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Fundraiser supports local girl's Leukemia battle



Photos Jason Bleau

(From left) Charlton Selectmen Patsy Rydlak, Basia Zurawski and her daughter Nina, and Stephen Koronis were on hand to help with the Help Make Arielle Smile fundraiser.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – A large group of supporters from in and around Charlton filled the Charlton Beagle Club on Saturday, Feb. 5 to support a local child facing her fourth battle with leukemia.

The event, called Help Make Arielle Smile, was put on to help the Deauseault family and their daughter Arielle navigate her latest battle with the disease. Father John Deauseault said the night was all about coming together to help Arielle through her fight.

“We’re all trying to come together and surround her with love and compassion and prayer so that she can final get through this. All of us together as a team in Charlton want to help her so that she never has to do this again. That’s why we are all here,” said Deauseault.

Basia Zurawski, a Selectwoman in Charlton who worked with her fellow Selectmen to help coordinate the event in only a matter of weeks, called the fundraiser a fine example of Charlton’s sense of community.

“This is our child, the way we see it. This is one of our children. She’s a young girl

who was raised, born and goes to school in Charlton. She’s one of our own and this is the least we could do. This just shows how good people are in this town. This is a good town with good people who are ready at any time, in this case within weeks, to come together and help someone in need,” Zurawski said. “I think it’s so important to Ariel to know there are people who believe in her and we know she is going to make it. As far as we’re concerned, this is for her college tuition.”

While Arielle wasn’t at the event in person, her father said it was a proud evening that showed why they are proud to call Charlton their home.

“I’m super amazed, but I expect no less from this community,” John Deauseault said. “I’ve been in Charlton over five years and worked in town since 2002 and I’ve interacted with the people in this town who all have good moral values and character. I expect this out of them. I don’t mean that selfishly, you just know they will always rise to the occasion. No one questions it, they just do it. I’m very thankful, happy and gracious to everyone who came out to support

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CMS Chamber offers business networking and local scholarships

REGION — The Chamber of Central Mass South is excited to offer an in-person networking event this month and local students are encouraged to apply for the 2022 CMS Chamber Scholarships.

All are invited to network with the Chamber of Central Mass South at Sturbridge Porterhouse on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 22 from 5-7 p.m. Sturbridge Porterhouse offers classic world cuisine using contemporary techniques and fresh ingredients in a casual environment. Chef Ken, Chef Riley and their staff are passionate about providing great food within an amazing atmosphere for their guests. The menu features mouthwatering steaks, chops and much more. You will also find an excellent selection of wines and an ever-changing cocktail menu that caters to fresh ingredients. They have 25 rotating beer taps and a full selection of canned craft beers. The restaurant also boasts an upstairs lounge area for a more intimate dining experience and can also be booked for private events.

Enjoy delicious hors d’oeuvres & cocktails, while you mingle and make connections in a relaxed, casual setting at Fun at Five. You could even win some valuable prizes just for attending. Sturbridge Porterhouse is located at 407 Main Street (Route 20) in Sturbridge. Reach the restaurant by phone at 508-347-2700 and be sure to follow them on Facebook for updates and weekly specials.

Sturbridge Porterhouse is the brainchild of Chef Ken Yukimura, who also operates Sturbridge Seafood. Chef Ken grew up in Somers, Conn., graduated from Johnson & Wales culinary school in Providence, Rhode Island and has worked in kitchens across New England. Chef Ken is best known for his work as execu-

tive chef of Fusion Cafe in East Longmeadow, and Emperor of Hartford. Much of Chef Ken’s culinary style has been influenced by Asian Fusion. Sturbridge Porterhouse is open Sunday-Thursday noon- 8pm, Friday and Saturday noon to 9pm and closed on Wednesdays.

Guests may register for Fun at Five by emailing info@cmschamber.org or by phone at 508-347-2761. The cost is \$12 for Chamber Members who pre-register, \$15 at the door, or \$20 for non-Members.

Apply now for Chamber scholarships

The Chamber of Central Mass South typically awards three \$1,000 scholarships and makes charitable contributions on behalf of the business community to roughly a dozen local non-profits each year. Scholarships are disbursed directly to the student upon presentation of grades from their first semester completed after the award is announced and a minimum 3.0 GPA attained. Students must be a resident or student within the towns served by the Chamber of Central Mass South. (Southbridge, Sturbridge, Charlton, Spencer, the Brookfields, Warren, Wales, Holland and Brimfield.) For more information and to request an application call 508-347-2761. The Chamber does not discriminate against an applicant because of race, color, sex/gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or homelessness.

Please return the completed application, transcript, recommendations and student essay by April 1 to: Scholarship Committee, Chamber of Central Mass South, 46 Hall Rd., Sturbridge, MA, 01566.

The Chamber of Central

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Worcester Polytechnic Institute students complete intensive research projects

WORCESTER — At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university’s 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature

element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people’s lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

The following students com-

pleted their intensive research projects this past fall:

Jackson Sypek of Auburn, majoring in Mathematical Sciences, member of the class of 2023, completed the project titled Kyoto Sustainability Film Festival B21.

Zachary Taylor of Auburn, majoring in Aerospace Engineering, member of the class of 2023, complet-

ed the project titled Mapping Environmental Injustice - IQP.

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-

world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI’s pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems

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Overlook Masons achieve first degree

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Wednesday, Feb. 2, brethren from throughout the Commonwealth gathered at Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge to witness four new candidates start

and receiving their first degree. This is the start of an initiation process into this great Masonic Fraternity.

It takes three months to go through all the Masonic degree work due to the fact the lodges only hold their meetings to teach and learn about Freemasonry once a month. Two of the candidates are from The Rose of Sharon Lodge, which is located at The Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton

and the other two candidates are from Quinebaug Lodge of Southbridge. Recruitment in the 24th Masonic District which consist of these two great lodges has been increasing. There are 7 lodges total in the 24th Masonic District and most lodges have candidates going through degree work. Men in this District and surrounding community are inquiring and want to learn about

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Photo Courtesy

Brethren from the Rose of Sharon Lodge located at the Overlook Masonic Home in Charlton stand behind and aside of the precious Traveling Tyler Sword Plaque that was dedicated to Bro. Armond Richards, who was also a resident of the Overlook.



Fallon/OrNda Community Health Fund awards \$350,000 to improve access to healthcare in Worcester

WORCESTER — Greater Worcester Community Foundation today announced its awardees from the Fallon/OrNda Community Health Fund for 2021 and 2022. The fund advances projects which increase access to healthcare or health promotion by increasing outreach, removing barriers to care, and promoting long-term care coordination.

In anticipation of this year's grant cycle, the Foundation engaged with diverse community stakeholders to identify the most pronounced care needs and access challenges in our region. These include language and cultural barriers, waitlist mitigation, technological barriers, and transportation.

"The ongoing events of the past two years have shined a spotlight on many of the systemic inequities that challenge the residents and communities of Worcester and Central Massachusetts - particularly those who are most vulnerable," said Jim Ayres, GWCF President and CEO. "This is nowhere clearer than in regard to access to equitable healthcare; and this is why the Foundation will continue to work with local partners to develop lasting strategies that strengthen healthcare access, and by

doing so, improve long-term health outcomes for the community at large."

The organizations receiving funds are:

Abby's House for Advocacy & Supportive Services Program, which provides essential wrap-around supports and coaching for women residents and clients.

Boys & Girls Club of Worcester for its CARE Program, a targeted youth outreach program delivered to the organization's most vulnerable youth.

Center for Health Impact for its Training Interpreters program, to enhance racial and linguistic equity for immigrants and refugees seeking healthcare.

Central Massachusetts Emergency Medical Systems Corporation in an effort to eliminate the language barrier in EMS response by implementing the use of visual translation tools.

Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center for opening up access to oral healthcare for Burncoat Jr. and Sr. high school students.

Ellie Fund which provides essential support services for breast cancer patients to ease the stresses of everyday life, allowing the focus to be on family, recovery and healing.

Family Health Center of Worcester, Inc. for its Healthcare for Homeless Families program, offering services to homeless families in need of crisis intervention and stabilization.

Girls, Inc. of Worcester for fostering healthy lifestyles through a variety of programs aimed at improving the health of Worcester's most vulnerable girls.

Montachusett Opportunity Council, Inc. for its Diversified Provider Pipeline Project, by removing barriers and offering opportunities, to enable families to achieve economic stability.

Pathways for Change for its Medical Accompaniment program, providing urgent counseling assistance for sexual assault victims seeking medical treatment at surrounding hospitals.

Pernet Family Health Services, Inc. for its Maternal and Infant Health-Nursing Program, which provides in-home coaching and support visits to disadvantaged and socially isolated pregnant women and young.

Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts for its Sexual Health Ambassadors Program, aimed at improving health outcomes by increasing access to sexual and reproductive health information for Latino/a/x and

Hispanic youth in Worcester:

Shrewsbury Youth & Family Services, Inc. for its School-Based Services, partnering with schools to provide wrap-around services to students and their families in need of additional behavioral health support.

Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts for its Healthcare Access Program, an initiative to connect Southeast Asian immigrants to the health services they need without any barriers.

St. Anne's Free Medical Program to ensure the presence of culturally-appropriate interpreters at the free clinic.

The CASA Project for its Shining the Light program, an effort to eliminate systemic barriers to mental health services for children in foster care.

UMass Memorial Health Care for its Bridge to Stabilization program, working with youth and their families to improve and transform the lives of young people struggling with psychiatric conditions.

Worcester Youth Center for the expansion of health and wellness programming with a focus on diet, exercise, and community health education.

Boating safety courses to be offered in March

MILFORD — The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts will be instructing two upcoming boating safety classes at Milford High School, 31 West Fountain St. They are scheduled as "in-person" unless further Covid restrictions move them to the Zoom video conference platform. Registration is managed through the Milford Community School Use Program, Adult-Boating, at <http://mcs.milford.ma.us> or (508) 478-1119 keeping in mind that availability is limited and you will receive course materials prior, covered by the registration fee if given on Zoom. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied in person, or online by a registered parent/guardian. Both courses will be offered again in April at this location as "in-person" or on Zoom platform.

For additional USCGAux. information: phil.uscgaux@verizon.net or (508)

478-3778.

Boat America

March 12 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Register by March 4 (\$75 fee-\$65 Milford residents) An in-person proctored exam is required for completion and will be given to students, in their vehicles, at the MHS parking lot on Sunday March 13 at 10 AM if the class is done over Zoom platform.

This is a one-day course developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters by boat. Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating experiences. This course is perfect for families that have just purchased any type of boat or are planning to in the future, and also for the boater keeping up with changes to boating regulations and laws. Successful completion of the course will certify any

minor, from 12 to 16 years of age, to operate a powerboat, including a Personal Water Craft / Jet Ski (for 16 & 17-year-old operators), on all Massachusetts waters; in conjunction with the Mass. Environmental Police. Approved by NASBLA it will also cover the requirements to operate a vessel in most other states & many countries where boating safety education is mandatory. Most boating insurance companies offer a discount on premiums for successful completion of this course.

The Boat America course is limited to 20 students.

Suddenly in Command

March 16

Wednesday evening: 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Register by March 14 (\$5 course fee, No exam) Imagine you are out on the water

when the boat's captain somehow is incapacitated or falls overboard and can't swim back to the boat. Are you prepared to take basic actions to get help, stop or start the engine and take the helm? A little knowledge could save lives and make you feel more comfortable boating when you're not generally at the helm.

Misfortunes can and do happen while on that fishing, diving, adventure, or party charter. Being out on your own boat with that significant other at the helm, or going out on a friends' pontoon boat can also turn to horror if the skipper is suddenly out of commission. This is a boating safety primer for those not generally at the helm but would like to know what to do, to be better prepared.

Students named to President's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the names of students included on the President's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

The President's List honors students for consistently high academic achievement. A student is named to the list after achieving a 3.75 average in each of three successive semesters.

Fitchburg State University enrolls approximately 6,000 day and evening students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

- Auburn
- Nicholas D. Bisceglia
- Dudley
- Jillian E. Laabs
- Leicester
- Jack W. Larson
- Oxford
- Suzannah R. Lambert
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- Lorenzo G. Demalia
- Webster
- Allison M. Zopatti





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Kenya is a sixteen-year-old girl who describes herself as fun, outgoing and caring. Kenya loves style and fashion, and she would like to work in the fashion industry. Some of Kenya's other favorite activities include arts and crafts projects, singing, dancing and playing sports. In school, Kenya gets along with others and makes friends easily. She is an intelligent young lady who performs at grade level.

Kenya is legally free for adoption and has requested to be placed in a family where one or both parents are African American. Kenya's social worker is willing to explore single or two parent families, with or without other children in the home. Because Kenya will need a gradual transition into her future home, her social worker is only considering Massachusetts and local families at this time.

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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. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.



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READING NEWSPAPERS IS A QUEST LIKE NO OTHER

Charlton committee to readdress White Paper Report

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON – The Charlton Board of Selectmen is seeking volunteers to serve on a new version of the Government Study Review Committee to assess the 2016 White Paper Report and progress made since that time.

Town Administrator Andrew Golas approached selectmen on Jan. 25 about whether or not the town wanted to address the report after five years to determine if requested changes have been beneficial or if new changes should be implemented in the near future.

“Back in 2015, the Board of Selectmen had created a purely advisory Governmental Study Committee to report back to the town meeting with any recommendations for the possible improvements to the current form and

process of the town of Charlton government. Since it’s been about five or six years since those reports have been done, I figured I’d at least bring it up for discussion to see if the Board of Selectmen was interested in reconstituting another White Paper Report to review those changes that had been made or if there’s any further changes that should be considered,” said Golas.

Selectmen were immediately open to the idea with several believing it was a good time to bring that committee together and see how far the town had come since the report was issued a half-decade ago.

“I think it’s a good idea as long as it doesn’t cost us any money. So, if we get some volunteers to take a look at the old study, find out what worked, what didn’t, why things were not implemented, etcetera, I think sometimes that’s even more important. Sometimes the

low hanging fruit are easy, but on certain recommendations if they did not happen, I like to know why,” said Board of Selectmen Chair Bill Borowski.

“That White Paper Report was actually pretty informational,” added Selectwoman Patsy Rydlak. “It provided a lot of insight to the inner workings of the town. I think that’s a great idea. I don’t know what will constitute a new committee, whether it’s pieces of boards or bringing the residents in, but that’s a great idea.”

Selectmen debated whether or not to bring the idea of forming the committee to a town meeting for the public to decide or if the board would appoint a committee themselves. Golas said a selectmen appointment committee was a “perfectly fine process,” so the board decided to put out a call for volunteers to review the report and its impact on the town. The White Paper Report in

its entirety has been made available for public viewing on the Town of Charlton Web site and lays out proposed changes for different departments as well as several ideas members of the committee came up with including adding, clarifying or changing new departments or the chain of command within town government.

Those interested in serving on the Government Study Review Committee should submit a talent bank form to Executive Assistant Mary Devlin at Mary.Devlin@townofcharlton.net. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis with priority consideration for those who apply before March 2. More information on the White Paper Report and the application process for the committee can be found at www.townofcharlton.net.

UT student Emma Gervais of Auburn earns Dean’s List honors

TAMPA, Fla. — Emma Gervais, of Auburn, earned dean’s list honors at The University of Tampa for the Fall 2021 semester. Gervais is majoring in International Studies BA. Students

must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean’s list.

The University of Tampa is a private, comprehensive university located on 110 acres on the riverfront in downtown Tampa. Known for

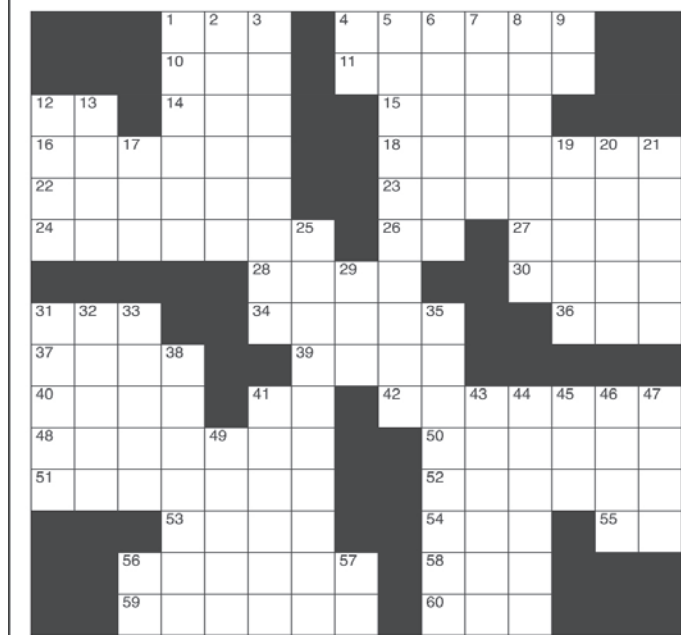
academic excellence, personal attention and real-world experience in its undergraduate and graduate programs, the University serves more than 10,000 students from 50 states and most of the world’s 195 countries.

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Tuesday through Friday, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School’s culinary program, led by Derek Hendrickson, prepares full meals at their Hilltop Restaurant. Items can be ordered for pickup by the public through their online ordering system. Pictured near the bakery selections are (L-R) Maggie Mullaly, Lelei Daniels, Jacob Alden, and Tori Fontaine. For more information and to access the menu, visit www.baypath.net.

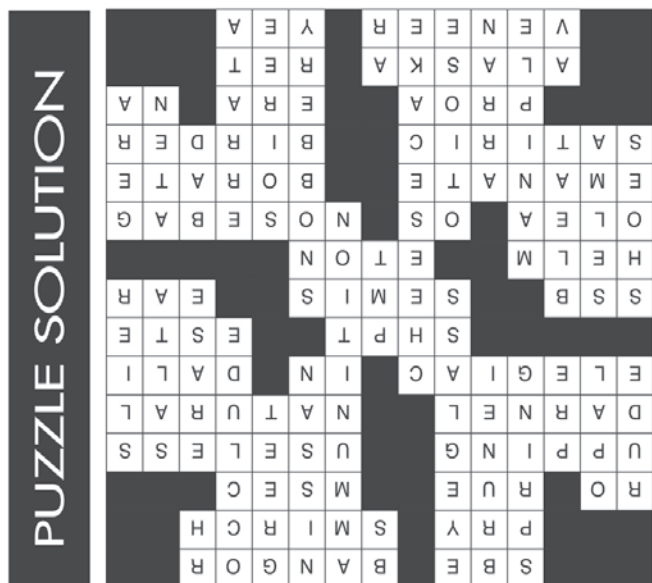


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One point east of due south
- 4. City in Maine
- 10. Inquire too closely
- 11. Make dirty
- 12. Small Greek island
- 14. Bitterly regret
- 15. Millisecond
- 16. ___ the ante
- 18. Without value
- 22. Eurasian ryegrass
- 23. Authentic
- 24. Having a mournful quality
- 26. Not out
- 27. Salvador __, Spanish artist
- 28. Cargo (abbr.)
- 30. This (Spanish)
- 31. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 34. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 36. Helps you hear
- 37. Steer a boat
- 39. British School
- 40. Genus of olive
- 41. Computer term (abbr.)
- 42. Horse gear
- 48. Give off
- 50. A type of salt
- 51. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 52. One who watches birds
- 53. Sailboat
- 54. A major division of geological time
- 55. Sodium
- 56. American state
- 58. Soak in water
- 59. Thin decorative covering of fine wood
- 60. Affirmative

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One of the four seasons
- 2. Its sultan is famous
- 3. A lens for correcting defective vision in one eye
- 4. College degree
- 5. Soldiers need it
- 6. Japanese car manufacturer
- 7. A way to address
- 8. Obstruct
- 9. Atomic number 45
- 12. Ill-mannered
- 13. Opaque gem
- 17. Indicates before
- 19. Remove
- 20. Populous Argentine city
- 21. More cunning
- 25. Rich dessert
- 29. Payment (abbr.)
- 31. Footwear
- 32. Famed Alabama city
- 33. Sheep’s cry
- 35. Arrogance
- 38. Clerical vestment
- 41. Serving no practical purpose
- 43. An evening party
- 44. Print errors
- 45. Not good
- 46. Egyptian Sun god
- 47. Industrial German city
- 49. Scottish island
- 56. Early multimedia
- 57. Atomic number 18



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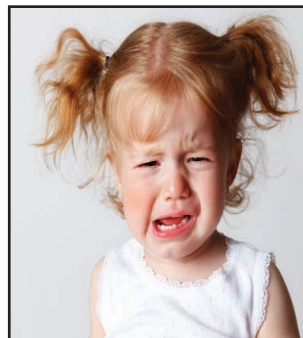
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The Charlton Beagle Club was filled to near capacity to help support local child Arielle Deauseault in her battle with leukemia.



A selection of raffle items were accompanied by pictures of Arielle to remind attendees what they were fighting to support.



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ARIELLE

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Arielle in this fight.” The event included a variety of special features including food, entertainment and raffle baskets all donated to the cause. While the final tally for the night was not available for this story, the incredible turnout certainly hinted at a successful night where the town of Charlton truly banded together to help one of their own.

Masis Staffing Solutions recognized with MRMH Safety Award



WORCESTER — Masis Staffing Solutions, headquartered in Worcester, MA, is pleased to announce the recognition of its safety and risk management best practices with the Minimizing Risk, Maximizing Health (MRMH) Safety Award.

This annual award is given to an organization which has demonstrated strong commitment to safety and risk management best practices, resulting in increased safety for employees. Masis's risk management and safety team has instituted comprehensive processes

including safety evaluations, training, consistent communication, and strong partnerships with clients and employees to protect the health and well-being of all staff.

Matthew Vaccaro, president of Masis Staffing, noted, "The Masis team is thrilled that our commitment to safety has resulted in significant increases in measurements of employee well-being while on the job. We look forward to continuing to partner with our staff and clients to deliver best practices in risk management and occupational health and safety."

Masis Staffing Solutions is a service-driven staffing firm providing custom solutions for clients' hiring needs. Masis specializes in on-site staffing program management, Master Service Partnerships (MSP), human resources support and placement in a variety of industries. With significant expertise in manufacturing, distribution and professional recruitment and placement, Masis has offices throughout the United States to support clients' hiring needs.

Local students named to Dean's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the students who qualified for inclusion on the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the university full time.

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- Auburn
 Breanna R. Benoit, Sheeza Y. Chaudry, Emma M. Ganley, Cameron J. McGrath, Riley J. Millay
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 Claire A. Collins, Benjamin W. Putnam
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 Isabella A. Sousa, Jennifer L. Vezina
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Worcester District Attorney's Office chosen as National Criminal Justice Trauma training site

WORCESTER — The Worcester County District Attorney's Office has been selected as one of 10 sites across the country to host a criminal justice trauma training program offered by SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation, District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. announced today.

This SAMHSA approved program will support the office in providing the training "How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses" to 20 professionals from

the Worcester and Plymouth District Attorney's and Sheriff's offices, the Massachusetts State Police, as well as other local law enforcement and social service agencies, to become trainers.

"We are seeing trauma at the forefront of many problems within our criminal justice system. Recognizing and addressing this trauma and its effects is a priority in our office," Mr. Early said. "We are honored to be selected as one of only 10 sites to host this training, which will help our office and our partners become fully trained to avoid re-trau-

matizing individuals in the criminal justice system."

The two-day training will teach attendees how to train their own staff to ensure trauma-informed responses are implemented across the state.

As SAMHSA GAINS Center notes, "This increases safety for everyone, decreases the chance of recidivism, and supports the recovery of justice-involved men and women with serious mental illness."

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Agyei awarded \$8,000 training grant

CHARLTON — MassHire Worcester Career Center announced the awarding of \$8,000 in training grant for Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy student Lois Agyei of Southbridge.

Agyei is a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. She graduated from the University of Cape Coast (West Africa, Ghana) with a Bachelor of Education degree and a diploma in basic education. She holds a Certificate of completion for teaching training seminar at Louisiana College and a Certificate of participation in early childhood education by Ghana education service. She obtained her certificate as a nursing assistant from Fieldstone School in Worcester.

Agyei is described as a loving and caring CAN who is energetic and with over 12 years of health experience to deliver high-quality patient-centered care. She has worked with various clients with mental challenges and difficulties. She is certified in Dementia care, BLS HCP

CPR, and Mental Health First Aid.

“We are pleased that Lois was named a grant recipient and grateful for the continued support of the MassHire Worcester Career Center,” said Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. “MassHire helps many of our practical nursing students consistently. The grant will ensure that Lois stays motivated, inspired to give her best and help Lois through the ten months of rigorous training.”

Training grant funds encourage economic growth in the state and allows for additional training for workforce. The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and Commonwealth Corporation encourage businesses to address workforce training needs. Interested parties are encouraged to visit www.commcop.org/wtfp to learn more.

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing, 239 Causeway St., Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 www.council.org Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd., Suite 201, Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 www.neasc.org



Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Fall 2021 Dean's List

WORCESTER — A total of 2,054 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's fall 2021 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

“WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world.

The problems are important and the impact is real” said dean of undergraduate studies Arthur C. Heinricher. “Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.”

The following students are Dean's List recipients:

Alysha Creelman of Auburn, class of 2025, majoring in Data Science (BS)

Joseph Durocher of Auburn, class of 2023, majoring in

Mechanical Engineering (BS)

Bryce Kennedy of Auburn, class of 2023, majoring in Mechanical Engineering (BS)

Eliana Palumbo of Auburn, class of 2022, majoring in Biomedical Engineering (BS)

Caleb Scopetski of Auburn, class of 2024, majoring in Computer Science (BS)

Jackson Sypek of Auburn, class of 2023, majoring in Mathematical Sciences (BS)

Dayna Tang of Auburn, class of 2023, majoring in Environmental Engineering (BS)

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in proj-

ect-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than

50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 17 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

Local students named to Dean's List at Fitchburg State

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the students who qualified for inclusion on the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the university full time.

Fitchburg State University enrolls approximately 6,000 day and evening students in more than 50 programs of study. The university was established in 1894.

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Madison C. Hippert, Robert G. Kemp

Milford
Matthew K. Baier, Roy M. Benson, Mckenzie E. Calvao,

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ESCAPE ARTISTS

Photo Courtesy

At Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, English teacher Kellie Duquette engaged her students in an “escape room” activity based on their reading of Cormac McCarthy's novel, “The Road.” This activity, a creative alternative to a more traditional written assessment, was designed to allow students to work collaboratively to solve academic challenges. To win their “escape,” students were required to write essays working together in teams. From left to right in the background, Ismael Porrata, Derek Hosley, Benjamin Nashawaty, Trent Szela, Emma Levasseur. In the foreground, left to right are Corey Wood and Aden Shultz.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mary J. Amaral to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated March 28, 2007 and registered at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry District of the Land Court as document number 92126, and noted on certificate of title number 15549 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), its successors and assigns, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, registered on November 25, 2009, Document No. 96802, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 15549

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (“MERS”), as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors and assigns to CIT Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns, registered on October 29, 2015, Document No. 107908, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 15549

CIT Bank, N.A. to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC, registered on November 30, 2018, Document No. 113385, as noted on Certificate of Title

No. 15549 Mortgage Assets Management, LLC to Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, registered on October 18, 2019, Document No. 114930, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 15549

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 PM on March 4, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 6 George Street, Auburn, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: The land with the buildings thereon in Auburn, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

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Easterly by lot Q as shown on a plan hereinafter described twenty-nine and 88/100 (29.88) feet;

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Westerly by 11 P-8 on said plan one hundred (100) feet.

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H.B. Cullinan, Surveyor, dated August 1947 as modified and approved by the Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, a copy of a portion of which is filed with Land Registration Certificate 3553. Being lot P-9 on said plan.

The land above described is subject to and has the benefit of the provisions of the deed from John Stone et al, to Josiah H. Chaffee dated August 16, 1875, recorded with Worcester District Deeds, Book 958, Page 496.

Being the premises conveyed to Mary J. Amaral by deed dated June 28, 2005, recorded as document number 88382 certificate number 15549.

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed registered with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 88382, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 15549.

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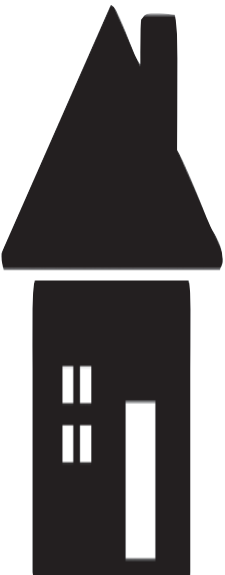
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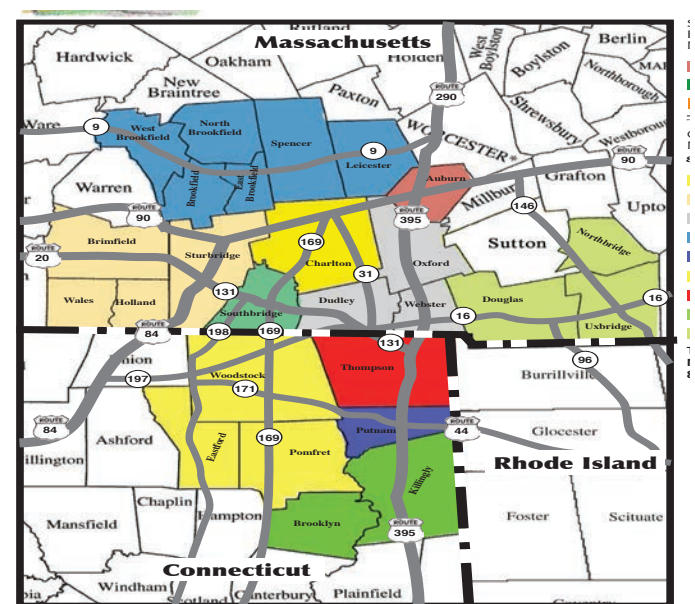
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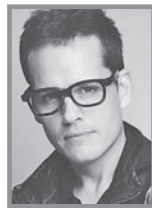
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New chapters will be written

All of us go through chapters of our lives that seem permanent. The feeling of permanence can come from the length of the phase; my father, Gary W. Moore, a successful author, who published three books and left many stories yet unpublished, started this column in 2017. He developed stomach cancer in 2018. Even so, I felt that the portion of my life that included my father would last forever.



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there was the anxiety. How would I continue to launch my business? How would I take care of my mom? How would I write this column? The new things that had to be taken care of seemed endless. After a period of anxiety and worry, I realized that although the chapters of my life that included my father were many, the story must continue without him.

My father's story began to end when, every once in a while, he wasn't able to hold down his food, and then over the next two years, he wasn't able to hold down his food at all until he withered down to the weight of about 80lbs.

After his diagnosis, he believed that he would live many more years; although he knew stomach cancer would end his life, it wouldn't be any time soon.

They say hindsight is 20/20, and as I look back on it, it was absurd of me to think that he would live much longer. He was starving to death right in front of my eyes. The day he died, his eyes dried out and were unable to close; he couldn't talk; I kept thinking there must be a way to save him and bring him back. Dripping saline solution into his eyes and using a dropper to give him liquid Vitamin C, I knew he was going to come back. I went to the grocery store to pick up some items quickly, and then I got the call from my sister that he'd passed. I almost didn't believe it. I rushed back home as fast as I could to see for myself, and sure enough, he left his body. He'd finished his final chapter.

I didn't realize how much the storyline of my life was about to change. As the days went on, I had to take up more and more responsibility. Things that my father used to take care of; suddenly were my responsibility. I wasn't upset about the duties that suddenly landed in my lap, but

When one chapter ends, another begins. It's funny how new information comes to light. A new scenario begins to surface from the depths, the plot twists and turns, suddenly, you realize that the novel didn't end; it was simply the end of a chapter.

As the adventure continues, when one life ends, another is revealed. What seemed like a curse can be a blessing. New friendships pop up, and a new future unfolds, a celebration of new life and new family. Something you've never noticed can suddenly come into plain view. A secret emerges out of the darkness and shines bright - buried treasure.

The stress, the worry, the heartbreak, the betrayal, the pain, the anger, the rage, the regret, the forgiveness, the love, the happiness, the joy, all of the surprises, and all the things that make you smile and cry serve to show that we are all human. You can write a new chapter if you let go, accept the past, and embrace the future.

As the pages turn, we discover that all of us make mistakes, all of us can forgive, it is possible to change and become something better. As we look back on it, we might agree that all of the feelings we've felt help make life more suspenseful, meaningful, and engaging. After all, what would life be without feelings? Whether the feelings are good or bad, it's a way to let us know that the saga continues. We are just living out the story of our lives. No matter what you've gone through, I still believe new chapters can be written.

Estate plans let you control your legacy

When you hear "estate planning," what do you think of? For many people, these words evoke images of immense wealth. But estate planning isn't just for the wealthy - it's for everyone. And it's about more than preserving wealth - it's about putting you in control of your own legacy. But how can you achieve this worthy goal?



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You can start by identifying your estate planning objectives. Here are some of the most common ones:

Controlling movement of assets to beneficiaries - During and after your lifetime, you will want to ensure your loved ones receive what you want them to

have, and when. Through documents such as a will and a living trust, and techniques involving life insurance and using proper beneficiary designations, you - not the courts - will control the movement of your assets to the desired recipients.

Naming someone to make decisions for you if you become incapacitated - Naturally, you hope to stay in good physical and mental shape throughout your life and remain capable of making your own financial and health care decisions. But the future is not ours to see, so, to protect your interests and those of your loved ones, you may want to consider creating arrangements such as a power of attorney, health care directive and a living will. In this way, you'll still be able to control the key choices that may lie ahead.

Providing for minor children or dependents - If you have young children or other dependents, you'll want to be sure they'll be looked after if you aren't around. In your estate plans, you can name a guardian for them. You can also use various estate planning tools, such as life insurance, beneficiary designations and the establishment of a trust to provide the necessary financial resources for your loved ones.

Supporting charitable organizations - Leaving something behind for your family is obviously an enormous part of your legacy - but it may also be important to you to provide support for charitable groups whose work you've admired. Of course, you can contribute to these organizations while you're alive, but through strategies such as donor-advised funds and charitable remainder trusts, you can include these groups in your estate plans.

Managing taxes efficiently - If you're likely to have a large estate, your heirs may need to be concerned with income and estate taxes. To help control these taxes, you can take a number of steps, such as making outright gifts to your family during your lifetime, establishing an irrevocable life insurance trust, creating a family limited partnership and making charitable donations.

All the estate-planning strategies and techniques mentioned here can be complex - so, to implement them, you'll need to work with an estate planning attorney and a tax professional. You may also want to include your financial advisor, who can help ensure your estate planning objectives align with your important financial goals, such as living comfortably in retirement and providing for your children's or grandchildren's education.

By identifying your objectives and working with your professional team, you can create an effective estate plan - and help yourself maintain control of your legacy.

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Your vote matters

We have heard much buzz from younger voters recently regarding the upcoming midterms, and the overwhelming consensus among them, alarmingly, is that their votes do not count. While there are exceptions to this rule, we figured we would stress to our younger counterparts how important it is to pay attention and to head to the ballot box.

The youth voice is important whether you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian, or something in between. Important issues in every election directly relate to concerns students and young professionals have, which is even more reason to arm yourself with knowledge. Truth be told, younger voters are needed now more than ever. Issues that concern students are college tuition reform, healthcare and federal job programs to name a few. You may not care now, but you may care a few years from now when choices politicians make, begin to affect your life, and they will.

Young voters make up almost 50 percent of the voting population, giving you a stronger voice than you think, making your votes collectively more influential across the board. An interesting bit of trivia is that youth votes declined by 2 percent from a record of 52 percent in 2008. In 2016, 19 percent of those ages 18-29 voted in the presidential election. Those ages 45-64, however, made up for 49 percent of the vote.

You may not think your vote counts, but every vote counts. The climate of the country appears to be so divided that the youth vote matters now more than ever. Oftentimes, politicians will win by a small margin as low as 20 votes, especially in local and state races, proof that your vote does matter. Young people that want to inspire change need to find the candidate who represents their values best, and cast their votes.

With news at our fingertips these days, it's easier now more than ever to educate yourself regarding politics. Sure it may seem boring and often times it is, but educating yourself on current events and the issues will serve you well. One bit of advice is to not believe everything you read or see and to always fact check your sources. Protect your interests and use your voice, after all this is what democracy is all about.

Do not be discouraged or intimidated to vote; it's easy. You have a right to be at the polls just like every other American. Bring a friend and go grab some lunch or breakfast afterwards, making it a fun occasion.

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Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



It's time to take a peek into the Take the Hint! Mailbox. Thanks to all the readers who have written or emailed in their great tips for dealing with the little nuisances in life. And remember readers, your tip puts you in the running for a three course dinner for two at the Pubick House!



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

From repurposing tips to kitchen shortcuts, readers share their favorite hints in this week's column. Read on and keep the tips coming! **

A hot bowl of chicken soup is undoubtedly a simple winter pleasure! Trying to skim off the fat without chilling first, can seem like an impossible task - but no more! A reader shares an ingenious tip to get the job done quickly and easily:

When making chicken soup there is usually a little too much fat on the broth when done.

In order to fix this problem, put a large spoon in the freezer in advance. When your soup is ready scoop the fat out with the frozen spoon. The fat will stick to the frozen spoon and be easily removed.

Brian O'Leary
Warren, MA
**

Another kitchen fix: If your homemade cornbread comes out too dense, try this simple switch to lighten things up:

If you are making a cornbread mix and want a lighter texture try substituting ginger ale for the required liquid.

Also, I used to put all sorts of combos into my cornbread mix like whole corn kernels, chopped red pepper, etc.

Annie Wuelfing
Spencer, MA
**

This reader discovered that recycling an advertising freebie helped her with a common repair job:

Those magnet sheets that are attached to calendars from Realtor companies with Pats schedules, etc. can be reused to safely corral tiny screws while fixing things.

Just turn the magnet side up use it to hold those tiny eyeglass screws when repairing your glasses!

This worked on my eyeglass arm repair with one of those little screw driver kits. I just turned the calendar to expose the full sheet magnet, laid out the new screw and also held the old screw while I worked to repair the side arm.

This also works well for larger screws and for those of us who still use thumb tacks and sewing pins.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge MA
**

They say necessity is the mother of invention, and this reader discovered an unconventional substitute that works

for her: Have you ever gone to shave your legs only to find out you have no shaving cream? Use your hair conditioner in its place. It gives a smooth shave just like real shaving cream.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA
**

Here's another "believe it or not tip" to try:

If your bathroom mirror gets hair-spray or other dirt on it, try cleaning it with a damp tea bag.

Take a wet tea bag and run it over the mirror. Let it set for a few minutes and rub the damp mirror with a dry cloth. There is tannic acid in a tea bag that cleans with no streaks.

Nancy Sullivan
Woonsocket, RI
**

Looking to give your chocolate cake a little boost in flavor? This reader's baking tip promises to increase both taste and compliments!

When you make a chocolate cake, whether from scratch or from a mix, stir in a heaping teaspoon of instant coffee. The coffee enhances the chocolate flavor.

Donna Plouffe
North Brookfield, MA
**

Prize Winner
Congratulations to Viola Bramel of Northbridge, MA who submitted the recycling tip above. Her name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Pubick House.
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Win Dinner for Two at the Pubick House - Contest has resumed!

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

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



Derbies, derbies everywhere



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Ice fishing is in full gear, with numerous ice fishing derbies being held throughout the valley. The ice fishing derby held last week on Lake Nimunc was well attended, with more 50 anglers attending the event. No real big fish were caught, but everyone had a great time. This past Sunday, a huge turnout at the Nipmunc Rod & Gun Club Pond started out with some slow fishing for some, but jig fishing was very active with brown trout, rainbow trout and tiger trout being caught by many fishermen and women. The grand prize was a largemouth bass entered in the derby just before derby closing time.

Because the heavy rain prior to last weekend, the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club had to cancel their ice derby this past Saturday. The pond was flooded with more than two feet of water. It will be rescheduled as soon as the water recedes. The 200 sportsmen's club will hold their annual ice derby this Saturday Feb. 12. The event is open to the public. The Century Sportsmen's Club will hold their annual ice fishing derby this Sunday, Feb. 13, and is also open to the public. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate!

Numerous ice fishing anglers have been catching pickerel, and return them back to the waters where they were caught, because they claim that they have to many bones to make for good eating. Many years ago, we found a good way to avoid the pickerel bones by making pickled pickerel. A mixture



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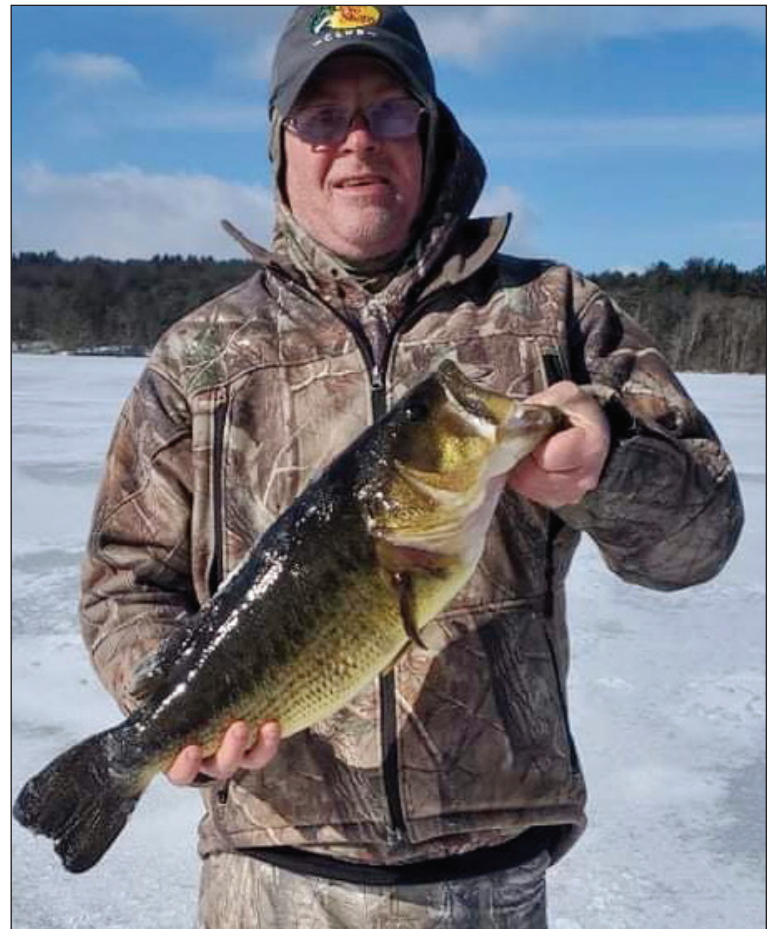
Mike's big bass. Caught in local pond.

of vinegar, pickling salt, and water made a good brine to do the job. Some sweet onion rings and pickling spices were added to the brine, along with the pickerel chunks, and placed in canning jars, and refrigerated for a month or more. The bones were soft, and the eating of the pickerel was delicious. The onions were great too! It was at the top of the list for food to eat while ice fishing. Give it a try!

This past week, this writer received a call from a local resident looking for a beagle pup. The elderly gentleman was looking for a companion. I made a few calls, and hopefully found him someone that can connect him with a new beagle pup. In our conversation, he told me he had checked everywhere trying

to locate a beagle pup, and could only find a couple out of state that were looking for big money. Back in the day, I had a few beagles that I had bought locally for \$20 or \$30 each, and they were out of good bloodlines.

My first good beagle was purchased from the late John Bolonzo in Douglas for \$30. At full grown, he was a 15-inch dog that could track a rabbit from here to Connecticut and back. He had a great nose and won numerous field trials at The Blackstone Valley Beagle Club's trials in Douglas. Most sportsmen that I knew back in those days owned at least one beagle, as hunting rabbits was a big deal back in the '60's and '70's and long after. There were so many rabbit hunters that we banded together and



This second big bass was also caught last week at a local pond by Shawn.

formed the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club around 1962. It still is active today, but has very few members that own beagles because of the dramatic drop in cottontail rabbit populations locally. They now hunt pheasant on their 100-plus acres of property.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Three-year-old Sage patiently waiting to buy bait to go fishing with her dad.



Always room for strawberries

As you plan this year's garden, be sure to include some strawberries. They are low in calories, high in vitamin C and antioxidants, and provide seasonal interest in gardens and containers.

Best of all, you don't need much space to grow this delicious fruit. There are three types of strawberries: June or spring bearing, everbearing, and day neutral. Select the best type of strawberry for your space and harvest needs. June-bearing strawberries produce one crop of berries in late spring to early summer, depending on where you garden. They produce the largest harvest but in the shortest span of time. Plant now and enjoy an abundant harvest next year.

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Or grow them in a container, window box or hanging basket on your porch, balcony, or deck. They'll be close at hand and easy to harvest.

Mix a few everbearing or day-neutral strawberries in with flowers to create an edible and ornamental planter. The harvest will be smaller when grown in a mixed container, but the flowers, fruit and fall color add ornamental appeal and the fruit will be a welcome treat.

Boost the harvest by growing strawberries in their own container. Fill a hanging basket and watch as the runners cascade over the edge for added ornamental appeal.

Try filling a traditional strawberry pot – container with planting hole openings on the top and sides – with plants that produce several harvests and remove the runners as needed. Keep

Up the ornamental appeal of traditional in-ground plantings with a star shaped or tiered bed. The elevated beds make for easier planting, weeding, and harvesting. You'll find a variety of tiered shaped beds to purchase or plans to make



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all the plants from top to bottom looking their best with this DIY watering device. Place soil on the bottom of the container. Set a couple of perforated PVC down through the planter. Slide the plants through the hole from the inside of the pot. Fill the remaining space with soil. Gently tamp and water thoroughly to eliminate air pockets. As you water, the water travels through the pipe and out the holes, providing moisture to all plants from top to bottom.

Check containers daily and water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Reduce maintenance and increase success by incorporating a low nitrogen slow-release fertilizer into the soil at planting or sprinkle over the soil surface as needed. This type of fertilizer promotes growth without interfering with flowering and fruit production.

Start now identifying spaces to add strawberries to your landscape, deck and balcony. Then order seeds or plants early for the greatest selection. Before you know it, you'll be enjoying garden fresh strawberries in your morning cereal, salads or as a snack at the end of the day.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

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Freemasonry. This is a good sign for Freemasonry when these men ask the question "Is there greatness in you?"

Also on this great evening, brethren from the Rose of Sharon Lodge who arrived in two mini buses took advantage of their large number of members in attendance and retrieved the Traveling Tyler Sword Plaque in memory of their beloved friend and fellow resident of the Overlook Masonic Home brother Armond Richards. This Traveling Tyler Sword was created back in 2019 and dedicated to fellow mason brother Armond Richards who

was Quinebaug Lodges Tyler for more than 15 years. This plaque with a beautiful sword on it has a masonic door knocker with peep hole to symbolize a Tyler's job in the lodge. A Tyler is a Master Mason who guards and protects his fellow brethren while a meeting is in session with his mighty sword in hand or by his side guarding the west gate of our lodge which is our entrance to the meeting room.

To retrieve these items other lodges from within our district or state may come to collect it by attending one of our official meetings. To collect the Gavel or Traveling Tyler Sword and return it to their lodge there must be a minimum of three people attending which must include their Worshipful Master,

an officer, and a fellow brother. In return, the lodge that it was taken from must go to one of their meetings to retrieve it. This is how fellow Masons meet new brethren. Quinebaug Lodge Worshipful Master Bill Belanger was happy and excited to see all these brethren from Rose of Sharon Lodge. Most of all that they came to retrieve this awesome Traveling Tyler Sword in memory of their fellow resident bro. Armond Richards that he gave them all a Quinebaug Lodge fraternalism and snacks after the meeting. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to www.mass-freemasonry.org and to find a lodge nearest you.

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Clue: Cooking instructions

C. 24 4 6 6 9 22 16 24
Clue: Materials

D. 6 25 16 26 16 5 12
Clue: Warm up oven

Answers: A. oven B. recipe C. supplies D. preheat

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ANSWER:

SPORTS

Murphy, complementary scoring secure Auburn's win over Main South



Nick Ethier photos

Auburn's Isabella Doyle has her eyes set on the basket while driving on a Main South defender.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — For many games during the 2021-2022 season, the Auburn High girls' varsity basketball team has relied on Hanorah Murphy to score in bunches to help keep the Rockets within striking distance against the opposition. All the while, head coach Nicole Pingitore has preached that complementary scoring could work wonders for her team if those players took confident shots.

When Auburn hosted Main South on Tuesday, Feb. 1, everything came together in the Rockets' 59-26 victory. Murphy poured in a game-high 30 points and six of her teammates scored at least one basket, spreading out the offense as much as possible.

"That's the type of even scoring that I want to see from us. I'm very proud of them," said Pingitore, as other scorers included Isabella Doyle (6 points, 14 rebounds), Vivian Silva (6), Annabella Mancini (6), Lizmarie Joseph (5), Brianna Cote (4) and Jordyn Bolduc (2). "Everyone played great," added Murphy. "I loved seeing everyone getting involved in scoring."

Auburn's full complement of scoring was on full display in the first quarter, as the Rockets raced out to a 23-8 lead. Murphy had 15 points in the frame, and she scored in a multitude of ways. Murphy converted an and-one, multiple pull-up jumpers and an offensive layup and put-back...to name a few. Doyle, Joseph and Cote also scored in the first quarter for Auburn.

Murphy scored seven more points in the second quarter as the Rockets held a 39-16 halftime lead. She then added



Auburn's Hanorah Murphy finishes off a left-handed layup, good for two of her 30 points versus Main South.



Auburn's Brianna Cote takes and makes a first quarter midrange jump shot.

five points in the third and three in the fourth as Auburn cruised to the win.

Murphy, who is nearly 6 feet tall and plays her AAU ball with the Bay State Jaguars, has had a monster season. In the game with Main South, she also pulled down nine rebounds, swatted three blocks and oftentimes defended Main South's best player in Shanik Suarez (21 points), but Pingitore mostly loves her team-first mentality.

"What I appreciate most about her — on top of her optimistic attitude about everything — is that she'll do whatever



Hanorah Murphy of Auburn releases a pass down the court.



Lizmarie Joseph of Auburn turns the corner on Main South's defense while setting up a play.

it is that the team needs. Tonight, she had the opportunity to pass the ball around a little bit and her teammates followed through," Pingitore said of Murphy.

"I try to do what's best for the team, try to put everyone in a good situation to score. And then if I'm open, I try to take the shot," added Murphy.

The Rockers are now 4-8 on the season as they hope to keep everyone involved in the offensive approach while string-

ing victories together in the latter half of the season.

"We've been working on that confidence and that competitive edge. We can pull out games, we can make shots, we can do those little things," said Pingitore.

"I think [the win against Main South] helps everyone get their confidence back. Even though we've been losing, we've still been having fun and improving," Murphy concluded.

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Our top 2021 auction items

In my last column, I shared prices for some of the items that brought the best results in our 2021 auctions. Many of the top sellers were items we've discussed in previous columns like estate jewelry, sterling silver, antique paintings and sports cards and memorabilia. In this column, I'll discuss top selling items that sometimes go overlooked.



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES

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While model trains have been dropping in value, some high-quality newer sets are exceptions. We sold a four-piece MTH Electric Trains "The IVES Railway Lines" for \$2,400 and a Retro 1-2-3 LLC Hiawatha Locomotive and Tender limited edition # 6 of 100 for \$3,900 last year.

Vintage toys also brought strong prices last year. A Buddy "L" Transportation Company Bus brought \$1,600. An Eska Kiddie Corvette Vintage Pedal Car drew a lot of interest when we auctioned the Corvettes in Webster, MA selling for \$4,600. A 1958 Ponytail Barbie doll went for \$275.

A pre-Civil War firearm and Civil War letter also sold well, with the 1811 Flintlock Rifle reaching \$850 and the 1862 Confederate Civil War Soldier's letter fetching \$200.

Along with the Civil War letter, other ephemera and paper collectibles also performed well at auction. Despite having some pen marks and tears, a Superman # 57 March - April 1949 Golden Age comic book went for \$200. A vintage postcard album containing real photo postcards and die-cut Valentines brought \$425.

There were other miscellaneous items that drew strong bids in our 2021 auctions. Good, usable antique and vintage musical instruments are popular with collectors. A vintage brass saxophone by C. G. Conn fetched \$300. Antique and vintage photography equipment and photographs have traditionally sold well. German companies produced some of the highest quality vintage cameras and a German made Rolleiflex camera went for \$500. Even though I've

mentioned that glass and china prices have dropped over the years, a signed Baccarat candelabra sold for \$500.

A pair of early 19th century tiles depicting bare knuckle boxers Tom Spring and Jack Langan fighting for the heavy championship of England in 1824 were sleepers in our December auction. After bidders battled it out, the last one left standing won the prize tiles for \$1,800.

We continue to accept consignments for our spring auction. During the spring, we will run another session of the model railroad, die-cast cars and vintage toy auctions. We will also run an online auction with tools, power equipment, storage containers and other items in Oakham, Mass. this spring. Registration is currently underway for my "Evaluating your antiques" class at Bay Path's adult evening school on Wednesday, March 23. Please see our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> to join our email list to keep up to date on auctions and other events.

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