARDEN MOMENTS

**MELINDA MYERS** 

Homemade gifts are a wonderful way to show you care. Making them from items grown in vour garden adds that extra personal touch. And just like the plant, decorations and gifts made from milkweed pods are gaining in popularity.

Considered a weed by some, common milkweed is making a comeback as more gardeners are growing this important food source for monarch butterflies. Harvest the seedpods and craft them into iday trees.

Remove the pods from the plants, separate the halves and allow them to dry as needed. If you don't have your own milkweed plants, ask a friend or neighbor if you can harvest a few of theirs.

Search the internet and craft books for creative ways to use these. You would be surprised how a little paint can turn milkweed pods into a work of art. Paint a winter or holiday scene on the inside of the pods. Or add a bit of moss, tiny dried flowers, acorns and miniatures to create a three-dimensional piece of art.

Decorate the outside with the eyes, nose and hat of Santa Claus or one of his reindeer. Add some pinecone scales for ears and evergreen needles start of an adorable mouse.

Even those with limited artistic talent can create pretty ornaments. Paint the pod and glue a colorful feather or string of beads to the inside. Add twine with a bead or two to the top for a hanger.

Paint the inside and outside of the pods green, gold, silver or other color of your choice Purchase a Styrofoam cone and attach the pods, inner side facing out with pins. Place the pods in rows, covering the cone to create the perfect evergreen.

Glue the wide end of five pods together to form a star. Fill the center with a small cone or sweet gum pod. Still more pods? Use them to decorate a holiday wreath. If you have enough you can create a wreath of all milkweed pods.

frame with milkweed pods or use moss, burlap or greens as a base.

But don't stop with winter inspired decorations. Save some milkweed pods to craft into beautiful dahlias, birds, butterflies, fairies and more. Just start experimenting with paint, hot glue, florist wire and other natural materials.

Then next fall consider harvesting the pods before they open. You'll either contain the spread if desired or harvest seeds to share with friends. Place the pods in a paper bag in a warm location to open. Use the fluffy seeds to fill clear ornaments or separate the seeds from the fluff to plant and grow more monarch-friendly plants.

Once you get started crafting, friends and neighbors will be leaving pods on your

wreaths, stars and indoor hol- for whiskers and you have the Just cover the wreath form or doorstep to craft into works of art. And you may find yourself adding more milkweeds to the garden. You'll have plenty of pods for crafting and enjoy the monarch caterpillars munching on the leaves and adult butterflies sipping on the nectar in the garden.

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Melinda Myers Photo

Common milkweed is making a comeback in part because it's an important food source for the monarch butterfly. The milkweed's seedpods can be crafted into wreaths, art and more.



### THE AUBURN NEWS \* Friday, December 13, 2013

# Leicester can't complete undefeated season, loses to Abington in Division 7 State Final, 21-7

**SPORTS** 



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Leicester fans show their support for quarterback Dan Mero.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Editor's Note: Leicester High was the only Stonebridge Press affiliated school to reach the state championship game. During the course of their season, the Wolverines defeated the local team from Bay Path Regional.

FOXBOROUGH — It wasn't the start that Leicester High's varsity football team wanted following the coin toss of the Division 7 Super Bowl State Championship game versus Abington High, played at Gillette Stadium on Saturday, Dec. 7. The Wolverines won the toss and chose to receive the opening kickoff in hopes of starting quickly, settling nerves and putting points on the board first.

Their plan didn't pan out, though, as Leicester was forced to punt after its first possession.

Following the punt, it didn't take long for Abington to flash their game plan of "run the football." In just three plays senior running back Will Klein took off for 61 yards to score his first of two touchdowns in the Green Wave's 21-7 victory.

the Green Wave's 21-7 victory.

"They're good," expressed
Leicester head coach Tim
Griffiths. "I think nerves
didn't help our cause today.
We did some things that we
haven't done all year long. We
made a bunch of mistakes A:
because they forced them, and
B: because we didn't execute
for whatever reason. We had a
great year, but this is tough."

Senior co-captain Bryce Gosselin added, "giving up that first touchdown in three plays that hurts, that hurts a team a lot and the morale early."

Down 6-0 early after a missed two-point conversion rush with 7:52 left in the first quarter, Leicester was forced to answer, and they did — with the help of a little trickery. With 6:52 remaining in the quarter, Gosselin lined up for a direct snap with quarterback Dan Mero out wide. Mero went in motion as Gosselin received the snap. The ball was handed off to Mero in a jet sweep motion and, as Abington's defense collapsed on the senior quarterback, he flipped it to his brother Michael Mero, who then threw a strike to Jack O'Neill in stride for a 74-yard touchdown.

The Wolverines took the lead, 7-6, on a Nolan Power extra point kick only a minute after surrendering the lead.

The trick play ended up being the only score for Leicester.

They had trouble moving the ball the rest of the game, finishing with just 79 yards in the first half and 171 total. The Wolverines were 0-9 on third down, which was a huge factor in the game's outcome.

"We practiced it during the week, but we didn't play well offensively, explained Griffiths on the trick play and overall offensive production. "I thought our defense did enough to keep us in the game. I call the [offense] and we didn't get it done on the offensive side of the ball, so that is on me. We didn't execute, but maybe the play calling wasn't good. Whatever, it is what it is."

"We needed a sense of urgency in the first half definitely, and I told the guys that at half-time," added Gosselin. "I think they came out in the second half with the sense of urgency that we needed in the first half to get the game going."

In the second half Leicester started to run the ball a little more aggressively. It helped to move the ball, but the two promising drives they had both eventually stalled. Gosselin had a few good runs, ending with 51 yards on 11 carries after being held to just four yards on four carries in the first half. O'Neill finished with 94 yards on two catches to lead the passing attack.

For the Green Wave (11-2), Klein had himself a day. He finished with 207 yards on 23 carries with the two touchdowns. Gaby Spry had the final touchdown for Abington, a 4-yard rush with 1:40 to play to ice the game.

"I said it last week, he stood out on film and he stood out today — he is a player," Griffiths said while praising Klein. "He is a strong kid, fast, runs hard. We knew we would have our hands full with him. He is the real deal."

It wasn't the outcome the tailback had wanted, but Gosselin explained how amazing this run was for he and his teammates, as the Wolverines finished 12-1.

"It has been amazing with this team. It is such a special group and it is sad that it had to come to an end because we didn't come out in the first half and fight like we wanted to," he said. "Twelve and zero coming into this game is something I never imagined to happen ever in my life. Never in my life would I have thought I would've played in a state championship. It is an honor to be here, I wish we could've won it, I wish we could be state champions, but it is what it is."



Leicester's Jack O'Neill makes a catch in traffic versus Abington.



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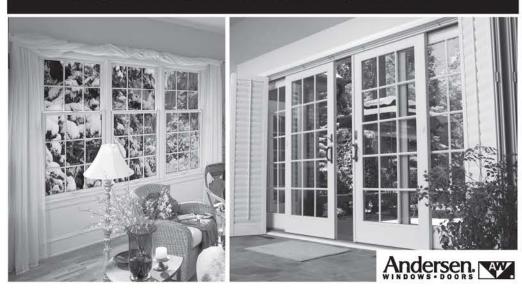
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# **OBITUARIES**

### Daniel J. Gaspie, 59



STURBRIDGE-Daniel J. Gaspie, 59, of New Boston Rd., passed away at home with his loving family by his side on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, after an illness.

leaves He beloved wife of 36

years, Jane T. (Letourneau) Gaspie; his daughter, Brenda L. Harris and her husband Timothy of Southbridge; three sons, Jeffery M. Laine of Sturbridge, Nicholas A. Laine and his wife Nicole of Hardwick and Daniel J. Gaspie Jr. and his wife Kate of Brookfield;; three brothers, Charles Gaspie of Oxford, Tommy Gaspie of Auburn and Terry Gaspie of Auburn; a sister, Tammy Gow of Auburn; eight grandchildren, Trevor, Lindsey, Sage, Nicholas Jr.,

Marissa, Taylor, Jacob and Lily; two great grandchildren, Jaysian, Nicholas III and many nieces and nephews. Daniel was predeceased by a grandson, Scott Harris in 1995. Dan was born in Worcester the son of the late Charles E. and Joanne A. (Danielson) Gaspie. He worked for American Alarm in Auburn as an alarm and communication specialist for 19 years before having to retire due to illness. Dan was an avid pool player who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enjoyed riding his Harley and spending time with his family.

Calling hours for Daniel were held on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, from 4:00 pm -7:00 pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St. Southbridge. Funeral services and Burial will be

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to Obits@stonebridgepress.news



### Margaret A. Amiot, 86



HOLDEN / NORTH OXFORD - Margaret A. (Watson) Amiot, 86, died Friday, December 6, 2019, in her home. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Joseph W. Amiot; five children, Mary Gough of Auburn, Joseph

Amiot and his wife Anne of Auburn, Jacqueline Miller and her husband David of Thompson, CT; David Amiot and his wife Alice of North Grafton, and Laurie Gardner and her husband James of Holden; five grandchildren, Daniel Gough of Harwich, Christopher Miller of Lewiston, ME, Matthew Amiot of Auburn, Catherine Gardner of Holden, and Maggie Gardner of Holden; and many beloved nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by two brothers, Walter Watson and Lawrence Watson; and a sister, Eileen Alex. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Walter C. and Eileen A. (Keeney) Watson, and lived in Auburn for several years and North Oxford for 44 years, before moving to Holden in 2002. She graduated from Auburn High School

Mrs. Amiot was a cashier at Park and

Shop in Auburn for 17 years, retiring in 2002. She was a member of St. Ann's Church in North Oxford. She was a kind and gracious woman whose life reflected her strong faith. She dedicated her life to caring for her parents, husband, and family. She cherished friendships and time with her family. She always maintained a positive attitude and truly enjoyed the time she spent interacting with her friends and family.

The family would like to thank everyone who cared for and loved Margaret throughout her life, especially her devoted physician Dr. Michal A. Galica and most recently her VNA nursing and hospice team.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at St. Ann's Church, 652 Main St., North Oxford. Burial will follow at St. John's Cemetery in Worcester. Calling hours are Thursday from 9:00-10:15 a.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, prior to the Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cape Abilities, 895 Mary Dunn Rd., Hyannis, MA 02601, or to the VNA Care Hospice, 120 Thomas St., Worcester, MA 01608.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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 l 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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### EDITORIAL

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The Bicycle playing card company created decks of cards during WWII that revealed an escape route for POW's in Germany.

In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," the verse referring to "true love" is a reference to God. A "partridge in a pear tree" represents Christ, and the "two turtledoves" represent the Old and New

Did you ever wonder why the colors red, green

and gold are affiliated with Christmas? The color green is a symbol of life and rebirth, red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold is a symbol of light, wealth and royalty.

Christmas trees are grown for roughly 15 years before they are purchased. In Poland, spider webs are a common decoration for trees because a spider, according to legend, wove a blanket for baby Jesus.

Alabama became the first U.S. state to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.

Mistletoe is considered sacred to the Druids because it produces fruit and remains green throughout the winter. The Druids never let the plant hit the ground and believed that it was a cure for infertility and warded off evil spirits. Proto-environmentalist Teddy

Roosevelt banned Christmas trees from



the White House in 1901.

Apples were the first Christmas tree decora-

Why do we hang stockings by the chimney with care? Apparently, there were three sisters who were too poor to afford a marriage dowry and were bound to end up on the streets. Bishop Saint Nicholas filled their stockings with gold coins, and their lives were forever changed.

We hope you enjoyed these fun Christmas facts and hope that you have a happy holiday season filled with endless laughter and memories to last a life time.



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• Buy a freshly cut tree. Whenever possible, celebrants should cut their own trees. This ensures that the tree they bring home is fresh, increasing the chances it will remain so throughout the season. If it's not possible to cut your own tree, the National Fire Protection Association notes that fresh trees should have green needles that do not come off when touched. Trees that appear to be dried out or those that shed needles when touched should be avoided.

• Protect trees on the way home. The Tree Care Industry Association advises consumers to protect their Christmas trees as they transport them home. Wrap the tree in a plastic wrap so it makes it home damage-free. A damaged tree might not make it through the holiday season.

• Cut pre-cut trees before leaving the lot. Precut trees can make it through the holiday season looking their best, but buyers should request that employees cut as much as two inches off the bottom of the tree before leaving the lot. Once trees are cut, sap begins to seal their base, making it hard for them to absorb water. By requesting that between one and two inches be removed

from the bottom of the tree at the time of purchase, buyers are ensuring their trees will be able to absorb the water they'll need to make it through the season when they get home.

• Place the tree in water the moment you get home. To prevent the base of the tree from drying out, place it in water the moment you get home. Freshly cut trees may initially need the water in their tree stands filled in

the morning and then again in the evening. As the

stands filled more than once per day. Place the tree away from heat sources. Placing trees away from heat sources, such as radiators, fireplaces, heating vents, and lights, reduces the likelihood that trees will dry out and also reduces

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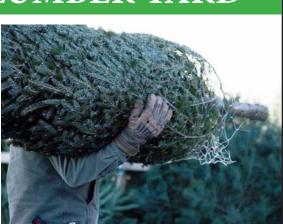


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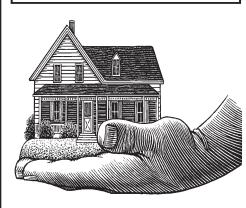




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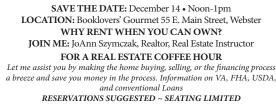
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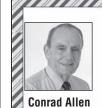
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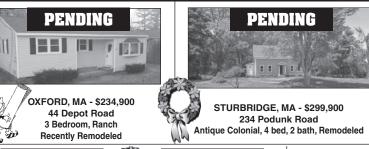






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