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with a workshop session, in late October, with Webster Police Chief Gerald Pickering.

Pickering told the board having fewer officers could translate to service cuts or reductions, and concluded, "I understand no one wanted to get where we've gotten in this economy ... but I think it's going to work out. It's a new normal." He did ask the board to consider restoring \$95,000 to the police

department's overtime budget.

While the Town Board is conducting a regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Dec. 1, and one of the agenda items is authorizing the supervisor to sign the Webster police union contract for 2011-13, the board isn't planning to finalize the 2012 town budget until next week.

A Nov. 21 deadline for any police officers to participate in a retirement incentive program the board approved in October has also now passed,

Budget adoption

WHAT Presentation of the final Webster town budget for 2012
WHEN Webster Town Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7
WHERE Webster Town Hall, 1000 Ridge Road
ATTENDANCE The meeting is open to the public; citizens may address the board during an "open to the floor" time

but it isn't yet known if any of the officers eligible for the program opted to participate.

IN BRIEF

Fundraiser to benefit Webster family

A pancake breakfast fund-raising event is being organized to support the Finch family of Webster.

Ben Finch, of Webster, is a father to five children (ranging in age from 6 months to 8 years) and husband to Sheriee. For the past year, Ben has been fighting cancer. He was recently diagnosed with another tumor and with thyroid cancer, for which he is facing more surgery, chemotherapy and radiation.

Previously, he was diagnosed with and treated for pleomorphic adenoma, a tumor in the saliva glands that was growing into his brain and esophagus. He has been unable to work for over a year.

To support the Finch family, a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser is planned for 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Webster's Dewitt Road Elementary School. Tickets, \$5 per person, are available through ldp@passeros.net and will be sold at the door. Advance purchase tickets are appre-

ciated.

Donations are also welcome and may be sent to: The Finch Fund 590 Bending Bough Drive, Webster, NY 14580. For more information, visit The-Finch-Fund Facebook page.

Ford collecting for Toys for Tots

For a second year, the Henderson Ford car dealership in Webster is challenging staff, customers, the community and neighboring businesses to help fill a Ford Explorer with toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

The community is encouraged to drop off new, unwrapped toys from now until Dec. 7 at the marked collection boxes at Henderson Ford, 810 Ridge Road, Webster, or at Design Pool and Spa, 7244 Palmyra Road, Fairport; Pulse Marketing Group, 6 North Main St., Suite 215, Fairport; or Omero's Clothes by calling (585) 392-2939 to schedule a dropoff

Representatives from the Marine Corps are scheduled to pick up the

toys at 10 a.m. Dec. 12 at the Webster dealership.

Residents take part in college internships

Four Webster students are taking part in an internship this fall through SUNY Oswego's Experience-Based Education Program.

Gina R. Clawson, a senior journalism major, is doing an internship at the WRVO radio station on the SUNY Oswego campus.

Kate M. Rafte, a senior journalism major, is also doing an internship at the WRVO radio station.

Ashlee A. Engel, a junior human resource management major, is taking part in student-athlete mentors on the SUNY Oswego campus.

Lauren B. Towle, a senior public relations major, is doing an internship at Looking for the On Ramp in Flemington.

The Experience-based Education Program at Oswego places students in internships and career awareness opportunities that allow them to earn college credits while garnering valuable real-life experience.

SHOPPING

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there, the quality is up and the value on better goods is very obvious." Kern adds that she has even seen shoppers who not only enjoy "the thrill of the hunt," but also can't wait to tell people the "deals" they got — even on items they're presenting as gifts. Shopping resale is also now acceptable with kids, Kern said, adding that since the Webster location is known for its better-name clothing, it's not unusual to see even high school students shopping at the store.

New to you — and others Very often, you can find brand new or newer items, particularly at consignment shops, said shopper Char Ipacs, that simply didn't fit or suit whoever donated an item.

"I've found brand new Brighton jewelry, slippers, and even children's games and puzzles, mostly at consignment shops," Ipacs said. "But, I do have friends who collect teapots or love older pins, and you can find beautiful vintage pieces in thrift and consignment stores, too. For my family, though, that's not what they're looking for."

Sometimes, she's even able to purchase a nicer gift for a person or family she takes off an "angel" tree at holiday time, Ipacs said, by shopping consignment and thrift stores. Again, she looks for — and finds — new or newer items.

Consignment shopping is one way Jessica Goosey stocks up on Christmas gifts. The new mother says "thrift" is not only more affordable, but more sustainable. In addition to Goodwill and the Salvation Army, Goosey does much of her thrift shopping at A Second Thought in East Rochester, where part of the proceeds benefit Heritage Christian Services. "It saves money, and I feel like I'm using something a little more green since it's already been used," Goosey said. Kern added that she's seeing an increase, too, in the number of people assembling gift baskets. They come into the Webster store she manages not only for baskets, for also looking for newer items to help fill them. The local store also had a big selection of holiday decorations and supplies.

Goodwill gifting

Local Goodwill stores prepare for the Christmas season by pulling out artificial trees and holiday decorations that come in year-round from donations. Sondra McFarlane, the vice president for marketing at the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Goodwill, says the store saw an increase in its holiday season traffic from 2009 to 2010 and expects the same this year. It's a great place to find something for the hard-to-shop-for friend or relative, since items carried are unique. "People can find a whole host of items; we get new items every single day," McFarlane said. "If you

know that person you're buying for collects something, Goodwill is certainly a great way for those folks to find something that might meet their needs and tastes."

Rochester Area Consignment Shops

If you're on a tight budget for the holidays, consigning or selling used clothing can also be a worthwhile and relatively easy way to get some extra cash.

"It's a great way to get spending money, plus you get a return on your investment," said Cathy Yeomans, president of the Rochester Area Consignment Shops. Yeomans has worn many hats in the local thrift and consignment store scene. She's now the owner of Turns Upscale Consignment on Empire Boulevard in Webster, and is a former retail operations manager at Volunteers of America.

Yeomans said Rochester has seen a strong uptick in new consignment stores. In the last year and a half, 10 new stores have opened.

In addition to finding unique gifts, thrift stores can also be an inexpensive place to spruce up your home if you're hosting an event, or to find a quick outfit for a holiday gathering.

"The holidays aren't just gifts; they're the outfits you're wearing to the Christmas party, or the decorations for the home or for your office," Yeomans said.

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