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Fill a Cruiser for Christmas

By PATRICIA ROY

Would you like to make the holidays a little brighter for families in need?

The Holliston and Ashland police departments can help you with that.

Together, the two departments are holding their “Fill a Cruiser” event, where they partner with the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10. The event is held at the Big Lots parking lot, 41 Pond St. (Route 126), Ashland.

Officers from Ashland and Holliston will be on hand to help collect the gifts.

Presents (only new, unwrapped and non-violent) are needed for ages 3 years old up through high school.

“There are always lots of gifts for the younger kids, but sometimes there are things that are needed like gift cards for the older kids,” Holliston Police Chief Matthew Stone said. “Sometimes the middle school and high school gets left out.”



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CALLING ON ASHLAND!

SAVE THE DATE TO THE
COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FOR
THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Saturday, December 2nd from 12pm
to 4pm at Ashland Town Hall.

Check the website for more information.

<https://tinyurl.com/ashlandCP>

Time to get involved

By PATRICIA ROY

As the winter holidays get into full swing, take a few moments to turn your thoughts to the Ghosts of Ashland Past, Present and Future.

The town is doing exactly that by launching an initiative called “Envision Ashland” to examine the town’s past and present, and plan for its future.

Under the auspices of the Comprehensive Plan Steering

Committee, local residents are invited to an Open House at the Town Hall on Dec. 2 (the same day as the Holiday Stroll and tree lighting) from 12 – 4p.m. in Rooms B/C on the lower level.

The goal is to develop a blueprint for the town’s growth and determine a way to get there. The Comprehensive Plan will be a two-year effort headed by

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Gifts can also be left off at the Holliston Police Department (550 Washington St., Route 16) or Ashland Police Department, (12 Union St.).

Beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving, the collection boxes will rival the laden shelves at Santa's North Pole workshop.

"For the next three or four weeks, it's non-stop. People just come out of the woodwork and bring toys; they have their kids bring toys," he said, adding that it's a lesson in giving for his own young children.

The Fill a Cruiser event is only a piece of the toy collection efforts.

It's located at the Big Lots because they have aisles of moderately priced toys. Sometimes people will see the Cruiser and dash back into the store to buy a present to add to the rest, the Chief said.

Local groups, businesses and organizations will collect toys and drop them at the police station in place of an office holiday party or Yankee Swap, said Stone.

"We'll get a call saying, 'We had a company party Saturday night and I have 25 toys, can I bring them by?'" he said.

Holliston has been active in the Toys for Tots program for years, and is a well-established drop center. The station is open 24/7 which makes it convenient so people can drop off toys anytime.

"I also have 30 police officers who can help me load them into a truck or a van to take them to the drop center," he joked.

The toys make their way to a large distribution center that changes its location from time to time, but has been in Burlington for a few years, Stone explained.

The toys are sorted by age and type so people in need can put in a request, then sometime in the middle of December, they'll be invited to go to the center and

pick out toys they know their kids would like.

"There's a room of all Barbie dolls," he said. "Technically the drive ends on Dec. 11, and it's to give time to get the gifts out to families."

In addition to being new and unwrapped toys, the gifts should also be non-violent, Stone said.

"No guns, no Nerf guns, no swords," he said.

The drive has collected some big-ticket items in the past like bicycles and X-boxes, so if it's in your budget, let the spirit of giving lead you.

The police officers enjoy the toy drive, since it allows them to extend their service to the community.

"It's another way of serving," Stone said. "If someone is having a bad year or a tough time, we're there to help. We don't get to see the kids opening gifts on Christmas, but knowing we can make a little kid happy means a lot."

Senior Community Center Activities for December 2023

NEW PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES:

Dec 4th at 12:00 - Lunch and Senator Karen Spilka's Office - Listening Hour

Dec 6th at 10:00 - Computer Class on Saving and Attaching Photos

Dec 7th at 9:00 - Free Breakfast sponsored by Ashland Lions Club
Call to reserve your seat at 508-881-0140 x1.

Dec 7th at 10:00 - COA Meeting

Dec 7th at 12:00 - FOACOA Meeting

Dec 8th at 10:00-11:30 - Legal Consultation by Appointment.

Call to make an appointment 508-881-0140 x1.

Dec 11th at 12:00 - Lunch and Trivia

Please use the payment box outside of the Main Office to reserve your seat.

Dec 12th at 3:30 - Intergenerational Event to decorate Gingerbread Cookies & Foam Gingerbread Houses

\$5 per person. Call to reserve your seat at 508-881-0140 x1.

Dec 13th - CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM HAND OUT

Dec 14th at 11:30 - Downton Abbey Tea Party and Showing of 1st Episode of the T.V. Series.

Call to reserve your seat at 508-881-0140 x1.

Dec 14th at 5:00-7:00 Holiday Party sponsored by FOACOA. \$10 per person.

Please use the payment box outside of the Main Office to reserve your seat.

Dec 18th at 10:30 - Hearing Aid Cleaning with Hopkinton Audiology. **Call to reserve your seat at 508-881-0140 x1.**

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the 27-member Steering Committee, Town Manager Michael Herbert and Town Planner Peter Matchak.

It has been 20 years since the town has updated its plan and mapped out the years ahead.

At the Open House, a member of each of seven town boards will be on hand as well as a representative from each voting precinct. Your ideas are important to them and will have an effect on planning. The boards are committed to full transparency on this project.

Drop in when you're downtown shopping in Ashland's small

businesses or before the Holiday Stroll begins and take 10 minutes to visit Town Hall's Open House to offer your ideas on the town's future in this interactive session.

There will be quick information offering an introduction to the Residents are also encouraged to capture their cherished views of Ashland present and to share photographic images that you would like to see as a guide for Ashland future. Share them at surveymonkey.com/r/ashlandCP.

Ashland Citizen's Academy

One of the beauties of the Massachusetts Open Town Meeting is that every registered voter gets to have a say in town operations.

Some of the drawbacks? It can be hard to make the meeting when you're balancing a job and family. It also can be confusing and even intimidating to sit through a town meeting with its seemingly idiosyncratic and even archaic terms. Just who was Robert and why are we following his Rules? Why does discussion stop when someone "calls the question"? Not to mention the labyrinthine procedures required for warrant article amendments and amendments to amendments.

Don't feel bad - even inexperienced town meeting moderators have been known to get "lost in the amendment." That's the reason Town Counsel is al-

ways on hand to keep things copacetic.

If you are curious about the inner workings of town government, which board has the last word on any number of subjects (the difference between Planning and Zoning, for example) and what that means for you, enlist in the town's new Citizen's Academy.

The Academy will run a session beginning Jan. 10, 2024, meeting 6-8 p.m. every other Wednesday at various locations across town until May. Enrollment is limited to 15 participants with preference given to residents who have not served on town boards or committees before.

You will have the opportunity to connect with department heads and town staff, explore town facilities (very instructive when a developing town is going through a growth spurt) and participate in interactive breakout activities.

With town employees and board members as your experienced guides, you will immerse yourself in a wide range of topics such as administrative services, budgeting, public safety, health, sustainability and human services.

Applicants must be 18 and a resident of Ashland.

For more details, visit: ashlandmass.com/1103/Citizens-Academy.

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Dec 18th at 12:00 - Holiday Lunch with Ugly Sweater Contest.
Live Music by Stephan McGovern
Dec 19th at 11:30 - White Elephant Gift Exchange : Join us for

light refreshments.
Bring a wrapped new item from home that you never use for exchange.

Call to reserve your seat at 508-881-0140 x1

Dec 20th at 10:00 - Town Manager's Coffee Hour

Dec 21st at 11:00 - Intergenerational Cookie Decorating and Hot Chocolate Social

Call to reserve your seat at 508-881-0140 x1

Dec 25th - 29th - CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

*Notes - No Clocktown Memory Cafe in December. This event will restart in January 2024.

- No Parkinsons Support Group in December. This event will restart in January 2024.

Weather Cancellation Policy:

The Senior Center will be closed on all holidays observed by Town Hall employees.

Activities and transportation may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

The bus/van will not operate when weather causes school closings.

Stay tuned to your local TV station for listings of school closings.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES:

Backgammon - Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month at 1 pm
Bingo - First and Third Tuesdays of the Month at 1 pm
Bowling - Tuesdays at Ryan's Amusement in Millis at 9 am
Blood Pressure Clinic - Wednes-

days at 10:30 am (No Blood Pressure Clinic on Dec. 13th)

Canasta - Mondays at 1 pm

Chair Yoga - Tuesdays at 1 pm

Craft Day - Every other Friday, Dec. 1st and 15th, at 11 am

Cribbage - Thursdays at 12:30 pm

Exercise with Joni - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 am (No Exercise Class on Dec 13th)

Fall Walking Group - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 am

Hearts - Wednesdays at 1 pm (No Hearts on Dec 13th)

In Stitches "DROP IN" Knitting Group - Second and Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 11 am

Intermediate and Advanced Watercolor Class - Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 am (no Watercolor Class on Dec 13th)

Line Dancing with Lisa - Thursdays at 12 pm

Mahjong - Fridays at 10:30 am

Parkinson Boxing - First and Third Wednesdays of the Month at 1:30 pm

Pitch Card Game - Mondays at 12:30 pm

Scrabble - Thursdays at 10 am

Stress Reduction Class with Robin - Thursdays at 1 pm

Tai Chi with Robin - Wednesdays at 11 am (no Tai Chi on Dec 13th)

Veterans Office Hours - Wednesdays Dec 6 and 20th. Call (508) 429-0629 to make an appointment

Zumba Gold - Tuesdays at 10 am

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Ashland Tree Lighting

Saturday Dec. 2nd | 4 - 5 p.m.

Come on down to Green Square on Main Street for hot cocoa, cookies, caroling, and the annual tree lighting ceremony! Santa will be attending so don't miss out! The tree lighting will happen at 4:30 p.m.

OBITUARY

David "Dave" Fertig, 54, of Ashland, MA, passed away on November 24, 2023 from pancreatic cancer. Dave was predeceased by his father, Kenneth (Framingham, MA), his grandparents Boris and Rose (West Roxbury, MA), his grandparents Charlotte ("Bubbie") and Morris ("Zeyde") (Brookline, MA), and his Uncle Abe and Aunt Elaine (Brookline, MA). He is survived by his mother Elaine (Watertown, MA), his brothers Adam (Peterborough, NH) and Matt and his wife, Carolyn, their sons, Jacob and Cameron (Ashland, MA), his



Uncle Edward and wife Allison (Chestnut Hill, MA), his Aunt Natalie and Uncle Fred (Balti-

more, MD), his cousin Susan Fertig (Newton MA) and her family Meredith, Landon and Annabelle (Sharon, MA), Douglas and Dana (Elkridge, Maryland), and cousins, Michael, Tonya, Sydney (South Carolina), Rob, Jared, Eli, Drew (Brookline, MA), Gary, Amy, Jordyn, Olivia (New York City), Josh, Katie, Miles and Rose (Baltimore, MD) and all of Dave's family and friends.

Dave was born March 27, 1969 in Boston MA to Elaine and Kenneth Fertig. He lived most of his childhood in Sudbury MA and attended Lincoln Sudbury High School. He graduated from Framingham State College, where he earned a degree in

Computer Science. He worked as a Software Engineer at many different companies, including Nevi Health, Newton MA, which was his final place of employment. Dave was not only an engineer at work, but also spent countless hours helping his father with computer issues. In addition, he was always helping his brother and family with their "techie" questions, which he always answered with ease and grace.

Dave was an extraordinary son, brother, uncle, cousin and amazing friend to so many people- including those who spent the last week with him 24/7.

Once diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in December 2019,

Dave never gave up and fought all odds. During this time, he continued to camp, listen to music with friends and spend quality time with his brother Matt and his family.

In all, Dave was beloved by everyone who knew him. He will be missed and remembered by so many. May he rest in peace.

In Dave's memory, for anyone who would like to donate, here are two organizations related to pancreatic cancer: The Lustgarten Foundation, lustgarten.org (private finder of pancreatic cancer research) or standuptocancer.org (charity founded by the family of Jeopardy host, Alex Trebek, who died of pancreatic cancer).

Menorah Lighting Dec. 16

BY SUSAN MANNING
STAFF WRITER

Kicking off Hanukkah this year will be similar to the past few: a menorah lighting in Montenegro Square.

Sha'arei Shalom President Carolyn Fertig said all are welcome to this annual event.

The synagogue purchased a menorah several years ago and have been hosting this community menorah lighting every year in Montenegro Square in Downtown Ashland.

"Join us for a fun community gathering led Rabbi Craig Marantz. We'll say the Hanukkah blessings and sing some traditional songs as we light the big menorah.



Non-members welcome!" Fertig said.

The lighting will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, from 6:15 – 7 PM, in Montenegro Square – 100-196 Main St, Ashland.

Fertig said many people are involved in planning the event.

"This is a group effort planned by the Sha'arei Shalom board, Ritual Committee, School Com-

mittee, our lay leaders and Rabbi Craig," she said.

Although the menorah is not a candle — it is electric, and just gets plugged in — there is still someone who gets the honor of "lighting it."

"Since it is electronic, we just plug it in to light the candle and/or turn the menorah on and give that honor to someone right on the spot that evening. No specific person is assigned ahead of time," she said.

The menorah lighting is open to anyone who wants to attend.

Fertig said the synagogue invites Town Manager Michael Herbert, as well as Ashland Police Chief Cara Rossi.

In addition to lighting the menorah, there will be songs, and a small token for children.

"We recite the blessing for light-

ing the menorah. There will be some Hanukkah-oriented comments from the Rabbi. We sing a few Hannukah songs and we give Hanukkah chocolate gelt to the kids who are present," she said.

Sha'arei Shalom is a small, member-driven community synagogue based in Ashland. Services are held twice a month throughout the year. More information can be found online at www.shaareishalom.org

Happy Holidays from the Ashland Business Association

The warmth of the holidays offers the perfect setting to express gratitude to our members, supporters, and the community that has made this year an extraordinary one.

From dynamic networking events to insightful workshops and impactful community events, this past year's programs have strengthened the ties between our businesses and our community members.

Earlier this year, we hosted a networking event at Dulce De Leche. We hosted our second annual, Celebrate 126 event, and partnered with some amazing local organizations for the YMCA Barbeque. In addition, we co-hosted Back to School Movie Night at The Corner Spot and Speed Networking at The Bagel Table. We also

laughed the night away with Comedy Night at Marconi's Event Center.

The fun this year isn't quite over, as we will support our local downtown businesses and pop-up shops at the town's Holiday Stroll, and officially close out this year with our upcoming holiday party on Dec. 12.

To our members, partners, and the entire Ashland community, we extend our warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season. May it be filled with laughter, peace, and an abundance of cherished moments.

Please remember to continue shopping small and local as you carefully select gifts for your loved ones!

Thank you all for your dedication and support to not only the ABA, but all of the busi-

nesses here in town. Here's to a new year filled with fresh opportunities and continued prosperity for all.

Happy Holidays from the ABA!

Join us for these upcoming events in town!

ABA Holiday Party!
Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 5- 7 pm
TJ's Food and Spirits, 355 W. Union St.
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Stay in touch with the ABA

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Ashland Lions Club December 2023 Update

Christmas tree lot now at the Ashland Farmers Market!

The Lions Christmas Tree lot is now in its new location at the Ashland Farmers Market, 125 Front Street. We will be open weekends 9a-8p, and weekdays 3p-8p, until we sell out (follow our Facebook page for changes in hours). Big thanks to the Boy Scouts Troop 232, AHS Leos Club and AHS Football team for getting us up and running and helping us sell trees.

Please consider buying your fresh Christmas tree or wreath from the Ashland Lions this year and donate to a great cause. Remember, Lions give back 100% of profits from all fundraisers to our local community and to Mass Lions Eye Research, who works toward preventing and curing blindness.

In addition to donating back to community organizations with the money we raise, we are also

able to contribute to the community through experiences. Starting this year, the Ashland Lions are proud to support our town holiday lighting ceremony with hot cocoa and cookies. As a special feature this year, we are also happy to have live and in person, Queen Elsa from the Frozen movies for a meet-and-greet and photo opportunity for kids prior to the holiday lighting ceremony.

Ashland Lions Tree Lot offers trees and wreaths

Coats for Kids and Families

Ashland Lions Club is partnering again with Anton's Cleaners for the Coats for Kids and Families Drive. We are collecting warm winter coats for adults and children. CFK&F accepts warm winter coats that are gently used, good quality and all sizes. Coats should not have rips, tears, broken zippers or permanent stains. They will be cleaned by Anton's Cleaners and made available to



local nonprofits, social service agencies and schools to ensure that the coats are given to those who really need them, free of charge. Coats may be dropped off in Ashland at Focus on Fitness (290 Eliot St.), Cleaner's Choice and Tailor (193 Main St.) and at the Public Safety Building (12 Union Street).

Ashland Lions Meat Raffles

Ashland Lions is continuing another great year of meat raffles! Our next one will be held on Saturday, January 6 at 12pm, at TJs Food and Spirits in Ashland, and continue the first Saturday of each month throughout the winter. As always there will be great

food, fun people, and great meat to choose from. See you there!

Eyeglasses and Cellphone Collection

Eyeglasses and cellphone collection is a year-round project with collection of used prescription and nonprescription eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids and cell phones.

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- Ashland Senior Center
- Old train station - Ashland
- Moody Optical - Ashland
- Middlesex Bank - Ashland
- Fayville, MA Post Office
- Studio Optics - Framingham
- Southborough Senior Center
- Southboro Post Office on Rt.85
- TJ's Food and Spirits
- The Residence at Valley Farm

Join the Lions and help your community

Do you love the feeling of helping out people who need it?

Want to participate in service to the community while meeting some great people and having some fun? If you're interested in becoming a member of the Ashland Lions, please reach out to us via email at membership@ashlandlions.org for details, or message us on Facebook! You're also welcome to stop by our Christmas Tree lot and talk to any of our members.

Stay up-to-date on Lions happenings

To see the latest status of our events, please visit our Ashland Lions Facebook page. Click the Like button and you will be automatically notified of changes or cancellations. While you're at it, be sure to follow Ashland Town News too!

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Holiday Stroll

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The holiday stroll takes place in Downtown Ashland on Saturday, Dec. 2, from noon-4 p.m.

As you wander, you'll discover a plethora of local boutiques and pop-up shops, creating the perfect opportunity to check off your holiday shopping list.

But there's more than just shopping! Check out the activities at The Corner Spot! Roast marshmallows at the fire pit, buy a wreath from the Boy Scouts, grab some cookies from the Girl Scouts, tell Santa what you want for Christmas, and enjoy hot chocolate, cider, and noodles from Doragon Ramen!

Don't forget to collect stamps as you shop! Every unique shop you make a purchase from earns you a stamp. Once you've gathered five or more stamps, you can enter to win our Holiday Stroll Raffle. The more you shop the better chances you have!

To enter, just drop off your stamped passport into one of our designated ballot boxes, which can be found throughout the different shopping locations. Raffle Prizes: Grand Prize: \$250 Visa Gift Card Second Prize: Two \$50 gift cards to local restaurants Other Prizes: Mystery bags filled with goodies from various local vendors

Shop These Participating Businesses:

- Town Hall (101 Main St.)**
- Resin and Wood by Randy Weiner
 - Designs by Elissa Bilech
 - Ruth the Crafty Stylist
 - Mad Cozy Creations
 - LakeHouse Designs
 - Giulietta Nardone
 - Jeen's Designs
 - Spiderrock Ink E's Beads
 - Kids Corner: Strings n Things, Bliss Collections, D Art Cart

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Are you ready for another New England winter?



Chris Hopkins

How can you make sure you're ready for whatever Mother Nature has in store this winter? Here's some tips

1) Winterize all outside pipes

When temperatures drop below 32° F outside faucets, sprinkler heads, and irrigation lines will freeze and burst if they aren't winterized. Make sure to turn off all water at the mains inside the house then open faucets to let water in the pipe drain out. Irrigation systems require a professional, so make sure you make an appointment for winterization well before the first frost.

2) Get gutters cleaned

This summer's rain brought a ton of leaves, sticks, and other yard waste down on roofs. Chances are, that debris is now in your gutters. Left in place all that debris is a recipe for disaster as it freezes into an icy mass. That can get under shingles, damage your roof and cause ice dams. Clear gutters so rain and snow can drain. If you're

not comfortable on a ladder it's worth talking to a professional. Act now to avoid costly repairs in the future.

3) Prune, mulch, and protect perennials

Time to get the clippers out. Most of your perennials should have died back. Cut back the vegetation to 2 - 3 inches above the ground. It makes your garden look nice and neat, and it stops harmful insects from making a home. Want your evergreens to stay greener all year round? Now is the time to feed and protect them from harsh winds and colder temperatures. Add some mulch around the base to protect roots from freezing temperatures and any winter salt runoff. And consider burlap wraps to protect your evergreen investment. Winter burn can wreak havoc on tender evergreen leaves.

4) Trim trees and bushes

Take a good look at your trees and shrubs. Look for large

limbs overhanging your roof line, power or utility lines. A Nor'easter's high winds and heavy snow can bring down branches and cause thousands of dollars' worth of damage to roofs, porches, or siding. Plus, regular pruning encourages healthy spring growth and prevents disease and insect infestations. If you're not sure what should go and what can stay, consult an Arborist.

5) Repair paths and pavers

The winter's freeze and thaw can turn a loose patio or paving stone into an accident waiting

to happen. Frost heaves can trip even the most seasoned New Englander. Get loose stones reset by a mason before the frost starts.

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Ashland store sells \$10 million scratch ticket

Odds are good winner is local customer

BY THERESA KNAPP

Che's Liquors in Ledgemere Plaza has been in business for more than 10 years and has always sold lottery tickets, but just recently had its largest winner to date when it sold a "\$10,000,000 Lucky Bucks" scratch ticket.

"We've never had a big winner like that since we've been in business," said owner Che Patel, whose store will receive a \$50,000 incentive payment for selling the ticket. "The biggest we've ever had was \$5,000 or \$10,000, so to have a \$10 million winner — we're ecstatic...It was the luck of the draw, literally."

Patel, who lives in Ashland, said the store does not sell a lot of lottery-only. "It's usually once customers choose the items they like here, then they usually will grab one [a lottery ticket]."

If that's the case, the odds are good that the winner is a regular customer.



"We don't know who won but we're happy for whoever it is," said Patel. "We're excited that it could be a regular customer of ours and we hope they spend the money wisely."

JJFM Trust of Wellesley has claimed the prize. The trust was represented by trustee Anthony J. Barsamian.

The ticket was sold on Oct. 19. Shortly thereafter, an attorney claimed the prize on behalf of the winner who chose a lump sum payment of \$6.5 million before taxes.

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The b.LUXE *beauty beat*

The Beauty in Kindness

BY GINA WOELFEL

There is a commonly held belief that kindness is like snow in that it can beautify everything it touches. Despite the harshness of New England winters, a certain peacefulness and serenity envelop us when a fresh layer of snow blankets the landscape. This magical stillness beckons us to slow down and appreciate the beauty of the present moment.

As the holiday season approaches, it's easy to get distracted by the endless shopping and sale announcements, which can take us away from the true spirit of this time of year. Our message to you is to slow down and step away from the hustle and bustle. Plan your shopping ahead of time, wrap and store your gifts early, and use the extra time to do what you love. By simplifying your routine, you can focus on what truly matters this holiday season - spending quality time with the ones you love.

This year, we've organized a special event with our co-workers to take a break from our busy schedules and celebrate the end of the year. The b.LUXE Team is hitting



the roller rink for a Grinch-themed, old-school skating party, complete with ugly sweaters! We're fortunate to have a team of women who support and care for each other, and we look forward to celebrating this relationship. Skating the night away together will be an unforgettable evening.

Our team is deeply committed to giving back to the community, especially during the holiday season. Our responsibility is to positively impact the community; we're proud to do our part. This month, we supported The Franklin Food Pantry with donations and an afternoon packing holiday gift baskets. We also sponsored The Medway Village Food Pantry Toy Drive with gifts for children ages 13-17. Recently, we had the pleasure of hosting the Franklin Senior Center at our studio, where we treated them to a day of beauty. It was a fantastic experience and one

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Of course, it wouldn't be the most wonderful time of year if we didn't have some

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Tuesday, December 5 @ 6:30pm

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Virtual - Baking Demo and Discussion
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Tuesday, December 5 @ 7pm

Who doesn't like a bit of hol-

iday baking? We are so pleased to welcome Chef and Cookbook Author Erin Jeanne McDowell to our virtual stage! Erin will demonstrate how to make one of her favorite recipes and then will have some time to chat with attendees about all of our "burning" questions :). We hope you

can make this very special event.

VIRTUAL Front Street Readers Book Club
Tuesday, December 5 @ 7pm
Read "Astrid & Veronika" by Linda Olsson.

Virtual - Environmental Book Club
Wednesday, December 6 @ 6:30pm
Read "Climate Champions: 15 Women Fighting for Your Future" by Rachel Sarah.

VIRTUAL: Ashland Adult Book Club
Wednesday, December 6 @ 6:30pm
Read "The Music of Bees" by Eileen Garvin.

Virtual: Armchair Travel To France
Wednesday, December 6 @ 7pm
Visit Southwest France. Away from Paris, France is very different. Enjoy the sights of Bordeaux and wine country. Make a stop in Dordogne for Cro-Magnon man cave paintings. Hike on the GR65 in Cahors.

HYBRID - Romance Book Club
Thursday, December 7 @ 6:30pm
Read Holiday (ANY Holiday) Romances

Make Your Own Wrapping Paper with Jan Poppendieck
Thursday, December 7 @ 6:30pm

Did you know that most wrapping paper is not recyclable? It's true! So, come join us for an evening of learning how to make your own wrapping paper with Jan. We'll use stamps, colored pencils, and other organic materials to make your wrapping paper beautiful and earth friendly!

Virtual - Friday Night Film Discussion
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Your Money, Your Independence

The Clash Against The Magnificent Seven

Never before has the S&P 500 been this top-heavy.

The seven largest companies by market capitalization (Apple, Microsoft, Amazon, Alphabet, Nvidia, Meta, and Tesla) comprise more than 29% of the S&P 500 index. These companies dubbed the “Magnificent Seven” have performed very well in 2023.

The Only Band (of stocks) That Matters?

A November 14th Goldman Sachs report shared that the Magnificent Seven have gained 71% this year while the other 493 stocks in the S&P 500 have gained just 6%.

Given market cap distribution, which allows larger stocks to contribute more to the index’s movements, the S&P 500 has gained +19% this year.

Thus, if one owns the other 493 stocks but not the Magnificent Seven, they’re trailing the S&P 500 Index by ~13%.

“Di-worse-ification”?!

As for other asset classes YTD through 11/14:

- +9.1% - MSCI EAFE (International) Index.
- +7.5% - Gold.
- +5.1% - Dow Jones Industrial Average (Apple, Microsoft are components).
- +5.0% - MSCI Emerging Markets Index.
- +3.4% - U.S. Small Cap (Russell 2000) Index.
- +0.4% - U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.
- 0.6% - Morningstar U.S.



Glenn Brown, CFP

Real Estate Index.

What of dividend stocks? Vanguard’s Dividend Appreciation +7.9% trails S&P 500 Index by ~11% even though its largest holdings Apple and Microsoft are ~9%. It can’t own other Magnificent Seven stocks because they don’t pay dividends (yet).

Before asking, what about NASDAQ 100’s +34.6%? Understand, Magnificent Seven are 44% of that index’s 100 stocks.

Death or Glory.

Yes, Magnificent Seven 2023 returns are eye-popping, but let’s review 2022 then add together for net total return (not average) from 01/01/22 -11/14/23.

Apple: **2022 -26%**; 2023 +45%; Net +7%

Microsoft: **‘22 -28%**; ‘23 +56%; Net +12%

Amazon: **‘22 -50%**; ‘23 +74; Net -13%

Alphabet: **‘22 -39%**; ‘23 +51%; Net -8%

Nvidia: **‘22 -51%**; ‘23 +240%; Net +69%

Meta: **‘22 -64%**; ‘23 +179%; Net 0%

Tesla: **‘22 -65%**; ‘23 +93%; Net -32%

Still, since 2018 the Magnificent Seven have outpaced the S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100. Not the first time a concentrated group of tech stocks outperformed 5 years to sit near the top of S&P 500.

The Four Horsemen.

In the late 90s, Dell, Cisco Systems, Intel and Microsoft were deemed The Four Horsemen.

To end 1999, the Top 10 S&P 500 Index holdings were - Microsoft, General Electric, Cisco, ExxonMobil, Wal-Mart, Intel, Lucent, IBM, America Online and Citigroup. Notice 7 out of Top 10 were technology. Dell was #18, between Nortel Networks and MCI Worldcom.

A “What Happened To...?” article should be done, but understand from 2000-2009, aka “The Lost Decade”, the S&P 500 Index lost -9%. The best performing Four Horseman, Microsoft, had a -36% decline for 2000s.

Diversification and Equal-Weight At Work.

If S&P 500 was negative for the 2000s, so was everything else. Right?

Nope.

Per indices cited previously, Gold returned +274%, U.S. REITs +162%, Emerging Markets +154%, U.S. Bonds +85%,

U.S. Small Caps +44%, and International stocks was +12%.

Additionally, the Equal-Weight S&P 500 Index was +65% for the 2000s.

An equal-weight index is when all components are weighted equally. In today’s terms, a Magnificent Seven stock impacts the same as Lululemon, Hubbell and Blackstone, all recently added to S&P 500 Index.

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

This isn’t to say sell this or buy that, as everyone’s situation is different with goals, taxes, risk tolerance and timelines. It’s to help educate, understand what you own and why you own it.

You should go to your CFP for your customized recommendations.

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We would like to thank those who purchased a Wreath and/or Swag. These brightened the homes while monies raised benefited local and Lions Charities.

Once again, working with the Ashland Lions Club and the Ash-

land Schools sponsored a Peace Poster Contest and a Speech Contest. The Peace Poster contest, which is for grades 3 through 5. The Speech Contest was for students in grades 10 through 12 and was the opportunity for them to practice their speaking skills.

The club participated in the Community Center’s Annual Holiday Program.

The club welcomed a new member in November.

Do you have any used eyeglasses hanging around? We’ll take them! Please bring them to the Police Station (located in

the Public Safety Building at 12 Union St), Market Basket (Pond Street / Rte.126), the VFW (at 311 Pleasant Street), or the Town Hall (Main Street).

Wanting to get involved in the community? We’re a low-pressure group of service-oriented folks always looking for new members. If you’d like to learn more about the Lions and our club, please contact Lion Alexis at cvarnie@hotmail.com.

For more club information, please check us out on Facebook: Greater Ashland Lions Club. #weserve #kindnessmatters.

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Annual AHS Pancake Breakfast is Dec. 10

BY KYLE SCHILLER
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The AHS Student Council's annual "Pancake Breakfast" is on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 9 -11:30AM in the Ashland High School cafeteria (65 E. Union St.).

This event is open to the entire community so make sure to bring all your family and friends!

There will be a buffet with pancakes (regular, blueberry, and chocolate chip), muffins, bacon, sausage, fruit salad, beverages, and more.

We will have free games for kids and pictures with Warren the Clock!

All you can eat for \$8 per person (\$5 for children 12 years old or younger).

For more information, check out our website at <https://sites.google.com/ashland.k12.ma.us/stucoashland/events/pancake-breakfast>

The Ashland High School's "Clocker Idol" is on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7pm at AHS. Get ready to hear some of Ashland High School's most talented voices as they compete for the



(Photos by Natalie Dunbar)



grand prize of a \$100 Amazon Gift card. Teachers will be judging each contestant and the audience will vote on who will win the 10th season of "Clocker Idol"! There will be a bake sale during intermission. The entrance fee is \$5 per person and all proceeds go directly to the Ashland Emergency Fund. For more information check out our website at <https://sites.google.com/ashland.k12.ma.us/stucoashland/events/clocker-idol>



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Cook from "The Hot Bread Kitchen Cookbook: Artisanal Baking from Around the World" by Jessamyn Waldman Rodriguez and the Bakers of Hot Bread Kitchen with Julia Turshen.

For the Kitchen Gadget Exchange - bring your favorite kitchen gadget for a good old fashioned Yankee Swap! Rules:

The item has to be less than \$10.

You have to bring an item if you want to play BUT, participation in the swap is not required.

Virtual: Asian Art Series: Art Across Asia - When the Tiger Smoked a Pipe: The Art of Korea with Ginny Meyer

Sunday, December 10 @ 2:30pm

Explore the varied and fascinating art that Koreans have produced for thousands of years. Renowned throughout Asia for their ceramics and textiles, Korea also has created, adapted, and refined a broad spectrum of art forms. Today Korea is one of the leaders in contemporary art production.

Card Making with Jan Poppendieck

Monday, December 11 @ 6:30pm

Jan will teach embossing, die cutting, proper stamping, and use of equipment individually and group techniques of creating unique cards.

Virtual - All that Glitters is Gold: Gustav Klimt

Monday, December 11 @ 7pm

Austrian painter Gustav Klimt is associated with a number of artist movements including Art Nouveau and Symbolism, but in the end he developed a distinctive style all his own. This program introduces audiences to the idiosyncratic artist and reviews his famous gold paintings as well as his lesser known works.

Virtual - Holiday Romance Book Recommendations with Booklist Reviewer, John Charles

Monday, December 11 @ 7pm

With the holidays right around the corner, take a minute (or an hour) to relax and find some good holiday romance reads! John Charles will give us his "best of" list of 2023 that will have your TBR pile tipping over and your holidays spent cozying up to a

good book (bring your own hot toddy!). Virtual: Gallery Talk with the Addison Gallery: Free Association: New Acquisitions in Context

Tuesday, December 12 @ 2pm

Visit the Addison Gallery of American Art virtually through this Zoom presentation. Curators Gordon Wilkins and Rachel Vogel will lead participants on a virtual tour through the works and themes presented in the exhibition Free Association: New Acquisitions in Context.

Stretch Bead Bracelets for the Holidays with Monica Foley

Tuesday, December 12 @ 6pm

This is a class for adults to learn about shape and color patterns in making stretch beaded bracelets. The class will review basic design principles in jewelry making. There will be a variety of bead shapes and colors provided to the class. Patrons will learn how to tie a knot and hide it inside one of the beads so the bracelets have a finished look.

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“A Random Walk Through Our Collections”

On October 15, 2023 Ashland Historical Society’s presentation “A Random Walk through our Collections” by Society Vice President Joel Sparks provided a nice introduction to our collections. With over 9000 items cataloged in our database he wanted to make it known that the presentation could maybe be subtitled “Not All Things Considered”. Joel’s presentation included many photographs projected onto our screen in a power point presentation as well as a smaller number of physical items he showed to us.

The presentation was organized around topics which made it very understandable and thought provoking. Noting early Ashland’s agrarian past he began by showing us a hay rake from the 1800’s and a scythe which he noted are likely ubiquitous in many local historical society collections. Acknowledging the silage chopper might be something a little more unique in our collection, he showed a tool around the size of a coffee table with a large, sharp, hand operated lever to chop. Alas there was no actual demonstrating of cutting anything with the chopper because we are no longer an agrarian town with silage to chop.

The next topic Joel used for organizing the collection items

present was Transportation & Industry. He showed photos of Ashland past with horses, carriages, our horse pulled fire engine and trolley cars. The trolley photos brought discussion of where the trolley lines were in Ashland. President Cliff Wilson wanted all to know that the Trolley Brook Trail, a recently overhauled trail that is part of the Upper Charles Trail system running from Megunko Road to Memorial Drive was not the site of any trolley line! If I got my facts right from the conversations, the photo presented was of a trolley on Summer Street and we discussed that there were trolley lines from Framingham to Hopkinton and Framingham to Holliston that went through Ashland.

Some of the photographs Joel showed of areas downtown had people guessing to figure out the specific location though ultimately the audience located it by orientation of buildings still here, such as the Federated Church. He also showed us a picture of the 1878 Holbrook Bell made in Medway, Mass, that was originally on our fire station, then moved to various locations as a monument (not working bell) and we are pretty sure is now at our brand-new Public Safety Building!



Joel made of point of honoring our past as an historical society – before our founding in 1909, the society is an off-shoot of the Home Study Club, which was an offshoot of The Novelty Club and Imaginary Travel club – showing pictures of some of our founders and early members. He gave us a good idea of the archival material available in our collections: town warrants, town lists of residents/census, town maps and blueprints, NYANZA documents, newspaper clippings, Ashland High School and Keefe Tech yearbooks.

What about the clocks? We have a lot of them, Joel said representing 222 different models of Telechron (or General Electric) clocks. Joel brought a few

to show from our collection and noted a good place to learn about Telechron clocks is a website Telechron.net. As typical, when something is shared about Telechron at Ashland Historical Society, we have audience members who add to the discussion, having worked there or had family who worked there.

We would love to have members working with our collections to have more information available to report. Did you know Logan Airport was going to expand with a jetport in Ashland and the surrounding areas? That Ashland had a radio station? What else can we learn? Joel had a great presentation to expose us to items from the collection, so much so that I asked the programming committee to book



him for another presentation. You won’t be disappointed if he agrees and you can attend.

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Bio/Memoir Book Club

Wednesday, December 13 @ 11am
Read “When Breath Becomes Air” by Paul Kalanithi.

Sending Sunshine: Community Letter Writing *For All Ages

Wednesday, December 13 @ 5pm
Do you love letter writing or want to spend some family time doing this time honored tradition in service of senior citizens? Join your community and spread sunshine to senior citizens!

Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, December 13 @ 6:30pm
Read “A Christmas Guest” by Anne Perry.

Art for Adults with Nancy Atkinson

Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30pm
Nancy will teach us drawing techniques with different mediums, papers, and ideas. We hope you can join us and up your artistry game.

Virtual - Friday Night Film Discussion

Friday, December 15 @ 7pm
Watch “The Insult”

Saturday Knit and Crochet Club and Workshop: Knit Fir Tree Ornaments

Saturday, December 16, 2023
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If you've invested in an IRA for many decades, it may well turn into a key source of income for your retirement. Still, you might not deplete your IRA in your lifetime, especially if you also have a pension or a 401(k) and other investment income. So, if your IRA still has sizable assets after your passing, it would likely end up in your estate plan. If you leave your IRA

to grown children or other family members, could they be hit with a big tax bill?

Here's a little background: Up until the Secure Act of 2019, those who inherited traditional IRAs could extend their required withdrawals over their lifetimes, which stretched out the annual taxes due on these withdrawals. But the Secure Act changed the provisions for non-spouse beneficiaries who inherited an IRA after 2019, meaning that beneficiaries of inherited IRAs had only 10 years (beginning the year after death) to withdraw the entire balance. For some beneficiaries, this could potentially create a tax burden. (Inheritors of Roth IRAs are also required to follow the 10-year distribution rule but are not subject to income taxes on account earnings if the Roth IRA's five-year holding period has been met).

However, not all beneficiaries were affected by the new rules. Spouses can stretch their inherited IRA distributions over their

lifetimes and exceptions exist for certain non-spouse beneficiaries. Minor children of the IRA owner (until the age of majority), chronically ill or disabled individuals, and beneficiaries who are no more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner may opt to stretch their distributions.

The new 10-year requirement applies to IRAs inherited on or after

Jan. 1, 2020. But due to confusion over changes to required minimum distribution (RMD) rules for some beneficiaries of inherited IRAs, the IRS waived penalties for individuals who failed to take RMDs in 2021 and 2022 and extended the RMD penalty waiver for 2023.

Although these rulings give beneficiaries — those not eligible for the exemptions listed above — more time to plan, they will eventually need to start taking RMDs, which could affect their tax situations. To help protect your heirs, consider these suggestions:

- **Using permanent life insurance.** A properly structured permanent life insurance policy could help you replace the assets your family might lose to the taxes resulting from an inherited IRA. You might even consider naming a charity as the beneficiary of an IRA, rather than your family members. The charity would receive the IRA proceeds tax free, and the life insurance could then provide tax-free benefits to your heirs.
- **Leaving taxable investment accounts to your heirs.** Apart from your tax-deferred IRA, you may own other, fully taxable accounts containing investments such as stocks or bonds. Typically, these investments receive what's known as a "step-up" in their cost basis once they are inherited. This means your heirs will essentially inherit all the gains your investments earned by the

time of your passing — but they won't be taxed on these gains if they sell the assets immediately. This type of sale could help offset the taxes your heirs will incur from the inherited IRA.

The tax and investment issues surrounding inherited IRAs can be complex, so consult with your tax and financial advisors before making any moves. And, as with many areas relating to inheritances, the sooner you start planning, the better.

If you would like to discuss your personal situation with a financial advisor contact:

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Sports

Continuing To Perfect Her Defensive Game

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,
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Medway-Ashland girls hockey defenseman Lauren Bosworth is looking to continue working on her defensive skills while leading the team to another tournament berth.

As she enters her junior campaign, the Ashland native is hop-

ing that the team can keep their plus/minus numbers down if they believe in the coach's system.

Past Assistant Ally Harrington will be stepping up to take over for Karl Infanger this upcoming season.

"Coach Harrington knows how we work and the ins and outs of the team, so we should be fine," Bosworth said. "This

team prides themselves on our defensive play and being a defenseman, I want to go out and continue to increase my blocked shot numbers, while doing my job as a defender for the team."

The junior noted that offense is great and that she is looking to put the puck the net a few times over the season, but she will be keying more on dishing out the assists to her teammates.

"Last year we allowed an average of under three goals a game to our opponents," Harrington said. "That is a testament to us as a whole when playing defense and Lauren is a big part of that equation."

The first-year head coach went on to say that she is hoping that Bosworth becomes more confident as a player this year, especially in the offensive zone. The junior will also see more ice time on both the power play and the penalty kill for Medway-Ashland.

"I'd like to see her step up and score some goals from the point, especially on the power play," the Coach said. "She is a driving force to creating pressure from the back to the front."

Bosworth first stepped onto the ice around the age of 2 because of her father's love for hockey.

"He put me on the ice young, and I just fell in love with the sport," Bosworth said. "When I'm on the ice my brain stops thinking about everything that is going on and my competitiveness for the sport clicks in. It's a team effort and we are all working for the same thing."



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but the best was yet to come.

"The best moment of my hockey [career] was the first game of the season," Bosworth recalled quite vividly. "They were announcing the starting line-ups (Coach Infanger hadn't told anyone who was to be starting before the game) and I heard my d-partner's name and then things started to sink in, and my name was called. I had a big smile on my face as I was not expecting to be starting at all."

Originally the Ashland resident grew up playing forward, but once she started playing for the Minutemen Lady Flames around the age of 12, she was moved to defense and has been there ever since.

"I was one of the bigger girls on the team and we needed defense, so I was moved and found that I really enjoyed the position," Bosworth said. "Of course, everyone loves to score, but preventing goals is just as big a difference maker as well. I pride myself on not allowing any goals while I am on the ice."

The move allowed Bosworth to view the ice in an entirely different perspective. Instead of just seeing the offensive zone, playing defense allowed her to see the whole ice and she was able to have better control of her game. She was now able to create better passes while understanding the full game.

Now as she gets ready to enter her junior season, she is looking to improve her game while helping Medway-Ashland go deep into the Division 2 Tournament come the end of the season.

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Ashland Recent Home Sales

Date	Ashland	Amount
11/16/2023	56 Heritage Ave.	\$879,000
11/16/2023	41 Whittemore Dr.	\$770,000
11/16/2023	46 E Bluff Rd.	\$460,000
11/15/2023	104 Warren Rd.	\$725,000
11/13/2023	123 Warren Rd.	\$750,000
11/13/2023	51 Spyglass Hill Dr. #51	\$412,000
11/08/2023	183 Prospect St.	\$628,000
11/08/2023	26 Voyagers Ln.	\$519,500
11/07/2023	112 W Union St.	\$350,000
11/07/2023	11 Tower Rd.	\$424,000
11/06/2023	191 Cedar St.	\$760,000
11/03/2023	96 Independence Ln.	\$1.08 mil
11/02/2023	263 Cordaville Rd.	\$560,000
10/31/2023	17 E Bluff Rd.	\$530,000
10/30/2023	91-93 Homer Ave.	\$695,000
10/27/2023	1 Ridgewood St.	\$1.20 mil
10/27/2023	11 Meeting House Path	\$420,000
10/26/2023	14 Clark St.	\$715,000
10/26/2023	56 Woodland Rd.	\$525,000
10/26/2023	10 Braeburn Ln.	\$760,000
10/24/2023	22 Douglas Rd.	\$465,000
10/20/2023	9 Revere Way	\$965,000
10/20/2023	21 Cutler Dr.	\$530,000
10/20/2023	25 Woodland Rd.	\$531,400



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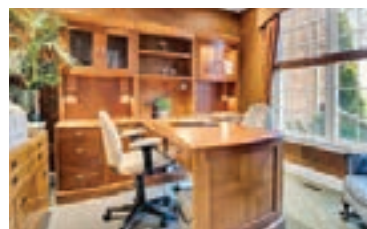
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