

## Water Department to conduct hydrant flow test Tuesday

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Water Department will perform a hydrant flow test on their hydrant on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at approximately 9 p.m. The location tested will be 164 Marcy St., Southbridge. The procedure will include testing the operation and capacity of the hydrant on the property.

The Department requests that during this period customers check their water before washing clothes. Customers may also get accumulated sediments in their house laterals the next morning. This will clear after a brief run of water at the tap.



## TCA supports pink

SOUTHBRIDGE — The season of giving is upon us, With October being Breast Cancer awareness Trinity Catholic Academy kicked off the Season of giving by supporting PINK through Finally Lisa's Salon in Southbridge.

Voluntary Breast Cancer Awareness fundraisers were held at TCA last month in coordination with Finally Lisa's as it continues to practice Health Over Hair. The annual event featured raising breast cancer awareness along with the students. On Thursday, September 30th Finally Lisa's Hair Salon donated their time to attach pink hair clips for students' grade PreK-8 during the month of October. Pink spray for boys was also available for a small donation. The students had a dress-down in pink day and together with our pink hair fundraiser TCA

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## Second Chance, Bay Path team up to build animal hospital

**BY GUS STEEVES**  
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — About two and a half years ago, Sara Gasparrini sat in the parking lot looking at the vacant Jehovah's Witness hall on Worcester Street, thinking "this isn't going to work" as a site for a new Second Chance Animal Hospital.

But CEO Sheryl Blancato saw the place's potential, she said.

"It was in pristine condition and gave us an empty slate. From top to bottom, we gutted it," Gasparrini said. "...We're all very extra proud of this one."

Earlier this month, Second Chance opened their fourth hospital there. This one has a unique feature. While regular animal care's going on upstairs, the lower level will resound with learning, as Bay Path students study the theory behind the veterinary services they'll help provide upstairs.

Animal Science

teacher Stella Richard described it as "a great opportunity for Bay Path and Second Chance to work together," noting her students are "the big winners in all of this." At the end of the program, the kids will get to take the certification exam to be veterinary technicians, much like other students now do for nursing assistants and other fields. They can use such training in a wide range of areas, from animal shelters to farms.

"With this, we're going all the way from human health to health in animals," Richard said. "But aren't we really all one health anyway?"

To Blancato, those students are the place's biggest hope. She hopes a lot of young people develop a career in the veterinary field because of the collaboration, helping to fill a nationwide shortage. It will take some time; the program has just 10 slots

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Diane Tillotson shows off the new dental room at Second Chance's Southbridge Animal Hospital.

Gus Steeves

## Christmas by Candlelight at Old Sturbridge Village

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This year's event will focus on celebrating Christmas past, while encouraging guests to make new traditions with family and friends. Highlights of the 2021 event will include:

- Sights & Scenes of Christmas – Old

Sturbridge Village's 200-acre campus will be decorated for the holiday season. Guests can wander the Christmas Tree Trail and Christmas Wish Bridge, ride in the horse-drawn carry-all, enjoy a nightly tree-lighting ceremony, visit the 500+ piece nativity set and view Christmas décor from the 1830s, 1850s, and 1870s.

- H o l i d a y Traditions Recreated – Demonstrations will be taking place throughout the event, including making woolen ornaments and authentic marzipan, knitting Christmas stockings, baking cakes, punching tin lanterns, making pottery and more. Take-home crafts will be available for guests to DIY during or after each program.
- Storytelling – Readings of "The Nativity Gospel of Saint Luke," "The Nativity Gospel of Saint

Matthew," and classic Christmas tales such as "The Night Before Christmas," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and more.

- Live Music – Performances of live, festive music by costumed interpreters, musicians and bands.
- Festive Food – A variety foods and beverages available for purchase at various locations throughout the museum, including treats being made in the village, baked goods, hot beverages, and specialty cocktails by the bonfire.

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# It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Gus Steeves  
Southbridge residents have a dedicated group of volunteers to thank for the holiday decorations that brought a festive atmosphere to town last week.



From top: Scott, Dan, Becky and Jean carry a reindeer down Main Street.



Above: Dan Grabowski and Joe Hulyk take a moment to think about what to do next.



Joe Hulyk and Dan Grabowski turn this tree into an engineering project.



Becky Hulyk and Scott Benoit screw a tree to the fence at Cornerstone Bank.



volunteer makes a last check to make sure the tractor commemorating Rudi DiGregorio and Dick Caouette, who designed many of the decorations still in use, is well-anchored.

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## Major benefits to early holiday shopping

Some people begin their holiday countdowns the day after the festivities have come and gone. With 365 days until the next celebration, it may seem like one has all the time in the world to complete holiday tasks. But before long, holiday crunch time arrives and some people find themselves rushing around to buy gifts and other essentials.

A 2020 Gallup poll found the average holiday shopper planned to spend \$942 on gifts in 2019. The personal finance site Mint.com from Intuit reported

roughly \$729 billion was spent during the holidays in 2019 — making it the biggest holiday season to date.

Though the pandemic changed the holiday shopping landscape in 2020, a return to normalcy appears to be on the horizon for the 2021 holiday shopping season. In fact, the adage of “the early bird catches the worm” could help shoppers scoop up gifts and bargains before the holiday shopping rush begins. Individuals who start their holiday shopping early this year may discover there are many benefits to such an approach.

riod of time. This can make shopping more affordable for those who may have limited financial leeway. It may be easier to swallow spending an extra \$100 per month throughout the year as opposed to having a \$1,000 bill at year's end.

Shop sales  
A Coresight Research survey found that more than 25 percent of shoppers expected to start holiday shopping earlier than usual in 2020, when retailers offered their promotions earlier than normal to compensate for a decline in brick-and-mortar shopping. While it remains to be seen what retailers will do this year, shopping early means people are not beholden only to holiday sales promotions; they can take advantage of major sales throughout the year, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, back to school season, tax-free weekends (often offered in August), and even retailer-specific sales like Prime Day.

Avoid delays  
Continued pressure on shipping companies as online shopping has become

so prevalent inadvertently leads to delays. Couple this with supply chain disruptions due to the pandemic, and certain items may be out of stock or on back order.

“With potential product shortages continuing, if you see something you know you want, go ahead and buy it,” said Karl Haller, retail industry expert at IBM Global Business Services.

Shopping early also assists those who have to ship gifts domestically or internationally. Shopping early ensures those presents get to their recipients on time.

Getting a head start on holiday shopping is advantageous to shoppers who want to budget, save and ensure items are available.

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# McGovern applauds partnership between QCC and CMAA



WORCESTER — Last week, a new partnership was announced between Quinsigamond Community College and the Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging (CMAA) to offer free preventative dental care to seniors 55 and older in the Central Massachusetts region.

The announcement was made at an event held at QCC, which featured Congressman James McGovern, QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D., President and CEO of the Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, Dr. Moses S. Dixon, QCC’s Dental Clinic Operations and Facilities Manager Sheryl Ficorilli, QCC Dental Hygiene Professor Jane Gauthier, and QCC Dental Hygiene student Jade Chaves.

“It’s a pleasure to be with you today to announce the new partnership between Quinsigamond Community College and the Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, which will expand access to dental care for low income seniors here in Worcester,” Congressman McGovern said, noting the invaluable resource QCC is to the region. “Everybody in our community has an opportunity to get a first-class

education, whether it’s about what we’re talking about here today, this is not just a college, this is very much a part of our community. I think I speak for everybody here in the City and in the region when I say thank you, thank you for caring about all of us here today.”

The new Central Massachusetts Senior Dental Clinic will provide free preventative dental services that include cleanings, assessments, x-rays and fluoride treatment. Worcester’s Yellow Cab has also agreed to partner with QCC and CMAA to provide transportation to and from dental appointments, as transportation can be an issue for seniors who are unable to get to the Clinic. Congressman McGovern was instrumental in helping obtain \$60,000 in funding for the senior dental program through the American Rescue Plan Act, and QCC will provide a 50 percent match to cover the Clinic’s operating costs during appointments.

“Older Americans, particularly low income, underserved seniors, often lack access to dental care. Thanks to this partnership with the CMAA, we are helping to provide equitable access to important dental care for this vulnerable population, as well as

enabling our dental hygiene students to become better prepared to care for senior patients when they enter the workforce,” President Pedraja said.

Congressman McGovern was quick to also note the longstanding commitment the CMAA and Dr. Dixon have on equity, justice and fairness, and making sure that nobody, especially our seniors, get left behind.

“Our senior citizens have been hit the hardest by COVID-19 in all aspects of their life. Now that we are emerging out of the pandemic, one of the greatest challenges facing our seniors is the lack of accessible and affordable dental care and treatment,” said Dr. Dixon. “I truly believe this new partnership between the Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging and Quinsigamond Community College will be a model for the nation on how to provide affordable and accessible dental care to older adults.”

QCC Dental Hygiene student Jade Chaves described the positive benefits this program will have on the hygiene students.

“Being able to care for more senior patients in the clinic, will allow the students to gain experience with more complex oral health conditions. Having this experience will set us up for success in our careers long after we graduate,” Ms. Chaves said.

It is anticipated that the funding will allow approximately 2,000 seniors to be served over the next three years.

“This partnership will provide access to critical dental care for seniors here in Central Mass, which is all too often pushed to the back of the priority list due to costs and lack of transportation, leaving many of them to skip it all together. So I’m thrilled that the funds for the American Rescue Plan will build on the great dental care being provided here at QCC’s Dental Hygiene Clinic,” Congressman McGovern said. “And, before I go, I just want to thank all the dental professionals and students who are going to provide these vital services, your work is going to make a huge difference for seniors across the region and I can’t thank you enough, I mean this is a big deal.”

For more information about QCC, contact Karen Hutner, Interim Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-2842 or [khutner@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:khutner@qcc.mass.edu).

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## Nichols College president names 31 seniors to first advisory council

DUDLEY — Nichols College President Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M, has appointed 31 students to the inaugural Nichols Senior Advisory Council (NSAC).

Among those selected are Mandy Laporte of Douglas and Maria Mironidis of Oxford.

NSAC comprises students who have played significant leadership roles in the Nichols community. Their role is to advise the president and senior administration on issues related to the senior class and the college in general. In monthly meetings, the council will discuss plans, initiatives, and trends and issues in higher education.

“In addition to helping Nichols become a leader in higher education and enhance the overall experience for the community, NSAC participants will develop the communication skills that are vital to career advancement,” said President Sulmasy.

He reported receiving an “overwhelming number” of nominations for this first council, adding, “These students should be quite proud of this appointment.”

## Sturbridge Historical Society Meeting meets Dec. 2

STURBRIDGE — The Sturbridge Historical Society meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 2 at The Publick House Historical Inn on Sturbridge Common.

The Guest speaker will be Sabi Bitticks on the History of Photography. Sari’s program on the history of photography is a fascinating study of what we can do with a few chemicals, some specially treated paper and a whole lot of light.

The program will cover the origins of photography as we know it. How the first cameras had some strange uses, and photographs showing the true horrors of war. See how cameras evolved from one big enough to walk around in, to one that can fit in a watch. Through many slides you will see the first president to be photographed.

Sari Bitticks is president of The Auburn Historical Society and chair of the Auburn Historical Commission. Holder of the Riley Award as the outstanding citizen of Auburn. Sari has given many popular talks around New England at Historical Society Meetings, Senior Centers and various Senior Housing and Assisted Living locations. She will be bringing several photographic artifacts, including an item that inspired an iconic Star Wars creation.

Historical Society meetings are free of charge with dessert and meeting room provided by Michael Glick, Publick House Innkeeper. Our sincere thanks go out to Mr. Glick.

Meetings are held September through May on the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December. November meeting is held the first Thursday in December.

All meetings start at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

## Start your holiday shopping with Charlton City UMC’s virtual silent auction

CHARLTON — Get your holiday shopping started early, avoid Black Friday crowds, and support a great cause by bidding in Charlton City UMC’s silent auction. Last year’s virtual event was a great success, and so once again we’re organizing an online marketplace. A wide variety of goods, services and gift certificates will be up for grabs via online auction at <http://bit.ly/CharltonCity> (BiddingOwl.com).

The auction kicks off just after Thanksgiving, running Nov. 28 – Dec. 4, ending at 2 p.m., with winning items available for pickup after December 5th (apologies, no delivery). Virtual bidding will take place throughout the week, so once you bid, keep on checking to see that you still have the top bid.

Just some of the items that will be up for bidding: a family pass to Old Sturbridge Village, a two-person pass to Southwick’s Zoo (Mendon), a Cormier’s Jewelers gift certificate, gift baskets, handmade wares, jewelry, and much more! (Auction preview, which is being updated all the time, is available online at <http://bit.ly/CharltonCity>.) As always, we are incredibly grateful for the wide array of donors this year – individuals within the church community and businesses of surrounding communities.

In addition to benefitting the church, auction proceeds will go toward Residential Energy Assistance for Seniors (REAS), a Charlton non-profit that assists seniors with winter heating bills. Rising energy costs, which in turn drive the costs of many associated items, coupled with fixed incomes, have placed many of our seniors in difficult and dangerous predicaments.





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# Dunn, Wengender combine for goal to lead Warriors by Bishop Fenwick



Tantasqua's Ana Wengender touches the ball past Bishop Fenwick keeper Claudia Keith on her way to assisting on the Warriors' lone goal in a 1-0 victory.



Keeper Lizzy Thompson of Tantasqua races out to secure the ball before a Bishop Fenwick player can attempt to score on her.

## TANTASQUA'S SEASON ENDS IN STATE PLAYOFF ROUND OF 16 GAME AGAINST AUSTIN PREP

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR



Tantasqua's Nicki Vejack makes a run on the ball in the middle of the field.

PEABODY — With the game still scoreless in the 68th minute, something had to give when the Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity soccer team played at Bishop Fenwick High's Donaldson Field on Monday, Nov. 8 in a Round of 32 matchup in the MIAA Division 3 State Championship Tournament. And a pair of seniors combined for the winning moment to propel the Warriors to victory.

Ana Wengender took the ball down the left side of the field and utilized her blazing speed to outrun a Crusaders' defender. From there, she entered the 18-yard box where Fenwick keeper Claudia Keith approached. Wengender was able to take a touch past Keith and send a crossing ball toward the goal. A hustling Shannon Dunn was there, near the right post, to tap the ball in.

Tantasqua, seeded 25th in the tournament, was then able to hang on for the 1-0 victory. "I knew I didn't really have a good angle for the shot because the keeper was right in front of me, so my goal was to touch it past and then touch it in if I could get there. But my teammate ran up, read it like a book and she touched it in," said Wengender.

"I'm just trying to be there as a backup because I want her to score. It's more of a just-in-case back-up plan," added Dunn.

Keith and the eighth ranked Crusaders, who finished 8-2-7, only allowed five goals against all season long.

"I was so grateful for the support to be there. I was really hoping it would find its way in on its own, but that's why we do that play," Wengender said of the scoring sequence. "We work well together up there."

When the ball came Dunn's way, Bishop Fenwick defender McKenna Gilligan made a beeline for the goal. The two nearly collided, but Dunn was able to get the ball in the net one touch before Gilligan could clear it out.

"I thought I had a lot of room when I was making the run in, but I don't know where she came from," explained Dunn. "There was not much room and I ran right into the post."

Tantasqua head coach Matthew Rickson was proud of the way Wengender and Dunn produced the goal from start to finish.

"Her first touch was impeccable, right where it had to be," Rickson said of Wengender. "She held composure and she didn't fire it at the goalie as the goalie came out and took the angle away. She pushed it past that keeper and it was awesome."

"Shannon has scored a couple of goals just like that this year, coming from the outside and the ball coming through," Rickson continued. "Not waiting for the ball to get there, she's anticipating and she's there."

"Such a moment, game-winner, it felt so elevating," added Wengender.

From there, the Warriors had to battle defensively. Fenwick threw everything it had toward the goal, but sophomore keeper Lizzy Thompson was always there to make the big save.

"I was low key freaking out, I'll admit it," said Thompson. "But my defense held strong, so I'm going to put it all on them."

Thompson wasn't the only one freaking out as the game drew to a close.

"My heart was beating, I could feel it through my shirt. As a coach, you know if you're down 1-0, you just throw everything you've got forward. Whether it's a good shot, a bad shot, a rebound, a kick, a penalty, a handball — anything can happen," said Rickson, before crediting Thompson and the defense. "They did their job and they did their job very well. They work off each other and play for each other."

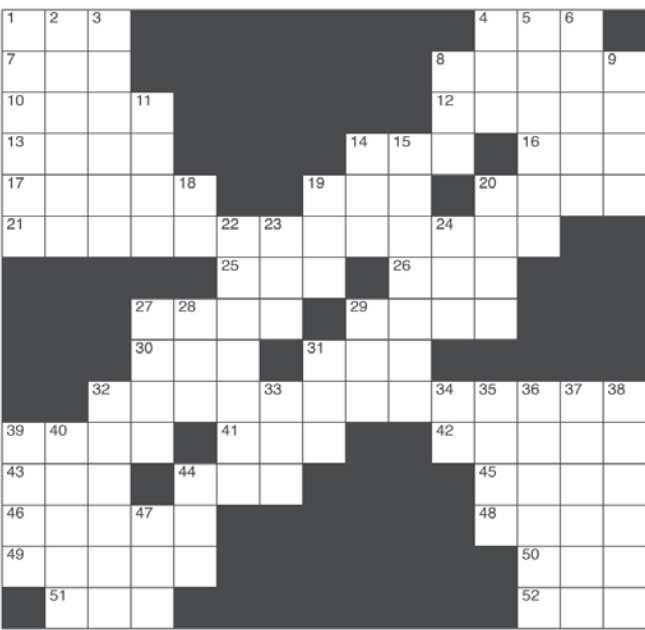
The Crusaders' final quality chance came in the final five minutes when they were awarded a free kick. Amy Hatfield took the shot from 37 yards out, but as it dropped toward the goal it ended up being a tad too high, clanging off the crossbar and bouncing out of bounds.

"I knew for sure it wasn't going in. I was very positive," Thompson, who didn't leap to make a potential save, said.

Tantasqua's run ends in Round of 16: The Warriors were back in action two days later when they played at No. 9 Austin Prep with a bid to the State Tournament quarterfinals on the line. And Prep (17-3-2) won a 5-0 decision, ending Tantasqua's season with a record of 12-6-1.

Division 3 Boys' Soccer Round of 16 (3) Norwell 2, (14) Tantasqua 1 — The Warriors also advanced to the Round of 16 in boys' soccer, and nearly pulled off the upset on Tuesday, Nov. 9, but they fell a goal short. As a result, Tantasqua finished its season with a record of 13-4-1 having allowed only nine goals against all season long.

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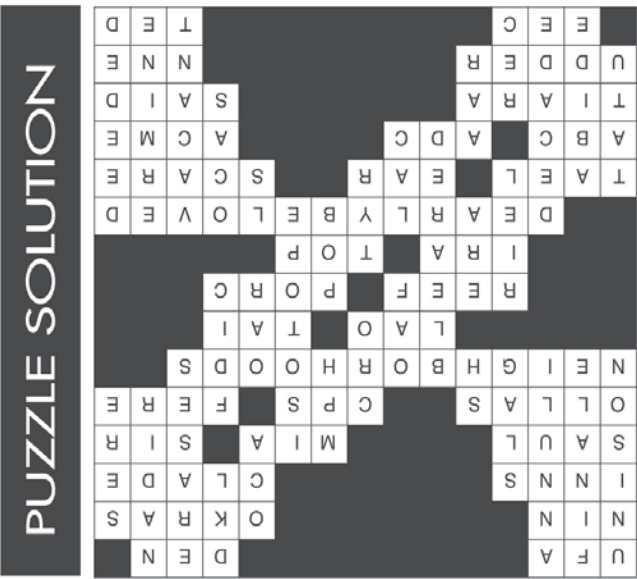


### CLUES ACROSS

1. FDNY's union  
4. Hideout  
7. Trent Reznor's band  
8. Old World tropics plants  
10. Places to stay  
12. Group of organisms from a common ancestor  
13. TV character Goodman  
14. Not around  
16. Title of respect  
17. Ceramic jars  
19. British legal authority (abbr.)  
20. A companion (archaic)  
21. Where groups of people live  
25. Indigenous person of NE Thailand  
26. Red-brown sea bream
27. Ridge of jagged rock  
29. Meat from a pig (French)  
30. A way to save for the future  
31. Opposite of bottom  
32. A term of endearment  
39. Weight used in China  
41. You need it to hear  
42. Frighten  
43. Basics  
44. Computer data collection (abbr.)  
45. The best point of something  
46. Jewelled headdress  
48. Spoke  
49. Mammary gland of female cattle  
50. Midway between north and northeast  
51. Defunct European economic group  
52. Foul-mouthed Hollywood bear

### CLUES DOWN

1. In tune  
2. Ending  
3. Ring-shaped objects  
4. Equal to 10 liters (abbr.)  
5. Removes from record  
6. The lowest point  
8. Plant cultivated for its tubers  
9. Dry or withered  
11. Stony waste matter  
14. Speedometer reading  
15. Each of two or more forms of the same element  
18. A baseball stat  
19. Corporate PR exec (abbr.)  
20. Insures bank's depositors  
22. Made dim  
23. Uncultured person  
24. Paddle
27. Currency of Cambodia  
28. Pitching stat  
29. A place to put mail  
31. God of battle (Scandinavian)  
32. 10 years  
33. Resinous substance secreted by insects  
34. Losses  
35. S. American plants  
36. Void of thought or knowledge  
37. Stout-bodied moth  
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47. A type of center



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# Seven Hills Foundation announces new affiliate leadership



Timothy Johnson

WORCESTER — Kathleen M. Jordan, DHA, FACHE, Executive Vice President & CEO of the Seven Hills Foundation, recently announced that Timothy Johnson would be the new Vice President of Seven Hills ASPIRE!. Seven Hills ASPIRE! offers innovative and creative programming that provides opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, and brain injury to develop skills necessary to pursue interests in employment, recreation, and social interaction. Tim Johnson, who holds an MBA from Fitchburg State University and a BA from Boston University, has been serving as the Interim Vice President. Mr. Johnson has been with the affiliate since March 2018.

Tim started with Seven Hills as Assistant Vice President of Community Based Day & Employment Supports with ASPIRE!. Over the past few years, Mr. Johnson has played a major role in growing the affiliate's employment services and expanding its community opportunities across Central, North Central, and MetroWest Massachusetts. As Vice President for Seven Hills ASPIRE!, Tim will be overseeing day programming and supports more than 500 individuals with developmental differences across six physical sites and many community-based and partner employer locations. Mr. Johnson has held a seat on the Leadership Council for the North Central Mass Chamber of Commerce, through which he received prior recognition as Ambassador of the Year. A graduate of the Community Leadership Institute, Tim delivered the commencement address at the Chamber's Annual Business Meeting and has appeared on local television and radio programs to discuss disability supports and community inclusion.

In making this announcement, Dr. Kathleen Jordan stated, "We are confident that Tim will provide the necessary leadership to ensure that each person at Seven Hills ASPIRE! will be able to optimize his or her personal, social, and vocational competency to live successfully in the community. Building and sustaining strong partnerships with the broader business community, Tim continually seeks to increase access, inclusion, integration, and employment opportunities for persons served by ASPIRE!"

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Kevin Flanders

Samantha Millet, of Ware, spends the day with her daughter Emmalynn.

## TANTASQUA HOSTS HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

STURBRIDGE — Tantasqua Regional High School held its ninth annual holiday craft fair last weekend, drawing guests from throughout the area for holiday shopping.

The Nov. 13 event featured hundreds of vendors lining the school's entry hall, cafeteria, and gymnasium. Guests were able to find plenty of creative selections to round out their holiday shopping lists.

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Canned items in need are stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy, pickles, canned vegetables, canned fruit, and instant potatoes. Residents may help support this effort by bringing in items to the Edward Jones branch office during the hours of 9am-4pm from November 8th to December 9th. The branch address 419 Main St, Sturbridge Mass.

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# OBITUARIES

## Elaine M. Chouinard, 68

Southbridge- Elaine M. Chouinard, 68, passed away on Monday, Nov. 8th, in her home after a short illness.



Elaine leaves her brother, Stephen Chouinard of Pomfret, CT. She was predeceased by her sister Nancy F. Chamberland in 1989. She was born in Southbridge the daughter of the late Roger E. and Frances M. (Ziemba) Chouinard.

Elaine worked as a supervisor at Galileo Fiber Optics in Sturbridge for many years, retiring several years ago. In her younger years she worked

at the Miami Seaquarium helping to train dolphins and killer whales for the Flipper Dolphin Show at the aquarium. Some of the dolphins she helped to train were formerly used for the Flipper TV show. Elaine was a caregiver to both of her parents and enjoyed taking care of the family home.

Elaine's funeral and burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements. [www.morrillfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrillfuneralhome.com)

## Wilfred R Chouinard, 89

Was born December 6 1932, to Roland and Dora Chouinard of Southbridge and raised in Southbridge.



He lived in the Southbridge area up until 1994 to which he moved to the Ocklawaha, Ocala Florida area.

He passed on Sunday October 31 2021.



A US Army Veteran and served in the Korean War.

He was the recipient of 2 purple hearts and a certificate.

He was a painter by trade. His hobbies were: hunting, putting together balsa

wood aircraft's, and his Ham radio. He enjoyed dining out and being with his family.

He leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Theresa of Ocklawaha Florida, 2 sons Kenneth Chouinard of Ocklawaha Florida, and Richard Chouinard of Charlton. 2 Daughters, Linda Desaulniers and her husband Joseph of Southbridge, and Brenda Faford of Ocklawaha Florida,

7 Grandchildren, Laura, Kayla, Seth, Thomas, Joey, Faith, and Alyssa. And 6 Great Grandchildren, Raquel Jocelyn, Owen, Emma, Will, and Laura.

He also leaves behind 2 sisters, JoAnne Sohenuick and her husband John, and Rollanade Gibeault of Sturbridge.

He was predeceased by his brother Roger Chouinard and a sister Georgette Arsenault.

Calling hours were held at Baldwin Brothers Funeral Home, on November 4 2021, he was cremated and laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery with Army Military Honors.

## William L Smith (Poppy), 85

STURBRIDGE: William L Smith (Poppy), 85, of Main ST, Sturbridge, passed away on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Harrington Hospital.



William leaves behind his wife of 55 years Cynthia (Adams) Smith, of Sturbridge; his sons Timothy Smith and his companion Colleen Breton of Stafford, Jeffrey Smith and his wife

Kimberley of Sturbridge; his grandchildren, Leanna Smith of Webster, David Smith and his companion Emily Petkis of Stafford, Jacklyn Smith of Sturbridge, Jordan (Smith) Farrell and her husband Matthew Farrell of Groton, CT, Logan and Jake Smith of Sturbridge; great grandchild Junah Sweeney of Webster.

He was born in Stoneham, MA and adopted by Ellis E. Smith Jr and Charlotte (Stone) Smith of Sturbridge, MA.

He was predeceased by his brother Ellis E. Smith III. He leaves behind a brother Dwight Logan and a sister Eleanor VanNorman.

He was a graduate of Cole Trade High School class of 1954. He proudly served in the Army, 101st Airborne division. He was a self-employed master carpenter, remodeling and building homes. He enjoyed making fine furniture. He served as Deacon at Friendship Baptist Church in Brimfield, MA.

Calling hours were Tuesday, November 16th from 5-8pm in Belanger Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy ST, Southbridge. Funeral was on held Wednesday, November 17th at 10:00am in Belanger Bullard Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Brookfield Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Friendship Baptist Church, 9 E Brimfield/Holland Road, Brimfield, MA 01010.

An online guestbook is available at [www.BelangeFuneralHome.com](http://www.BelangeFuneralHome.com)

## Joanne M. Wilbur, 85

CHARLTON – Joanne M. (Zollo) Wilbur, 85, died Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester, surrounded by her family, after a three-month period of declining health. Joan, as she preferred to be called, was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Norman S. Wilbur who died in 2008 and infant son, Dean E. Wilbur, who died in 1963. She is survived by two sons, Brian F. Wilbur and his wife Jeanne of Charlton, and Todd S. Wilbur of Charlton and her grandchildren: Kelsey Wilbur and husband, Samuel Warner; Erin Wilbur; Patrick Wilbur; Daniel Demeritt; Mia Wilbur and Grace Wilbur; as well as many nephews and nieces.



She was born in Worcester, and was raised by Herbert and Ida Pierce in Charlton. She graduated from Charlton High School. Joan proudly served four years in the United States Air Force where she was stationed in Texas, at Randolph Air Force Base. Joan was awarded the Good Conduct medal, for demonstrating exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity during her service.

Prior to raising her family, Joan worked at Wyman Gordon. She later spent over 20 years working at the Heritage School in Charlton, retiring in 1999. She and Norman spent six weeks traveling

across the country, visiting friends, family and enjoying their retirement together in 1999. In her retirement years, Joan enjoyed volunteering and spending time at the Charlton Senior Center. She was honored by the town at Old Home Day 2012, as Volunteer of the Year.

Joan was a member of the American Legion Post 391 in Charlton and one of the original members of the Charlton Chapter of the Red Hat Society.

She loved gardening, mowing her expansive lawn on her rider, annual family trips to Cape Cod, Boston sports teams and socializing with her family and many friends.

However, her greatest joy was her grandchildren, cheering at their sporting events and attending their activities.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of UMASS, University Campus, for their loving care and attention provided to Joan and our family during the last days of her life.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. Burial with military honors will follow at West Ridge Cemetery in Charlton. Calling hours were Tuesday, November 16, 2021, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St., Charlton, MA 01507.

## Stephen L. Benson, 64

Southbridge - Stephen L. Benson, 64, died Saturday, November 13, 2021, following a courageous battle with cancer.



Stephen is survived by his wife, Lisa (Morin) Benson, whom he married on April 23, 1998, and their son, Jax Benson. He is also survived by his sons, Nicholas and Dylan Benson, both of Southbridge; his mother, Florence M. (LaReau) Benson of Framingham, MA; 2 brothers, John "Chip" Benson and his fiancée, Shawna, of Cincinnati, OH, and Thomas Benson of Southbridge; two sisters, Judith Tedeschi and her husband, Raymond, of Newington, CT, and Ellen Stanikmas and her husband, Scott, of Charlton, MA; a brother-in-law, Eric

Morin, of Southbridge; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Stephen was predeceased by his father, John L. Benson, and his brother, David Benson.

Born July 19, 1957, Stephen was a lifelong resident of Southbridge. He graduated from Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School with the class of 1975. Stephen was a veteran of the US Navy. He worked for Wilder Painting for over 30 years as a painter and foreman. Stephen especially enjoyed golfing, playing softball, as well as belonging to a bowling league and pool league. He was an avid New England sports fan.

Calling hours at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA will be Sunday, November 21, 2021, from 2-3:30PM, with a Prayer Service to begin at 3:30PM. Private burial will be in Worcester County Memorial Park at a later date.

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EDITORIAL

Don't be a source of misinformation

There is never a good excuse to not be informed about what is happening in your town or school district. In this day and age, with technology at our fingertips, information is readily available in a matter of seconds. Public hearings are always posted in local papers, town halls and libraries as well. Minutes from meetings are also easily accessible on town and district websites. School districts are constantly emailing information home to parents on a daily basis. Finding information could also be as simple as calling a family member or friend who tends to always be in the know. If people remain unaware of what is going on, they only have themselves to blame.

Further, do not post misinformation on social media. If you don't understand a situation completely, refrain from posting about it, until you do, unless of course your post is an inquiry. Posting misinformation does two things — it makes you look uninformed and unintelligent, and second, it passes on misinformation to others who might believe that what you're posting is true. Fact check or find out more information before blindly posting things you know nothing about. Would you give a book report without first reading the book?

While being informed is key to being a productive member of your community, keep in mind to not overwhelm yourself with too much negative news. Be sure to check the news twice a day, then turn it off. Now, if you're a news junkie, and are unaffected by too much negativity, then of course, have at it.

Be sure to avoid news on social media as it's often biased and filled with misinformation. Make sure your news sources are reliable.

Experts say that when people consume too much information, it's hard to process it in a meaningful way. It can also make it difficult to remember all of the facts. In order to properly think about new information, you need time to process it and compare it with other facts you know. You need time to reflect and form an idea or opinion that logically makes sense.

Instead of letting hours go by doom-scrolling, spend some time outdoors or with friends and neighbors. By doing so, you're engaging with fellow Americans in a positive, productive way.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

OPINION

Viewpoints and commentary from the Tri-Community and beyond

Judgement

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Tonight, I was watching an independent movie made by a friend of mine who is a film director.

I think it's a great movie, and although I'm not at liberty to promote it yet, I wanted to share something the lead character said that made my mind turn.

"We can't judge somebody in their worst moment because everyone has the capacity for change, and anyone can change."

I don't know if it was the way the actor said it or the statement itself, but it got me thinking.

I initially found myself judging people who judge others. Then I realized I'm judging others for judging others, which led me to think about how judgmental I've been in my life.

I've been guilty of judging public figures, strangers, co-workers, friends, and family, practically everyone, especially when I've witnessed one of their worst moments. I've written people off who probably didn't deserve it.

After a few minutes of beating myself up and feeling guilty, I realized I was judging myself. Does it ever end?

I suppose we all judge people. It's only natural. We judge people the moment we meet them. The moment somebody walks through the door, we instantly make judgments about their appearance, their demeanor, the way they

talk, the way they walk, the rumors we heard about them, and much more. How could we not?

Is all judgment bad? If we don't judge a person's character the right way, sometimes it could lead to disastrous consequences. That's not the type of judgment I'm attempting to write about.

What is judgment? Is it just an opinion based on the present moment, or is it a conclusion about someone that causes us to think about them or mistreat them?

How often does our judgment allow us to give someone a second chance? How often do we judge people in a way that causes us to write them off?

When I judge someone based on a rumor I heard, their physical appearance, the way they talk, or even something I know they did when they were younger, is that fair?

What happens when we witness someone's worst moment? Is that their true character shining through, or are they just having a bad day?

People act the way they do because of a combination of factors, and we don't know what they go through that leads them to behave the way they do. We usually aren't seeing the complete picture. People are more complex than that.

I don't think it's possible to live a life where

I never judge anyone, but how often have I judged someone to find out later I was wrong?

How often have those judgments led me to a negative mindset where I'm holding a grudge against a person and thinking negative thoughts about them? Is it healthy for me to be carrying around negative opinions about people?

I think the evidence is clear that harboring negative thought patterns about others harms us in various ways and is often unfair to the person we are judging.

Although real change sometimes takes years, we all are capable of change. I would hate to be judged because of something I did or said ten or twenty years ago; although I'm the same person, I am pretty different now. I have different opinions, different behaviors, different thought patterns. I've changed quite a bit. I'm sure you have too.

Maybe when we're reflective about our own lives, and we think about our own worst moments, it might allow us to give someone a second chance who maybe deserves one.

It's been said our judgments about another person probably say more about our character than the character of the person we are judging. Is that true? I'll leave it for you to decide.

Mums, a traditional fall favorite

The rich colors and fall bloom of Chrysanthemums represent fall for many. It's also the November birth flower symbolizing cheerfulness, optimism, and friendship. Add a few to your indoor décor and help improve the indoor air quality in your home.

This traditional favorite is often overlooked for other newer introductions. Mums' long vase life, variety of flower shapes, and array of colors have helped it maintain a role in flower arrangements, gift plant sales and fall gardens.

These plants begin to flower based on day length. As days shorten and nights lengthen, the plants begin to flower. Those grown as gift plants, often called florist mums, or for cut flowers usually require the longest periods of uninterrupted darkness or shorter days. Growers can force them into bloom any time of the year by covering them to create the shorter days that initiate flowering. When these mums are grown under natural daylight they flower in late fall or early winter.

Maximize your enjoyment of potted gift mums by selecting plants with deep green leaves and only a few open flowers. Then enjoy watching the remaining buds burst into bloom.

Place the plant in a cool, brightly lit location free of drafts that can cause buds to drop. Water thoroughly and pour off any excess water. Or reduce maintenance by placing pebbles in the bottom of the foil wrap, decorative basket, or saucer. The excess water collects in the pebbles below the pot and eventually evaporates, increasing the humidity around the plant.

Remove faded flowers to keep your plant looking its best. Once it's done blooming, you can enjoy the greenery or add the plant to the compost pile. Keep in mind florist mums may not thrive or flower in the garden like those sold as hardy or garden mums.

Grow mums headed to the garden in a sunny window and water the soil thoroughly whenever it starts to dry. Wait for the danger of frost to pass before moving the mum outdoors.



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Pinch the plant back to four to six inches throughout June to keep it tidy and compact. Those with long growing seasons can continue pinching plants through mid July. If lucky, you will have flowers before the snow flies.

Next year, consider planting a few mums in the garden for an added blast of fall color. Garden mums are sold at nurseries and garden centers each fall. They may be hardy and suited to the area, but all the energy is directed to the flowers. This leaves little to establish a hardy robust root system for winter survival.

Those sold as perennial mums are usually hardy enough to survive the winter and flower early enough to provide weeks of color in the garden. Increase your success by planting them in spring. This allows the plant time to develop a robust root system before it begins flowering in the fall.

As the holidays approach, celebrate the season with a potted chrysanthemum or a few flowering stems. Then plan on adding some perennial mums to your garden next summer.

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Melinda Myers

Mums add beauty and fall color whether growing them indoors or in the garden.

Work with life partner to achieve mutual goals

When you and your life partner work together to achieve your important long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement lifestyle, the experience can be greatly rewarding. However, your success will require commitment and discipline. So, what steps should you take along the way?



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One key move is to decide early in your relationship how you will handle money. Many couples merge their finances and make joint decisions on major purchases. But some couples like to keep at least part of their finances distinct, perhaps by maintaining separate checking or savings accounts. There's really no one correct solution for everyone, but whatever you decide, you'll want to be assured that all the bills will be paid and that neither one of you feels the pressure of an unfair financial burden.

Here's another suggestion: Try to avoid keeping financial secrets from your partner. That means disclosing your debts, hidden funds or uncommon investments. These types of surprises can lead to difficulties and mistrust. Even if you're entering the relationship carrying something like a heavy student loan, it's best to get it out in the open right away so, together, you can strive to gradually eliminate it.

Of course, there's also a practical side to not keeping secrets. Your large student loan could affect your credit rating – an issue that may arise when you and your partner are seeking a mortgage or some other type of loan. Clearly, you both should be aware of this potential stumbling block before you begin the application process.

Now, let's consider your investments. You each may have your own IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might also share a joint investment account. However, you might not share the same risk tolerance – perhaps one of you tends to be more aggressive, willing to take more risks in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other is more conservative, preferring to keep down the risk level of a portfolio, even if it means lesser capacity for growth.

Again, neither you nor your partner is necessarily "right" or "wrong" in your views on investing – and nobody's feelings about risk should be ignored. But once you've clearly identified your retirement goals and estimated their cost, you may find that compromise is possible. In other words, perhaps the conservative partner will realize that a too-cautious approach could hinder progress toward the desired retirement goal, while the partner who focuses on maximum growth will learn that a somewhat less aggressive approach can still yield the desired results. This type of compromise may affect the investment choices you make in your individual accounts as well as your joint accounts. And the way you choose your investments may even change over time, especially if your financial goals evolve.

Ultimately, communication is the key. As long as you're talking to each other and openly expressing your wishes and concerns, you and your partner can find a way to keep moving toward your mutual goals.

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# Field dressing your deer

As deer hunting goes into full mode on Nov. 29 for shotgun this year, many hunters are eager to head out into the woods in search of their trophy buck while others will be happy to harvest any deer that is legal game. Not every deer hunter is looking for a trophy, and are just happy to harvest a deer to pack some venison into their freezer for the coming months. The old story that venison is better eating for you than farm raised meat is repeated every year, and may be true.

For those that dislike venison, they more than likely have never tried, it or were given venison that was improperly handled and processed. It all starts in the field! Field dressing is where most venison is ruined with the improper handling and knowledge of the cleaning process. The inner parts of the deer need to be carefully removed without breaking the urinary sack or the stomach.

It is best to have two men lay the deer upside down one holding the legs apart while the other carefully make an incision from the chest cavity to within six inches of the urinary



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sack. Carefully reaching up into the chest cavity using a sharp knife and gloves, you can slowly cut the heart and liver free. Continue cutting the inner parts free of the cavity until enough is loose. Rolling the deer onto the side you can extract most of the inner parts by carefully pulling on them and cutting them free. Removing the urinary sack can be done while slowly cutting around the sack, being careful not to spill any on the meat. There are videos on YouTube on field dressing your deer, and they can ensure you that you do it properly.

Now that you have a deer to remove from the woods, you should be in good shape to drag the deer out to your car. If not, you need to get help. Deer carriers also work well, but an extra hand from a friend makes things a lot easier.

Wait! You forgot to wrap up the deer liver and heart for transport.

These two organs are delicious to eat, and should not be left behind for the wild animals. If you do not eat them, give them to a friend or local Rod & Gun Club for their wild game supper.

Hanging the harvested deer for a few days in a cooler will improve the taste of the meat, but you need to ensure the deer is kept cool until processing. Never hang a deer in a tree, especially if rain is predicted. I hung my first deer in a pine tree for a few days. It rained a couple of the days, but I did not think it would hurt to hang it there. When I started to process my deer, I brought a couple of steaks into the house for supper. All of the meat was tainted with pine sap, and it tasted as though it was soaked in turpentine! What a waste!

Many hunters bring their deer to a meat processor, and have it properly cut to their specifications. Roasts, steaks, sausage, hamburger & stew meat are going to supply your family and friends with some good eating in the coming months, but it needs to be properly cared for and processed. It is best to use a vacuum pack-



Courtesy

This week's picture shows Jeff Graves with a salmon he caught a few weeks ago on the Salmon River. Fishing was slow but everyone had a great time.

aging machine for all meats and fish. One of the top-rated machines are the Nesco VS-12 from Amazon which cost \$100. The Mueller Austria Vacuum Sealer is a bit cheaper, at \$60 from Amazon.

You can also freezer wrap your meat in a good freezer wrapping, ensuring that you squeeze all of the air out, which is responsible for freezer burn. Be sure to label all

of your meat before placing it in the freezer. If properly processed and wrapped with freezer wrap, your meat should stay good for at least six to 10 months. With the cost of meat rising every day, a freezer full of venison will keep your family well fed. Do not forget to share some venison with the landowner!

Rabbit hunting locally is providing a bit of hunting for hunters that

own a good beagle. The upswing in rabbit populations this year is promising a better season for the once popular sport, and they are good eating. Snowshoe hare are still providing some hunting North And West of the valley.

Take a kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Coffee Hailed as “Virtuous Vice”

The humble cup of coffee.

It's a simple pleasure that baristas elevate to an art, painters depict on canvas, and philosophers have sung the praises of throughout the ages. So what's so virtuous about the everyday cup of Joe we sip every morning? Plenty, according to reliable health studies which show a steaming mug of java may go way beyond a satisfying pick-me-upper. If your daily dose of caffeine has become nothing more than a breakfast ritual, the following coffee facts may prove to be more of an eye opener than that morning cup of coffee! \*

Joe Jogs Memory: If you love your coffee, you now have another excuse to drink high octane java! Here's the latest buzz on caffeine: A cup of joe can jog your memory, especially if you're over age 65, say researchers at the University of Arizona. In a study, memory performance declined significantly between morning and afternoon in seniors who didn't drink coffee or drank decaf. Those who had a cup of the high octane stuff showed no such effect. \*

D o d g e Diabetes: According to WebMD, one to three cups of coffee per day can reduce risk for diabetes by up to nine percent. Up the cups to six or more daily and men's risk for diabetes is cut by 54%, while woman's is reduced by 30% as compared to non coffee drinkers.

Further, a 2018 study of adults aged 20-70 years with low levels of coffee consumption (the majority consuming 1 cup of coffee per week) suggested that a lower risk of both pre-diabetes and type 2 diabetes was observed in coffee drinkers compared to

non-drinkers.

\* Drink to Think: A decades long study by the University of Bristol revealed coffee drinkers really may be better thinkers! The report said a cup of coffee can help in the performance of tasks, requiring sustained attention. It further helped enhance a person's ability to perform these tasks, during low alertness situations such as at night or when a person has a cold. \*

\* Buzz Boost: Did you know a safe caffeine buzz can give your workout a boost? According to the American College of Sports Medicine, consuming caffeine equivalent of between two to six cups of coffee one hour prior to exercise, increased both the endurance and performance of athletes during both prolonged and short-term exercise sessions. If you drink caffeinated beverages, drinking one before your workout may help you run or walk a little farther or cycle a little longer. Studies have shown that moderate caffeine intake about 300 milligrams, the equivalent of three cups of drip coffee, may be safe in most adults. But be sure to drink plenty of water before, during and after your workout to remain adequately hydrated. \*\*

\* Jovial Java: Are you aware caffeine can also be an effective antidepressant? Just don't drink more than a couple of cups of coffee a day or the effect can be counterproductive. \*

\* Steam Therapy: Taken in normal doses, caffeine has shown to have several other beneficial effects: Home remedy books advise drinking a cup of hot steaming coffee to suppress an asthma attack while waiting for proper medicine to kick in. The caffeine



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acts on the bronchial tubes contributing to the expansion of the muscles, thus relieving the severity of the attack in some cases.

\* Halt Headaches: Before you reach for a pain pill, try drinking a cup of strong coffee to combat your migraine or tension headaches. Caffeine has long been used in over the counter pain relief products because it dilates the blood vessels, helping to relieve migraine pain. In addition, coffee is a diuretic, helping to eliminate toxic substances from the body. \*\*

\* Java Rx: Did you know medical data shows coffee is rich in antioxidants? In fact, a well known study from the University of Scranton proclaimed coffee America's number one source of health boosting antioxidants! Here's the scoop: The beneficial "free radical sweepers" are also found in coffee aroma after brewing. According to research carried out in Switzerland by the Lausanne-based Nestle Research Center, consuming coffee up until 20 minutes after brewing will deliver 300 phytochemicals, (antioxidants), and can stay in the human system up to one month.

\* Prefer your coffee sans the caffeine? You'll reap the same health rewards as decaf has the same antioxidant benefits as regular coffee! \*

\* Reduced Risks: Several studies indicate that people who drink coffee on a regular basis are up to

80% less likely to develop Parkinson's disease. According to research performed at Vanderbilt University's Institute for Coffee Studies, it's the caffeine that offers the protection. In fact, VU reported based on this evidence drugs to treat Parkinson's, containing a derivative of caffeine are currently being developed.

Want more? Additional research reveals compared to not drinking coffee, at least two cups of coffee daily can translate to a 25% reduced risk of colon cancer; a significant drop in liver cirrhosis risk, and nearly half the risk of gall-

stones!

\*\*\* Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

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

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

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

## Friday's Child



Photo by Shaanon Cabral

Liana  
Age 15

Hi! My name is Liana and country music is my favorite!

Liana is a talkative girl of Caucasian descent who loves reading and writing. She even hopes to become an author when she grows up! Liana is also interested in arts and crafts projects, and her favorite genre of music is country. In school, Liana has developed a great deal of confidence in her-self, and her teachers report she is doing well.

Liana is legally free for adoption and can be placed in an active one or two-parent family where there is at least

one female caretaker. She should either be the youngest or only child. The ideal family for Liana is one that is patient and provides consistent structure and follow-through in her everyday life. It would also be beneficial if her future family maintained some level of contact between Liana and her sister.

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SOUTHBRIDGE POLICE LOG

Saturday, Nov. 6

11:19 AM – Logged sex offender-related visit, Pine St.

3:56 PM – Took domestic services incident report, North St.

4:28 PM – Logged larceny report, South St.

5:53 & 6:37 PM – Investigated two illegal fires, Litchfield Ave. and Snow St.

6 PM – Traffic stop on Worcester St led to arrest of two women on charges of conspiracy to violate drug laws, possession of Class A drug to distribute and possession of Class B drug to

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distribute. They were Victoria Berube, 35, of 44 Temple St, Worcester, and Tiffany Lavallee, 36, of 361 Plantation St, Worcester.

10:28 PM – Took individual into Section 12 (mental health) custody, Main St.

Sunday, Nov. 7

1:28 AM – Took report of sex offenses, Thomas St.

1:42 AM – Traffic stop on Cisco St led to arrest of Dennis Mungai, 25, of 61 Chapin St #2 for disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

10:13 AM – Responded to larceny, Main St.

11:48 AM – Investigated illegal fire, Vista Lane.

12:12 PM – Suspicious activity at Cumberland Farms led to Worcester man getting a summons for shoplifting.

1:26 PM – Took report of identity theft, Taft St.

1:46 PM – Made sex offender-related visit, Everett St.

3:20 PM – Logged report of fraud, Apollo Drive.

4:42 PM – Logged domestic servcies call, Worcester St.

8:47 PM – Renders services for medical aid call, Tillyer Ave.

Monday, Nov. 8

7:33 AM – Served restraining order on person for trespassing, Main St.

10:58 AM – Referred animal com-

plaint to ACO, Prospect St.

1:54 PM – Took incident report at bank, Main St.

3:05 PM – Responded to unattended death, Charlton St.

3:08 PM – Took report of accident, Marcy St.

4:33 PM – Rendered services for drug overdose, Mechanic St.

6:38 PM – Responded to larceny, Thomas St.

Tuesday, Nov. 9

8:34 AM – Logged suspicious person, South St.

10:29 AM – Peace restored after call regarding intxicated person, Central St.

1:14 PM – Took report of threats, Cross St.

1:20 PM – Took accident report, Roger St.

1:35 PM – Officer wanted call to Main St led to local man getting summons for larceny under \$1200.

2 PM – Took accident report, Warren St.

2:18 PM – Logged larceny report, Ashland Ave. (Services rendered at 2:47 PM, with further investigation at 9:24 AM Wednesday.)

3:12 PM – Logged report of vehicular burglary, Torrey Road.

5:18 PM – Towed abandoned vehicle, Lebanon Hill.

6:44 PM – Traffic stop on Hamilton St led to arrest of Justin Bibeau, 32, of 45 Sawyers Path for possession of a Class E drug.

9:07 PM – Investigated fire alarm, Newell Ave.

9:26 PM – Investigated suspicious activity, Charlton St.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

1:34 AM – Responded to suspicious activity, North Woodstock Road.

1:49 PM – Took incident report, Hamilton St.

2:58 PM – Services rendered for missing person, Chapin St.

5:38 PM – Took report of sex offenses, Highland St.

10:44 PM – took incident report regarding 911 follow-up, Worcester St.

Thursday, Nov. 11

9:21 AM – Responded to suspicious activity call, South St.

12:21 PM – took incident report of fraud, Mechanic St.

1 PM – Investigated threats at hospital.

2:16 PM – citizen contact on Union St led to arrest of Raymond Cadarette, 41, of 33 Union St for possessing Class A and B drugs to distribute.

4:43 PM – Took report of vandalism, South St.

8:39 PM – Services rendered for medical aid call, Columbus Ave.

Friday, Nov. 12

9:22 AM – Responded to fraud, Dennison Hill Road.

LEGALS

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**MORTGAGEE'S SALE**  
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By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Carla Martel to First Franklin A Division of Nat. City Bank of IN, dated September 30, 2005 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37463, Page 127 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Trust, National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF12 is the present holder by Assignment from First Franklin, a division of National City Bank of Indiana to First Franklin Financial Corporation dated December 1, 2005 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 38103, Page 150, and Assignment from First Franklin Financial Corporation to CitiBank, N.A., as Trustee for the Holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF12 dated February 7, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 50427, Page 144, and Assignment from CitiBank, N.A., as Trustee for the Holders of the First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF12 to Wilmington Trust, National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF12 dated November 9, 2016 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 56354, Page 372, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 38 Clark Road a/k/a 38 Clarke Road, Sturbridge, MA 01518 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on November 29, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land, with buildings thereon, located on the southeasterly side of Clarke Road in Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown' as "Lot 25" on a "Plan of Property Surveyed for C.M.O. Development Corp. Located on Clarke Road, .Sturbridge, Massachusetts" by Jalbert Engineering, Inc. dated November 21, 1995, which is recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 699, Plan 103, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pipe located on the southeasterly side of Clarke Road, at the southwesterly corner of said lot, and at the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of St. Anne's Church; THENCE S. 74° 30' 28" E. along land now or formerly of St. Anne's Church 225.00 feet to an iron pin; THENCE N. 14° 33' 56" E. along land now or formerly of C.M.G. Development Corp., 121.25 feet to an iron pin; THENCE N. 79° 55' 56" W. along Lot 24 as shown on said plan, 224.75 feet to an iron pin located on the southeasterly side of said Clarke Road; THENCE S. 15° 29' 32" W. along the southeasterly side of said Clarke Road, 100.00 feet to the iron pin at the point of beginning. CONTAINING an area of 24, 827 square feet, more or less. Reserving unto the Grantor, it's assigns and successors in interest, the right to enter upon a strip of land fifteen 915)

feet wide along the sidelines and street line of said premises described above to install and maintain drainage pipes and ditches.

BEING the same premises conveyed to Michael McLearn and Donna Heffernan-McLear by deed of Candace M. Gordon, Trustee dated October 31, 1997 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith as Instrument #2130. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37463, Page 125.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wilmington Trust, National Association, as successor trustee to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FF12

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Martel, Carla, 14-017448

November 4, 2021

November 11, 2021

November 18, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate and Family Court**  
**225 Main Street**  
**Worcester, MA 01608**  
**(508) 831-2200**  
**Docket No. WO21P3427EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
**Estate of:**  
**Delore W. Bessette**  
**Also known as:**  
**Delore Bessette**  
**Date of Death: 12/16/2020**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Richard E. Bessette** of Ware MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of

the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/30/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 08, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

November 18, 2021

**TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TAX CLASSIFICATION**

A public hearing will be held by the Town Council on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in Council Chambers, Town Hall.

This public hearing will be held pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 56 on the adoption of a residential factor for tax purposes and the adoption of percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

Any person wishing to speak will be given the opportunity to be heard.

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

Michael McCall

Town Manager

November 18, 2021

November 25, 2021

**COMMONWEALTH**  
**OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**Trial Court of Massachusetts**  
**Worcester County**  
**Juvenile Court Department**  
**279 West Main Street**  
**Dudley, MA 01571**  
**Docket No.21CP0118DU**  
**CARE AND PROTECTION,**  
**TERMINATION OF**  
**PARENTAL RIGHTS**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION,**  
**TO: Vianca L. Rodriguez, Felix Juan Resto:** A petition has been presented to this court by DCF (Whitinsville), seeking, as to the following child, **Alana R. Resto**, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set

forth above, on the following date and time: **02/07/2022 at 09:30 AM Pre Trial Conference (CR/CV)**

You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

**If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter with a trial on the merits of the petition and an adjudication of this matter.**

For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at 508-949-3070.

WITNESS: Hon. Carol A. Erskine, FIRST JUSTICE, Brendan J. Moran, Acting Clerk-Magistrate, DATE ISSUED: 11/05/2021

November 18, 2021

November 26, 2021

December 2, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**  
**Worcester Probate and Family Court**  
**225 Main Street**  
**Worcester, MA 01608**  
**(508) 831-2200**  
**Docket No. WO21P3731EA**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
**Estate of:**  
**Genevieve L Grant**  
**Date of Death: 10/20/2021**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Lori J Burlingame** of **Charlton MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Lori J Burlingame** of **Charlton MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/14/2021.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 12, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

November 18, 2021



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Down

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# St. Christopher's Annual Craft Fair returns

BRIMFIELD — The annual Christmas Craft Fair at St. Christopher's Parish Rte. 20, Brimfield is excited to be able to returns this year on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. It's 2 days in 2 buildings!

With a wide array of unique hand crafted items created by local artisans and crafters, the fair is a great opportunity to find unique gifts for everyone on your gift list, yourself, or your home and even your pets! Everything from hand carved wooden toys & art, one of a kind jewelry, soaps,

soy candles, Christmas ornaments, hand painted art, tie dye, soaps, quilted runners & hangers, knitted & crochet hats, scarves & blankets, pebble art, pet beds & clothing, and so much more.

The kitchen is open throughout the day serving delicious food with breakfast on Saturday and lunch on both days that includes soups, sandwiches, and desserts. There will be raffles with donations from the crafters and local businesses and includes items such as Worcester Red Sox and Railers tickets, gift baskets, restaurant gift cards, and a lottery tree. The wom-

an's club will also have their white elephant tables for some great deals! A strolling caroler will help bring the Christmas spirit.

Club President Cindy Skowyra says "after a year off because of covid we are really happy to be able to bring this community event back. Not only is it a great community event but it also gives an avenue for the artisans and crafters who put their heart and soul into their work to get some returns. It also remains an important fundraiser for the parish to help defray the cost of maintaining 3 buildings but also upkeep of the

recently renovated historic Windmill that once provided indoor plumbing and is a recognized symbol in the town of Brimfield, "Each year we try to make this a great community event. We have many returning crafters and a variety of new ones mixing up our offerings. We also commit funds to parish needs. This year funds will go towards painting our rectory building"

"The women's club works hard to make a positive impact in the parish", said Father Brennan. "They are making a difference and both I and the parish appreciate their efforts. We are grateful

that our doors are once again open so stop in and see us not just at the fair, but anytime, all are welcome."

Skowyra also notes that due to Covid and to make people feel comfortable they accepted fewer crafters to provide more space between areas and also make the café area larger.

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

## Tips for buying antiques and collectibles



In my recent columns, I offered tips for selling your antiques and collectibles. I realize many of you enjoy the thrill of hunting for items for your collections, so today's column will focus on tips for collectors.

I received a question at a recent presentation which made me think more about how collectors can find items for their collections. The person who asked the questions collects pocket watches. He said that he frequently goes to estate sales and tag sales but only occasionally finds pocket watches. When he goes to antique shops, he sometimes finds booths that are full of pocket watches and wonders how dealers are able to find large collections of watches that can fill a booth in an antique shop.

Whether you are collecting pocket watches or have a different item you're hunting for, there are some things you can do to improve your odds of making that next great find. I'll discuss pocket watches in this column because that's what the person who asked the question was interested in, but these tips apply to any type of antique or collectible.

The most important step is to learn as much as you can about the items you are interested in collecting. You can find books on almost any area of collecting to increase your knowledge. You can also find plenty of websites full of information. For example, a web search for "collecting pocket watches" produced nearly eight million results. Many dealers like sharing their knowledge and passion for what they sell. If you find someone who specializes in what you collect and it is a slow time during a show, they'll likely be very happy to answer your questions and offer advice to a fellow collector. If there is something specific that you collect, they may even contact you if they happen to find items that may interest you.

When I answered the question about where dealers get their inventory, I explained that there are many different ways and dealers often use a combination of methods to acquire items. Some dealers are also collectors and sell items for extra cash to purchase items for themselves. Many purchase items from estate sales and auctions. When people see that a dealer at a show or in a shop specializes in specific such as pocket watches, they may be inclined to bring their watches specifically to that dealer to sell.

My advice for collec-



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tors who are looking for specific items is to cast a wide net in your search. Visit local antique shops and speak with the owners. Go to estate sales, tag sales and flea markets. Websites like estatesales.net and estatesales.org list local sales. These sales are primarily run by estate sale companies, but you can find smaller sales run by individuals in the classified ads of this publication and other newspapers. You can also find live and online auctions on auctionzip.com.

Before I became an auctioneer, I spent Saturday mornings at estate and yard sales and Sundays at flea markets and antique shows looking for things for my personal collection. I rarely found the local sports and railroad memorabilia that I was looking for, but I was able to find many other items that other collectors might be interested in. I sold items I didn't collect and had some additional funds to buy things for my collection. Even though the weather is getting cooler, there are still plenty of sales running and you can always buy or bid online. Happy hunting!

We currently have two online auctions running. Session I with gold jewelry, diamonds, gold coins and Rolex watches ends Nov. 30. Session II with sterling silver, paintings and other artwork, silver coins, sports cards, comic books and other antiques and collectibles ends on December 1st. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/ Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) (508-612- 6111) [info@centralmassauctions.com](mailto:info@centralmassauctions.com)

**kids' corner**

THIS STUFFED DOUGH DISH WAS CREATED IN NAPLES AND IS OFTEN SERVED ALONGSIDE PIZZA.

ANSWER: CALZONE

**Math Blocks**

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

4	3		13
2		7	9
	5	1	14
14	8	14	

1	5	8
7	0	2
6	3	4

Solution

**Get Scrambled**

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

FTSDUEFSCTUR

Answer: Stuffed crust

**THIS DAY IN... HISTORY**

• **1842:** ABRAHAM LINCOLN MARRIES MARY TODD IN ILLINOIS.

• **1922:** HOWARD CARTER DISCOVERS THE ENTRANCE TO THE TOMB OF TUTANKHAMEN IN EGYPT.

• **2008:** SENATOR BARACK OBAMA WINS THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AGAINST SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN.

**New word**

**KNEAD**

work dough with the hands

**How they SAY that in...**

**ENGLISH:** Dough

**SPANISH:** Masa

**ITALIAN:** Pasta

**FRENCH:** Pâte

**GERMAN:** Teig

**Did you know?**

A STUDY BY THE USDA FOUND THAT PIZZA IS AN EXTREMELY POPULAR MEAL AMONG MALES AGES 6-19. ONE IN FOUR MALES IN THAT AGE GROUP CONSUME PIZZA ON ANY GIVEN DAY.

**GET THE PICTURE?**

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CALZONE

**CRYPTO FUN**

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to autumn. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = U)

**A. 12 26 2 26 20 22**  
Clue: One of the seasons

**B. 25 19 12 14 19 5**  
Clue: Parts of trees

**C. 15 26 20 15 3 21 22**  
Clue: Orange gourd

**D. 16 8 21 5 3**  
Clue: Cold but refreshing

Answers: A. autumn B. leaves C. pumpkin D. brisk

**SUDOKU**

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

	9							1
8			5	2				
2				1	6			4
5							6	
	2	9	7		4			
	7				2			
4							9	6
3			8					2

Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

2	2	7	4	6	8	1	1	8	9
9	6	8	9	7	7	8	8	4	1
3	1	5	2	4	9	2	8	7	6
8	1	4	9	7	6	8	2	3	
7	2	6	8	5	2	7	8	5	4
4	6	4	3	1	6	2	7	8	5
8	8	7	9	1	6	8	3	5	2
6	3	9	7	2	5	8	1	4	8
2	5	1	2	8	3	4	6	9	7

ANSWER:

If it's important to you,

It's important to us.

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# This holiday season glitters and glows at Worcester Art Museum!

WORCESTER — Love is celebrated in its many forms this holiday season at the Worcester Art Museum (WAM). This year Deck the Halls at WAM will feature Sunday concerts and holiday programs for all ages, surrounded by artfully decorated trees by Sally Jablonski of Herbert E. Berg Florist, Inc. and themed around the classic love story, “Dr. Zhivago.” WAM will also be hosting Dwight Sturtevant and his interactive model train layout, sure to delight visitors of all ages. These exciting displays will celebrate the love, elegance, and splendor of winter and will be on view at the Worcester Art Museum from Nov. 26 through Jan. 9.

Deck the Halls at WAM launches on Dec. 4 with “The Gatherings” tour, followed by a FREE Community Day Celebrating Hanukkah. WAM partners with the Worcester JCC and the Jewish Federation of Central MA to host this full day of programming that celebrates Hanukkah with activities for all ages. Throughout the holiday season, all are invited to enjoy many wonderful events that WAM is hosting to celebrate this holiday season including: concerts, tours, ice carving, a screening of the 1965 film “Dr. Zhivago,” and much more.

“The weekend programs have something for all ages,” says Aileen Novick, Manager of Education and Public Programs at the Worcester Art Museum. “Visitors can stroll the galleries and take in the sounds of the Merrimack Valley Ringers’, or see Chip Koser creating a love stories themed ice sculpture outside, or see John McDonough’s Pumpernickel Puppets Musical Variety Show. There will be a lot of fun things for all ages at WAM this winter!”

## Events schedule

All programs and activities listed below are free with admission, unless otherwise indicated, and held at the Worcester Art Museum, 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, MA. Masks are now required for all visitors, age 5 and over, to the Worcester Art Museum, regardless of vaccination status. Museum parking is free, but limited. For directions and a map of additional parking around the Museum, visit: <http://www.worcesterart.org/information/directions/>

## “The Gatherings” Tour

Saturday, Dec. 4, 2 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Meet in Lancaster Lobby December is a month where families around the globe gather for different winter holidays and festivals. Join

docent Susan Gately as she leads WAM’s special tour of the month, “The Gatherings.” She will present visitors with expected and unexpected objects throughout the museum that are related to gatherings. From the Chapter House, to a Japanese Tea Service, to Pieter Brueghel II’s “The Marriage Procession.”

Community Day: Hanukkah at WAM Sunday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

WAM partners with the Worcester JCC and the Jewish Federation of Central MA to host this full day of programming that celebrates Hanukkah with activities for all ages. Join us for Klezmer music, live cooking demonstrations of latke making, story times in collaboration with PJ Library, art activities, and discussions about the traditions and history of Hanukkah.

## Merrimack Valley Ringers

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m. Renaissance Court

Hear the joyous sounds of holiday bells across the Museum with the Merrimack Valley Ringers! This popular hand-bell ensemble will perform holiday favorites with warmth and gusto, sure to delight listeners of all ages. Read more about the Merrimack Valley Ringers.

Holiday Concert: Arianna Falk,

Peter Sulski, and Neighborhood Strings Sunday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m. Renaissance Court

Enjoy a soaring string performance in the Museum’s Renaissance Court! Arianna Falk, cello, and Peter Sulski, viola, are joined by Worcester’s Neighborhood Strings for a special holiday concert surrounded by inspiring artwork.

John McDonough’s Pumpernickel Puppets Musical Variety Show! Sunday, Dec. 26, 2 p.m. Renaissance Court

Join Bugsy and his Pumpernickel Puppet Friends both old and new for an interactive, musical variety show featuring hand, string, and life size puppets. Come see the colorful characters, live voices, and exciting and humorous adaptations of classic folk and fairy tales. Be sure to stay to the end for a behind the scenes demonstration of the puppet show.

Ice Carving by Chip Koser of South Cape Ice Sculptures

Saturday, Jan. 8, 11:30 a.m. Lancaster Plaza

Step outside to watch an ice sculpture be created before your eyes! Chip Koser will work to hand carve a unique sculpture inspired by WAM’s special exhibition, Love Stories from the National Portrait Gallery, London.

Screening of Doctor Zhivago Sunday, Jan.

9, 1-4:30 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room (limited seating – pre-registration required)

Be transported to early 20th century Russia in a special screening of the 1965 classic film, Doctor Zhivago. Come see one of the most epic love stories of all time, take in the winter scenes of Russia, and notice influences that inspired this year’s holiday decorations! Register now

## About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum creates transformative programs and exhibitions, drawing on its exceptional collection of art. Dating from 3,000 BC to the present, these works provide the foundation for a focus on audience engagement, connecting visitors of all ages and abilities with inspiring art and demonstrating its enduring relevance to daily life. Creative initiatives—including pioneering collaborative programs with local schools, fresh approaches to exhibition design and in-gallery teaching, and a long history of studio class instruction—offer opportunities for diverse audiences to experience art and learn both from and with artists.

Since its founding in 1896, the Worcester Art Museum has assembled a collection of 38,000 objects: from the ancient Near East and Asia, to

European and American paintings and sculptures, and continuing with works by contemporary artists from around the world. WAM has a history of making large scale acquisitions, such as its Medieval Chapter House, the Worcester Hunt Mosaic, its 15th-century Spanish ceiling, and the Flemish Last Judgment tapestry. In 2013, the Museum acquired the John Woodman Higgins Armory Collection, comprising two thousand arms and armor objects. It continues to commission and present new works, such as 2019’s exhibition, With Child: Otto Dix/Carmen Winant. For more information about the Worcester Art Museum, visit [worcesterart.org](http://worcesterart.org).

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and older, and for college students with ID. Admission is free for Museum Members and children ages 17 and younger. On the first Sunday of each month, admission is free for everyone. Museum parking is free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at [worcesterart.org](http://worcesterart.org). Visitors are advised to check the Museum website for visiting requirements related to COVID-19

## Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy resumes free blood pressure testing

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is again offering free blood pressure testing every last Wednesday of the month, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Charlton Senior Center, 37 Main St.

“It is great to have the students back again, our seniors enjoyed speaking with the students,” said Elaine Materas, Director, Charlton Council on Aging/Senior Center.

“When it comes to Blood Pressure, it’s important for people to know their numbers because there may not

be symptoms that alert you to a potential problem,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director. “Hypertension is one of the most prevalent chronic conditions in the US, by offering free blood pressure testing, we hope the interaction with Practical Nursing (PN) students encourage more people to manage their overall health by making blood pressure monitoring a part of it.”

American Heart Association statistics show that more than 76 million people in the U.S.

age 20 and older have high blood pressure. Of those, about 22 percent are unaware of their condition, 69 percent are receiving treatment and only 45 percent have their blood pressure controlled.

Luciane Lindvay of Spencer is one of the first two PN student volunteers to report to the Charlton Senior Center. Lindvay is a member of the PN Class of 2022 and an elected officer for the UNICEF Club. She is an experienced resident care assistant (RCA) at the Overlook and is currently a Lead Aide

responsible for supplies and special items ordering, lead with the overnight shift, and orienting/training new RCA. Lindvay is a compassionate and caring PN student with years of experience caring for Alzheimer’s patients. She is Mental Health First Aid Certified and Dementia Care Certified. According to the American Heart Association one in three adults has high blood pressure. Lindvay believes that hypertension is a condition that can be managed through early detection and is happy to have volunteered her services with the Blood Pressure Clinic. “I enjoyed spending time with the clients too, it was fun” stated

Lindvay. COVID-19 vaccination status is checked prior to BP Clinic participation and CDC guidelines are observed with wearing face covering.

## 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

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## Hernandez awarded \$8,000 training grant

CHARLTON — Anh Nguyen Antunes, Career Advisor of MassHire Worcester Career Center, announced the awarding of \$8,000 in training grant for Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy student Lizzette Hernandez of Southbridge.

Hernandez is a proficient bilingual speaker (English and Spanish) who until 2020 was the General and Operations Assistant Manager at Mexicali Mexican Restaurant Grill in Webster, MA. She received her training as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at the Red Cross CNA Training in Worcester in 2017. Hernandez is Mental Health First Aid Certified and Dementia Care Certified.

“We’re thankful for the continued support of the MassHire Worcester Career Center,” said Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN,

CRRN. “Ms. Antunes is helping more of our practical nursing students. The training grant will help Lizzette through the ten months of rigorous training and ensure that she stays motivated and inspired to give her best.”

Training grant funds encourage economic growth in the state and allow in additional training for the 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.commcorp.org/wtftp](http://www.commcorp.org/wtftp) to learn more.

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## Old Sturbridge Village opens Holiday Market & Café Pop-Up for holiday shoppers

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Village is hosting a Holiday Market & Café just in time for the holiday season! The shop, open now through Dec. 30 on Wednesdays through Sundays, is located outside of the Village and admission to the museum is not required. Locals and visitors alike are invited to stop by the market to browse and shop or enjoy a variety of sweets and hot or cold beverages in the café.

Old Sturbridge Village artisans have been working hard to supply the market with handcrafted items, including Village-made pottery, tin and iron crafts. Christmas décor and ornaments, specialty food items, and other household goods are available for pur-

chase.

On Dec. 3-5, the Holiday Market & Café will feature Member’s Double Discount Days. Members to the Village will receive 20 percent off merchandise when they show a valid membership card. Exclusions apply to sale items, markdown, or promotional prices.

On Dec. 17 & 18, the Holiday Market & Café will be the site of a special book signing, with “Hector Fox and the Giant Quest” author Astrid Sheckels. Sheckels was born and raised in the town of Hatfield. Her book follows the adventures of Hector Fox and his merry band of forest creatures as they seek adventure, hunt for giants, solve mysteries

and discover the value of friendship. Sheckels will be signing copies of the book (available for purchase in the shop) each night from 5:30-7:30 p.m.


Old Sturbridge Village’s Holiday Market & Café is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., now through Dec. 30. The shop will remain open until 8:30 p.m. during the evenings of Christmas by Candlelight, on Dec. 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 23 and 27-30. The shop will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 25) and Christmas Eve through Christmas Day (Dec. 24-25).


More information on the Holiday Market & Café can be found at: <https://www.osv.org/event/holiday-market/>.






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per year, with nearly 90 students expressing interest. After they do the book work, they'll go upstairs to assist in various aspects of care, taking advantage of the facility's \$250,000 in new equipment. Among other things, that includes surgical and dental tables,

an X-ray machine and a microscope for lab work. "The ones who come out of this, not only will they have the high grade point average, they'll have the skill set," Blancato said. In some cases, they'll be learning in a place their friends helped build. Bay Path students in several construction fields worked under teachers Dave

Martinson and Justin Verham to frame the rooms, provide electricity and more. "It was just amazing," Blancato said. "They've really have had their heart and soul in this." This facility will not house animals for adoption. Those go to the East Brookfield site, with out-of-state animals serving their 48-hour quarantines in North

Brookfield first. Even so, that's pretty rare, comprising less than 10 percent of Second Chance's business. Today, it serves around 40,000 animals (mostly dogs and cats) annually, and she said she expects it to be "closer to 50,000" when the Southbridge hospital is fully operational. "The bulk of our work is keeping animals in their homes," by treat-

ing injuries, spaying, neutering and the like, she noted. As Marketing Director Diane Tillotson showed us during a short tour, they also have a couple rooms full of pet food and supplies. It will be the agency's "central storage site for donations," she said, with most of that food making its way to area food pantries.

The agency's other three hospitals are in Worcester, Springfield and North Brookfield. Tillotson noted they chose Southbridge because "the need is great here," while Gasparrini said it will "probably be our last big project."

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TCA

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was able to raise over \$1300 for The Harrington Cancer Center! Principal, Angie Symock has led this project for several years. She says, "breast cancer is part of so many people's lives for personal reasons and within each community. To contribute to research and care for cancer patients in need gives victims a fighting chance." TCA will continue the spirit of GIVING by participating in #GivingTuesday in the month of November. This is a global movement to encourage generosity for causes people believe in. Follow their efforts on their Facebook page till Dec. 1, those that want to join the fun are welcomed to do so!

CHRISTMAS

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- Visits with Santa – Santa Claus will make an appearance each night for little ones to tell him their special Christmas wish.
  - Holiday Shopping – Unique and handcrafted items, many of which are being demonstrated during Christmas by Candlelight, will be available at the Miner Grant Store and OSV's new Holiday Market & Café until 8:30 p.m. each evening during the event.
- Guests are encouraged to sign up in advance for Old Sturbridge Village's annual Gingerbread House Contest

and make creative works of edible architecture in four major categories: adult non-professional, adult professional, youth and family. To participate, entries must be received no later than Nov. 21 and delivered to the Visitor Center for judging by Dec. 2 at 4:30 p.m. Gingerbread Houses will be scored by a panel of judges, with "Best In Show" voted on by the visiting public during the month of December. The Village is striving to receive 75 entries this year, in honor of the organization's 75th Anniversary. Several dates during December offer additional activities for guests – including Member's-Only Double Discount Days on Dec. 3-5 in the Holiday Market and Miner Grant Store and a special

book signing event of "Hector Fox and the Giant Quest" on Dec. 17 & 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased online, in advance for Christmas by Candlelight at Old Sturbridge Village. Tickets for the event are on sale now to the general public at \$28 for adult, \$14 for youth. Non-members save 10% and members save 20 percent on all tickets through Nov. 26. Admission is free for children three and under. The full list of available dates and time blocks, as well as event and ticket information can be found at: <https://www.osv.org/event/christmas-by-candlelight-2021/>.



# Southbridge Garden Club sponsors “A New England Tradition”

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Garden Club will hold its annual Greens Sale at the Ruth Well Center for the Arts at 111 Main St. in Southbridge on Friday, Dec. 3, from noon to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will feature a variety of handcrafted items, including decorative wreaths, holiday centerpieces, swags, cemetery boxes, and assorted decorations and greens. All items contain different types of live, fresh greens. Visitors to the Greens Sale will also have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a basket filled with gourmet foods, specialty items and holiday accessories. The Southbridge Garden Club is a non-profit organization and proceeds from the Greens Sale support various programs, scholarships and local beautification projects. For more information, please contact Paige Szugda at 774-230-7330, pszugda@gmail.com, or Sally Anderson at 508-207-6882 at sally.h.anderson@outlook.com.

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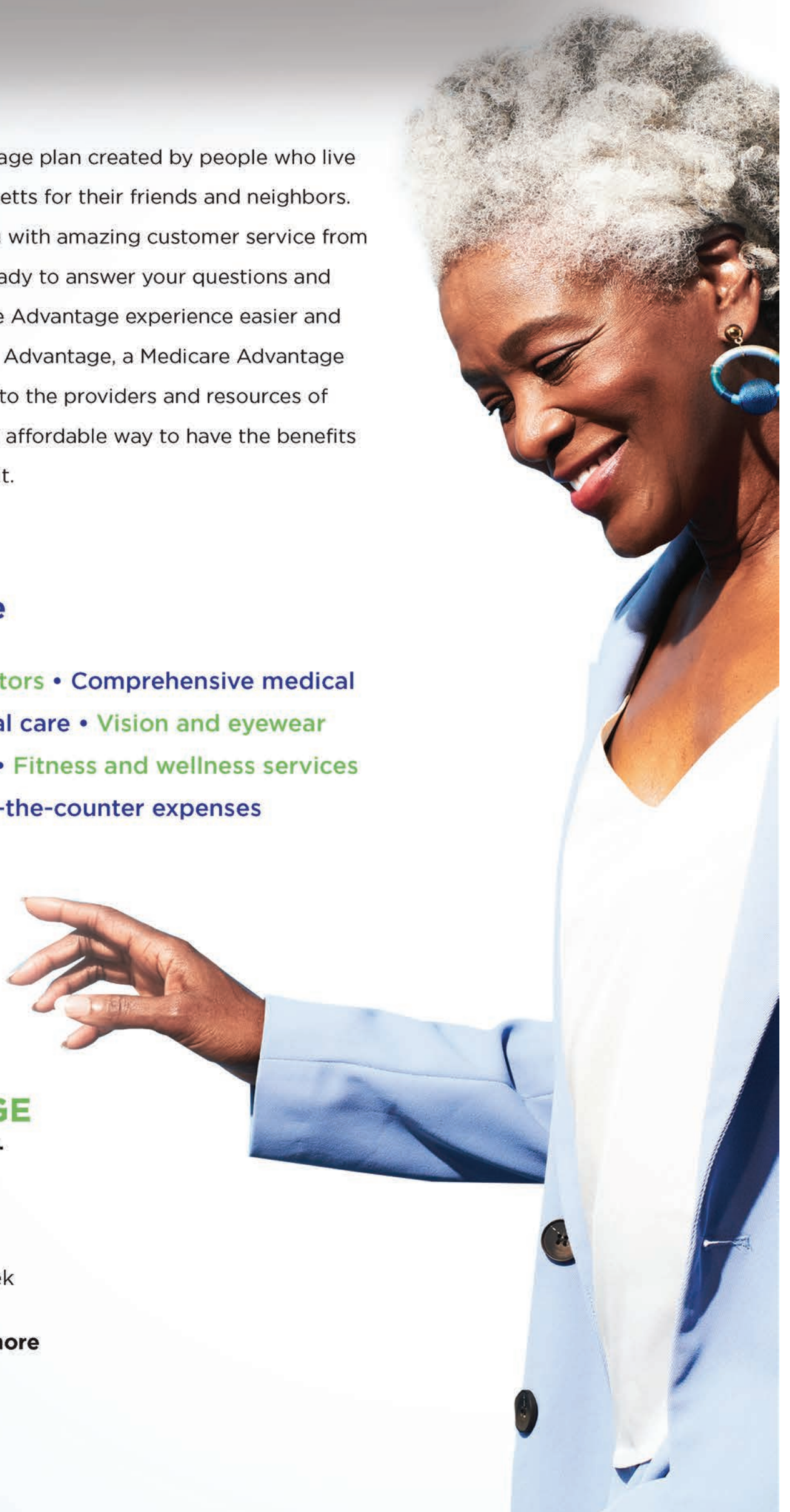


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