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Auburn Elks host Quilt of Valor ceremony



Jordan Gablaski

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BY JORDAN GABLASKI CORRESPONDENT

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The luncheon, which was sold out, was organized by Peter Bashai, a former Quilt of Valor recipient himself for his service in the Navy. The event was also attended by Ashley Jordan, a rising Country star from Harvard who sang an impressive rendition of the National Anthem to begin the event.

There were nine recipients of Quilts of

Valor this year, each an active service member or veteran who had been nominated for the honor. The recipients on Nov. 10 were

Christopher Faulkner, Kevin Reardon, John Martellatte, Duane Frederick, Joseph Genduso, David Norberg, Phyllis Gallant, Adam McClintock, and Brenden Tefft.

Teresa Perreault, the Massachusetts state coordinator of Quilts of Valor Foundation, was the presenter of the beautiful and unique quilts on Sunday. The foundation began in 2003 in the state of Maryland, and at the time

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McDonald takes reins at Oxford FD

BY GUS STEEVES

OXFORD — This week, a new face takes the reins of Oxford Fire Department, as Monson Chief Laurent "Butch" McDonald formally begins the job next Monday.

Contacted over the weekend, McDonald said he saw Oxford as "an opportunity to grow professionally," but found it "hard to leave" Monson, where he's been chief and lived since 2011.

"Things can make you skeptical and cynical, but working in Monson has helped refresh my sense of community and public service," he said, thanking the town for welcoming him and his wife.

"For me, Proverbs says it well
- 'As irons sharpens iron, one
person sharpens another," he
added. "I've grown and developed from my interactions with
[Monson's people]. I reach out
and help them, and they reach
out and help me. That's how
you grow a community."

"Chief McDonald is a highly skilled candidate with significant training, education, certifications and credentials," Oxford Town Manager Jen Callahan said. "He will be a tremendous asset to our Public Safety Team and it is an honor to welcome him here to the Town of Oxford."

McDonald has 38 years of experience as a firefighter and began his fire services career in the United States Air Force, where he served for 21 years as both a firefighter and fire officer. He said he hopes to retire in Oxford but admitted "that was the plan in Monson, too," and has nine more years before retirement is possible.

Comparing the two towns,

he said Monson's department was not 24/7 when he started – full-timers covered 20 hours a day, but call firefighters did the other four and weekends. In his tenure, he got town support to make it a 24/7 department, add staff including paramedics, and get new equipment.

Oxford, by contrast, already has those things. He said it'll be a little different because it's busier in general, has more industrial and commercial property, and is denser but smaller in area. But he didn't think Oxford would be "much different because it still has that small-town aura about it," noting one of the first things that jumped out at him was the "pride people take in" the town's history and public cooperation. That was quite similar to Monson, something he noticed while starting right after the tornado of 2011 roared through downtown.

He described Oxford as "a pretty level-headed town," and noted he'll have to move to somewhere closer. Under the town's charter, firefighters have to live within a 15-mile radius

Besides being Monson's chief and Emergency Management Director, McDonald has also served for five years as the Fire Protection/Inspection Certification Manager for the National Fire Protection Association, where he managed four fire service professional credentials. He also previously served as the Director of Training for the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. He has been appointed as an Adjunct Professor of Fire

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UNICEF Club officers elected

CHARLTON—The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy held its election of the 2019-2020 UNICEF Club officers. The UNICEF Club members were welcomed by UNICEF Club Advisor, Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN, RN. The election and installation of officers was conducted in conjunction with the PN Class f 2020 Constitution Day. The 2019-20 officers are Sikorrya Seguin of Dudley as Chair; Fjolla Shehu Worcester Co-Chair; as Co-Chair; Chelsea Still of Plainfield, CT as Secretary; Kristin Bates of

Charlton as Treasurer; and Hannah Abubakar of Fiskdale as Public Relations Officer.

New members were immediately busy with fundraising activities such as the Trick or Treat for UNICEF.

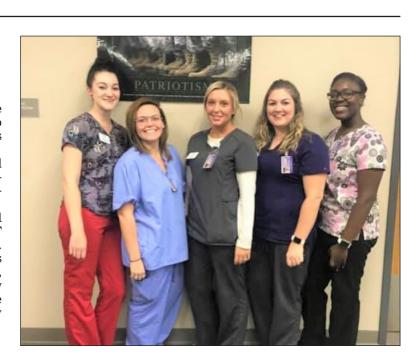
According to Abubakar, "the Trick or Treat Fundraiser was a good way to raise money and awareness while spending the holidays with children and family." The UNICEF Clunraised over \$100 for this fundraiser alone.

Additionally, Abubakar stated "The Trick or Treat

Fundraiser was an effective way for some club members to teach their children what its like to give back."

In closing, Abubakar shared that the UNICEF Club is looking forward to more fundraisers and have a lot in store!"

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy UNICEF Club meets after school hours. A summary of the past year's achievements was reviewed, and goals were set for the new academic year. Meetings are held after class hours at Bay Path.





Enjoy Christmas by Candlelight at Old Sturbridge Village

STURBRIDGE — Christmas by Candlelight returns to Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) this December, a celebration of the season and New England Christmas traditions of the 19th century and today. On select dates in December from 3 to 8 p.m., the village opens special for guests to take in the holiday cheer. Tickets are on sale

New to Christmas by Candlelight this year, visitors are invited to stroll the Christmas Tree Trail - featuring 50 sparkling trees. Tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the Common, the trail welcomes wanderers in with a roaring bonfire, cocoa and cookies, music, and heart-warming holiday memories. At the end of the trail, find the Christmas Wish Bridge, where guests are invited to write their spe-

cial wish for the holiday season.

At this annual event, visitors can enjoy live musical performances in the Center Meetinghouse by guest bands and choirs or join in with Victorian carolers as they

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Wings of Song presents "An American Christmas"

FISKDALE December, Wings of Song—formerly the Quinebaug Valley Singers—inaugurates new name with a program of American Christmas favorites from colonial times to the present. The chorus's concerts will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joachim Chapel, St. Anne/St. Patrick Parish, Fiskdale (Sturbridge), just up from where Routes 20 and 148 meet; and on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. at Elm Street Congregational Church, just outside the center of Southbridge. A freewill offering will be collected at both concerts; and, as always, the music will be followed by tons of yummy refreshments. Both venues are handicap accessi-

ble.

A huge variety of Christmas music will be on the choprogram—everything 18th-century "fuging tune" settings of "While shepherds watched their flocks by night" to the original version of "Jingle Bells" (with a very different refrain from the one we're used to) to an irresistibly jazzy "Sleigh Ride" to choral works for the season by three Wings of Songs members (Ted Bradley and Donna Dufresne of Pomfret, Conn., and Nym Cooke of Petersham, Mass.). Of course there will also be audience sing-alongs, and stellar keyboardist Brooks Milgate will surely be persuaded to tickle the ivories during intermission.

Music Director Cooke is excited about the level his chorus is reaching.

"They've never sounded better," he says, and adds, "They're learning pieces faster and more solidly than The musicianship of this group is steadily increasing. It helps that we have some high-caliber musicians in our ranks-professionals like Ted Bradley and Sarah Jo Burke and Terry McGinty. I know of at least five Wingers who write songs or compose choral music. That says something about where the chorus is at these days. And of course, we

Cooke is also interested in

attracting more young singers to the chorus; three teenaged girls now sing with Wings of Song, and he'd like to see some boys sign on as well. Homeschooled kids without access to school ensembles might especially want to consider joining. Any musical individual who can sing in tune is welcome, from age

Don't miss this dynamic 55-member chorus in its early December performances! Because the chorus tends to sing to packed houses these days, plan to arrive early to be sure of a good seat. You'll leave thoroughly imbued with the Christmas spirit—"maybe five different Christmas spirits,"

Nym Cooke comments — "the devotional spirit, the cozy spirit, the jolly spirit, the humorous spirit, and the meditative spirit." All these will, indeed, be part of the show.

For more information on the concerts, or on joining Wings of Song (note that a special program about climate change, with projections, readings, and rock-band accompaniment, is planned for Spring 2020), contact Nym or WoS President KT Therrien (Nym is at nymcooke@gmail.com or 978-724-3438; KT is at kt2nc@aol.com or 508-410-8575).

Hannaford donates more than \$12,000 to Food Bank

SHREWSBURY Hannaford Supermarkets today announced a \$12,800 donation to the Worcester County Food Bank, which will allow the non-profit organization to establish food pantries in partnership with the Athol-Royalston Regional School District and other community partners.

Designed to serve as a vital and convenient resource to students and families in need while also increasing access to healthy and nutritious food, the in-school pantries are dedicated spaces where students and their families can select food they enjoy based on their preferences and cooking abilities to provide nourishment both during and after the school day.

The donation is one component of an overall \$1 million commitment from Hannaford Supermarkets through its new "Fuel Kids at School" program, which is designed to directly address food insecurity and improve access to

fresh and healthy food in schools in New York and New England.

"At Hannaford, we strongly believe that our business goes far beyond selling products and that a key component of being 'greater than groceries' is investing into the communities we serve. As a community contributor, we have a longstanding commitment to aiding hunger relief in our neighborhoods. This effort often begins at school, where hunger directly impacts a student's ability to learn, grow and succeed," said Hannaford Supermarkets Vice President of Retail Operations Todd Bullen. "These food pantries will fulfill a critical need for students and their families. All of us at Hannaford are honored to support the Worcester County Food Bank's efforts through this donation as we reaffirm our commitment to nourishing our communities, one child at a time.

"Worcester County Food Bank

believes strongly that people should have access to food in their communities and that barriers to that food should be removed whenever possible. This grant from Hannaford allows us to support schools and organizations in Worcester County in a way that brings healthy, nutritious food to students and their families. Access to healthy food reduces stress on students and has been shown to increase school attendance and success. This partnership helps to build healthy students, families, communities and a healthy future," said Worcester County Food Bank Agency Relations Manager Seana

"Athol-Royalston Regional School District is excited to partner with the Worcester County Food Bank to explore placing a food pantry at our high school. Many families across the community are in need of food resources. Our district knows to teach a student; we must first ensure that basic

needs are being met, food, clothing, and shelter," said Athol-Royalston Regional School District Superintendent Darcy Fernandes.

Hannaford Supermarkets has a longstanding commitment to supporting hunger relief in its communities. In 2018, Hannaford donated nearly 26 million pounds of food throughout the Northeast, including 881,000 pounds in Massachusetts; and raised \$1.1 million in partnership with its shoppers to feed individuals in need through the annual Hannaford Helps Fight Hunger program. Earlier this month, Hannaford announced that it has donated more than \$1 million to non-profits throughout New York and New England as a result of its reusable bag program, a portion of which is dedicated to hunger relief organizations and has funded more than 1.8 million meals to date.

St. Christopher's Parish hosting craft fair Saturday

BRIMFIELD Christopher's Parish, Route 20, Brimfield, will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The kitchen opens at 8 am for breakfast.

The craft fair offers a great opportunity to find unique

gifts for your home or anyone on your shopping list. Everything from primitives, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, pet gifts, soaps, jams, honey, quilted, knitted & crochet items, nail thread art to wood crafts and so much more. The kitchen is open throughout the day serving deli-

cious breakfast, sand-

wiches, homemade soups and desserts. Santa will be here visiting from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. both days. He will also be available for photos. A strolling caroler on Saturday will help bring the Christmas spirit.

Both afternoons will include free crafts for kids. There will be raffles with donations from local businesses with items such as ski passes, restaurant & other gift cards, hockey tickets, and gift baskets. There is also raffle comprised of unique gifts from the crafters and a lottery tree raffle. Also not to be missed is the popular cookie walk held on Saturday from 9 a.m. - noon.

Brimfield Boy Scout troop #7 will be selling live wreaths. Winter boxes will be available for decorating your home or cemetery. They will also be available in the following weeks at the parish. We will also be accepting donations for the Tri-Town Food Pantry.

Club President Sheila Fortier said, "Each year we try to make this a great community event. We have many returning crafters and a variety of new ones mixing up our offerings. We also commit funds to parish needs. This year funds will go towards painting our rectory

building."

"The women's club works hard to make a positive impact in the parish," said Father Brennan. "They are making a difference and both I and the parish appreciate their efforts. Stop in and see us not just at the fair, but anytime, our door is open."

Admission to the craft fair is free. For more information contact the parish at 413-245-7274 or email stchrisbrimfield@ gmail.com or check it out on the church's Facebook page.

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Charlton American Legion News

CHARLTON — The Charlton American Legion, Post 391, will meet on Monday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m.

for its regular monthly meeting in the lower Grange Hall at #10 Main St. in the town of

Charlton. We encourage all veterans from the community

to join us. Discussion and review of unfinished and new business will take place.



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Bay Path nursing students attend MassHire Medical Job Fair



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Pictured, from left: G. Bolandrina of Douglas, Yaitzarie Rodriguez of Millbury, James Chabot of MassHire and Robin Peters of Douglas.

WORCESTER — MassHire Worcester Career Center maintained its strong support for the Practical Nursing Students of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton for the fourth year, serving as a resource center.

Practical Nursing students on the rigorous program at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy benefit from assistance offered by MassHire. The Practical Nursing students are academically qualified students who, despite other circumstances such as financial or social, have persevered and remained dedicated to their nursing iourney and future success.

"Our Practical Nursing faculty, staff & team looks forward to being part of MassHire's programs," said Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. "MassHire has helped and prepared many of our students and graduates since 2016, with job readiness techniques and tuition grants as they pursue their nursing career and navigate the healthcare system. MassHIre gives our practical nursing students a chance to master their expertise in nursing skills and help make a difference in their lives as they

start their nursing career."

Receiving a huge "thank you" from practical nursing students Yaitzarie Rodriguez of Millbury and Robin Peters of Douglas is Mr. James Chabot of MassHire Worcester Career Center.

"He helps prepare practical nursing



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students with the job readiness techniques" added Bolandrina.

Career readiness is a significant focus for MassHIre. For the academic year 2019-2020, eight practical nursing students received \$5,000 tuition grants.

In addition to providing support, online and hands-on assistance is available. MassHire also works closely with practical nursing students when they graduate providing support and assistance with NCLEX-PN preparation and the actual exam. Added work includes coaching graduates in resume-writing techniques, job interviewing best practices and other skills that not only help during a job search but are also relevant once they're in the workforce.

MassHire Worcester Career Center is located at 340 Main St., Suite 400, Worcester, MA 01608; www. MassHireCentralCC.com.

Tri-Valley, Inc. joins Meals on Wheels America and Subaru this holiday season

REGION — Tri-Valley's Nutrition Program is proud to announce that it will be participating in the 2019 Subaru Share the Love Event as a member of Meals on Wheels America, http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/ - one of four national Share the Love charitable partners supported through the campaign. From Nov. 14 through Jan. 2, Subaru of America will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle purchased or leased to the customer's choice of participating charities.

Participating Meals on Wheels America members, like Tri-Valley's Nutrition Program, will receive a share of the donation raised by Subaru in their state. Tri-Valley has partnered with Long Subaru in Webster to raise awareness for the popular year-end sales and giving event, and drive support for Meals on Wheels through a number of community activities including a kick-off event at Tri-Valley's office in Dudley and publicity events at area senior centers.

Kristin McCarthy, Nutrition Program Director, said, "We are happy to be partnering once again with Long Subaru. They believe in giving back to the community and understand the importance of delivering meals to the seniors in Webster and the other 24 towns that Tri-Valley serves. With their help, we'll be able to make this year's event a success.' "Meals on Wheels America is proud to partner with Subaru of America for the 12th consecutive year to enable more seniors to live with independence and dignity," said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO, Meals on Wheels America.

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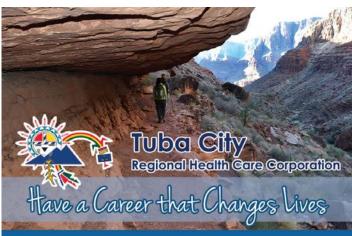
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Science and Service Administration at Anna Maria College and has his Master in Public Administration in Emergency Services Management. Additionally, he has served as Board Director for the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, was chief in Dudley, and did a stint on the Southbridge Town Council, including serving as chairman of both the Council and the Charter Review Committee.

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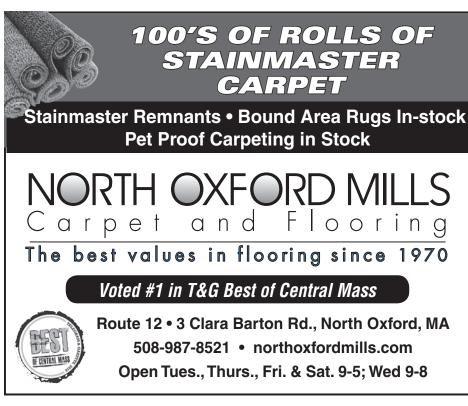












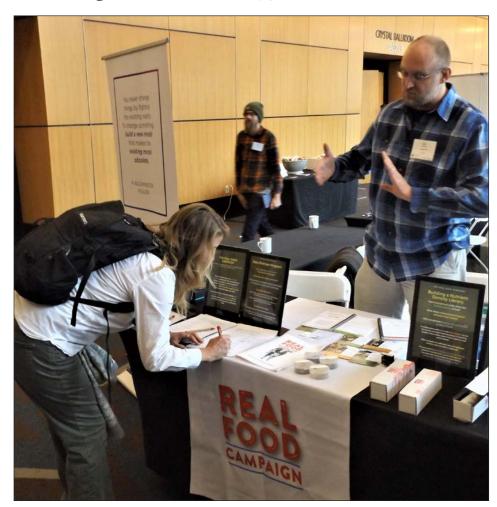
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Conference promotes regenerative agriculture



Dan TerAvest of OurSci talks about the Real Food Campaign as a visitor signs up for infor-

BY GUS STEEVES

SOUTHBRIDGE — We often hear about the need to "save the world." But to veteran journalist and ecological activist John Liu, that's all wrong.

The world will go on just fine. What we need to save is human civilization by rebuilding the ecosystem we depend

"If our intention is to do this, it's actually not that hard," he told several dozen people attending the Soil & Nutrition Conference at the Southbridge Hotel Sunday. "But if our intention is to go shopping, we're supporting another sys-

The core difference, as he sees it, is making "the intention of human civilization be to restore degraded ecosystems" rather than continuing to harm Nature through consumption and competition over resources. Ecological health, he noted, "is clearly more valuable than commodities.'

"If we declare it a security issue, we already have the budget," he added. "It's budgeted to the militaries of the world. That's way more money than we

Liu, who helped establish CBS News in China back in the 1980s, became a huge fan of ecological restoration while covering China's effort to re-green the Loess Plateau. For a long time, that region was "a moon-like desert landscape" due to millennia of overfarming and overgrazing, a place where sand dunes have flowed over ancient ruins marking it as the birthplace of Chinese civilization. In recent decades, it has begun to recover (and still has a long

way to go), thanks largely to a massive project in which the government declared various common practices illegal and trained the residents to do things differently.

He said the project has three main parts: planting the highlands with trees, terracing the slopes to be a mixed zone of farming and nature, and farming the valleys. Counter-intuitively, they've seen agricultural productivity rise by farming less of the land, because they're leaving parts of it to Nature's own processes, he said.

That, and many similar projects of various sizes worldwide, could be the nucleus of major change that protects humanity's survival. As one conference-goer who did not give his name observed. "There's a huge need and opportunity," but "it cannot be just some exotic projects in exotic places. It has to be done everywhere.'

Liu said the issue is not a recent one - the human aspect of the damage began millennia ago, with the rise of agriculture. In many places, agrarian societies became well-established, thrived for a while, and collapsed as they overburdened their ecosystems. We can see the results in places like the Middle East, where once fertile Mesopotamia (famously termed the "Fertile Crescent") is now almost entirely desert; in the US Southwest, where Anasazi and Hohokam cultures once thrived, but left behind ruins; in the Yucatan, where the Maya did likewise. All of them had various factors in their fall, but overburdening their ecosystem was one of them.

Today, though, the issue is not region-

al, but global, and needs to be addressed globally through many local projects that share ideas, Liu said.

"Everything we know about agriculture is wrong," he said. "Neolithic agriculture is devastating, and industrial agriculture is Neolithic agriculture on steroids. ... I realized I was looking at ecological collapse."

From a biological point of view, that's partly because agriculture greatly reduces the number of species that live on any land that's farmed or grazed, and planting the same crops over many years depletes the soil of nutrients. It becomes unable to support much life, dries out and gets hotter and more saline, and that changes the rain patterns. With modern technology (particularly fossil-fueled well pumps, water transport systems and fertilizers), we've forced such landscapes to be farmable longer than in past eras, at the cost of drawing down or polluting the land and subterranean aquifers that are sometimes irreplacable in anything short of thousands of years.

But those can be reversed, too, by using Nature's own processes and recognizing that the land "is also a community." In many cases, that will mean starting with plants that aren't native to the region but serve the necessary ecological function (for example, selecting plants that can grow in salty or polluted areas). Once they get established and the ecosystem begins changing, native plants will take over; often, the soil holds viable seeds for a very long time.

Liu cited a Dutch organization called Commonland, which promotes restoration using the concept of "four returns." All projects must return natural capital (biodiversity and soil health), social capital (jobs and community security), financial capital (long-term sustainable profit) and inspiration ("the

return of meaningfulness in people themselves"), Liu said. A key part of that is ensuring the people who live there can provide their own food.

Current cultural institutions "are not going to lead us to transformation because they're there to protect the status quo," he observed.

ninth its (third in year Southbridge), the conference itself was organized by the Bionutrient Food Assocation, a Barre-based group. Among other things, it featured talks on micronutrients, nutrient lensity, financing, herbal medicine, wireless radiation, fungi, using animals and plants, and other topics. Tables in the lobby promoted various issues on organ-



Gus Steeves Photos

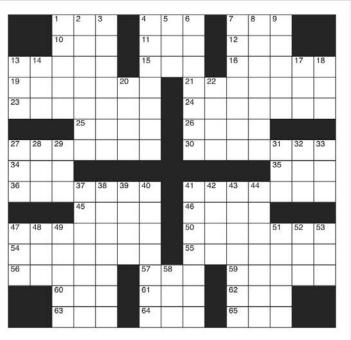
Conference attendees check out the seed swap and sale in one of the hotel's side

ic farming and fertilizing, books from Chelsea Green Publishing, and a citizen science effort to study nutrient density (called the Real Food Campaign), among other things

Dan TerAvest said the RFC is seeking people around the country to collect samples of and taste-test six specific crops from farms, farmers' markets and stores, plus printed nutrient labels and other details, and send them to its two labs for nutrient testing. The project publishes the results in "a big open library [online database] that's searchable by people," he said.

More information on RFC is at https://lab.realfoodcampaign.org/.

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



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small viper
- 4. Some are covert 7. A waiver of liability (abbr.)
- 10. Speak out
- 11. Retirement plan
- 12. Small dog
- 13. City in Iraq
- 15. Car mechanics group 16. Shrimp-like creature
- 19. Majestic 21. TV detective
- 23. Central Canadian province 24. Causing to wind around
- 25. Wise man
- 26. Knicks legend Willis 27. Muscular weaknesses
- 30. John Stockton compiled them
- 34. South American plant
- 35. To some extent
- 36. Where manners are displayed

- 41. Showy 45. Fall down
- 46. Shoelaces are often this
- 47. Disease-causing bacterium
- 50. Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 54. Sufferings
- 55. One who noisily enjoys 56. About blood
- 57. Transaction verification system (abbr.) 59. Related through female
- family members 60. Low velocity grenade
- 61. "In Living Color" comedian
- 62. Veterans battleground 63. Expression of creative skill
- 64. Midway between northeast and east
- 65. Patti Hearst's captors

Explore the history of the State Police with Sturbridge Historical Society

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Historical Society will meet on Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Publick House Historical Inn on Sturbridge Common. Stephen Byron will be our guest speaker on the history of The Massachusetts State Police. Stephen's program on the history of the

Massachusetts State Police starts in 1865, when they were called Massachusetts Constables, and in 1870, it included State Detectives. In 1879, it then became Massachusetts District Police.

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out its history. Stephen was with the Massachusetts State Police for 26 years as a law enforcement officer including 18 years as a patrol officer, conducting motor vehicle and criminal investigations. Stephen currently works part time for both a Boston and Tewksbury based company as a senior investigator. Stephen graduated from Northeastern University in Boston with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, and currently is President of The Massachusetts State Police Museum and Learning Center.



Historical meetings are free of charge with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick,

Publick House Innkeeper. Society Annual Dues are \$10 which help support the cost of speakers. Meetings are held September through May on the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December. November's meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

All meetings start at 7 p.m.

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CLUES DOWN

- 1. Something useful 2. It goes great with peppers
- and onions
- 3. Orifice
- 4. Turned into bone
- 5. The Princess could detect it 6. Bands of colors
- 7. Makes use of
- 8. Central African country 9. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
- 13. He was a "Chairman"
- 14. Legally possess 17. One point north of due west
- 18. Small peg of wood
- 20. Stretch of swampy ground 22. Is indebted to
- 27. Where you were born (abbr.)
- 28. A team's best pitcher
- 29. Cool!

- 31. Female sibling
- 32. This stimulates the thyroid (abbr.) 33. Reserved
- 37. More prickled 38. Forbidden by law
- 39. One-time presidential candidate 40. A TV show has more than one
- 41. A place to stash things 42. Defunct currency in India
- 43. Causes to ferment
- 44. A type of gland
- 47. __ Humbug! 48. Everyone has one
- 49. Punctuation
- 51. Central American fruit 52. Brooklyn hoopster
- 53. 100 square meters 58. Local area network

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LEARNING OXFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

OXFORD — Oxford Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

HIGH HONORS

Grade 7

Alyssa-Rae Anderson , N i c o l e Brzozowska, Jameson Burke

Rauanne Silva, Nathan Da Davis, Caitlin Diaz,,Dylan Dipietro, Hailey Filipkowski Jonathan Kasprzycki, Ella Grenier, Dylan Kirkpatrick, Gianna LaRose, Valerie Magill ,Julian Mucci.Kofi Owusu ,Alexander Paradise,Tatiana Pelka,Raegan Perreault, Amina-Gabriella Peterson, Eva Powers

, Marta Slanda-Hellstrom, Maya Staltare,Savannah Steiner,John Sullivan,Madison Teal, Jacklyn Thomas,Matthew Twombly,Sean Tyrrell,Christopher Ucher, Aidan VanArsdalen

Daniel Wing

Grade 6

Justine Anderson, Logan Barriere, Jacob Baxter, Cassidy Burke, Delaney Burke, Nathan Dube Zoey Durand,Ethan Ford,Veronica Griffin,Gwen Gustafson ,Kolton Hemenway,Matthew Hilman , Rosy Krantz ,Brynn Nieber ,Samuel Paradise, Noah Proctor,Vanessa Walker,Ethan White,Abigail Worster

Grade 5

Shayla, Boliver, Ariana Byrnes, Catherine Cloutier, Abigail Davis, Cameron Davis, Keegan Grieco John Hanlon, Jared Magnusson, Kate Mayo, Shayne Ryder, Jordyn Sabotka Zachary Sirard

Braden Stone,Rachel Torres,Lilian Vaillancourt

HONORS

Grade 7

Ava Alvarado,Katelyn Austin ,Rylee Babineau,Mikaela Baraklilis,Abigail Bartlett,Kayla Benoit

Jylazell Bueno

,Evangeline Chansignavong,Sophia Cornacchioli,Mariah Cutroni, Hunter Davis, Kayla Dodge, Bryce Dube, Chloe Dumas, Braelyn Dunn,Gabriel Elwood, Kayla Evans, Anna Forcina, Isabella Geragonis, Ashton Grazulis, Paul Hanlon, Valerie Hilner , Jordyn Hodsdon-Beurman, Nhu Huynh, Lidiya Jacques, Madeline Joyce, Rylie Keefe, Enzo Lagares, Dominic Marino , Emma Martin, Brayden Mercier, Erin

Mulcahy, Kaitlyn Ojerholm, Dominic Paldino, Sarah Parker, Bruna Paula, Derek Perveiler, Ryan Plante,

Paula, Derek Perveiler, Ryan Plante, Samantha Pretty, Annabelle Sanford, Milon Sneed, Bianca Sprague , Zaydyn Streeter-Wornham, Zoeybeth

Zaydyn Streeter-Wornham, Zoeybeth Streeter-Wornham, Aaliyah Szkutak, Nicholas Visci

Grade 6

Haley Alves, Jonathan Ardon, Rachel Arndt , Sarah Arndt, Elias Arpin, Rhianna Balliet

Tyler Blomquist, Lucien Brodeur, Elizabeth Byfield, Jaelynne Caracciolo, Daniel Carlisle,

Lucas Christenson, Andrew Cloutier, Keegan Comeau, Lorelie Curboy, Cameron DeAdder, Abigail DeJong, Christopher Dufresne, Chase Eisnor, Pablo Flores,,Jr, Madison Frick

Chloe Gabis, Lily Gosselin, Kylie Greska, Alexander Hamilton, Abigail Hoyt, Nathan Hutchins

Abigail Kimball, Kyra Krasinskas, Madison Labay,Emily McDonald, Addisen Monsen, Kaius Monson, Jesai Morales, Alexander Mundell, Andy Nguyen, Aveah Nichols, Alexis Nolin, Kamryn Nourse, Brandon Peterson, Jacob Pratt, Nolan Remington, Paige Reynolds, Amaya Rosario-Green Camden Stone, Gabriel Sweeney, Harper Tozer, Ava Vincent

Grade 5

Michelle Annancy, Chloe Antonioli, Gabrielle Bartlett, Emma Brindisi, Audri Chalifoux, Marie Cosentino, Eric Day, Lillian Demicco , Ariana Dolan, Nathan Donnelly, Emily Dupuis, Zaria Edison, Dylan Filipkowski, Randi Flynn, Aria Fournier, Jordyn Grazulis, Matthew Hernandez Saad, Mckayla Hight, Nathan Holmes, Finnian Keefe, Darrian Lambert, Henry LaMountain, Evan Latuga, Damon Libby, Daymyin Lopez, Collin McAuliffe, Sarah McDaniel

Colin McIlvaine, Nicholas Meneguzzo, Jayden Minardi, Riley Moody,Brooklynn Mott, Avery Norrman, Chase Paul, Philip Rouillard,Alex Soucy,Kyle Twombly

Bay Path honor roll omission

CHARLTON — Due to an unintentional oversight on the school's part, a student's name was omitted from the honor roll submitted for publication in last week's edition by Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Brian Bonnette's name should have been listed under the Grade 10 Honors list.

QUILT

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of the ceremony had distributed 233,183 quilts nationwide since its inception. The Foundation keeps an updated tally of how many quilts are awarded on their Web site, and the numbers are truly staggering.

The nine quilts that were painstakingly designed and created for the Elks

Club event were made by six volunteer quilting groups in Massachusetts.

"The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans

Touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor," said Perreault in her speech.

Quilts of Valor awards quilts to "any warrior who had been touched by war, no matter when his or her service, no questions asked." The Foundation is

completely non-profit, and continues its mission thanks to volunteer efforts and donations; they will not stop until they've covered every veteran of service member in the comfort of a quilt. There is no special criteria to nominate a service member or veteran to receive a Quilt of Valor. Nominations can be made on the Quilt of Valor Foundation Web site at www.QOVF.org.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard A. Pingalore and Cheryl A. Pingalore to Chase Bank USA, N.A. dated July 18, 2006, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39451, Page 88; said mortgage was then assigned by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by virtue of an assignment dated June 13, 2019, and recorded in Book 60589, Page 255; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 01:00 PM on December 10, 2019, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 4 Gilbert Way, Auburn, MA 01501. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage: The land located partly in Auburn and partly in Millbury, Worcester County, Mass., shown as Lot 7 on "Plan to Shown Proposed Subdivision in Auburn and Millbury, Mass., owned by Anthony W. & George E. Kowszik", dated July 22, 1968 and prepared by Kenneth Shaw of Sutton, Mass., as recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 304, Plan 23, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point at the Northeast corner of Lot 9 on said plan; Thence S. 78° 27' 50" W., by said Lot 9, 307.41 feet to a point in a stone wall; Thence N. 11° 17' 30" W., by said stone wall, 159.79 feet to a point; Thence N. 80° 08' 30" E., 110.66 feet to a point; Thence by a curve, the radius of which is 298.49 feet, 39.94 feet to a point; Thence S. 02° 11' 30" E., 9.40 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract contains approximately 49,000 square feet, more or less, of which 48,857 square feet is in Auburn and 143 square feet is in Millbury. For title reference see deed recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 8822, Page 345. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter

a part of the property. All replacements

and additions shall also be covered by this sale. Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be. In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Dated: October 31, 2019 U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 225D, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 148 Leicester Street, Auburn, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Crystal Carpenter and James Carpenter to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Network, Inc., DBA American Mortgage Network of MA, said mortgage dated July 16, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41517 at Page 216 and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust by virtue of an assignment from Federal National Mortgage Association to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust dated July 6, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 55879 at Page 240, previously assigned by JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC, to Federal National Mortgage Association by virtue of an assignment dated December 24, 2014 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 53575 at Page 363, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to Chase Home Finance LLC, by virtue of an assignment dated August 16, 2010 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 46216 at Page 227 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on December 9, 2019 at 3:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being a part of the premises conveyed to Delia T. Tobin by deed of James Humphries dates January 29, 1908 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 1872, Page 297 bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southeasterly corner thereof on the northerly side of Leicester Street at a point 100 feet westerly, measured along the northerly line of said Leicester Street, from a stone bound at the westerly end of a curve at the northwesterly corner of said Leicester Street and Oxford Street;

THENCE N. 16 degrees 53' East. 94.3 feet by land of Della T. Tobin to land conveyed to Thomas F. Tobin, Jr. and Getrude M. Tobin;

THENCE westerly 77.5 feet to the southwesterly corner of the last mentioned Tobin's land and bounded

by said land;

THENCE northerly 12 feet by said last mentioned land;

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

THENCE S. 25 degrees 38' West, 142 feet more or less by land of said J. Harold and Claire J. Tobin to the northerly line of Leicester Street; THENCE S. 83 degrees 52' East 150

feet by the northerly line of said Leicester Street to the point of beginning. CONTAINING 36/100 of an acre of

land, more or less.

Map 48 Parcel:141

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

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

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

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for Wilmington, Say

Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust

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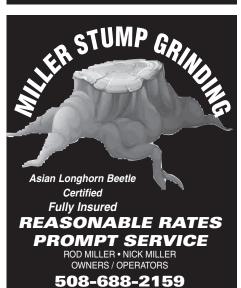


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EDITORIAL

Put a little love in your

Alongside the bright red ribbons, boughs of holly, and countless images of Jolly old Saint Nick that seem to greet us everywhere we go during the holidays, those of you who have braved the malls or, better yet, stayed closer to home and browsed the shops in your own community this season have likely encountered another iconic holiday image in your travels — the dedicated volunteers who bundle up and brave the chilly air with jingling bells in hand to collect donations for the Salvation Army.

These hearty souls can be seen everywhere, from their outposts on Main Street to the entrance of your local Wal-Mart. Always seeming to be ready with a cheerful greeting and a warm smile for the crowds of shoppers who file past them every day, their presence serves as an important re- minder to all of us that now, more than any other time of year, is the time to turn our thoughts toward the less fortunate among us ... and that sometimes, the greatest gift of all can be a helping hand in a time of need.

With many of us tightening our belts more than usual when it comes to our holiday shopping in recent years, and the stress of dealing with family dysfunction or traveling away from home for the holidays occupying our thoughts, it can be all too easy to forget that times are that much harder for those at the bottom of the economic ladder. Right here in our own backyard, there are a great many families who have fallen on hard times, often through no fault of their own, and who have nowhere left to turn for help but the generosity of strangers.

Fortunately, there are no shortage of charitable organizations throughout the area that are prepared to meet the growing demand for assistance, but only with the support of their respective communities. So as they rush around in these last few weeks before Christmas grabbing those last-minute stocking stuffers or that much sought-after game system, we encourage our readers to think of their fellow man and put a little love in their hearts (as Jackie DeShannon once sang), and remind themselves of the true meaning of the season by offering a helping hand to those who need it. Whether it be through a donation of canned goods to your local food pantry, a monetary gift or a donation of used clothing to your church's relief efforts, or simply by slipping a handful of bills into one of the bright red Salvation Army coffers manned by those spirited, bell ringing volunteers, remember that it may only take a small amount of effort to make the season bright for a neighbor in need.

Timely Tips to Cut Home Energy Costs

With cold weather here and fuel prices on the rise, it's time to take a proactive role to cut costs down to size. From making your house cozy warm to reducing household hot water use, the following tips are geared toward efficient fuel usage, which can translate into impressive savings!

Numbers game: It's no secret setting the thermostat lower can reduce home heating fuel use. Here are the numbers According to the Dept of Energy: For every degree you lower the dial, expect to save from 1% to 3% of your heating bill. Better yet, lowering it five degrees for four hours a day can add up to a ten percent savings!

Rising temperatures: While you're turning down the thermostat, why not turn up your internal thermostat to multiply the savings effect? Donning a lightweight, long sleeved shirt averages two degrees of warmth, while putting on a heavy or wool sweater can propel your warmth quota four degrees!

In hot water: Families typically use more hot water in winter months and heating up the water can account for nearly 15 percent of total household energy costs. Lowering the temperature on the hot water heater to 120 degrees can add up to substantial savings throughout the winter. Some manufacturers set water heater thermostats at 140 degrees, while most households only require 120 degrees. According to the U.S. Dept of Energy, each 10 degree reduction in water temperature, you can save between 3 to 5 percent in energy costs. Another benefit? Reducing your water temperature to 120 degrees also slows mineral buildup and corrosion in your water heater and pipes helping the water heater operate at its maximum efficiency to last longer.

Unplugged: The average family has 40 "phantom" or "standby" electronics that sap energy 24/7 as long as they are plugged in. Unplugging these phantom energy users or connecting them to a power strip that can easily be turned off when not in use, saves 10% of a typical family's electricity use.

Most moisture: Did you know a humidifier can boost the effect of heating? Moist air retains heat better than dryer air, which translates into lower fuel costs!

Laundry list: Doing laundry takes its toll on water usage and hot and warm water cycles use more fuel than you might think. Save money by buying a cold water detergent and doing all your laundry in cold water. Typical savings realized by a family of five is up to \$250 annually.

Shower switch: Switch out a hot bath for a shower. While a long, hot bath is tempting, remember, it will almost triple your cost over a shower as more water is used and must be heated. To save even more on hot water costs, replace shower heads with low flow

models.

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Duct work: Studies show if you have non insulated ducts that run through attics, cellars or other unheated spaces, heated air can be reduced by 60% before it reaches the room to be

heated! Insulating duct is a cost effective fix. Small leaks in the ducts also allow heated air to escape. The remedy is as simple as applying metallic duct tape or a spray sealant.

Free inspections: It costs nothing to do a vent check, but it can lower heating costs. If you have baseboards, make sure they are fully open and operable. Move any furniture or drapes that could be blocking warm air flow. Vents or baseboards that are even partially your children: blocked result in an unnecessary hike in heating costs.

Shut it up: Did you know leaving your chimney flue open when not in use is the same thing as opening your window several inches? You should also make sure your dryer vent closes properly to keep cold air from coming in.

Air flow: According to the US Dept of Energy, the inexpensive task of changing your furnace air filter monthly or whenever it's dirty permits a better flow of air through your heating system. furnace's efficiency and makes it work

In addition, a clean filter reduces the strain on your furnace, which can extend its life.

Fan folly: During the winter months, use your stove and bathroom fans sparingly, as they remove precious warm air from the room. Obviously, you'll want to use a vent to dispel moisture in the bathroom, but there's usually no need to switch on the vent fan every time you put on the bathroom light. Ditto for a kitchen fan vent. Use it periodically while cooking; do not leave it children if something happens to you, on constantly unless smoke is an issue.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take 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 email KDRR@aol. com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Share your bounty with family



FINANCIAL Focus

DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's meaningful to reflect on the origin of the holiday -Native Americans and pilgrims sharing their bounty of food with each other. As you gather with your loved ones this year, perhaps you can think of ways to share not only your dinner, but also your financial bounty.

In terms of bounty-sharing, here are some suggestions you may find helpful, no matter your age or that of

Make appropriate gifts. If you have young children, you may want to get them started with a savings account to help them develop positive financial habits. You could even make it a Thanksgiving tradition to measure how their accounts have grown from year to year. But you can go even further by starting to fund an education savings vehicle such as a 529 plan. This account can provide valuable tax benefits and gives you total control of the money until your children are ready for college or trade school. Other education-funding options A clogged filter greatly decreases the also are available, such as a custodial account, commonly known as an UGMA or UTMA. If you have grown children, you could still contribute to a 529 plan for your grandchildren.

Develop – and communicate – your estate plans. While you may want to be as generous as possible to your loved ones during your lifetime, vou may desire to leave something behind as part of your legacy. And that means you will need to develop a comprehensive estate plan. Such a plan will allow you to express your wishes about where you want your assets to go, who will take care of your how you want to be treated should you become incapacitated, and other important issues. Your estate plan will need to include the appropriate documents and arrangements - last will and testament, living trust, power of attorney, health care directive, and so on. To create such a plan, you may need to work with a team of professionals, including your financial, tax and legal advisors. And it's essential that you communicate the existence and details of your estate plan to your loved ones. By doing so, you can help them know what to expect credit for some), I'm counting on you and what's expected of them to help avoid unpleasant surprises and familial squabbles when it's time to settle your estate.

> Solicit suggestions for charitable giving. Sharing some of what you have with charitable or community organizations will also help fulfill the spirt of Thanksgiving. And you can make it a family affair by asking your loved ones which groups they would like to support. Not only will you be helping a worthy cause, but you'll also be teaching your children about the value of money – in this case, the ability to use money you've saved to help make a positive contribution to

> By sharing your bounty with your loved ones and your community on Thanksgiving, you'll help create a more memorable holiday for everyone. So, be generous, be creative – and be prepared for how much satisfaction you can get from your actions.

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Soda fountain memorabilia

Soda fountains were once a fixture in drugstores. Now it's rare to find one. Hallet's Store in Yarmouth Port, Mas. and Shady Glen in Manchester, Conn. are two establishments in our area that still have soda fountains. Many people that visited them have fond memories of soda fountains and the memorabilia still appeals to col-

There was a long history before soda began being served at fountains in the 20th century. A 1962 American Heritage article notes that water had been WAYNE TUISKULA known as the 'Soda Fountain "bubbling up out of springs and spas since the dawn of histo-

ry." Joseph Priestley developed a process for artificially carbonating water according to a University of Southern California article. According to a McGill University article, he lived near a brewery and became interested in



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the "airs" (gas bubbles) that produced bubbles in beer. In 1767, he hung a vessel over a beer fermentation vat creating carbonated water. Much later in 1832 John Matthews left England for America where he manufactured carbonating machinery and started selling soda water to retailers. Matthews added flavors to the soda water and licensed soda water equipment. The USC article notes that "by the time he died, Matthews owned over 500 soda fountains. He was King." Our area also played

a part in the development of soda fountains. A Lowell Sun article notes that Gustavus D. Dows patented the first marble soda fountain in 1861. He installed a marble soda fountain in a Central Street pharmacy in Lowell. Ice cream later became a top seller at soda



fountains.

soda fountains as running from 1890 to 1940. They describe "classic American soda fountain(s)" as light, cool, and airy places furnished with marble-topped counters and tables, shining mirrors, and sparkling glass and chrome serving

Soda fountains used advertising signs Turn To ANTIQUES page A9

Some hints for harvesting deer



Numerous 200-pound deer were harvested again this past week in the valley by bow hunters, along with other large deer sporting some very impressive antlers. Ground scrapes and tree rubs by bucks were common place this past week. Reports of lost deer because of bad shots were reported this past week, which only supports the passing of a crossbow bill in Massachusetts. Sportsmen and women should contact their State Representatives and State Senators, asking them to support the bill, which will soon be coming up for a vote.

Deer hunters that harvest a deer, and are planning to have the deer mounted for that special room in the house, need to make sure the hide is properly removed from the animal. Too often,

deer hunters do not take the necessary steps to skin the deer, and find out too late that the deer was not properly skinned for the taxidermist to mount to their specifications. Taking the time to find a good taxidermist to mount your deer head is very important. Be sure to get the cost of mounting the deer and when you can expect to get your deer back in writing.

Field dressing a deer in the woods is another important task to ensure a good tasting deer. Too often, deer hunters fail to dress the deer properly in the woods. When the deer is prepared on the grill or stove, they find out very quickly that they did something wrong. I often hear someone say they do not like venison, and it is because the deer was not properly dressed in the field, or the deer



was not properly processed. Freezer burned venison is also another reason the venison did not taste good.

Packaging your deer meat with a good vacuum packing machine will ensure the meat is as good in a few months, or even a year, if it is

done correctly. Hiring a professional butcher to process your deer can cost you \$150 or more, but is well worth the price if you are not experienced in processing your deer. Cutting the deer into steaks, roast, hamburg, or sausage can make some great eating throughout the year. Do not forget to share your venison with the farmer or property owner if you are hunting private property. It will go a long way when you return to hunt on their property next year.

Tautog fishing remains strong in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island waters. This week's first picture shows an impressive tautog, caught last week on the Island Current fishing charter boat out of Snug Harbor, R.I. An 11 pound tautog was also caught on the boat this season. You can get more information on the Island Current fishing boat on their Web page at Islandcur rentfishingcharters.com.

week's This ond picture shows an impressive deer har-THE GREAT vested a few years ago in Douglas. This mas-**OUTDOORS** sive 14-point deer has left some of his genes behind, **RALPH** and hunters continues to harvest massive deer in TRUE the Douglas State forest and surrounding areas.

Pheasant hunting remains strong in the valley, but the season is winding down very fast. Stocking of birds will end next week by Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife crews.

Ice fishing is looking good so far this year, and if we can keep the temperatures low in the coming days, some local ice fishing could be

done during the holiday weekend. Only experienced ice fishing anglers should attempt to walk on first ice. I always felt that two inches of good black ice was safe for a single angler. Constant monitoring of ice thickness needs to be practiced. Ice skating is not recommended until the ice thickness is 4 inches or better.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them rods

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to advertise their specials. National companies also advertised their brands on signs, syrup and soda dispensers, trays, clocks, glasses and anywhere else they could. These items that were given to the soda fountain to promote manufacturers can be very valuable now.

A 12-piece Three Millers soda fountain sign sold for \$2,600 at auction last year. A Moxie soda fountain sign went for \$2,750 in a 2015 auction. A 1902 celluloid Coca Cola sign fetched \$8,000 at a 2012 auction. At a 2016 auction, a rare Allens Red Tame Cherry tin embossed sign reached \$10.250.

Dispensers can also bring strong results. A Coca Cola porcelain brought \$10,000 in a 2018 auction. A Jim Dandy Orangeade dispenser went for \$28,000 in 2010. An Earl Hires 3-piece dispensing

bowl with platter sold at auction in 2015. It was made by Mettlach who also made quality German steins. Despite having some restoration, it went for \$74,000.

A complete marble and alabaster soda fountain that was over 21 feet long was auctioned in 2012. It was created by the Liquid Carbonic Co. for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. It bubbled well over the top of the \$75,000 - \$125,000 estimate when it reached \$4,475,000.

We have our next major auction on Jan. 30 in Worcester. We will be offering a Cherry Smash and a Ward's Orange Crush syrup dispenser. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www. centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

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** Triday's Child ** **



great sense of humor! Aleenah is a fun, outgoing twelve-year-

Hi! My name is Aleenah and I have a

old with an enormous amount of charisma and great sense of humor. Some of Aleenah's favorite activities are bowling, roller skating, going to the movies, drawing and singing along to the songs on the radio. Aleenah does especially well with younger children; she is always willing to help out in other classrooms, read to younger kids, and/or mentor them. Aleenah feels important and takes great pride in building these relationships.

Aleenah Age 12

Legally free for adoption, Aleenah is in need of a family that can provide a struc-

tured, loving home. She would do best with a single mother or a two-parent family with or without other children. Interested families should be comfortable maintaining contact with Aleenah's siblings, and her birth mother whom she visits with twice per year.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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



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SPORTS

Morrison tallies late goal as Beavers escape regulation with win over Auburn



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Drew Lemansky of Auburn battles for the ball with his opponent from Blackstone Valley Tech.



Auburn's Drew Lemansky attempts to kick the ball past a Blackstone Valley Tech defender.



Auburn's Fidel Castro looks down before delivering a big boot on the ball.



Emmanuel Teedo Pannah of Auburn looks to maneuver the ball around four surrounding defenders from Blackstone Valley Tech.



Auburn keeper Coleman Picard dives to the turf to make a save versus Blackstone Valley Tech.



Auburn's Fidel Castro watches his shot sail through the air.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SHREWSBURY — Head coach Khalid Al-Haza and his Blackstone Valley Tech players knew that Auburn High's boys' varsity soccer team had played to four scoreless ties during the course of the regular season. On top of that, the Rockets only relinquished seven goals in 19 games played.

"That was very intimidating coming in," conceded junior Luke Morrison.

For those reasons, Al-Haza was hoping that his Beavers would be able to score late when the two teams clashed at Shrewsbury High's David J. Adams Memorial Field at Central One Federal Credit Union Stadium in a Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament semifinal on Monday, Nov. 11.

"They've had a lot of 0-0 games, and I was worried about that going in. It was nice to finish it before OT," said Al-Haza.

The was because a heady Morrison delivered a free kick from 22 yards out in the 78th minute that caught Auburn off guard. That was the game's lone goal, as the Beavers emerged with a 1-0 victory.

"I knew these guys were ready for the moment," said Al-Haza. "They battle all the way through and don't let up. In the second half we had more chances than them. I felt it coming, but I was worried that it wasn't going to happen."

After a scoreless and midfield-heavy first 40 minutes, Valley Tech ramped up its offensive aggression in the second half. They were awarded the game's only corner kick with eight minutes to play. After that unsuccessful attempt, the Beavers were given four free kicks from inside 30 yards due to Auburn fouls.

The final two proved to be pivotal.

Morrison slid a pass back to teammate Michael Boone on the third free kick, and Boone was fouled on a slide tackle. That's when Morrison quickly took the next free kick. His shot, from the left side of the field, drooped over to the right and found the back of the net—according to Valley Tech, at least.

"I saw the keeper on the near post, so I knew I had to go far post," explained Morrison. "I took the free kick when no one was ready, and it just hit off the bar and went in beyond the goal line. With the backspin it

went out, but it crossed the line first. I knew it was in. I had my fingers crossed [when the referees conferred]."

"I was celebrating already, to be honest with you. And then I saw the play continue," added Al-Haza.

But the goal stood after a brief conference, and Valley Tech celebrated while Auburn waited for an explanation, as they thought that the ball had gone out of bounds.

"The explanation was that they saw the ball go in. We saw the ball come off the football crossbar, which would be out of bounds," said head coach Chris Bailey, whose team's bench was farther away from the goal than the Beavers. "We believe that the ball hit the back of the crossbar and then down through the net. That should have been out of bounds, in my opinion.

"The bottom line here, though, is BVT, I tip my hat to them," added Bailey. "They're a very good team and played very well. [The controversial goal] is not what beat us."

Bailey was displeased with the amount of fouls called against his team.

"The foul situation was 18-2 for the game," he said. "They let them play, but 18-2 is a big discrepancy."

Auburn, which took six shots on frame — but all were saved by keeper Zachary Brabham — finished with a record of 12-2-6. Keeper Coleman Picard (eight saves) and defenders Mike Breen, Joe Clougherty, Nolan Kennedy and Zack LaPointe were the team's bread and butter all season long.

"Our defense has been together for four years," said Bailey, as all but LaPointe will graduate next spring. "Coleman Picard is an outstanding athlete, a candidate for All-State."

Valley Tech, meanwhile, improved to 15-4-1 and played No. 1 Nipmuc Regional (12-4-4) for the District Championship.

"We're hungry. We're hungry against them," said Morrison, whose team lost to the Warriors, 3-1, in the lone regular season matchup.

But BVT found a way to escape regulation and two overtime periods scoreless against Nipmuc, and then they won the PK battle, 3-2, to win the game, 1-0, and the Central Mass. title.

SPORTS

Lazo does it all for victorious Pioneers, 43-20 over Bay Path



Nick Ethior photos

Bay Path defenders Jomar Torres (8) and Nikko Vitkos combine to tackle Southbridge's Carlos Morales-Miranda.



Keagan Spring of Bay Path attempts to rush the ball to the outside to create separation from Southbridge's defensive presence.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — Talk about having a day for your-

Ben Lazo did a little bit of everything for the Southbridge High varsity football team in the Pioneers' 43-20 rout of Bay Path Regional at Harry J. McMahon Field on Friday, Nov. 15.

The junior, a starting offensive and defensive tackle, also lined up at fullback on offense and carried the ball five times, gaining 13 yards and scoring a pair of touchdowns on runs of 1 and 2 yards.

"We've been joking around with the idea of me going to fullback for a few weeks. Coach [Tony] Santilli told me he had a package of plays for me and we started working on them in practice and it led to [tonight]," Lazo said. "I have to say, though, it wouldn't have

happened if it wasn't for my line. It was all my line. I can't take any credit."

So, the offensive linemen that Lazo usually works with to open holes for the other running backs on the Southbridge team got a chance to open holes for Lazo against Bay Path.

"It's a beautiful cycle," Lazo said with a smile while clutching the game ball. "They love seeing me rumble."

On defense the agile 6-foot-2, 260-pounder recovered a fumble after teammate Max Renaud stripped the ball from Bay Path running back Nikko Vitkos, sacked Minutemen quarterback Michael Keeler twice and recorded nine tack-

Lazo now has 102 tackles and 20 quarterback sacks on the season.

"The Lazo family has been haunting me for several years," Bay Path head coach Matt Fall said. "It seems like every time we play Southbridge they've got a kid named Lazo on the team and he ends up being a huge pain in the neck for us."

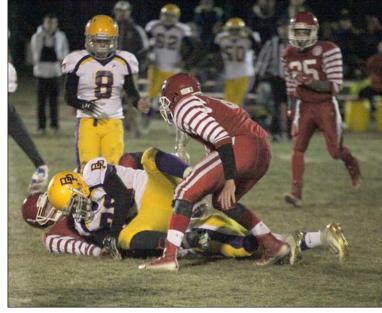
huge pain in the neck for us." Southbridge (5-5) dominated the game from start to finish, leading 14-0 after the first quarter, 30-6 at halftime and 37-12

through three quarters.

The Pioneers had several players turn in impressive performances in addition to Lazo.

Senior Alex Torres rushed for a game-high 81 yards on 15 carries and scored on a 6-yard run in the second quarter. Sophomore Carlos Morales-Miranda, Torres' backfield mate, gained 43 yards on 10 carries and scored a touchdown at the end of the first half on a 90-yard kickoff return.

On the play, the kickoff from Bay Path got behind Morales-Miranda, who finally tracked it down on his 10-yard line. He started his return in the mid-



Bay Path's Jaden Morales falls to the ground in order to recover a Southbridge onside kick.



Bay Path's Jonathan Nussey makes a reception while fighting through a double team.

dle of the field, but cut sharply to his right to elude a pair of Bay Path would-be tacklers. Morales-Miranda then turned another Bay Path player completely around, faking outside and then inside before going outside, getting to the sideline and sprinting the last 70 yards into the end zone.

"Carlos has got some moves," Southbridge head coach Frank Koumanelis said. "He can run."

Pioneers' senior Juan Tula-Rojas gained 62 yards on six carries and scored on a 6-yard run in the third quarter. Southbridge freshman Randy Melendez closed out the scoring with a 1-yard plunge into the end zone with 3:30 remaining.

Southbridge finished with 267 yards of total offense, 226 on the ground, the other 41 coming in the passing game, quarterback John Cortez completing 2 of 3 passes, one a 35-yard gainer to Torres.

"We have a lot of confidence in our ground game. The line is coming together. We played well tonight; I thought we played a complete game," Koumanelis said. "We're looking forward to playing Bartlett on Thanksgiving. I think we're going to do OK."

Bay Path (2-8) finished the game with 171 yards of total

offense. The Minutemen had a pair of extended drives in the first half cut short, the first when Keeler was intercepted by Southbridge's Thomas Dupuis with three minutes remaining in the first quarter, the second on Lazo's fumble recovery with 11 minutes left in the first half.

"We had turnovers on backto-back drives and they turned both of them into quick scores," Fall said. "It's hard to score when the ball is in the other team's possession."

Junior Tyler Gillespie, who did not play in the first half, finished the game with a team-leading 72 yards on five carries and scored on runs of 11 (in the third quarter) and 62 yards (with less than a minute to play in the game).

"Tyler had to sit out the first half because he was called twice for taunting in last week's game [a 36-8 win over Worcester North]," said Fall, who explained the punishment is based on the rules implemented this year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Bay Path's other touchdown came in the second quarter on a 9-yard pass from Keeler (4 of 8, 67 yards) to freshman Jonathan Nussey (2 catches, 31 yards).

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

Shrewsbury Club seeks players, teams for new rec basketball league

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

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

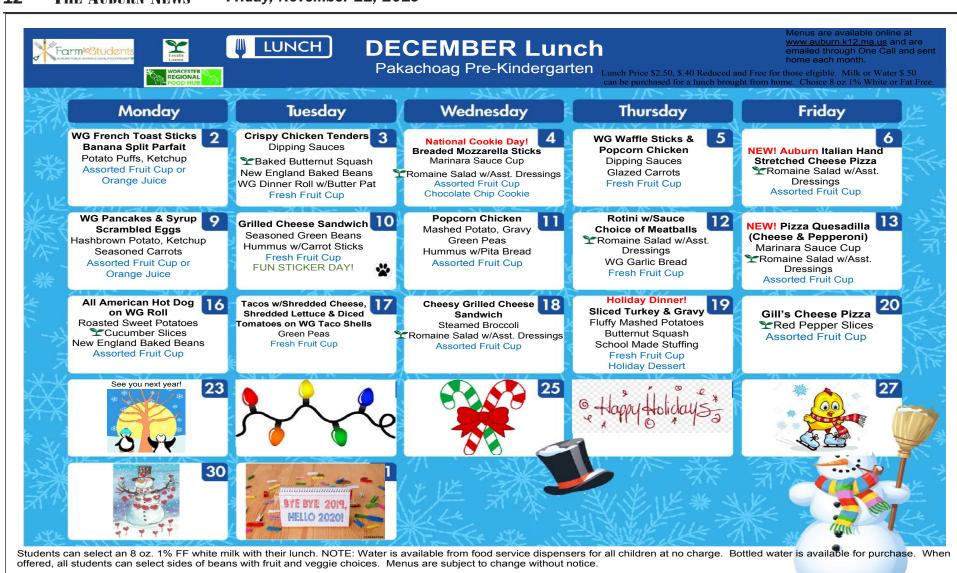


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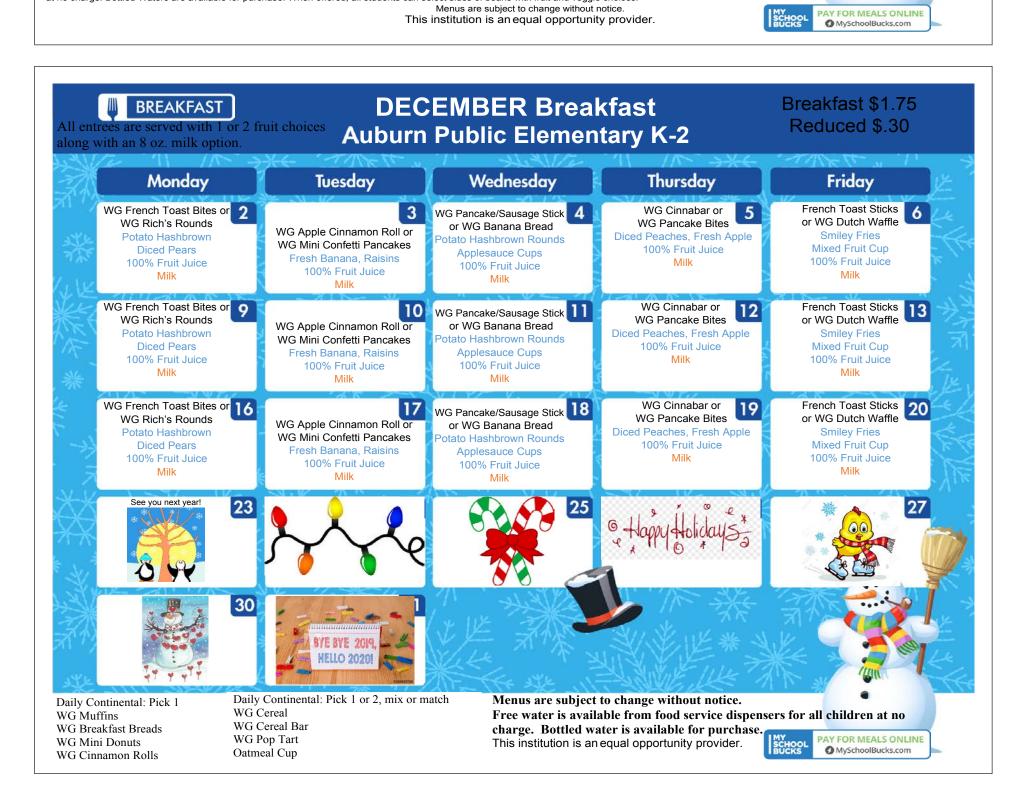
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LUNCH **DECEMBER Lunch Bryn Mawr & Pakachoag** Monday Wednesday Friday Tasty **Tuesday Thursday** NEW! Auburn Italian Hand Chicken Vegetable Soup Crispy Chicken Tenders National Cookie Day! WG French Toast Sticks Chicken Vegetable Soup 5 Stretched Pizza Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni, Chicken Vegetable Soup **Banana Split Parfait** WG Waffle Sticks & Dipping Sauces **Breaded Mozzarella Sticks** Potato Puffs, Ketchup Popcorn Chicken Marinara Sauce Cup Veggie ❤Baked Butternut Squash Assorted Fruit Cups or **Dipping Sauces** New England Baked Beans TRomaine Salad w/Asst. XRomaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings Orange Juice **Glazed Carrots** WG Dinner Roll w/Butter Pat Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups Assorted Fruit Cups Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Chocolate Chip Cookie Chicken Noodle Soup 12 Chicken Noodle Soup Chicken Noodle Soup WG Pancakes & Syrup 10 NEW! Pizza Quesadilla 13 Scrambled Eggs Grilled Cheese Sandwich **KFC Popcorn** Rotini w/Sauce (Cheese & Pepperoni) **Chicken Bowl** Choice of Meatballs Hashbrown Potato, Ketchup Seasoned Green Beans Marinara Sauce Cup TRomaine Salad w/Asst. With Mashed Potato, Gravy & Seasoned Carrots Hummus w/Carrot Sticks Fresh Celery & Cucumber Dressings Assorted Fruit Cups or Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Corn Assorted Fruit Cups Hummus w/Pita Bread Orange Juice WG Garlic Bread **FUN STICKER DAY!** Assorted Fruit Cups Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup All American Hot Dog 16 **Holiday Dinner!** Tomato Soup **Tomato Soup** 19 20 18 Gill's Pizza Cheesy Grilled Cheese Sliced Turkey & Gravy Tacos w/Shredded Cheese, on WG Roll Choice of Cheese, Pepperoni, Fluffy Mashed Potatoes Roasted Sweet Potatoes **Shredded Lettuce & Diced** Sandwich Veggie **Butternut Squash** Tomatoes on WG Taco Shells Steamed Broccoli ★Cucumber Slices Corn Niblets Romaine Salad w/Asst. Dressings TRed Pepper Slices School Made Stuffing New England Baked Beans Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Assorted Fruit Cups Fresh Fruit or Fruit Cup Assorted Fruit Cups Assorted Fruit Cups Holiday Dessert See you next year! 23 27 ailable Daily 30 Sunny Sandwich 1. Hot Lunch Entrée (Pumpkin Butter) WG Bagel w/Cream Cheese Cup and a 4 Yogurt & Cheese Stick BYE BYE 2019 Offered daily at 3. Lunch Launcher Meal/Meat with Veggies. **HELLO 2020!** Bryn Mawr Fruit & WG Crackers (Vegetarian Choices) 4. PBJ Meal Students may select: 1. One entrée. 2. Pick 1 fruit and 1 or 2 or more vegetable sides. 3. Select a Milk choice of either Fat Free Chocolate Milk 8 oz., Fat Free White 8 oz. or 1% White Milk 8 oz. or 4. Extra items may be offered occasionally such as pudding, WG cookie or other items listed on the menu that do not qualify for a protein, fruit, vegetable or milk. NOTE: Free water is available from food service dispensers for all children at no charge. Bottled Waters are available for purchase. When offered, all students can select sides of beans with fruit and veggie choices.



"A New England Thanksgiving" shares holiday traditions at OSV



STURBRIDGE — In early New England, Thanksgiving was considered the biggest holiday of the year. Head to Old Sturbridge Village in November and you can celebrate the traditions of the holiday season with "A New England Thanksgiving," taking place on Nov. 16, 17, 23, 24 & 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Step into the lives of early 19th century families to learn how they prepare for the feast. Take in the scent of fresh pies warming by the fire and roasted turkey - birds much

smaller than the "butterball" turkeys found at today's holiday dinners. Learn 1830s dining etiquette and about the cooking preferences of the day. Turkey was often substituted for other items due to it being a labor-intensive dish, while vegetables - not typically peeled for everyday cooking were prepared special for the holiday.

As Christmas was celebrated by Puritans the who settled the region, Thanksgiving was a significant day in both size and tradition. Visit during "A New England

Thanksgiving" hear the minister talk about the true meaning of Thanksgiving in the Village's historic Center Meetinghouse.

On the weekends, watch the men of the Village compete in a post-dinner target shoot and learn the role of turkey "drovers" who would herd and march turkeys on foot from central Massachusetts to Boston for wealthy city-dwellers to enjoy.

During select dates, "A New England Thanksgiving" included with the purof Standard chase

Daytime Admission tickets, a season pass, or membership to Old Sturbridge Village. Save \$2.50 per adult, senior, or youth ticket when you purchase online instead of at the door. Purchase tickets by visiting: https:// www.osv.org/visit/purchase-one-day-ticketsonline/.

More information on "A New England Thanksgiving" details on the historic holiday traditions can be found online at: https://www.osv.org/ event/a-new-englandthanksgiving/.

Now's the time to force a few spring flowering bulbs



GARDEN MOMENTS **MELINDA**

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In just 15 minutes, you can plant a beautiful garden guaranteed to brighten your spirits and indoor décor this winter. All you need is a container with drainage holes, potting mix and some tulips, daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs. Once you have gathered the needed materials, you can get started planting.

Select bulbs labeled for forcing, shorter varieties that are less likely to flop or bulbs that didn't make it into the garden this fall. Plant a container of one type of bulb or use a combination for added color, texture, form and a longer bloom time. Tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths are most common, but you may want to add another layer of color with shorter bulbs like crocus, squills, and grape hyacinths.

Select a container with drainage holes and cover the bottom with an inch or two of well-drained potting mix. Set the bulbs on the potting mix with the pointed side, if it has one, up and root side down. Place the flat side of the tulip bulb toward the outside of the pot for a better display. Pack the container full of bulbs for an impressive display. Cover the bulbs with soil and water thoroughly.

Or create a garden of spring flowers in a pot using a variety of large and small bulbs. Place the largest bulbs on the lowest level of a large container. Cover with soil and add the medium sized bulbs. Cover these and add the smallest bulbs. Then cover with several inches of potting mix and water thoroughly.

Move potted bulbs to a cold location with temperatures between 35 and 45 degrees for 15 weeks to initiate flowering. This is often the most challenging part of the process. Place the potted bulbs in a spare refrigerator where you do not store fruits and vegetables that produce ethylene that can interfere with flow-

ering. Otherwise, sink the pot in the ground, or set it in an unheated garage away from the door with a bit of insulation around the pot. Water thoroughly whenever the soil

Start removing the pots from cold storage after fifteen weeks of chilling. Extend your enjoyment by removing the pots at one- or two-week inter-

Move the chilled container of bulbs to a cool location with indirect light for two weeks. Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil moist. Move them to a bright sunny window when the leaves are about four to six inches tall. Bright sunlight and temperatures around 65 degrees Fahrenheit will give you the best results. You'll be enjoying flowers in about three to four weeks after removing them from storage.

Use pots of forced bulbs as centerpieces or flowering accents indoors. Save a few to use outdoors on your balcony. deck or front steps for added color in your spring landscape. Dress up your display by placing the pots in window



Melinda Myers Photo

When forcing bulbs, select combinations that will provide plenty of color, texture and form.

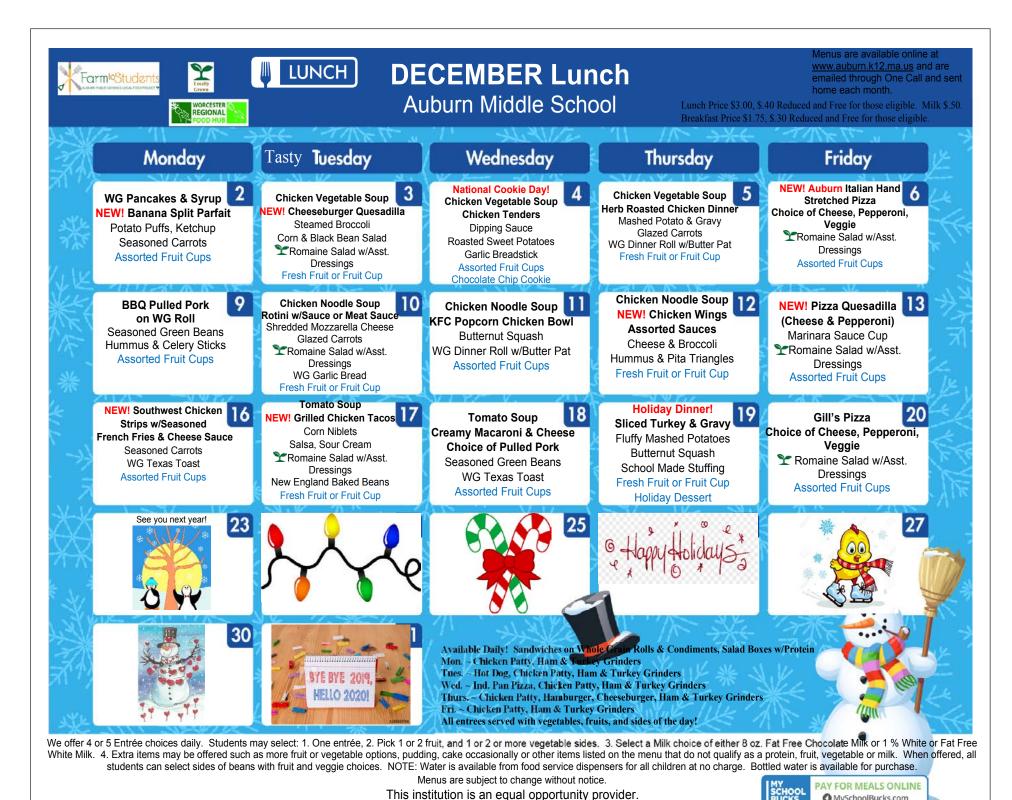
boxes or planters and cover with mulch or moss.

Planting and forcing bulbs will help keep you gardening as the days grow shorter and colder. And when you've had just about all the winter you can stand, it will be time to break out the forced bulbs for a bit of spring color.

Melinda Myers has writ ten more than 20 garden-

ing books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow AnythingDVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio segments. Myers' Web site, www. MelindaMyers.com, features gardening videos, podcasts, audio tips and monthly gar-

MySchoolBucks.com



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 30

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

Saturday, December 7

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

TAPESTRY OF LIGHT — A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: 7 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave., Auburn. A performance by the Greater Auburn Community Chorus of a piece by Joseph M. Martin, along with holiday selections from movies and theater. For ticket information, call (508) 826-9184.

Sunday, December 8

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

call (508) 826-9184.

Tuesday, December 10

RETIREMENT BY DESIGN: 6 p.m., Brookdale Eddy Pond East, 667 Washington St., Auburn. Join us for our presentation. We'll discuss how you can translate your vision for retirement into tangible goals. Whether you are 10 or 40 years from retirement, you'll learn investment strategies you can use to help design the retirement you want tomorrow. Hosted by Edward Jones Financial Advisors of Auburn.

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

NUMISMATICS: Looking for a new hobby? Come learn about the hobby of Coin Collecting. Or maybe you are an old time collector. Our club, the Nipmuc Coin Club, has both. We learn from each other through our monthly guest speakers, show and tell presentations, monthly coin auctions and free attendance prizes. Our group loves to share their knowledge with each other. About half of our members also like to eat. Each month we have a simple dinner with dessert and refreshments just prior to our meeting, which allows us time to socialize too. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Oxford Senior Center located at 323 Main St. in Oxford. It is the building directly behind the Oxford Town Hall building. For more information, please contact Dick Lisi at (508) 410-1332 or lisirichard15@yahoo.com.

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

BOYS' GROUP: Chuck wants boys in the 6th through 10th grades to join The Man Cave. The Man Cave is a

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

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

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

TRIPS OFFERED

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

BAY PATH ADULT EVENING SCHOOL

Fall 2019 catalog offerings

A Country Christmas in Nashville, Tenn. at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel

4 days/3 nights Dec. 6-9
What's included: Roundtrip
airfare from Logan Airport,
including transportation,
three-night lodging, seven
meals, Gaylord Opryland
exclusive dinner show, ticket for holiday show at Opry
House, tour of the Ryman &
Grand Ole Opry, ICE Gaylord
Opryland, General Jackson
Showboat river cruise, and so
much more!

Standard view room \$1,899pp double occupancy, \$2,249pp single occupancy

Atrium view room \$1,999pp double occupancy, \$2,399pp single occupancy.

For a brochure and complete itinerary, please contact Lori Doughwright at (508) 248-5971, ext. 1715.

Wine Country Pacific Coast

9 days/8 nights April 6-14, 2020

What's included: Roundtrip Motorcoach transfers, roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, one night pre-cruise stay in Los Angeles, 8 day/7 night cruise on board Princess Cruises-The Star Princess, visiting Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Astoria Oregon, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., winery tours, all meals on board ship, and more!

*A valid passport is REQUIRED for this trip Prices starting at \$2,499pp

double occupancy (plus tax, transfers & government fees) For a brochure and complete

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CENTER

Trip Coordinator Dotti Murphy - Please call 978-424-7010

Sign up sheets & flyers available at the Senior Center / Flyers also available on our web page www.townofcharlton.net Click on Departments then click on Council on Aging/Senior Center

Pick up is from St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd. Ext., Charlton

2019 Day Trips

Dec 3 (Tues) Johnny Mathis Christmas Tribute - Ultimate tribute to Johnny Mathis with Christmas songs and some of his biggest hits - Davensport Yacht Club -\$92.00

Please call Dotti Murphy at 978-424-7010 for details if interested in any trips.

DAUGHŤERŜ OF ISABELLA

The Daughters of Isabella proudly present our 2019 Fantastic Worldwide Tours!

For reservations contact Jan Caouette at (508) 887-2215. Make checks payable to Bernadette Circle #709 and mail to Bernadette Circle #709, PO Box 201, Webster MA 01570. The Daughters of Isabella is a nonprofit and charitable Catholic women's organization

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.

FRIENDS OF THE STURBRIDGE SENIORS

Tuesday, Dec. 3 to Thursday. Dec. 5 Overnight Trip 3 Days/2Nights. Prices are \$459 for Double Occupancy and \$559 for Single Occupancy. On Wednesday see the Spectacular Awe Inspiring Special Effects and complete with Live Animals "Miracle of Christmas Show " at the Milenium Sight and Sound Theater. Following the The Miracle Show is Dinner at the always delicious Plain and Fancy Restaurant. Also included in this trip and happening on Tuesday is a Dinner Show production of Irving Berlin's Musical "Holiday Inn" featuring thrilling dance numbers, laugh out loud comedy and a Parade of Irving Berlin's Hit Songs. Thursday features a visit to Hershey's Chocolate World and Milton Hershey School and Founders Hall before we head home with rest stops on our way back. This Trip includes 2 nights Lodging, 2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, Tickets to The Miracle of Christmas and Tickets to the Holiday Inn Show and a Full Commentary Back Country Tour of the Farmlands of Lancaster Country.

Dec. 31 New Years Eve "DAY" at the Lake Pearl in Wrentham, Mass. Let's Celebrate the New Year during the "DAYTIME". Featuring the dynamic Tom LaMark Orchestra as they cover original classics from the Swing Era, the Best in Ballrooom Dancing, our Favorite Line Dances, and on up to the Best songs from the '50's, '60's and '70's. Sing along, Dance along and Party strong to this Live Band. For \$89, enjoy Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Salad, Breads, Choice of Entree,

Potato, Vegetable, N.Y. Style Cheesecake, Coffee/Tea and let's not forget a CHAMPAGNE TOAST.

May 15, 2020 to May 22. 2020 Cruise 8 Days/7 Nights Boston to Bermuda aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines "GEM" SHIP. Leave Boston Friday, May 15 and return Boston Friday May 22. Included are All of the Following, Roundtrip Transfers from Sturbridge to Boston and back. Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail Party, All Handling Fees, Luggage Drivers Gratuities and Best of Times Professional Tour Director. Early Booking Discount for those people who Book a Balcony Cabin by October 1st, you will receive a 1 Category Upgrade & Special On Board Credit. Prices start at \$1,199 Double Occupancy for an Inside Stateroom, \$1,399 for an Oceanview Porthole Window, \$1,899 for a Balcony Stateroon on Deck 9, \$1,949 for a Balcony Stateroom on Deck 10, and \$1,999 for Balcony on Deck 11. ALSO Add \$400 for Taxes, Transfers, and Gov't Fees. Single Occupancy is Avaiable upon request. Please contact Dick Lisi at 508-410-1332 or at lisirichard15@yahoo. com for questions or information on any of the above Trips.

LEICESTER SENIOR CENTER.

Friday, Jan. 17, 2020: Foxwood Casino. Free lunch buffet or \$10 food voucher and \$10 casino slot play. Cost is \$30.

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 is \$30.

MARY QUEEN OF THE ROSARY PARISH

SPENCER — Mary Queen of the Rosary Parish, 60 Maple St., Spencer, is offering the following trips. For more information, call Bernard Dube at (508) 885-3098.

*Japan: March 26 to April 9, 2020 *Japan with China extension: March 26 to April 22, 2020 *USA: Wonders of Northern California Redwoods, Oregon & Washington: August 3-15, 2020 *Spain & Portugal: Sept.9-23, 2020

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

Victoria Falls: May 5-16, 2021

*Botswana, Zimbabwe and

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

PAXTON SENIORS

Area Seniors are Planning Another Wonderful Trip

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

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

Some details: 11 days- 24 meals, 7 day cruise on the Danube and 2 nights in Fussen(near Munich) Oner local tour from the Ship are included in each port.

We fly into Budapest, Hungary and fly home from Munich.

Transportation from Paxton to and from Logan is included. Four countries – Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany

Cruise from Budapest to Passau, then 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.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

CHARLTON SENIOR

OBITUARIES

Dorothy M. Paprocki



Dorothy M. Paprocki Wednesday, November 13, 2019 in Notre Dame du Lac in Worcester after a period of declining health. She along with her sister were affectionately called "The Girls."

She leaves 2 sisters, Irena R. Paprocki of Auburn and Theresa E. Vincent of Herndon, VA; 5 nieces and nephews, Virginia M. Carmignani of Dudley, Lisa H. Anders of Webster, Mary F. Reilly & her husband Thomas of Ashburn, VA, Katherine A. Vincent of Atlanta, GA, and Donald F. Vincent, Jr. and his spouse Dr. John Hohneker of Boston; many grandnieces and grandnephews; great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers Henry A. Paprocki and Edward W. Paprocki and by her sister Helen Hajec.

She was born and raised in Dudley. the youngest child of Walter and Mary (Kozlowski) Paprocki. She attended Saint Joseph Grammar School and graduated from Bartlett High School

class of 1949, where she was the spelling bee champion.

Miss Paprocki worked for over 35 years as a manager in collections for the General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Worcester, retiring in

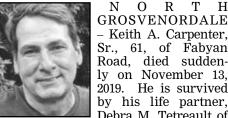
She was a member and daily communicant of Saint Andrew Bobola Church. She and her sister Irena volunteered as soloists for the weekend Masses there for many years.

She was very proud of her yard in which she spent many hours gardening. She and her sister enjoyed traveling extensively, shopping and dining out.

Her funeral was held Monday, November 18, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street. Burial held be in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. A visiting period was from 9:00 to 10:30 AM Monday in the funeral home prior to the Mass. Donations in her name may be made to Saint Andrew Bobola Church, 54 West Main Street, Dudley, MA 01571.

www.sitkowski-malboeuf.com

Keith A. Carpenter, Sr., 61 N O R T H GROSVENORDALE



Sr., 61, of Fabyan Road, died suddenly on November 13, 2019. He is survived by his life partner, Debra M. Tetreault of North Grosvenordale; four children, Keith Carpenter Jr. of

Webster, Kenneth Carpenter of North Grosvenordale, Christopher Carpenter of Boston, and Kyle Carpenter of Webster; his mother, Lucille R. Carpenter of Worcester; his sister, Rhonda Belhumeur and her husband Michael of Auburn; his brother, Neal Carpenter of Oxford; four grandsons, one granddaughter, and three nephews. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Ralph S. Carpenter Jr., and lived in Oxford before moving to North Grosvenordale over 30 years ago. He

attended Bay Path R.V.T. High School in Charlton, where he studied auto-

Mr. Carpenter was an auto body mechanic at Lundgren Honda in Auburn for over 17 years. In his youth. he worked in his grandfather's auto body shop. He was a licensed auto body appraiser. He enjoyed playing guitar, was an avid golfer, and took great pride in caring for his yard and home.

A funeral was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Auburn. Calling hours were Wednesday, November 20, 2019, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heifer International, 1 World Ave., Little Rock, AR 72202. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

paradisfuneralhome.com

Catherine McCarthy, 86



Catherine (Leboda) McCarthy, 86, formerly of Spruce Street, died peacefully on Monday, November 18, 2019, at Worcester Healthcare Center in Worcester after a long

illness. She was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Robert F. McCarthy of Oxford who died in 2007. She is survived by her son, Robert D. McCarthy and his wife Linda of Auburn; two step-grandchildren, Christopher Balser of Franklin and Jesse Balser of Worcester; nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by four sisters, Dorothy, Mary, Virginia, and Genevieve; and three brothers, Henry, Edward, and Stanley. She was born in Worcester, the youngest of a family of eight to the late Wawrzyniec and Aniela (Klutka) Leboda. She graduated from

Leicester High School.

After graduating from high school, Mrs. McCarthy worked at Central Supply in Worcester for several years, where she met her husband. enjoyed traveling, reading, and loved gardening.

The family would like to thank the staff in Unit 4 at Worcester Healthcare Center for their compassionate care.

A funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 25, 2019, at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at St. Roch's Cemetery in Oxford. A calling hour was held on Monday from 9:30-10:30 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 the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA

paradisfuneralhome.com

Claire A. (Richard) Shaw, 96

AUBURN- Claire A. (Richard) Shaw, 96, of Oxford Street South died Saturday, November 16 in the Life Care Center of

Her husband Robert L. Shaw died in 2017. She leaves several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother Aurelian "Babe" Richard.

Claire was born in Southbridge, daughter of Amedee and Alexandrina (Archambault) Richard. She worked in the printing department at the American Optical Co. for 29 years retiring in 1969. She enjoyed shopping, going out to eat, her lap dogs, traveling and camping with her husband.

A Graveside service was held on Wednesday, November 20 at 11:00 AM in New Notre Dame Cemetery, There are no calling Southbridge. hours. MORIN FUNERAL HOME, 1131 Main Street, Leicester is directing funeral arrangements.

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

Web site named official venue for meeting notices

BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON - With the town of Charlton recently revamping their town Web site, the Board of Selectmen has now approved for the site to be the official method of posting meeting notices as opposed to the currently used electronic billboard.

Selectmen voted in favor of the proposal at a Nov. 5 meeting where Acting Town Administrator Graham Maxfield explained that in

order for the town to make this change is required selectmen approval and that the website will be designated with the state as Charlton's official meeting notice location.

"Per the open meeting law guidelines, prior to utilizing the municipal Web site as the official method of posting meeting notices, the chief executive officer of the municipality must authorize or vote to adopt such Web site as the official method of posting notices. The clerk of the municipality must inform the Division of Open

Government of its notice posting method and must inform the division of any future changes to that posting method. Public bodies must consistently use the most current notice posting method on file with the division," Maxfield

Town Clerk Karen LaCroix explained that nothing is expected to change drastically in terms of how people are informed of meetings. They'll simply have to find agendas and official meeting notices on the town's Web site, and that the electronic billboard will direct them as such.

"The electronic board will just say where they can go (to find meeting notices), townofharlton.net," LaCroix said. "If the public is going to look for meetings now everything is going to stay the same. It will be the main page calendar for the meetings, and they click on the meeting. That will take them to the agenda.'

While on the topic of the website selectmen asked LaCroix how the new site has been to manage. LaCroix noted the

site has been working well for them although there has been a learning curve and citizens still have to make "a few clicks" to get to the page they are looking for. In terms of meeting times and agendas she did note that the town has the ability to change things quickly and add whatever they need promptly to make sure citizens are made aware of any alternations to meetings times, locations and agendas as soon as they are announced.

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sing classic and fun carols cherished across the centuries. Settle in for readings of classic stories, like "The Night Before Christmas" and "A Visit from Saint Nicholas." Step into the Salem Towne House for a showing of Christmas décor from the 1830s, 1850s and 1870s, or see the Parsonage decorations inspired by "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Enjoy demonstrations of cherished holiday traditions like roasting chestnuts, catch the nightly tree lighting ceremony and visit the min-

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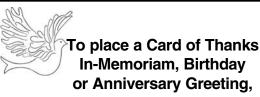
For the little ones, a North Pole Village can be found at Gallery Row, giving families the chance to meet with Santa and his elves. Sleigh rides (weather permitting) or carriage rides will run around the Common throughout the evening, which is decorated in a picturesque nod to Christmas' past.

Get into the Christmas spirit prior to the event by signing up for Old Sturbridge Village's annual Gingerbread House Contest. Register your gingerbread house in one of four categories (adult non-professional, adult professional, youth or family) to be viewed and judged at Christmas by Candlelight. One cookie creation from each category will be voted "Best in Show" by visitors at the event. Each entry into the contest receives two tickets to Christmas by Candlelight and winners get a gift certificate to Old Sturbridge Village.

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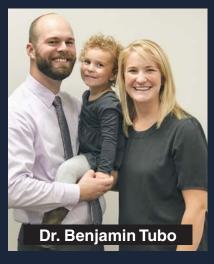
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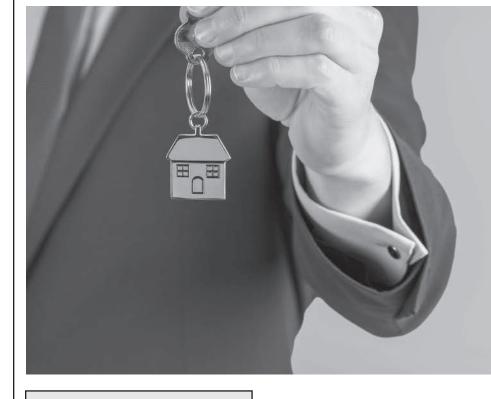




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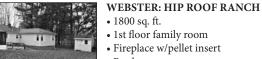




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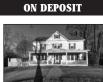


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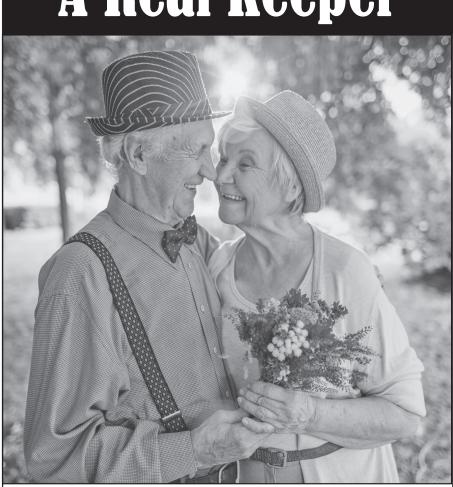


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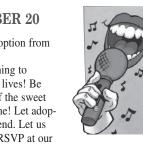


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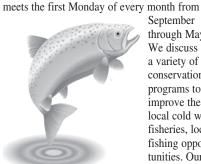


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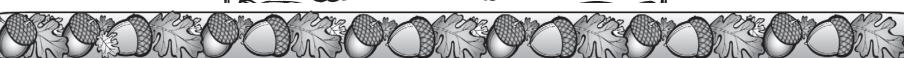
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