

Shepherd Hill, Tantasqua take part in Cross Country State Championships



Shepherd Hill's Emery Mullen

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BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

WRENTHAM — Without an elite top runner like Emma Sullivan, Rebekah James, Julianna Schultz and/or Stella Worters from year's past, the Shepherd Hill Regional girls' cross-country program relied on one another, one through seven, to carve out their own niche and become a solid team. The Rams did just that, qualifying for the Division 1 State Championships, which were run at the Wrentham Developmental Center on Saturday, Nov. 20. And Shepherd Hill produced a 21st place

team finish, led by Emery Mullen crossing the finish line in 30th place of the 185 runners that completed the 3.1-mile 5K trek. "I am as proud as ever," explained head coach Nicole Fossas. "Last week [at the State qualifying meet] when they raced, I knew it was going to be tight and tough. We had seven on the line for the first time all year. I'm pumped." Injuries limited the Rams all season long, but it only made the team stronger. And it showed at States, with each of the five runners performing well under stressful conditions. "They know there's

no room for error," said Fossas. "It's going to be packed out there, and you've got to be mentally prepared. You've got to do it when you're in the middle of chaos." Mullen (19:11.7), Grace Bateman (105th place, 20:11.4) and Karlee White (124th, 20:28.5) all set personal records at the meet. The other Shepherd Hill runners were Anna Thomas (171st, 21:44.8) and Rachel Zannotti (176th, 22:16.0). Three Shepherd Hill boys also competed in their Division 1 State Championship race as individuals. Bronson

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Bringing the stars to the people

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS WEBB TELESCOPE LAUNCH

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHBIDGE — To Dino Tata and Jim Zebrowski, looking toward the future means looking at the past – the very, very distant past. That means they're excited by the scheduled Dec. 18 launch of the Webb Telescope, which will enable astronomers to see events closer to the Big Bang than they now can. "It's not the replacement for Hubble, it's the successor to Hubble," Tata told about 20 people at Jacob Edwards Library last Thursday. He and Zebrowski are both members of the Aldrich Astronomical Society and regional NASA Ambassadors, volunteers aiming to bring the stars to the people.

Most people have heard of the Hubble Telescope, which has been in orbit for nearly 31 years (despite having been planned just for 10). It has given humanity such famous visible light images as the Hubble Deep Fields, a look at an areas of space that seem to us to be empty, but are in reality laden with galaxies. Some are more than 10 billion years old.

Webb's goal is to build on those discoveries. The European Space Agency's Hubble page (esa-hubble.org) summarizes why Webb is needed. "For very distant objects, their light is shifted so far that they drop out of the visible spectrum altogether, and can only be seen in infrared light," it states. "This means that the Hubble Ultra Deep Field cannot be improved on by building a more sensitive optical telescope — Hubble has reached the limit of what is possible in visible light."

"People think we'll go right to the moment of the Big Bang, but not quite," Zebrowski said. Instead, the telescope is designed to pick up infrared and x-ray images from

STURBRIDGE — Once again, Country Bank and Old Sturbridge Village are teaming up to ensure Thanksgiving meals are provided to those who need a little help celebrating Thanksgiving this year. The bank's non-profit partners shared that they are seeing an increased need for food assistance as prices continue to rise and that more and more people are needing support. Paul Scully, President and CEO of Country Bank wanted to double its efforts this year

and provide 1,500 meals to those needing assistance spanning from Springfield to Worcester. On Wednesday, November 24th, the team from Country Bank will deliver 1,500 free meals that were prepared and assembled by the culinary team at Old Sturbridge Village including a full turkey dinner with all the sides and apple pie for dessert. Meals will be delivered to St. Johns Food for the Poor, YWCA, Abby's House, Veterans Inc.,

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Charlton voters approve Amazon TIF Agreement

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT



Jason Bleau

Brad Griggs of Amazon addresses citizens before a town vote concerning a TIF agreement between the company and Charlton.

CHARLTON — After almost an hour of debate, voters in Charlton approved a Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) agreement with Amazon that project representatives said was a crucial piece of the company's plans to build a \$300 million robotics sorting warehouse at 53 Sturbridge Rd. Around 386 voters filed into the special town meeting on Monday, Nov. 15, and while several items

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Among the wide selection of items available for bidding, Pastor John Lucy (of CCUMC) knows that his son, Sebastian, is keeping a watchful eye on festive items like this Cycling Santa, a 22-inch self-propelled "Mr. Christmas" who entertains with LED lights and an impressive repertoire of 24 sing-along carols. Danielle Lucy, our Auction Coordinator, is looking forward to bidding on the doTERRA Essential Oil Bundle, the "Chocolate Dreams basket, and the Digital Air Fryer!

Proceeds this year will benefit the Charlton REAS (Residential Energy Assistance for Seniors) Foundation, who assists senior citizens at risk of not meeting their winter heating/cooling costs. This volunteer organization relies solely on the generous donations of local businesses, fundraiser



events, and individuals to help serve Charlton's most vulnerable population.

New items are listed daily - check out our growing list in advance

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Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo proudly welcomes Project Pinball charity

STURBRIDGE — Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo returns to the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center Nov. 18-21. The family-friendly event includes over one hundred free-play pinball and arcade games, pinball tournaments, a Vendor Hall for games and parts, seminars, and a live band performance Saturday night. Joining in the fun and festivities, will be the amazingly dedicated team of Project Pinball Charity.

Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo is a proud sponsor of Project Pinball Charity as their designated charitable organization. Project Pinball Charity is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that places pinball machines in children's hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses nationwide. Since 2011, Project Pinball Charity has placed 57 pinball machines in 53 different children's hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses in 25 different states.

Providing recreational relief to patients, family members, and hospital staff, Project Pinball Charity covers all cost and regular maintenance for the machines. Fundraising stays within the region where it is collected; so all funds collected during Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo this weekend will stay in the New England area. Project Pinball Charity is working with a multitude of different children's hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses across the country. They will be placing more pinball machines throughout the Northeast in the next few years.

Representatives from Project Pinball Charity will be in attendance and have a space in the Vendor Hall. Anyone with any contacts in children's hospitals, Ronald McDonald House or other medical center, are encouraged to reach out to Project Pinball Charity at projectpinballcharity@gmail.com or visit their website for more information: Projectpinball.org.

Pintastic Pinball and Game Room Expo has been proud to welcome and partner with Project Pinball Charity for all of the Expo's six shows and seven years. Pintastic attendees have been generous contributors to Project Pinball Charity in previous years. Both organizations hope the same will be true for all future events.

Charlton voters approve \$1.14 million in capital projects

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Charlton voters easily approved a series of capital items during a special town meeting on Monday, Nov. 17 including items to support first responders in town.

As part of Article 5 on the special meeting warrant voters addressed nine expenditures with individual votes with all money coming from free cash. In total, \$1.14 million was approved to support several projects including a variety of vehicle purchases and technology upgrades. The Charlton Fire Department was the beneficiary of the first motion in the article earmarking \$100,000 for improvement to Station 1. Fire Chief Ed Knopf clarified that the work won't actually be "improvements," but rather "repairs" to the aging structure.

"Included in that is replacement of all windows on the first floor which are either broken or not even in the window. They've been boarded up. It also includes siding that has been ripped off and fascia that has been damaged. Also included is first floor bathroom renovations, rear gutters, the exterior needs to be painted, and security systems need to be installed," said the Chief Knopf.

The motion was approved by voters as was a \$10,000 expenditure to invest in replacement turnout gear for the department as the final item of Article 5. The fire department also received approval in the following arti-

cle, Article 6, for a \$425,000 truck to replace Tanker 2 later in the night.

The police department benefitted from two approvals in Article 5, a \$200,000 expenditure for police station improvements and \$200,000 to bring three new cruisers to the force.

When speaking on the repairs needed to his department, Police Chief Daniel Dowd said, "Most of these improvements are going to go towards the HVAC and heating system. Currently it's about thirty years old. We have ceiling leaks because of it and because of renovations inside of the building the airflow isn't proper at this point in time as well as some sewer pipes that are leaking. We'd like to get ahead of that."

One of the more contentious issues in Article 5 was a motion for \$250,000 for improvements on Little Nugget Dam for \$250,000, a town-owned dam. Phil Cyr, a citizen of Partridge Hill Road questioned how this differed from dam work at the South Charlton Reservoir and Prindle Pond where citizens paid betterments to the town for the work. Town Administrator Andrew Golas stated he couldn't speak to the prior votes that were taken but stated it was "specifically to the manner of which it was passed at town meeting" and the "decided to take a different approach" with the Little Nugget Dam. Cyr asked if residents would be able to come back to the town to request a refund of their betterments to which Golas stated that the dams are not owned by the town. Charlton Conservation Director Angela Panaccione confirmed that the

town owns at least the South Charlton Reservoir Dam but stressed the differences between that damn and the Little Nugget Dam.

"Little Nugget is only 12.86 acres, South Charlton Reservoir is 207 acres. Little Nugget also has only 27 home residents, many of which are seasonal rental properties/ South Charlton Reservoir has over 200 home residents. I'm not sure why it was done with the betterment in the past. If the Little Nugget Residents had to pay a betterment it would be exorbitant in numbers. The reason why we are pursuing the improvements is because in 2018 was classified as a significant hazard as a medium size dam and the town funded an emergency action plan," said Panaccione.

Cyr responded noting that the Little Nugget Dam itself is smaller than the reservoir dam and that the reservoir dam was also classified as a high hazard damn. He left it at that but stated citizens may have more to say in the future. Citizens went on to approve the motion.

Another item discussed was technology improvements that will cost \$100,000. Voters approved the motion which will support a revolving fund the town invests in each year to support replacements and upgrades to computers and security updates. Voters also approved the purchase of three news trucks, a dump truck and a pick-up truck for the highway department and a new truck for cemetery upkeep.

New dropoff locations added for Cops N Kids N Lions Steve Ide Memorial Toy Drive

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Ruth Wells Center hosting Pop Up Holiday Sale

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Ruth Wells Center for the Arts is sponsoring a Pop Up Holiday Sale on Saturday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 111 Main St. in Southbridge.

The sale will feature 15 vendors, raffles, refreshments and the opportunity to support local business. Holiday decorations, jewelry, soap, fudge, quilts, gifts, records and a variety of items suitable for all will be on display. Come down to the Ruth Wells Center for unique holiday shopping. Support local businesses.

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36th Annual HACE Awards inspire next generation of leaders

WORCESTER — For the past 36 years, Quinsigamond Community College has partnered with leaders in the Latinx community to honor the area's Latinx youth. This year, during a virtual ceremony, the annual Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence (HACE) event awarded 33 Worcester and Southbridge high school Latinx students with scholarships that ranged from \$350 - \$450 to assist them on their path to a successful future.

The HACE awards honor those students who have excelled in arts, academics, athletics, community service, leadership and civic/political engagement.

"I look forward to the HACE Awards every year. It is a tribute to the best and brightest young people in the Central Massachusetts Hispanic community, and the scholarship money provided by the Awards is a jumpstart for each recipient to achieve their dreams. I have no doubt that these students will be leaders in business, sports, academic achievement, and public service in the years to come," said Sen. Harriette L. Chandler, HACE Committee member since 1985.

Keynote speaker for the event was Ivette Olmeda, who addressed this year's HACE theme, "Stronger Together." She discussed the disproportionate impact the pandemic has on the Latinx population and the power of working together to persevere through these challenging times.

"Sometimes when bad things happen in our life, they put us on the path to the best things that will ever happen to us," she said.

Chairing the annual event since 2006 was QCC's Director of Community Engagement, Deborah L. González, Ph.D.

"For 36 years, HACE has lifted and encouraged our local Latinx youth to be the best version of themselves, to aspire to fulfilling futures, and to achieve the highest of their potential," Dr. Gonzalez said, telling the student award winners, "This year was a test of your resiliency...continue on your path with

resiliency and hope. You made history going through the challenging times in this century."

Southbridge High School HACE award winner Aaliyah Aponte summed up her thoughts on this year's theme.

"Stronger together means to me taking the time to honor one another and communicate with each other...that through all obstacles or any circumstances we may face, together, we can make the impossible possible," she said.

Three students were also honored with special awards:

Olga López-Hill Community Leadership Award winner: QCC student Merari Alvarado. This \$600 scholarship is available to QCC students who plan to continue their education at Quinsigamond or to transfer to another educational institution.

Marlyn Reyes Memorial Community Leadership Award winner: Southbridge High School student Yarelis Diaz.

Dolly Vázquez Cultural Award winner: Nathaniel Hernandez, Arts/Music Police Partnership.

QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. closed the event with words of inspiration and hope to the students.

"Learn from your hardships. It's going to make you stronger. It's going to define your character and it's going to shape you into the person you will become. I know you will be wonderful...a great person and a great leader in our community," he said, adding, "Thank you to the amazing HACE sponsors and volunteers. Your support and commitment to our Latinx youth is an investment in our economy and our collective future."

2021 HACE Scholarship Recipients:

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- Nicole Quinones, North High School
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- Aaliyah Aponte, Southbridge High School
- Raven Falcon, North High School
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- For more information about QCC, contact Karen Hutner, Interim Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-2842 or khutner@qcc.mass.edu.

Charlton police will no longer be classified as civil servants

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Charlton's police officers will be removed from civil service after voters overwhelmingly supported a motion during a Nov. 15 special town meeting, where the town's police chief argued the move was supported by the union and was in line with a statewide trend to change how officers can be hired.

Charlton had previously removed the police chief position from civil service in 2019; however, voters overwhelmingly decided not to remove the lieutenant position from civil service at that same meeting. Since then, Charlton has hired a new chief and utilized an assessment center in seeking candidates for the available lieutenant post. The approval of Article 10 on the special town meeting warrant now means that all officers, regardless of rank, will be exempt from the provisions of Chapter 31 of the General Laws, defined as Civil Service.

Police Chief Daniel Dowd was asked about the impact this would have, positively or negatively, on the town and the department.

"The union is behind this. They would like to leave civil service. I have no issue with them leaving civil service. It seems to be the trend right now. The benefits are it makes hiring and promoting easier because we don't have to go through an archaic method," Dowd said.

Dowd added that the state is getting rid of civil service "through attrition" and discussed the factors that, in his eyes, make the process antiquated including the limits of only being able to test once a year and the potential for nobody to pass making it harder for positions to be filled. The town is also generally required to hire the candidate deemed most qualified through the exam rather than who they believe is the best candidate.

"As the law has changed basically all the rights that civil service afforded employees previously have now been incorporated into (other) laws," said Dowd. "The officers feel with the changes that have taken place that they feel safe and comfortable doing this. I'm able to look at agencies for lateral transfers. I'm able to look to neighboring towns that aren't civil service. I can now hire them. I wasn't able to hire them because they weren't civil service before. It opens up the applicant pool. It puts the testing in the town's hands, they can change things, they can look for different qualities. I can't do that through civil service. It's standard throughout the state – It would just give the town more options in my opinion."

Voters overwhelmingly approved the article in a 307-52 decision.

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Friday, Nov. 12
 3:05 PM – Took report of identity theft, Mechanic St.
 4:34 PM – Logged suspicious activity, Larochelle Way.
 5:55 PM – Logged soliciting complaint, Lebanon Hill.
 9:32 PM – Call complaining about an unwanted person on Hamilton St led to the arrest of a homeless man, Lucas Hale, 56, for trespassing.

Saturday, Nov. 13
 5:52 AM – Rendered services for drug overdose at hotel.
 12:45 PM – Traffic stop on Worcester St led to local man getting a summons for driving after suspension.
 1:11 PM – Another stop on Worcester St led to a Berlin man getting a summons for driving after suspension.
 1:18 PM – Another stop on Pleasant St led to the arrest of Meghan Kenneway, 21, of 33 Edwards St on warrants for trafficking in heroin/fentanyl and failure to appear in court.

Sunday, Nov. 14
 11:24 PM – Took report of lost property at station.
 1:09 PM – An officer wanted call led to a 15-year-old being arrested on two counts of larceny under \$1200.
 3:49 PM – Responded to larceny, Main St.
 10:01 PM – Responded to trespassing, Marcy St

Monday, Nov. 15
 12:47 AM – Logged suspicious activity at

Westville Dam.
 7:20 AM – Incident at Cumberland Farms led to a local man getting a summons for shoplifting.
 4:17 PM – Investigated car theft, Hamilton St.
 4:30 PM – Responded to fraud complaint, Mechanic St.
 5:11 PM – Responded to trespassing, Dresser St.
 6:46 PM – Responded to threats, River St.

Tuesday, Nov. 16
 6:53 AM – Logged threat complaint, Arland Drive.
 9:07 AM – Incident at Cumberland Farms led to a local man getting a summons for shoplifting.
 9:17 AM – Investigated unattended death, Lebanon Hill.
 12:54 PM – Investigated identity theft, Charlton St.
 2:24 PM – Traffic stop led to arrest of Anthony Morales, 25, of 270 Mechanic St #1, for driving after suspension.
 8:13 PM – Rendered services for general fire call, Elm St.
 11:23 PM – Rendered services for landlord/tenant dispute, Village Drive.

Wednesday, Nov. 17
 3:45 AM – Rendered services for intoxicated person, Redstone Court.
 2:13 PM – Logged larceny report for future reference, Elm St.
 3:20 PM – Took incident report of identity theft, Main St.
 8:40 PM – traffic stop on Worcester St led to arrest of Joshua

Shuman, 34, of 23 Clarke St #2, on a warrant for driving after suspension.
 11:51 PM – Rendered medical aid, Chapin Court.

Thursday, Nov. 18
 1:04 AM – Logged walk-in report of vehicle theft.
 7:29 AM – Peace

restored after officer wanted call, Sayles St.
 2:09 PM – Incident at high school led to two juveniles being arrested for assault and battery.
 2:57 PM – Officer wanted call to his home led to the arrest of Peter Spelman, 57, of 144 Chestnut St, for assault & battery on family member, A&B on some-

one over 60/disabled, and intimidating a witness/officer.
 4:48 PM – Logged report of drug violation, West St.
 5:16 PM – Investigated 911 call of accident, Charlton St.
 9:27 PM – Serving a search warrant on Marcy St led to the arrest of Joel Morales,

37, of 110 Pine St #3FL for subsequent offenses of possessing fentanyl and cocaine for distribution.

Friday, Nov. 19
 9:29 AM – Officer wanted call to Lebanon Hill led to a Connecticut man getting a summons for using a vehicle without authority.

SERVPRO fire restoration specialists offer stovetop safety tips for holiday cooking

S O U T H B R I D G E — From 2014 to 2018, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports* that U.S. fire departments were called to an estimated average of 172,900 home structure fires related to cooking each year. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the number of home fires caused by cooking peaks to an average of 470 fires each day.

“These fires are tragic because they result in property damage, displacement of families, injury, and even death,” says Rick Isaacson, CEO of Servpro Industries, LLC. “The thing that compounds the tragedy, though, is that there are some simple steps everyone can take to reduce the chance of a cooking fire.”

The fire and water damage clean-up specialists at SERVPRO in the Southbridge area urge homeowners to consider these basic guidelines for cooking safety:

Never leave food unattended on a range or cooktop. That’s where 61 percent of home cooking fires start.

Never cook on the stove top when you are sleepy or intoxicated.

Use a timer to remind yourself that you are cooking.

Keep anything flammable - potholders, wooden utensils, towels, curtains, food wrapping - away from the stovetop.

If you must leave the kitchen for any period of time, turn off the stove.

Holiday parties and large family gatherings that were postponed last year because of COVID concerns are great to look forward to, but may add distraction in the kitchen, warns Isaacson. “Cooking is such a routine part of our days that it is easy to become complacent about these basic safety steps,” says Isaacson, “but the statistics show that unattended cooking is the number one cause of home cooking fires

and casualties. Whether you are cooking for the holidays or simply preparing an everyday meal, it is important to stay alert and focused on what’s happening on and around your stovetop.”

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Thanksgiving through the years

From 1621 to the present, Thanksgiving has always been about celebrating an abundant fall harvest. The holiday's roots date back to the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Native Americans who shared the first Thanksgiving meal together.

The celebratory feast was held by individual colonies up until 1789 off and on with a proclamation from President George Washington. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe Thanksgiving, and it wasn't until Abraham Lincoln's Presidency in 1863 that it became a federal holiday.

Many of the food items on our Thanksgiving menu are not what was served during the first few traditional Thanksgivings. For one, turkey was not served.

There aren't many documents from that time regarding that first Thanksgiving, however one note did describe wildfowl (duck or geese) cod, bass, deer, bread, corn and porridge being served. The birds were described as being stuffed with onions and nuts. Seafood such as mussels and lobster was also served. For vegetables, squash, beans, corn, cabbage, carrots and peas were on the table.

Not on the table was mashed potatoes and gravy (gasp) and there was no cranberry sauce or pies.

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual. It is surprising how contented one can be with nothing definite - only a sense of existence. Well, anything for variety. I am ready to try this for the next ten thousand years, and exhaust it. How sweet to think of my extremities well charred, and my intellectual part too, so that there is no danger of worm or rot for a long while. My breath is sweet to me. O how I laugh when I think of my vague indefinite riches. No run on my bank can drain it, for my wealth is not possession but enjoyment," wrote Henry David Thoreau in 1856.

LETTERS

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

We think you're important enough to tell all our readers to turn to the Opinion pages and read your Letters to the Editor.

But first, you have to write us!

Mail your letters to the Southbridge News, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Or e-mail your letters to the editor at news@stonebridgepress.news.

You'll need to provide your name and place of residence, along with a phone number, so we can verify the letter is yours.

We don't have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you're going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.

If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.

Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



OPINION

Viewpoints and commentary from the Tri-Community and beyond

Vaccination requirement designed to keep our community safe

As Quinsigamond Community College wraps up its first in-person semester since the COVID-19 pandemic, I feel there is much to give thanks for in our college community. The way out of poverty and a lifetime of oppression is education; and at QCC, we have forged new pathways in our mission to deliver higher education for all.

In the fall, we opened the College to in-person services and courses, while requiring masks/face coverings to be worn in all college buildings, regardless of the location. We expanded our HomePlate Food Pantry and Resource Center and started back up in-person clubs and athletic teams. We began to feel like there was a light at the end of a dark tunnel.

Going back to an in-person setting was met with much excitement as well as caution, as our commitment to the safety and security of our college community has, and will continue to be, paramount. As Worcester's college, QCC is a gateway to a higher education and a better future for many in our diverse community. We serve a broad spectrum of students who depend on us and we take that responsibility very seriously.

Today, the number of new cases of COVID-19 across the Commonwealth in unvaccinated populations is continuing to increase, and our most vulnerable are in the greatest risk. The pandemic has disproportionately affected low-income communities, our

Latinx community, and people of color, furthering the economic divide that exists in our society. Many of our students have suffered great hardships and continue to suffer, yet they still push forward toward a better tomorrow. Many have children, extended family they care for, and hold down one or more jobs.

That said, in lieu of the ongoing public health concerns and current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we will require all students, faculty and staff to be fully vaccinated by Jan. 3, 2022. Only students who wish to register solely for courses that do not require any in-person components, and who do not plan to come to campus for any reason will not be required to provide proof of vaccination.

Rest assured this decision was not made lightly. All 15 community college presidents did their due diligence before coming to this decision. The Food & Drug Administration has given full and pending approval of available vaccines, and CDC guidance shows that the COVID-19 vaccine has been safe and highly effective at preventing infection, severe disease, hospitalization, and death. We were in united agreement that it was in the best interest of our students, faculty and staff to be fully vaccinated to begin the Winter/Intersession and Spring 2022 semester, or be physically on campus.

Recently Worcester's Medical Director, Dr.

Michael Hirsh, noted that only 45% of city residents between ages 12 and 40 have received a COVID-19 vaccine, and the positive COVID-19 cases are rising. As we enter the holiday season and more people come together to celebrate with loved ones, the risk of these numbers increasing is high. After close to two years of limited interactions, we are excited about spending time with family and friends, and gathering in larger groups to enjoy the holidays, as we did before the pandemic. Yet, the coming holidays may increase the chances of getting COVID-19, if people do not take appropriate precautions. This is why it is imperative for us to do everything possible to help keep our students, and by extension their families, safe.

All Massachusetts Community Colleges will continue to make vaccine clinics available on site and the vaccine is prevalent across the Commonwealth. We are committed to ensuring vaccination status is not a barrier to our students, and will continue offering a range of virtual learning opportunities and services. This vaccine requirement is aimed at ensuring the safest learning and working environment possible for the more than 135,000 students we educate and train each year, as well as our staff and faculty. Together, we can make our future a brighter one.

Happy Thanksgiving

Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving? In school, they taught us in 1621, the Pilgrims and the indigenous people of North America became friends. They had a big dinner with Jennie-O Turkey, Stove Top stuffing, green bean casserole, corn, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, followed by a generous portion of Marie Callender's pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream...oops, I think I got that wrong...

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points throughout the three-thousand-mile trip, they thought they would die.

The voyage lasted sixty-six days, and they arrived in Massachusetts Bay.

Upon landfall, they found an abandoned Native American Village of the Patuxet tribe that was wiped out from smallpox spread by earlier contact with Europeans. They decided to make this place their home since it was already built for human habitation.

During their first winter, they lost half of their numbers, including thirty women of childbearing age; only around fifty remained.

After the winter passed, a young Native American walked into their village and said, "Welcome!" His name was Samoset, and remarkably he spoke broken English! Samoset knew a Native American named Squanto who spoke English very well.

It turns out that Squanto was a Patuxet, spoke perfect English with a British accent. He was kidnapped by Captain Thomas Hunt in 1614 and sold as a slave to the Spanish. He was brought to Spain and eventually to England, where he may have met Pocahontas. Finally, he came back to his homeland, and to his horror,

found the Patuxet people were wiped out by smallpox.

The pilgrims didn't know how to survive in their new surroundings. If it had not been for the kindness and generosity of Squanto, who taught the pilgrims how to live off the land, they wouldn't have made it through another winter. Imagine how grateful they were for Squanto; he was an answer to their prayers.

Squanto could have easily hated them and had them killed or let them die out of spite for being kidnapped by a British sea captain and sold into slavery, but instead, he had compassion and helped them; what a great man he was.

Exactly Four Hundred years ago, in 1621, the colonists and Native Americans celebrated the first Thanksgiving.

Because of Squanto, the colonists had a successful harvest; out of gratitude, they invited Squanto and a nearby tribe known as the Wampanoag to celebrate. For three days, Squanto, the Wampanoags, and the colonists ate a feast of deer, birds, corn, and more.

The real hero of Thanksgiving is Squanto, who taught us that when we forgive and help each other survive, racial division can fall

Maximize your charitable giving

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as Giving Tuesday, when people are encouraged to donate to charitable organizations. If you'd like to take part in this special day, you'll want to maximize the effectiveness and benefits of your charitable gifts.



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So, consider these questions:

Is the charity reputable? Does it use its resources

wisely? Most charitable organizations are honest and dedicated to helping their specific causes. But sometimes there are a few "bad apples" in the bunch. These groups aren't necessarily fraudulent (though some are), but they may spend an inordinate amount of their donations on administrative expenses, rather than directing this money to where it's most needed. Fortunately, you don't have to guess about the trustworthiness or the efficiency of a particular group, because you can check on it. To make sure that a charity is an actual charity – one that is tax-exempt and listed as a 501(c)(3) organization – you can go to www.irs.gov, the website of the Internal Revenue Service, and hit the "Charities & Nonprofits" link. An organization called Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) tracks charitable groups' financial health and accountability, including how much is spent on administrative and fundraising costs. Generally speaking, a charitable group that dedicates more than about 30 to 35 percent of its total costs to administration and fundraising expenses might be considered somewhat inefficient, though you'd want to evaluate each charity individually, since extenuating circumstances can occur. Keep in mind, though, that smaller charities may not have the same resources as a national organization to provide the reporting necessary for Charity Navigator.

Will my employer match my contribution? You can make your charitable gift go a lot further if your employer matches it. Typically, companies match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but some will match at 2:1 or even higher. Check with your human resources department about your company's policy on charitable matches.

Are my charitable gifts tax deductible? A few years ago, Congress significantly raised the standard deduction, which, for the 2021 tax year, is now \$12,550 for single taxpayers, \$25,100 for joint filers and \$18,800 for heads of household. As a result of this increase, many people no longer itemize and thus have less financial incentive to make charitable contributions. If you still do itemize and you're thinking of making charitable gifts, you generally have a choice between giving cash and another asset such as stocks. Each type of gift could earn you a tax deduction, but a gift of appreciated stocks could be more beneficial because you may also be avoiding the capital gains tax you might incur if you eventually sold the stocks. You should consult with your tax advisor and the charity (not all accept investments) before making the cash-versus-stock decision. Even if you don't itemize, you could still get a tax benefit from making a charitable contribution. That's because Congress has extended part of the COVID-19-related legislation that allows taxpayers to claim charitable deductions of \$300 (for single filers) or \$600 (for married couples) if they claim the standard deduction. The charitable donations must be made in cash, not stocks. Giving Tuesday comes just once a year, but your gifts can have lasting benefits. So, be as generous as you can afford – and enjoy the good feelings that follow.

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Covid in the deer population



Courtesy

Paul Newman with his Rhode Island state record Tautog.

Shotgun deer hunting will start on Nov. 29 this year in Massachusetts, and the harvest should be very good, if the weather cooperates. Archers have already harvested a good number of big bucks, but there are still plenty of them out there. The rut continues to have bucks chasing does, providing hunters with some exciting moments in the woods.

Recent news on the Covid virus in deer populations by a Pennsylvania state study has caused a lot of concern among hunters. Are they safe to eat? The reports that I have read state that they “should “ be safe to eat. Evidently, they are not pos-

itive. Reports of 60 percent of the Massachusetts deer population have the Covid virus, which is a bit scary.

Practicing good hygiene is highly recommended in most reports, when cleaning or cutting up the deer for human consumption. Wearing of gloves and mask when field dressing or cutting up deer should be practiced. Breathing in of gasses from a freshly killed deer when field dressing them, should be avoided as much as possible. Being aware of tick bites from deer are also a concern among the hunting public. Hunting could be dangerous to your health!

What is next? Can our beef and pork

be infected? Becoming a vegetarian is sounding better every day, if you want to stay alive a bit longer. If deer can become infected, I am sure that cows and pigs can also. This Covid virus sure has changed the way we live and die, and is a bit scary. The real truth about the effects of the covid pandemic on humans and animals, is in the trial stages and we will not know the truth about the results of scientific studies until it is out of control. I hope I am wrong!

Back in the day (1949), this writer enjoyed taking short trips with my Uncle, the late Paul Hale, Sr. to the deer park in Whitinsville. I was only nine or ten years old when he would take my brother Mel and I to watch the deer at the park. The deer had huge antlers, but were somewhat smaller than the whitetail deer we have today. The property was owned by the former Whittin Machine Works and was part of the Whitinsville Water Co. The fenced in area included a hundred acres or more, for the deer to roam in. It was not long after that the deer were killed and sent to a processing facility.

The recent loss of a fellow sports writer for the Telegram & Gazette, Mark Blazis, this past week was a shock to his readers friends and family. His columns that were published twice a week in the Gazette were read by thousands of outdoors men and women, along with much of the general public. He lived life to the fullest traveling to numerous parts of the world to hunt and fish, and study wildlife. Mark was only 74 years old. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mark's family and friends.

Hope everyone is enjoying Thanksgiving with friends and family! We sure have a lot to be thankful for,



This week's second picture shows a huge buck harvested in Mass. a few years ago. It was on display at the Big -E Sportsmen's show in Springfield! Hopefully, the sportsmen's shows will open this year!

after the terrible pandemic we endured over the last 12 months. Hopefully, everyone has had their shots, and are ready for a somewhat normal living in 2022. Buying Christmas gifts for that special man or woman? Gift Certificates are the way to go. They can go shopping for what they really want, and it will go a lot further as everything will be on sale!

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy holiday season.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

A Grab Bag of Hints

Sometimes it's fun to share a potpourri of tips and tricks that didn't fit into a themed hint column. With that in mind, this week's column will feature a grab bag of (mostly unrelated) ideas that are sure to make your life a little easier!

Baking Hint: Buy a new (organic or chemical free) powder puff to keep in your flour container. It's perfect for dusting cake pans before you pour in batter!

If a recipe calls for clarified broth, simply pour regular broth through a coffee filter to clarify it quickly and easily!

And here's the easiest way to degrease cooled meat soups and stews. Just put a sheet of waxed paper directly on top of the liquid before refrigerating.

Want to reduce your cholesterol? Try topping soups and stews



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with ground flaxseed to reduce heart attack risk. In a study, forty grams of ground flaxseed every day for three months reduced cholesterol by six percent.

Fighting cholesterol? Try this tip too: Scottish studies showed that over a three week period, a daily snack of two carrots lowered cholesterol levels by 10 to 20 percent! Research reveals a cup and a half of dried lentils or kidney beans a day, has lowered total cholesterol levels by up to 19 percent!

This Thanksgiving want to avoid that after dinner-have-to-nap syndrome? Try these tips: In the morning, eat

small, light foods and avoid junk food. Eat your Thanksgiving dinner slowly and stop when you're full. Don't binge on carbs, drink plenty of water with your meal, and finally, take an outside walk to digest your feast.

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Once Thanksgiving's over you'll likely be left with heap of leftovers! Did you know for safety's sake your leftover turkey should be refrigerated or frozen within two hours after roasting? Wrap the turkey as airtight as possible in aluminum foil and refrigerate. Store the meat in zipper bags in one- or two-cup portions for easier thawing and use. For the best quality and flavor, freeze for no more than two months.

Here's a quick energy saving tip! Sometimes it's the little things that add up to save energy dollars! Simply cleaning your dryer lint screen with every use and avoiding overloading the

dryer can save you up to five percent on your electricity bill!

Non Stick Green Tip: Here's a green way to make your pots non-stick! Pour white vinegar into a pan the desired level. Boil at medium heat for about five minutes. Allow to cool and you're done! You can even reuse the vinegar to treat other pans! This non stick treatment lasts at least a couple of months!

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Think you've heard all the uses vinegar? Try these! Got a sore throat? Put two teaspoons of white vinegar in your humidifier for overnight relief. And dry up that cold sore fast by dabbing it with white vinegar three times a day!

Cast offs can find new life in the workshop - here's how! Rescue a child's old foam bogey board for use in the workshop. The firm, yet cushiony surface serves as

a great anti-fatigue foot mat when your standing at the bench for hours. And don't toss those old record albums, save the cardboard sleeves to safely sort and store saw blades.

Did you know ordinary sponges do double duty? It only takes a few swipes with a damp, clean sponge to remove lint and pet fur from clothes or upholstery. Pop a new sponge it in the freezer for a great pliable and drip-free compress for injuries. And put a damp sponge in a plastic bag with the stems of freshly cut flowers to keep them garden fresh until you use them!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House - Contest has resumed!

Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random

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

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

Gift spring blooms for the holiday



Courtesy — Gardener's Supply Co.

Give a gift of Months of Bloom, pre-planted bulbs to brighten up the recipient's home during the winter months or all year long.

Give the gift of spring this winter to gardeners and non-gardeners alike. A pot of tulips, daffodils or other spring flowering bulbs is sure to brighten a dreary winter day and elevate the recipient's mood.

Spring flowering bulbs need 12 to 15 weeks of temperatures between 35 and 45 degrees to initiate flowering. This happens naturally in areas with cold winters. Bulbs are planted in the fall, receive the chill they need, and add welcome color to the spring garden.

Those in warmer climates, typically

zones 8, 9 and 10, need a different approach. In those areas, low chill bulbs that don't need as long a cold period or pre-cooled bulbs are grown. The pre-cooled bulbs also sold as pre-chilled, have received the needed cold period and can be grown like annuals.



No matter where you garden, spring flowering bulbs can be chilled in a spare refrigerator. Keep bulbs away from apples and pears. These fruits give off ethylene gas, a natural hormone that does not harm people, but can hasten ripening and interfere with flowering when bulbs are stored in the same refrigerator compartment. Check the pots occasionally and water when needed to keep the soil slightly moist, but not soggy wet.

Some friends and family may appreciate a DIY bulb forcing kit as their gift. Spring flowering bulbs, potting mix, and a container with drainage holes are all that is needed. Provide directions for assembly, suggestions for providing the cold treatment if needed and proper care.

Others may prefer a gift that requires minimal care like Gardener's Supply Company's Months of Bloom. Order once and these pre-planted bulb gardens are delivered to the recipient monthly for 3, 6 or 12 months. Just water when the potting mix starts to

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dry and enjoy watching the spring flowering bulbs sprout, grow and flower.

Keep spring flowering bulb gardens in a cool, bright location to extend their bloom time. Once the plants are done blooming, you can add them to the compost pile.

For those that prefer to enjoy them a second season and beyond, provide some post-flowering care. Remove the faded flowers and move the container to a sunny window. Keep watering thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil begin to dry. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer to prevent root rot and apply a dilute solution of any flowering houseplant fertilizer.

Once the leaves turn yellow and die or the soil in the garden warms and the danger of frost has passed, you can move them into the garden. Tulips and hyacinths perform best in sunny areas with well-drained soils. These two bulbs tend to flourish for a year or two and then produce few or no flowers. Keep that in mind as you plan for the future.

Daffodils and grape hyacinths will grow in sun or shade and a variety of soil types. These tend to be long lived as they grow and spread over time.

It may be two years before you have flowers but it's a great way to extend the enjoyment of a holiday gift.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Even though hardships remain, I'd venture a guess that very few of us have endured what our early ancestors endured on their sail to the new world, what the African American ancestors endured during the era of slavery, what the Native American ancestors went through during the Native American wars with the US Government, and the many hardships all of our ancestors have faced of all races. Even the poorest among us live in abundance when compared to them.

This Thanksgiving, I encourage all of us to be thankful for what we have and recognize the Squanto's in our own lives who taught us to live.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY
EACH NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER.
THE HOLIDAY COMMEMORATES
A GREAT MIRACLE.

ANSWER: CHANUKAH

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. Wax and wicks
4. Where news is written and edited
5. Part of a boat upon which the hull is built
6. Singular
7. Feeling content

DOWN

1. Jewish holiday
2. Nickname for “Lawrence”
3. Place of worship

Answers:
Across 1. Chanukah 4. Newsroom 5. Keel 6. One
Down 1. Candles 2. Larry 3. Temple 7. Happy

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

- **1558:** QUEEN ELIZABETH I ASCENDS TO THE THRONE AFTER THE DEATH OF HER HALF-SISTER, QUEEN MARY.
- **1869:** THE SUEZ CANAL OPENS IN EGYPT.
- **2003:** ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER IS SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA.

LATKE

a potato pancake in Jewish cuisine

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Miracle
SPANISH: Milagro
ITALIAN: Miracolo
FRENCH: Miracle
GERMAN: Wunder

Did You Know?

CHANUKAH IS AN EIGHT-DAY CELEBRATION THAT HONORS THE MIRACLE OF ONE NIGHT’S WORTH OF OIL LIGHTING THE MENORAH FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT DAYS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: MENORAH

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to novel writing. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = E)

A. 1 11 17 25 21
Clue: Type of book

B. 5 4 24 12 25
Clue: Put words on page

C. 9 23 12 2 11 4
Clue: Writer of something

D. 22 23 6 21 24 10 2
Clue: Release a written work

Answers: A. novel B. write C. author D. publish

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Level: Intermediate

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

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

OBITUARIES

Gordon (Gus) Simpson, 82



STURBRIDGE — Gordon (Gus) Simpson was a caring husband, father, Papa, and friend. He went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at the age of 82.

He leaves his loving wife of 59 years Carol (Shaw) Simpson; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Brenda and Gary Besette of Brimfield and Katherine and Stephen Gingell of Fiskdale; a brother Raymond Simpson of Sturbridge; and four granddaughters, Sarah Clarke, Amanda Gillmeister, Adeline Saylor, and Lily Gingell. He

was predeceased by seven brothers—Charles, Eugene, Marvin, Russell, Calvin, Arnold, and Roger—and one sister, Elizabeth.

Gordon, the son of Eugene and Frances (Clarke) Simpson, was born in Sturbridge and was a life-long resident. He graduated from Tantasqua Regional High School in 1958, which was the first graduating class of the school. He excelled in baseball and held the highest batting average for many years. Gordon worked in the commercial meter department for Massachusetts Electric and retired after 38 years of dedicated service.

As a member of the Quaboag Church in Brookfield, MA, he enjoyed attending weekly Bible studies with

his wife Carol and was a part of the “Friday Guys” grounds maintenance crew. He also loved going out to breakfast with the guys on Thursday mornings.

Gordon enjoyed taking excellent care of his home and property, especially when that meant using his Kubota tractor. He loved cars, boating, and vacations at Great East Lake in New Hampshire, but most of all he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Dr. Paul Harrington and Dr. John Tumolo as well as The Overlook Hospice nurses for their excellent care of Gordon.

There will be a Celebration of Life service on Saturday, November 27,

2021, at 11:00 a.m. at the Quaboag Church, 175 Fiskdale Road, Brookfield, MA. There are no calling hours. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Quaboag Church, 175 Fiskdale Road, Brookfield, MA 01506, or the Springfield Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 9045, Springfield, MA 01102-9045.

Belanger-Bullard Funeral Home, 51 Marcy St. Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at www.BelangerFuneralHome.com

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news. Deadline is Monday noon for Thursday publication.

LEGALS

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC HEARING TAX CLASSIFICATION

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

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

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

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

Michael McCall

Town Manager

November 18, 2021

November 25, 2021

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Trial Court of Massachusetts Worcester County Juvenile Court Department 279 West Main Street Dudley, MA 01571 Docket No.21CP0118DU CARE AND PROTECTION, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION,

TO: **Vianca L. Rodriguez, Felix Juan Resto:**

A petition has been presented to this court by DCF (Whitinsville), seeking, as to the following child, **Alana R. Resto**, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time: **02/07/2022 at 09:30 AM Pre Trial Conference (CR/CV)**

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

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

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

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

November 18, 2021

November 26, 2021

December 2, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P3729EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Shirlee F Edinburg
Also known as:
Shirlee Frieda Edinburg, Shirlee Port
Date of Death: 06/08/2021**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by

Gloria Lynn Edinburg-George of Petersham MA

requesting that the Court enter a for-

mal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that

Gloria Lynn Edinburg-George of Petersham MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

Date: November 12, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

November 25, 2021

CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, the Charlton Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on November 10, 2021, on the application of Joanne Powell.

The applicant has submitted a Request for Determination of Applicability for the removal of existing sewage disposal system and installation of new tank and soil absorption system. The project site is located at 15 Dodge Lane, Charlton, MA 01507; Parcel ID 41 A- 29.4.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting of the Charlton Conservation Commission will be conducted both in person and via remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting via Zoom Conferencing can call 1-646 558 8656 and use meeting ID # 892 9898 0343

Passcode 458971 or use the link below <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89298980343?pwd=VjlmZGlnU-GRnYzRkR1c2eTJTL3lWZz09>

Thomas O'Malley

Chair, Charlton Conservation Commission

November 25, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No.
Estate of:
Stephen Tremblay
Date Of Death: September 17, 2021
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
G.L. C. 190B, § 3-306**

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Veterans Affairs, notice is hereby given on that the Petitioner Ma-

rie Tremblay of Sturbridge MA

intends to file with the above-named Probate and Family Court, not sooner than (7) days after this notice, a Petition for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, to serve without surety on the bond

Marie Trembaly of Sturbridge MA

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.

November 25, 2021

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Sturbridge Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40, and the Town of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaws, will hold the following Public Hearing relating to work within a wetland resource area and/or within the 200-foot jurisdictional buffer zone on December 7, 2021 at 6:15 PM. @ Town Hall, Veterans Memorial Hall 308 Main Street, Sturbridge MA

This Public Hearing is in regards to an Amendment request for Order of Conditions, DEP file #300-1062 submitted by G. Krevosky, EBT Environmental for changes to a stream crossing design at 6 Picker Road, Sturbridge, MA.

Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this proposal should appear at the time and place designated. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town's website at <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>.

Arrangements can be made to view the application packet by contacting the Sturbridge Conservation Department at (508)347-2506.

Submitted by:

Ed Goodwin, Chairman

STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 25, 2021

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This Public Hearing is in regards to a Sturbridge Bylaw Notice of Intent submitted by G. Krevosky, EBT

Environmental for construction of a single family home and associated site work at 546 & 548 Route 15, Sturbridge, MA.

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November 25, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court

**225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200**

**Docket No. WO21P3805EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:**

Bogdan S Zielinski

Date of Death: 10/06/2021

To all interested persons:

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

The Petitioner requests that

Veronica Clemens of Boxford MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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

Date: November 18, 2021

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DUDLEY - 10 Camelot Circle 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath, 2,520' Center Hall Colonial featuring an In-Ground Pool on a 28,131' Lot! Tile Entry Foyer w/ Guest Closet! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Spacious Dining Area, Tile Flr, Pantry Closet, Recessed & Pendant Lighting! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Chair Rail! Formal Liv Rm w/Crown Molding! 13.6x27' Fam Rm w/Fireplace w/Wood Pellet Insert, Soaring Cathedral Ceiling, Ceiling Fans & Skylight! Half Bath! 3 Season Porch! 1st Flr Laundry! The 2nd Floor w/4 Bdrms! Spacious Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Vanity! C/Air & Vac! 2 Car Garage! Fire Pit! Many Updates! Original Owner - Pride of Ownership! **\$570,000.00**

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WEBSTER - 20 Scenic Ave! Views of Webster Lake! 7 Rm Colonial! Work-in Appliance Kit! Dining Area w/Cathedral Ceiling! Living Rm w/ Pine Flooring, Hearth & Woodstove! 1st Flr Bdrm, 3 Bdrms Total! 2 Full Baths! Expandable Walk-out Lower Level! Buderus Oil Heat! Recent Roof & Siding! **\$299,900.00**

WEBSTER - 8 Riverside Dr! Super Convenient 9 Rm Colonial! Work-in Appliance Kit w/Granite Island & Dining Area! 24' Living Rm w/Laminate Wood Flooring, Slider to Composite Deck! 3-5 Bdrms Total! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! Finished Lower Level! Oil Heat! Roof 2019! **\$399,900.00**

DUDLEY - 50 Brandon Rd! 3 Family! 554 Rm! 2/2! Bdrms! 2/2! Bathrms! Investors Take Notice! Ideal Office Setup! 1st Floor w/Waiting Rm, Reception Area, 4 Offices w/Sinks, 3 Alcove/Prep Areas, Handicap Accessible 1/2 Bath, and Hrdwd Flrs! 2nd Floor Currently w/Employee Breakroom w/ Full Kitchen, Cabinets & Closet Storage, 3/4 Bath and additional office/bedroom! C/Air! CVA! Security System! **\$349,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE - 50 Laurelwood Drive! 90' Waterfront! Western Exposure - Beautiful Sunsets! Half Acre, 22,729', of Natural Privacy! 6 Room Custom Built Cedar Home with 2 Car Attached Garage! Dining Area and Fireplaced Living Room with Soaring Cathedral Ceilings! First Floor Master Bedroom with Full Bath! 2 Second Floor Bedrooms and Second Full Bath, Large Second Floor Expansion Area! Additional Garage Space Under! Lighting Strike Fire Damage Repair Required! Tons of Potential! **\$889,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 33 Loveland Rd! South Pond - Fantastic 19,243' Waterfront Lot with 125' of Prime South Facing Natural Shoreline which Highlights this 5 Room, 2 Bedroom, 3 Season Cottage! Start Your Lake Memories Here! Cute & Cozy, the Way the Lake Use to Be! Open Floor Plan with Lots of Glass and Panoramic Lake Views! Just Enjoy it as it is, or Add on to it, or Take it Down and Build Your Dream Home Here! Don't Need the Entire Lot, Subdivide it and Bring the Cost Down! Perfect Gentle Slope to the Water! Town Services! **\$949,900.00**



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DUDLEY - 10 MILL ROAD



SORRY, SOLD!

Beautiful family home! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, newer widows & heating system. Mini split system. Hardwoods. Lg eat-in kitchen /Corian counters & Island! Warming fireplace with handsome mantel. Generous dining room, spacious enough for your family gatherings. lower level fireplace family room. Harmon pellet insert! 2 car garage. Reduced **\$340,000.**

WEBSTER - 23 EMERALD AVE.



SORRY, SOLD!

Extraordinary Find! Beautiful 2 Family! Owner occupied with pride and it shows. Grand Front Entry! 3,012 SF +/- living area. 12 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2 updated Baths. 2nd Flr - Granite Countertops! High ceilings & Hardwood Floors, Modern Kitchens. Manicured 13,525 SF Lot with a Hip roof 3 car garage! **\$439,900**

WEBSTER - 10 THOMPSON RD



ON DEPOSIT

2 FAMILY! LOCATION, LOCATION! OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS A SOLID INVESTMENT. A GENERAL BUSINESS ZONED! PRIME WEBSTER BUSINESS DISTRICT! A LARGE, DEEP LOT, 14,875 SF/0.34 ACRE. 9 Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, FHW/OIL. Garage! Lot is currently private with a mature tree line in the rear. Property serviced by Municipal Water & Sewer, Natural Gas line in Basement. A QUICK CLOSE IS POSSIBLE. **\$195,000**

WEBSTER • 22 EASTERN AVE



SORRY SOLD!

LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE, HUMBLE ABODE, THAT WON'T BREAK THE BANK? Convenient Location, corner lot! 1288 SF +/-, 4 BRS w/1st Flr Mstr BR, Half Bath! Eat-In Kitchen, Dining/Living Room Combination! 3-Season Porch. 2nd Flr - 3 BRs, Reshingled Roof, Replacement Windows, Updated Electric, Buderus Boiler. Part finished walk-out bsmt! Garage! **\$215,000**

WOODSTOCK CT - 110 JOY RD



SORRY, SOLD!

WELCOME TO MIDNIGHT FARM! 1876 Antique Colonial. Included separate Building - Studio/Store both situated on 2.5 Acres Professionally Landscaped! 5 Bedroom, Lg Living room, Fireplaced Dining room, Library, Master Bdrm, Renovated Kitchen! 3 Stall Garage! Picturesque Location! **\$455,000.**

Featured Island Listing! Webster Lake - 22 Long Island



SORRY, SOLD!

Once in a lifetime opportunity to own a Webster Lake Waterfront Cottage on Long Island! Properly named the "Grand View". Sandy beach, boat house! Antique Cottage w/5 Rms, 3 BRs, a stone fireplaced w/pellet stove, eat-in kitchen w/modern appliances, full bath! washer/dryer. Screened porches. Included, 25% ownership share in a main land waterfront lot at 38 Point Pleasant Rd, in sheltered Mumford Cove! land provides boat slip & winter storage. A FAR AWAY PLACE NEAR BY! **\$389,900.**

WEBSTER LAKE - 1301 TREASURE ISL.



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Quiet Summers & Fall Seasons on Big & Beautiful Webster Lake. Completely updated Hardwood & Ceramic. Center Island Kitchen. 6 Rooms, 2-1/2 Baths, a must see. Overlooking the Marina. 2 Deeded boat slips. assisted sale **\$600,000.**LAND
WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLASOxford - 2 Merriam Rd 80 +/- Wooded Acres in Oxford & Charlton! Great Location for Horses! **ON DEPOSIT \$329,000.**Oxford - 4 Leicester St - Approx. 8.47 ACRES! River Frontage Possible to be Subdivided! **\$89,900**WEBSTER - DOUGLAS RD 26 ACRES on SUGARLOAF HILL. 1000 +/- ft of frontage! **SORRY, SOLD! \$200,000**Webster - Cooper Road 2 Buildable Lots! Water & Sewer Access. Zoned Lake Res! **ON DEPOSIT! Each \$24,500.**

OXFORD - 10 BEVERLY STREET



ON DEPOSIT

2 Family! A RARE FIND, BUILT IN 1967!! 2 PARCELS = 16,224 SF!! EXTREMELY WELL MAINTAINED! Total 9 rooms, 5 Bedrooms, 2 baths. 2nd apartment is a perfect mortgage helper!! Beautiful Hardwood Floors! Roomy yard. Off Street Parking! Neighborhood Setting! **\$449,000.**

On the shores of Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg



SORRY, SOLD!

Webster Lake - 300 Killdeer Island. OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! WEBSTER LAKE waterfront property on Killdeer Circle! Prime waterfront location! Gently sloping landscape to waters edge. Crystal clear, sandy bottomed shoreline. Everyday is a new day at the Lake! 5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths! Walk out lower level to nice size patio! Garage. **\$650,000.**

WEBSTER - 1402 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO



SORRY, SOLD!

Nicely appointed, Marina side condo - with 2 Boat Slips! 6 rooms, 2-1/2 baths, 2 bedrooms, fireplace, garage, Sandy Beach, Gazebo, Heated Salt Water Pool! **\$595,000.**

WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO



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DUDLEY: Split entry, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage
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ON DEPOSIT

OXFORD: Colonial, 3 bedrooms, sided, 2 baths, hardwood floors
3 Elm St. ~ **\$329,900**

ON DEPOSIT

WEBSTER: Contemporary, cathedral ceiling, 3 plus acres, 2 car garage
42 Rawson Rd. ~ **\$464,900**WEBSTER: Motivated Seller! 3-4 bedrooms, Town water & sewer, Small barn/workshop, Offers considered.
56 Ash St. ~ **\$200's**WEBSTER: 6 units, 1 bedroom each unit, Sided, Updated roof
227 School Street ~ **\$599,900**

CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Dubey (16:38.1) placed 75th, Andrew Trudel (16:56.3) placed 122nd and Conor Fitzgerald (17:01.6) posted 129th.

Also at Wrentham, Tantasqua Regional junior Tessa Kline and Warriors' sophomore Cam Foley both qualified for the Division 2 State Championship meet. And, both being first-timers at the event, they had similarly modest goals heading into the race.

"I wanted to make Top 50," said Kline.

"One of my coaches, he gave me a



Shepherd Hill's Bronson Dubey



Cam Foley of Tantasqua

sheet with all of the times, and they had me in 50th," added Foley, who was hoping to finish higher than his projected finish.

And Kline and Foley both exceeded their expectations. Kline ran the 3.1-mile (5K) course in 19:38.5, which was good for 23rd place of 186 girls. Foley finished in 16:47.7, taking 37th place out of 189 boys finishers.

"I ran a minute faster than last time. My PR was 20:30 and I got 19:30. I was motivated, I guess," said Kline, who also dances competitively in addition



Andrew Trudel of Shepherd Hill

to running.

"I see this as a success. I'm super pleased," added Foley, who has transitioned out of team sports and now solely focuses on the running events.

Both runners noted that they would like to reach States again next year for a second go-round, with Foley adding,



Tantasqua's Tessa Kline

"I'm just here figuring it all out. Next time I come back here I'll be ready."



Grace Bateman of Shepherd Hill

STARS

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the time of galaxy formation, a few hundred thousand years later. He expects to see "radically different" things from what we've seen to date, including "giant stars that lived very, very quickly then exploded."

As an example of what they mean, Tata used a photo of a firefighter looking into a very smoky room. You can only partly see him, but nothing else, in visible light. In infrared, though, a person curled up on the floor is glowing red.

"You can't see anything Webb's going to see," Tata said. "... [But out there] you get a much better vision of

the universe."

One aspect of Webb that makes that possible is the fact it will be well outside most Earthly influences. Unlike Hubble, which orbits at 347 miles, Webb will be about 940,000 miles away (beyond the Moon), in a geostationary location called a Lagrange point (specifically L2). It's designed to operate at around -370 degrees, but out there even one degree makes a difference, Zebrowski noted. It also includes a cryoliquid (helium) to further reduce the temperature of some detectors to nearly absolute zero so they can see the very faintest objects.

To reach such temperatures and sensitivity, astronomers needed to devise a

long list of new materials for Webb. Most noticeable might be the design of its light-collection antenna, which is composed of several hexagons of beryllium coated in a super-thin layer of gold. Tata said it's 6.5 times larger than Hubble's antenna, and the whole telescope is as tall as a three-story building, yet it weighs 825 pounds less than Hubble.

Both high-tech devices build on technology that was born in 1608, when Dutchman Hans Lippershey created the first hand-held telescope. Tata noted that's still the basis of today's gunsights. Two years later, Galileo Galilei was "the first person to turn his telescope skyward." He soon saw the four major moons

of Jupiter, Venus transit the sun (thus learning the solar system is heliocentric), and Saturn's rings (although his fuzzy image made him think he saw two large moons).

Tata and Zebrowski expect the first good-quality images to start coming from Webb about six months after it gets to the L2 point. The journey there will take about 29 days, with a very carefully calibrated schedule for deploying the craft's various key parts.

The launch will be broadcast live on various global space-related websites, including NASA's.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

MEALS

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Elm Street Congregational Church, Christina's House, Ronald McDonald House, Mustard Seed, Project New Hope, Old Sturbridge Village, Hatfield, South Hadley, Chicopee and Easthampton Veterans' Services and Friends of the Homeless.

In addition, the students of Old Sturbridge Academy created hand-made greeting cards to go with the meals, which are sure to bring a warm smile to anyone's face.

"We want to do everything we can to help support families in the community this

Thanksgiving," said James Donahue, President of Old Sturbridge Village.

"Country Bank and Old Sturbridge Village share a collective belief that the strength of the community begins with giving back to those in need," said Scully. "As a community partner, we want to offer our support where it is needed most this holiday season. We know we can make a difference when we work together."

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About Old Sturbridge Village

Old Sturbridge Village, first opened to the public in 1946, is one of the country's oldest and largest living history museums, celebrating life in early New England from 1790-1840. It is the largest living history museum in the New England. Each year, more than 250,000 visitors interact with costumed

historians, experience up-close demonstrations of early American trades, and meet heritage breed farm animals. Situated on 200 scenic acres, the Village has more than 40 historic buildings - including homes, meetinghouses, trade shops, working farms, restaurants, shops, and three water-powered mills. Located just off the Massachusetts Turnpike and Routes I-84 and 20 in Sturbridge, Mass., Old Sturbridge Village is open year-round, but days and hours vary seasonally. For details, visit <https://www.osv.org/plan-your-visit/>.

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AMAZON

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were up for discussion throughout the evening, the Amazon project was clearly the main draw. The TIF Agreement proposed an \$11.6 million real estate tax break to Amazon over ten years. The project had crossed numerous hurdles leading up to the TIF vote including voters approv-

ing amendments to zoning bylaws to accommodate the building height in May and receiving a special permit from the Planning Board earlier this month. Town Administrator Andrew Golas acknowledged that, as far as the town is concerned, the TIF agreement was the final step for Amazon to move forward with the project.

Brad Griggs, Amazon's Economic Development

Lead for the Northeast, presented his case before public discussion commenced.

"This facility is the most advanced type of facility in the Amazon network. This consideration this evening is a key component for our leadership to consider moving forward with this project. It will employ 1,000 full-time jobs at this facility, 900 of those will have a starting

hourly wage of at least \$18 an hour with comprehensive benefits, the same that I have starting day one," Griggs said. "This project will invest hundreds of millions of dollars resulting in a \$1.5 million permit fee in addition to the tax revenues."

Griggs also touted other financial investments the company would make in traffic improvements, sidewalk and streetscape improvements, STEM education, recreation improvements, and public safety. Griggs later confirmed that Amazon would likely not pursue the project further without the TIF agreement in place.

A good portion of the discussion involved a proposal from citizen Robert Lemansky to amend the motion to

have two thirds of all tax monies received used to reduce the general tax rate. The legality of the proposal was questioned and several individuals, including selectmen, warned against the amendment which eventually failed overwhelmingly. From there opinions on the agreement varied among citizens who took the microphone. One speaker supported the project, another questioned why Amazon considered the TIF an end-all for the partnership, and there were even early comments voicing displeasure with Amazon as a company which Town Moderator Noreen Smith ruled was out of order as they did not pertain specifically to the TIF agreement. Overall, the commen-

tary was light considering the overwhelming turnout. When the votes were tallied the TIF was approved overwhelmingly in a 269 to 86 decision which received applause from those in attendance.

The TIF agreement will save Amazon \$11.6 million over ten years with their percentage of waived taxes decreasing each year up to the final year of the agreement. Even with the tax break the project is projected to produce more than \$65 million in new property taxes and personal property assessments over a twenty-year period. The agreement goes into effect when Amazon officially occupies the building which is set to begin construction in March of 2022 for a 2023 opening.

Local real estate professional completes Weichert® Fast Track training

WORCESTER — Weichert, Realtors® - Hope & Associates, located in Worcester, is proud to announce that Philip Gedzia successfully completed the Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. Fast Track training program. The training helps quickly bring new and existing Weichert® affiliated agents up to speed on the latest information, resources and technology available to real estate professionals to help them effectively list, promote and sell properties and offer legendary service to their clients.

"Our Fast Track program covers everything a real estate professional needs to know to help them start out on the right track towards a successful career in real estate," said Bill Scavone, president and chief operating officer of Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. "This program is designed to offer a unique learning experience to get our new associates productive as quickly as possible."

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Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. has grown steadily since Jim Weichert, president, chairman and CEO of Weichert Companies, launched the company's franchise division in 2001. The affiliate division was created to offer a business model for franchisee ownership candidates described as "a clearly defined operating system for marketing and managing a real estate business." Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. announced its first affiliate in 2002, was ranked as one of the top traditional residential real estate franchises in Entrepreneur's 2021 Franchise 500 and was identified in 2021 by Franchise Business Review as one of the top U.S. franchises for owner satisfaction. Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. has offices serving over 370 markets in 41 states. For more information about Weichert, visit Weichert.com or for information on franchise opportunities visit WeichertFranchise.com. Each Weichert® franchised office is independently owned and operated.

Friday's Child



Dhamanjie
Age 16

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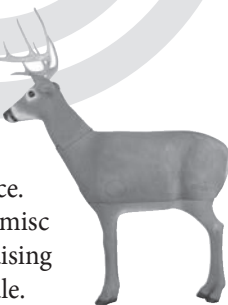
The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

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

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