

Community rallies around Virtual Giving Tree founder



Susan Smith

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TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Since she founded her non-profit the Virtual Giving Tree, which coordinated gifts for local senior citizens in the Blackstone Valley, Susan Smith has made it a personal goal to give back to members of the community for the past six years.

But now, Smith is fighting her own battle with cancer and the community is rallying around her while she heals.

According to a GoFundMe page set up for the cause, Smith was diagnosed with endometrial cancer this past fall.

“We would love to give back to this wonderful woman by helping her offset the costs incurred due to being out of work as well as the medical bills associated with her diagnosis,” the page reads.

Smith was described as a “miracle worker” by Jocelyn Murzycki, who volunteered for the Virtual Giving Tree and first met Smith four years ago.

“Sue was helping elderly residents in our community whose only wishes were basic necessities. She has always been so grateful

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Uxbridge Police K9 unit to host pet CPR/First Aid classes

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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UXBRIDGE — Have you ever wondered what to do in an emergency situation involving your pet?

If so, the Uxbridge Police K9 Unit and Northridge-based business Four Footed Family are teaming up to offer Pet First Aid and CPR classes to members of the community. This hands-on learning experience will offer attendees the tools and knowledge to truly be their pet’s best friend.

“I have made it my mission to try to educate as many people as I can in the things they can do to be the first responder for a pet that experiences a medical emergency due to an illness or accident,” said Laura McCallion, the Lead Instructor and Founder of Four Footed Family.

The class covers care for dogs and cats, including basic pet first aid; proper handling, restraint, and transport of an injured animal; disaster preparedness plans; CPR vs. CPRC; illnesses and injuries including heat stroke, frost bite, dehydration, severe bleeding, and more; what to do if your pet has ingested poison; drowning; snake bites; allergic reactions; shock and seizures; and much more.

“Dogs and cats cannot tell you when things are wrong. In fact, often times their instinct

is to disguise illness or injury so as not to appear weak. Because of that, it is even more important to be able to recognize subtle signs in pets that something might be wrong,” said McCallion. “You are their voice and you are their advocate and should be able to work as a team with your vet. You can do that easier if you know what you are looking for and when things are not quite right with your pet.”

Only one in ten pets will not experience a medical emergency in their lifetime, she added. By performing just one first aid method on an ill or injured pet before getting them to professional medical care, it is possible to aid in a positive outcome for 25 percent more pets than doing nothing prior to seeking medical care.

“Having taught human first aid and CPR for over 20 years and owning pets my entire life, I was still very surprised while going through Instructor Training for Pet Emergency Care Education by how many things I still learned. So I know when people come through my class they walk away learning more than they thought they would learn and they will be much better prepared to help their fur babies or those of their friends and neighbors.”

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New bill will ban handheld devices behind the wheel

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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REGION — Recent legislation signed by Gov. Charlie Baker will ban handheld phone use by people operating motor vehicles. Locally, police personnel are encouraging residents to learn more about the new law, which will officially go into effect in February.

According to a statement from the Sutton Police Department, “hands-free mode” is the operation of a mobile electronic device by which the operator engages in a voice communication or receives audio without touching or holding the device.

The bill will prohibit motor vehicle operators from using their phones or other mobile electronic devices unless the device is being used in hands-free mode. Furthermore, drivers may not read or view texts, images, or video displayed on a phone.

However, drivers may view a map generated by a navigation system or application on a phone if the device is mounted on or affixed to the vehicle’s windshield, dashboard, or center console in a manner that does not impede the operation of the motor vehicle.

The bill prohibits any operator of a motor vehicle from holding a mobile electronic device.

“A driver is not considered to be operating a motor vehicle if the vehicle is stationary and not located on a public way where motor vehicles and bicycles travel,” the Sutton Police statement reads.

The law will officially go into effect on February 23, 2020. Drivers will be issued a warning for a first offense violation from this date through the end of March. Penalties after this will include a \$100 fine for a first offense, a \$250 fine and the completion of a distracted driving program for a second offense, and a \$500 fine for offenses after that.

The law does permit the use of an electronic device in response to an emergency. The bill designates several situations as emergencies, including if a vehicle is disabled; medical assistance or attention is required; police, fire, or other emergency service are required; or a disabled vehicle or an accident present on a roadway.

“Public safety personnel or emergency first responders can use a device while operating an emergency service vehicle and are engaged in the performance of their duties,” the statement said.



Joseph and Gretheline Bolandrina

Courtesy Photo

Douglas couple honored for volunteer work

BOSTON — The Bolandrina family of Douglas will tell you they are grateful and blessed, and their blessings have been multiplied many times, four to be exact.

Joseph Bolandrina says “Having four kids isn’t difficult, it’s a lot of fun!”

It’s a statement that his wife of 28 years, Gretheline, shares.

“We spend time together, not just in daily activities but in giving back through volunteer work,” explains Gretheline.

“Our schedule does get a little crazy, but we manage with a family calendar,” says Joseph.

When the couple received an invitation for lunch at the French Restaurant, Ma Maison, they coordinated with their children.

Because in addition to the challenge

of raising their energetic family, the Bolandrinass’ volunteer regularly at various non-profit organizations such as Iskwelahang Pilipino (www.ipbahay.org), Lowell Folk Festival (www.loweellfolkfestival.org), Pan Mass Challenge (www.pmc.org), Bagong Kulturang Pinoy (www.bkp.org), On Board for Kids (www.onboardforkids.org), Bikes for the Philippines (www.bikesforthePhilippines.org), and Chef Feed Kids (www.cheffeedkids.org). And in a life-lesson, all their kids help out and are equally engaged too.

The lunch at Ma Maison turned out to be an unveiling of a portrait of the couple commissioned by Chef Jacky Robert of the Jacky Robert Foundation, Incorporated, a Massachusetts Non-Profit Corporation. Chef Jacky Robert commissioned Bedford artist Judi Babcock to render the Bolandrina couple’s portrait in honor of

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New senior housing development now open in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — O'Hearne Home Development, one of Rhode Island's premier custom home and new residential developer, is proud to announce a new housing development in Uxbridge.

Forest Glen is an upcoming 55 and over active adult community development, offering its residents a low-maintenance lifestyle with the option for residents to fully customize their home.

Forest Glen homeowners' association will provide all exterior and common area maintenance, leaving residents with more time to enjoy the things they love. Homeowners of Forest Glen can live a relaxed lifestyle without the hassle of outdoor maintenance.

The 44 attached homes in Forest Glen offer approximately 1,500 to 1,900 square feet of living space with two bedrooms and two bathrooms, and an attached two-car garage.

Inside, homebuyers can expect homes to be single-level with nine-foot ceilings including granite countertops, hardwood floors, tiled master shower, an optional fireplace, and a full basement with the option turn into another bedroom or flex space.

Forest Glen is located in Uxbridge in Worcester County, less than five miles away from local grocery store Shaw's as well as Walmart, Hannaford Market. Nearby restaurants include Pirate's Cove, George's Surf & Turf, Gia, and Galliford's Restaurant & Tavern.

Residents will find six different country clubs and golf courses all within half an hour of the community.

Southwick's Zoo, Purgatory Chasm State Reservation, and Douglas State Forest all offer the chance to interact with the surrounding area.

Forest Glen is centralized around multiple health care facilities, including Milford Regional Medical Center, Tri River Family Health Center, and Northbridge Medical Center.

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Blackstone Heritage Corridor hosts Holiday Open House

WHITINSVILLE — Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (670 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville), is hosting a Holiday Open House and Fifth Anniversary Celebration for Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park on Thursday, Dec. 19 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a speaking program with awards at 6 p.m.

Stop in for some holiday cheer and learn what is new with the National Heritage Corridor and the National Historical Park. Purchase the 2020 Blackstone Heritage Corridor and visit the new gallery space featuring the winning images from the 2020 calendar photo contest. Place final bids on the photos in the silent auction to benefit Blackstone Heritage Corridor. For more info call (508) 234-4242 or visit BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.



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bankHometown donates \$24,000 for park renovations



Robert J. Morton, president and CEO, bankHometown, and Robert Ayotte, president, Millbury Pee Wee Basketball.

Courtesy Photo

MILLBURY — bankHometown recently donated \$24,000 for the extensive renovation of two basketball courts at the Washington Street park.

The courts at the park, known as Woolie World, were completely resurfaced, repainted, and equipped with new basketball hoops. While open to

the public, the courts are predominantly used by the Millbury Pee Wee Basketball program, which currently serves more than 350 Millbury boys and girls from Kindergarten through grade 8. With the court renovation, the program is looking to expand their offering even further.

“We now hope to be able to offer high school and youth level leagues in the summer as well,” said Bob Ayotte, president of Millbury Pee Wee Basketball. “This renovation will certainly help because, until now, we had no suitable courts to use to operate these leagues.”

“Youth sports are such an important

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part of improving kids' physical health as well as building their teamwork and other skills,” said bankHometown president and CEO Robert J. Morton. “We hope these newly renovated courts provide years of enjoyment for the youth of our town.”

About bankHometown
bankHometown was founded in 1889 and is headquartered in Oxford, Massachusetts. The bank has \$1.0 billion in assets and 15 branches located throughout central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. Through its sponsorship and charitable giving program, bankHometown and the Hometown Bank Community Foundation support non-profit organizations and causes throughout Worcester and Windham Counties. In 2018, the bank and foundation donated more than \$200,000 to over 110 organizations. For more information, visit bankHometown.com.

Valley Tech 2019 Annual Report now available

DOCUMENT HIGHLIGHTS FACTS, FIGURES, AND MILESTONES

UPTON – Blackstone Valley Tech is proud to announce that copies of its 2019 Annual Report are now available to residents of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District.

The report spans the 2019 fiscal year, covers Valley Tech's finances and business operations, as well as student accomplishments and significant developments. According to Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, the document plays a vital role in keeping the community informed of its vocational-technical education system.

“The Annual Report provides District taxpayers with a detailed account of how their investment was utilized and the return it yielded over the prior fiscal year,” stated Fitzpatrick. “The report highlights the remarkable achievements of our students and staff.”

The annual report also includes a

profile of Harry P. Cooper, Jr., who recently retired from the CIA is getting ready to launch his encore. Harry didn't set out to be a world traveler. His mission was simple: to learn a trade and get a job. That is just what he intended to do after graduating from BVT in 1972 from the Construction program, and this is where this success journey begins. Read Harry's full spotlight on our Web site, www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/alumnispotlights.

The Blackstone Valley Tech FY19 Annual Report is available for download on the BVT website, www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/annualreport. Please contact the Superintendent-Director's office at 508-529-7758, ext. 3037 if you need a hardcopy of the report.

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to the volunteers who showed up and to the community who donated thousands of items over the years,” Murzycki said. “Hundreds of senior citizens have been recipients of Sue's benevolence as well as scores of volunteers who got to see firsthand Sue's tender heart in action.”

Smith's organization served hundreds of senior citizens over the years, but was dissolved recently so Smith could focus on her health.

“She's nothing short of a miracle worker who brought joy not only to those recipients of the Virtual Giving Tree, but to the entire community who has been inspired by her actions. We are better towns and communities because of her,” Murzycki added.

Murzycki said that Linwood-based business Foxy Travel has offered to match donations in the month of December up to \$1,000. Additional donations can also be made at Smith's GoFundMe page, “Supporting Sue Smith,” or checks can be made out to “The Susan Smith Fund” and mailed to Savers Bank, 6 North Main St. in Uxbridge.

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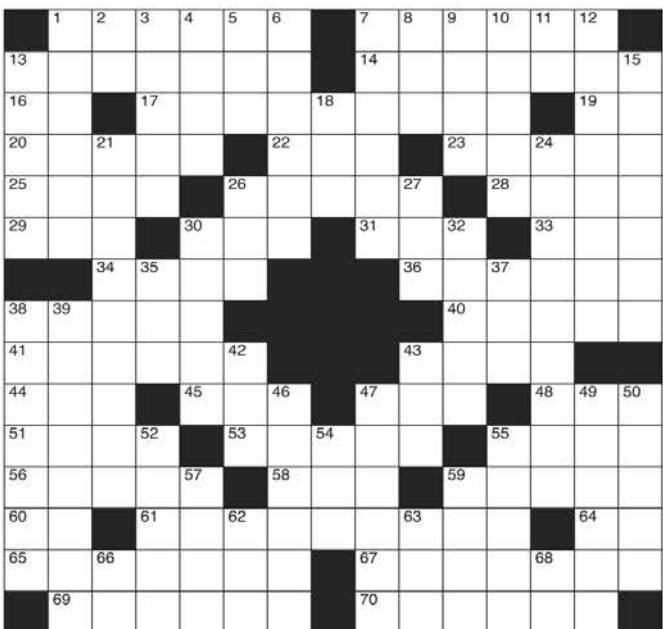
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 12:45 P.M.....Mahjong Game
 1 : 00 P. M.... Cribbage

1:00 P.M....Game Day,
including Cribbage, Scrabble,
Chinese Checkers , Scat &
Wii Bowling
TUESDAY
9:00-10.00A.M...Blood Pressure
9:30-10:30 A.M.....Tai Chi
10:45-11:30 A.M.....Zumba Gold
Noon...Lunch
1:00 P.M....Cribbage & Scat
WEDNESDAY
9:30 A.M..... Craft Class
12:00 noon..... Lunch
1:00 P.M..... Social Bingo
THURSDAY
9:00 A.M.....Cards
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12:00 Noon..... Lunch
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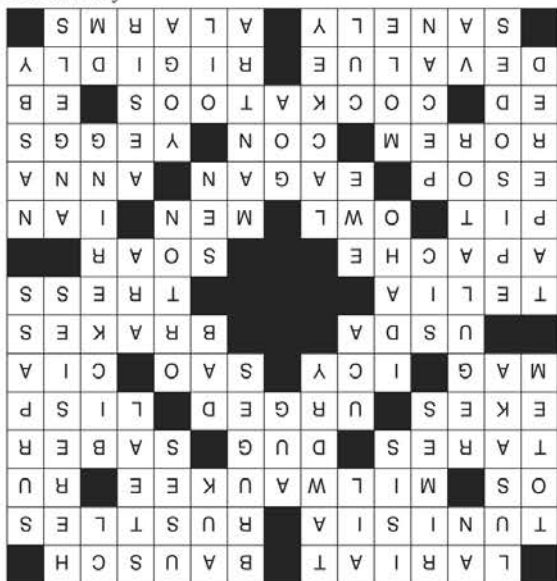
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7. Lomb's partner
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14. Rounds up cattle
16. Densest naturally occurring element
17. Home of the Brewers
19. Atomic #44
20. Vetches
22. Moved earth with a tool
23. Cavalry sword
25. Supplements with difficulty
26. Encouraged
28. Speech defect
29. Periodical (abbr.)
30. Very cold
31. __ Paulo, city
33. Former OSS
34. Approves food
36. Cars need them
38. Sweden's dominant phone company
40. Long lock of a woman's hair
41. North American natives
43. Fly high
44. One type is fire
45. Nocturnal bird
47. More than one male
48. LOTR actor McKellen
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Tony-winning actress Daisy
55. Tennis star Kournikova
56. Pulitzer-winning composer
58. The opposite to pro
59. Safecrackers
60. Denotes past
61. Parrots
64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
65. Reduce the importance of
67. Stiffly
69. In a sensible way
70. Signs

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| 2. Article | 37. Macaws |
| 3. Country star LeAnn | 38. Gradually narrowed |
| 4. Egyptian goddess | 39. Installments |
| 5. Afflict in mind or body | 42. Female sheep |
| 6. Showy but cheap | 43. Politician |
| 7. Belgian urban center | 46. Servant |
| 8. Short-winged diving seabird | 47. Said to facilitate concentration |
| 9. Deploys | 49. California ballplayers |
| 10. Ballplayers can legally do it | 50. Once Toledo's tallest building |
| 11. Centiliter | 52. A type of pie |
| 12. Contrary beliefs | 54. State of southwestern India |
| 13. Type of pole | 55. Principal member of Norse religion |
| 15. Distinguish oneself | 57. Counterspy |
| 18. 8th month of the year (abbr.) | 59. Wellness practice |
| 21. One who monitors | 62. ___-de-sac: dead end street |
| 24. Petty quarreling | 63. Used to cook |
| 26. Fiddler crabs | 66. Type of hospital |
| 27. Touch lightly | 68. Direct message |
| 30. American state | |
| 32. Pro wrestler Randy | |

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DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Freshman Michael O'Toole and Sophomore Zophia Cherrier have been chosen to be the Douglas High School Students of the Month. These two students were nominated because they have consistently shown mathematical abilities that are superior to their peers. They both are consistent contributors to class discussions and make very few (if any) mistakes on assessments. They are hardworking students who, on a daily basis, incorporate the DHS Core Values of respect, responsibility, perseverance, and excellence in everything they do. Congratulations to Michael and Zophia!



Reflecting on shotgun season



As we swing into the final days of the Massachusetts shotgun deer season, it is time to reflect on the crazy but successful first few days. Two snow storms kept many older hunters away from the woods because of the hard walking conditions. The deer were not moving much because of the heavy snow Monday & Tuesday, but hunters did manage to harvest some very impressive deer. One of the most impressive bucks was harvested on opening day by Mark Kuras of Whitinsville, shown in this week's picture. The moose like antlers were awesome.

This past Saturday, the success rate of local hunters increased dra-

matically as walking and tracking conditions improved in the snow, although the snow very noisy underfoot. Hunters that consisted of four or five more trackers did very well harvesting deer. My brother Ken and I hunted a small track of land on Saturday, but did not find a single deer, although there was plenty of deer tracks in the area. After hunting a few hours, we headed for the nearest coffee shop.

We decided to take our annual ride to Bob's Pro Shop in Douglas. It is one of the many checking stations throughout Massachusetts that successful hunters can check in their deer. On our way to the station in the area of the Douglas State Forest on Route 16, a very large doe bolted out of the woods in front of my car. I was able to stop in time, avoiding a car deer collision. Two more deer were spotted waiting to cross the road. One quickly darted across the road, but the second deer retreated back into the woods.

When we arrived at the checking station Shawn Linnehan was checking in a real nice buck shown in this week's second picture. The eight point buck weighed in at 164 pounds field dressed. At noontime Saturday, the checking station had 72 deer checked in for the week. They normally have more than one hundred. Although the numbers were a bit low, wildlife officials are confident the harvest will be very good this year.

Successful deer hunters are remind-



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ed that all deer do not need to be brought to a checking station after the first week. They do need to be checked in online at mass fish hunt within 24 hours. This year, local Environmental Police found numerous hunters failing to keep the tag on the deer, and also brought the deer to the checking station without a portion of the deer showing, as required by law when transporting the deer to a check station or transporting it to their residence. After the deer is checked in the hunter does not need to have a portion of the deer showing.

The shotgun deer season closes this Saturday in Massachusetts, followed by the primitive arms season that opens this week, Dec. 16, and runs until Dec. 31. There are a lot of deer available to the primitive arms hunter in Massachusetts this year, and it could become a record year for deer hunters. The new inline black powder guns are extremely accurate and easy to use. It will be the last opportunity to harvest a deer in Massachusetts this year.

Ice fishermen were out on some small ponds this past weekend, but the forecast for heavy rain and warm temperatures this week was expected to negatively impact all safe ice. Every year, someone falls through the ice and drowns because of poor judgment. Dogs are also lost to unsafe ice. Keeping your dogs away from frozen ponds and rivers needs to be practiced at this time of year. Only experienced anglers and the adult skating public should be on



what is presumed safe ice. Constant checking of ice needs to be practiced as you walk on first ice. Because it may be safe on one end of the pond or lake, it does not mean that the entire lake is safe.

Sportsmen & women will need to dig deeper into their pockets in 2021 if Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife makes good on their proposals to raise hunting & fishing licenses in the state. Sources report that sporting licenses will cost \$90, and all permits will rise to \$20. Yikes!

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Turn milkweed pods into works of art



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Homemade gifts are a wonderful way to show you care. Making them from items grown in your garden adds that extra personal touch. And just like the plant, decorations and gifts made from milkweed pods are gaining in popularity.

Considered a weed by some, common milkweed is making a comeback as more gardeners are growing this important food source for monarch butterflies. Harvest the seedpods and craft them into wreaths, stars and indoor holiday trees.

Remove the pods from the plants, separate the halves and allow them to dry as needed. If you don't have your own milk-

weed plants, ask a friend or neighbor if you can harvest a few of theirs.

Search the internet and craft books for creative ways to use these. You would be surprised how a little paint can turn milkweed pods into a work of art. Paint a winter or holiday scene on the inside of the pods. Or add a bit of moss, tiny dried flowers, acorns and miniatures to create a three-dimensional piece of art.

Decorate the outside with the eyes, nose and hat of Santa Claus or one of his reindeer. Add some pinecone scales for ears and evergreen needles for whiskers and you have the start of an adorable mouse.

Even those with limited artistic talent can create pretty ornaments. Paint the pod and glue a colorful feather or string of beads to the inside. Add twine with a bead or two to the top for a hanger.

Paint the inside and outside of the pods green, gold, silver or other color of your choice. Purchase a Styrofoam cone

and attach the pods, inner side facing out with pins. Place the pods in rows, covering the cone to create the perfect evergreen.

Glue the wide end of five pods together to form a star. Fill the center with a small cone or sweet gum pod. Still more pods? Use them to decorate a holiday wreath. If you have enough you can create a wreath of all milkweed pods. Just cover the wreath form or frame with milkweed pods or use moss, burlap or greens as a base.

But don't stop with winter inspired decorations. Save some milkweed pods to craft into beautiful dahlias, birds, butterflies, fairies and more. Just start experimenting with paint, hot glue, florist wire and other natural materials.

Then next fall consider harvesting the pods before they open. You'll either contain the spread if desired or harvest seeds to share with friends. Place the pods in a paper bag in a warm location to open. Use the fluffy seeds to fill clear ornaments or separate the seeds from the fluff



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Common milkweed is making a comeback in part because it's an important food source for the monarch butterfly. The milkweed's seedpods can be crafted into wreaths, art and more.

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EDITORIAL

Celebrate the season with Yuletide lore

Did you ever wonder where the tradition of the Christmas stocking came from, why the traditional Christmas colors are red, green and gold, or why Kentucky Fried Chicken in Japan is so busy on Christmas?

There are endless myths and fables surrounding the Christmas holiday, but there are even more interesting facts. While researching Christmas, and digging deep, we found a plethora of fun and thought provoking facts worth sharing with our readers.

The first one notes that early images of St. Nicholas depict him as a strict disciplinarian rather than the overweight, jolly man in the red suit we see today.

Way back when, a common Christmas Eve tradition was to tell scary ghost stories by the fire; it was, in fact, this uniquely British tradition that Charles Dickens intended to hearken back to with his classic “A Christmas Carol.”

In 1914, during the First World War, a truce between the United Kingdom and Germany was held. They decorated their shelters for the holiday and exchanged gifts and even played a game of football with each other.

When a child drops a letter in the mail to Santa in America, the mail is sent to Santa Claus, Indiana.

Thanks to the province of Nova Scotia, which has, since 1918, been sending the city of Boston an enormous Christmas tree as a thank you for supporting them during the Halifax explosion.

Pope Julius I, Bishop of Rome, proclaimed Dec. 25 as the official day to celebrate the birth of Jesus in 350 A.D. Interestingly, there is no mention of Jesus’ exact date of birth anywhere in the Gospels. The date of Dec. 25 was chosen because it happened to coincide with an existing celebration honoring Saturn, the Roman god of wealth, agriculture, and renewal, making it easier for early Christian missionaries to encourage pagan converts to make Christ, rather than Saturn, the central focus of the festivities.

For the past 40 years, people in Japan have made it a national custom to eat Kentucky Fried Chicken for Christmas dinner. There is so much demand for KFC at the holidays that customers are asked to place their family meal orders two months in advance.

British illustrator John Callcott Horsley invented the notion of the Christmas card in 1843.

In England from 1649-1660, Puritan dictator Oliver Cromwell outlawed Christmas celebrations and carols.

The first artificial Christmas trees were made in Germany out of dyed goose feathers.

X is the Greek letter “chi,” which is an abbreviation for the word “Christ” in Greek — hence, the abbreviation X-mas being used so often.

Several European countries thought that good and evil spirits were active during the Twelve Days of Christmas. These ‘spirits’ later found their way into the more family-friendly mythology surrounding the holiday as Santa’s elves.

Have you ever wondered what a ‘Yule’ log actually is? It is a large log that is burned during the Twelve Days of Christmas as a symbol of health, fertility, luck and is said to ward off evil spirits. Don’t have a fireplace? Rest assured — there is something of a cottage industry in video recordings of Yule logs on the fire that you can pop into your DVD or Blu-Ray player on an endless loop at your holiday gatherings.

In Bolivia, there is a celebration called the ‘Mass of the Rooster’ that takes place on Christmas Eve. Some people bring roosters to the mass to symbolize the thought that a rooster was the first animal to announce the birth of Jesus.

In 2010, the Columbian government hung lights on jungle trees. When the FARC guerrillas sauntered by, the trees lit up and released banners asking the terrorists to lay down their weapons. As a result, 331 guerrillas peacefully re-entered the community to celebrate the holiday.

The Bicycle playing card company created decks of cards during WWII

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Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A gift that keeps giving for generations

To the Editor:

In this “Season of Giving,” let’s consider a gift to ourselves and our neighbors in the form of a gift that will keep giving for generations! One person, one family, one small non-profit, one business, or one community can be both gift giver and happy recipient!

One ideal gift that meets this definition that should be considered is to become a “Corridor Keeper” of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor – Birthplace of America’s Industrial Revolution. If you know someone who is interested in history, the environment, promoting local pride, or encouraging those with disabilities to enjoy the advantages of the Blackstone Valley region, the Heritage Corridor is an excellent way to contribute.

The Corridor operates what is arguably the best VIP – Volunteer in Parks program in the nation! Imagine the rewards introducing your neighbors or visitors to the region to the rich history of this historically important region of New England. Imagine the excitement of school children – the generation most impacted by climate change – learning how to improve the water quality of the Blackstone, Mumford, West, Mill and other streams with the goal of turning once polluted waters into fishable/swimmable recreation spots for themselves and their families in the future. You might even become part of an effort to reintroduce Salmon or Alewife to the Blackstone after two hundred years absence because of dams and pollution. If you’ve walked or biked the completed sections of the Blackstone River Bikeway/Greenway in Worcester, Millbury, Blackstone, Millville or Uxbridge or walked your dog along the old towpath of the historic Blackstone Canal at the Heritage State Park in Uxbridge, imagine completing this trail from Worcester to Providence for the enhanced recreational enjoyment of many people throughout the region.

This project needs support for public and private investment in land donations or easements from property owners and towns along the planned route as well as state appropriations. Maybe you own some of that property or know someone who does or can advocate with your state


and local officials to promote the project. Imagine the excitement of being part of the development of one of the nation’s newest national parks – the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park – which includes key historic districts in Whitinsville and Hopedale along with the river and canal. Maybe you can help to build public support for the national park, encourage local historic properties to consider becoming part of an expanded park system, help promote signage directing Valley residents and visitors alike to the national park and its historic nodes. Individuals and groups can also make a difference by urging the area’s Congressional and state legislators to support the continuation of the work of the National Heritage Corridor or even by making a personal or corporate tax-deductible donation to support the work of the Heritage Corridor.

The Corridor has a small, hard-working and talented staff, but needs the support of volunteers and financial donations to continue to offer the many opportunities for making a difference in celebrating our local and regional heritage and appreciating the gifts that nature has bestowed on our area. Choosing to make a difference by supporting the Heritage Corridor continues a vital legacy which we’ve inherited from Native Americans, early European settlers, generations of immigrants and innovative entrepreneurs walking in the footsteps of Samuel Slater, the Whitins, the Drapers and so many others.

If you want to know where to shop for this unique gift and to select the one that fits your gifting needs, visit the Heritage Corridor office in the Linwood Mill (across from the New China Pacific on Linwood Avenue in Whitinsville) or the Corridor web site <https://blackstoneheritagecorridor.org>.

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Use year-end bonus (or gift) wisely



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As 2019 draws to a close, you may be anticipating – or have already received – a year-end bonus from your employer. Or you might be receiving a substantial cash gift for the holidays. (If you’re really lucky, you might get both.) You can doubtlessly think of many ways to spend this money right now, but how can you use it to help yourself in the long run?

Here are a few suggestions:

Pay off some debts. Virtually all of us carry some type of debt, and that’s not necessarily a bad thing. For example, your mortgage not only gives you a place to live and a chance to build equity in your home, but the interest payments are typically tax deductible. Other debts, though, such as those on consumer items, are not so positive – you generally can’t deduct the interest payments, and the items themselves probably won’t enhance your personal wealth. Plus, the bigger your monthly debt payments, the less you’ll have to invest for your future. So, you might want to use your bonus or monetary gift to pay off, or at least pay down, some of your less productive debts.

Start an emergency fund. If you were to face a large, unexpected expense, such as the need for a new furnace or a major car repair, how would you pay for it? If you didn’t have the cash on hand, you might be forced to dip in to your long-term investments, such as your stocks and mutual funds. A much better option is to build an emergency fund, containing six to 12 months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. It will take time to build such a fund, of course, but your year-end bonus or gift money could give you a good start.

Contribute to your IRA. You can put in up to \$6,000 to your IRA, or \$7,000 if you’re 50 or older. And although you’ve got until April 15, 2020, to fully fund your IRA for the 2019 tax year, you still might want to put your “extra” money into your account right away. If you wait, you’ll probably find other uses for this money. And if you’re going to enjoy a comfortable retirement, you’ll need to maximize every possible resource – and your IRA is one of your best ones. Furthermore, the sooner you get the money into your IRA, the more potential it will have to grow over time.

Feed your college fund. If you’re already contributing to a college fund for your young children or grandchildren, you can use your year-end bonus or monetary gift to add to the fund. If you haven’t already started such an account, you might want to use this money for that purpose. You could open a 529 plan, which provides possible tax benefits and gives you control of the funds until it’s time for them to be used for college or some type of vocational school. (Depending on where you live, you might also get tax benefits from your state if you use a 529 savings plan to pay for K-12 expenses.)

To achieve all your financial goals, you’ll need to take advantage of your opportunities – and your year-end bonus or monetary gift can certainly be one of them.

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Saturday, January 4

CLOTHING SWAP: 9-11 a.m., Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church. We accept donations of gently used men's, women's and kid's clothing, shoes and accessories. Donations can be dropped off on Jan. 3 between 6 and 7 p.m. or the morning of the swap. The church is located at 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. Please use the driveway off of Church Street, between Dominos and the law office and park in the back. Any questions, please email edalynne@hotmail.com or call Christine at 774-262-6415.

Sunday, January 5

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Saturday, January 11

CASINO NIGHT: The Uxbridge High School Parents for Safe Graduation, will sponsor a Casino Night on Saturday, Jan. 11 at the VFW Post 1385, 13 Cross Rd., Uxbridge. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are limited ~ \$30 per individual(s) before Dec. 31 and \$35 after December 31st. Please contact psguxbridge@gmail.com or you can mail registration to Uxbridge PSG, 300 Quaker Highway, Uxbridge, MA 01569. We also accept Venmo Payments! Please include "casino night" in the comment section VENMO: @PSGUXBRIDGE.

Sunday, January 19

NEW ENGLAND COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB DANCE: 1-5 p.m., Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge. Featuring live music by Rustic Country.

Saturday, January 25

PAINT CLASS FUNDRAISER: The First Congregational Church of Millbury, 148 West Main St., will be hosting a fundraiser paint class today at 1 p.m. Sue Dion of Inspired Painting and Instructions will be teaching us to paint an 11-by-14-inch acrylic painting, "Home Fires Burning." No experience is necessary. The fee includes an 11-by-14-inch canvas, all supplies needed, and complimentary refreshments. Come join us to support the church and enjoy a fun, informal afternoon. Fellowship Hall is accessible to all, and there is handicapped parking available. Register online at Suedionart.com.

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FARMERS' MARKET AT DANIELS FARMSTEAD: Farmers' Market begins July 7 and continue every Sunday, 11am to 3pm, though September 29, grill open 11:30 to 2:30 serving grilled franks, burgers (both Angus beef and veggie) Italian sausage with peppers & onions, cold beverages and all the fix-ins, Picnic tables, Homemade goodies, Tours, Music 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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FREE WILL DINNERS: The First Congregational Church of Sutton, 307 Boston Road, presents its monthly free will offering of open seating dinners 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. All welcome. Dinners served with bread, beverage and dessert. For information, call 865-6914.

SENIOR BREAKFAST: St. John's Episcopal Church Senior Breakfast held first Friday of the month 8-9 a.m. at the church, 3 Pleasant St., off Route 122A, Sutton, and is handicapped accessible. Suggested donation is \$5. For information, call Cyndy Rogers, (508) 529-4437.

PARENT SUPPORT: Parent Support Group in Millbury sponsored by Parent Professional Advocacy League. Free and confidential Parent Support Group on the second (workshop) and fourth (sharing) Friday of the month 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Millbury Public Library. Call PPAL (508) 767-9725 for information. PPAL is a statewide network of parents and professionals and adolescents with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs.

CARING: The Caregivers Group meet in the library at the Northbridge Senior Center fourth Tuesday of month 3-4 p.m. If currently caring for a family member or close friend, come and join others who share your compassion.

AL-ANON: A "Serenity on The Hill" Al-Anon step meeting held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Congregational Church of Grafton, 30 Grafton Common, in the fireplace room.. Support group for family and friends of problem drinkers. Newcomers welcome. For information: 508-366-0556.

YOGAGROUP:join the Sunshine Yoga Collaborative in our mission to bring community based yoga to Uxbridge and the surrounding communities! Classes are appropriate for just beginning to advanced student. Class is Sunday 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Alternatives, Unlimited, 50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville. Extra yoga mats, but most bring their own. \$5 donation per class, which given to local organization. Visit Facebook: Sunshine Yoga Collaborative.

RECOVERY: Every Monday, Celebrate Recovery, a Biblically based step program designed to heal a wide variety of habits and harmful behaviors, such as drug dependency, abuse, eating disorders, depression, anger, pornography, broken relationships. Group meets

every week in two-part session, an open group followed by gender-specific small share groups. Starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 9. Come at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and conversation. Pleasant Street Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville, (508) 234-5268, ext. 14, or email howard@pscr.org.

BREAKFAST: The John 21 Community Breakfast at St. Patrick's Church has been established as a response to the needs of many people in our community. Breakfast will continue each and every Saturday 8-10 a.m. in the Parish Center, 1 Cross St., Whitinsville. Our mission is to serve a nutritious breakfast, free of charge, every Saturday morning in the spirit of community fellowship and hospitality. Teams of volunteers prepare and serve breakfast on a rotating basis. All welcome. For information contact ministry coordinator at John21Breakfast@gmail.com. To make a donation contact St. Patrick's rectory at 508-234-5656.

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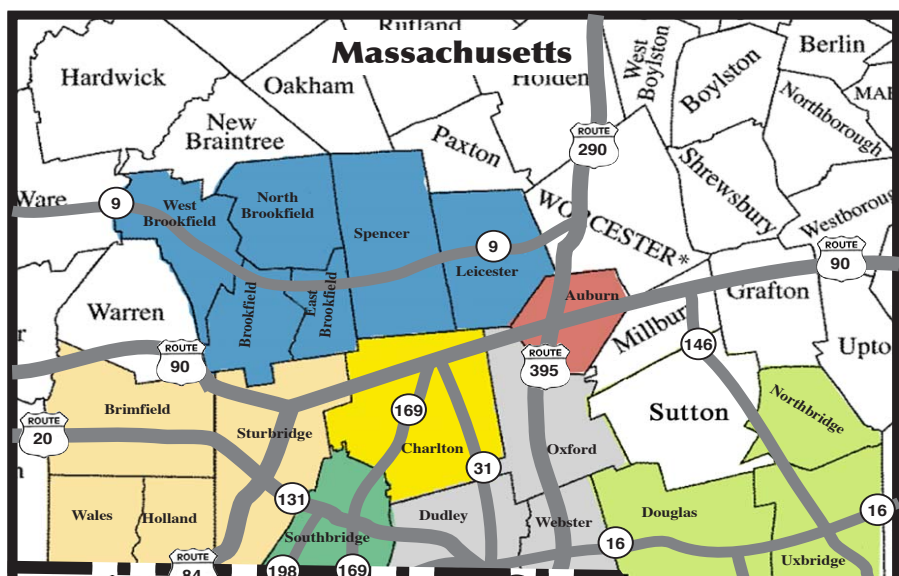
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SPORTS

Leicester can't complete undefeated season, loses to Abington in Division 7 State Final, 21-7



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Leicester fans show their support for quarterback Dan Mero.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Editor's Note: Leicester High was the only Stonebridge Press affiliated school to reach the state championship game. During the course of their season, the Wolverines defeated local teams from Uxbridge High and Blackstone Valley Tech (twice).

FOXBOROUGH — It wasn't the start that Leicester High's varsity football team wanted following the coin toss of the Division 7 Super Bowl State Championship game versus Abington High, played at Gillette Stadium on Saturday, Dec. 7. The Wolverines won the toss and chose to receive the opening kickoff in hopes of starting quickly, settling nerves and putting points on the board first.

Their plan didn't pan out, though, as Leicester was forced to punt after its first possession.

Following the punt, it didn't take long for Abington to flash their game plan of "run the football." In just three plays senior running back Will Klein took off for 61 yards to score his first of two touchdowns in the Green Wave's 21-7 victory.

"They're good," expressed Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths. "I think nerves didn't help our cause today. We did some things that we haven't done all year long. We made a bunch of mistakes A: because they forced them, and B: because we didn't execute for whatever reason. We had a great year, but this is tough."

Senior co-captain Bryce Gosselin added, "giving up that first touchdown



Jeffrey Puchalski of Leicester comes down near the sideline with an interception.

in three plays that hurts, that hurts a team a lot and the morale early."

Down 6-0 early after a missed two-point conversion rush with 7:52 left in the first quarter, Leicester was forced to answer, and they did — with the help of a little trickery. With 6:52 remaining in the quarter, Gosselin lined up for a direct snap with quarterback Dan Mero out wide. Mero went in motion as Gosselin received the snap. The ball was handed off to Mero in a jet sweep motion and, as Abington's defense collapsed on the senior quarterback, he flipped it to his brother Michael Mero, who then threw a strike to Jack O'Neill in stride for a 74-yard touchdown.

The Wolverines took the lead, 7-6, on a Nolan Power extra point kick only a minute after surrendering the lead.

The trick play ended up being the only score for Leicester. They had trouble moving the ball the rest of the game, finishing with just 79 yards in the first half and 171 total. The Wolverines were 0-9 on third down, which was a huge factor in the game's outcome.

"We practiced it during the week, but we didn't play well offensively, explained Griffiths on the trick play and overall offensive production. "I thought our defense did enough to keep us in the game. I call the [offense] and we didn't get it done on the offensive side of the ball, so that is on me. We didn't execute, but maybe the play calling wasn't good. Whatever, it is what it is."

"We needed a sense of urgency in the first half definitely, and I told the guys that at halftime," added Gosselin. "I think they came out in the second



Leicester's Michael Mero gets low to tackle Abington's ball carrier.

half with the sense of urgency that we needed in the first half to get the game going."

In the second half Leicester started to run the ball a little more aggressively. It helped to move the ball, but the two promising drives they had both eventually stalled. Gosselin had a few good runs, ending with 51 yards on 11 carries after being held to just four yards on four carries in the first half. O'Neill finished with 94 yards on two catches to lead the passing attack.

For the Green Wave (11-2), Klein had himself a day. He finished with 207 yards on 23 carries with the two touchdowns. Gaby Spry had the final touchdown for Abington, a 4-yard rush with 1:40 to play to ice the game.

"I said it last week, he stood out on film and he stood out today — he is a player," Griffiths said while praising

Klein. "He is a strong kid, fast, runs hard. We knew we would have our hands full with him. He is the real deal."

It wasn't the outcome the tailback had wanted, but Gosselin explained how amazing this run was for he and his teammates, as the Wolverines finished 12-1.

"It has been amazing with this team. It is such a special group and it is sad that it had to come to an end because we didn't come out in the first half and fight like we wanted to," he said. "Twelve and zero coming into this game is something I never imagined to happen ever in my life. Never in my life would I have thought I would've played in a state championship. It is an honor to be here, I wish we could've won it, I wish we could be state champions, but it is what it is."

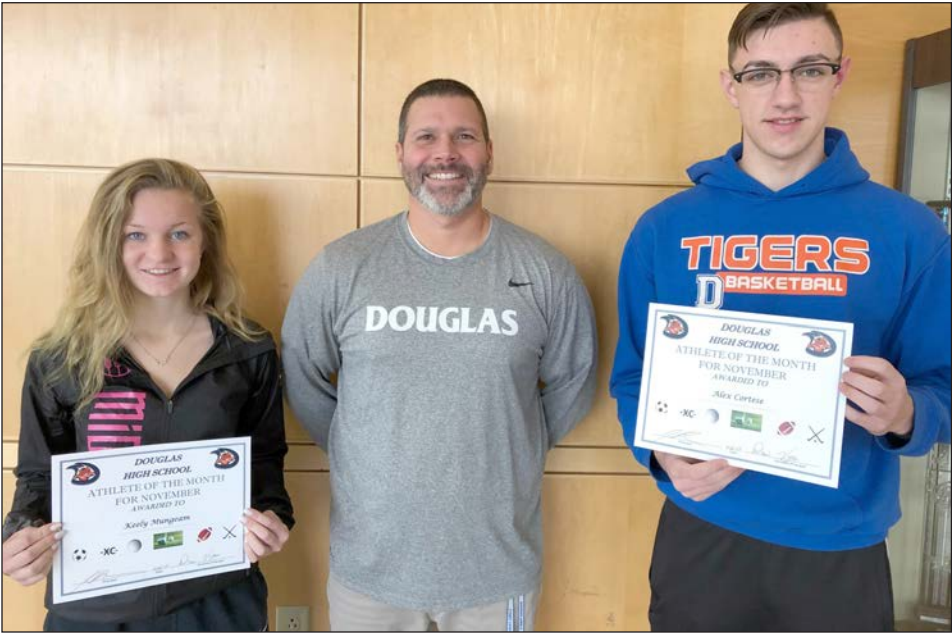


Leicester defenders Joseph Barbato (74) and Devon Gillis (26) go high and low to successfully tackle an Abington player.



Thomas Mackenzie, Jr. of Leicester brings Abington ball carrier Gabe Spry to the ground.

Cortese, Mungeam named Douglas High Athletes of the Month



Courtesy photo

Keely Mungeam (left) and Alex Cortese (right) were recently named the Douglas High School Athletes of the Month for November.

Alex Cortese and Keely Mungeam have been chosen as Douglas High School Athletes of the Month for November. Cortese, a senior, is co-captain of the cross-country team. Before suffering an injury, he was ranked No. 2 on the team. Even when injured he showed up to every practice and race and helped the team. He is a true leader, showing by example what it means to be a true student athlete. Mungeam, a senior at DHS, is a team co-captain. She

consistently ranked No. 2 on the team. She is a role-model for the younger runners, doing her best at all meets and practices and keeping the team focused on both their personal and team goals. She is the person who will be cheering on her teammates and congratulating them on their accomplishments. Congratulations to both Alex and Keely, Douglas High School Athletes of the Month!



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OBITUARIES

Joseph R Kunkel, Jr., 65



WEBSTER -Joseph R Kunkel, Jr., 65, was called home on November 28, 2019 after a recent injury. Joe was born in Webster on April 11, 1954, the son of Joseph R Kunkel, Sr. and Ruth (Lepine) Kunkel.

Joe leaves his mother, Ruth Holland of Palm Beach, FL; a son, Joseph Kunkel III of North Carolina; 3 brothers, Stephen Kunkel and his wife April Johnson, and Michael Kunkel, all of Shrewsbury, MA, and David Kunkel of Jacksonville, FL; 2 sisters, Francine Haggerty of Putnam, CT and Christine Sampson and her husband William of Sutton, MA; his uncle, Bernard Kunkel and his wife Shirley of Webster, MA; 1 niece, Brittany Kunkel of Shrewsbury, MA and 2 nephews, Jonathan Daigneault and his wife April of Gilbert, AZ and Stephen Kunkel, Jr. and his fiancé Jennifer Grant of North Attleboro, MA; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph R. Kunkel, Sr. and by several aunts and uncles.

He served in the US Army during the Vietnam War and he was quietly proud of his military service. After being discharged from active duty, Joe served in the reserves.

He was a lifelong resident and businessman in Webster, MA, running Woods Grove Realty and Ranchside Instant Homes. He had a passion for preserving the town and served on

the Conservation Commission for many years, most recently as the Chairman of the committee. He was also a reserve Deputy Sheriff of Worcester County.

Joe was a person with a huge heart who was always watching out for the people around him: it was not uncommon for him to show up to help with your snow removal. He was a caregiver during his lifetime to several people, including his uncle Francis Kunkel who passed away many years ago.

Joe will be remembered for his dry sense of humor. His mother will miss receiving his telephone calls, because Joe could always make her laugh.

His funeral was held Monday, December 9, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School Street, Webster, with a Mass at 11:00 AM in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster. Burial was held at 2:30 PM Tuesday, December 10, with full military honors in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, PA. Visiting hours were held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM Sunday, December 8, in the funeral home. Donations in his name may be made to Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb Street, Webster, MA 01570.

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Bernice L. “Bernie” Plante, 81



SUTTON- Bernice L. “Bernie” (Brown) Plante, 81, of Main St. in the Manchaug section of Sutton died Tues. Dec. 3, 2019 at Beaumont of Northbridge after an illness.

She is survived by her loving husband of 63 years Edward J. Plante; a brother Ronald J. Brown and his wife Donna of Sutton; a brother-in-law Roger Thibodeau, and many nieces, nephews, as well as great and great- great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a nephew Daniel Brown and was sister of the late Robert L. Brown and Carolyn Thibodeau.

Born in Whitinsville, MA on April 3, 1938, she was the daughter of Robert J. and Ida R. (Roberge) Brown and lived in Whitinsville and Manchaug all her life.

Mrs. Plante worked as a bookkeeper for J.D. Bousquet and Sons Co. in Manchaug for 32 years, retiring in 2006. Previously she was employed as a Payroll Clerk at the former Whitin Machine Works in Whitinsville many years. She also volunteered at the Voting Polls for the Town of Sutton, and

played a role every year in their Chain of Light’s Christmas Celebration. She was educated in both the Northbridge and Sutton Public School Systems.

Bernie was dedicated and active in her Church. A member of the former St. Anne’s Parish in Manchaug, she helped with bookkeeping, was a member of their Bereavement Committee, and was a member of the Ladies of St. Anne’s Society. Since their closing she has been a parishioner of St. Mark’s Church, also serving on their bereavement committee.

Mrs. Plante had a love for all things purple, was a dog lover, and owned several German Shepherds over the years. She enjoyed her summers at she and Ed’s “Summer Camp”, and also loved travelling over the years.

Her funeral was held on Mon. Dec. 9 from Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St. Douglas with a Mass at 11 AM in St. Mark’s Church, 356 Boston Rd. , Sutton. Burial followed in St. Denis Cemetery, Douglas. Calling hours at the funeral home were from 9-10:30 am on Mon Dec. 9. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

E. Diane (King) Cameron, 67



CHARLTON / OXFORD – E. Diane (King) Cameron, 67, of A.F. Putnam Road, died Monday, December 2, 2019, at UMass Memorial Medical Center – University Campus in

Worcester. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, James L. Cameron of Charlton; two children, James B. Cameron and his wife Cheryl of Brimfield, and Heather A. Bullen and her husband Jason of Charlton; two sisters, Carol F. Rej of Northbridge, and Debra G. King of New Hampshire; her brother, George L. King Jr. of Oxford; four grandchildren, Alyssa Cameron, Andrew Bullen, Nicholas Cameron, and Samantha Bullen; and several nephews and nieces. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late George L. and E. Frances (Marsh) King Sr., and lived in Sutton on “the farm” and Oxford before moving to Charlton several years ago. She graduated from Sutton High School in 1970 and attended Worcester State College. She later attended David Hale Fanning Trade School.

Diane was an advertising representative for the Webster Times/Stonebridge Press for 9 years prior to retirement. She co-owned and operated Partner’s Pizza in Charlton with her husband Jim, and Charlie and Peggy Wilson, for 10 years. She also worked at Abdow’s

Restaurant in Auburn. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Sutton and belonged to the church choir. She enjoyed growing up on her family’s farm, coaching girls soccer, traveling, wildlife and nature. Diane was proud to be an active volunteer of the Adam Bullen Memorial Foundation for over 19 years. Above all, she enjoyed raising her children and spoiling her grandchildren and grand dogs. She was happiest being with her family and friends...cooking for a crowd, gathering for holidays and attending her grandchildren’s sports games. Diane was a lover of living - and lived life to the fullest. Her strong presence and determined personality will be greatly missed by her family.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and staff in the Oncology Department at UMass, as well as the many departments that assisted Diane through her illnesses.

Calling hours were Saturday, December 7, 2019, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A service of remembrance was held on Saturday at 12 noon at the conclusion of calling hours. Burial will be private at a later date at North Cemetery in Oxford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Adam Bullen Memorial Foundation, 24 Charlton St., Oxford, MA 01540.

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Thomas R. Rogers, 42

NORTHBRIDGE - Thomas R. Rogers, 42, of Northbridge and formerly of Milford passed away on December 4, 2019 at Umass Medical Center in Worcester.

Tommy had worked at the Stop & Shop in Milford until his retirement in 2006. He had previously worked for Tina Marie’s Catering in Milford.

Mr. Rogers was born 1977 in Worcester, son of the late Thomas A. Rogers and Margaret “Peggy” (Walker) Rogers of Brandon, FL and was a graduate of Milford High School.

He enjoyed time spent with his family, drawing, building models, television, Wii, and his cell phone.

In addition to his mother Peggy, he is survived by one son Christopher T. Rogers, two daughters; Veronica E. Rogers and Melanie A. Rogers, one sister Wendy M. Rogers of Northbridge; a maternal grandfather Richard Walker of Grafton, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and his former wife Paula J. (Gill) Rogers.

Visiting hours were held Monday December 9, 2019 from 5 - 7 PM in the BUMA-SERGEANT FUNERAL HOME followed by a funeral service at 7PM in the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date in Lakeview Cemetery, Upton. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Charlotte S. Nadeau, 74



NORTHBRIDGE- Charlotte S. (Sansoucy) Nadeau, 74, of Cooper Rd., formerly of Kelly Rd., died suddenly at home on Tues. Dec 3, 2019 after being stricken ill. Her loving husband of 38 years, Robert C. Nadeau died Aug 4, 2005.

She is survived by her 4 children, Christine M. Pupek and her husband Stephen of Newburgh, NY, Joshua A. Nadeau and his fiancée Elizabeth Hubert of Whitinsville, Jonathan E. Nadeau of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Sara J. Nadeau and her significant other Christopher May of Spartanburg, SC; 6 grandchildren, Brooke, William, Nikolas, Brady, Roman, and Maxim; 2 brothers, David Sansoucy and his wife Doreen of Glastonbury, CT and Paul Sansoucy and his wife Carol of Uxbridge, as well as several nephews and nieces. Born in Worcester, MA on March 22, 1945 she was the daughter of Armand and Phyllis (Ashworth) Sansoucy and lived in Northbridge all her life.

Mrs. Nadeau worked as a Registered

Nurse for the Greater Milford Visiting Nurse Assoc. for many years. Since her retirement she had worked as a cashier at Market Basket in Oxford since their opening in 2010. She was a graduate of Northbridge High School and earned her Nursing Degree in 1966 from Children’s Nursing School in Boston.

Charlotte was very active and enjoyed sewing, reading, and crossword puzzles. Her greatest joy was spending time with her children, and grandchildren. A lifelong member of St. Patrick’s Church, she was also a member of and sang with the Blackstone Valley Chorus for many years.

Her funeral was held Sat. Dec. 7 from Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St. with a Mass at 11 am in St. Patrick’s Church, 1 Cross St., Whitinsville. Burial will follow in St. Patrick’s Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home were Fri. Dec. 6 from 5 to 7 pm. Memorial donations in Charlotte’s memory may be made to: the Blackstone Valley Community Chorus, PO Box 475 Whitinsville, MA 01588. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit <http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

Donna M. Reed



MIDDLEBORO – Donna M. (Thomas) Reed, 73, passed away on Wed. Nov. 27, 2019 at St. Luke’s Hospital in New Bedford after a long illness. She was the wife of the late Harvey W. Reed, Jr.

Donna was born and raised in Dorchester, the daughter of the late Frederick and Frances (Nugent) Thomas. Throughout her 73 years,

Donna had made many close friends who enjoyed her kindness and sense of humor. She also had a love for her children and grandchildren, cooking, golf and playing cards with friends.

Donna is survived by her son, Thomas Reed of Whitinsville, her daughter, Trish Reed of Grafton, two sisters, Patricia Cevoli of Norfolk and Valerie Thomas of Maine; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Services to be announced at a future date. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Elizabeth A. “Betty” Conrad, 82

DOUGLAS– Elizabeth A. “Betty” Conrad, 82, of Douglas passed away peacefully Wed. Dec. 4, 2019 at home with her husband by her side. She was the wife of Kenneth R. Conrad.

A resident of Douglas since 1959, Mrs. Conrad had worked at Wal*Mart in Whitinsville for several years. Previously, she had worked as a manager at Cumberland Farms in Whitinsville and later worked at Filene’s Department Store in Auburn.

She was born in 1937 in Worcester, the daughter of the late Wallace and Edith (Carlson) Adams and attended Sutton schools. Mrs. Conrad was a long-time member of the Faith Fellowship Church, Uxbridge and loved to play the piano.

In addition to her husband Kenneth

of 60 years, she is survived by three sisters, Linda Marando of Grafton, Doris Yarborou of Warwick, RI, and Gail Wallace of Douglas and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Ronald K. Conrad; three brothers, William Adams, Wallace Adams and Robert Adams and a sister Helen Prince.

Visiting hours were held Friday Dec. 6, 2019 from 3-5 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St. (Rte. 122), Uxbridge.

Funeral services were held Saturday Dec. 7, 2019 at 10 AM in the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Douglas Center Cemetery, Rte. 16, Douglas. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Claudia A. Magowan, 81

UXBRIDGE – Claudia A. (Kelliher) Magowan, 81, of Uxbridge passed away on Sat. Dec. 7, 2019 after years of declining health. She was the wife of the late Harry Magowan.

Claudia was born May 31, 1938 in Whitinsville the daughter of the late Lawrence and Lena (Belanger) Kelliher and had been a resident of Uxbridge for most of her life.

Mrs. Magowan was self-employed and operated and taught at her own ceramic studio. She also drove a school bus and was a waitress before retiring and moving to Oldsmar, Florida.

Claudia and Harry traveled extensively. The took many trips in their motor home traveling to Nova Scotia, Alaska, Mexico and across the United States. Claudia was a talented artist, seamstress and worked tirelessly throughout her life. Claudia was skilled in a wide variety of trades and was very creative.

Claudia is survived by her five loving daughters, Cheryl and her husband Woodrow Ashcraft of Charlotte,

NC., Susan and her husband Mario DeMontigny of Uxbridge, Sandra and her husband Robert Peckham of New Bern, NC, Diane and her husband David Radzik of Sutton and Dawn and her husband Ted Willette of Greenville, ME; her sons, Gary Magowan of Shrewsbury, Scott Magowan and his wife Lorena of Douglas, Russell Magowan and his significant other Vicki McKinnon of Mendon and Douglas Magowan of Mendon; her sister, Priscilla Tessier of Charlton and her brother, Lawrence Kelliher of Uxbridge. She also leaves 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Tom Kelliher.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019 from 2 - 4 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 North Main St. (Rt. 122), Uxbridge followed by a memorial service at 4 PM in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salmon Hospice, 37 Birch St., Milford, MA 01757. www.bumafuneralhome.com



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OBITUARIES

William K. “Bill” Pybas Sr., 78



DOUGLAS-William K. “Bill” Pybas Sr., 78, of West St. died Sunday, December 1, 2019 at Milford Regional Hospital after an illness. His wife of 42 years, Jean (Sullivan) Pybas died on February 19, 2007.

He is survived by a son, William K. Pybas II of Douglas; a daughter, Dr. Julie A. Wheeler of Thompson, CT; 2 grandchildren, Jessica Wheeler and Jacqueline Wheeler; several nieces, nephews, and many friends. He was brother of the late Charles E. Pybas II, Janet Kelly, and James “Jack” Pybas. Born in Boston on November 11, 1941 he was the son of Charles and Albertine (Parent) Pybas and was raised on his family’s Fairview Acres Farm in Medway. He lived there from 1947-1977 before moving to Medfield. He had been a Douglas resident from 1990 until his passing.

Bill was an avid equestrian from

the age of 6 who enjoyed horse riding and racing. He rode throughout his life. A member of the Old North Bridge Hounds Hunt Club, he traveled by horse through beautiful scenic trails from the Boston area to Southern NH. He was actually featured in a 2007 edition of Worcester Living Magazine in an article about fox hunting.

Mr. Pybas worked as a salesman, and a permit runner for Guaranteed Builders Inc. in Douglas from 1990 until recently. He was educated in the Medway public school system. He served on the Town of Douglas Finance Committee and was a longtime member of St. Denis Church.

A Mass at St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 9 AM. Burial will be privately held at St. Denis Cemetery at a later date. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

Timothy “Tim” Guertin, 52



D O U G L A S - Timothy “Tim” Guertin, 52, passed away on Sun. Dec. 8, 2019 at St. Vincent’s hospital in Worcester after being stricken ill at home. He is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Kim L. (Pichette) Guertin.

He is also survived by 2 sons, Randy P. Guertin of Baltimore, MD, Derek R. Guertin of Douglas; his parents, Robert and Julie (Zaliecckas) Guertin of Millbury; a sister, Michelle O’Leary and her husband John of Millbury; a brother, Daniel Guertin also of Millbury; an uncle and also Tim’s Godfather, Joseph Zaliecckas of Spencer, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and many friends.

Born in Worcester on Oct. 20, 1967 Tim was raised in Millbury and graduated from St. Johns High School in Shrewsbury. He then furthered his education earning a degree in Architectural and Construction from the former Worcester Industrial Technical Institute. Tim worked for

many years in the construction industry, and most recently had been working for Gentex Optics out of Dudley making glass lenses. He was a Douglas resident the past 24 years. A very handy man, Tim enjoyed taking on many DIY projects at home, but most of all treasured spending time with his family. A longtime member of the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club in Douglas, Tim also enjoyed hunting, especially with his 4-legged friend, Radar, and fishing. When his sons were small, Tim was their team Soccer Coach. He took great pride in his family, and they will sorely miss him.

His funeral will be held on Fri. Dec. 13 with a Mass at 11 AM in St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas. Burial will follow in St. Denis Cemetery. Calling hours at Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St., Whitinsville will be held on Thurs. Dec. 12th from 4-7 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tim’s memory may be made to: Blackstone Valley Beagle Club Inc., P.O. Box 34, Douglas MA 01516. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

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Annual Round of Spice Healers

With the holidays around the corner, the focus turns to homemade pies, cookies and other comfort food confections that conjure up fond holiday memories. One of the simple pleasures of churning out home baked goods this time of year is the unmistakable aroma of such spices as cinnamon, nutmeg and ginger.

The next time you’re stocking up on these “pie spices” you might want to grab an extra jar or two. Studies show popular holiday spices can benefit your health as well as your taste buds. Read on for this column’s annual review of how a dash of this and a pinch of that can spice up your life!

Note: Do not ingest spices as home remedies without proper medical supervision. Life threatening allergies, overdoses, and side effects can occur.

Nutmeg: Often sprinkled in a holiday eggnog or added to a meat pie, the nutmeg spice jar does duty beyond the kitchen cupboard, from clearing a complexion to promoting sweet slumber.

According to the Encyclopedia of Healing Foods, a little nutmeg added to a glass of warm milk can lull you off to sleep in record time.

Nutmeg has also been hailed for its anti inflammatory properties, which makes it a powerful weapon in battling blemishes. To zap a zit, make a paste of ground nutmeg and milk, and apply to pimple to reduce redness and swelling.

Cinnamon: Move over cinnamon toast and apple pie, the spice has a higher calling. Ever since a study published in the journal Diabetes Care found half a teaspoon of cinnamon daily could be helpful in reducing blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes, cinnamon has been

touted as an additional dietary supplement along with conventional medications to fight the disease.

The study also revealed the spice reduced triglyceride, LDL cholesterol, and total cholesterol levels among the same test group.

Want more? Research from Copenhagen University showed a significant relief in arthritis pain when patients were given half a teaspoon of cinnamon powder combined with one tablespoon of honey every morning for a week.

And another study found that the mere act of smelling the spice can boost cognitive function and memory!

Cinnamon FYI: Microbiologists at Kansas State University found that adding small amounts of cinnamon to samples of apple juice contaminated with E. coli bug killed most of the bacteria. Just one teaspoon of cinnamon killed 99.5 percent of the bacteria after three days at room temperature.

Ginger: Ginger bread and ginger snaps are familiar holiday treats, but did you know ginger has long been hailed for its power to tame a tummy ache? It’s also a well known home remedy to treat motion and sea sickness. In fact, in one study, ginger was shown to be superior to a commonly used over-the-counter and prescription drug for motion sickness. reducing dizziness, nausea, vomiting, and cold sweats.

It’s also claimed that ginger can aid in relieving arthritis and sciatica pain.

A simple Ginger tea is made by steeping one or two half inch slices of fresh ginger in a cup of hot water. Or add 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger



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Allspice: Christmas pudding, mincemeat and pumpkin pies all benefit from the addition of allspice, but did you know your health can too?

Allspice is famous for its ability to relieve muscle aches and pains when applied topically. To make an allspice poultice, mix ground allspice with water to form a thick paste. Apply it to the body, cover with gauze and relax for 15 to 20 minutes.

Sipping tea made from the spice can also be helpful in relieving menstrual cramps and headaches.

Allspice berries can also be used to temporarily relieve toothache pain. Simply chew one allspice berry for quick relief.

More kitchen cupboard Rx:

Soothe a Sore Throat: To relieve a sore throat, squeeze one half fresh lemon into one half cup warm water. Mix one tablespoon of salt and one quarter teaspoon of cayenne pepper. Gargle with the mixture three times per day until pain is relieved. Do not swallow this mixture.

This remedy, attributed to Dr. Jane Guiltinan, chief medical officer at John Bastyr University Natural Health Clinic in Seattle, is said to also relieve coughs and fight viral infections.

Time to Cure Cough: Did you know Thyme may help reduce coughing due to a cold? Make up thyme tea by adding a teaspoon of crushed thyme to one half cup of boiling water. Allow

to steep for ten minutes, then strain and sip. As a bonus studies suggest that thyme can help maintain brain function and promote heart health.

Halt a Headache: Cayenne pepper is a proven pain reliever, especially for headaches. It is said cayenne dilates blood vessels to improve circulation. Before you reach for a pain killer, you might want to try this: Mix one half teaspoon cayenne pepper in six ounces of water and drink slowly.

Cut Congestion: For generations, cayenne has been used as a remedy to clear a head cold and relieve congestion and sinus pain. All it takes is a dash or two of cayenne powder in a cup of hot tea (preferably with honey and lemon) to do the trick!

Win Dinner for Two

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 publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

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that revealed an escape route for POW’s in Germany.

In the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” the verse referring to “true love” is a reference to God. A “partridge in a pear tree” represents Christ, and the “two turtledoves” represent the Old and New Testaments.

Did you ever wonder why the colors red, green and gold are affiliated with Christmas? The color green is a symbol of life and rebirth, red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold is a symbol of light, wealth and roy-

alty.

Christmas trees are grown for roughly 15 years before they are purchased. In Poland, spider webs are a common decoration for trees because a spider, according to legend, wove a blanket for baby Jesus.

Alabama became the first U.S. state to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.

Mistletoe is considered sacred to the Druids because it produces fruit and remains green throughout the winter. The Druids never let the plant hit the ground and believed that it was a cure for infertility and warded off evil spirits.

Proto-environmentalist Teddy

Roosevelt banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1901.

Apples were the first Christmas tree decorations.

Why do we hang stockings by the chimney with care? Apparently, there were three sisters who were too poor to afford a marriage dowry and were bound to end up on the streets. Bishop Saint Nicholas filled their stockings with gold coins, and their lives were forever changed.

We hope you enjoyed these fun Christmas facts and hope that you have a happy holiday season filled with endless laughter and memories to last a life time.

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Courses are four hours long and cost \$75. The first class took place on December 10; one more class is slated for Saturday, Dec. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Uxbridge VFW, 13 Cross Rd. in Uxbridge, right next to the Police Station.

At the conclusion of class, attendees will receive a Certification of Completion wall certificate and wallet card good for two years. To sign up, visit www.fourfootedfamily.com and select the “Our Courses” tab. The classes are limited to 20 students per day; Uxbridge Police K9 said they expect slots to fill up quickly.

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all the volunteer work they do for the community.

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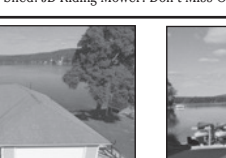


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Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000 +/- Sq. Ft. Possible potential for a 2 family to be built! Town Water, Sewer, City Gas! Nice level lot. **\$70,000**
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Cape gutted to the studs and remodeled, 3 Br, 1 bath; 1.7 acres. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters and center island. New electrical/plumbing. Large Gambrel Post & Beam. 2 bay garage w/loft. New septic. **NEW PRICE \$249,500**

WEBSTER - 17 PINWOOD DR



Location, Location, Location! Close to I395. Split Entry with 6 rooms. 3 bedrooms & 1-1/2 baths. Many Updates! Fireplace living room. Wood floors! Recent Asphalt Shingled Roof & Solar Panels. **ASSISTED SALE \$289,900.**

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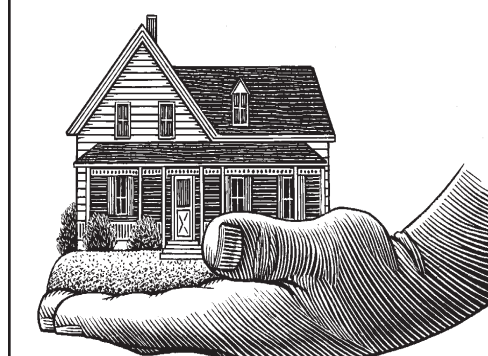


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THOMPSON HILL: This Federalist Colonial style home with 4 bedrooms also features kitchen with wood floor, butcher block kitchen-island, granite counters with a farm sink & s/s appliances. The dining room & living room have painted wide wood floors, plaster walls, and are good sized. The family room/office features an impressive brick fireplace with raised paneling, built-in bookcases and french doors out to the fireplaced stone patio. The grounds are pristine with stone walls, and a large side patio with pergola. Having once been a working farm the barn has evidence of a tack room, horse stall, and even an old 3 seater outhouse. There is room for a car and much more. **\$324,900**

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LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO19P3860EA
Estate of:
Judith F McGee
Date Of Death: October 10, 2019
NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE**

To all persons who have or may have some interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petitioner of **Paul L Brigham, Esquire of Framingham MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Paul L Brigham, Esquire of Framingham MA has been inforamilly 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.

December 6, 2019

**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 Thomas F. Almquist, Jr. to Bank of America, N.A., dated April 23, 2010 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 45779, Page 292 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage LoanCare, LLC is the present holder by assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Green Tree Servicing LLC dated May 7, 2013 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50875, Page 331 and assignment from Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC to LoanCare, LLC dated July 26, 2019 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60808, Page 4, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 43 Waucantuck Drive, Uxbridge, MA 01569 will be sold at a Public Auction at 10:00 AM on December 31, 2019, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Situate in the County of Worcester, state of Massachusetts:

The land, together with the buildings thereon, located on Waucantuck Drive in Uxbridge, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and more particularly described as Lot 14 on a plan entitled 'Definitive subdivision of land of Waucantuck Village Estates, Uxbridge, MA., owned by Afco Land & Development Corp., 48 Pond Street, Milford, scale 1"=40'. Dated 7-31-87 and revised through 12-22-87. Crowell Engineering & Survey, 22 West Main Street, Hopkinton, MA. 01748". Said plan is filed with the Worcester District Registry of deeds, Plan book 602, plan 5.

Said Lot 14 contains 1,010 acres or 44,000 square feet according to said plan.

This conveyance is subject to a notice of conditions issued by the planning board of the town of Uxbridge as recited in an instrument recorded in Book 10294, Page 300.

This conveyance is subject to rights of the public in East Street and Kempton Road for travel as recited in a deed dated March 13, 1915 and recorded with said Registry of deeds in Book 2075, Page 44.

Tax I.D. No: 304-041. 0-2237

Being the same property conveyed by quitclaim deed

Grantor: Thomas F. Almquist and Kathleen M. Almquist

Grantee: Thomas F. Almquist, Jr., individually

Dated: 8/31/2006

Recorded: 9/1/2006
Doc#/book—page: 39704-67
Note: For street numbering purposes known as: 43 Waucantuck Drive, Uxbridge, MA 01569
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39704, Page 67.
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.
Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
LoanCare, LLC
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Almquist Jr., Thomas F., 18-032643
December 6, 2019
December 13, 2019
December 20, 2019

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

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mark Cronin, Mary Ann Lasala to Suntrust Mortgage, Inc., dated May 15, 2002 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 26597, Page 327, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Suntrust Mortgage Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on October 13, 2015, in Book No. 54418, at Page 270

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on January 8, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 35B Pleasant Street, Upton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Parcel 1 The land in West Upton, Massachusetts together with the buildings thereon, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: Located in the Northwesternly side of Pleasant Street in Upton, Massachusetts, BEGINNING at a point on the Northwesternly sideline of the aforesaid Pleasant Street at the southerly corner of Lot "B" on a "Plan of Land in Upton, Massachusetts, of David and Mary Aldrich dated May 10, 1970 surveyed by James Cote and David Teachant" recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 339, Plan 57.

THENCE N. 43 deg. 58' 10" W. a distance of 68 feet more or less to a stake in the ground; THENCE S. 43 deg. 8' 20" W. a distance of 84.18 feet more or less to a point; THENCE N. 18 deg. 38' 10" W. by the sideline of Lot "A" and by land now or formerly of Crockett in three segments of 44.78 feet, 61.90 feet, and 254.56 feet to a stake in the ground now or formerly of land of Gorham; THENCE N. 65 deg. 53' 50" E. a distance of 81.14 feet to a stake; THENCE S. 18 deg. 35' 10" E. by an old stone wall a distance of 91.05 feet to a stake; THENCE S. 41 deg. 57' 10" E. a distance of 273.35 feet to a point al the northwesternly sideline of Pleasant Street; THENCE S. 41 deg. 4' 20" W. by the sideline of the aforesaid Pleasant Street a distance of 100 feet more or less to the point of beginning. Meaning and intending to include all

of Lot "B" on the aforementioned plan containing 56,195 square feet more or less to the point of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed by deed of George D. Campbell and Kathleen A. Campbell dated December 10, 1982 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7625, Page 38.

Parcel 2 A certain parcel of land shown as parcel 2A on a Plan of land in the town of Upton, MA drawn by Blackstone Valley Survey & Engineering, Inc., dated December 22, 1998 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 738, Plan 61 and further bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the most Northwesternly point of the parcel to be conveyed; THENCE N. 68 deg. 32' 10" E. 48.55 feet to a point; THENCE S. 18 deg. 47' 41" E. 90.13 feet to a point; THENCE N. 47 deg. 33' 56" W. 100.24 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 2A containing 2,185.2 square feet, more or less, according to said plan. See deed of George D. Campbell and Kathleen A. Campbell dated December 10, 1982 and recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 7625, Page 44. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor(s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith as instrument No. 94823

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 26597, Page 325.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
12068
December 13, 2019
December 20, 2019
December 27, 2019

(SEAL)

**TRIAL COURT OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE SUPERIOR COURT
Worcester Superior Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, Massachusetts
01608
Docket No: 19Cv1742 D
ORDER OF NOTICE
BY PUBLICATION
UniBank for Savings
vs.
Dennis C Green
Sherilyn R Green**

TO: Dennis C Green, Sherilyn R Green of Millville, MA, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all in said Commonwealth; and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §501 *et seq.*: UniBank for Savings, a banking institution with a usual place of business in Whitinsville, MA claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Millville, MA being numbered 30 Granite Circle, given by Dennis C Green, Sherilyn R Green to UniBank for Savings dated 06/10/2008, and recorded

in Worcester County District Registry of Deeds, in Book 42968, Page 314 has/have filed with this court a Complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemember status. If you now are, or recently have been, in active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Worcester Superior Court on or before 01/06/2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Judith Fabricant, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, at Worcester, Massachusetts, this 25th day of November 2019.

Dennis P. McManus
Clerk of Courts

Corinne L. Gorman
First Assistant Clerk
December 13, 2019

**UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Taft Early Learning Center
16 Granite St.
Uxbridge, MA 01569
(508) 278-8643
"Child Find Screening"**

The Uxbridge Public Schools will be conducting a screening on **Thursday January 30, 2020 from 12:00-2:00** for 3 and 4 year old children who are residents of Uxbridge. If you have concerns about your child's speech and language, cognitive, fine motor, and/or gross motor skills, please contact Christine Veneziano at the Taft Early Learning Center at (508) 278-8643 to ***schedule an appointment.***

December 13, 2019

**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. WO19P3590EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Albert J Emrick
Date of Death: 08/12/2019**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Henry S Carter of Worcester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Henry S Carter of Worcester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/24/2019.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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

Date: November 25, 2019

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
December 13, 2019

Keep your natural tree fresh this Christmas



Natural Christmas tree aficionados love the authenticity such trees provide during the holiday season. Natural trees also provide a unique aroma that can make holiday celebrations feel more homey.

When purchasing natural trees, holiday celebrants, especially those who like to buy their trees in early December, may be concerned about keeping their trees fresh throughout the holiday season. The following tips can help trees last until the final present is unwrapped and the last of the egg nog has been consumed.

- Buy a freshly cut tree. Whenever possible, celebrants should cut their own trees. This ensures that the tree they bring home is fresh, increasing the chances it will remain so throughout the season. If it's not possible to cut your own tree, the National Fire Protection Association notes that fresh trees should have green needles that do not come off when touched. Trees that appear to be dried out or those that shed needles when touched should be avoided.
- Protect trees on the way home. The Tree Care Industry Association advises consumers to protect their Christmas trees as they transport them home. Wrap the tree in a plastic wrap so it makes it home damage-free. A damaged tree might not make it through the holiday season.
- Cut pre-cut trees before leaving the lot. Pre-cut trees can make it through the holiday season looking their best, but buyers should request that employees cut as much as two inches off the bottom of the tree before leaving the lot. Once trees are cut, sap begins to seal their base, making it hard for them to absorb water. By requesting that between one and two inches be removed from the bottom of the tree at the time of purchase, buyers

are ensuring their trees will be able to absorb the water they'll need to make it through the season when they get home.

- Place the tree in water the moment you get home. To prevent the base of the tree from drying out, place it in water the moment you get home. Freshly cut trees may initially need the water in their tree stands filled in the morning and then again in the evening. As the season progresses, trees likely won't need their stands filled more than once per day.
- Place the tree away from heat sources. Placing trees away from heat sources, such as radiators, fireplaces, heating vents, and lights, reduces the likelihood that trees will dry out and also reduces the risk of fire.

A few simple strategies can help holiday revelers ensure their Christmas trees make it through the holiday season unscathed.

How to make holiday wreaths the easy way



There are many different ways to decorate homes and businesses for the holidays. Tall evergreen trees are among the most visible symbols of the holiday season. However, wreaths hung on doors, windows or fences also are ubiquitous this time of year.

Wreaths adorn homes primarily during the holidays of Easter and Christmas. Wreaths have also been worn around the head or neck in ceremonial events around the globe for centuries. It is believed the first wreaths date back to ancient Greece and Rome. Members of the Greco-Roman society were known to hand-make ring-shaped items using fresh tree leaves, small fruits, flowers, and twigs. Oftentimes these headdresses symbolized a person's social status. Others suggest wreaths evolved to become a Christian symbol of immortality.

Regardless of how wreaths are viewed, many people like to display wreaths for the holidays. Wreaths can be purchased premade, but making a wreath on your own can make the holidays even more fun.

One of the easiest ways to make a wreath is to design it around a circular floral foam form. Gather supplies to make the wreath. For traditional wreaths, supplies will include sprigs of evergreen (real or artificial), ribbon,

floral wire, bows, and artificial berries. Working around the foam form, arrange the boughs of evergreen, using the floral wire to wrap or pin into the foam itself. Keep the layers coming until you get the desired coverage. Embellish with a ribbon or place a bow.

The blog A Piece of Rainbow says that creating a wreath jig is an easy way to make a wreath. Cut a dollar-store laundry basket bottom from the top ring to make a template, on which you can place wreath-making materials so they keep their circular form. Use floral wire or natural jute string to tie the materials together. Experiment with fresh evergreen, twigs, holly branches, or whatever materials you choose.

Thick card stock also can serve as the wreath template. Attach artificial flowers or leaves, spray snow, ornaments, or other items to the card stock ring with a firm adhesive.

Many craft stores sell wreath forms made of natural vines that have been strung in a ring. These can be decorated in their entirety or left a little sparse to let the natural twine show through.

Wreaths may seem like complicated creations. But a little imagination and the right materials is all it takes to create a homemade wreath.

LEGALS

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Angela Pybas
Date of Death: 10/15/2019
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Adriana Scorpio of Uxbridge MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Adriana Scorpio of Uxbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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