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New vaccination site opens in Uxbridge

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — A new COVID-19 vaccination site has opened in the Blackstone Valley, located at the former McCloskey School building in Uxbridge.

The town of Uxbridge announced recently that it will be hosting the Southern Worcester County COVID-19 Vaccination Site, run by a regional collaborative of Boards of Health, Fire Departments, Police Departments, and municipal employees from: Uxbridge, Northbridge, Mendon, Douglas, Bellingham, Blackstone, Hopedale, Millville, Milford, Oxford, Upton, and Sutton.

According to reports, there will also be a Satellite Clinic Site operating on Saturdays at Nipmuc Regional High School in Upton. Both sites will be open to anyone who lives, works, or studies in Massachusetts, however, 25 percent of all doses allocated to the coalition will be kept within the local communities, according to a statement shared by the town of Uxbridge.

The sites are funded by federal allocations distributed through the CARES Act and FEMA and will not have any financial impact on the town of Uxbridge, the town shared.

Due to the residential setting and close proximity to Taft School, the Town has worked diligently to address any possible safety and traffic concerns," the statement reads, adding that Uxbridge Chief of Police Marc Montminy has created a "safety plan" for the Uxbridge site and is working with the police departments in the coalition to provide security and traffic officers during hours of operation.

Uxbridge Fire Chief Tom Dion and Captain Blodgett are spearheading the coordination of EMS personnel and vaccinators for the Uxbridge site.

The McCloskey School location, 62 Capron St. in Uxbridge, will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m.

Nipmuc Regional High School, located at 90 Pleasant St. in Upton, will be open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Residents warned of new 'spearphishing' campaign

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Local police are warning residents of a new 'spearphishing' scheme that is using email to lure victims into downloading malware onto their computers.

"Spearphishing campaigns use tailored emails that contain malicious links that execute malware," the Uxbridge Police Department shared in a statement. "The FBI is warning that this scheme, called 'TrickBot,' are phishing emails claiming to contain proof of 'traffic violations' to lure victims into downloading the malware."

Malware—or malicious software—is software intentionally designed to

be harmful to a computer or network.

The phishing emails contain links that redirect to a website hosted on a compromised server that prompts the victim to click on photo proof of their traffic violation, police said. By clicking the photo, the victim "unknowingly downloads a malicious JavaScript file that, when opened, automatically communicates personal information to the malicious actor, or loads other payload software such as ransomware."

According to the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency, TrickBot malware—first identified in 2016—is a "Trojan developed and operated by a sophisticated group of cybercrime actors."

"The cybercrime group initially designed TrickBot as a banking trojan to steal financial data. Through continued development and new functionality, TrickBot has become a highly modular, multi-stage malware that provides its operators a full suite of tools to conduct a myriad of illegal cyber activities," the agency shared.

Since TrickBot's inception, the cybercrime group has used the malware to attack individuals and businesses glob-

ally across a wide range of sectors. According to the state's website, never click on links in emails from an unknown or suspicious source. Also, only open attachments if you are expecting them and know what they contain.

"If you have any doubts, contact the business or other email sender directly using information you obtain from somewhere other than the potentially spoofed email," said the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation.

Former Sutton Fire Chief honored

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — The community is mourning the loss of retired Fire Chief Jeffrey Wilson, a lifelong Oxford resident who served the communities of Sutton and Oxford throughout his 48-year career. Wilson passed away on March 17 after a courageous battle with thyroid cancer.

"We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Chief Emeritus Jeff Wilson this morning. He was much more than just a firefighter to the Sutton Fire Department, he was a leader, a mentor, a teacher, and most importantly a great friend," the Sutton Fire Department shared in a statement.

Wilson began his career in the fire service with the Oxford Fire Department in 1972, where he worked through the ranks to become chief of the department, according to information in an obituary. During his time in Oxford, he served on many committees including Fire District 7, Homeland Security, and Central Mass EMS Corporation, "promoting policies, procedures and advancements in the public health and safety field."

After retiring as Oxford



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The community is mourning the loss of retired Fire Chief Jeffrey Wilson, a lifelong Oxford resident who served the communities of Sutton and Oxford throughout his 48-year career.

Fire/EMS Chief in 2010, he worked for Bert's Emergency Vehicles and also joined the Sutton Fire Department, where he managed the Fire Prevention Education Program for the Sutton School system, the Senior Safe Program, the Community Risk Reduction Division, mentored members of the department, and was the Communication Team Leader for Fire District 7.

Wilson retired from the

Sutton Fire Department as Chief Emeritus in February 2020.

"Whether he was fixing things at station 2, covering a shift for the duty crew for the day, providing direction at a drill, or just hanging around after a call he would always have a smile on his face and enjoyed what he did," the Sutton Department continued. "In February 2020 we gathered to celebrate his retirement with a lot of stories and plenty of laughs, but even after

that he stayed active with the department and Fire District 7 as much as he could...Now that he is laid to rest, we will continue to remember him and cherish all that he has shared with us over the years."

Wilson, 66, was a lifelong resident of Oxford. He graduated from Worcester Boys Trade High School and received an associate's degree in Fire Science from

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Valley Chapel hosts Night to Shine

UXBRIDGE — We want to give a special thank you to the 25 amazing volunteers, 15 teens and 10 adults, as well as Uxbridge Police Chief, Marc Montminy, who helped fill and pass out 75 gift boxes full of surprises for our virtual 'Night to Shine' event that was held on Feb. 12. We also want to thank the parents/caregivers who made it possible for them. Our Special Needs Community is so Blessed by your love and support for them.

Night to Shine, sponsored by The Tim Tebow, is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. Considering the coronavirus, Tim Tebow said "If anything, it is now more critical than ever, which is why we can never stop fighting for those who cannot fight for themselves. Thankfully, we serve a God for whom nothing is too big. With Him alone as our source of power, faith, hope and love can never be locked down."

The Tim Tebow Foundation chose to provide Night to Shine as a virtual event in 2021. Each guest received a gift box full of surprises to enjoy while tuning into the one hour simulcast at home. This year thousands from around the world came together through socially-distanced and virtual formats to honor and serve those with disabilities.

Valley Chapel in Uxbridge, has been hosting Night to Shine for 4 years. It is truly awesome to see so many beautiful smiles and laughter coming from all our Kings and Queens. We look forward to hosting it again Feb. 11, 2022.

Bay Path UNICEF Club raises funds with snack bar

CHARLTON — The COVID-19 pandemic did not stop the UNICEF Club of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy from fundraising to support and advocate for children.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy UNICEF Club officers organized a snack bar. Supported by the Practical Nursing Class of 2021 and UNICEF Club advisor, Professor Cheryl Cahill the snack bar fundraiser totaled close to two hundred dollars.

“Delicious homemade baked goods with hot and cold beverages were served in exchange for a donation” stated Isabella Boateng of Manchester, Conn., UNICEF Club Officer.

“All proceeds will go a long way in helping vulnerable children during the pandemic,” Boateng added.

UNICEF is the world’s largest supplier of ready-to-use beneficial foods. Through UNICEF the production of a high protein paste that can revive a malnourished child in the matter of weeks is possible. UNICEF has aided in saving more children’s lives than any other charitable organization.

About the UNICEF Club
The Bay Path PN UNICEF Club program is a PN student-led initiative that partners with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to educate, advocate and fundraise to support UNICEF’s lifesaving work. It is a movement rooted in a belief that students have a vital role to play in helping the world’s children survive.



PN students elect five officers, plan and implement at least one activity per term. A PN faculty serves as UNICEF Advisor.

At Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, the program is 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) and is accredited by the Commission on Occupational Education (www.council.org). For more information, visit www.baypath.net.

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Quinsigamond Community College announces fall semester plans

WORCESTER — Given current progress in the fight against the pandemic, Quinsigamond Community College is planning to resume in-person services for the Fall 2021 semester to the extent that it is safe and permissible.

Last year, to ensure the safety of its community, QCC made the difficult decision to significantly limit in-person services and, with the exception of clinical courses and a few labs, pivoted to remote learning. The College is exploring logistics and will continue to make decisions to help ensure the safety of its students, faculty, staff and community.

“At QCC, we are committed to student success. We know that many of our students benefit from in-person classes and services, while others take advantage of the flexibility of online courses,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

Prior to the pandemic, approximately 20 percent of QCC’s courses were already held online. The pandemic allowed the College to increase its capacity to serve students through online and remote services.

“We hope to build on our experience in these areas to provide more services and flexibility for our students,” President Pedraja continued. “While we believe

that we will have a robust in-person presence this fall, we are constantly monitoring the situation, and will continue to follow the best advice available and adapt accordingly.”

Additionally, QCC has significantly increased financial support to its students through \$2.4 million in federal emergency funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II, authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), and an additional \$1 million in institutional funds. The College’s Student Emergency Fund is also available for students in significant hardship due to the pandemic, who are exempt from receiving certain federal aid due to citizenship, residency or enrollment status.

“No one should be barred from attending college this fall due to scheduling issues or financial hardships. At QCC, we have worked tirelessly to eliminate those barriers and make higher education accessible for everyone,” President Pedraja said.

QCC will begin its VIP

registration for returning and active students on March 29, with new student registration beginning on April 12.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

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Cornerstone Bank recognizes employees for dedicated service

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is celebrating 24 employees who have hit a landmark in their tenure with Years of Service Awards. Employees are honored for every five years of service they have completed with the Bank.

“The passion and commitment our employees bring to the workplace every day is inspiring,” said CEO of Cornerstone Bank Todd Tallman. “These 24 employees have helped us maintain steady growth over their years of service and embody our values of respect, integrity, trust and excellence. We thank you all for your dedication and loyalty over the past five, 10 and even 45 years!”

“Despite the hardships of this past year, these employees and the rest of our staff have pushed through, showing tremendous strength and resilience,” said President Randal Webber. “I applaud our service award recipients for their longstanding devotion to our organization.”

Below is a list of employees receiving the Years of Service Award:

Name	Service Years	Years of Service
Sheryle I. Gaudette	1975-2020	45
Karen Largesse	1985-2020	35
Jason D. Main	2000-2020	20
Charlotte L. Schmidt	2000-2020	20
Amy Dolan	2000-2020	20
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Jamey A. Mekal	2005-2020	15
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James E. Beaudry	2005-2020	15
Michael M. Pacheco	2010-2020	10

Kyle S. Bourque	2010-2020	10
Sara Seaver	2010-2020	10
Susan M. Wilcox	2010-2020	10
Michael Quink	2010-2020	10
Heather Dumais	2015-2020	5
Thomas W. Moschos	2015-2020	5
Allison R. Nugent	2015-2020	5
Maritza Vega	2015-2020	5
Rebecca A. Field	2015-2020	5
Johanne T. Mahon	2015-2020	5
Catherine Hanna	2015-2020	5
Lisa L. Tucker	2015-2020	5
Marissa A. Leazott	2015-2020	5
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Worcester Academy announces Honor Roll and Headmaster's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 1 of the 2020-2021 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

Among the students are:

Allison Athanas of Whitinsville, Class of 2021, Headmaster's List.

Lena Dresp of Northbridge, Class of 2022, Headmaster's List.

Brendan L'Italien of Douglas, Class of 2024, Headmaster's List.

Tim Reiter of Whitinsville, Class of 2025, Honor Roll.

Jeffrey Robinson of Whitinsville, Class of 2022, First Honors.

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For information, contact Director of External Communications Neil Isakson at 508-459-6918 or neil.isakson@worcesteraacademy.org.

State launches new mass vaccination registration system

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

STAFF WRITER

REGION — Officials recently unveiled a new preregistration sign-up tool available for the state's seven mass vaccination sites.

Launched last week, the new system will make it easier for residents to request and book an appointment at a mass vaccination site. More venues will be added to the preregistration system in the coming weeks, officials said.

The new preregistration system replaced the state's original online booking program, which was fraught with problems. The Web site crashed on multiple occasions, and residents had significant issues with attempting to schedule appointments.

Gov. Charlie Baker and his team are hoping for a smoother experience with the new model.

“Available appointments will be offered to residents based on their vaccine eligibility and the availability of appointments at mass vaccination sites nearby,” read a statement released by Baker's office.

The state's COVID-19 vaccine scheduling hotline will remain in place to help residents without internet access, as well as those who have difficulty navigating the new preregistration process.

In total, the state now has 170 public vaccination sites offering appointments. More information on vaccine sites can be found at: vaxfinder.mass.gov.

The new preregistration tool is available at: www.mass.gov/COVIDvaccine. Eligible residents must complete an online form to request to book an appointment at a mass vaccination site.

After completing the form, residents will receive a confirmation via their preferred method of contact (text, email, phone). They will also receive a weekly update about their status. Residents may opt out of their preregistration at any time if they secure an appointment elsewhere.

“When an appointment becomes available at a mass vaccination site, the resident will be notified and will have 24 hours to accept the appointment once it is offered to them,” read the statement issued by Baker's office. “If an appointment is not accepted after 24 hours, the resident will go back into the queue to wait for another appointment.”

To accommodate older residents and others who are unable to use the form, the new preregistration process allows family members, caregivers, or other companions to fill out the form on behalf of a resident.

Individuals who do not have internet access can call 2-1-1 to preregister.

Residents are thanked for their continued patience during an unprecedented time. State officials are hopeful that supply issues will start to improve over the coming weeks.

“Due to high demand and limited supply, there are only a small number of appointments for eligible residents,” Baker said. “Given the limited number of available appointments due to constraints on vaccine supply, it could take several weeks for eligible, preregistered residents to receive a notification about an available appointment.”

Weekly state allocations of the vaccine are subject to change based on federal availability, demand from providers, and obligations to meet second doses.

In addition to the state allocation, the federal government distributes vaccines to CVS Health sites as part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Partnership. These quantities fluctuate on a weekly basis and are not counted toward the state's weekly allocation, officials said.

For residents who don't wish to attend a mass vaccination site, appointments are also being booked at more than 160 other public vaccine sites across the Commonwealth. The state has also allocated a supply of doses to certain healthcare providers, hospitals, and community health centers that will provide instructions to their patients on the vaccine process.

In other vaccine news, approximately 400,000 K-12 educators, childcare workers, and K-12 school staff members are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Massachusetts. State officials want to ensure that all school staff members have a chance to be vaccinated before schools reopen next month.

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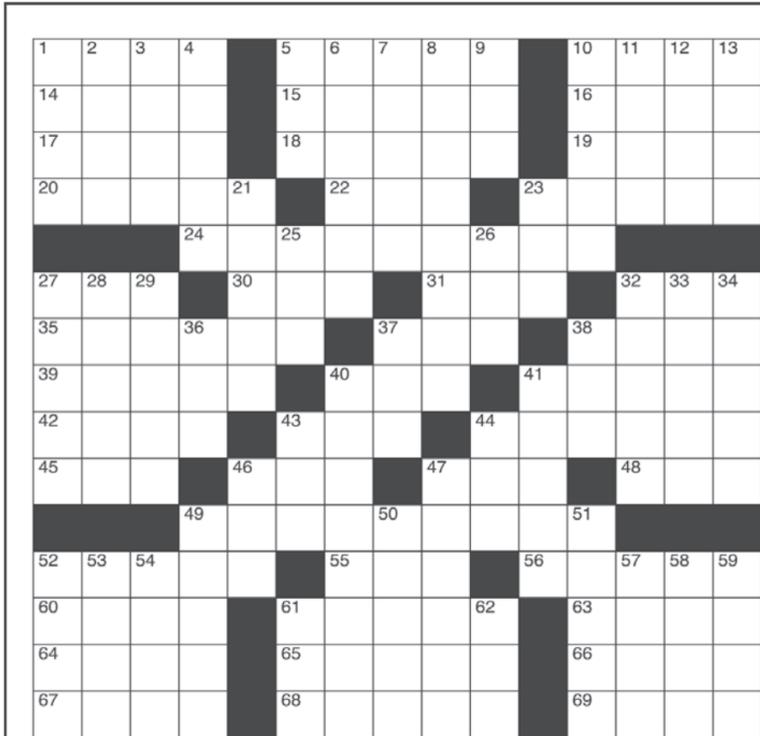
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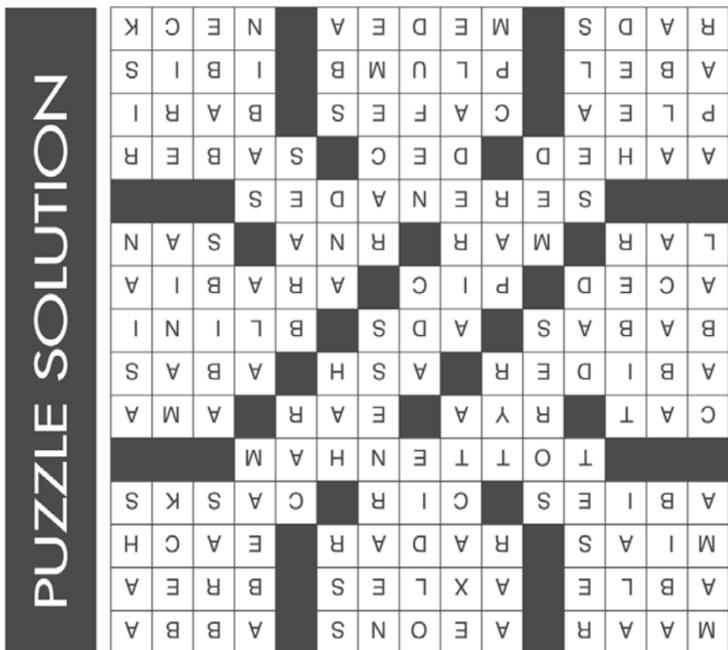


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- 19. All of the components considered individually
- 20. Play “__ Irish Rose”
- 22. Gene
- 23. Barrels
- 24. London-based soccer team
- 27. Feline
- 30. Breed of sheep
- 31. Body part
- 32. Doctors' group
- 35. One who follows the rules
- 37. Cigarette residue
- 38. Ancient Greek sophist
- 39. Polish yeast cakes
- 40. Promotional materials
- 41. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- 42. Completed perfectly
- 43. Photo
- 44. A peninsula in SW Asia
- 45. The common gibbon
- 46. Disfigure
- 47. Ribonucleic acid
- 48. Japanese honorific
- 49. Pieces of music
- 52. Expressed pleasure
- 55. Having ten
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Humble request for help
- 61. Eating houses
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Cain and __
- 65. Measure the depth
- 66. U. of Miami's mascot
- 67. Political outsiders
- 68. Greek sorceress
- 69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mother
- 2. Jewish calendar month
- 3. Jai __, sport
- 4. Establish again
- 5. Swiss river
- 6. Racetrack wager
- 7. __ but goodie
- 8. Closeness
- 9. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 10. At right angles to a ship's length
- 11. Women's undergarments
- 12. Mountain stream
- 13. Expresses pleasure
- 21. Painful places on the body
- 23. Automobile
- 25. Scandinavian god of battle
- 26. Expresses surprise
- 27. Secret political clique
- 28. Yields manila hemp
- 29. River in central Italy
- 32. Brain injury science acronym
- 33. Mental illness.
- 34. A person from Asia
- 36. Father
- 37. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 38. Cooked or prepared in a specified style
- 40. Large terrier
- 41. Hillsides
- 43. Golf score
- 44. Not or
- 46. Type of student
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Closes tightly
- 50. Saudi Arabian desert
- 51. Famed vaccine developer
- 52. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
- 53. Actress Jessica
- 54. Pay attention to
- 57. Beloved big screen pig
- 58. __ Clapton, musician
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Cost per mille
- 62. Helps little firms



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Regional Environmental Council (REC) celebrates Earth Day with neighborhood cleanups April 10

WORCESTER — The Annual REC Earth Day Neighborhood and Garden Cleanups, to be held on Saturday, April 10 from 8 a.m. to noon at multiple locations throughout Worcester. Thanks to a continued partnership between the Regional Environmental Council (REC), the City of Worcester, National Grid, and many other area businesses, colleges and universities, and community organizations, volunteers will once again join together to clean our sidewalks, parks and neighborhoods.
 Since REC began coordinating the event in 1989, Worcester's Earth Day Cleanups have become an annual, city-wide tradition that engages Worcester-area residents and organizations to give Worcester a big spring cleaning. This year our top priority is keeping the community safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We are implementing new protocols with guidance from the Worcester Division of Public Health.
 All Earth Day volunteers must maintain 6 feet of physical distance, and wear a mask that covers the nose and

mouth, protective eyewear, and disposable gloves at all times. This equipment will be provided along with trash bags and other materials.
 Volunteers join together each year to celebrate Earth Day by making Worcester a healthy and beautiful place to live, work, learn and play! For more information or to volunteer, visit www.recworchester.org/earthday, or contact Katie at earthday@recworchester.org. This year's cleanups are organized by the REC in partnership with the City of Worcester Department of Public Works & Parks and National Grid and through the generous sponsorship of the following: AbbVie, CCR Wealth Management, Sustainable Comfort, Inc., Mass. Audubon, E.L. Harvey & Sons, IC Federal Credit Union, Standard Auto, Worcester Common Ground, Tighe & Bond, Davis Publications, Worcester State University, Assumption College and UMass Medical School and in-kind support from Mechanics Bliss, Wheelabrator, & Superior Waste & Recycling.

Friday's Child



Alijah Age 13

Hi! My name is Alijah and I want to learn Spanish!

Alijah is a social, engaging and polite boy of Cape Verdean descent. His favorite activities include playing sports, board games, card games, and admiring the latest and greatest footwear like hot pink Nike Foams. He also likes cooking, baking, and swimming. Alijah enjoys showing off his basketball and football skills. He prides himself on being a good mentor to younger children and seeks out opportunities to do so.

Alijah does benefit from accommodations listed on his IEP to assist him with more emotional/social supports. He does well in school and is performing on grade level. Alijah is hopeful that he will

be able to step down to a less restrictive setting in the near future.

Legally freed for adoption, Alijah will do best in a family with two parents who will be able to give him the one-on-one attention that he craves and provide him with structure and clear rules. Since he is a great mentor to younger children, his team is seeking a family with younger children in the extended family for him to be a role model to but for there to be no other children or only older children in the home to ensure Alijah's needs receive the attention he deserves. He would also love for his future family to have pets or be open to adopting a pet. It is very important to Alijah that he is able to maintain contact with his eight siblings who are also looking to be adopted.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mare-inc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

QCC Mentoring earns high marks, reaches partner level in quality based membership

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College Mentoring program has earned Mass Mentoring Partnership's highest level of certification: Partner Level Quality-Based Membership (QBM). Quality-Based Membership is a first-in-the-nation process created to promote high-quality best practices among Massachusetts youth mentoring programs. Now being replicated nationally, membership components are based on The Elements of Effective Practice, the national standard for mentoring programs.

QBM is a process that assesses a program's strengths and offers guidance on areas where they may need additional training or technical assistance. There are many benefits to QBM: It provides a meaningful "indicator of quality"; it benchmarks program practices against national standards of excellence; and it demonstrates a program's commitment to excellence to potential mentors, funders, parents, and community partners.

Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) Mentoring joins 43 Mass Mentoring Partnership QBM certified mentoring programs in Massachusetts. The program connects QCC students with staff, faculty, industry, and community members to create one-on-one mentoring relationships. This unique program provides extensive benefits to students, as well as professional development and networking opportunities for mentors.

"Our students will greatly benefit from this certification. Mentors can have a lifelong, positive and profound effect on student mentees. Our mentoring program provides a way for students to connect with mentors and build positive relationships to support their college experience. Students also develop employer-desired skills, gain an understanding of workplace expectations and networking to increase their likelihood of finding a rewarding career," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "The program has become an integral component of student success."

"We commend Quinsigamond Community College as a partner in the QBM program and look forward to working with them to help amplify mentoring relationships in central Massachusetts," shared Lily Mendez, President and CEO, Mass Mentoring Partnership.

For more information on Mass Mentoring Partnership and its QBM program, visit <http://www.massmentors.org/qualitymembership> or email info@massmentors.org.

For more information on QCC's Mentoring program, visit www.qcc.edu/services/mentoring or email mentoring@qcc.mass.edu.

About Mass Mentoring Partnership

Founded in 1992, Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) is committed to ensuring that every young person in the state has access to quality mentoring relationships, regardless of who they are or where they live. MMP is a

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About Quinsigamond Community College

Quinsigamond Community College provides the community with high quality, affordable higher education in Worcester County. As a regional leader in education and workforce development, QCC serves the diverse educational needs of Central Massachusetts by providing affordable, accessible, and high quality programming leading to transfer, career, and lifelong learning.

To learn more, visit www.QCC.edu. For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

MARIANAPOLIS PREP SCHOOL ANNOUNCES TRIMESTER 2 HONOR ROLL

THOMPSON, Conn. – Below are the students who have earned their place on the Trimester 2 Honor Roll.

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Szymon Mamro, Webster; David Mankarios, Webster; Delia Marchand, Holden; Salvatore Masciarelli, Northbridge; Wednesday Maskova, Sestajovice, Czech Republic; Tessa McCabe, Douglas; Benjamin McGarry, Thompson, Conn.; Conner McLeod, Foster, R.I.; Keegan McLeod, Foster, R.I.; Emma McQuiston, Webster; Katherine Melnick, North Grosvenordale, Conn.; Sara Michailides, Chepachet, R.I.; Ayame Mizuno, Nagoya, Japan; Luciana Najjar, Northborough; Michael Nespala, Celakovice, Czech Republic; Abbie O'Brien, Plainfield, Conn.; Hayley O'Connell, Webster; Collin O'Connor, Sutton; Declan O'Connor, West Boylston; Riley O'Connor, Dudley; Jenna Olivieri, Douglas; John Perveiler, Pomfret Center, Conn.; Long Pham, Hanoi, Vietnam; Katrina Piekieniak, Dudley; Morgan Polinski, Webster; Wiktorina Potem, Webster; Sophia Rabitor, Dayville, Conn.; Jill Reardon, Fiskdale; Brianne Rett, Uxbridge; Olivia Richardson, Lincoln, R.I.; Emma Russell, Brooklyn, Conn.; Anthony Russo, Brooklyn, Conn.; Thomas Santos Soares, Porto Alegre, Brazil; William Savoie, Northbridge; Cassidy Semo, Dudley; Trinity Semo, Dudley; Emily Shamback, Sterling, Conn.; Andrew Shultz, Oxford; Zachary Stoddard, Pomfret Center, Conn.; Maya Summiel, Dayville, Conn.; Lily Tessmer, Lancaster; Violeta Torres, Plainfield, Conn.; Daniel Twohig-Mann, Douglas; Rachel Ullstrom, Auburn; Isabella Vigliotti, Worcester; John Vigliotti, Worcester; Caroline Vigneault, Southbridge; Caroline Villa, Auburn; Tram Vo, Phan Thiet, Vietnam; Emily Walsh, Thompson, Conn.; Yunpeng Wang, Shenzhen, China; Kyle Woodruff, Southbridge; Wenyang Yuan, Beijing, China; Abdullah Zameer, Woodstock, Conn.

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OBITUARIES

Cathy” Catherine G. Makowski, 91



WHITINSVILLE - “Cathy” Catherine G. Makowski, 91, passed away peacefully at Salmon Hospice Northbridge on Thursday, March 11, 2021, after a brief illness, with her sister Rosanna and niece Sharon by her side. She was a resident of the Whitinsville Retirement Home, Whitinsville, MA, formerly residing in Douglas and Uxbridge, MA.

Catherine is predeceased by her husband Edward in 2001 and her eldest brother Anthony J. “Tony” Gressak in 2018 of Douglas, survived by his wife Betty Jean Gressak. Cathy leaves a daughter Rosemary J. Moltenbrey and her husband William of Bonney Lake, WA, a son David E. Makowski and his wife Carol of Douglas; 3 siblings, Rosanna B. Greene and Al Senecal of Mendon, Stephen C. Gressak and his wife Judy of Douglas, Daniel J. Gressak and his wife Sandra of Bristol, CT. Catherine leaves four grandsons, Kevin Moltenbrey and wife Sara, Christopher Moltenbrey and wife Kozue, Neal Makowski and wife Erica, and Scott Makowski. Five grandsons, Brooks, Hudson, William, and Henry Moltenbrey, Alexander Makowski as

well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Born in Uxbridge, MA on April 18, 1929, she is the daughter of Stephen P. and Catherine M. Gressak. She graduated from Douglas Memorial High School, Class of 1946. She worked at Schuster Woolen Mill and Sprague Electric. Catherine also volunteered at Milford Regional Hospital.

Catherine enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially her grand and great grandchildren. She had many talents and hobbies, gardening, baking, sewing, reading, quilting, and polka dancing. She was a faithful member of St. Mary’s Church in Uxbridge. Participating in the Music Ministry Choir, Morning Star Bereavement Ministry, Light of the World Evangelization Ministry.

Funeral Mass to be held in St. Mary’s Church, 77 Mendon St. Uxbridge, on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Seating is limited, if planning to attend contact the family. If not planning to attend a live-stream option is available on stmaryuxbridge.com. Burial in St. Denis Cemetery, Douglas, MA following Funeral Mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Catherine’s memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

Community Legal Aid wins unemployment suit

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION - Unemployed residents are hoping to receive their benefits soon, following a successful class action lawsuit.

The Community Legal Aid organization recently won its court case against the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA), the state agency that administers unemployment insurance benefits in Massachusetts.

Representing several Bay State workers, Community Legal Aid filed a motion for a preliminary injunction late last year in Worcester Superior Court. The motion sought to require the DUA to resume processing unemployment claims, thousands of which have been on hold for several months pending review.

Because the DUA was flooded with fraudulent unemployment claims during the pandemic, the agency adopted an emergency policy that put most claims on hold until they could be individually vetted. While this allowed for more fraudulent claims to be flagged, it also caused legitimate unemployment claimants to go multiple months without receiving their benefits. This left families statewide in financial turmoil throughout the winter; many residents were forced to contact their legislators to seek assistance after failing to

reach DUA agents over the phone.

On March 2, a Worcester Superior Court judge agreed with Community Legal Aid’s motion, ordering the DUA to follow all processes required under Massachusetts law.

“This injunction will stop a number of practices of DUA that have been extremely harmful to large numbers of people who have filed claims for unemployment benefits,” said Community Legal Aid’s Litigation Director, Leigh Woodruff. “This includes claimants being put on hold for extended periods, approved claimants having benefits stopped because of redeterminations without any opportunity to be heard, and claimants having current benefits stopped to recover old overpayments that are actually under appeal.”

Adding to the stress of the pandemic, thousands of residents not only saw their unemployment benefits put on hold over the last year, but they also received notices that they owed the state money. Residents were then forced to contact the DUA and prove the legitimacy of their claims to an adjudicator, often waiting several hours on the phone.

Many residents were not even given an opportunity to appeal the DUA’s findings.

“Under this order, the DUA can no longer put

claims on hold and leave families in limbo, without income or any way to appeal for months on end,” Woodruff added.

The clients represented by Community Legal Aid for its case against the DUA were all workers whose employment had been affected by the pandemic. The DUA had initially approved these plaintiffs’ unemployment claims and began paying them benefits, but the payments were later stopped.

“Before taking these actions, the DUA never notified the plaintiffs of any problems,” read a statement released by Community Legal Aid. “With the preliminary injunction, the court has ordered the DUA to stop these practices because they deprive workers of benefits without due process in violation of federal and state law.”

Community Legal Aid has reached out to the DUA, asking how the agency intends to comply with the court’s order. The New Leader also sought comment from DUA officials, but no response was given as of press time.

Community Legal Aid provides free civil legal assistance to low-income and elderly residents of western and central Massachusetts. To learn more about the organization, visit www.CommunityLegal.org.

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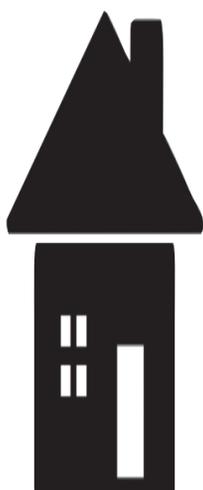
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Celebrating strong women

March is Women's History Month, which includes International Women's Day that took place on March 8. This may seem like a new progressive holiday; however, it stems back to 1909, when the Socialist Party of America, organized a day for Women on Feb. 28 in New York. One year later, the International Socialist Woman's Conference announced that a day for women be held each year.

Fast forward to 1917 in Russia, where, on March 8, women were given the right to vote. In 1975, the holiday was adopted by the United Nations.

The long and the short is that this day is a day to celebrate women past, present and future. With that said our staff chose to highlight the women that we feel have had a standout role in influencing how our world operates today. The list was endless, therefore naturally hard to choose, so in order to prevent a 200-page editorial we narrowed the list down to our favorites.

Social reformer Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women's Social and Political Union in 1903 to campaign for the parliamentary vote for women in Edwardian Britain, 'Deeds, not words' being its motto. Pankhurst is described as a charismatic leader and powerful orator, Pankhurst rallied thousands of women to demand, rather than ask politely, for their democratic right in a mass movement that has been unparalleled in British history. The battle did not come without consequences, she endured 13 imprisonments, leading her name and cause becoming known throughout the globe.

At the age of 15, Claudette Colvin was arrested at the age of 15 in Montgomery, Alabama when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white woman. This event gave the famous Rosa Parks the courage to do the same. Colvin was one of five plaintiffs involved in the federal court case filed by civil rights attorney Fred Gray in 1956, in which they challenged bus segregation. The outcome was that a judge ordered that the local laws in regards to bus segregation were unconstitutional. To find Colvin's name in a history book is rare. This in part because she was an unmarried teenager who apparently was with child. Colvin went on to become a nurse's aid.

In an interview in 2005, Colvin said, "I feel very, very proud of what I did. I do feel like what I did was a spark and it caught on."

As for recognition, Colvin said, "I'm not disappointed. Let the people know Rosa Parks was the right person for the boycott. But also let them know that the attorneys took four other women to the Supreme Court to challenge the law that led to the end of segregation."

Colvin's family has been trying since 2016 to have her recognized and honored in the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Colvin was not invited officially to the opening of the museum in 2016.

Marie Curie is the next on our short list. Curie was a Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who was the first to delve into radioactivity. Curie who was born in 1867, was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the only person to win it two times. Collecting several firsts, Curie was the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris. In a time when most women spent their days in the home taking care of their children and husbands, Curie had to smash several ceilings for her own advancement. Curie was known for her honesty and moderate lifestyle. All of her prize money, she donated to scientific research and refused to copyright the radium-isolation process so that her fellow scientists could continue research unhindered. In 2011, Poland and France declared the year would be "The Year of Marie Curie." She became the first woman to be entombed on her own merits in the Pantheon in Paris in 1995.

In 1933, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt turned the position of First Lady from benign symbol to an active and intellectually vigorous power center. Roosevelt served as the United States Delegate to the UN General Assembly from 1945 to 1952. Roosevelt was the topic of much controversy for her outspoken nature, especially in regard to civil rights for African Americans. She was the first, First Lady to hold regular press conferences, host a weekly radio show and to speak at a national party convention. She was so bold to even disagree with her husband on certain policies. After her husband's death, Roosevelt

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

Have you ever heard of the amazing concept called "make do?" It's also called self reliance. This used to be an American virtue and characteristic. Most of our great grandparents and grand-parents had it. For so called Baby Boomers, if we were lucky, our parents had it. If we are creative, handy and brave, we have it. Do our children have it?

If our children want something, do they try to figure out how to make it or earn the money to purchase it? Do they pout? Or worse, think the government should give it to them?

When my parents had to leave their home in 2018, my Dad to the nursing home, and my Mom to Assisted Living, we began the painful process of dismantling their life time collection of furniture, clothes, books, and objects.

The objects told a story of a Depression Era couple who knew the value of things because they grew up with next to nothing. There were days, my Grandmother once told me, that she did not have a single nickel to give to my Dad for an ice cream. My Grandparents had all emigrated from Europe in the years just before World War I, leaving behind parents, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, cousins too numerous to name, homes, farms, communities and churches. This was an incredible support system to leave behind, forever. If they were fortunate, they had one or two family members in the U.S. Or better yet, a job - something they did not have in the "Old Country," as they called it.

By necessity, they

learned to be self reliant in the best American tradition. And thanked God for what they did have, little as it may have been.

In my parents' home, I found countless darned socks. It was the habit of a lifetime even though my Mom could well afford to buy my Dad new socks. Towels were repaired. She remembered when her par-

ents could not afford new ones. My Dad repaired buckets with handles from other buckets, chairs with legs that did not match the seat and top rail, watering cans with new spouts bolted on, and all manner of Frankenstein wheelbarrows, side tables (painted red, of all things), and even scissors. There must have been 40 pairs of scissors in the house, just in case. My Dad remembered when his parents could not afford a new pair and had to repair the only pair they had.

Today, I am guilty of repairing pillowcases that I cannot bear to part with though they have worn thin. A lace trim is amazing camouflage.

Make do seems rare today, but one memorable time, we were at a horse show with my daughter, and the bike she used to travel over the acres of show grounds had rusted. This was due to it having been left in the rain too many times. The chain from pedals to back wheel was rusted stiff and refused to budge. Her Dad tried. We had just about given up when a member of the grounds crew who was removing trash from the trash barrels saw us struggling. He asked if we needed help. Yes please! He looked the chain over, and said: "Do you have any oil?" No, we did not. We were far from home, no

garage or supplies near at hand. He repeated: "Any kind of oil?" My daughter said: "We have corn oil for the horses?" He took the can of corn oil, liberally applied the contents to the chain, gently tugged the pedals back and forth to test for movement, applied more corn oil, tested again. The chain moved and soon was travelling as intended around and around, powered by the pedals, spinning that back wheel. We noted the gentleman who helped us was a minority person possibly from a poor background. Make do. Self reliant. He knew the lesson well: you do not have to buy something to fix something.

I am proud to come from poor people who suffered through the Great Depression, learned self reliance, and bravely joined the military to fight and win World War II. Men and women served both in the armed forces and at home. Many women left their homes, stopped baking cookies, and built ships and planes, riveting seams, so our warriors could fight on the battlefields and in the battle skies.

We need self reliance today. A shovel when the snow blower fails. A generator in case of loss of electricity due to a storm or a tree down on the wires. A bucket and cloth to wash the kitchen floor on your hands and knees. How to chop wood and build a fire to stay warm. Every year, we enjoy our "burn permit" that allows us to build a fire to burn fallen branches. Igniting that fire is a celebratory event.

The saying used to be "make do or do without." The idea is very sound, but today, it would be mocked. We need less of "what my country can do for me" and more of "what can I do for my country?" What say you?

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If you have children or grandchildren, you may already have invested in, or at least considered, a 529 plan, one of the most popular college-savings vehicles. But you might be interested to know that a 529 plan can now be used not only to save for college, but also to pay off college loans.

As you know, when you invest in a 529 savings plan, your money is professionally managed and you have a variety of investment options from which to choose. Your earnings grow tax-deferred and withdrawals are free from federal taxes, provided the money is used for qualified higher education expenses. In some states, withdrawals are also exempt from state taxes. (529 plan withdrawals not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income taxes and a 10 percent IRS penalty on the earnings.)

Until now, you could only use a 529 plan to help pay for college or trade school. (You can also use it for K-12 expenses, but not all states offer tax breaks for K-12 savers.) However, under recently passed legislation, you can now potentially use up to \$10,000 from a 529 account to repay federal and most private student loans taken out by your beneficiary. This \$10,000 is a lifetime limit, applicable to each beneficiary, so if you have 529 plans for three children/grandchildren, you've got \$30,000 to pay for school or pay back student loans. (The new law also allows 529 funds to be used to pay for certain apprenticeships, which typically combine on-the-job training with classroom instruction, often at a community college.)

Of course, you may end up using all your 529 funds just to pay those college bills, which can be quite high. But if you have several children, each with a 529 plan, and one of them attends a less expensive school and doesn't need the full amount in their plan, you could use the money to help pay off some of the other siblings' student debts. Or if a student graduates early from college or receives more scholarships than expected, you could end up with some leftover 529 plan funds, which could then be used to repay student loans.

If you are thinking you'll use 529 plan funds to help pay back student loans, you'll need to keep a couple of things in mind. First, you can't "double dip" with federal education tax benefits - if you pay student loan interest with tax-free 529 plan earnings, you can't also take the student loan interest deduction. And second, some states limit use of 529 plans to tuition, fees, textbooks and supplies. In other words, these states may not recognize student loan payments (or apprenticeship costs) as eligible expenses - which means if you're in one of these states, your 529 plan dollars that go to student loan repayments or apprenticeship costs could be subject to state income taxes and penalties, or possibly repayment of state tax breaks. In any case, you'll need to consult with your tax advisor before using 529 plan funds for loans or apprenticeships.

A 529 plan has always been a good way to help get your children or grandchildren to college - and now it can help them pay off some debts when they leave.

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Post winter care for your lawn



Melinda Myers

Snow mold appears as circular areas of matted brown grass sometimes found with gray or pink cobweb-like growth over these areas.

As winter gives way to spring, take a walk around the yard. Check the lawn for damage and provide a bit of early season care to help it recover from winter.

Use a leaf rake to lightly lift and separate the matted grass blades. This helps speed drying, increase airflow, and reduce the risk of pink and gray snow mold developing and damaging your lawn.

These fungal diseases are most common when heavy snowfalls or ice covers non-frozen turf or after late winter snowstorms. The damage is usually seen where snow lingers late in the season.

Symptoms appear as circular areas of matted brown grass. You may even see a gray or pink cobweb-like growth over these areas. Fortunately, lawns eventually recover. Reduce the risk of future problems with proper timing of lawn fertilization.

Remove any leaves or debris that ended up on the lawn. Large leaves on the grass capture moisture and prevent sunlight from reaching the plants below. Use leaves you collect as mulch in the garden or add to the compost pile.

Look for vole trails in the lawn. These small rodents travel beneath the snow and over the grass in search of food all winter long. Their travels create trails of bare or dead grass. The surrounding grass will eventually fill in the damaged areas. Speed recovery by sprinkling grass seed over the trails. Just mix a handful of grass seed in a mop bucket of topsoil to make a lawn patch. Sprinkle the mixture

in the trails, gently tamp and water.

Check areas along walks, drives and the street for deicing salt damage. Even if you don't apply deicing salts, passing cars can spray it onto your lawn. Your car also brings home salt as it travels along salted roadways, depositing salty snow onto the drive.

Make sure these areas receive sufficient water this spring. Regular spring showers often do the job. Thoroughly water these areas during dry springtime weather to help wash the salt past the grass roots into the soil below. Consider shoveling first and using plant-friendly deicing salts in the future. This will reduce the need for deicing salts and reduce the time and money spent repairing salt-damaged plants.

Use this time to sharpen your mower blades. Using sharp blades to cut the grass results in a healthier and better-looking lawn. The clean cut made by a sharp blade closes quickly, reducing the risk of disease problems. Sharp blades also save time as you can cut the grass more efficiently. And speaking of savings, your mower will consume 22% less fuel and the lawn will use up to 30% less water when using sharp blades.

Soon it will be time to mow the lawn. Mow high and often, leaving grass clippings on the lawn to add organic matter, moisture, and nutrients to the soil. Always sweep clippings off walks and the drive to keep this valuable organic matter out of waterways.

Take care of winter damage now before the even busier garden season begins. Investing time now helps improve your lawn's health and beauty, allowing you more time to enjoy the summer.

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GARDEN MOMENTS
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Know where your fish is from



Some of the local ponds and lakes had been stocked with trout this past week, and anglers are catching numerous rainbow trout, and a large brown trout at Ashland Res. as this week's picture shows. The large brown was more than likely stocked last year, as the state was lowering the hatchery's trout supply, because of the pandemic. For a complete list

of stocked trout waters go to the massfish Web site. Another reminder that Wallum Lake is closed to fishing until April 10. Rivers and streams could also receive a stocking of trout this week because of the low water flow.

The price of lobster has gone through the roof at local markets and restaurants, and some fresh fish prices are also on the

rise. If you have a fisherman in your family, it is a good thing, especially if he is good at catching fish. Although some of the freshwater species are not good to eat for some people, a low consumption of them is best if you are elderly, pregnant & also for children. Many fresh waters in the state carry high heavy metals, and other pollutants that are dangerous

to your health, and are found in most freshwater fish. Trout are the safest fish to eat. Locally, the Mumford River and the Blackstone River are still heavily polluted, and my recommendation would be to eat none, from these two rivers.

When purchasing fish from a local fish market, it is best to know where your fish is coming from. Many stores and fish markets are starting to post the place of origin for their fish, which should be considered before purchasing fish, as many foreign countries do not have regulations ensuring the fish is safe to eat. The state of Massachusetts does regulate seafood from other countries, but not like they regulate meat. Farm raised fish will never be on my dinner plate! Read on!

I watched a documentary on a television show called "Fishing Cowboys." It was a group of commercial fishermen that were harvesting shrimp in Florida. The shrimp were very large and white in color. The Captain explained that it is easy to tell what are wild caught shrimp, from farm raised. The fan of the tail is dark, almost black in color on the tip. The Captain stated that he would never eat a farm raised shrimp,



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RALPH TRUE

and if you saw the way they raise them and fed them, you also would not eat them. He stated that "If you eat a farm raised shrimp, they taste very bland, and need cocktail sauce to hide the bland taste." He is right! He took a freshly caught shrimp and ate it without sauce, and stated that they were delicious. I have also had fresh wild caught shrimp and they are great. Wild fresh caught seafood is most often better for you and taste great.

One day a few years ago, I brought some fresh caught Fluke to the Uxbridge Rode & Gun Club to give the boys a taste of real fish. Most have had it before, but this one guy insisted that he did not like fish. I brought a tray of the cooked fish out to a few of the boys that meet often at the club. This one guy insisted that he did not like fish. After a bit of coaxing, he tried a piece. Wow! That is good fish! What kind of fish is it? "Fresh fish," I replied. After the huge oil spill

on the coast a number of years ago, things have gotten a lot better & hopefully, it never happens again, but it will! Mother Nature has been cleaning up man's pollution for years, but someday it may not be able to handle major pollution problems like have happened in the past. Today, there are hundreds of miles of pollution floating far out into the ocean that we rarely see, but it is there.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold another 3-D archery shoot this Sunday March 28, at the club grounds off of West Street. The event is open to the public young and old. The course has been cleaned, and life size species of animals, "3-D targets" have been set up over acres of property. Past events have received high marks from bowhunters on their experience at the 3-D shoots. The kitchen will be open for a full breakfast starting at 7 a.m.! Masks are recommended, along with social distancing. Enjoy a day in the outdoors with family and friends. You deserve it after this past 12 months. The club Fishing Derby is slated for April 10.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Back to Basics: Color Eggs the Old Fashioned Way

Easter is right around the corner, and few family traditions are more enjoyable than the much-anticipated egg coloring project. Whether you decorate your eggs with intricate wax designs or plopp crayoned eggs into dye cups, the annual ceremony is always filled with fun and a sense of family togetherness. When it comes to egg coloring, the following ideas promise to bring back old fashioned fun! Note: Eggs that are to be eaten should always be refrigerated after coloring. ***



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Orange: Yellow onion skins
Light yellow: Orange or lemon peels, celery seed or ground cumin
Yellow: Ground turmeric
Lavender: Grape juice
Palegreen: Spinach leaves
Green-gold: Yellow Delicious apple peels
Blue: Canned blueberries or red cabbage leaves
Beige to brown: Strong brewed coffee

Instructions:
1. Place eggs in a single layer in a pan. Pour water in pan until the eggs are covered.
2. Add about a teaspoon of vinegar.
3. Add the natural dye appropriate to the color you want your eggs to be. (The more eggs you are dying at a time, the more dye you will need to use.)
4. Bring water to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes.
5. Remove the substance you used to color the eggs. Put eggs in a bowl. If you want your eggs to be a darker shade, cover them with the dye and let them stand overnight in the refrigerator. ***

Quick and Easy Homemade Dye
No egg coloring kit on hand? This homemade mixture rivals the basic egg coloring kits. Use empty egg cartons to dry colored eggs. Mix three quarters of a cup warm water with one tablespoon white vinegar. Add one quarter teaspoon of common food coloring (as used for cake decorating, etc.). Make individual batches of color in wide mouth mugs, Mason jars, or small bowls. Dip and soak hard boiled eggs in mixture to color. ***

Egg Artistry
With parental supervision, little artists can create wax egg art with this easy and fun idea.

Materials: Large glass jar; crayon stubs; vegetable grater; hot water; waxed paper or newspaper, empty egg carton, clear acrylic spray (optional, for blown eggs).
Instructions: Grate peeled crayons over waxed paper. Fill jar with very hot water (or use the water you boiled eggs in). Drop bits of grated crayon into water. Add hard boiled or blown egg as soon as crayon begins to melt. Twirl egg in water with a spoon. The wax should make a design on the egg. Carefully remove egg and set upside down in egg carton to dry.
Note for blown eggs: Use above method with blown out eggs; spray with clear acrylic when dry. ***

Mystery Dots
This simple egg coloring method clearly illustrates a simple science experiment. Kids love it!

To do: Add about two teaspoons of cooking oil to each dye cup. (You might want to do this after you have finished dipping your eggs the traditional way.) When you dip in your egg, the dye won't adhere to the oil, creating mysterious spots on the egg! * * *

Egg-cetera
* Wrap a wide elastic band around egg before dipping to create an abstract design.
* Personalize eggs with little fingerprints. Just press fingertips into stamp pad, then onto egg.
* Stick simple star stickers on eggs before dying. Peel when dry for reversible art!
* Use food coloring markers for safe, freestyle egg decorating.
* Dip paper towel in vegetable oil and polish dried eggs for a shiny, finished look. ***

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Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will

win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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spent her remaining years in active politics. She was the first chair of the UN Commission on Human Rights and chaired John F. Kennedy's administration's Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. Roosevelt was nicknamed the "First Lady of the World."

Last but not least is Agent 355, who was instrumental to the Patriot cause during the Revolutionary War. Agent 355 was a part George Washington's Culper Spy Ring. With the fear of a trip to the gallows in the back of her mind every day, Agent 355 managed to continue to help get crucial information to the General. Unlike the women we mentioned before, Agent 355 used her role as a quiet unassuming woman to make monumental gains that led to our freedom today. The identify of '355' is not yet known, however she is referred to as 'lady' 355 in Washington's code book. The only direct reference to '355' was from ringleader Abraham Woodhull (known as Samuel Culper, Sr.) to Washington in which Woodhull described her as "one who hath been ever serviceable to this correspondence." We hope that one day her true identity will be discovered.

While we pay homage to strong women who have done incredible things, this does not negate the influential women we come into contact with in our everyday lives. As women we don't have to smash ceilings or gain notoriety to make a difference. We can be positive, powerful and influential in our everyday lives which in turn creates a domino effect that can last years after we're gone.



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each week for the following week once the coalition has received confirmation of the number of doses allotted," the statement continues. "Once the appointments have been filled the site will not be visible in the search feature. Please check back regularly for additional openings."

Residents are asked not to contact the Board of Health to schedule an appointment; all appointments must be made through mimmunizations.org.

"I'm truly excited this site will be regionally located in my district and the team in Uxbridge deserves so much credit for putting plans and adjusting to meet the needs to qualify for the state approval," State Representative Michael Soter, R-Bellingham, shared in a statement. "Many thanks to my colleagues in the regional collaborative who helped fight for each of the towns they represent to get this approved."

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Quinsigamond Community College, according to the obituary. Firefighters came from across the district and far beyond to honor Chief Wilson at the Paradis Funeral Home last weekend.

Many local fire departments expressed their condolences.

Optimism: The vaccine for disappointment

-Writing is a hit or miss proposition. Sometimes I hit and the email reflects that the goal of my column was reached. At those moments, I'll admit, I feel a sense of satisfaction.



POSITIVELY SPEAKING
GARY W. MOORE

At other times, I clearly miss the mark and the email also reflects it in many ways. I receive email of anger, dissatisfaction, disagreement, or disappointment, or even worse, no email at all. Regardless of the column, I rarely file it away not knowing how others feel.

Writhing "Positively Speaking" is a true joy. I love hearing from readers and eagerly accept the challenge of trying to help others live happier and more optimistic lives. I'm grateful that this publication allows me to do so.

If I can humbly say so, the last two columns seemed to hit a sweet spot. The first was a column on dealing with disappointment and the other on hope being the anchor of our souls. I'm still receiving positive email on both.

I believe the positive impact is partly because they were back-to-back. I think in essence, hope and optimism are our vaccines for disappointment.

We all experience disappointment. It's an unavoidable part of life. The problem is most people dwell in it. Like a vaccine, hope and optimism can reduce or eliminate the despair of disappointment, but like a vaccine, you must take the action to get the shot.

I received my second dose of the Covid vaccine two weeks ago. My side effects were minimal. I had a sore arm. I was

told by a few family members and friends not to get it ... that it would change my DNA by some and by others it was a conspiracy to insert a chip into my body. I listened, did my own research, then got the shot. I learned that cancer patients in my age bracket were three times more likely to die of Covid than others, so it was an easy decision.

But what about becoming more hopeful and optimistic in your life? What are the negative side effects? If you do it, you will occasionally be disappointed ... which you'll be by nature anyway, but you'll find yourself more willing to reach for your dreams and accomplish goals and live a happier, more fruitful life.

Whether we realize it or not, everything that we are consuming via media, stories, or the world around us, is forming our mindset. Not too long ago, my wife and I were spending a lot of time watching talk news. It was always playing in the background throughout the day, and I noticed I was getting more agitated, and my thoughts were gravitating towards more doom and gloom in this world rather than hopeful thoughts. It occurred to me - the news was forming me away from positivity. So, what did I do? I turned it off. Less news, more positivity. Less polarizing talk radio, more activities that bring me hope.

The question we must all ask ourselves, is what are we being formed into? What are you feeding your mind? What are you consuming? Are we being formed into becoming more cynical, angry, and negative? Or are we sur-

rounding ourselves by positive media, positive people, and positive stories that our forming us into joyfully optimistic people? Perhaps consider taking an audit in your life and discover who or what is forming you towards or away from optimism.

Research positive and optimistic stories of people like you and what they've accomplished. Follow optimistic people on social media. Immerse yourself in positive and optimistic news. Look for symbolic stories with positive meaning and outcome. They help guide and inspire you. I suspect that is why Jesus told so many parables. Whenever Jesus told a parable, it was an invitation to imagine things differently. Jesus' stories formed the listener towards the values of the kingdom, not away. Jesus' stories formed the listener to think on pure, lovely, gracious, merciful, and kind values.

What am I saying? Act! We usually find what we seek. Want a more successful and happier life? Seek a happier and more successful life. Don't marinate in your disappointment. Do something ... take action to leave it behind.

Take the vaccine of optimism and your life will change for the better.

It's easy ... it's self-administered, and the only side effects are happiness and success.

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryW Moore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P0881EA
Estate of:
James B Brigham
Also Known As:
James Burnap Brigham, Sr.
Date Of Death: December 20, 2020
NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Nancy G Brigham of Sutton MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Nancy G Brigham of Sutton MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
March 26, 2021

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To all persons who are or may become interested and to all persons whose issue not now in being may become interested in the trust estate under this will of **James M. Knott Sr. late of Northbridge in said County, deceased** for benefit of **Revocable Trust-James M. Knott Sr. 2014 Revocable Trust** A petition has been presented to said Court by the trustee of said estate for authority to sell, either private sale, certain James M. Knott Sr. estate held by them as such trustee - and praying

that the petitioner may become the purchaser of said. real estate. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fourth day of April 2021 the return day of this citation. Witness, **LEILAH A. KEAMY** Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this, first day of March 2021
Stephanie K Fattman
Register of Probate
March 26, 2021

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Docket No. WO21C0086CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
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In the matter of:
- - Walsh**

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Kenneth Armand Walsh

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/13/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 12, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
March 26, 2021

**LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael Labbe to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., dated February 26, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60085, Page 290 (the "Mortgage") of

which mortgage Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. its successors and assigns to Quicken Loans Inc. dated January 21, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61801, Page 374, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 139 Fletcher Street, Whitinsville (Northbridge), MA 01588 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on April 16, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Northbridge, in the Village of Whitinsville, on the northeasterly side of Fletcher Street, containing 14,000 square feet, more or less, being the same premises shown on a plan of land entitled, "Land of Victor Racicot, Town of Northbridge, Massachusetts," dated December 30, 1971, by Charles E. Michaud, CE recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 359, Plan 11, and the same premises as described in a deed of Raymond J. Patnode, Jr. and Lorraine R. Patnode to those grantors dated February 15, 1977 and recorded with said Registry in Book 6124, Page 325, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the most southerly corner thereof at a point in the northeasterly side of Fletcher Street at an iron pin in the ground in the northeasterly line of said Fletcher Street and at land now or formerly of the Whitinsville Golf Club, said point of beginning being about 12 feet northwesterly from the brook which crosses said Fletcher Street in this area; THENCE N. 50° 20' W. by and along said Fletcher Street 70 feet to an iron pin in the ground at land now or formerly of Wayne C. Smith, et ux; THENCE N. 39° 40' E. by and along said land now or formerly of Wayne C. Smith, et ux, 200 feet to an iron pin in the ground at land now or formerly of the Whitin Machine Works; THENCE S. 50° 20' E. by and along said land now or formerly of The Whitin Machine Works 70 feet to a granite bound in the ground at said land now or formerly of The Whitinsville Golf Club; THENCE S. 39° 40' W. by and along said land now or formerly of The Whitinsville Golf Club 200 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to restrictions and/or cov-

enants referred to in Book 5897, Page 313, insofar as the same are now in force and effect. For grantor's title see deed from Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation dated February 25, 2019 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60085, Page 287.

The premises will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of a Notice of Federal Tax Lien recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 64501, Page 162.

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

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Rally demands “climate policies that match the urgency”



A couple of the young rallyers make the point that this is not an issue we can wait to act on.



Southbridge's Maureen Doyle and West Brookfield's Bob Datz reinforce each other's message. Doyle's mask refers to James Lovelock's Gaia Theory – the idea that Earth is self-regulating and life plays a major role in that.



One participant's sign links Covid to climate change. Many scientists have argued that the world's warming but increasingly unstable climate will promote diseases of various kinds, some new and some expanding from areas they've existed for a long time.



Bucket drummers provide a beat in the sun.



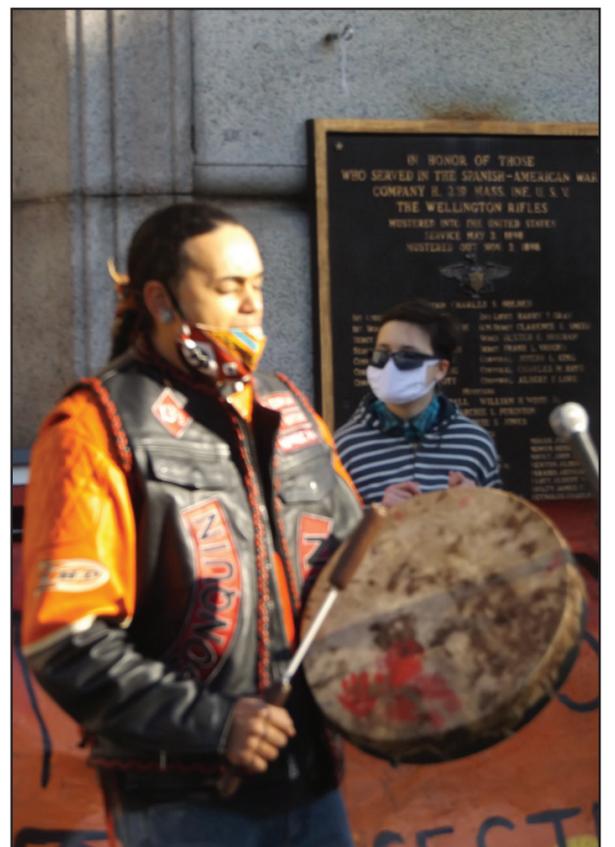
The WPI African Percussion Ensemble plays to warm up the cold crowd before most people marched to St Vincent Hospital to show support for picketing nurses there.



Part of the rally as it marches down Front Street en route to St. Vincent.



At left: Etel Haxhij talks about her dedication to protecting Earth for her children and those of other people.



At right: Andre Strong Bearheart plays and sings a Nipmuc Honor Song for the Native Ancestors of this land.

Photos by Gus Steeves

WORCESTER — Fossil Free Fridays, an organized protest effort nationwide to promote the end of our dependence on fossil fuels and protect a livable climate, has expanded into other days. In Shrewsbury, it's Thursday; in West Brookfield, it's Saturday, elsewhere on other days.

But the message is the same as that last Friday in Worcester. Person after person spoke on how protecting Nature goes hand-in-hand with promoting a more just society, breaking up giant corporate control of our government, addressing various forms of inequality, ensuring working people have safe jobs paying living wages, building or retrofitting homes to be green, creating a healthier food system, creating a more democratic, localized economy and energy system, and honoring the fact the land we live on has been Native American land for thousands of years.

But former Worcester City Council candidate and Mothers Out Front organizer Etel Haxhij summarized what the core underlying issue is: “I love my children too much to give up on my promise to give them a liveable planet.” To do that, she said, people need to push the government to enact “climate policies that match the urgency and crisis of the moment.”

At present, several protest signs and one speaker noted, “Governments are feeding us empty promises” today, while our culture and economy suffer from “a pandemic of greed.”

The event, organized by Sunrise Worcester, drew several dozen people despite the blustery cold. While most were Worcesterites, others hailed from Leicester, West Brookfield, Southbridge and Shrewsbury, among other places.

Andrew Ahearn of Sunrise Worcester said the group was specifically demanding seven things from the city government, and, by extension, other governmental entities: 100 percent renewable, fossil-free energy by 2030; energy-efficient affordable housing; safe and easy access to walking, biking and transit; using annual carbon budgets based on IPCC guidelines; protecting municipal “green and blue spaces;” thousands of good-paying, unionized, green jobs; and a local environmental justice liaison board.

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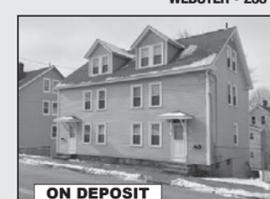
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Bay Path student helps neighbor with cancer



Khamphan Houatchanthara

CHARLTON — What started as small acts of kindness in February quickly grew into something bigger.

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy student Khamphan Houatchanthara makes it a point to walk with faculty to the parking lot, making sure faculty is not alone and feels unsafe at the end of long lectures at night. Kindness is inherent with the Southbridge resident and when she learned of a neighbor who was diagnosed with cancer, she verbalized her desire to do more than just pray for the said neighbor. Houatchanthara picked up (and delivered) prescription medications (and over-the-counter pain medications) multiple times. With her boyfriend's help, they cleared the neighbor's driveway after a snowfall. She also brought the neighbor to the emergency department at Harrington Hospital for medical assistance. Houatchanthara then invited her family, friends, and co-workers at Simon Says Pizza Chef to join her in support of her neighbor, so her neighbor can focus on treatment, recovery, and healing.

Houatchanthara with the assistance of an anonymous donor launched a fundraiser. New and previously loved totes, satchels, and pocketbooks from designers Kate Spade, Tory Burch, Michael Kors, Stella McCartney, Juicy Couture, and Vera Bradley were donated for the cause. Money raised will be used to support her neighbor who is being treated for cancer at the Dana Farber Cancer Center. The fundraiser totaled over a thousand dollars. The funds will help with utility bills and other essentials.

"I am so happy to help. A loss of income due to cancer and its treatment can lead to financial strain," said Houatchanthara. "Our fundraiser allowed my neighbor to focus on healing and relieve some of the stresses."

Houatchanthara is on track to graduate this June with the Practical Nursing Class of 2021. When not busy with academics and clinicals, Houatchanthara is also an active member of the UNICEF Club raising awareness for children's advocacy. Everyone has a friend, neighbor, family member, or colleague who has been impacted by cancer. Houatchanthara hopes cancer patients have someone in their community standing with them. Even when it starts as just a small gesture of kindness.

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