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## Finalists for town administrator named

#### BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Four individuals are being considered to fill the vacant Town Administrator seat in Charlton. The Town Administrator Search Committee heard the recommendations during a meeting on Nov. 21 where four names were presented as candidates for the job with interviews to take place next month. The candidates are Andrew Golas, who serves as the town administrator in Barre; Thomas Guerino, the former town administrator for Bourne; Kimberly Newman, who is the current Mendon town administrator; and Matthew Shelby, the land use and economic development director for Acton.

The candidates each bring differing levels of experience to the table. Golas has been Barre's town administrator for two years previously serving as an executive assistant in Palmer. Guerino spent 14 years with the town of Bourne before the two parties separated in 2019 and previously served nine years as executive director of the Massachusetts Rural Development Council. Newman has led the town of Mendon as administrator five years and was previously an administrator for the city of Lyndon in Kansas and the assistant town manager for Killingly, Connecticut. Selby has never served as an administrator but has held his role as development director in Acton for three years previously serving separate stints as the director of community development and health and economic development coordinator for Ashland.

These four candidates will look to succeed Robin

Craver, who vacated her seat in Charlton after 13 years as of Oct. 1, 2019. Police Chief Graham Maxfield has served as Town Manager in the interim. Meet and greets with the four candidates have been scheduled for Dec. 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Charlton Town Hall with interviews in public forum to take place the following night, Dec. 5, from 6 until 10 p.m.

Friday, November 29, 2019

## Hazard Mitigation Plan finalized

#### BY JASON BLEAU VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The town of Charlton has approved a new Hazard Mitigation Plan pending final approval by Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The process of producing a new mitigation plan started in 2018 leading to a public information event in June of this year. The final plan was sent to FEMA and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, MEMA, has now been approved by the Board of Selectmen to receive one final look-over and approval from FEMA.

Trish Settles, the Deputy Director for Regional Collaboration and Community Planning for the Central Massachusetts Regional Panning Commission, or CMRPC, attended the Nov. 20 meeting of the Board of Selectmen to see the board's approval of the final mitigation plan. The discussion was relatively straight forward with Settles explaining that Charlton will be the final town in her organizations attempt to help several Massachusetts communities update their expires and outdated plans for emergency situations and events.

"We've been fortunate to receive a grant on behalf of 27 com-

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Courtesy Photo

#### **WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS**

The Shepherd Hill Regional High School marching band was "over the moon" with its recent win in Division 2 at the New England Scholastic Band Association's National Championships. Photo taken from the high school's Twitter feed.

## **Charlton City UMC hosting Gingerbread Fair**



CHARLTON CITY -Christmas is coming, and so is the Gingerbread Fair! Hosted by Charlton City United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the fair will include all the great holiday fair goodies families love. For seasonal sweets, there'll be homemade cookies, apple pies, and other great baked goods. Children can even make their own, decorating gingerbread cookies while you shop. Looking 

for decorations or gifts? The church fair will be selling fresh handmade wreaths, plants, handcrafted items such as ornaments and kitchen towel gift sets, as well as gently used Christmas decorations from Grandma's Attic. The silent auction will be a place to find great bargains on items donated by members and many local businesses, like gift baskets and gift certificates. The chairwomen are Judy Fortin and Sue Foley from Spencer who are working with a wonderful committee to present a fair that has something for everyone.

If you get hungry, coffee and doughnuts will be served from 9-11 a.m., followed by lunch available from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., prepared by the men of the church. Charlton City United Methodist Church is located at 74 Stafford St., Charlton. The church is handicapped accessible, and has plenty of available parking.

#### Courtesy Photo

Spencer residents Judy Fortin (L) & Sue Foley (right) chair the Gingerbread Fair.

## Auburn Elks bost Quilt of Valor ceremony

#### BY JORDAN GABLASKI CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — The Auburn Elks Club held its annual Quilt of Valor ceremony and luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 10 to honor local veterans and service members.

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



Jordan Gablaski Photo

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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 of the ceremony had distributed 233,183 quilts nationwide since its inception. The Foundation keeps

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REGION REGION — Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest was awarded \$20,000 from Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation for calendar year 2019. The funds will be used to support one-to-one mentoring programs between adult, volunteer mentors and at-risk children living in Middlesex County and Westborough.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest was awarded \$20,000 from Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation for calendar year 2019.

There are two different mentoring programs in the region that this funding will support. The community-based program matches children referred to by parents or guardians who are in need of the extra support that a mentor provides to help them succeed. The volunteer mentor (Big) meets with his/her mentee (Little) on their own

schedule regularly, often engaged in activities in the community in which they live. The site-based program also matches children needing that extra help, but the volunteers originate from local corporations or colleges and see their Little Brothers or Little Sisters at a local site, typically at an after-school program.

In the past year, BBBS CM/MW has created and supported nearly 400 mentoring matches in Middlesex County and Westborough and expects to make 60 new matches in the upcoming year.

"We are so grateful for the support that Middlesex Savings Bank, and its founda-

tion, has provided for our mission. Research has indicated that there are thousands of children in the Metrowest and Middlesex County region that need a reliable, positive, and effective mentor to help meet life's challenges - today, " said Jeffrey Chin, MSW, LCSW, Chief Executive Officer for Big Brothers

Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest. "This incredible support from our friends at Middlesex Savings Bank goes a long way in helping us address this need and make an impact on our communities.'

To learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass. & Metrowest, visit www.

#### bbbscm.org.

About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass & Metrowest, Inc. is to create professionally supported mentoring relationships, empowering youth to realize their potential and build brighter futures. Children's lives are enhanced and their potential unlocked when they have a mentor in their lives to celebrate their successes. For more than 55 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass. & Metrowest has helped transform the lives of more than 30,000 children facing adversity.

#### Cops and Kids and Lions HAZARD toy drive underway

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Lions Club and the Southbridge Police Department are sponsoring their second annual Cops "N" Kids & Lions Toy Drive.

Please help us bring Christmas to deserving children in our area by donating new, unwrapped, non-violent toys by Dec. 20. Of particular need are toys for adolescents ages 12 through 16. Some gift ideas for this age group ranging up to \$30, include: water bottles, reusable straws, pop socket, skin care kit, scrunchies, cool charging cables, stick-on phone card holder or phone case, portable phone charger, also neutral baseball caps (Nike versus a team).

Toy Drop-Off Locations Avelino Restaurant **Big Bunny Market** Cedar Street Cafe Cedar Street Grille Harrington Hospital Jacob Edwards Library Micknuck's Marketplace Southbridge Credit Union (all locations) Southbridge Fire Department Southbridge Common Southbridge Police Department Southbridge Town Hall Sturbridge Police Department The Duck

All toys will benefit local families. Monetary donations can be made at any Southbridge Credit Union location. Contact us for sponsorship or donation opportunities: copsnkids@southbridgemass.org.

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munities including Charlton to assist in the development of the plan update. The town's last plan was developed somewhere around 2012. It's since expired. We've worked with a number of communities to individually update that plan. (Charlton) is that last of those 27," Settles said.

Latte,r she stressed the importance of approving the new plan and how it will allow Charlton access to recovery resources should an emergency occurz $\s.$ 

"A hazard mitigation plan is important for a town to have as it makes the town eligible for funds in the event that there is a disaster declaration in the state. The series of storms last winter resulted in a declaration that makes funds available. This

plan identifies the areas within the town where the town can be proactive," said Settles. "For every dollar a town spends on mitigation typically you save about four dollars in what you'd be using the remedy that down the line, so we feel it's really important."

This financial benefit was stressed by Charlton Fire Department Lt. Carl Eckman, who represents the department in matters of emergency management. Eckman has been a go-to resource and contact for the CMRPC throughout the process of developing the new mitigation plan and put into perspective the cost-saving benefits of having the document in place.

"For the hazard mitigation grants that are out there you gave to have a plan approved. Say, for instance, all of a sudden,

you're getting an area where it keeps flooding. A culvert could fix it. They have a formula they use where if they had to detour traffic, say they had to go around two miles, they take into effect the mileage, the time wasted, and say you had 2,000 cars go by there a day it could be a significant amount of money. Say it was \$50,000 for the culvert, their figures came out to \$52,000 you are wasting because of not having the culvert there. They would give it to you for \$2,000 or even a dollar, as long as you can show that you'd be wasting more money there by even a dollar they will pay for it. It's a very wise thing to have," Lt. Eckman said.

Selectmen approved the plan unanimously which now goes to FEMA before it is officially implemented in Charlton.

#### QUILTS

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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.



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# Numbering changes in store for highway exits



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Before and after photos provided by MassDOT present the current Exit signs compared to the new mile marking signs to be installed

#### BY JASON BLEAU CORRESPONDENT

REGION — The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has announced a new highway exit sign numbering system set to impact the region and the state over the next three years.

Interstates 395 and 290 are among the many highways that will receive the renumbering which will conform to the mile-marker format of numbering rather than using sequential numbers. Connecticut also adapted its highways signs to represent mile markers several years ago. The change, which was announce on Nov. 18, is meant to conform with the requirements of the Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices issued in 2009 which seeks that all states adopt a mile-based sign numbering system. Massachusetts is one of only three states current-ly in noncompliance including New Hampshire and Delaware and failure to make this change could result in loss of federal funding according to the MassDOT.

The Department of Transportation released a pamphlet online detailing the finer details of the project which

confirms that the state has committed to making the transition by January of 2022. The change is expected to start in the western part of the state and working eastward one route at a time with the changes taking place from east to west or north to south depending on the roadway. As was done in Connecticut, "Old Exit" signs are expected to be included to help commuters with the transition for at least two years. Exits that lead to the same interchange, such as the current Exit 4 in Oxford off of I-395, would not be labeled with different mile markers but would maintain the single number representing the initial mile followed by letters like "a" and "b." Exit numbers will be rounded to the nearest mile with the lowest possible number being Exit 1. Only four corridors will remain unchanged through the plan, Route 213, Interstates 291 and 391 and the Lowell Connector. The Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program is providing 90 percent of the funds for the state to make the transition, with the other 10 percent paid for by state highway funds.

The DOT explained that there are several factors that play into this change. One major element involves

calculating miles traveled and allowing drivers to better deterdistance mine between destinations. It is also believed to help with reporting highway incidents more accurately and it would prevent the need for costly renumbering if new exits were added to routes. Most of all though the change would bring Massachusetts in line with 47 other states and preserve funding on the federal level. The interstate sign

highway sign numbering transition is expected to commence in the summer of 2020.



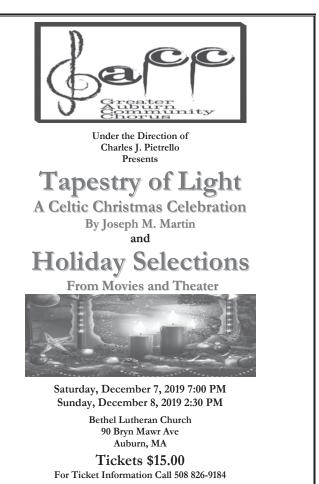
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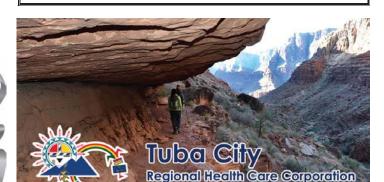
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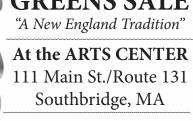


CHARLTON — Rep. Paul Frost (R-Auburn) announces he will be holding an office hour in Charlton on Dec. 12 at the Senior Center at 10 a.m. This is an opportunity to meet and discuss issues with Representative Frost and a member of his staff.

Constituents do not need to wait for office hours to voice any concerns or request assistance, or to schedule an alternative opportunity to meet with Representative Frost. You can contact his office in the State House by calling (617) 722-2489.

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Office Hours and Locations for December: Dec. 3- Millbury Senior Center: 11 a.m.-noon Dec. 10- Oxford Senior Center: 10-11 a.m. Dec. 12- Charlton Senior Center: 10-11 a.m. Dec. 19- Auburn Senior Center: 11 a.m.-noon



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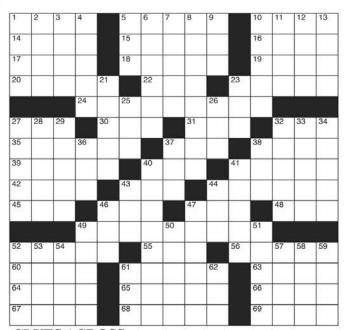
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# Gobi testifies in support of Healthy Incentives Program

BOSTON — Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) was present today to testify in support of S.48 and H.145, An Act relative to an agricultural healthy incentives program, currently being heard in the Joint Committee on children, families, and persons with disabilities. These bills would establish the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) in statute, ensuring this successful program's long term viability.



#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Vital part of a lock
- 5. Adherent of Zoroastrianism
- 10. European river
- 14. Nonprofit public health group
- 15. Make law
- 16. Three-banded armadillo
- 17. Monetary unit 18. Sandwich-like dishes
- 19. Sicilian city
- 20. Finger millet
- 22. Of she
- 23. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 24. Lawyers
- 27. A place to relax 30. Often said after "Hee"
- 31. Supervises flying
- 32. Cheer of approval
- 35. Something spiders twirl
- 37. Aggressive dog
- 38. Long-legged gazelle 39. Mogul emperor
- 40. Baltic peninsula

- 1. German courtesy title
- 2. Samoan capital
- 3. A type of carpet
- 4. Upper bract of grass
- 5. Al Bundy's wife
- 6. In a careless way
- 7. More uncommon
- 8. Expressing contempt
- 9. Belonging to a thing
- 10. Adventure stories
- 11. Copycats
- 12. Farewell
- 13. Greek mythological builder 21. Colorless, volatile liquid 23. Monetary unit of Burma 25. Bar bill 26. Body part 27. Mischievous child 28. Popular card game 29. Building occupied by monks 32. Spiritual leader 62. Take in solid food 33. Independent ruler

44. Type of groove 45. Inquire too closely 46. Nine Inch Nails' debut (abbr.)

41. Fencing sword

43. Pigeon sound

42. A reward (archaic)

- 47. An often unwelcome guest
- 48. Something you can draw
- 49. Songs to one's lover
- 52. Eastern Cairo mosque
- 55. A partner to cheese
- - 56. Absorption unit 60. A type of sandwich
  - 61. Herbaceous plant

  - 63. Chinese temple classification
  - 64. Native person of central Volga 65. Excessive fluid accumulation
  - in tissues
  - 66. Some take them up
  - 67. South American nation
  - 68. Threaten persistently
  - 69. Morningwear
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 34. He wrote about the Gold Rush
  - 36. Bundle of banknotes
  - 37. Corporate honcho 38. Touch softly

  - 40. Made by oneself
  - 41. Satisfies
  - 43. Subcompact Toyota crossover
  - 44. Cool!
  - 46. Popular vegetable
  - 47. Flower cluster
  - 49. Transvlvanian citv
  - 50. Robert and Stephen are two 51. Philippine island

Asked for comment on the hearing, Gobi, Senate Chair of the Massachusetts Food Systems Caucus and Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, remarked, "HIP has been extremely successful with our farmers, playing a critical role in

providing healthy foods to many of our most vulnerable neighbors. I appreciate the committee's attention in hearing the bill, and I look forward to seeing it moved out of committee in the near future.'

Food The Caucus System convened has around three specific priorities this legislative session: increasing access to food and reducing food insecurity, protecting land and water resources used for agriculture and advanceconomic ing development opportunities in the food system sector.

furthers HIP all of these goals - since its inception in April 2017, HIP has provided vulnerable families and individuals across the Commonwealth with vital access to otherwise unaffordable fresh, healthy and local fruits and vegetables and spurred significant increases in sales for local farms across Massachusetts. To date, HIP has yielded \$12 million in sales of fresh fruits and vegetables for more than 200 farms in Massachusetts.

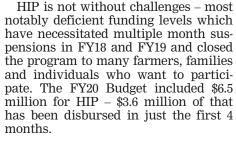


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Pictured, left to right: Rep. Mindy Dombs, Sen. Anne Gobi, Winton Pitcoff (Director, Massachusetts Food Systems Collaborative), Rep. Paul Mark, Sen. Jo Comerford, Sen. Dean Tran, Rep. Natalie Blais, and Becca Miller (Massachusetts Food Systems Collaborative).

providing 65,000 families in our Commonwealth with HIP incentives. This increased revenue to farms means farmers have an easier time staying in business, which in turn ensures that their farmland stays as farmland.

The program demonstrates the exceptional results that occur when state agencies work together toward a common goal that connects their missions. The Department of Transitional Assistance, in their role as lead agency for HIP, is providing more and healthier foods for SNAP households. The Department of Agricultural Resources has helped farmers sustain their operations through increased sales, and the Department of Public Health has helped vulnerable communities move toward better health outcomes by healthier eating. Thanks to this collaborative effort, HIP is far exceeding expectations, demonstrating the need for continuation of this program, which both families and farmers have already come to depend on. This legislation directs the three departments to continue this collaboration.



The ability to ensure consistent, uninterrupted operation of the program is essential to the success of HIP, as suspensions have limited farmers' ability to plan and sustain meaningful business as well as the program's ability to maximize effectiveness in changing consumers eating habits, and left vulnerable program clients without a precious resource. Passage of this legislation would be a significant step towards ensuring a long term solution to these challenges.

For more information on the bill. please contact Senator Gobi's office at (617) 722-1540.



52. Canadian law enforcers 53. Wings 54. He played Perry Mason 57. Ballpoint pen 58. Metrical foot 59. It has nostrils 61. Confederate soldier

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\$381,000, 49 Carpenter Hill Rd, Davis, Natalie, to Eglitis, Roberta A, and Cornett, Jeffrey E.

\$350,000, 14 Meadow Ln, Brigham, Richard J, and Brigham, Lenore M, to Brigham, Eric J, and Brigham, Meghan.

\$318,000, Freeman Rd, Burlingame, Robert A, to Advantage Enterprises Inc

\$255,000, 93 Leland Dr. Raymond G Duff T, and Mcnamara, Anne M, to Mills, Robert C, and Mills, Pamela M

\$252,500, 312 Stafford St, Ramsdell, David A, and Ramsdell, Ashley R, to Cutter, Ryan C.

\$208,000, 10 Overlook Ave. Christian, Melynda, and Morton, Steven, to Guertin, Michelle A.

#### **CHURCH LISTINGS**

· Charlton Federated Church, 64 Main St., Pastor James Chase, 248-5550, Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. www.fedchurchcharlton.org

· Charlton Baptist Church, 50 Hammond Hill Road, 248-4488,www.charltonbaptist.org, Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

 Charlton City United Methodist, 74 Stafford St. 248-7379, web site: CharltonCityUMC.com, Sunday worship 10:30 am, Sunday School 9 am. • St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Ext, 248-7862, www.stjosephscharlton.com, Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m., Sunday Mass 8 a.m., Sunday Family Mass 10 a.m., Sunday LifeTEEN Mass 5 p.m., Weekday Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.

• Hope Christian Fellowship, 6 Haggerty Road, 248-5144

 Assemblies of God Southern New England District Headquarters, Route 20, 248-3771, snedag.org, Office hours Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Jehovah's Witnesses, Route 169, 765-9519

· Lamblight Christian Church, 37 Main Street - Grange building 1st Floor, Charlton, Ma 01507, Rev. Stephen Wade, (774) 452-2393 Pastor's Cell. Sunday Service 10:30am. www. visitlamblight.com

• New Life Fellowship A/G, SNED Chapel, 307 Sturbridge Road, Rt. 20, Charlton, MA, Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

# Harrington Physician Services welcomes new providers

#### SOUTHBRIDGE

Harrington Physician Services has welcomed new providers to its medical staff.

Lydia Parzych, MD, an Auburn resident, joins the Orthopedic Surgery Department in Southbridge at 94 South St. Dr. Paryzch will work alongside Drs. Samantha Chase, Young-Ho Oh and Russell Donnelly, offering consultations and surgical treatment for orthopedic injury and conditions, including total hip and knee joint replacements; hip, knee and shoulder injections; fractures, splints and compressive trauma; neuropathies; plantar fasciitis; trigger finger and elbow reconstruction.

Dr. Parzych received her medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester and completed a fellowship at University of Rochester. She is a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Patients can make an appointment by calling (508) 764-2772.

Shanise Perez, NP,



Lydia Parzych

has joined Harrington Behavioral Health. She is Behavioral Health. She is available to see adults and children for outpatient mental health counseling.

Shanise, a Northbridge resident, received her Master's, with a focus on Psychiatric Mental Health, from Northeastern Unversity. She most recently completed a student internship at Straun Health and Wellness and has worked as an Emergency Care Psychiatric RN for UMass and Tufts.

To contact the Central Intake for Behavioral Health, call (508) 765-9167.

Carol Elialdi, NP, has Harrington joined



**Shanise Perez** 

available to see patients for outpatient mental health counseling in Southbridge.

Carol, a Shrewsbury resident, received her Master's from University of Massachusetts. She has over 30 years of experience in higher education, including graduate professor, Dean and Associate Dean of the MCPHS nursing program. She was previously on the faculty at Worcester State University and Becker College. Carol has accomplished numerous publications and presentations in her career. She also served as a former Director of Substance



**Rania Elenein** 

Services Abuse Community Healthlink in Worcester.

To contact Central Intake for Behavioral Health, call (508) 765-9167.

Cori Bailey, NP, has Harrington joined Physician Services in Charlton. She will see adults and children for routine and diagnostic preventive primary care.

Cori received her Master's from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, where she received the Academic Achievement Award. She has completed over 630 clinical hours as a student Nurse Practitioner, many



**Cori Bailey** 

of which were achieved within Harrington Physician Services Family Medicine and Urgent Care offices. She lives in Woodstock, Conn. To contact the HPS **Charlton Family Practice** office, call (508) 248-3015.

Rania Elenein, MD, has joined Harrington Physician Services to offer neurology consultations and treatment. Dr. Elenein specializes in neuromuscular and neurologic disease and is certified in Multiple Sclerosis from Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Center. She will also perform on-site EMGs in Southbridge.

Dr. Elenein received her medical degree from University of Mansoura, Faculty of Medicine in Egypt and completed a fellowship at University of Michigan/Ann Arbor. She is triple board-certified in Psychiatry and Neurology, Electro-Diagnostic Medicine and Neuromuscular Medicine. She lives in Ayer.

Patients can make an appointment by calling (508) 764-2515.

Linda Pio, NP. joins the Harrington Services Physician Urology Department at 20 Southbridge Rd. in Charlton. She will work with Dr. Robert Cherry to provide urological consultations and in-office treatment for conditions including prostate disease, stone disease, urinary incontinence and sexual dysfunction.

Linda has worked at UMass, Reliant and St. Vincent's prior to joining Harrington. She received her Master's degree from Regis College in Weston. She lives in North Grosvenordale, Conn.

Patients can schedule an appointment by calling (508) 765-7886.

CMS Chamber welcomes new insurance office to Sturbridge



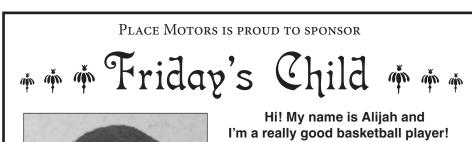
Ary Belen, Jr. is a licensed insurance agent with Allstate Insurance, operating exclusively as the Ary Belen Agency located at 71 Main St., Suite 10 in Sturbridge. What makes him different from other agents in the industry? Belen is well-respected as a trusted advisor.

"I'm here to provide peace of mind throughout the community, always keeping in mind the customers' need," Mr. Belen said.

Belen began with Allstate five years ago in Providence, R.I., where his wife, Jeo Sanchez, is an Allstate Agency owner. She opened her office in 2014. Together, they built a very successful agency and Belen decided it was time to branch out and establish his own agency in Massachusetts. He is currently working hard to build his agency, be a strong supporter in the community and welcomes anyone to call or stop by his office for a free quote. Contact Belen at 508-909-6784.

welcome. Guests will enjoy complimentary hot chocolate and some sweet desserts from The Publick House at the ribbon cutting ceremony. No need to RSVP, everyone is welcome!

This will be the sixth official red ribbon the golden shears of the Chamber of Central Mass South have had the privilege to snip in 2019. If it is time for you to grow your business and join a dedicated and passionate business community, visit the Chamber of Central Mass South online at cmschamber.org.



Ary Belen, Jr.

STURBRIDGE — Join the Chamber, local dignitaries, neighbors and guests at a ribbon cutting ceremony at Allstate Insurance in Sturbridge on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 6 from 4-5 p.m. All in the community are welcome to come and meet Ary Belen and his team.

Belen is collecting items for Toys for Tots at the ribbon cutting ceremony. If you would like to contribute a new unwrapped toy, your gift would be most

## **THE PURPLE POST** Title 5 Inspections

Greetings residents and readers! If you're new to the Purple Post, we welcome you warmly (and we need some warmth these days) and if you're back again... welcome back to our column. As you may know, we discuss real estate topics that are hopefully informative, fun, realistic and helpful.

Question du jour: What is a Title 5 and why do I need one? Well, let's start by saying, you only need think about this subject if you have an "on-site sewerage disposal system" on your property. In laymen's terms, if you have town sewer, then a Title 5 is not required when you sell your property. However, if you have a septic system by chance or even a cesspool you will need to know about Title 5.

Title 5 came about in the year 1995 when the state environmental code began requiring inspections on said sewerage systems. Basically, it's an evaluation of the working condition of your system to ensure that the public health or environment is not affected negatively in any way.

If you are selling your home, and it's been 2 years or more since your last Title 5 Inspection, then you will need to get a new one done in order to close on your home. But wait! There is one exception that extends the validity of your Title 5 for an additional year... That is if you can prove you have had your system pumped by a company within each year since installation, vou could be granted a 3 year (instead of the 2 year) grace period.

Who maintains these records and issues these certificates you ask? Your local Board of Health of course. Your agent or Realtor will help you understand the process further when the time comes. Always a good idea to have a knowledgeable professional on your side. Like us at Purple Porch!

Thanks for joining us. We would love to hear from you with questions, suggestions on topics or comments. Please find us at GoPurplePorch.com or on Facebook. Email us at GoPurplePorch@ gmail.com as well. Until next time, stay warm everybody and we wish you a Happy Holiday Season!



Alijah Age 11

Alijah is a social, engaging and polite boy of Cape Verdean descent. His favorite activities include playing sports, board games and card games, and singing and dancing. He also likes cooking, baking and swimming. Alijah is particularly good at basketball and he enjoys showing others his skills.

Alijah does benefit from accommodations listed on his IEP to assist him with more emotional/social supports. He does well in school and is performing on grade level. Alijah is hopeful that he will be able to step down to a less restrictive setting in the near future.

Legally freed for adoption, Alijah will do best in a family with no other children in the home or with children older than he is. An ideal family will be able to give Alijah the one-on-one attention that he craves, and provide him with structure and clear rules. He would also love for his future family to have pets or be open to adopting a pet. It is very important to Alijah that he is able to maintain contact with his eight siblings who are also looking to be adopted.

#### 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 match for.

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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## LEARNING

## Nichols College announces final phase of historic campaign

DUDLEY — In 2015, Nichols College launched a \$45 million comprehensive campaign - the largest in its history - in honor of the institution's bicentennial. In June 2017, when the campaign had surpassed its goal with \$46.1 million, two donors were inspired to keep it going.

Nichols Board Chair John Davis '72 and his brother, Trustee Steve Davis '80, proposed to extend the campaign with a \$5 million conditional matching challenge and an additional \$20 million goal.

Nichols President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D. recently announced that the \$5 million challenge has been matched, unlocking the Davises' commitment and raising \$10 million toward a \$20 million campaign extension goal. The matching donors are Keith Anderson '81, Bob Kuppenheimer '69, Peter Lynch '74, John McClutchy, Jr. '72, Tom Niles '63, Al Rock '63, and Robert Stansky '78.

Nichols is entering the final phase of the campaign to raise the remaining \$10 million and complete the now \$66 million campaign by fall 2020.

The Bicentennial Campaign, officially titled "Securing a Legacy of Leadership," has already been a considerable force of transformation on the campus. Funds raised supported the construction of the Fels Student Center and a state-of-the-art academic building and major renovations to athletic facilities. The number of endowed scholarships rose from 21 to its current 78. The college added academic specializations and created co-curricular initiatives such as the Institute for Women's Leadership and the Emerging Leaders Program.

The campaign prompted an unprecedented level of giving among alumni, friends, faculty, staff, parents and students, drawing some 15 gifts over \$1 million, including two gifts of \$5 million, and more than \$10 million in deferred gift commitments to help secure the college's future.

"The Bicentennial Campaign has shown what we can achieve with visionary leadership, an engaged community, and a compelling case for support. We are not done yet. Like the future leaders we educate, Nichols is still discovering its full potential and getting ready for its next milestone," said John

Davis, who co-chaired the Bicentennial Campaign with Gerald Fels '66.

The campaign extension will focus on growing the endowment, enhancing campus facilities, and investing in educational initiatives such as greater experiential opportunities for students and advanced technology.

"The Bicentennial Campaign began a new chapter in Nichols' unique history and provided an opportunity to both honor the past and shape the future," said Dr. Engelkemeyer. "The campaign extension allows us to renew and strengthen our commitment to offering students a dynamic and distinctive education that fully prepares them for their careers."

## Holy Nam<u>e honor roll</u>

WORCESTER — Holy Name Junior/Senior High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

#### **GRADE SEVEN**

**High Honors** Mendon - Kamil Minnich, Webster – Annabella Tran Worcester - Emily Galeriu, Kadamus, Ellie Malaak Massoud,

Claire O'Connor, Vincent Pham, Daijon Rondeau

Honors

Dudley – Tanner Kreft Oxford – Eva Bonczek Spencer – Emily Manfield, Adriana Russell

Worcester - Alexa Benson, Kevin Dunn, Doris Fan, Jonathan Gualdarrama, Louis-Spencer Kong, Paula-Ashley Kong, Randy Lam, Alexandra Lech, Felipe Silva

#### **GRADE EIGHT**

High Honors Boylston – Emily Charlton Charlton- Chase Brush, Colin Brush Holden – Liaidan VanDyke Milford – Matthew Donahue North Auburn – Amanda Wilbur Shrewsbury \_ Nathan Williams Worcester - Isabella Vigliotti, Grace Williams

Honors

**Caroline Harris** 

Shrewsbury – Millenny Silva Worcester – Janelle Ankrah, Naima Bleou, Emberlynn Cao, Aidan Coppinger, Jonathan Doucette, Tyler Foster, Jonathan Frederick, Miriam Greenslit, Jake LeFrancois, Connor Linnus, Jack McGrath, Mia Monje, Aidan Morrow, Carlos Narvaez, Joseph Okla, Chiamaka Onyema, Dean Pullman, Dominic Selvitelli, Aidan

Sweetser, Azahra Swiga

#### **GRADE NINE**

**High Honors** Auburn – Ryan Mechery East Brookkfield - Ronald Pataky Mendon - Olar Minnich North Grafton – Abigail

Burbick Shrewsbury – Sabrina Williams

West Boylston – Jacob Olson Worcester - Kwame Asare, Keziah Danso, James Farrell, Theresa Harrison-Attobrah, **Gwen Marcotte** 

Honors Auburn – Chloe Diguette Charlton – Dara Gadbois Fisksdale - Chris Menard Grafton-Taylor Coonan Mendon – Mark Younes North Auburn – Ashley Wilbur Northbridge – Emma Ronan, Michael Ronan Oxford - Patrick Mahlert,

Meng, Alexandro

William Ford,

Shrewsbury – Amanda Achu

Johnson, Sophie Kassini, Isaish Makor, Angelina Minchala, Mary Nguyen, Kevin Vo

#### **GRADE TEN**

High Honors Auburn – Claudia Symonick Douglas - Hayley Houston Dudley – Kaitlyn Nguyen Oxford - Benjamin Duval, Dominic Porcelli

Webster – Anna Richardson Worcester - Kylie Barbour, Maria Basta, Brianna Borrero, Harmon La, Ryan Lam, Sanaa May, Terrence O'Connor, Ethan Paixao, Corey Rondeau, Jaiden Shekoni, Marcy Suarez, Nhu Tran, HuaQuingWang

Honors

Dudley – Alyson Gering, Madeline Grenier Grafton – Olivia Melo Holden - Joseph Buckley, Xiaoyu Hei Hudson – Benjamin Kushi Marlborough – Adam Shorst Millbury – Sophie Ikeda Millville – Isabelle DiCecco Northbridge Andrew \_ Decoteau Oxford - Yihan Zhang Rochdale - Elizabeth Socha Spencer-Makenna Barrows, Fallon Desforges, Elizabeth Manfield Sturbridge - Nathan Kowal Webster - Cole Fitzgibbons,

Emilia Kreidler, İsabella Maglich, Felix Agbo, Ebenezer Ampofu, Emma Bolduc, Nicole Byrnes, Matthew Camfield, Katarina Dacri, Anna Fernandez, Marc Garabedian, Ahniya Hatcher, Natalee Horton, Boston Kielbowicz, Benjamin Koranteng, Kayla Marks, Martyna Myslinski, Grace O'Gara, Mario Paldino, Enger Paulino, Katie Paulino, Christina Pham, Danellis Ramirez, Marjorie Ramon, Ethan Robbins, Bella Romeo, Connor Sotiropoulos, Cormac Trainor

#### **GRADE 11**

**High Honors** Auburn – Ashley Deneault North Grafton - Anmarie

Huggett

North Oxford - Danielle Frasco

Oxford - Jay Warman Shrewsbury – Frances Fernandez

Worcester - Carissa Covello, Kaylee DeSiata, Paige DeSiata, Elizabeth Galeriu, Cristianna Giovanangelo-Nicotera, Yuna Kim, Max Nadeau-DaCruz

Honors

Auburn - Matt Card, Kevin Ly, Liam Silva Clinton - Issaih Agnew Douglas – Amanda Scannell Fisksdale-Kaitlyn Andersen Jefferson – Maura McCarthy Leicester - Michael Beando Milford – Ashby Norris Northbridge Mateo Morrissette Oxford – Cienna Barszcz Paxton – Jillian Reynolds Rochdale – James Flanagan

Shrewsbury Conor McTigue, Natalia Moura-Westdijk, Henry Seo

Spencer – Kalli McCutcheon West Boylston - Cadence Dimen,

Worcester - Cara Amorati, Jacob Bowden, Kristen Bowden, Caitlin Graham, Raigan Gregoire, Randy Guarango, Ry Kariuki, Max LeFrancois. Lilianne Lipka. John Lopes, Dominic Porcaro, Alexandra Selvitelli, Olivia Spokis, Nolan Sweetser, Seth

Uxbridge – Krista Sullivan Webster – Nicholas Paul Westborough - Rachel Liazos Worcester Ferras Coulibaly, Lucia Garcia, Ester Kim, Benjamin Lanava, David Luo, Steve Nguyen, Thomas

High Honors

Pholnikorn, Brett Pullman

Auburn – Nathalie Soto

Charlton Anthony Pingeton, Janelle Schulman

- Cherry Valley Peter Li
- Hudson Emily Regis
- Leicester Katy Lepard
- Millbury Jacob Ikeda, Ariel
- Ji, Julia Rosum, Faith Sheehan North Oxford – Daniel Donovan

Oxford – Abigail Donovan Rutland - Erin Duncan, Julia Riggieri

Shrewsbury - Emily Baril, Renee Baril, Sean Hammitt,

Rylie Murphy, Ora Qiu South Grafton- Isabella

Diorio Southborough – Isabelle Lindhurst

Sturbridge –Rebecca Kowal Webster - Jessica Gardner,

Jason Lin, Ashley Wentworth Westborough - Declan Roche

Whitinsville – Lindsey Sanderson

Worcester – Jason Abdelnour, Tanya Alerte, Olivia Alexander. Barbara Amoah, Norah Brennan, Anna Camfield, Linda Collesei, Crystal Di, Ava Diggs, Jaini Edmonds, Abigail Erickson, Oumou Fall, Zayvier Fields, James Gu, Tony Hu, Celine Jia, Kayla Leong, Mingge Li, Jay Liu, McKenzie Logan, Olivia Lupisella, Josiah Marengo, Amina Mohammed, Margaret O'Connor, Daniel Onyema, Astrid Otchere, Minkyu Park, Brock Richmond, Passapong Ruksee, Gianluca Santi, Truc Tran, Nguyen Truong, Emily Vo, Calvin Wang, Adina Williams, Ian Wu, Weipeng Yu, Ivy Zhang

Berlin – Julia Resteghini Grafton – David Romaniec Marlborough - Kevin Short Millbury – Patrick Sheehan Northborough – Craig Mitchell Northbridge – Lauren Decoteau Paxton – Amiya Charpentier Pomfret Center, CT

Fon. South Grafton – Dominic Boscia Uxbridge – Lily Turenne Webster – Connor Paul Whitinsville – Oscar Hay Worcester Logan \_ Antkowiak, Kim Co, Denise

Matthew Franchi, Marcus

Ziwen

Montreuil

Donkor,

Williams

**GRADE 12** 

**High Honors** Auburn – Anna Pyche Boylston – Elise Probst Rachael Milford Allegakoen, Julianna Cafarella Shrewsbury - Elyse Duff Sutton – Karina Leblanc



# The dangers of deer bunting

Massachusetts deer hunting opens this coming Monday, Dec. 2, for shotgun. Numerous large deer were harvested during the archery season, and it has become one of the most popular and successful seasons among deer hunters. State of the art

bows have increased the success rate of harvesting deer. If a cross bow bill is passed for the 2020 hunting season, it will only make recovery of more deer, other than losing them to a bad shot. This week's picture shows a trophy deer with an impressive set of antlers harvested in Massachusetts a few years ago. The mount was part of a display at last year's sportsmen's show at the Big-E in Springfield.

Hunting has become a dangerous sport, as some hunters over the years that have found out the hard way. It is not a wise idea to confront a hunter in the woods if you feel he is trespassing on private property, or doing something illegal. Thanks to cell phones, the matter is best left for the authorities. A simple call should keep you safe. A hunter recently confronted an ATV rider about trespassing on private property, and was run over by the machine. Numerous other incidents over the years resulting in injury to the hunter after falling from his or her tree stand, are on the increase.

Applying to much doe urine to you clothing to mask your human scent can also be dangerous. In fact, it may work too well. Reports of hunters being attacked by bucks that are in rut happen more often than we think. Suddenly, you are the hunted.

Last week, a young lady shot her first buck of her life. She tried to do everything right. After the shot, she left the area to get help tracking the huge buck. It is always best to leave the deer, instead of pushing the deer farther away, and possibly into another hunter. The rule is that the last hunter to shoot the deer has the right to claim it. I know it happened to me a couple of times.

After gathering up a couple of friends



to help track the deer, they found themselves tracking the deer for some time. Soon they realized the buck had headed for the river, and they lost the track at the river bed. They left the area to get a boat and a canoe, which was necessary to cross over to be to continue tracking

the other side, to continue tracking the deer. Two hunters jumped into the canoe, and one quickly fell overboard, taking the other tracking hunter with them. It was not long before the small boat became full of water, and all of the hunting party was cold and wet.

It was starting to get dark when the group decided that they had enough, and planned to come back in the morning. They soon realized that one of the hunting party became separated from the group. It seems that he had left his cell phone in the car during all of the excitement. He was located a short time later cold and wet. It was a good thing that all of the hunting party were wearing their life jackets, or it could have ended up a lot worse. No one could make up this story. As of the column deadline this past Friday, the deer was still on the run.

Wild animals are fighting back as one local resident found out recently. This writer wrote about the increase in fisher cat last week in the valley. Well, a local resident came face to face with a large fisher cat after he opened his shed door in his backyard. The huge cat charged the resident and landed on his chest immediately sinking his teeth into the man's neck. He quickly grabbed a sharp object and started to stab the animal until he fell to the floor. I have not heard how the man is doing. Just imagine if it happened to a young child.

Bobcats have also made the list of frequent visitors in the valley. There numbers are increasing annually, and are a threat to small pets. They also dine on small rodents and rabbits that have made a comeback to the valley area.

After reading this column, some local residents that are anti hunting could change their minds. Most hunters would



like to be considered your friend and respect and appreciate hunting private property. Do not let a few disrespectful hunters influence your thoughts about the majority of sportsmen.

Hopefully, everyone is enjoying their Thanksgiving weekend. We sure have plenty to be thankful for after listening to the news about floods and fires that have displaced thousands of families in California, Texas and other states. Do not forget our veterans and the elderly, especially at this time of year. God Bless!

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### EDITORIAL

## A time to be thankful

From 1621 to 2019, Thanksgiving has always been about celebrating an abundant fall harvest. The holiday's roots date back to the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag tribe, who shared the first Thanksgiving meal together.

The celebratory feast was held by individual colonies up until 1789 off and on, with the first Presidential proclamation recognizing its significance issued by George Washington himself. His successor, Thomas Jefferson — an ardent believer in the separation of church and state — felt that it was not the government's place to sanction a celebration that he believed had religious undertones, and it wasn't until Abraham Lincoln's Presidency in 1863 that the annual celebration was enshrined as a federal holiday.

Tasked with guiding the nation through its darkest period, Lincoln rightly intuited that a celebration focused on family and thankfulness would help to heal the wounds inflicted upon the nation's psyche by the bloody and destructive Civil War.

Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," he wrote.

As we sat down to reflect on what we are grateful for this year as Thanksgiving approaches, we have been thinking about the unseasonably cold snap that has ripped through the east coast. Winter seemed to come in in like a lion this year, and not everyone was ready.

There is, however, something unexplainably welcoming about hunkering down for a long winter. Spending time outside in the middle of a snow globe is refreshing, yet serene, and this year although we know many of you out there may not share our inclination we are thankful for the changing season.

When we can look at winter as something to be enjoyed rather than endured, a shift happens. Having a positive mindset will lessen the chanc of seasonal depression setting in. When someone begins complaining about the cold weather and shorter days, counter it with something positive, such as how much fun it is to go snowmobiling, or skiing. Even a walk around your yard, kicking up freshly fallen snow can be a therapeutic plus. Staying physically active is key. Joining a gym, playing outdoors with your children or even following along with a 15 minute workout video indoors can give your mental state a boost. Wintertime is also, of course, the season of holidays, and to us, nothing is better than gathering with family and friends to celebrate the season as you sip from a mug of hot chocolate with a dab of that New England favorite, marshmallow Fluff. Whatever your own holiday traditions, and wherever you may be traveling this week, we wish you a safe journey, a hearty meal, and a wonderful time in the company of kith and kin.

If the remains of Tom Turkey are still taking up half of your refrigerator space, it's time to use up all the leftover meat pronto or freeze it for future meals. According to the Center of Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), the Thanksgiving turkey can be eaten for four days after

cooking. This week's column will spotlight some delicious meals perfect for last minute suppers - or beyond, if you have frozen the leftovers.

If you think hot turkey sandwiches and turkey noodle soup are your only options, read on. With a few extra additions, your post Thanksgiving meals can be as interesting as the memorable main event.

Leftover Turkey and Potato Casserole This scrumptious recipe uses up turkey and mashed potatoes, and even that extra can of evaporated milk you have from baking!

Ingredients: three tablespoons butter; two tablespoons all-purpose flour; one (5 ounce) can evaporated milk; one cup cold water; one quarter teaspoon salt; one quarter teaspoon pepper; one quarter teaspoon onion powder; one cup cooked, diced turkey meat; one cup shredded cheddar cheese; two cups leftover mashed potatoes two tablespoons butter; one cup finely crushed herb-seasoned dry bread stuffing mix.

Instructions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. For sauce: Melt three tablespoons butter in a saucepan over low heat. Add flour and stir until mixed. Slowly stir in evaporated milk and water, then season with salt, pepper and onion powder. Stir over low heat for five minutes; remove from heat. Place turkey in a lightly greased 9 by 13 inch baking dish. Pour sauce over turkey, then sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Spread mashed potatoes over cheese. Melt two tablespoons butter and add to stuffing mix; sprinkle stuffing over top of casserole. Bake, uncovered, in the preheated oven for 45 minutes.



Thanksgiving Leftovers

This Mexican crock pot dish that uses up lots of leftover turkey, is an award winning recipe from Mary Torell with the Nebraska Dept of Agriculture.

Ingredients: one chopped onion; one cup chopped celery; four

cups cooked turkey chopped; two 15.5 ounce cans Northern beans, drained; two 11 ounce cans shoe peg corn, undrained;; one four ounce can chopped green chilies; one quart turkey broth; one half cup mozzarella cheese, grated.

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Directions: Place cooked turkey and all other ingredients in a slow cooker. Mix well and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours.

For a thicker sauce, remove the cover for the last hour. Sprinkle with Mozzarella cheese.

Turkey Timer Trivia: Pop up timers have saved many a Thanksgiving turkey from ruin. Have you ever wondered how they work? In case you missed this in a previous column, here's everything you've always wanted to know about the handy plastic pop ups!

A pop up turkey timer is typically comprised of the outside case, a red stick that pops up, a metal spring and a dab of soft metal similar to solder. The soft metal is solid at room temperature and turns to a liquid at about 185 degrees (when a turkey is fully cooked). When the metal melts, it frees the end of the red stick that had been trapped in the metal. The spring pops the red stick up and you know the turkey is done! One little known fact is that these timers are reusable. If you dip the tip in hot water it will remelt the metal and you can push the pop up piece back into the metal. Then let it cool, and the pop-up piece will be back in its original position, ready to use again!

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 nint 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 credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

## New at investing? Follow these suggestions



you're fairly new to investing, you might be wondering what sort of rules you should follow or moves you should

make. And while everyone's situation is different, there are indeed guidelines that make sense for all investors. Here are some to consider:

Learn the basics. The investment world can seem confusing, but the more you know about the basic components, the more confident you'll be when you begin to invest. For starters, you'll want to be familiar with the essential types of investments: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on. And it's also important to know that some investments are designed to provide growth - an increase in the investment's value - while others provide income in the form of dividends or interest payments, and still others may offer growth and income.

Set your goals. You need to know why you're investing - and that means you must clearly define your goals. Do you want to retire early? When you do retire, what kind of lifestyle would you like to have? Are you planning on helping your children (or grandchildren) pay for college? Once you've established your goals, you can create the appropriate investment strategy for achieving them, taking into account your time horizon and risk tolerance.

Invest regularly. At first, you may only be able to afford to put in small amounts to your investment accounts, but even so, try to contribute regularly. You'll get into the habit of investing and, later on, when you earn more money, you can ramp up your contributions. If you have a 401(k) or similar plan at work, the money can come out of your paycheck before you even see it.

Think long term. As you begin investing, it's important to have the right attitude. Specifically, don't look for the "hot" investments that will make vou a "bundle" in a matter of weeks. Investing just doesn't work that way - instead, it's a decades-long process of carefully choosing, managing and adjusting a diversified portfolio that's suitable for your individual needs. And by maintaining a long-term focus, you'll be less susceptible to making ill-advised moves in response to short-term market events. Don't get scared off by downturns. If you invest for many years, it's inevitable that you will experience sharp drops in the financial markets. But these declines are actually a normal part of investing. If you overreact to them by selling investments just because their price has dropped, you'll not only be breaking a cardinal rule of investing to buy low and sell high - but you'll also be disrupting the type of cohesive, continuous investment strategy that's necessary to help you achieve your goals. Get some help. You may find it easier to navigate the investment landscape if you get some help from a professional advisor - someone who understands your goals and family situation and who can make appropriate investment recommendations. A financial advisor can also suggest changes to your portfolio in response to changes in your life (new job, child graduating college, etc.) and in your goals, such as a new date for retirement. When you invest, there aren't many guarantees. But by following these suggestions, you will know, at the very least, that you're taking the steps that can lead to success.

Cream of Turkey Soup Forget boring clear leftover soups,

this one is rich and delicious!

Ingredients: one quart turkey broth; one cup diced, cooked turkey; one half cup diced, cooked carrots (optional); one cup light cream; four tablespoons butter; four tablespoons flour; one quarter teaspoon salt; one eighth teaspoon white pepper; one eighth teaspoon nutmeg or mace; one tablespoon minced parsley or chives

Directions: Melt four tablespoons butter in a large heavy saucepan over moderate heat and blend in four tablespoons flour. Add broth and cream and heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth. Mix in all seasonings, turkey meat and carrots; cover, let mellow over low heat for about ten minutes, Serve hot. Makes about four servings.

Slow Cooker White Turkey Chili

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

## Brighten your spirits and indoor décor with a colorful Cyclamen



GARDEN MOMENTS MELINDA **MYERS** 

Add some unique beauty to your indoor décor or give the gift of low maintenance splendor with the easy-care cyclamen. You'll enjoy the colorful plain or ruffled white, pink, rose or lavender flowers that look like shooting stars hovering over heart shaped leaves with silvery highlights.

Best of all, there's a size for every home and occasion. Use miniatures as a place card holder at your next gathering, for added color in a terrarium or to brighten any small space. Dress up the dinner table, mantle or side table with one of the larger varieties. Large or small, they make wonderful party favors and hostess gifts. Place the plants in a decorative container, basket or colorful tin for an even more impressive display.

Grow your cyclamen in a cool bright location. These Mediterranean plants thrive in cooler temperatures and should be kept out of drafts of hot and cold air. Consider moving your plant to an even cooler room at night to extend the bloom time.

Use your finger to monitor soil moisture. Water thoroughly when the potting mix that's just below the soil surface is starting to dry. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer, decorative basket or foil wrap. Allowing plants to sit in water leads to soggy soil



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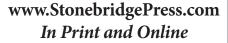
Easy-care cyclamen varieties offer plain or ruffled white, pink, rose or lavender flowers.

and the decline of the plant's health and beauty.

Or set the plant on a saucer of pebbles. The excess water will collect in the saucer while the pebbles elevate the pot above the water. You'll

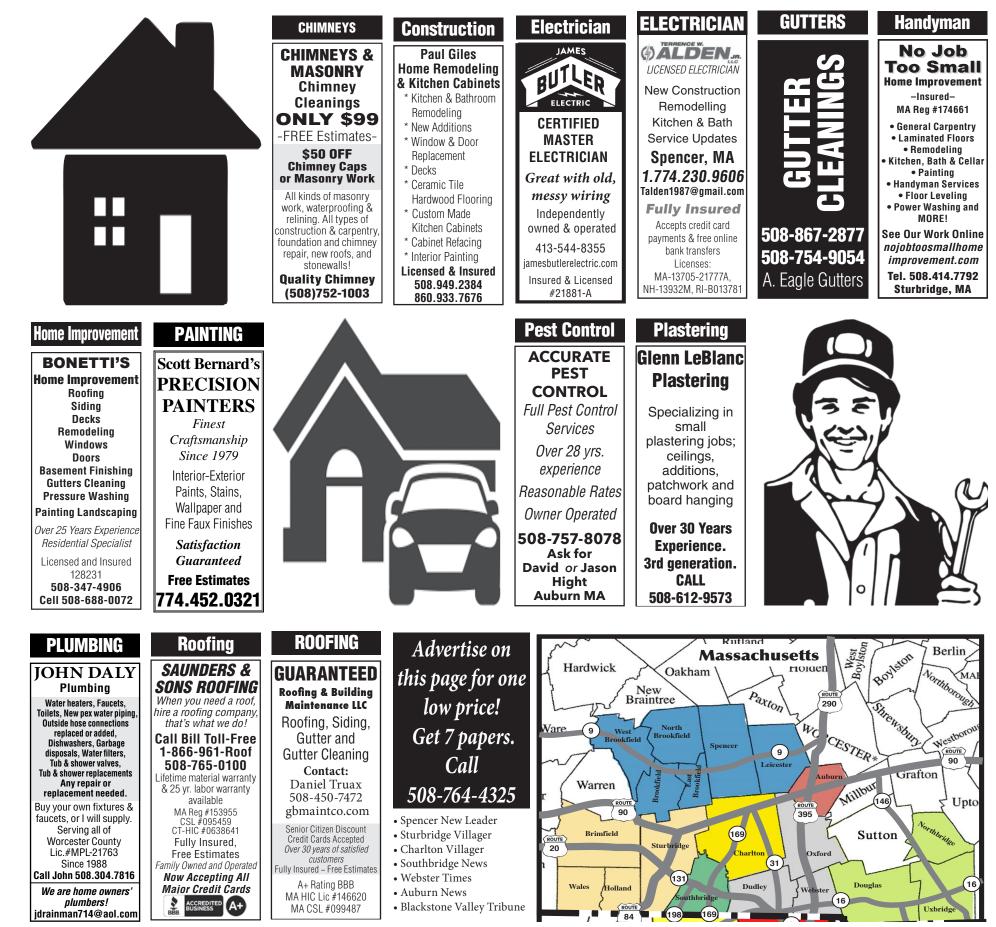
reduce the risk of root rot and save time by eliminating the need to pour off this excess water.

Remove any yellow leaves Turn To GARDENING page A12 This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Jeff Burdick, your local Edward Jones Advisor in Sturbridge, at 508-347-1420 or jeff.burdick@edwardjones.com









## 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@stonebridgepress.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

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

Wine Country Pacific Coast Cruise 9 days/8 nights April 6-14, 2020

What's included: Roundtrip Motorcoach transfers, roundtrip airfare from Logan Airport, one night precruise 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)

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#### **CHARLTON SENIOR 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

Dec3(Tues)JohnnyMathisChristmas 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.

#### DAUGHTERS 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 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. The Ultimate Beverage Package, The Ultimate 4 Night Dining Package, Specialty Restaurants for Free, Exclusive Best of Times Cocktail Party, All Luggage Handling Fees, 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 Balconv 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: 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.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2019 TRIP SCHEDULE

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#### Sturbridge Recreation

New York City Holiday bus trip: Saturday, Dec. 14; depart from Burgess Elementary School at 7 a.m. on our Lizak charter. Arrive approximately 10:30 a.m. (a rest stop will be made along the way) for a day to do as you please in the wonderful Big Apple! Ice skate at Rockefeller Center, take in a show on Broadway, do some Christmas shopping, marvel at the light displays, and more! Drop off will be as close to Rockefeller Center as possible. Depart from the city at 6:30 p.m. and enjoy a peaceful ride home. Arrive back home in Sturbridge by 10 p.m. Cost: \$50 per person. Contact the Sturbridge Recreation Departmetn at (508) 347-2041 or recreation@town.sturbridge.ma.us for more information.



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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

\*Botswana, Zimbabwe and Victoria Falls: May 5-16, 2021

\*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.



Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2019. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

#### 2019

2019 is the Society's 27th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

Dec. 14 — "Festival of Christmas Lights" at Our Lady of La Salette Shrine, seasonal concert with Fr. Pat, the singing priest, visit the International Museum of Creches, Gift and Book Shop, Chapel of Light, a Bistro for refreshments and snacks, a Carousel for the children, an optional trolley ride for a small charge to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wright's Farm Restaurant. Cost is \$54 per person, \$44 for children three to 10, under three free. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and 11:15 a.m. in Webster, with the return about 7:45 p.m. Reservation deadline is Dec. 5.

#### **UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER**

All trips leave from the Whitinsville Walmart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. "Like" us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center. Please call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2019 Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.

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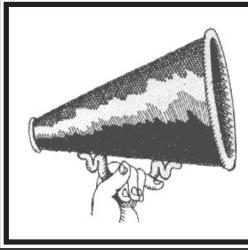












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## CALENDAR

#### Friday, November 29

ART WITH AVA, 2 p.m., Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge. Ava, a young inspiring artist, will guide children ages 4-9 years in basic drawing skills. Participants will leave with two sketches that they create. Materials will be provided. Space is limited. Preregistration is required. Free.

#### Tuesday, December 3

HEALTH AND BEAUTY WITH CBD OIL: 6:30 p.m., Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. Learn a natural way of healing. Join Laura Huard, owner of Hole in the Wall Care LLC, for an informative evening on the benefits of CBD oil (CBD stands for cannabidiol) It is the second most prevalent of the active ingredients of cannabis. While CBD is an essential component of medical marijuana it is derived directly from the hemp plant, which is a cousin of the marijuana plant. Products will be available for purchase. Register online at charltonlibrary.org or call 508-248-0452.

#### Saturday, December 7

CHRISTMAS FAIR: 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St. Christmas items, raffles, handmade items, holiday items, baked goods, white elephant items, homemade chowder, meatball grinders, peach shortcake and more.

SANTA CLAUS PANCAKE **BREAKFAST:** The Bay Path Education Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast will be held at Bay Path High School, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Families are provided with a free five-by-seveninch photograph with Santa donated by Casson-Foster Photographers. There will also be a raffle and free face painting. Tickets are \$5 each, with children under five admitted free of charge. All funds raised are used for student scholarships and classroom mini-grants.

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT CHRISTMAS FAIR: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Rd., Charlton. Hosted by the Charlton Helping Hand Society. All proceeds will benefit the group's charitable commitment to the Charlton community. Offerings include our popular "Gramma's Attic," Bake and Cookie by the Pound table, raffle tickets, Chinese auction, etc. Introducing a 'Bag Lunch to Go.' You won't have to stop for lunch — take it with you as you visit the other fairs in the area! All raffle prizes will be drawn at the end of the fair. Please join us, share the spirit of the season, the fellowship, bargains, and especially to "Help Us Help Others."

FRIENDS OF THE CHARLTON PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLIDAY CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. We will have various raffles available that day, and our book sale room will be open. All proceeds will benefit the library. For more information, please call the library at (508) 248-0452.

GINGERBREAD FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Visitors to this warm and intimate fair will find unique gifts for everyone. Handcrafts, jewelry, plants, Grandma's Attic, baked goods and cookie table, a silent auction, gourmet delights and much, much more! Coffee and donuts will be served from 9 - 11a.m., followed by a lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Charlton City UMC, 74 Stafford St., Charlton. The church is handicapped accessible and plenty of parking is available.

FIFTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Charlton Public Library, 40 Main St. Hosted by the Friends of the Library. We will have various raffles available that day, and our book sale room will be open. All proceeds will benefit the library.

#### Thursday, December 12

CHOCOLATE & PEPPERMINT WINTER HANDBELL CONCERT: 7 p.m., First Congregational Church of Brimfield, 20 Main St. A concert by the Brimfield Bells. Reception featuring chocolate & peppermint immediately follows the performance. Freewill donations greatly appreciated. Free parking.

#### **ONGOING**

THE STURBRIDGE FARMER'S MARKET is held every Sunday through Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Town Common

CHARLTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 meets every fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Charlton Grange Hall. All veterans are welcome. We'd love to see you. We sponsor Boy Scout Troop 165, as well as three Boys Staters & assist young men interested in attending the State Police summer school. We also assist the Charlton Little League financially, as well as other things such as veteran's wakes & funerals. There's plenty we can still do to help our community.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Please come join us for a fun evening of exercise and basketball at the Heritage School gym in Charlton. We play pickup basketball from 7-9 PM every Monday

evening from September to June based on the school schedule. There are no set teams and participation is free for women 18 years and older. Please contact Deb at 508-248-3600 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje

St. Joseph's Church in Charlton is sponsoring a Pilgrimage Sept. 29- Oct. 9, 2019 to Italy, Holy Land, and Medjugorje with Fr. Robert Grattatori. The cost is \$4.599: 11 days includes 4-5 star hotels. airfare, luxury transportation, and breakfast/dinner daily. A \$500 deposit is due at the time of registration. Please contact parishioner Dr. Karen Zaleski for trip details at karenzaleski42@ gmail.com or you may call Proximo Travel directly for information and to register at 1-855-842-8001, or 508-340-9370.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP: First and third Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the Overlook Independent Living Building, fourth floor Solarium, 88 Masonic Home Road, Charlton. The intent is to build a support system, exchange practical information, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns and to learn about community resources. Contact Kathy Walker at (508) 434-2551 or kawalker@overlook-mass.org for more information. Presented by Alzheimer's Association MA/NH Chapter, visit (800) 272-3900 or alz.org.

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

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#### TRIPS

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The Uxbridge Senior Center and its Silver Club travelling group is offering the following trips for 2019:

DEC.5-6 THE TRAPP FAMILY LODGE CHRISTMAS: \$379. dinner & breakfast at the Lodge; Quechee and Montpelier, meet w/a family member to hear the history, etc.

The Uxbridge Senior Center is offering the following bus trips for 2020.

April 16, 2020 - Magic Wings Butterfly ind Yankee andle with lunch at the Golden Corral w/Fox Tours - \$81. April 27-29 Penn Dutch w/the new show Queen Esther at Sight and Sound -- (trip is full, sign up for the waiting list) May 4 -- Granite State Chocolate and Wine Tour with lunch at Warren's Lobster House - Fox Tours - \$91. May 9 - Albany Tulip Festival w/Conway Tours -TBA June 1 - Plymouth cruise on Pilgrim Belle with sightseeing tour and lunch at Hearth and Kettle - Fox Tours - \$91 June 29 - July 6 -- Atlantic Canada w/Conway Tours -- International Tattoo, ferry crossing, Hopewell Rocks, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, St. John, New Brunswick - 8 seats left Pops August 9 by the Conway Sea, TBA Tours Aug. 30 - 31 - Saratoga Racetrack w/Conway Tours - enjoy a race at Saratoga, a tour of the town, a tour of Haven Oaks Horse Farm, and drive up Prospect Mountain - \$329. Sept. 16 -18 - The Hamptons w/ Conway. Three day trip w/4 meals, guided tour of the "Rich and Famous," winery, ferry crossing, Old Westbury Estate & Gardens, Montauk Point Lighthouse, Sag Harbor, etc. - \$579. Oct. 6 -- Green Mt. Railroad w/Fox Nov. 19 -- Newport Playhouse w/Fox Dec. 7 & 8 -- Equinox Resort and Hildene,

more information or to reserve.

The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center invites you to join them on a couple of Christmas trips.

There is a trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine for the Gardens Aglow on Nov. 21 and 22 for the great price of \$199. After traveling along the Maine Coast, we'll arrive in Freeport, Maine to explore this quintessential Maine village. There will be time for shopping at the dozens of brand-name outlets, flagship L.L. Bean Store, and local boutiques housed in historic brick buildings; then enjoy an included late lunch buffet at the Harraseeket Inn. We will arrive in Boothbay Harbor in the late afternoon and check in to the Flagship Inn. This evening we'll experience Gardens Aglow; walk through the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens' dazzling, outdoor display of 650,000 lights illuminating their meticulously cared for gardens. You'll also have a chance to peruse the visitor's center & gift shop and get a bite to eat. We will stop in the village of Boothbay Harbor afterwards to experience "The Festival of Lights." After breakfast we will head home with a stop in Kennebunkport for lunch and shopping. \*Please note this tour includes periods of outdoor walking on dimly lit, potentially uneven surfaces, and overnight accommodations that require walking up and down stairs. On December 5 and 6th there is a trip to the Trapp Family Lodge and it includes one dinner and one breakfast both at the lodge, glassblowing at Simon Pearce Company, a meeting with a member of the Von Trapp family, a stop in Montpelier, and of course the luxury of being at the Trapp family

Lodge! It is \$379 for the double occupancy per person and \$499 per person for a single.

Capture the Christmas spirit as we enjoy a little of Austria and a lot of Vermont on this memorable getaway. Situated on 2,500 acres in Stowe, Vermont, the Trapp Family Lodge serves as our magnificent home away from home. Enjoy great shopping, superb dining and exceptional hospitality on this great Christmas holiday tour.

On Wed, Dec. 18 we will travel to the Newport Playhouse to see "A Christmas Cactus" For \$79, you will enjoy a great play, a bountiful buffet and the Christmas Cabaret.

#### GARDENING

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to keep your plant looking its best. Adjust watering frequency and growing conditions if this is a frequent problem. Overwatering or allowing the soil to dry to the point of wilting can cause the leaves to yellow. Low light and drafts of hot and cold air can do the same.

Remove flowers as they fade. Gently twist and pull off or cut spent flower stems back at their base in the foliage. Regular deadheading will increase the number of flowers and length of bloom. With proper care, you will be enjoying flowers for four weeks or more.

Don't be alarmed when the leaves yellow and dry soon after the plant stops flowering. It is entering a natural dormant period. If you like a challenge, try forcing it into bloom a second time.

Simply cut back on watering when you notice the leaves begin to yellow. Then stop watering once all the leaves have dried. Move the plant to a cool dark location for several months. After the rest period, bring your plant out of dormancy and encourage it to bloom. Begin watering, fertilize once new growth appears and place it in a sunny window. Then wait for a beautiful floral display.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening 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 gardening checklists.

VT w/Conway. Two day trip with elegant dinner & piano entertainment, breakfast, tour of Hildene, chocolate tasting, etc.

There is also still space for the Newport Playhouse trip on Dec. 18, 2019. For \$79 experience the play "A Christmas Cactus" along with a full buffet lunch and a Christmas Carbaret.

Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information or to be put on the emailing list.

Most trips leave from Whitinsville WalMart, 100 Valley Pkway and Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St Westboro.

Newport Playhouse and some others will leave from the Millbury Park and Ride as well as the Whitinsville WalMart. Please always include entree choice, phone number (especially cell) and an emergency number.

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Show Synopsis: Christmas Eve is tough for private investigator Cactus O'Riley, a white-hot redhead with the holiday blues. She is trying to lure her secretary Fred away from his protective mother, dodging the affections of Deputy D.A. Windsor, and considering closing her business. She doesn't need the added aggravation of two fugitives who burst into her office looking for justice and a dead detective named Jake Marley. Cactus also doesn't need Fred's mother, who arrives to take Fred home but decides to stay because she thinks this is the Christmas murder mystery party she has always dreamed of attending. Christmas turns into a dickens of a holiday for Cactus as she solves mysteries, delivers small miracles and takes a second chance on love and sleuthing.

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## **OBITUARIES**

### Judith Champagne, 77



Judith Champagne, 77, of Dudley died peacefullyWednesday, November 20, 2019 surrounded by her loving family at Overlook Masonic Health Center of Charlton, MA. Judith was born and raised

in Worcester, MA. She is the daughter of the late Joseph and the late Josephine (Massad) Vigliatura.

She is survived by one daughter and best friend Judith Belezos and her former husband Elias of Dudley and two sons: Kirk Champagne and his wife Deborah of Charlton and Michael Champagne of Putnam, CT. devoted grandmother to Anthony and Vincent Champagne , Kali Champagne, Gina, Mia and Alexis Belezos . 4 sisters Rita

Hughes ,Vivian Pigaga and Miriam Vigliatura all of Worcester and Linda Sebetes of Southbridge. Many nieces and nephews.

She was Predeceased by her husband Robert P Champagne Sr. her Sons , Joseph A Champagne and Robert P Champagne Jr., Daughter In Law, Paula M. Champagne.

Judy loved playing Bingo but treasured time spent with her family and family vacations. She dedicated her life to being a CNA at area nursing homes in Worcester county

Calling hours will be Saturday, November 30 from 4-7 pm at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley. In this season of giving please consider a donation to Webster -Dudley Food Share 4 Church Ct. Webster,Ma 01570 in memory of Judy. www.bartelfuneralhome.com

## Juan "Johnny" Vargas-Rivera, 72



SOUTHBRIDGE-Juan "Johnny" Vargas-Rivera, 72, of Everett St., passed away on Sunday, Nov. 17th, in his home surrounded by his loved ones.

He leaves his wife of 42 years, Noemi

(Mendez-Rodriguez) Vargas-Rivera; his three children, Johana Vargas-Perezand her husband Jose Perez-Encarnacion of Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, Alexandra Vargas-Mendez of Southbridge and Johnny Vargas-Mendez of Southbridge; his two sisters, Elizabeth Vargas of Worcester and Tatiana Vargas of Worcester; his two brothers, Moises Vargas of Charlton and Roberto Vargas of Worcester; and his six grandchildren, Manuel J. Perez-Vargas, Keishla I. Perez-Vargas, Michael J. Perez-Vargas, Kailyn A. Rogers, DeJuan A. Rogers and Amariyah A. Graham. He was predeceased by his two brothers. David Vargas and Felix Canales. He was born in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico the son of the late Elpidio Vargas-DeJesus and Clara Rivera-Matos.

Johnny was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War Era. He went on to serve many more years in the Army and retired after an 18 year career. He was also a very skilled



Army and retired after an 18 year career. He was also a very skilled carpenter. Johnny had a very upbeat personality always in a good mood and up for a

ty, always in a good mood and up for a party. He loved traditions, celebrations and music. He had a very giving and loving heart and was generous with everything he had. Most of all he was a dedicated loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Calling hours for Juan will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20th, from 5:00 to 8:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge. His funeral services and burial in El Yunque Memorial Park, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23rd.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

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1-2:30 p.m. Contact Susan Fuller at (508) 434-2200.

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Traditional open AA meetings in a friendly setting. Come early to chat and share in refreshments. Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Hitchcock Academy,

#### Brimfield.

K9 NOSE WORK: A sport open to all breeds of dog and their people Saturday mornings over six weeks at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield starting Jan. 19. Progressive training levels offered. Fee: \$145 per dog, per session. Instructor: Laurie Merritt, M.Ed., CPDT-KA, CNWI, Certified K9 NoseWork Instructor – National Association of Canine Scent Work.

SEN-I JUDO CLUB: This course runs all year long on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, and is well suited for all levels of practitioners, including beginners! Call Sensei Israel Lopez at (413) 279-4330 for more information.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: Traditional Weight Watchers Meetings Monday evenings at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield. Times: WeighIn/Registration 5:30 p.m., meeting 6 p.m. Leader: Angela Kramer. Visit www.weightwatchers. com to become a member or to learn more about Weight Watchers.

YOGA: Hatha Yoga benefits are stress-relieving. Relax & rejeuvenate with postures & guided meditation to restore the body. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. All levels welcome. Six weekly classes held on Monday nights at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield from 7:15-8:45 p.m., beginning Jan. 21.

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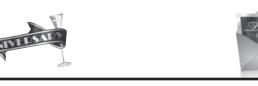
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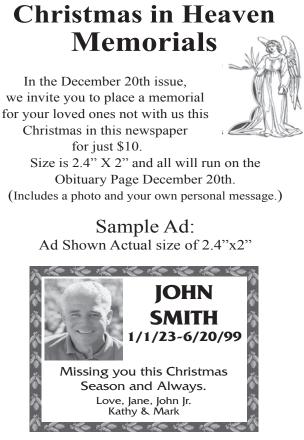
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## Panthers end Tantasqua's journey in Division 4 State Semifinals



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua's Seann Lauritsen grabs Plymouth-South ball-carrier Matt Mahoney from behind in order to bring him down.

#### BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WESTWOOD — A total of 19 student-athletes on Tantasqua Regional's varsity football team are seniors, and that particular group has seen plenty of turnover over the course of their four years playing at the Reservation.

During their freshman year, Jon Hargis wasn't a member of the Warriors' coaching staff. Hargis then took over in 2017, but Tantasqua endured a losing season. Last fall, the Warriors made a run to the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament final, where they lost to Nashoba Regional, 28-0.

And then this season — a special one, to say the least — the 19 seniors had a record of 6-2 in regular season play. Tantasqua then defeated Groton-Dunstable Regional and Fitchburg High in the Central Mass. playoffs for the Sectional title, before embarking on Xaverian Brothers High on Saturday, Nov. 23 in a Division 4 State Semifinal.

There, the Warriors played South Sectional representative Plymouth-South High for a right to play North Sectional champion Melrose High (10-0) at Gillette Stadium for the Division 4 State Championship.

Tantasqua's playoff run ended in Westwood, though, as the Panthers edged the Warriors, 26-14.

We had our opportunities. Couldn't punch it in. A couple of turnovers that hurt us, a couple of penalties as we were driving — but I couldn't be prouder of our kids," said Hargis. "The seniors, being my third year in the program, they've bought in since Day One. When they were sophomores most of them started and we were 3-8. Last year 7-4, and this year making the State Semifinals."

The Warriors had to punt as they opened the game with the football, but their defense came to play early on. On Plymouth-South's sixth offensive snap, quarterback Hunter Dean dropped back to throw. But Tantasqua's Tyler Hall shot through the gap in the line to pressure the QB. Dean's throw found the hands of the Warriors' Seann Lauritsen, who ran back the interception 30 yards for the touchdown. Jarod Spratt's point after touchdown kick made it 7-0 with 5:50 remaining in the opening quarter.

"Ty did a great job of putting pres-sure on the quarterback," said Hargis. "Seann Lauritsen made a nice pick and then returned it to the house. It kind of helped us there because we had to punt on the first drive. That flipped the momentum, so it helped us out a lot."

The Panthers regained the momentum on the final snap of the first quarter when Dean (9 of 16, 114 yards) connected with Hunter Budrow on a 10-yard scoring pass. Tyler Doyle kicked the extra point to even the score at 7-7.

Plymouth-South then grabbed a 13-7 lead on its next possession, finishing it off with 2:24 to go until halftime when Dean barreled into the end zone from a



tackles Plymouth-South's Cillian Davis.

yard out. Doyle's kick then hit the left upright.

Tantasqua looked to even the score before the half with a touchdown, but a late holding penalty forced the Warriors into attempting a 38-yard field goal. Spratt's boot may have been good from 37 yards, but the ball fell just shy of the crossbar.

"We got a holding call that put us behind the chains. Just probably a foot short on the field goal," said Hargis. "In a game like this, three points goes a long way, especially going into halftime."

The Panthers then padded their lead to 19-7 with 5:42 to play in the third quarter, which came after both teams were forced to punt. Nick Siegelman (26 carries, 104 yards) ran one in from 14 yards out, but Dean's two-point conversion throw fell incomplete.

Tantasqua then embarked on an all-important drive that took 11 plays to traverse 76 yards. Ryan Sears (24 carries, 117 yards) found the end zone from 11 yards out, twisting and spinning through Plymouth-South defenders



Chandler Horne of Tantasqua goes low and Dominic Brown of Tantasqua runs a jet sweep to his right.

"Sears has been a warrior for us all year," Hargis said of one of the 19 seniors, and one of the four co-captains, along with Liam Gore, Kyle Boone and Noah Galonek. "He's been running the ball, averaged 100 yards every single game, 150 most of the time. He runs the ball hard, physical. He wants to score every single play; you can't ask for any more than that.'

Spratt's kick with six seconds to play in the third quarter cut the deficit down to 19-14.

But the Panthers scored next — Cillian Davis scampering in from 3 yards out, and Doyle made the PAT to grab a 26-14 lead with 6:03 to go.

Tantasqua had two more drives, but they couldn't produce any additional points to close the gap.

The Warriors dropped to 8-3 as they wished the Panthers (10-1) well going forward.

"Plymouth-South is a great team. I wish them the best in the States and hopefully they can take it home against Melrose," said Hargis.



Tantasqua ball-carrier Liam Gore drags multiple Plymouth-South defenders with him while fighting for more vardage.



Thomas Flynn (72) and Matthew McCormick of Tantasqua walk back to their bench as Plymouth-South players celebrate their Division 4 State Semifinal victory over the Warriors.



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Tantasqua's Jarod Spratt attempts a 38-yard field goal as the first half draws to a close.

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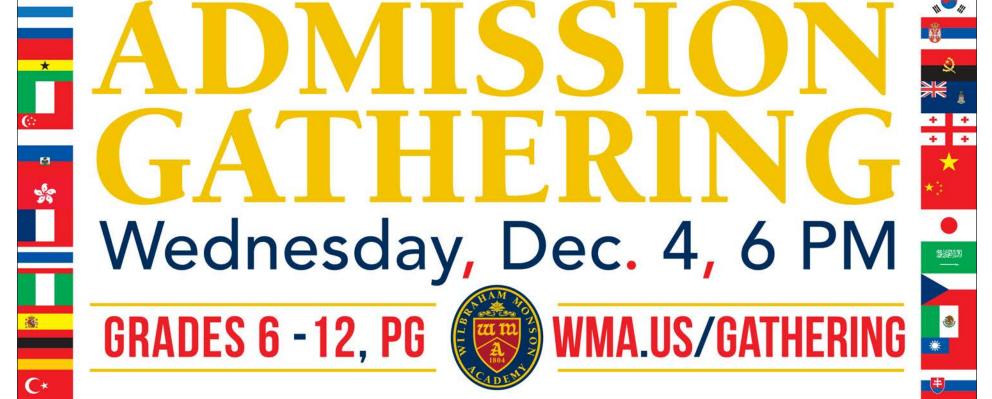


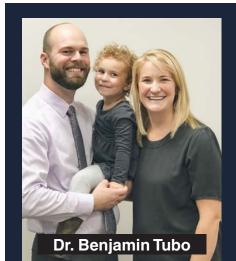
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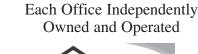






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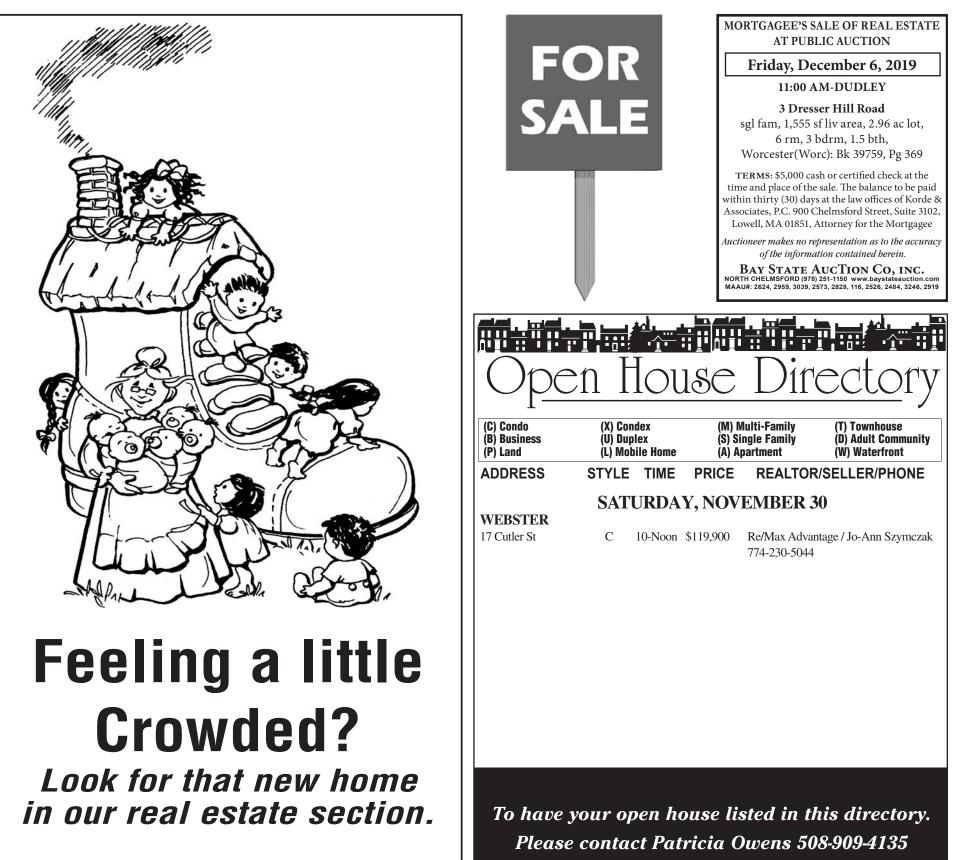
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#### December 1, Sat., 7-11am

Club 2087 will hold a made-to-order breakfast, 7-11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. Eggs, pancakes, French toast, steak, bacon, sausage, home fries, and more. \$9 per person. 860-923-2967 or council2087@ gmail.com.

#### December 3, Tues., 6pm

Commission on Aging Meeting, Ella Grasso Community Room, 65 Ballou St., Putnam.

#### December 5, Thurs., 4-5pm

Tween & Teen Happenings Ages 9-17 welcome- Candy games. Killingly Public Library 25 Westcott Rd., Killingly, CT 06239 (860) 779-5383

#### December 6, Fri., 5-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

#### December 7, Sat., 10am-3pm

The East Woodstock Congregational Church 6th Annual Holiday Art Show will be held at the church located at 220 Woodstock Rd., East Woodstock, CT. 24 vendors will be set up in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served. Parking and admission are free. Please email Karen McFarlin at kmcf3470@gmail.com if you have any questions.

#### December 7, Sat.,9-10:30am

Character Breakfast, \$10.00 per person. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, mini pancakes, home fries, bacon or sausage, coffee, juice, and pastries. Tickets can be purchased at the church office on Tuesday at 11:30-5:00 pm or at WINY radio. 175 Main St., Putnam CT. Use parking lot door.

#### December 7, Sat., 10am-3pm

The 7th Annual Holiday Arts and Craft Show will be held at the East Woodstock Congregational Church. The hall will be filled with over 20 vendors, just in time for the Christmas season. Take a chance on one of our donations, as each crafter has donated an item to the church. Pick up door swags for your home or light post. A luncheon can be had and a full room of Christmas Treasures will be for sale. See you there. Email kmcf3470@gmail. com for more information.

**December 7, Sat., 8am -1pm**Sugar Plum Fair - Federated Church of Christ- Route 6 - Brooklyn, CT. Boxwood Trees- Rada Knives- -Finnish Coffee Bread -Cookies by the Pound-Grandma's Jewelry Box -Quilted Items -Handmade Christmas Crafts-Gift Baskets- Hot Donuts-Gently Used Christmas Table- Soup and Bread Lunch. 50% off at the Thrift Shop. Miracle of Jesus --a multisensory Christmas display for children

#### December 8, Sat., 5pm

30th Annual Tree of Life Ceremonies to benefit Hospice & Palliative Care of Northeastern Connecticut at Simultaneous Tree Lighting Ceremony in 11 Northeast Connecticut Towns

#### December 8, Sat., 11am-2pm

Visit the Windham-Tolland 4-H Camp Open HHHouse on Sunday, 326 Taft Pond Road, Pomfret, CT. Admission is free. New and old campers, families and friends are welcome to stop by the lodge for crafts, cookies and s'mores and tour the facilities. Great chance to check out 4-H camp as you start thinking about plans for next summer. Enjoy Lunch with Santa upstairs in the lodge or just come for a photo with Santa. Made to order Pasta Bar (gluten free pasta available). Tickets available ahead of time by calling 974-3379 or at the door, \$6.00 for children up to age 8, \$10.00 for those 9 and older for lunch, 5x7 Photo with Santa \$8.00. Raffle baskets too!

#### December 12, Thurs., 1-2pm

Commission on Aging trip club meeting at St. Mary's Church Hall, 218 Providence St., Putnam. Bingo afterward from 2-3pm

#### December 13, Fri., 5-7pm

Club 2087 will hold a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1017 Riverside Drive, North Grosvenordale. The menu: fish & chips (\$11); baked haddock (\$12); fried bay scallops, fried shrimp (\$13); fried clams (\$16); seafood platter (\$18). 860-923-2967, council2087@gmail.com.

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#### December 15, Sun., 8:30am -11:30am

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#### December 20, Fri., 5-7pm

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#### December 29, Sun., 1-2:30pm

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#### December 8, Sun., 8 -11am

There will be a Breakfast with Santa at the Atwood Hose Fire Station, 24 Wauregan Rd., Wauregan to benefit the Tommy Toy Fund. Bring a new unwrapped toy. Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee & hot chocolate. Adults \$8.00 and children \$4.00

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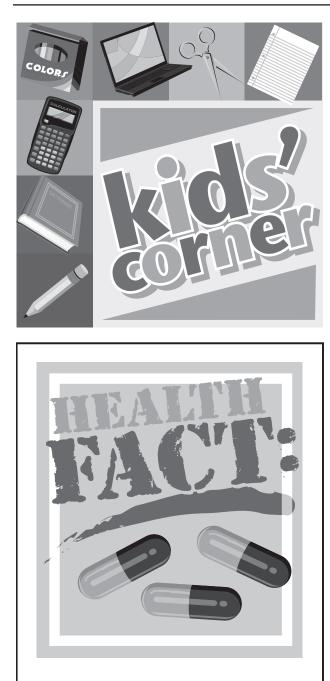
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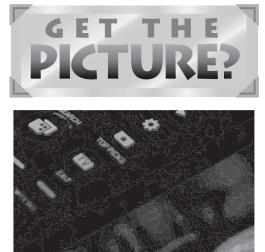
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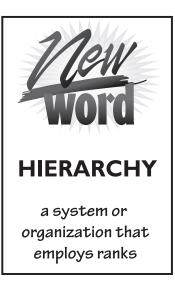






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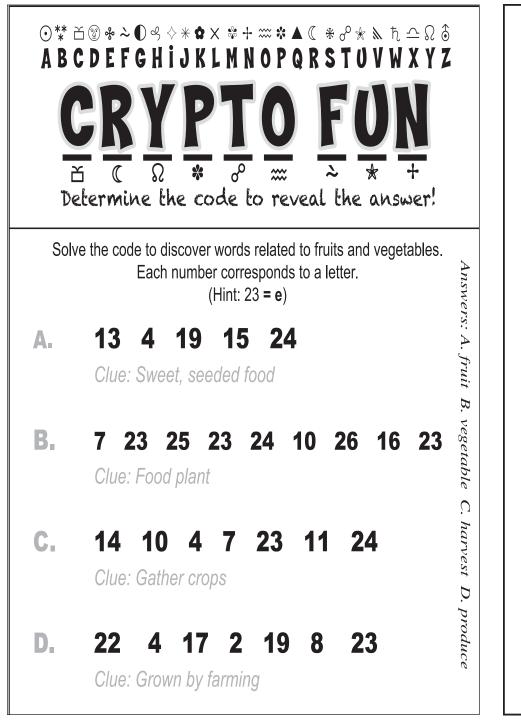
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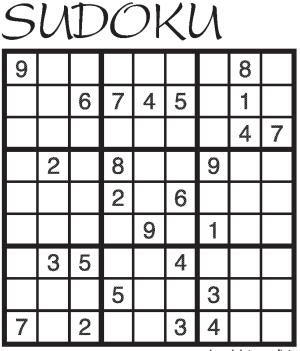
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