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# Auburn Junior Woman’s Club to hold annual Duck Race on Memorial Day

The GFWC, Auburn Junior Woman’s Club is holding their 19th annual Duck Race on Memorial Day.

This has always been the club’s biggest fundraiser where money is raised to put toward scholarships and serving others in the community. Duck chances will be sold at the library on race day. Duck chances can also be purchased at Coco’s Tropical Ice which is located at 1D Swanson Road in Auburn.

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Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. is helping fund a safe post-graduate event at Auburn High this year.

## Free spoken word, poetry event in Whitinsville to feature Auburn’s Watts

Auburn author and poet Loretta Watts will read in a free, spoken word/poetry event on May 22 from 2-4 p.m. at the Community Plaza, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville. The event will relocate to the Singh Center theater, if rain. Watts has published poems in numerous journals including Sojourners Magazine, Spoon River Review, The Mud Chronicles, and The Worcester Review, Canary. She won the Connecticut Poetry Award in 2013. Her chapbook is No Innocent Eye from Seven Kitchen Press, and her books are Willing Suspension (Antrim House) and The Braiding (Kelsay Books). She facilitates writing and Soul Collage workshops in CT and MA.

Reading with Watts will be authors Gerald Yelle, Joshua M. Stewart and Tianna Mercier. Yelle is a member of the Florence Poets Society and lives in Amherst. His books include The Holyoke Diaries, from FutureCycle Press, and Mark My Word and the New World Order, from Pedestrian Press. He will be releasing a new book in 2023 from FutureCycle Press.

Stewart is the author of Break Every String and The Bastard Children of Dharma Bums. His poems have appeared in the Massachusetts Review, Salamander, Plainsongs, Brilliant Corners, and many other publications. His third poetry collection, Love Something, will be published by



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Main Street Rag. Mercier has released her first book, One Woman’s Journey.

An affiliation of regional poets will perform in this series which is split between the Whitinsville location and Roseland Park,

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## DA Early supports safe post-graduation event in Auburn

AUBURN — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. is helping fund a safe post-graduation event at Auburn High School this year thanks to his annual grant program.

This year, Mr. Early’s office awarded a total of \$25,000 in grants to 18 different schools across Worcester County to support programming that helps keep students from drinking and driving after celebratory events like prom and graduation, preventing tragedies before they happen.

“This time of year should be a celebration for our students and their families,” Mr. Early said. “These celebrations can turn into tragedies in the blink of an eye when drinking and driving is involved. These programs help keep kids safe while they have fun and celebrate rituals of high school life.”

Mr. Early and his Community Outreach Team also offer presentations about the dangers of mixing drugs and alcohol, social host liability awareness for parents, and distracted driving in order to promote safety.

The funding for the grants Mr. Early is providing to high schools across the county is made possible through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance Drunk Driving Trust Fund, which is a state grant that provides support services and advocacy to victims, witnesses, and family members impacted by drunk and drugged driving crashes.

## Trolley talk at Southbridge Historical Society

AUBURN HISTORIAN DETAILS IMPORTANCE OF TROLLEYS A CENTURY AGO

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBRIDGE — A century ago, the idea of the private automobile was just becoming “a thing.” For many people, the primary form of transport around town and the region was by trolley.

Last Wednesday, Auburn historian Ken Ethier told a small audience at the Southbridge Historical Society a bit about that period. He noted some of his knowledge came from his grandfather, who worked on the lines with four brothers.

The idea, Ethier said, actually dates back to around the Civil War. In Worcester, “they started putting tracks in” for horse-

drawn wagons with roofs between Lincoln and Webster squares. The concept failed financially, with a second attempt around 1870.

The following decade, “this new electric thing was getting very popular,” and real trolleys started taking hold. But the firms “had to generate [their] own electricity,” typically using coal, to power the 600 volt DC lines.

That created hazards. With the earliest lines embedded in the roads, they occasionally saw horses and even people get electrocuted by stepping on both rails at the same time. That prompted people



Photo courtesy Worcester Trolleys Remembered, Stephen Carlson and Thomas Harding  
A car from the Southbridge & Sturbridge Street Railway, chartered in 1896, travels down Main St., Southbridge.

Please Read **TROLLEY**, page **A6**

## Attorney General seeks information regarding Solar Wolf Energy

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — The Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office is seeking information and resident input regarding the business Solar Wolf Energy.

Local police departments

said area residents have been impacted.

“We have had at least one victim come forward from Northbridge already,” the Northbridge Police Department released.

In Auburn, police said they have received “several

complaints about Solar Wolf Energy, Inc.”

“If you have been impacted by this company we encourage you to share your experience,” Auburn Police said, directing residents to a link on the Attorney General’s Office where residents can fill out a

form.

State Representative David Muradian said that his office is seeking the names of individuals from Grafton, Northbridge, and Upton to send to the Attorney General’s office

Please Read **SOLAR WOLF**, page **A4**





# Cornerstone Bank and CEO recognized by YMCA of Central Massachusetts



WORCESTER—Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, along with Chief Executive Officer Todd Tallman were recently awarded the YMCA of Central Massachusetts’ Strengthening Foundations of Community Award. For more than 20 years, Cornerstone Bank has served not only as a banking partner to the YMCA, but also provided volunteer and financial support to the organization. Leading by example was Tallman, who is an active and engaged supporter of YMCA’s mission and cause.

“I was so honored to receive this award along with my entire organization,” said Tallman.

“I firmly believe the YMCA of Central Massachusetts changes the lives of many in our community, and I have been so proud over the past two decades to have a small hand in their success. I want to thank all my colleagues for also adopting those same values and jumping in to volunteer and raise funds for the Y.”

Over the years, Cornerstone Bank has supported the YMCA through annual and capital campaigns, youth development program grants, and a multitude of event sponsorships, including the YMCA’s Annual Golf Classic. Tallman and the Cornerstone team have also volunteered at the United Way Day of Caring at Camp Foskett,

run by the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

“We look forward to a continued partnership with our local YMCA,” continued Tallman. “The aligned values of the Y and Cornerstone Bank include supporting our communities, educating and enriching the lives of children, and helping our neighbors in need. Our area of the state is a better place because of the YMCA, and we are excited to continue collaborating with this fulfilling organization.”

The Strengthening Foundations of Community Award was presented at the YMCA’s 158th Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Event held on April 20, 2022.

## Bay Path’s Dr. Olivar Completes ACEN Workshop in Virginia



Courtesy photo  
Dr. Ana Olivar, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy full-time faculty, Dr. Ana Olivar, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN completed the ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing) administrator’s workshop and Self-study forum held at Alexandria, Va. The ACEN “supports the interests of nursing education, nursing practice, and the public by providing specialized accreditation for all levels of nursing education and transition-to-practice programs. As the leading authority in nursing education accreditation, the goal of the ACEN is to be a supportive partner in strengthening the quality of nursing education and transition-to-practice programs.” Dr. Olivar of Rutland completed her Doctor of Education degree at Northcentral University (NCU). She previously earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Walden University (Nursing Education Track) in 2013 and Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the Cebu City Medical Center College in Nursing in the Philippines in 1996. She is a registered nurse with more than 25 years of experience in the classroom as full-time faculty, managerial

as RN Manager, and as RN/Weekend Supervisor. She has held teaching positions at Blackstone Valley Technical School, Quinsigamond Community College, and Massachusetts Bay Community College. She has held nursing positions at University Commons UMass Memorial Health Care, Neuro Rehabilitation Center at Worcester (Ventilator Unit), Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital and West Side House.

In attendance with Dr. Olivar was Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. According to ACEN, “the Program Administrator Workshop is designed and developed specifically for program administrators, faculty, coordinators, and other positions that have administrative responsibilities for the nursing program and/or nursing education unit. Workshop topics include roles/responsibilities for program leaders, themes from ACEN Standards and Criteria, integration of ACEN policies, and maintenance of ACEN accreditation.”

At the Self-study workshop, both Dr.

Olivar and Dr. Bolandrina reviewed six ACEN Standards with the ACEN in-house nurse educators and gained a deeper understanding of each Criterion within the Standards. The goal is to support nursing faculty and administrators with demonstrating compliance and provide guidance for writing the Self-Study Report for individual programs in preparation for the ACEN site visit.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy runs a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Health and Human Services Department of Public Health, Board of Registration in Nursing ([www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn](http://www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn)). The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the Commission on Occupational Education ([www.council.org](http://www.council.org)).

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# James Amorello is looking to make history



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James Amorello

HOLDEN/WORCESTER — At 24, James Amorello is looking to make history as the third youngest State Senator ever elected in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as he vies to become the first person to serve the new Worcester and

Hampshire State Senate District. Amorello was raised in both Worcester and Holden, playing basketball, golfing, and growing up with friends and family throughout the district. James' upbringing led him to understand that hard work leads to success. His uncles, Joe and Jim run A.F. Amorello & Sons, Inc. a company that has been passed down from father to son for three generations dating back to 1914. Another uncle, Dan Amorello, built Dan Amorello Services, Inc. from the ground up. His father, Robert, is a prominent Worcester County trial lawyer. James Amorello's experiences living in both Holden and Worcester, give him a unique and informed understanding of this Senate District and the people living in it. He also spent a year living in Queens, New York while studying at St. John's University. "I am excited to have the opportunity to serve everybody in our new Worcester and Hampshire Senate District. People are ready for change in Massachusetts. They are excited to meet a young Republican with common sense ideas and care for people that can be easily applied to

the State Senate District," said Amorello. In addition to his Senate bid, Amorello plays basketball recreationally and serves on the Holden Board of Registrars. He is also active on the local Republican Town Committee, and manages his investments in the stock market. Amorello has studied the economy extensively and understands what causes it to react as it does in real-time and on a historic basis. He knows the importance of implementing responsible public policies that work for, not against the people. "We have all been hurt by failed economic policies, responsible for driving inflation to near record highs," says Amorello. "We must teach financial literacy in schools, and encourage fiscal responsibility in future generations. Additionally, we need to protect small businesses, that provide goods to us and bring value daily. We must make things less expensive for people." The election is Nov. 8. Those interested in supporting James can donate on winred and by mailing contributions to: James Amorello Committee P.O. Box 181 Holden, MA 01520

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205 Roseland Park Road in Woodstock, CT. All performances include an open mic segment. Sign-ups are at the event; 5-minute limit. All readings in the series will be from 2-4 p.m. and will be on June 5 (Roseland), June 26 (Singh), July 17 (Roseland), September 11 (Roseland), and October 23 (Singh). Sponsors of the Roseland Park readings include Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, Linemaster Switch, Atty Mark Brouillard, Ashford Xtra Mart, CR Premier Properties, WHZ Strategic Wealth Advisors, Bank Hometown & EA Custom Millwork of Northbridge, MA. Sponsors of the Singh Center events include Webster First Bank, EA Custom Millwork and ValleyCast/Open Sky Community Services. Email karen.warinsky@gmail.com with questions.

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## Southbridge's Ruth Wells Center for the Arts to hold Water Color Exhibit



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This piece was done by Amanda Martin of Southbridge.

## Lasell University students present at Annual Symposium

NEWTON — Lasell's Connected Learning Symposium celebrated its 20th year of student scholarship and research with original presentations from more than 200 participants. Kaitlyn Johnson of Auburn presented with their New Product Development team on the Cooking Genie App, an original business concept developed over the course of a semester as part of a course on business development. The presentation incorporated the NACE compe-

tencies of professionalism, leadership, equity and inclusion, and career and self-development. Renee Ordway of Auburn presented their athletic training capstone research project, "The relationship between adductor strength, HAGOS responses, and injury rates in division I ice hockey players." The presentation incorporated the NACE competencies of career and self-development. Since the inaugural event in 2002, the Connected Learning

Symposium has, for the last 20 years, offered a community celebration of Lasell University's intellectual and creative achievements. All student scholarship presented at Symposium aligns with National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) in-demand professional competencies. For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at [smocle@lasell.edu](mailto:smocle@lasell.edu) or at 617-243-2386.



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# Pecans give these cookies extra appeal

Pecans are tasty offerings that are ideal in both savory dishes and desserts. Like fruits of other members of the hickory genus of trees, pecans are not truly nuts, but drupes. A drupe is a fruit with a single stone or pit surrounded by a husk. With pecans, the outer husk dries out and splits open, exposing the “nuts” inside.

Georgia, New Mexico and Texas are the leading domestic producers of pecans, but Mexico grows nearly half of the world’s pecans. Pecans are heart-healthy and rich in antioxidants, several vitamins and minerals, and a good source of healthy fat. In addition, one ounce of pecans provides 10 percent of the recommended daily fiber intake.

Cookies may never be considered “health food,” but there are ways to make them more nutritious. The addition of beneficial ingredients like pecans can do just that. This recipe for “Cowboy Cookies” from “Live Well, Bake Cookies” (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye includes oats, pecans and coconut in the mixture, adding flavor and nutritional appeal.

### Cowboy Cookies

Makes 50 to 52 cookies

- 2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

- 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans (see baking tip)

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, ground cinnamon, and salt until well combined. Stir in the old-fashioned rolled oats and set aside.
2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or in a large mixing bowl using a handheld mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined.
3. Mix in the eggs, one at a time, then mix in the vanilla extract until fully combined, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.
4. Mix in the dry ingredients until just combined, then mix in the chocolate chips, shredded coconut and chopped pecans on low speed until fully incorporated.
5. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
6. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.
7. Using a 1 1/2-tablespoon cookie scoop, scoop the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one. Gently press each ball of cookie dough down to slightly flatten it.
8. Bake for 10 to 13 minutes, or until the tops of the cookies are set and the edges are lightly browned. Remove from the oven, and allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheets for 5 to 10 minutes, then carefully transfer the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.



9. Store the cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week.
- Baking tip: For even more flavor,

try toasting the pecans. Just cool them completely before adding them to the cookie dough.

## ‘An Afternoon of Italian Opera’ to benefit Worcester Organ at Mechanics Hall

WORCESTER — The sumptuous and tantalizing sounds of some of the most beloved Italian operas will fill Mechanics Hall on Sunday, May 22 during a special performance to benefit the great Worcester Organ. “An Afternoon of Italian Opera” will feature well-known musical selections, including excerpts from Puccini’s *Madame Butterfly*, Verdi’s *La traviata*, Donizetti’s *Lucia di Lammermoor* and L’elisir d’amore (The Elixir of Love), performed by Ukrainian soprano, Olga Lisovskaya, Neapolitan tenor Giovanni Formisano, and Leonardo Ciampa at the piano. The benefit concert, organized by The Friends of the Worcester Organ and held at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester, begins at 4pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at [mechanicshall.org](http://mechanicshall.org) or by call-

ing the Mechanics Hall Box Office at 508-752-5608.

“The Worcester Organ is the centerpiece of our exquisite Great Hall. And it is also the pride of our city, whose past generosity helped pay to build the organ in 1864, as well as restore the Hall in 1977,” said Kathleen Gagne, Executive Director of Mechanics Hall. “We are grateful to The Friends of the Worcester Organ for organizing this very special celebration of Italian opera to support this magnificent instrument.”

“It is one of the greatest honors of my life to play and compose for the Worcester Organ, which was constructed by the Hook brothers of Boston, among the country’s greatest 19th-century organ builders,” said Leonardo Ciampa, Mechanics Hall Composer-in-Residence and organizer of “An Afternoon of Italian Opera.”

“This outstanding instrument is truly a “Stradivarius” of organs, one of the best ever built and a treasure that needs constant maintenance and care. With this special celebration, The Friends of the Worcester Organ hope to raise important funds so the organ continues to delight generations to come.”

The doors to Mechanics Hall will open at 3:30pm on the day of the event. The accessible entrance is located on Waldo Street. Elevators are located in the ground-floor lobby and provide access to the second and third floors; there is no elevator access to the balcony. Those who need assistance can contact the Mechanics Hall Ticket Office, Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm, by calling 508-752-5608.

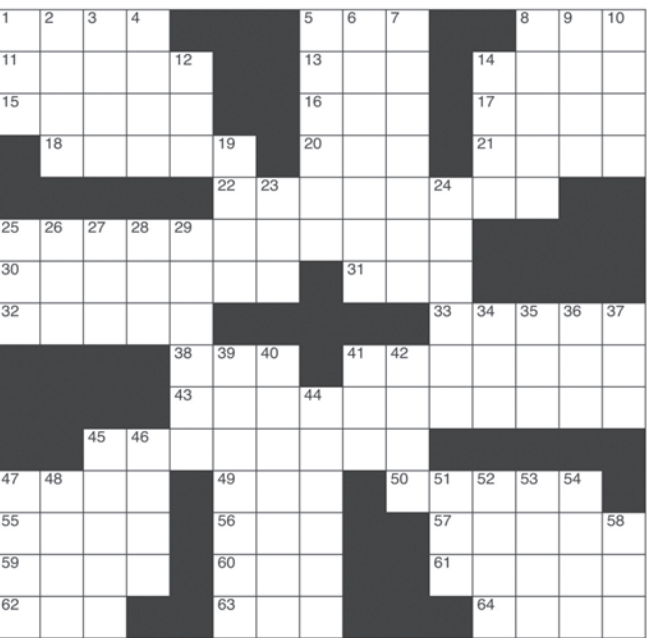
Rep. Muradian also thanked his House colleague, Representative Tim Whalen of Cape Cod, who had “brought this forward publicly after hearing from his constituents in Yarmouth who had done business with Solar Wolf Energy.”

The company was located in Auburn, Muradian added.

“Solar Wolf Energy was apparently collecting payments from customers then abruptly closed their doors and fired their staff days later,” he said. “Though the situation in Yarmouth had the

community and state involved in a [town-wide] project, I have instructed my office to collect any names of individuals from my district...who have done business with Solar Wolf Energy and they believe they have been scammed or the work they paid for is not completed.”

Residents with information may email David.Muradian@mahouse.gov or fill out the form, which can be found online at: [www.mass.gov/forms/solar-wolf-consumer-questionnaire](http://www.mass.gov/forms/solar-wolf-consumer-questionnaire)



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Scream loudly
- 5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
- 8. The bill in a restaurant
- 11. Oblong pulpits
- 13. Adult female chicken
- 14. Abnormal breathing
- 15. Financial obligations
- 16. Belonging to a thing
- 17. Winged
- 18. Peoples
- 20. College hoops tournament
- 21. An informal body of friends
- 22. Region of the world
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Connected by kinship
- 31. Type of tree
- 32. Official order
- 33. Foundation for an idea
- 38. Small, faint constellation
- 41. Book lovers
- 43. Vegetable
- 45. Cabbage variety
- 47. A way to heal
- 49. Illuminated
- 50. Dish that features a stick
- 55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
- 56. Solid water
- 57. Soldier’s gear
- 59. “Uncle Buck” actress Hoffmann
- 60. Former measure of length
- 61. Arabic name meaning “spring”
- 62. Doctors’ group
- 63. Actress Susan
- 64. Appropriate

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cool!
- 2. Hebrew unit of measure
- 3. Swedish rock group
- 4. College army
- 5. Black eye
- 6. One who stopped working
- 7. Teach a value
- 8. Rhythmic patterns
- 9. “MASH” actor Alda
- 10. “Friday Night Lights” director
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Indian musical pattern
- 19. Fulfill a desire
- 23. Water soaked soil
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Before
- 26. Popular color
- 27. Peyton’s little brother
- 28. Partner to cheese
- 29. Put onto
- 34. “Much \_\_\_ about nothing”
- 35. A way to mend
- 36. Anger
- 37. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 39. Mobilized
- 40. Resembles an earlobe
- 41. Cut of meat
- 42. Nigerian people
- 44. Recently
- 45. Square stone building at Mecca
- 46. Adhere to orders
- 47. Adventure story
- 48. Marine bivalve mollusk
- 51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
- 52. Actor Pitt
- 53. Tibetan village
- 54. A way to change by heating
- 58. A beam of sunshine



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# OBITUARIES

## Cynthia Louise Cozzens

Cynthia Louise Cozzens passed away on the morning of May 8, 2022 after battling complications from a long illness. She was born on March 28, 1950 in Southbridge, MA, the daughter of Earl R. Cozzens and Miriam L. (Watson) Cozzens, and spent the first 9 years of her life in Sturbridge, before the family moved to Charlton in 1959. Cindy attended Charlton High School and started employment at the Worcester Science Museum shortly afterwards. She waited for many years at Aram's, The Lighthouse Restaurant, and IHOP, before pursuing the medical field. Cindy spent several years as a Phlebotomist



and finished her career as a Nurse's Assistant. She was a very loving and caring Aunt, Sister, Cousin, and Friend, and will be terribly missed by all of us who had the great fortune to know her and be close to her. She leaves behind her brothers George Cozzens of Auburn, David Cozzens (Chris Soderberg) of Portland, Oregon, nieces Melissa (Cozzens) Plumley (Tom Plumley) of Brimfield, Brittany Cozzens (Justin Cozzens) of Beaverton, Oregon, nephew Lee Cozzens (Rebecca Cozzens) of Charlton, great nieces Ally Plumley of Brimfield, Avery Cozzens of Beaverton, Oregon, great nephew Nick Plumley of Brimfield, and many cousins and friends. There are no services planned at this time.

# Area seniors to view the scenery of Casco Bay

On Thursday, June 16 area seniors are joining Bob Wilby of Paxton to first have lunch at DiMillo's famous floating restaurant on the waterfront of downtown Portland, Maine. After a delicious lunch of either Honey Baked Scallops or Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast, served with New England clam chowder, potato and vegetable, finished off with bread pudding with bourbon sauce, we will have a short walk to the pier. At the pier, we will board the Casco Bay Lines Mailboat. This is a working boat that delivers mail, freight and groceries to the residents and a few businesses of the many Casco Bay Islands. From the boat we see the beauty of these islands. As we leave the harbor, we will see firsthand the industry of the port of

Portland, Maine. Our Wilson bus will depart the Paxton Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 16. Reservations are needed by May 26 to Bob Wilby. You can email him at [rwilby@charter.net](mailto:rwilby@charter.net) or call (508) 792-4662. Checks should be made payable to Wilson Bus Lines and mailed to Bob at 11 Tanglewood Rd, Paxton, MA 01612 by June 1. With your check, please include your luncheon entree choice. The cost of this wonderful day on the Maine coast is \$126 per person. Our trips are open to all area citizens and ages. Please join us! Save the date of Wednesday, July 13, as we travel to Southern Maine for a Lobster Bake.

# Amanda Doherty of Auburn Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Amanda Doherty of Auburn was one of 48 Hofstra University students inducted into Phi Beta Kappa on May 10. Amanda is majoring in Political Science at Hofstra. Phi Beta Kappa is considered America's most prestigious honor society, with the top 10 percent of liberal arts and science graduates invited to join. There are fewer than 300 chapters of the honor society in the country. This spring's Hofstra inductees

came from the classes of May 2022 and December 2021. To be considered for election, a student must attain a high GPA while taking broad and rigorous coursework in the liberal arts and sciences. There is no fixed GPA required, nor is a high GPA alone sufficient for election. In making its decision, the chapter examines a student's entire transcript. Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private univer-

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Policy and International Affairs, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Hofstra University is a dynamic community of 11,000 students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

## Friday's Child



Shyanne - 05/15  
Age 12

Hi! My name is Shyanne and I am a social butterfly!

Shyanne is a funny, caring, and outgoing young lady of Caucasian descent. She is known as a social butterfly that makes friends easily and enjoys spending time with her peers. Shyanne is also able to hold conversations with the adults in her life and is able to request attention from them in an appropriate manner. Shyanne is very artistic and is an especially talented drawer. She is also interested in participating in sports, such as soccer, track, and jiu-jitsu. Shyanne is special in that she can find the positive in almost any situation and is very insightful. She is very in-tune with her emotions and the emotions of others around her. Shyanne is a good student overall. She works with her teachers to improve her math skills and appreciates receiving support to complete her homework. Shyanne would like to attend college in the future and would like to pursue a career in teaching. She loves to be helpful and enjoys assisting others with the daily routines in life. Legally freed for adoption, Shyanne's biological parents have an open adoption agreement to stay in contact with her. She also has siblings that she is very bonded with, so a potential family would need to facilitate these relationships as she grows. We are seeking a family of any constellation, including other siblings in the home. She will thrive in a home with a strong maternal role model that can set appropriate limits and boundaries. Shyanne does well in a family setting and is eager to find her forever home. Social workers would like to find a family that has parented before and understands how trauma affects a child's ability to process emotions. A patient family that is willing to build trust with Shyanne over time is ideal.

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### TROLLEY

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to put the lines overhead, where they still are in places that use trolleys.

One of them, Cambridge, shut down their last trolley (which looks just like a bus with overhead power) in March, according to WGBH.org. The MBTA plans to replace them briefly with diesel hybrid buses as the system transitions to full-electric in a couple years.

Ethier said the first trolley in Southbridge was running by 1902, with the four-mile Southbridge-Sturbridge line costing five cents. That year, developers completed a line to Worcester "financed by the Wells family," which provided the "very, very fast time" of 45 minutes from here to the city.

The Wellses soon found out the person they had as treasurer for the project was embezzling money, which he'd used to build Overlook Hotel in Charlton and Pinehurst Park in Auburn. Overlook, now a Masonic nursing home, was intended as a stop for the steam train to draw rich travelers, "but these millionaires never really took off," Ethier said.

Pinehurst was designed basically as a way to use the excess electricity. In those days, trolley power plants needed to run seven days, but only provided five days of transport; the extra power fueled a small carnival site. But "people went out there at night and raised hell," Ethier noted, with various street gangs – including the 40 Thieves (male) and 40 Mollies (female) – getting into fights and vandalizing the place.

Despite such troubles, the trolley itself was "really hot for about 20 years, profitable," he said. At its peak, riders could take one trolley from Boston to Springfield. "Back then, that was quite a thing to be able to do," he said.

Some roads were built specifically for them, including Hamilton Street, which was the trolley route around the steep Main Street hill. The old brick road and trolley lines are still under the pavement, with a sample preserved at the corner of Hamilton and Main.

Hamer Clarke noted the main local

stop was where Savers Bank now is. Steve Brady said the company erected an electric pole right in front of the Hartwell's Pharmacy door. When they refused to move it, then-selectman Jack Callahan "got an axe and chopped the pole down," he said.

Maureen Doyle observed this time period was chronicled fictionally in Robert McMaster's book Trolley Days, which focuses on Southbridge and the Springfield area.

Farmers helped the system expand, but "usually didn't want anything to do with it" at first, Ethier said. The trolley firms often offered to provide the farms with electricity and a stop to run the trolley line across their property. Those stops "quite often turned into somebody selling bread, groceries, bullets" and other products to the travelers who got off. Similarly, he said, the dairies soon found "they could send [their milk] in and not have to worry about it at all," previously, they'd have had to take all day to cart their milk to Worcester.

Residents of Southbridge were also skeptical at first, fearing "it'd take all kinds of business from the businessmen in town," he added. But it proved just the opposite, drawing people to town.

The trolley system was eventually killed off by the rising popularity of Model T Fords, bankruptcy, and collusion between several companies that profited from cars and buses. The 1949 US v. National City Lines Supreme Court decision found General Motors, Firestone Tire, Standard Oil of California, Phillips Petroleum, and Mack Trucks guilty of conspiracy to buy up and destroy trolley lines in multiple US cities, but only fined them \$1 each.

By then, trolleys were all but defunct in most places. Sometimes, drivers of the more accessible cars "would ride along the [trolley] lines, and if it was five cents, they'd take you for three cents," Ethier said. He noted the last area trolley ran the Worcester to Leicester route in the 1930s.

Gus Steeves can be reached at [gus.steeves2@gmail.com](mailto:gus.steeves2@gmail.com).

# LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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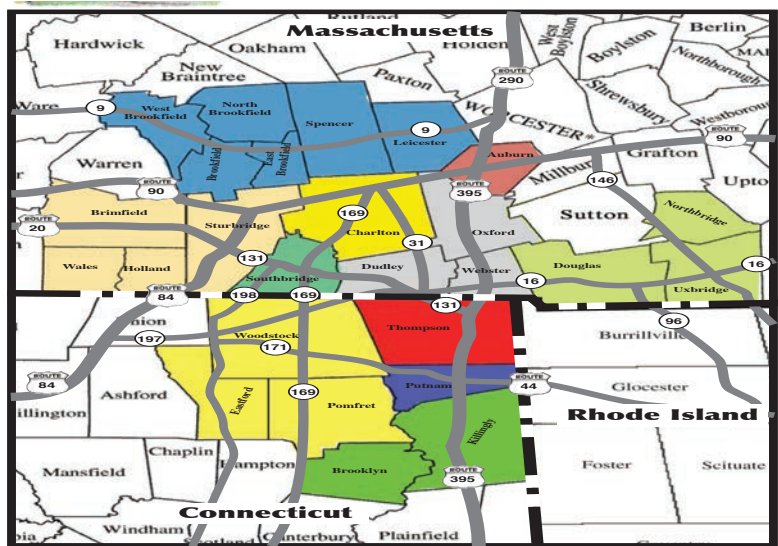
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## Senioritis: what’s it all about?

We’ve all heard the term ‘senioritis’ but is this diagnosis real? After some lengthy research, we say absolutely. Senioritis is defined as, ‘A supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.’ The end is near with graduation just around the corner, and many seniors can taste freedom, but aren’t quite sure what to do with it. Even with some students heading off to college, the fear of the unknown combined with a complete change in the cadence in life is enough to make several seniors come down with a serious case of senioritis. The senioritis is a way to break away from the stress and rigors of 13 years of schooling.

Some signs of the affliction include a lack of motivation, a decline in grades or feeling as though nothing they do in the final months leading up to graduation really matters much. Most students’ entire senior years of high school are spent trying to plan for the future, this can be daunting and stressful for these kids, who are still really, just kids. Some symptoms parents should look for include extreme laziness, apathy, spending all of their free time with friends away from home.

Unfortunately, the rapid decline in motivation does not go unseen by universities. After being accepted, many schools will look at a student’s last semester, and a substantial decrease in grades raises a red flag. This has admissions offices questioning a prospective student’s level of commitment and the question of maturity is also put on the table. If the situation is bad enough a college or university can rescind an acceptance. Each year thousands of students receive such letters. Sometimes a student will enter their freshman year of college already on academic probation. If a student was issued merit aid from an institution, they risk losing those funds.

There are things that can be done to help offset senioritis. One thing a student can do is to set tiny goals such as getting a B or higher on the next quiz or test, or to finish an assignment ahead of time. Working on better ways to study for tests is also crucial. Too much pressure can cause students to shut down so taking some time to relax and have fun with family and friends is a great idea.

Another idea is for parents and teachers to reassure students that life after high school is an exciting time and that not every graduate needs a definitive plan right away. Explain different opportunities for a gap year, including the pros and cons of taking one.

If your child becomes more and more disengaged, it’s important to keep them on track. Remembering to reward good behavior is a must. If your child is behaving in such a way that they become emotionally removed, disobedient and disrespectful, taking a gap year might be the best option as college is expensive and tuition should never go to waste. Trade schools, the military or the work force are also excellent options. After all, happiness is the most important driver for success.

## LETTERS

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## Tips to grow ‘plants in a pot’ for patio or porch

There are many reasons to plant a vegetable garden, among them the security of knowing where the food you bring to the table comes from. The current economy, coupled with food safety issues, has contributed to a surge in backyard gardening – add to that back porch, patio, and windowsill gardening!  
For those who don’t have room to plant a sprawling plot, container gardens fit the bill. From whiskey barrels to plastic buckets, plants are sprouting up on back decks, front porches, and even on balconies. Many vegetables grow successfully when contained in pots. Benefits include the ability to position the pots to increase growing condition, and a reduced risk of pest invasions.

Crop Pickings: Luckily, some of the best loved vegetables are appropriate for container gardening. Crops that do well include tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, cucumbers, beans, as well as, carrots, cabbage, peas, beans, beets, cauliflower and broccoli. In addition, there are many varieties of dwarf vegetables that are specially bred to grow well in containers. Once you’ve decided which plants to pot up, there are a few general rules to follow to ensure thriving container crops.

Container Choices: The size of the container depends upon the crop that will be grown. Typically most vegetables can thrive as long as there is enough space for proper root development. Shallow rooted crops such as lettuce, peppers, radishes, and herbs require a space at least six inches in diameter with an eight inch soil depth. Tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and beans grow well in deeper buckets, such as five gallon buckets, half whiskey barrels, and deep patio pots. Bushel baskets, half barrels, wooden tubs, or large pressed paper containers are ideal for growing tomatoes, squash, pole beans, and cucumbers. Note that container plants do best when transplanted from seedlings into the container, allowing for a hardening off period.

Select Soil: The perfect planting material for containers should provide quick and steady drainage with enough water retention to keep the roots moist. Some gardeners suggest a traditional soil mix, others prefer a soil free potting mix that offers a lightweight medium that is free from soil borne diseases. A good rule of thumb is to mix equal parts of sand, garden soil and peat moss. This mixture may be heated in a low oven for an hour to kill

any weeds, insects or bacteria.  
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Water Well: Proper watering is essential for a successful container garden, due to the fact its root system is restricted. Usually once a day is sufficient, but keep mind containers are much apt to dry out in hot weather, causing the plant to produce poorly or worse. Also, avoid soaking the leaves when watering, as wet foliage encourages disease. And make sure the pot is equipped with proper drainage. Inadequate drainage will cause the mix to become water logged, and the plants will be deprived of necessary oxygen.  
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Proper Placement: Placement is important, since growing vegetables need at least five hours of direct sunlight each day. Flowering and root vegetables need even more sun. Check the requirements of each variety you are growing. Since the container garden offers mobility, moving a pot to ensure it receives sufficient sunlight is a valuable advantage.  
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Pot Couture: Container vegetable plants can do double duty. An attractive garden pot or two on a deck or patio adds ambiance to an outdoor space. A row of trellised pole bean pots can serve as a decorative barrier along a deck or balcony. And a window box of lettuce, radishes and peppers, not only offers lush greenery, but handy salad pickings at your fingertips.  
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As an investor, you can easily feel frustrated to see short-term drops in your investment statements. But while you cannot control the market, you may find it helpful to review the factors you can control.  
Many forces affect the financial markets, including geopolitical events, corporate profits and interest rate movements – forces beyond the control of most individual investors.  
In any case, it’s important to focus on the things you can control, such as these:

Your ability to define your goals – One area in which you have total control is your ability to define your goals. Like most people, you probably have short-term goals – such as saving for a new car or a dream vacation – and long-term ones, such as a comfortable retirement. Once you identify your goals and estimate how much they will cost, you can create an investment strategy to help achieve them. Over time, some of your personal circumstances will likely change, so you’ll want to review your time horizon and risk tolerance on a regular basis, adjusting your strategy when appropriate. And the same is true for your goals – they may evolve over time, requiring new responses from you in how you invest.

Your response to market downturns – When the market drops and the value of your investments declines, you might be tempted to take immediate action in an effort to stop the losses. This is understandable – after all, your investment results can have a big impact on your future. However, acting hastily could work against you – for example, you could sell investments that still have solid fundamentals and are still appropriate for your needs. If you can avoid decisions based on short-term events, you may help yourself in the long run.

Your commitment to investing – The financial markets are almost always in flux, and their movements are hard to predict. If you can continue investing in all markets – good, bad or sideways – you will likely make much better progress toward your goals than if you periodically were to take a “time out.” Many people head to the investment sidelines when the market tumbles, only to miss out on the beginnings of the next rally. And by steadily investing, you will increase the number of shares you own in your investments – and the larger your ownership stake, the greater your opportunities for building wealth.

Your portfolio’s level of diversification – While diversification itself can’t guarantee profits or protect against all losses, it can help greatly reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. Just how you diversify your investments depends on several factors, but the general principle of maintaining a diversified portfolio should govern your approach to investing. It’s a good idea to periodically review your portfolio to ensure it’s still properly diversified.

The world will always be filled with unpredictable, uncontrollable events, and many of them will affect the financial markets to one degree or another. But within your own investment world, you always have a great deal of control – and with it, you have the power to keep moving toward all your important financial objectives.

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## Don’t take offense from offensive people

Have you ever spent time speaking with friends, acquaintances, or strangers, and you heard a comment that made you upset? Of course you have; you’re a human being! Your feelings got hurt, and you were angry. You decided to stay quiet about it, but it kept nagging at you. What they said just wasn’t right. The next day, you called one of your friends to discuss how offended you were. You told them the entire story, and then they got offended too!

There is no doubt that people say rude, insulting, derogatory, bigoted, and discriminatory things; it can be jarring and revolting. It might be best to ask them to stop, or you should walk away when someone behaves like this; but do you have to lose your inner peace? Are you obligated to become angry?

As human beings, we possess a quality called “Self Control.” We can control how we feel. Fortunately, we do not have control over what others say and do.

I’m not saying that we should allow ourselves to accept the unacceptable. I’m saying that when we find ourselves feeling offended, we should ask the question, “Are they offending me, or am I allowing myself to become offended?”

I have been offended through the years, probably more than most people. I noticed that it wasn’t what they said or did that offended me; it was my expectation of how they should behave. I expected people to be a certain way, and when they didn’t fit that expectation, I allowed myself to become upset.

I was filming a movie once, and everyone was laughing and having a good time in between takes. I stepped away quickly to charge my phone. When I came back, one of the actors was screaming and yelling. He was offended over a comment somebody made. He ran off set, and filming became seriously delayed. The producer sent several people to try and calm him down.

The actor eventually came back, and we finished shooting for the day. I figured everything had calmed down, but it happened several more times with the same

actor over the next couple of months. He seemed to be more interested in being offended and controlling everything everyone said than simply focusing on being a good actor. When all was said and done, nothing positive was accomplished. There was a lot of gossip behind the scenes, and people were instructed to be careful around him. The people whom the actor found offensive didn’t change; they just began walking on eggshells whenever they were nearby.

Have you ever heard the phrase, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me?” If that old saying can be trusted, it leads me to believe that being offended is a choice. It’s a choice to allow your inner peace to be taken from you and take on the victim mentality.

Is it better to blame others for offending you? Or is it better to not allow yourself to be offended?

Taking offense is one way of living in the past. It’s impossible to grow; it’s impossible to be free if we are constantly offended. It’s impossible to succeed and accomplish your dreams when we waste our time blaming other people for how we feel. It’s holding you back.

We all know that there are people who will never share our views and accept our opinions. Therefore if you live your life constantly offended, it’s your choice to do so.

While it may be challenging, it is possible to be free from insult even around the most insulting of people. If you want to be free from being offended by offensive people, it doesn’t require you to accept their behavior. It only requires you to understand that everyone is at different stages of growth, and although we all hope they will change, it’s not going to happen today, and most likely, you’re not going to be the one to change them.

Keep a smile on your face, don’t let someone’s words distract you from what you’re supposed to be doing. If you can do this, you’ll be one step closer to living the life you truly want.



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# Wild turkey season closing; striped fishing season flourishing

With approximately two weeks left of the spring Mass. wild turkey season, reports of many local hunters harvesting their two birds is good news. However, these same hunters are reporting very few sightings of female turkeys. There are no reports from Mass. Fish & Wildlife of a possible problem with the wild turkeys to date. I have noticed the absence of sightings of wild turkeys in fields, and birds crossing the streets that I travel every day. Other local hunters have also sounded the alarm. Hopefully it is just a change in their feeding habits!

The Providence River is providing some great fishing for stripers, with some porgies starting to show up. The striped fishing should improve dramatically in the next week. The tautog bite is very good and the bite should last a bit longer, before the season closes. Archies Bait & Tackle provided this week's fishing report! Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle reported that striped fishing has been slow, but the tautog fishing was great.

Anglers fishing aboard the Yankee fleet have reported a lot of action catching haddock and cod, although all cod need to be released because of the regulations prohibiting the retaining of cod for a number of years now. A one fish



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limit was allowed last year for a short period, and anglers are hopeful that at least a couple of cod will be allowed soon. The strict limits on ground fish like cod, fluke, seabass and stripers is hurting the recreational fishing in both Mass. and Rhode Island, and small charter boats are feeling loss of revenue because of less charter reservations.

Trout fishing had slowed last week on some of the Cape ponds according to reports from some of the local anglers that had fished some of them last week. This happens every year on both fresh and saltwater. The old saying "you should have been here yesterday." Locally anglers have been catching some nice fish this year like brown, rainbow and brook trout for anglers using power bait and stick baits like small Rapalas.

I need to chuckle a bit when I hear a story about a young angler with a cheap rod, reel and worms, that walks down to the water at a local pond and catches a freshwater bass that weighs in at 5 lbs. or more, while a few bass boats nearby that cost thousands of dollars and have professional anglers with all of the latest gear, are having a slow day. It happens all of the time. My brothers and I did the same thing when we were



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Steve Rondeau with his first turkey for this season and his friend Jonathon Walker with his first turkey ever!

young!  
Dog owners should take extra care with their pets at this time of year. Providing a good shelter outside in plenty of shade, and a good supply of fresh water is essential. Up to date immunization against rabies and heartworm, along with other medications, are



Kellen Morosinskis with a 5 pound-plus large-mouth bass he caught a short time ago.

essential in keeping your dog healthy through the summer months. Vet bills are soaring, and a visit to them can be alleviated with just some extra care during the summer months.

Take A Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

## Summer antique destinations



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Last week marked the opening of Brimfield and from what I've heard it was a great success. The warm weather brought crowds of happy dealers and shoppers. If you missed this first show, there will be two more opportunities from July 12th through the 17th and September 6th through the 11th. In addition to this special tradition, there are many other shows taking place close to home, or a short day or weekend trip away.

The day before Brimfield's July and September dates, you can attend the Sturbridge Antique Show. The show's website touts 100 dealers with vintage clothing, Americana, jewelry and antiques. It will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on July 11th and September 5th. Early admission (beginning at 8 AM) costs \$40 while general admission (beginning at 10 AM) costs \$15.

If you're looking to attend a show happening sooner, the Grafton Annual Antiques and Arts Show will be held on June 18th from 9 AM to 3 PM on the Grafton Common. The Grafton Historical Society's website notes that "Antique & Art ven-

dors will line beautiful Grafton Common offering high quality Antiques and craft items for sale."

Want to couple your antiquing with a weekend getaway? The Dover Show & Vintage Market is about an hour and a half away in Dover, NH and will be held on June 11th, July 23rd, August 20th, and September 17th. There is free admission from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or you can pay \$6 for early admission.

Also in New Hampshire, tailgate antique shows will be running at Flying Pig Antiques on the following Thursdays: June 23rd, July 21st, August 25th, September 15th, October 20th and November 17th. The fields open at 9 AM and there is free admission.

The 65th Annual New Hampshire Antique Dealers Association Show takes place August 11th through August 13th in Manchester. The Maine Antique Digest describes it as "the best show of its kind in New England." The NHADA website states, "the 65 professional antiques dealers who exhibit at the show save merchandise throughout the year in order to ensure that the show maintains its longstanding reputation for 'fresh-to-the-market' antiques." Thursday admission is \$15 while Friday and Saturday admission is \$10. As a great way to promote interest in antiques among the younger generation, admission is free to those 30 and under.



Also happening later in the summer, the 50th Annual Antiques Fair and Summer Festival will be held August 27th in Madison, CT. The Madison Historical Society describes the show as such: "with many outstanding antique exhibitors from the Northeast, New York State, the mid-Atlantic states and Florida, this unique fair typically offers eighteenth- and nineteenth-century American and European furniture, along with a wide range of other antiques." It runs from 9 AM

to 4 PM with an admission fee of \$6 for adults and \$2 for children.

Some of these shows have been running for so long that they can almost be considered antiques themselves, too. Please confirm that any shows you are interested in attending haven't been canceled or changed before traveling.

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## Increase your perennial garden's beauty this spring

Give your perennials a boost this spring with a topdressing of compost, aged manure, or other organic matter. It's a great way to revive tired gardens, improve a garden's overall health, and keep vibrant perennials healthy and blooming.



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careful not to bury the crown of your plants.

You can leave the compost sitting on the soil surface or lightly mix it into the top inch with a hand cultivator. The earthworms, ground beetles and other organisms will move it down into the

soil and around the plant roots where it is needed.

The second step is especially helpful for those with heavy or compacted soils. Once the compost is in place, do a bit of vertical mulching. Use an auger bit on your cordless drill. Simply drill holes into the soil between plants. This aerates the soil and pushes some of the compost into the soil further boosting your efforts.

Vertical mulching helps speed up the process a bit by getting the compost closer to the plant roots and soil organisms that will help incorporate it into the soil. The openings created in the soil allow air, water and fertilizer to penetrate the soil surface and travel to the root zone.

Then be sure to return the mulch you removed from the garden or add mulch if needed. Maintaining an inch or two of organic mulch on the soil surface not only conserves moisture and suppresses weeds; it also continues to improve the soil. As the organic mulch breaks down, it adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

Investing some time to create and



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Topdressing perennial gardens improves the overall health of the garden, so the plants can thrive.

maintain healthy soil goes a long way in making your garden a beautiful part of the landscape.

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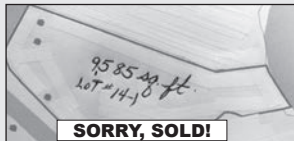
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SPORTS

Crowley, Nelson shine for Auburn, who fall to Warriors in tight contest



Auburn's Aidan McGrail emerges from the pack with possession of the ball in his stick.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — A day after a program-defining victory over Wachusett Regional, the Tantasqua Regional boys' varsity lacrosse team traveled to Memorial Field to tangle with Auburn High on Tuesday, May 10.

What followed was a spirited, back-and-forth affair between the Warriors and Rockets, with neither team grabbing more than a three-goal lead at any point. When all was said and done, though, Tantasqua kept its winning week alive with a 9-7 victory.

"We played Wachusett last night — really tough game. I think the final was 10-9. We've been trying to get better each day and I think finally it clicked for our guys a little bit," Warriors' head coach James Putney said after the win over Auburn. "I'm not too concerned about how we performed in Week 1 or Week 2. It's about hitting your stride at the right time. We've been trying to put it together to prime ourselves to be play-

ing our best lacrosse at playoff time."

Tantasqua led at all the stops — 2-1 after one quarter, 5-4 at the half and 7-6 through three frames — but the Rockets were right there until the very end. They led twice in the contest — both in the second quarter — at 3-2 and 4-3, but it just wasn't enough.

"Auburn's a strong team. I'm just happy to come out with the 'W,'" said Putney.

The Warriors' scoring was balanced, as six players were able to find the back of the net. Braeden Rich, Avery Michalak, Patrick Dunn, Jack Ricci and Nathan Williams all scored once, while Liam Hubacz lit the lamp four times.

"In terms of a coaching philosophy, it's a team game. The more you move the ball, it's just going to create more opportunities for everyone," Putney said of the balanced scoring.

Putney mentioned how he hoped for his team to close out a perfect 3-0 week with another win, this time over a talented Nipmuc Regional club on



Matthew Sjogren of Auburn leaves his feet to heave a pass down the field.



Auburn's Oscar Wyspianski has enough room to scoop a groundball in front of Tantasqua's Landon Rice.

Thursday, May 12, and the Warriors did just that. Tantasqua won, 12-6, and are 7-4.

Auburn, meanwhile, slipped to 5-7 but won two days later to get to within one game of .500.

The Rockets had two standout perfor-

mances in the game with the Warriors. Brendan Crowley scored six of Auburn's seven goals — Matthew Sjogren had the other tally — and Michael Nelson made nine saves to keep the game as close as it was.

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"Our club has had the pleasure of working with HDSA's Massachusetts and Rhode Island Chapter for the past several seasons in both Pawtucket and Worcester," said Joe

Bradlee, Vice President of Baseball Operations & Community Relations. "We look forward to hosting HDSA and putting the spotlight on all of the impactful work the chapter is doing throughout this region."

The "Hearts of Worcester" program includes a pregame recognition on the field with HDSA logo on the video board, a presence in the first base concourse to interact with fans, and an in-game radio interview with the broadcasters. Tickets also include \$2 of ballpark credit that can be used on concessions or in the main team store on merchandise.

For more information about the event, please contact Abigail Desrosiers (abigaildesrosiers18@gmail.com). Tickets can be found at [massri.hdsa.org/woosox](https://massri.hdsa.org/woosox).

Huntington's disease (HD) is a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It deteriorates a person's physical and mental abilities during their prime working years and has no cure. Every

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**North American national parks**  
National parks across North America are budget-friendly destinations. These parks boast incredibly scenic vistas and

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The draw of Nashville may be strong, but nearby Chattanooga also can be an entertaining place to enjoy some southern hospitality. Chattanooga is centrally located to many areas in the United States. Chattanooga hosts the Tennessee Aquarium, which has a large freshwater aquarium and an opportunity to touch sturgeon, which is an ancient fish species.

## South America

When seeking warmer climates and sandy beaches, many travelers immediately think of the Caribbean islands. But for the budget-conscious, countries like El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Costa Rica may be more affordable. These countries are home to rich jungles and ancient ruins as well.

## St. Augustine, Florida

Theme parks may be a big part of Florida's tourist draw, but such parks can be expensive for families. Looking elsewhere in Florida for dream destinations that are easier on the pocketbook doesn't take a lot of work. St. Augustine in Northern Florida is America's oldest city and is packed with historical monuments, quaint shops and great dining. The city also sits a mere five miles northwest of St. Augustine Beach, which offers miles of shoreline

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## Portugal

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