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As Head of School retires, WCS looks toward the future



Lance Engbers

W H I T I N S V I L L E — When Head of School Lance Engbers first announced his plan to step down after a 36-year tenure at Whitinsville Christian School (WCS), one question became clear.

"Our first thought was to wonder how we'd ever find someone who can come close to what Lance offers as a leader," said John Casey, president of the WCS Board of Trustees.

Established in 1907, WCS lies in the heart of the Massachusetts Blackstone Valley. The school has grown steadi-

ly beginning with its purchase of a 27-acre campus in 1966, the addition of a high school in the 1970s, and several other major building projects to expand and update campus facilities. Just last year, the school dedicated its Nehemiah Center, an \$18.5 million, state-ofthe-art athletic facility and center for arts and worship.

Student enrollment is booming, too. As other private schools experience a decline, WCS has seen a 15 percent increase in enrollment the past five years. "We have a waiting list for our kindergarten program for the upcoming school year and applications are up for elementary, middle, and high school over this time last year," said Casey. Today's WCS fam-

Today's WCS families are now drawn to the school from 38 different towns across Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. "You don't add

on to your school facilities if your enrollment is declining," noted Engbers. "Our community now stretches from Worcester and central Massachusetts into Metro West Boston, Rhode Island, and eastern Connecticut, and includes families who worship at 79 different Protestant and Catholic Churches."

Engbers first arrived at the school as the elementary school principal, teaching a fifth-grade science class, and gradually transitioned into educational administration. Even after becoming Head of School, he found time to focus on the students, welcoming them at the start of each day and writing personal notes on birthday cards for every child. Now that he's poised to

retire, he's leaving New England's oldest accredited Christian school at a point of great transition as the community welcomes its next Head of School, Richard (Rick) Lukianuk, JD.

Casey knows that "great school leaders" like Engbers must not only be educators, but executives and entrepreneurs, too. In Massachusetts, he added, public schools are generally well-regarded, "so if you're going to ask people to pay for private education, it had better be an excellent education."

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Northbridge police purchase new hybrid cruiser

BY KIMBELY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — In response to the town's ongoing "green" efforts, the Northbridge Police Department has purchased its first hybrid police cruiser.

"The Northbridge Police Department is doing all it can to limit our carbon footprint," said Northbridge Chief of Police Walter Warchol.

While the initial cost of the cruiser is more expensive than a traditional gas cruiser, the hybrid cruiser will realize approximately \$3,000 per year in gas savings, added Warchol. grant funds and has realized a six percent reduction in building usage from a baseline of 2015.

Under the Green Communities Act, cities and towns must meet five criteria, including the use of renewable or alternative energy generating facilities, purchasing fuel-efficient vehicles for municipal use, minimizing the life-cycle cost of all newly constructed homes and buildings, and more, to be designated a Green Community and receive grants.

According to the state's Web site, www.mass.go the fourth criterion to maintaining Green Community status requires all departments within a Green Community to purchase fuel-efficient vehicles for municipal use, whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable. To meet this requirement, municipal governments and school districts must "adopt a Fuel-Efficient Vehicle Policy requiring all municipal departments and divisions to purchase fuel-efficient vehicles, develop and maintain a vehicle inventory for all four-wheeled vehicles, and provide a plan for replacing non-exempt vehicles with vehicles that meet specified fuel efficiency ratings."

Uxbridge High receives grant to support STEM career learning

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge High School has received grant funding for expansions to its engineering and new computer science curricular program from Project Lead The Way that will better prepare students for career success.

Project Lead The Way is a nonprofit organization that provides learning experiences for Pre-K through 12 students and teachers through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science, according to a district statement. Uxbridge High School is one of more than 12,200 schools across the country offering Project Lead The Way programs to millions of students. "For our school and district, this is another opportunity for us to leverage resources and the support of our Commonwealth to expand opportunities for our students," said Uxbridge Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Tiano. STEM Hub.

"Our administration is committed to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps in STEM fields for students across the Commonwealth," said Lt. Gov. Polito. "Partnerships with organizations like Project Lead the Way allow us to provide children with opportunities to learn hands-on, real-world STEM skills and put them on a pathway to success in the classroom and beyond."

Uxbridge High announced that it will use grant funds to start its Project Lead The Way Computer Science program

Northbridge was designated as a Green Community by the state in 2016. As such, the town qualifies for assistance from the state's Green Communities Program, which provides grants, technical assistance, and local support to help municipalities reduce energy use and costs by implementing clean energy projects that support a resilient energy future. Energy Conservation Measures are measures involving modification of maintenance and operating procedures of a building, designed to reduce energy consumption.

Since 2016, Northbridge has received more than \$625,000 in Green Community

Warchol said that all future cruisers will also be hybrids.

Uxbridge High School is one of just 82 schools across the commonwealth to receive the funding, which is supported by the Administration of Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, the One8 Foundation, and Mass and strengthen its capacity for engineering. Funds from the grant will also support teacher professional development and the purchase of materials and equipment that will be used in the hands-on applied learning courses.

"We appreciate the continued support for professional development and investing in our teachers and community," said Uxbridge High School Principal Michael Rubin. "Our students and community as a whole have the benefit of some of the best training and industry-standard equipment as a result of this continued commitment, and we will continue to empower our students through these opportunities."

A Presidential family tree

Two BVT students and their shared connection

UPTON – Have you ever wondered who's hiding in your family tree? Anyone famous? We've all heard tales of a twice-removed, distant relative being the second cousin of so-and-so. But is it true?

Blackstone Valley Tech students Anika Koopman, a senior in Health Services from Northbridge, and Hopedale resident Madeleine Poitras, a junior in Multimedia Communications, always heard family members mention that they were related to President Taft.

Koopman and Poitras met at BVT, became fast friends, and advocates for Career and Technical Education (CTE) through SkillsUSA. Anika is the National Region One Vice President, and Madeleine is the Massachusetts State Reporter. While down in Washington, D.C., advocating for CTE, through a casual conversation, discovered that they each shared a presidential connection to William Howard Taft, who served as the 27th President of the United States





Courtesy Photos

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from 1909-1913.

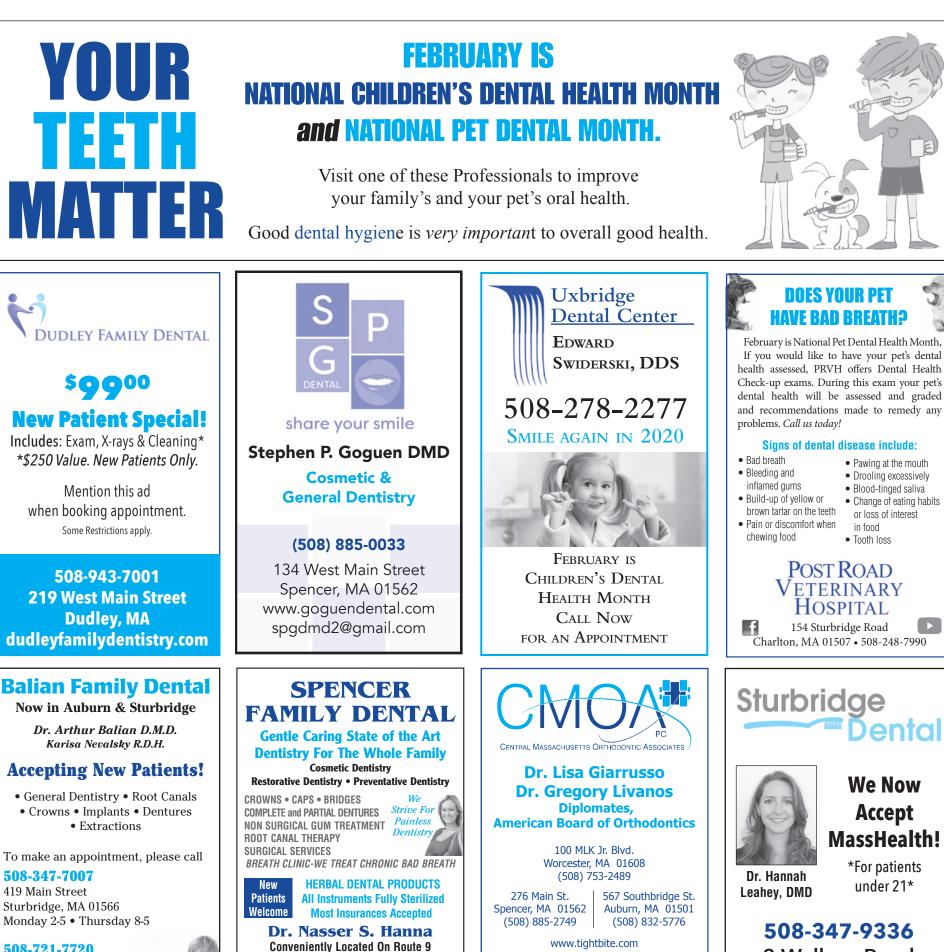
Curious about this connection, they went through an old family tree book

dating back to the late 1600s when Robert Taft Sr. (1640-1724) migrated to Massachusetts Bay Colony. Within the family books, they found supporting evidence that linked them to President Taft, who also served as the U.S. Chief Justice (1921-1930) and U.S. Secretary of War (1904-1908).

Looking at their genealogy, they quickly realized they share a branch of the Massachusetts Taft family tree descended from Daniel Taft Sr., son of Robert Taft Sr., who was born in Braintree, 1677–1761. Daniel was a Justice of the Peace in Mendon; he had a son Josiah Taft of Uxbridge, who died in 1756. This branch of the Taft family also claims America's first woman voter, Lydia Taft, and five generations of Massachusetts legislators and public servants beginning with Lydia's husband, Josiah Taft.

As SkillsUSA officers, they found this ironic, given their current leadership positions within SkillsUSA, a national career and technical student organization.

Poitras explains, "We are both very Turn To **CONNECTION** page **A7**



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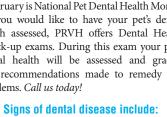
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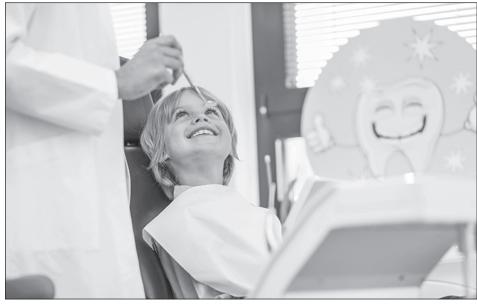




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experience for kids



Visits to the dentist for periodic cleanings and checkups are an important component of oral hygiene. Dentists also may be the first people to identify potential issues that can affect health elsewhere in the body.

Many people are unaware that children should visit the dentist early in their lives. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child should visit the dentist by age one or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth. However, many parents wait until much later age two or three — to take kids to the dentist, offers Delta Dental Plans. Hesitance to visit the dentist may stem from personal fears or perceived reactions by children.

Primary teeth may eventually fall out, but they shouldn't be ignored. They save space for permanent teeth and serve other functions. Therefore, parents should begin to acclimate children to the dentist at

a young age to make the experience fun and even enjoyable.

Lead by example

Children who witness their parents putting off going to the dentist or being apprehensive about visiting the dentist may develop their own fears. Always paint the dentist in a positive light and keep appointments.

Focus on the good aspects

Talk up all the benefits of going to the dentist, such as having a squeaky clean and fresh mouth. Many hygienists will hand out small toys after a successful visit, or at the least a great new toothbrush and other fun products to try.

Get a tour of the office

Ask the staff if your child can get a special tour of the office with explanations of all the tools and equipment. Understanding what to expect the next time around in a no-pressure situation can make the process much easier for everyone involved. The dentist may be able to also give a test ride on the exam chair, moving it up and down, as well as showing off the water fountain and oral irrigator.

Avoid giving false hope

Do not tell a child that 'everything will be OK' at the dentist's office. If a child needs treatment that may be uncomfortable, he or she may not trust you the next time a dental visit is scheduled, according to Joel H. Berg, D.D.S., M.S., Director of the Department of Dentistry at Seattle Children's Hospital. Hospital. Avoid words like "shots," "pain," "hurt," or even "cavities." Dentists, particularly pediatric dentists, may have their own vocabulary that can assuage fears and seem less alarming to kids.

Over time, dental visits can become an easy routine with children, setting them up for a lifetime of healthy mouths and teeth.



Brush up on oral hygiene for pets

It is not just what a pet puts inside his or her mouth that can make a difference in comfort and health, but the way pet owners take care of pets' teeth, gums and more. Oral hygiene, this oft-overlooked component of pet care, can mean the difference between a happy, healthy pet and one that may be suffering in silence.

The American Veterinary Dental College says brushing an animal's teeth is the single most effective means to maintain oral health between professional vet examinations. Bacteria that forms naturally in an animal's mouth will contribute to the formation of plaque which, left untreated, can lead to periodontal disease. By brushing away the precursors to plaque, pet owners can achieve optimal dental health for their pets.

Oral hygiene doesn't begin and end with regular brushing. The American Veterinary Medical Association also suggests pet lovers work with a veterinary dentist to evaluate the health of teeth, the jaws and the roots below the gum line. These professionals are invested in all aspects of oral healthcare and can be called on for routine cleaning, filing, extraction, or tooth repairs if need be.

The AVMA says that periodontal disease is the most common dental condition in dogs and cats, and by the time the animal reaches three years of age, it may have some early evidence of periodontal disease, which can only worsen if preventative measures are not taken.

Pet dental problems are similar to those that occur in people. While dental caries (cavities) are less likely, abscesses, infections, broken teeth, and palate defects can occur. Signs of potential oral problems include bad breath, abnormal chewing, disinterest in eating, swelling in the gums, tenderness when the mouth is touched, or bleeding. Pets may become irritable if their mouths are bothering them, so if behavior changes are observed, dogs or cats should be seen by a veterinarian to find out if a dental issue is at the root of the problem.

Some pet owners are reticent to handle oral healthcare for their companion animals because they fear the pet may bite if uncomfortable. Although this is always a possibility, dogs and cats can grow accustomed to teeth being brushed or wiped with patience, says AVDC. Oral rinses and special chews also can reduce plaque formation.

Dental health is an important component of responsible pet ownership. Home oral hygiene and professional cleanings and examinations can help pets remain healthy.

Bill Thibodeau Band to open season at Grass Roots Coffeebouse



Courtesy Photo

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NORTHBRIDGE — Saturday, March 9, the Billy Thibodeau Band, based in Rhode Island, will be performing at our season opening concert at the Grass Roots Coffeehouse.

The band consists of Bill Thibodeau on guitar, Debbie Hall on bass, Larry Neu on banjo, Cathy Bumgarner Day on fiddle, and Sal Sauco on mandolin. The Bill Thibodeau Band is hitting the Southern New England bluegrass music scene hard and fast with powerful rhythmic-drive and hard core traditions. This ambitious energized band is rapidly becoming a local favorite at several festivals and venues. Bill Thibodeau and band members are descendants of first generation bluegrass pioneers, pickers and families which adds a marinated flavor to this unique group. We hope to pluck at your heart strings and raise your spirits in laughter, tears, and uncontrollable tapping of your feet!

The Grass Roots Coffeehouse is a volunteer group of members of the Rockdale Congregational Church whose mission is to bring family friendly entertainment and fellowship to the Blackstone Valley area. Concerts are



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held in the function room of the church and hot foods (soups/chili) along with hot and cold beverages and homemade desserts are available both before the show and during intermission. Doors open at 6:45, music begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15/\$5 for students. The Rockdale Congregational Church is located at 42 Fowler Rd., Northbridge, MA 01534. More information is available online at www.rockdalechurchonline.org, or by calling 617-429-0347. We really hope you can come out and join us for the concert!

BVT receives grant to support STEM career learning

UPTON – The Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School is proud to announce that it has received grant funds, total award \$73,699 from the One8 Foundation and the Baker-Polito Administration to offer a new expanded academic curricular program in biomedical science from Project Lead The Way (PLTW).

In 2008, BVT found a perfect partnership with PLTW, a nonprofit organization that provides transformative learning experiences for students and teachers by empowering them to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through computer science and engineering pathways. The partnership has created new learning opportunities, brought accolades to the school, and now the opportunity to expand programs to include biomedical science that will serve those students aligning with the Health Services pathway.

BVT will use grant funds to start their PLTW Biomedical Science program. Funds from the grant will also support teacher professional development and the purchase of materials and equipment for use in the hands-on applied learning courses.

"It is an honor to be one of 82 schools across the Commonwealth to receive the grant. With an educational philosophy that centers on embracing new learning models and creating a project-based curriculum that engages and empowers our students, we are excited to expand our curriculum to include biomedical science," said Vocational Director Dr. Matthew Connors. "Working with the same equipment and tools used by industry professionals, PLTW Biomedical Science students have the opportunity to engage in compelling activities and work together to find solutions to some of today's most pressing medical challenges.'

"Our administration is committed to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps in STEM fields for students across the Commonwealth," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "Partnerships with organizations like Project Lead the Way allow us to provide children with opportunities to learn hands-on, real-world STEM skills and put them on a pathway to success in the classroom and beyond."

"We are proud to partner with BVT to empower students to develop the in-demand knowledge and transportable skills to thrive in our evolving world," said Vince Bertram, PLTW President, and CEO. "Thank you to the Governor's Office, the One8 Foundation, and Mass STEM Hub for making these grants possible and further investing in Massachusetts's students."

"We are thrilled to support educators across the Commonwealth. To bring applied learning and STEM education to their schools in a way that has students learning rigorous STEM content and then applying it to solve real-world problems," said Joanna Jacobson, President of the One8 Foundation.

"With the continued success of the PLTW curriculum, our students develop skills that they use in school, and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they choose to pursue, said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick. "Access to these PLTWcourses will create new opportunities for our students and provide new pathways that will enhance post-secondary opportunities, including employment and higher education."

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Douglas, Blackstone, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. The school's Web site is www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.

Hands-Free driving law takes effect

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

REGION — The Massachusetts hands-free driving law has officially started, which means that driving with a cell phone in your hand is now illegal in Massachusetts.

The law, signed by Gov. Charlie Baker in November, took effect Feb. 23. According to local police departments, drivers who can't put their phones down will receive a warning until March 31; after that, they will receive a fine.

The new law bans any use of a handheld device while driving, according to the Millville Police Department, which includes no scrolling, swiping, typing or otherwise using or holding a cellphone while behind the wheel. Drivers are now required to use voice to text, speakerphone, or another hands-free way to talk or text while driving.

"There will be a grace period until the end of March 2020. So if you're stopped, only expect a warning," said Millville Police Chief Ronald Landry. "After that, a first offense will mean a \$100 fine; second offense \$250; and a third or any subsequent offense will cost you \$500. Habitual offenders could also be subjected to auto insurance surcharges or driver training."

Millville Police encouraged drivers to purchase an inexpensive phone mount for their car and mount their phone.

"This can be helpful for GPS usage, which is still allowed, but also for voice activated dialing or using your phone's

Local student named to Dean's List at Northern Vermont University

LYNDONVILLE, Vt. — Ryan Paulino of Uxbridge, a student at Northern Vermont University in Vermont, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester. Students who achieve between a 3.50 and 3.99 semester averspeaker to talk hands-free," the department's statement read.

If your car has Bluetooth, take the time to set it up. Using the car's speakers is safer than wearing headphones, since headphones may limit the driver's ability to hear other important sounds around the car. If drivers do opt to wear headphones, they may only put them in one ear while driving.

Most modern smart phones have voice-to-dial capability. Use this when driving so that you won't need to look at or touch your phone to make a call.

Drivers are also encouraged to turn on Do Not Disturb while driving, which would help them stay focused on the road. When Do Not Disturb is turned on, text messages and other notifications are silenced or limited, according to the department.

Drivers will still be allowed to use their phones if their car is stationary and not in a travel lane, according to the law. Handheld phone use will also still be allowed for those in an emergency situation. And drivers will still be allowed to look at their phones for navigation purposes if the device is mounted to the "windshield, dashboard or center console in a manner that does not impede the operation of the motor vehicle."

"Even without such laws, handsfree driving saves lives," added Chief Landry. "We all should adopt these best practices when it comes to cell phone use in cars."

age are placed on the Dean's List.

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Worcester Academy announces Semester 1 Honor Roll and Headmaster's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 1 of the 2019-2020 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth.

Among the students are:

Allison Athanas of Whitinsville, Class of 2021, First Honors.

Samuel Boltruczyk of Douglas, Class of 2020, Headmaster's List.

Larissa Dowd of Northbridge, Class of 2022, First Honors.

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

Tyler Martin of Douglas, Class of 2020, Headmaster's List.

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

Grace Robinson of Whitinsville, Class of 2020, Headmaster's List.

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

Michael Pepin named to President's List at Bryant University

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is committed to the pursuit, recognition, and celebration of academic excellence. Michael Pepin, class of 2020, from Douglas, has been named to the President's List for the fall 2019 semester. The President's List is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant's highest achievers who earn a GPA of 4.0 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work.

Congratulations to Michael on your outstanding achievement!

About Worcester Academy

Worcester Academy is an exceptional co-educational independent school for day and boarding students in grades 6 through 12 and postgraduates. Through an innovative and thoughtfully designed curriculum, Worcester Academy instills in students a lifelong passion for learning and a foundation of core values that enable them to 'Achieve the Honorable" as leaders and world citizens. The school takes pride in its diverse local and international community, and situates its curriculum within a global, multicultural context that helps students develop the independence, confidence, and world-readiness they need to succeed in college and beyond.

For information, contact Neil Isakson, director of external communications, at 508-459-6918 or email neil.isakson@ worcesteracademy.org.

For 157 years, Bryant University has been at the forefront of delivering an exceptional education that anticipates the future and prepares students to be innovative leaders of character in a changing world. Bryant delivers an innovative and uniquely integrated business and liberal arts education that inspires students to excel. With approximately 3,700 graduate and undergraduate students from 38 states and 53 countries, Bryant is recognized as a leader in international education and regularly receives top rankings from U.S. News and World Report, Bloomberg Businessweek, Forbes, and Barron's. Visit www.Bryant.edu.

SENIOR SCENE

Northbridge Senior Center

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Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Upcoming Special Events and Announcements

We require registration for all of our events and trips. Additionally, if you need transportation, please inform the center at the time of registration.

Simply call 508-234-2002 to sign-up. Deposits and fees are required at time of sign up in order to reserve your spot.

SPECIALS COMING UP:

Every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 our computer expert Paul Holzwarth is here to help with any computer, IPad, or even cell phone questions you may have. Call the Senior Center to make an appointment.

The Senior Center is looking for Mahjong (Chinese version) players for Mondays 12:30-3:00. If interested,

call to sign up. Tuesday, March

3rd @ 1:00 New Hold'em Texas begins. League Call Michelle at the center if you would like to join.

Wednesday, March 4th @ 8:30 BVT Breakfast. Call Jeannine to sign up.

Wednesday, March 4th @ 10:30 Caregiver Support Group.

Thursday, March 5th @ 11:00 a 2020 US Census representative will be here to conduct a brief presentation on the importance of participating in the census and what the census means for our community funding. Pastries and coffee will be served.

Thursday, March 5th 9:00-11:00 Fraud Support with **Denise Forgit**

Thursday, March 5th @ 3:00 Monthly FINE Meeting

Monday, March 9th @ 12:00 Pizza with Luncheon entertainment by "Ragtime" Jack Radcliffe. Please call to sign up.

The Senior Center is in need of volunteer medical drivers for those Northbridge residents who cannot get to out of town medical appointments. We reimburse for mileage. If interested in this vital program, please call Michelle at the Center.

Millbury Senior Center

Foxwoods Trip!

Monday, April 6th The bus leaves the Millbury Senior Center at 7:30 A.M and returns at 4:45

P.M. Cost is \$28.00. Call or stop by the Senior Center to reserve your seat! (508) 865-9154

MEMORY CAFÉ"

Please join us!

Tuesday, March 24th from 2:00 P.M. 3:30 P.M.

A Memory Café is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss / challenges

and their care partners. It is a time to socialize, make new friends, and have a good time.

Fourth Tuesday of each month, refreshments will be served.

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any questions, call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

Millbury Senior Center **Transportation Services**

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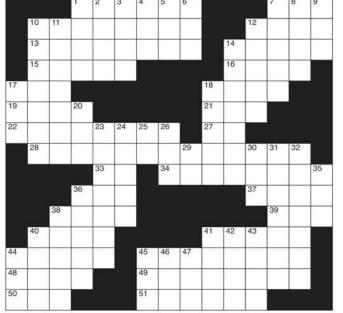
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MONDAY 8:30 A.M..... Walking Club 9:30 A.M..... Light Exercise 12:00 noon..... Lunch 12:30 P.M..... Wii Bowling 12:45 P.M.....Mahjong Game 1:00 P. M.... Cribbage 1:00 P.M....Game Day, including Cribbage, Scrabble, Chinese Checkers , Scat & Wii Bowling TUESDAY 9:00-10.00A.M...Blood Pressure 9:30-10:30 A.M.....Tai Chi 10:45-11:30 A.M.....Zumba 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 10:00-11:30 AM...Adult "Coloring Class' 12:00 Noon..... Lunch 12:45 PM.....Whist 2:30-3:30 P.M...Computer & Cell phone class, Reservations required 508-865-9154 FRIDAY 9:00 A.M....Shopping 9:30 A.M.....Light Exercise 10:30 A.M.....Yoga (NEW CLASS!) 12:00 noon..... Lunch 12:30 P.M.... Bridge & Scat



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Stain one's hands
- 7. Subdivision
- 10. A passage to be performed slow34. Merits
- 12. Invests in little enterprises
- 13. Medians
- 14. Member of the giraffe family 15. Makes official
- 16. Choose in an election
- 17. Hill or rocky peak
- 18. Member of an ancient Iranian 44. Marks left from wounds
- people 19. Crest of a hill
- 21. Small, faint constellation
- 22. Cultivated from crops that
- vield oil 51. Vogues
- 27. The ancient Egyptian sun god

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mental object
- 2. Blackbird
- 3. Undergarments
- 4. Old cloth
- 5. One from Utah 6. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 7. Become less intense
- 8. Developed to readiness
- 9. Defunct phone company

40. Wings 41. Female parents 45. Soften by soaking in liquid

28. Hollywood tough guy

37. Increases motor speed

33. Chinese drums

36. Indicates center

38. Mentally fit

49. Formats

39. BBQ favorite

48. They resist authority (slang)

50. Many subconsciousnesses

24. Short musical composition

25. Football position (abbr.)

29. Denotes particular region

35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

36. Broad, shallow craters

26. Heavyhearted

30. Famed NHLer

32. Formulates

31. Ingested too much

- 10. About Freemason

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UMF announces Dean's List for fall 2019 semester

FARMINGTON, Maine — The University of Maine at Farmington announces its Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester. UMF maintains a Dean's List each semester for those students completing a minimum of 12 credits in courses producing quality points. Students whose grade point average for the semester is equal to or greater than 3.8 are listed with high academic achievement. Students whose grade point average for the semester is less than 3.8 but equal to or greater than 3.5 are listed with academic achievement. Any incompletes must be satisfactorily completed before the student is honored with Dean's List status. Academic achievement awarded at commencement is based on all course work taken at UMF.

More on University of Maine at Farmington

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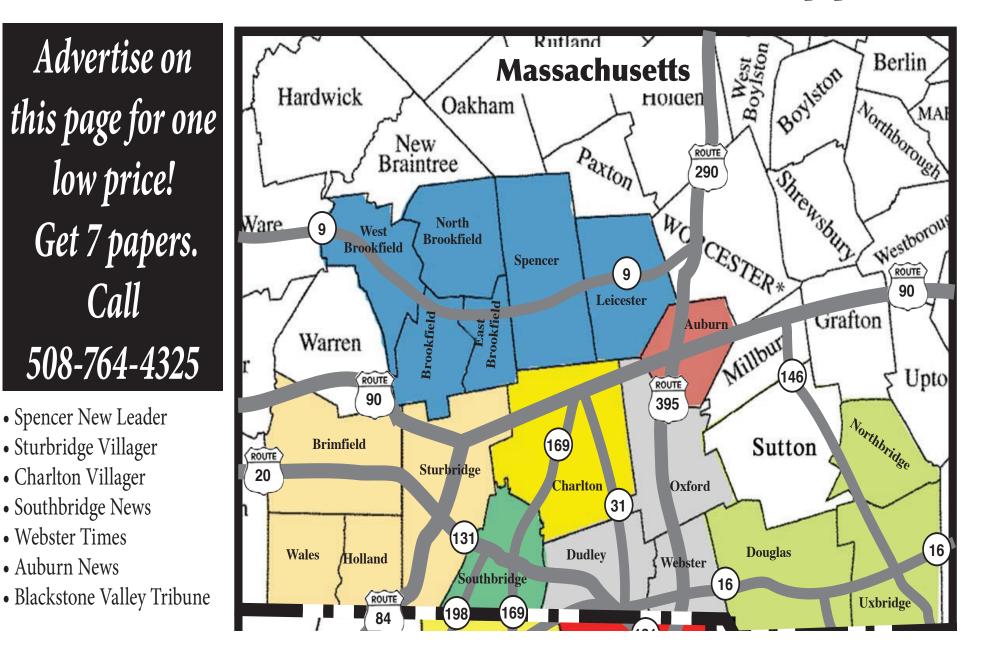
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Visitor offers Northbridge students a glimpse at career with State Police

NORTHBRIDGE — On Tuesday, Feb. 11, Lt. Col. Philip Dowd (Ret.) of the Massachusetts State Police visited Mr. Finkel's Law class at Northbridge High School to talk about pursuing a career in law enforcement. Also attending were members of the Justice Academy and members of the New Horizons Program.

Mr. Dowd took the students through the process, from start to finish: from doing the right thing in school, staying out of trouble, taking the exam, getting accepted into the academy, what the training is like, and how to succeed as a state trooper. He said you need to stay out of trouble because the background check includes interviews of your teachers and administrators--at all grade levels. Mr. Dowd loved his job and is grateful for it. It was fun and challenging, and it enabled him to serve his community, provide for his family, and retire fairly early.

But, he said that he's biased in a positive way. So, he told students "Before you decide to pursue the career, ask around. Find someone who is not a fan,' so you can make an informed decision.

The training is great. One of his favorite lessons is learning how to read people. On a traffic stop, there is normal nervousness vs. being really nervous. A guy with a weapon or drugs in the car will be shaking just



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trying to hand over his license and registration. That tells you that you need to take action. Once you get probable cause or consent to search, you're able to search the vehicle. A car can be driven away, so a search warrant isn't needed (no time to get one).

For the last ten years, he worked in the Division of Investigative Services. They are the troopers that investigate murders. It's high stress but very rewarding. You're on call, at all hours. Your job is to get justice for the victims' families, so it's a lot of pressure.

Given that, Matt Morganelli asked "Have you ever worked on a murder you didn't solve?"

Dowd said "Thankfully, no. This past year, the unit solved about 85 out of 91 murders in the state. That's a strong percentage nationwide. However, that's 6 families that we let

down...Every family should get closure.'

Dowd then asked the students, "When a body is found, who has to show up?"

The answer: Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators (photographers, finger print experts, chemists [gunshot residue, etc.], and others). So, even students who want to pursue careers in the sciences can find employment in the Massachusetts State Police. For these jobs, no law enforcement experience or training is necessary.

Mr. Finkel asked "What college majors does the Massachusetts State Police tend to recruit from?"

Dowd said, "Doesn't matter too much. Your ability to learn and an interest in doing so matters more. Just excel at what you do. Major in what you otherwise want to do, in case you do not accepted. You actually do not need a degree. You need a minimum of a GED, a driver's license, passing grade on the psych exam, and a clean record to get into the academy."

Mr. Dowd said he would come back next year to speak to more students. Even in his retirement, he is serving the community.

Curry College Dean's List

MILTON — Curry College is proud to announce that Devin Gatto of Uxbridge has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. Gatto is a member of the Class of 2021 and is majoring in Criminal Justice.

Mass. Curry offers 27 undergraduate majors, as well as graduate degrees in business, education, criminal justice, and nursing, with a combined enrollment of approximately 3,000 students. The student body consists of approximately 2,000 traditional undergraduate students, and over 1,000 continuing education and graduate students. Approximately 75 percent of its students reside on the Curry campus. The largest majors are business management, communication, nursing, criminal justice, and education. The College offers a wide array of extra-curricular activities ranging from 14 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre program. Visit us on the Web at www.curry.edu.

Devin Gatto named to the Bryant University students named to Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is committed to the pursuit, recognition, and celebration of academic excellence. The University is pleased to recognize the students who have been named to the Deans' List for the fall 2019 semester. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

Michael Pepin, class of 2020, from Douglas.

Matthew Bedigian, class of 2020, from Northbridge.

Gatto was among roughly 1,000 students that have received the distinction, a marker of academic excellence and high achievement. To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

About Curry College

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth,

Kristina Morrison, class of 2020, from Whitinsville. Matthew Stansky, class of 2021, from Douglas. Abigail Labrie, class of 2021, from Whitinsville. Kate Labrie, class of 2023, from Whitinsville. Karni Murray, class of 2022, from Uxbridge.

For 157 years, Bryant University has been at the forefront of delivering an exceptional education that anticipates the future and prepares students to be innovative leaders of character in a changing world. Bryant delivers an innovative and uniquely integrated business and liberal arts education that inspires students to excel. With approximately 3,700 graduate and undergraduate students from 38 states and 53 countries, Bryant is recognized as a leader in international education and regularly receives top rankings from U.S. News and World Report, Bloomberg Businessweek, Forbes, and Barron's. Visit www.Bryant.edu.

Danielle Rocheleau of Whitinsville named to University of Hartford President's List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that Danielle Rocheleau of Whitinsville has been named to its President's List, signified by a 3.75 GPA or higher, for Fall 2019.

Spread across seven dynamic schools and colleges, the University of Hartford has been guiding the purpose and passion of students for over six decades. On our 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut's capital city, approximately 4,800 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students representing all 50 states and 51 countries come together for a common purpose: to collaborate across different disciplines, diversify perspectives, and broaden worldviews. We're a four-year private university focused on advancing the public good through meaningful connections within our communities. Our unique approach to comprehensive education gives us the critical perspectives that lead to impactful change, regionally and beyond. With degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions, we focus on doing the work that matters. Visit www.hartford edu for more information.

Northbridge Senior Center offers Savvy Caregiver program

NORTHBRIDGE — Come join our free Savvy Caregiver Program at the Northbridge Senior Center. The six-session training is for family and friends who are active caregivers, caring for those living with Alzheimer's or related dementias. Sessions will be held Thursdays, April 2 – May 7, from 1 - 3p.m. at the Northbridge Senior Center,

20 Highland St., Whitinsville.

The Savvy Caregiver Program is brought to you by Tri-Valley, Inc. and Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc. To register contact Laura Black Silver at Tri-Valley, 508-949-6640, ext. 3079 lblack@tves.org, Deb Dowd-Foley at Elder Services of Worcester Area. Inc. 508-756-1545 ddfoley@eswa.org or Kelly Bol at the Northbridge Senior Center, 508-234-2002 Kbol@northbridgemass.org.

Funding support for this program was provided by Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

Furman University announces fall 2019 Dean's List

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Naomi Ladine, daughter of Barbara and James Ladine of Whitinsville, was included on the dean's list for the 2019 fall semester. Furman's dean's list is composed of fulltime undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

Furman is a private, undergraduate liberal arts and sciences university of 2,800 students in Greenville, South

Northbridge student recognized for academic excellence at Tufts University

MEDFORD — Zachary Papazian was named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the Fall 2019 semester.

Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville Carolina. The university is noted for its rigorous academic program and strong faculty, and its 750-acre campus is widely recognized as one of the most beautiful in the nation.

At the heart of the university's academic experience is The Furman Advantage, a strategic plan that combines learning with immersive experiences outside the classroom, creating a personalized pathway that prepares students for lives of purpose, successful careers and community benefit. Learn more at www.furman.edu/furman-advantage/.

and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

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Apple Tree Arts bosts "Welcome to Bourbon Street" Gala March 14

GRAFTON — Enjoy a lively, New Orleans-inspired evening on Bourbon Street at Apple Tree Arts "Welcome to Bourbon Street" Gala, March 14, 7-10 p.m. featuring headliner band, Bourbon Street Brass, dancing, sumptuous New Orleans style hors d'oeuvres and desserts, cocktails (cash bar) and an array of exciting silent auction items at the Great Hall, One Grafton Common in Grafton.

Early bird pricing is available at https://app.donorview. com/yWb0n or www.appletreearts.org. Prices increase March 1. General admission is \$50. VIP admission costs \$75 and includes a special 6:00 p.m. early reception with classical violinist Kathryn Haddad, delicious appetizers and a complimentary Bourbon Street Spritz, our signature cocktail. Catering is by Peppers Artful Events. Cocktail attire is suggested. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit school of the arts' music and theatre arts programming.

"We are presenting our version of Bourbon Street in the Great Hall for Apple Tree Arts' biggest fundraiser of the year," said Gala chair Liz Anderson Spinney.

"We wanted to bring the rich cultural and musical heritage of New Orleans to our intimate performance venue so party goers may experience the warmth and southern charm of the city as they enjoy the nightclub ambience of the hall. The dynamic, New Orleans jazz music of the Bourbon Street Brass band led by well-known trombonist Russell Jewell will inspire everyone to dance the night away," Ms. Spinney added. Additional entertainers include vocalist and pianist Stephanie Sarkisian and soprano Christina Pierro. Ms. Sarkisian will perform jazz and popular music. Ms. Pierro will sing Broadway show tunes and duets with Ms. Sarkisian.

The Gala Committee is grateful for its generous sponsors including UNIBANK, Yesod Foundation, Rick Geoffroy and KPMG, LLP and Centage Corporation and the many in-kind donations individuals and businesses have given to the 2020 Gala silent auction.

Several of these donations (among others) include: Disney World Hopper passes (\$800 value), overnight stay at Bayside Resort, Wachusett Mountain lift passes (current season or next year), Hy-line Cruises, Newport Mansion tickets, one-week pass to Whitin Community Center summer camp, TreeTop Adventures in Canton passes, baskets of wine from Folktale Winery, a basket from TreeHouse Brewery, a two-week family pass to Life Time Athletic Club (MetroWest Framingham), Old Sturbridge Village passes, Boston Red Sox autographed items and a golf foursome at Highfields Golf and Country Club. Restaurant gift cards include Public House Historic Inn and Anzio's' Brick Oven Pizza.

The Gala helps fund the nonprofit school's high-quality music and theatre arts programing. Many businesses and individuals support the event. Sponsorships are still available. For more information, please contact Liz Anderson Spinney by email at emcand29@gmail. com or call Apple Tree Arts at 508-839-4286 to reach her.

The Great Hall has become the venue of choice for perfor-

mances, professional meetings and concerts. Upcoming events include a St. Patrick's Day Celebration with Banda Gan Ainm (Band without a Name) March 7, the final concert of the Apple Tree Arts-Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra chamber music series, "The End of the Beginning" premieres April 4, 7:30 p.m. and a much-anticipated concert with singer-songwriter Cheryl Wheeler is scheduled for April 17, 7:30 p. m.

Founded in 1989, Apple Tree Arts, a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization has grown to serve over 1,500 children and adults annually with early childhood music classes, group keyboard lessons, private music and voice instruction, ensembles, theatre arts programs and community events and concerts. For more information, visit www.appletreearts.org.

Antiques that got away



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES WAYNE TUISKULA On n e s that got a way. We've b e e n fortun a t e enough to auc-

t i o n some incredible items like Eliot Ness's credentials, the memorabilia from Boston's Durgin Park restaurant, and a coat Admiral Byrd wore on one of his expeditions. However, there are always things we wish we had gotten the opportunity to sell that slipped through our fingers.

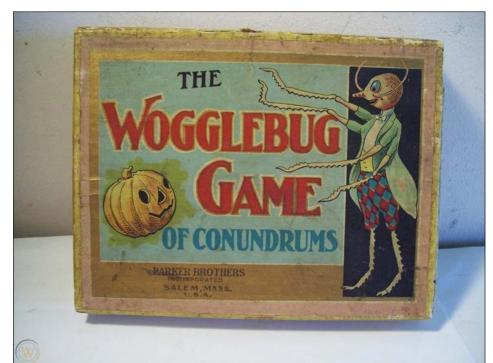
When I first started to sell antiques, I bought a copy of the "Want Advertiser" every week,

Long and magazines were distributed to most of the local convenience stores. The Want Ad listed a broad range of classified h a r e ad categories including cories cars, pets and antiques.

One week I saw that someone in Worcester advertised a photograph of Abraham Lincoln's assassins at the gallows. I met with the seller but the \$550 asking price seemed like a big expense when I was new to the business and only running my antique business part time. I thought about it more and decided I should buy it. I called the seller back a couple of days later and it had already sold. As a side note, after operating for 50 years in business, The Want Advertiser closed in 2006. Online classified ads like Craigslist eliminated the need for a print magazine.

I've seen some great items at appraisal events. Most people just want to know what their items

Worcester Senior Center, someone brought in a collection of Victorian lithographed games to be evaluated. They were in pristine condition and I appraised them in the mid-thousands. The owner already had a handshake agreement with another auction house to sell them when I met with him. He honored his agreement and sold them with the other auctioneer. At another appraisal event in Barre we had some slack time and I informed the group about what type of items were selling well. When I told them that older baseball cards were very desirable, one of the attendees said he had many unopened packages of 1950's era baseball cards in the original store display box. I was hoping to discuss auctioning them with him before the end of the event, but he left while attendees were still asking questions. There's probably



somewhere in Central Massachusetts.

I enjoyed meeting with the members of the Southbridge Women's Club and appraising their items last week. My "Evaluating your antiques" class will take place on March 3 at the Bay Path Adult Education

Evening School. I'll be appraising items at E.N. Jenckes Store Museum for the Douglas Historical Society on May 3. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www. centralmassauctions. com for details on these and other events. *Contact us at: Wayne* Tuiskula Auctioneer/ Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www. centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

the morning it was distributed. The Want Ad was based in Sudbury,

are worth, but some want to auction their pieces. At an appraisal event at the

still a box of baseball cards worth tens of thousands sitting in a closet

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WCS offers that excellence, he pointed out, praising Engbers's ability "to put together a fantastic team of administrators and teachers."

Engbers is the first to humbly agree with this statement.

"Running a school isn't a one-person show. It's a team effort. My job is to be a good steward of the resources entrusted to us."

He laughed, adding, "This position requires the mind of an academic, the heart of a child, and the skin of an elephant."

In addition to spearheading enrollment growth and fundraising for new campus facilities, Engbers has overseen innovative curricular changes to keep the school in step with the changing landscape of education. Academics are project-based, student-centered, and personalized. For instance, elementary students are taking Outdoor Ed, where they do everything from building rock walls to making art projects outside. The middle school offers electives such as Guided Independent Study to allow students to dig deeper into topics of their choice. In high school, freshman take an engineering course that teaches students to solve hands-on problems in teams, seniors have the option of completing a capstone project, and the Robotics team has competed at the FIRST® Robotics Competition World Championships.

For WCS seniors, this vigorous, whole student education is opening doors. WCS graduates are regularly admitted to many of this country's most prestigious and highly-ranked colleges and universities.

However, what really explains the school's ongoing success isn't curriculum or facilities, Engbers said, but the unique nature of a WCS education, which teaches students to engage in the world through a Christian lens.

"The world is in need of transformation, and we want our students to be part of creating a better one," Engbers added.

Students are encouraged to explore their spirituality through regular chapel participation and opportunities for service.

"The education we offer is full of hope," said Engbers. "We're inspiring minds and igniting hearts, encouraging students not only to challenge themselves academically and take joy in learning, but to contribute to society in positive ways."

This is a mission that incoming Head of School Lukianuk takes seriously, since it dovetails with his own vision for an education that will transform student hearts as well as minds.

"In 2020, there is an increasing gap between information and wisdom,"

he said. "Most educational settings don't encourage students to ask the important 'why' questions. A holistic, Christian education investigates the moral and ethical principles of being human, allowing students not only to ask for and understand information, but to keep asking questions and go deeper. If you want to change a child's life, you have to get into the deeper issues."

Lukianuk, who will be leaving his current position as Head of School at Heritage Christian Academy in Kansas for WCS in June, began his career in international law. He rose through the ranks to become a vice president and general counsel for Fisher Scientific Worldwide, Inc. before becoming an educator. His experience serving at three different Christian schools along with his legal background and a passion for writing music—he recently co-wrote a musical that was chosen for last year's Broadway Summer Music Festival—culminate in making Lukianuk an excellent choice to lead WCS into the future, Casey said.

"We were looking for a leader who could keep us moving forward," Casey explained, "as well as one who will help us stay true to our mission, which is to help all of our students grow into thoughtful, compassionate world changers."

As a native New Englander, Lukianuk sees his move to WCS as

a homecoming. His dual corporate/ educational background gives him "a common vocabulary to use with both the business and the educational communities," he said, "and my international background places me in a strong position to prepare students for a global marketplace of economics and ideas." His arts background provides yet another area of strength.

What drew him to WCS?

"It's an impressive school with a strong foundation," he said. "This is a school that is ready to take another leap forward."

The WCS community especially impressed him.

"At Whitinsville, I saw kids who were smiling and looked me in the eye when they said hello," he recalled. "They were eager and excited to tell me about the school."

As for the faculty, "Students know when teachers are looking at their watches and just waiting to leave the classroom," he said. "At Whitinsville, it's clear that the teachers love what they do and are dedicated to giving the best of themselves every day. All children yearn to put their whole set of passions and talents and abilities to good use. This is the kind of school where they can do that. I'm excited about being part of this community, helping it continue to develop, and seeing how far we can go together."

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involved in our community as officers, and we're always working with our elected officials, so I've developed an appreciation for the service of our government officials."

"I love SkillsUSA because it allows every member to have a voice in their future and is changing the stigma around CTE. As officers, we get to meet people from all over that we unknowingly have connections with. It was definitely interesting to find out that I was related to my teammate and friend," said Koopman.

She further explains that as a senior, she is analyzing her multiple placement opportunities now and plans to major in neurology and political science post-graduation while continuing to advocate for CTE. "Ultimately, finding out that we are descendants of a large politically active family, especially of a U.S. President and the first female voter, is unique. I call it fate that we ended up in leadership positions. It's only the beginning," said Koopman.

They were excited about their research and would like to urge others to get curious about their families too. It will provide you with an opportunity to learn about the history of your family, and you never know what connections you may come across.

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President's Day is about more than sales

For many years — in fact, for more than two centuries — we've had cause to celebrate the office of the President of the United States. President Richard Nixon, in the late 1960's, made an executive order aptly titled "The Uniform Monday Holiday Act.'

Prior to Congress passing the bill (thanks in large part to influence from labor unions and the retail industry), there was Washington's Birthday on Feb. 22 and Lincoln's on Feb. 12, but alas, now the third Monday in February added the likes of every Commander in Chief in this country. As we look at history, we find that both William Henry Harrison and Ronald Reagan were born in February; however, we are not merely celebrating birthdays anymore.

We can't help but wonder what Lincoln would think if he knew citizens of the United States were getting 25 percent off that new mattress because of his time in office, or in celebration of his part in abolishing slavery. Would Washington be pleased that we can get a \$3,000 cash rebate on that Jeep Cherokee we've had our eye on for thanks to his daring efforts in leading the American Revolutionary troops across the Delaware River? Perhaps for George, 10 percent off a Functional Whitehall Dinghy on Overstock.com for \$17,794.49 would be more fitting on this day. Even more bizarre to ponder is that decades on from today, our progeny will likely find a discount on anything from Ivanka Trump's clothing and women's fragrance lines. The highest service in our country is often a thankless job, and these great men (and hopefully some day, dare we say, a woman?) make many sacrifices. Our personal histories are entrenched in every term of our forefathers, and to reflect and give thanks should be celebrated with bright eves on the future and all the leaders of our great nation, past, present, and future.

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

When difficult times come, don't miss the dance

We have all been challenged and will be again. Whether it's being denied a raise at work or being fired. You might have been turned down for a date or your spouse has left you. Or maybe you broke your leg playing softball or have been diagnosed with

cancer, heart disease or some other life-threatening affliction. Regardless of the hardships we face, we often look back at the worst of times and find the best. It's always hardest to find the blessing in the moment of despair, but with the benefit of time, I surprisingly hear often that the life destroying problem ends up being the life changing blessing.

No matter what the challenge is, if we open our mind and heart to the lessons that we find embedded in tragedy, we can experience bursts of personal growth and wisdom often impossible to experience at any other time.

As you know, I'm experiencing one of these opportunities. For those not aware, I've been diagnosed with a rare disease called Neuroendocrine Tumors (NETs). There are as few as 200,000 diagnoses worldwide each year and it's the disease that killed both Steve Jobs and Aretha Franklin. I've been encountering health difficulties for over a year and was unable to find the cause. It was found during a routine exam that I had a colon blockage, but a few days later, my surgeon removed thirty inches of my colon along with three large tumors.

I thought, "blockage removed, so all is well," until I was laying in my hospital bed and the hospital lab accidentally sent me an email via "My Chart" that was intended for my doctors. I opened the email and was stunned and frightened. The idea that there was a benefit for self-growth never entered my mind. All I wanted to know was how long did I have to live, and I felt an overwhelming rush of self-pity.

outcome will largely be determined by my optimism and attitude, which will drive my cooperation with my healthcare providers and treatment. No, I do not believe attitude alone will cure me, but I know that my optimism and attitude will be a great asset as I navigate my path back to

good health.

I've adapted a descriptive statement to my outlook on this health challenge. "I'm going to die of something someday, but it's not going to be this.

I'm experiencing an outpouring of love that I find surprisingly beautiful. I knew I had friends, but the love from my church, my church small group and other friends has been truly heartwarming. Without this diagnosis, I would not have recognized the depth of my friendships.

I've begun a journey of soul-searching that has encouraged me to examine my life in ways that would otherwise not have happened. This has caused me to reach out to friends I haven't seen in years, talk about old times and in a few occasions, given me the opportunity to apologize where needed.

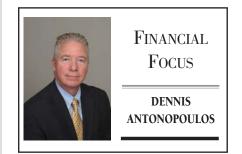
I've experienced a renewed depth of family relations that I'm finding to be one of the most beautiful and cleansing experiences of my life. There is too much here to go into detail but will in future columns. Arlene and our children have been wonderful, as have been my sisters and their husbands.

And I'm experiencing a renewal of faith and reliance on God that I cannot describe in a few short words. All I can say is that it is a joyful experience.

Believe it or not, I have found the positive impact of my negative diagnosis to be a profoundly beautiful experience in ways I never could have anticipated or predicted.

Garth Brooks mega-hit song, "The Dance," addresses it best. He sings of a tragedy in his life and how if he'd known in advance, he might have avoided the pain by changing his course. But as the benefit of time often teaches us, avoiding the pain may deprive us of some of our greatest life experiences. The song teaches us ...

Avoid these estate planning mistakes



You save and invest to meet a variety of goals during your lifetime: college for your children, long vacations, a comfortable retirement, and so on. But you probably also want to leave something behind – to your loved ones and, possibly, to the charitable organizations you support. To do so, you'll need to develop a comprehensive estate plan, but to make that plan work, you must avoid some common mistakes.

Here are a few of these pitfalls you'll want to avoid:

• Not writing a will – If you were to die "intestate" – without a last will and testament – the state in which you live would determine how your property was distributed. And the state's decisions may not match what you had in mind at all. Furthermore, a will is where you would name guardians for your minor children.

• Not going beyond a will – While a will is an essential component of estate planning, it's often not enough. You may need to create other documents, such as a living trust, which, among other benefits, enables your estate to avoid probate, a time-consuming and public process that can lead to disputes among your heirs and others. And a living trust lets you place highly specific conditions on how and when you want your assets distributed. You might also consider other legal documents, including a power of attorney, which allows you to appoint a person or organization to handle your affairs if you can't do so yourself, and a health care directive, which lets you name someone to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you become physically or mentally incapacitated

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

BY GARY W. MOORE

I closed my eyes and prayed. Surprisingly, you, the reader of this column, came to mind. I write a column called "Positively Speaking." I've travelled all over the world as a speaker, extolling the benefits of optimism and positive thinking. I realized that this was an opportunity to model the behavior I've written and spoken about for years ... and this is a perfect moment to prove the model.

It's now six weeks later and here is what I've experienced and learned.

I have a rare form of cancer and the

"Our lives are better left to chance. I could have missed the pain, but I'd have had to miss the dance.²

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Readers Reveal their Favorite Tips and Tricks

As winter winds down, readers are gearing up for a season of making life a little easier! From getting a head start on gardening, to popping a bowl of perfect corn, read on for the latest roundup of readers' helpful hints and helpful tips:

Recycling plastic while boosting seed sprouting is a win win!

seeding season quickly With approaching, start saving the clamshell-type containers that strawberries and other berries may be packaged in. Fill the containers with growing medium, plant seeds (for example tomatoes), water and close the lid. When the seeds sprout, open the container, allow to grow until ready to transplant. The "clam shell" creates a mini greenhouse to help seeds germinate quickly. Jim Reynolds

Charlton, MA

This reader's reminder to clean common surfaces keeps flu bugs at bay:

During cold and flu season I use hand sanitizer to clean my TV remotes, phone, door knobs and light switches



too. **Terry Mariorana** Ashford, CT

This thrifty kitchen trick is not only classic, but foolproof!

> One piece of bread softens everything

from brown sugar to cookies. Whether you cook or bake often, you definitely have some brown sugar hardening up in a plastic bag somewhere in your pantry. Over the years I've learned that a piece of bread in a jar of brown sugar or stuck into a plastic bag of dry cookies adds just the right amount of moisture! Of course the bread will be hard as a rock, but that just means it worked

Bob Bourdeau , MA

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This reader's salt shaker extends way beyond the dinner table!

Instead of using harmful chemicals for cleaning, table salt can be used for a variety of things at a fraction of the cost.

1. Removes tea and coffee stains from mugs in a matter of seconds. Dampen cup or mug. Sprinkle salt and remove with a damp cloth.

2. Sprinkle salt on the back of pots and pans to remove majority of blackness. Dampen pot. Sprinkle salt. Let it sit for a minute. Remove with wire scrubber.

3. Sprinkle salt on icy porch steps. Cheaper than ice melt.

5. Sprinkle salt in hot bath with a few lavender drops. It's an inexpensive detox.

Sandy MacDonald Uxbridge, MA

Perfect popcorn, step by step:

I enjoyed your popcorn article.. I use a 3 qt Italian cookware pot that has a clear glass cover with vent hole in it. I use olive oil (which I believe adds delicious flavor to the cooked popcorn as it pops). I cover the bottom of the pot with the oil, wait a while for the oil to heat up then I add enough popcorn to nearly cover the bottom. This process usually provides 98-100% of all kernels popped. I have also added a teaspoon of brown sugar to the oil. This also adds to popcorn flavor. Scolaro Joe Webster, MA

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• Choosing the wrong executor – An executor is responsible for distributing property to your beneficiaries and paying off any debts and taxes your estate may owe, among other tasks. Because the role of executor is so important, you need to choose someone who is reliable, competent and trustworthy. It's certainly possible to find such an individual in your own family, but many people choose someone who is either conflicted, too busy or simply not up to the task. If you have doubts about picking a good executor, you may want to turn to a trust company. The costs likely will be higher than if you chose a family member, but the results may be much better.

• Not naming proper beneficiaries – Many of your assets – 401(k), IRA, life insurance and so on - require you to name a beneficiary. These beneficiary designations are powerful, often superseding the instructions in your will. If circumstances change in your life, such as new children, or divorce or remarriage, you may well want to change beneficiaries. It's easy to do but it's also easy to overlook.

 Not updating ownership of assets – A change in your family situation or changes in the laws governing income and estate taxes could require you to update ownership designations of financial assets.

And here's perhaps the biggest mistake of all: not understanding what's in your estate plan. You need to work closely with your tax, legal and financial professionals to create a plan you fully comprehend and can communicate effectively to your loved ones. Surprises are often pleasant in many areas of life – but estate planning is not one of them.

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Birds of prey make a comeback



Birds of prey have made a big comeback after DDT spraying for mosquitos was stopped many years ago. Red tailed hawks are protected birds, and cannot be shot or trapped in any way. This week's photo was taken of a Red Tail Hawk a number of years ago at a local Rod & Gun Club. The hawk became entangled in a net that was covering pheasant. The bird was spotted one early morning hanging upside down. Fish & Wildlife was called about the problem, and they sent a couple of personnel to the site to untangle the bird and send it on his way.

Hawks are not the only bird of prey to raise havoc with pheasant pens. Owls often try to get a free meal of pheasant, and they too have been caught in the act, as the one that found his way into the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club pen a few years ago. The huge bird found his way into the pen through a hole in the net, and managed to kill a number of birds before he was noticed by a club member. Again, the M.D.F.W. was called to remove the big bird. We have had numerous animals like the Fisher Cat and Fox that manage to kill a few birds every year. They often wait for a bird to come close to the fence, and attack them from the outside.

Hawks, Osprey & owls also raise havoc with our trout pond, killing many trout annually. Otter populations are on the rise also, and they can sense the recently stocked trout pond, dining on them daily. The cost of live trout has been rising annually with the average cost of \$8 & \$9 a pound the norm. Fortunately, raising club birds and stocking trout is still worth the effort of many clubs in the area. We have learned to share with



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wildlife.

Wild turkey populations have exploded throughout Massachusetts & neighboring states. Some of these birds need to see a psychiatrist by the way they have been acting lately, especially those in cities and towns. Chasing and attacking people, are just a few of their nutty tactics. If someone calls you a turkey I would not take it lightly. They have also became a nuisance for farmers by walking straight into the barns and feeding and contaminating the food source. Destruction to recently planted corn just sprouting through the soil every year, have became somewhat of a pain in the neck for farmers.

Most farmers have learned to tolerate the huge birds that bring so much excitement to bird hunters. This year, M.F. & W. have increased the daily spring bag limit to two, starting this year and still allow a turkey hunter to harvest a bird in the fall. It may not be enough to slow the population growth of these birds. This year, Mother Nature has given all wildlife an easy winter to feed and survive in the woods and backyards of Massachusetts residents. Deer & Wild Turkey populations are going to be huge this year, along with many other species of wild animals.

Trout fishing has been slow this year especially for ice fishermen. Many local anglers have headed North to get some ice fishing in before spring moves in. It is still looking good for an early spring and may have M. F. & W. stocking trout early this year. The good thing about early ice out, has ponds and





lakes becoming suitable for stocking trout. Open water allows the lakes and ponds to become oxygenated by wind & waves, making it suitable for stocking trout. Anglers are reminded that Wallum Lake in Douglas closes this Saturday, Feb. 29, as the interstate body of water is governed by Rhode island regulations. Wallum Lake will reopen on the second Saturday of April. This year's opening date is April 11.

This week's second picture shows a fisher cat that is nearing there breeding time. Close encounters with this killer should be avoided, especially residents with cats and small dogs.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

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Move over Comet, this multi-purpose cleaner is pub approved:

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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 renown 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!



To remove brown iron stains from your sinks, toilets, and even fiberglass showers, use Barkeepers Friend. I've tried everything, scrubbing with pumice (porcelain only), leaving on baking soda, Magic Eraser, etc etc., and nothing took out the stains in my sink or shower. The pumice works, but it is not easy or pleasant. This worked like magic and I only used a toothbrush and a nonscratch pad. No scrubbing!

(PS: their website says this, but who knew? I bought it to clean my copper pans.)

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Prize Winner

Congratulations to Joe Scolaro of Webster whose name was drawn for a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House. He submitted the popcorn cooking method above. Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.



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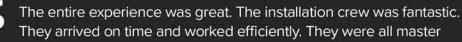
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Students and staff swap places at Northbridge High School



Social studies teacher Alan Finkel, Tyler Strom, Kyle Nasser, and Trevor Moorey.

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Courtesv Photos Mother daughter duo library media center specialist Alicia Boudreau and Sydney Boucreau are pictured during Student/Staff Swap Day at Northbirdge High School.



Spanish teacher Scott Sponseller and James Social studies teacher Katie Dion and Victoria Donnelly.



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Sports

Beavers dominant in State Vocational Championship victory over Northeast Metro Tech



Blackstone Valley Tech won the State Vocational Large Schools Championship versus Northeast Metro Tech 64-25 on Friday, Feb. 21.

Nick Ethier photos





Victoria Russian of Blackstone Valley Tech catches a pass in the paint in front of Ernidia Goncalves of Northeast Metro Tech.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UPTON — All season long Blackstone Valley Tech head coach Britt Kahler has been waiting for her girls' varsity basketball team to put together a complete four quarter, 32-minute effort. The pieces had slowly but surely been coming into place, and the Beavers had their best total game on Friday, Feb. 21 when hosting Northeast Metro Tech in the finals of the State Vocational Large Schools Championship at the Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick Competition Center.

Aside from a 2-0 deficit, top seeded Valley Tech led from start to finish and decimated the second ranked Knights 64-25.

"We've been working on it all season, putting four quarters together. In the beginning of the year we were coming out slow and more recently we've been coming out on fire and then dying in the second half," explained Kahler, who was then asked how it felt to have

Victoria Russian of Blackstone Valley Tech holds the State Vocational Championship trophy high after the Beavers defeated Northeast Metro Tech.

the team put together a full game. "It was awesome. We're starting to put four quarters together. About six games ago we started playing how we're capable of playing."

For the Beavers, scoring led to an effective full-court manto-man press, which wreaked havoc on Northeast Metro (17-5). In the final minute of the first quarter, with BVT already leading 16-4, Riley Webster hit a 3-pointer, Brianna Carroll came up with a steal off the press and fed a pass to Emma Ballard for a layup, and then Ballard grabbed a steal in the half-court and went coast-tocoast for another layup.

"We know that we have to play really good defense to get the stops in order to run," said Kahler. "We're a better team when we're running. We like the upbeat tempo, and we like to push the ball."

The score was now 23-4 in Valley Tech's favor after the initial eight-minute quarter, and the game was all but over for all intents and purposes.

The Beavers won the second quarter by an 11-4 margin to take a 34-8 lead into intermission. Valley Tech then won the second half 30-17 to win by 39 points. Ballard scored a gamehigh 18 points, while Victoria Russian chipped in 10 more. Madison Deppe pulled down a team-best 9 rebounds.

"It means a lot," Kahler said

of winning the State Vocational Championship. "I have three senior captains, two of which were with me four years ago when we won the first ever State Voke Championship [in school history]. It was a goal of theirs to get back here and to win another one. They've won two and it's the only two."

Those seniors — Russian, Mackenzie Vollmer and Gabrielle Muscatell — also reached the State Vocational Tournament in their sophomore and junior seasons but were unable to win those championships. Nonetheless, it's been an historic four-year run.

"It's been a great four years. I believe these seniors have won over 100 games. It's impressive what they've done for this program," Kahler said of her senior leaders.

Valley Tech endured a 15-5 regular season and are now 17-5 including the State Vocational Tournament, as they defeated Monty Tech a day prior in first round play. Of their five losses, four were to Division 3 teams, and the Beavers are a Division 4 club.

"We're excited because we probably had the hardest schedule we've ever had and we've fought hard and now we have some home games," said Kahler, as losses to Millbury, Sutton, Tyngsborough (a team they beat the second time around), Northbridge and Monty Tech (who they then beat twice afterward) have prepared the Beavers for the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament, where they are the No. 3 seed. Valley Tech will host No. 14 Abby Kelley Foster (11-9) in the first round, after press time. Should they win, Valley Tech would host a quarterfinal round game on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 6:30 p.m. against the winner of the No. 6 Tri-County Regional and No. 11 West Boylston High contest.



Riley Webster of Blackstone Valley Tech steps into a 3-pointer.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Madison Magri avoids Kirsten Veazie of Northeast Metro Tech on her way to making a layup.

Sports

Whitinsville Christian leans on team 'rock' May to dispatch Assabet, clinch District Tournament berth



Jason Mckay photos

Whitinsville Christian's Karlee Buurma releases a jump shot from inside the lane.

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While the wind whipped and the rain came pelting down outside Aztec Gymnasium, there was also a storm brewing inside. Assabet, despite having just seven players in uniform because of a Vacation Week trip that took several members of the team to Costa Rica, battled the Crusaders throughout, including late in the third quarter, when they took a 39-37 lead.

May, refusing to acknowledge that defeat was possible, was suddenly everywhere all the time, making every timely basket, coming down with every key rebound and coming up with every clutch steal. In addition to the eight fourth-quarter points May scored, she made four steals and grabbed five rebounds in the final eight minutes.

"Anna is definitely my rock and the rock of this team," Vanden Akker said as she looked admiringly at her senior guard. "She had a hand in every big play we made; she carried us in the second half."

When asked to explain her court presence in the late going, May just shrugged her shoulders and offered up a "what's all this fuss about" facial expression.

"We didn't show up in the first half," May said, knowing the Crusaders didn't play well despite being ahead 28-24 at the break. "In the second half we just tried to put all the little pieces together, especially our rebounding and defense. I thought our press was very effective in the second half. We used it to force them into making several turnovers and we were also able to get some key steals which led to some easy baskets."

Assabet Valley (7-13) turned the ball over 12 times in the second half.

Despite that, and thanks to a three-point play by Attie Tardiff — who rebounded her own miss, scored a layup, was fouled and made the free throws — the Aztecs led 39-37 with 1:04 remaining in the third quarter.



Olivia Cutler of Whitinsville Christian drives the ball into the paint on an Assabet defender.





Whitinsville Christian's Makenzie Gorman leaps into the air in order to shoot up and over an Assabet defender.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

MARLBOROUGH — When times get tough, individuals often look to one person for help and support. Those particular people, for the person going through a tough time, are often considered the "rock" in which they lean on for strength.

For Kris Vanden Akker, the varsity girls' basketball head coach at the Whitinsville Christian School (WCS), Anna May is that rock.

May scored 12 of her gamehigh 14 points in the second half of the Crusaders' 53-47 victory over Assabet Valley on Tuesday, Feb. 18, a win which clinched a berth in the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament for WCS for the fourth consecutive year.

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Whitinsville Christian's Anna May fights to put up a shot from the interior.

On the Crusaders' ensuing possession senior Olivia Cutler (10 points) knocked down her only 3-pointer of the game, from the right side, to put WCS back in front for good, 40-39.

Assabet Valley hung tough, however, cutting the lead to one, 46-45, with 3:51 to play, but the Crusaders scored the next seven points to push their lead to eight, 53-45, with 18.7 seconds to go. Junior Karlee Buurma (four points), senior Jessye Vanden Akker (six points) and May all had two points in the game-deciding run, while Cutler added a free throw.

Also scoring in double figures for the Crusaders against Assabet Valley was senior Makenzie Gorman, who added 12 points and hit a pair of 3-pointers.

"We were missing two kids juniors Bella Ibrahim and Lilli Burns were on a mission trip — and some other kids missed some practices recently, so we were a little out of sync," coach Vanden Akker said. "I'm happy we won the game and qualified for Districts, but we did not play well at all. I think my players thought it was going to be easy and as a result they forgot to show up and play. This game should not have been such a struggle."

The Crusaders shook off that struggle and won another gamed the following day, 30-24 versus the South Shore Christian Academy, to take an 11-9 record into the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament (a regular season loss to Nauset Regional was considered an exclusion game, as WCS actually went 11-10 throughout the course of the season.) Whitinsville Christian then found out its fate on Friday, Feb. 21, where they drew the No. 10 seed in the bracket. The Crusaders will play at No. 7 Immaculate Heart (11-7) on Wednedsay, Feb. 26, after press time.

Alyssa Worley of Whitinsville Christian works her way down into the block as an Assabet player defends.

Uxbridge names Blood head football coach

Matthew Blood, a longtime high school football coach who most recently served as Uxbridge's defensive coordinator, has been named head coach of the Uxbridge High School varsity football team. He will take over this fall following a two-year stint as an Uxbridge assistant.

"We are excited to have Coach Blood on board and looking forward to the direction he will take this program," said Uxbridge Athletic Director Chris Carbone.

"It is an honor and I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to lead this football team. We have a dedicated group of student athletes and together we plan to continue building a positive, competitive culture for our community here in Uxbridge," said Coach Blood.

In a high school coaching career spanning the past decade-plus, Coach Blood has experience as an assistant coach in Holliston and Blackstone Valley Tech, as well as his time as an assistant coach at Uxbridge. He brings several years of experience as a youth coach as well. He works as an art educator for the Holliston Public Schools, and he has been an active member of a number of town



and school committees and programs.

Matt Blood

"This was an incredibly challenging but validating process," Carbone said. "We had a really great pool of applicants, and, in the end, we were fortunate to have several candidates who were excellent. I am grateful for our interview committee, whose perspectives, questions, and considerations definitely helped make this process comprehensive, thorough, and fair."

OBITUARIES

Victoria G. Mason, 88



WEBSTER – Victoria G. "Tory" (Wiggin) Mason, 88, died February 15, 2020 at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester with her family at her side. She was the beloved

wife of 49 years to James W. Mason until his passing in 2000.

Victoria was born in South Thomaston, Maine a daughter of the late LeRoy A. and Nellie (Steioff) She attended and graduat-Wiggin. ed from Tourtellotte Memorial High School in North Grosvenordale, CT in 1949 and also graduated from Nichols College in Dudley in 1986 at the age of 55. Victoria held various jobs throughout her life but would say the most important job she had in life was raising her four children and providing "Nana's" day care service for her five grandchildren.

Victoria was a woman of many talents including, knitting, sewing, organ and piano playing, wood working, cake decorating, negotiating at vard sales, painting and paper tolling. She also enjoyed gardening and took pride in her back yard including the numerous multicolored brick walkways and patios that she put in herself. She was a true "Mason!" Victoria was also a Eucharistic Minister and a religious education teacher at St Louis Parish in Webster for many years. She enjoyed card playing, board games, puzzles, bowling, bocce, penny poker machines, church suppers and any family gathering that involved musical entertainment provided by her children and grandchildren.

Victoria is survived and will be deeply missed by her four children, Lois Mason of East Brookfield, James Mason, Jr of Las Vegas NV, Cathy Stolarczyk of Sutton and Earl Mason of Tyngsboro. Victoria also leaves five grandchildren, Lauren and Bryan Mason, Rebecca, Maria and James

Stolarczyk; two sisters, Ava Allen and Idabelle Perry and one brother, Eugene Wiggin, all of Owls Head, ME; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her sister Marjorie Kalloch and her brother Harold Wiggin, both in 2019.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the staff at UMass Medical Hospital in Worcester for the excellent care she received, in particular the 8th Floor Bone Marrow Team as well as the team on the 6th floor in the ACC building. Victoria took great pride in being able to say she was the oldest person in the country to have gone through and survived two bone marrow transplants and has paved a road of hope and inspiration for those behind her. The family would also like to thank a very dear young woman in Germany for her bone marrow donation that truly did provide the gift of life, along with our wonderful caregiver Grace, who provided extraordinary care, comfort and compassion which allowed Victoria to live her remaining years in her own home which she loved so much. Last of all, a special thanks to Dr Jan Cerny who believed in Victoria's strength, courage and will to live, which allowed her to have an additional wonderful nine years of quality time with her family.

The funeral was held Friday, February 21, 2020 from Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster with a Mass at noon in St Louis Church, 15 Lake St., Webster. Burial will be at the family's convenience in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley. Calling hours were from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20th, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dr Jan Cerny's ongoing leukemia research fund. Checks should be made payable to: Dr Jan Cerny, UMMF-TRIAL and sent to: UMMF-TRIAL Fund, UMass Medicine Development Office, 333 South Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

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Jeanne M. Karle, 90



GRAFTON Jeanne M. (Poirier) 90, died Karle. Sunday, February 23, 2020, at the Life Care Center of Auburn. She was predeceased her husband by of 65 years, Alfred J. Karle Sr., who

died in 2016. She is survived by five children, Kevin Karle and his wife Sharon of Dudley, Richard Karle and his wife Lisa of Griswold, CT, Philip Karle and his wife Amy of Acton, CA, Kathy Levicki-Karle of Methuen, and Alfred Karle Jr. and his wife Anita of Sneads Ferry, NC; 13 grandchildren, Angelique, Alfred III and his wife Theresa, Jennifer, Christine and her husband James, Alise and her husband P.J., Christopher and his wife Heather, Daniel and his wife Ashley, Matthew and his wife Lauren, Melissa and her husband Bob, Nicholas, Alyssa, James, and Ashley; 8 great-grandchildren, Yazmin, Joseph, Nicholas, Camden, Mason, Makenna, Madison, and John; five brothers, Marcel Poirier of Cherry Valley, Bertrand Poirier of Grafton, Edgar Poirier of Leicester, Roland Poirier of San Diego, CA, and Emile

Poirier of New Hampshire; two sisters, Rita Tremblay of New Hampshire and Marie DiDonna of Grafton; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by two brothers, Leo Poirier and Paul Poirier; and a sister, Doris Simonian. She was born in Rumford, ME, daughter of the late Emile and Marie (Fortier) Poirier. She graduated from Worcester Girls Trade High School in Worcester.

Mrs. Karle was an accomplished Hospital. seamstress who worked at Swiss Fabric

Robert E. Priore, 74

Medical

UXBRIDGE – Robert E. Priore, 74, of Uxbridge passed away on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020 at the Milford Regional Center, Milford. He was the husband of Susan E. (Fahey) Priore.

Mr. Priore had been employed as an electrician and later as the Energy Network Coordinator at Wellesley College in Wellesley for 37 years before his retirement in 2007.

Robert was born in 1946 in Natick, the son of the late Palmerino J. and Carmella (Grassey) Priore and had been a resident of Natick before moving to Uxbridge in 2007.

Mr. Priore was a U.S Air Force veteran serving during the Vietnam Era.

Robert enjoyed woodworking, cabinetry, making furniture, and an annual getaway with friends and family on Columbus Day weekends. He took great pride in restoring cars with his son, which included his 1929 Model A Ford and his blue 1967 Chevelle SS.

He was a longtime active member of Faith Community Church in Hopkinton and had also recently attended the Valley Chapel in Uxbridge. Along with his wife, they enjoyed traveling

and had visited all 50 states in the U.S.

In addition to his wife Susan of 46 years, he is survived by his daughter, Kimberly B. Priore of N. Grafton, his son, Douglas R. and his wife Amanda Priore

of Whitinsville; two sisters, Loretta McNeil of Bellingham, Elizabeth Heartwell of Sherborn, and 2 granddaughters, Jordan and Elise, and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Nancy Galvin and his granddaughter, Sophia Priore.

Visiting hours will be held on Fri. Feb. 28, 2020 from 4-8 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St. (Rt 122), Uxbridge.

A memorial service will be held on Sat. Feb. 29, 2020 at 11 AM at Faith Community Church of Hopkinton, 146 East Main St., Hopkinton.

Burial will be private at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, APDA Mass. Chapter, 72 East Concord Street, Room C3, Boston, 02118. www.bumafuneralhome. MA com

Glen D. Goudreau, 65

SOUTHBRIDGE-Glen D. Goudreau, 65, a former longtime resident of Sturbridge, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, in the Southbridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Southbridge, after a

long illness.

He leaves his three children, Grant Goudreau of Sturbridge, Olivia Goudreau of Sturbridge and Gabrielle Goudreau of New Hampshire; his companion, Deborah longtime Ceccarini of Charlton; his sister, Gale Wightman and her husband Bennett of Holland; his niece, Vanessa DeLuca of Shrewsbury and his nephew, Sebastian Vallee of Northbridge. He was born in Southbridge the son of the late Donald R. and Natalie J. (Becia) Goudreau.

Glen worked in appliance sales and worked for Natick Appliance before retiring. He previously worked for Jarvis Appliance in Wellesley. Before appliance sales Glen joined his father

as the 3rd generation operator of the family business, M.J. Goudreau & Son painters and carpentry. Glen, an avid motorcycle enthusiast was very involved with the Worcester County Motorcyclists' Survivors Fund, a charity helping survivors of motorcycle accidents. He was an avid golfer and also an avid hockey fan. Most of all his greatest joy and purpose in his life was being a great dad to his children.

Calling hours for Glen will be held on Friday, Feb. 28th, from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home. 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, with a service to follow at 6:00pm in the funeral home. Burial in Old Notre Dame Cemetery, Southbridge, will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oakes Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 or to the Worcester County Motorcyclists' Survivors Fund Inc., P.O. Box 536, North Uxbridge, MA 01538 or online at wcmsfund.org/donate.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Emma Marie Baker, 2 days old

WHITINSVILLE - Emma Marie Baker, 2 days old, passed away on Sat., Feb. 22, 2020 at UMass Memorial

Emma is survived by her parents

retriever, Sadie Belle. Emma was predeceased by her brother, Brendan M. Baker.

Her Funeral Mass will be held on Fri. Feb. 28 at 11 am in St. Patrick's Church, 1 Cross St. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Donations in Emma's memory may be made to: UMass Memorial NICU, C/O Development Office, 333 South St. Shrewsbury, MA 01545. To leave a condolence message for her family, please visit ww.jackmanfuneralhomes.com.

Outlet in Worcester and made beautiful custom draperies. Her greatest joy was raising her children and caring for her home and family.

A funeral was held on Thursday. February 27, 2020, from Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, followed by a Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial followed at Pine Grove Cemetery in North Grafton. Calling hours were Wednesday, February 26, 2020, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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Michael W. and Elizabeth M. (Donohue) Baker of Whitinsville; her maternal grandparents John P. and Kathryn M. (Ollis) Donohue of Uxbridge, formerly of Worcester; her paternal grandparents Richard S. Baker and Patricia A. (Brochu) Baker both of Whitinsville; her 2 aunts Katelvn M. Baker of Whitinsville and Patricia A. Donohue of Wolcott, CT, and the family golden

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to Obits@stonebridgepress.news



CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1

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

Monday, March 2

NORTHBRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: 7 p.m., Whitinsville Social Library. Following a short business meeting led by President John W. Walker, Jr., Chuck Arning, former Ranger with the Blackstone River Valley Heritage Park, will present a program that he has been researching since retiring. "The Graves Be A Walkin'" tells the story of Irish fam-



ine orphans who arrived at Grosse Ile. What was their fate? The public is invited to attend, and admission is free.

Tuesday, March 10

INTREPID READERS BOOK DISCUSSION: The next meeting of the Douglas Library book group, Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 p.m. The Intrepid Readers, will be discussing Cokie Roberts' We are our Mothers' Daughters in which the award-winning ABC-TV anchorwoman and NPR news analyst explores the most pressing issues confronting women on the edge of the new millennium, drawing on her own experiences and those of other exceptional women she has met. Call the Library 508-476-2695 for a copy of the book. New members always welcome. Homemade refreshments, inspired by the title being discussed, will be served.

Thursday, March 12

BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDEN CLUB: 7 p.m., Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. Our speaker will be Gretel Anspach, who is a trustee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, a lifetime Master Gardener, and past president of the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association. Gretel is a club favorite, and returns to us with his new program. She will lead us through the frequently daunting task of pruning our woody plants and trees with her usual highly informative talk sprinkled with humor! Parking and entrance are at the rear of the building, off Church Street by Domino's. There will be a \$5 guest fee for non-members of the club.

Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15

QUILT SHOW: The Thimble Pleasure Quilt Guild is hosting a Quilt Show March 14 - 15 at the Blackstone Valley Tech High School, 95 Pleasant St., Upton, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10, 18 and under are Free. There will be Silent Auctions, Boutique Table, Raffle baskets, Raffle Quilt, a Special Fundraiser for Guiding Eyes for the Blind, and Vendors.

Saturday, March 14

MEATLOAF DINNER: St. Peter's Parish in Northbridge will be hosting a Meatloaf dinner on Saturday, March 14 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10 adults/\$9 seniors and kids ages four to 12/ \$35 per family. Bring your family for a wonderful meal & meet some new friends. All proceeds from the dinner will help fund the Mission Trips for our Middle School & High School kids in July. Tickets for the dinner must be purchased in advanced. Please call 508-234-2156 or email parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.

Sunday, March 15

NEW ENGLAND COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB DANCE, 1-5 p.m., Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge. Featuring live country music by Steppin' Up.

Saturday, March 21

UXBRIDGE PARENTS FOR SAFE GRADATION PRESENTS WISE GUYS TRIVIA: 8-10 p.m., VFW Post 1385, 13 Cross Rd., Uxbridge; doors open at 7 p.m. \$20 per person or \$150 for a team of eight. For more information, email psguxbridge@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 22

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Increase indoor garden success with proper watering



Melinda Myers Photo

Set plants on saucers filled with pebbles to eliminate the need to empty the water that collects in the saucer

Too much of a good thing can mean death for indoor plants. Overwatering is a good example of this and a common problem for indoor gardeners. For others it's the opposite extreme, allowing plants to go too dry. Knowing when to water your indoor plants can increase gardening success and eliminate the stress of uncertainty.

The first step is to throw away your watering schedule.

Start watering plants based on their individual need not the date on the calendar. Consider the type of plant, container material and size as well as other growing conditions.

Get to know your plants by checking the plant tag, online resources and books. Those native to tropical climates or wet soils such as peace lily, baby tears and papyrus prefer moist soil. Plants from drier locations like cacti, succulents, Chinese evergreens, ponytail palm and snake plants do best when the soil dries between watering.

Evaluate the indoor growing conditions. Plants located in bright light and warm homes where the humidity is low lose moisture faster and need more frequent watering. Cooler homes, higher humidity and lower light conditions mean longer stretches between watering plants.

Adjust watering as the seasons change. Shorter, often gray days of winter mean plants dry out more slowly. When the heat and air conditioner are turned on, the humidity level drops and plants dry out more quickly. Plus, many plants rest in winter and prefer drier soil.

Check plants growing in small pots, breathable terra cotta containers and fast draining growing mixes more often and water as needed. Plants growing in larger containers and those made of plastic, glazed ceramic and similar materials dry out more slowly.

Use your finger to determine when plants need to be watered. Stick your finger an inch or so below the soil surface of small pots. You'll need to go a finger length deep for larger containers. And for succulents and cacti feel the soil through the drainage holes on the bottom of the pot. Water thoroughly until the excess runs out the drainage holes as needed.

Extend the time between watering with self-watering pots and watering aids. These have reservoirs that slowly provide water to plants over time. Or amend the soil with a moisture-retaining product like wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com). This organic and sustainable product holds 20 percent of its weight in water and slowly releases it into the soil when needed. The wetting agents in most potting mixes lose effectiveness after a month or two. These pellets continue working long after this, so you'll be watering less often.

Make watering easy, so it feels like an opportunity to enjoy each individual plant instead of a chore. Use a watering can with a long narrow spout, making it easy to apply water over the entire soil surface and under the leaves and crown of the plant. This reduces the risk of disease that can occur when the top growth remains wet.

Set plants on saucers or trays filled with pebbles. The excess water collects in the tray and the pebbles elevate the contain-



er above the water. This eliminates the need to empty the water that collects and remains in the saucer for more than thirty minutes.

With more experience watering indoor plants, it will become second nature. That means you'll have more time and opportunity to enjoy and even expand your indoor garden.

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

CALENDAR

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MEGA MEAT RAFFLE: Whitinsville Fish and Game Club, Inc., White Court, Douglas. Save the date on your calendar now and please join us for a fantastic afternoon on March 22! Early Bird Tickets Given Until 2:30 p.m. First Table Drawn at 3 p.m. - 4 Tables to raffle! All meats are fresh from a butcher: Prime ribs, NY Strip Steaks, Whole Rib Eyes, Oven Stuffer Chickens, Whole Turkey Breasts, Hot and Sweet Sausage, Kayam Hot Dogs, Whole Pork Loins, Pork Chop, Pork Rib Eyes, and Spiral Hams. There will be food from our kitchen too, Please get there early! Check us out on Facebook or at www. whitinsvillefishandgame.com for additional information about this event.

Saturday, April 25

ANNUAL SPRING FLEA MARKET: The Millbury First Congregational Church on 148 West Main Street in Millbury is sponsoring a Flea Market on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to reserve table space, please call Jeri Stead (508-865-5371). The \$20 inside area consists of a large supper table plus a card table. An outside reservation is \$10 and those chancing the weather need to provide their own table. "The Kitchen" will be serving coffee and muffins, and at lunch time, hot dogs will be served. There will also be a Bakery Table, and a Church Flea Market Table.

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 fixins, Picnic tables, Homemade goodies, Tours, Music 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

KUNDALINI YOGA: To celebrate spring we are offering Wednesday morning yoga classes from March 11 to April 29, 2020 (10-11:15 am). This 8-week session is at St. Peter's Parish Center in Northbridge, MA. Participants may sign up for the entire session or join us when it suits your schedule (walkin). Proceeds benefit St. Peter's Parish. Become a better version of yourself by spring cleaning your body, mind, and spirit. For more information visit: http://kundaliniyogacma.wix.com/site or call 508-234-4185.

NEED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE? The Salvation Army is here to help serve emergency needs in the Blackstone Valley area. Services include assistance with food, clothing, utility payments and heating needs. To find out how we can help with your emergency needs, call 508-342-7122. Leave your name and telephone number and your call will be 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.

YOGA GROUP: 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@pscrc.org. welcome. For information contact ministry coordinator at John21Breakfast@ gmail.com. To make a donation contact St. Patrick's rectory at 508-234-5656.

Legos Club: first and third Mondays of each month, ages six and up 3-5 p.m. at Whitinsville Social Library. Information about programming, visit the library's website www.northbridgemass.org/whitinsville-social-library.

PROJECT KIBBLE: In this tight economy, it can be tough to make ends meet. What about your four-legged friends? Project Kibble collects donations of pet food and supplies and distributes them to local food pantries. We accept dog and cat food, kitty litter, small rodent and fish food. All donations must be unopened and unexpired. For more information contact projectkibble@ gmail.com or call Christine 508-234-8131.

12-STEPS FOR OTHERS: Adult Children of Alcoholics 12-step support group meets 7:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays at the Hopedale Unitarian Church, 65 Hopedale St. For information, Rose at (508) 234-9004.

KUNDALINI YOGA: The fall session for the Wednesday morning class is from Sept 11 to Oct. 30 (10-11:15 a.m.). This 8-week session is offered at St. Peter's Parish Center in Northbridge. Participants may pay for the entire session or attend as a walk-in student. Proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry and St. Peter's Parish. For more information visit: http://kundaliniyogacma. wix.com/site or call 508-234-4185. All are welcome to join us on a journey toward a more balanced life.

ONGOING EVENTS & INFORMATION

PEOPLE'S COFFEE HOUR: Every Tuesday starting from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church of Douglas (289 Main St.), we are hosting a no Bible experience necessary study including coffee and refreshments. The study is called 'Praying with Jesus'. Study guides are provided free of charge. This study will run to the end of May. All attendees are welcome to anything from our food and kid's clothing closet. All are welcome. Call Jeanie (508-476-9978) for more information. returned.

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

BREAKFAST: The John 21Community 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

PEOPLE'S COFFEE HOUR: Every Tuesday starting Oct. 15 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church of Douglas (289 Main St.), we are hosting a no Bible experience necessary study including coffee and refreshments. The study is called 'Pilgrim's Progress, a guided tour by Derek W.H. Thomas'. Study guides are provided free of charge. This study will run to the end of May. All attendees are welcome to anything from our food and kid's clothing closet. All are welcome. Call Jeanie (508-476-9978) for more information.





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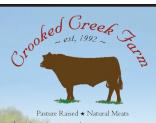
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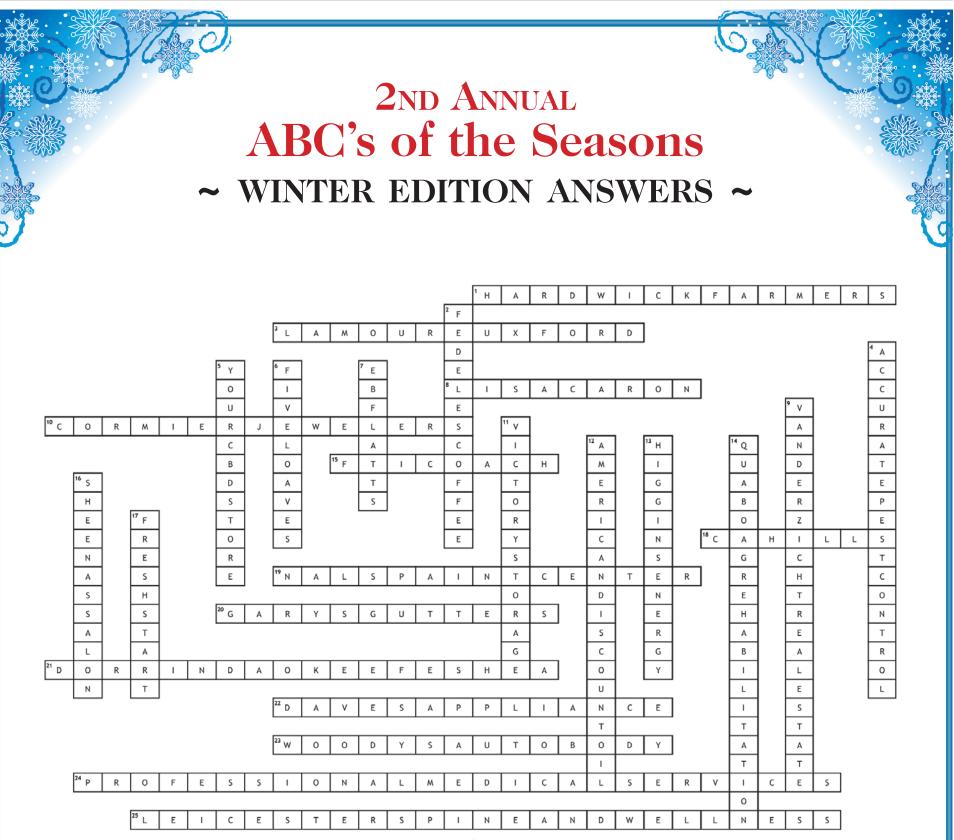
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Thank you to all the ABC businesses and to those who completed our puzzle! If you would like a letter for spring, please contact your sales representative to see what is available.

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AUBURN - 16 Lorna Dr! 7 Rm Split Entry Ready for the Next Owner! Located AUBURN – 16 Lorna Dri 7 Rm Split Entry Ready for the Next Owner! Located on a Cut-de-scal Mayn Recent Updates! Windows 2006! Roof 2010! Stiding 2016! Water Heater, Garage Door & Opener 2017! Driveway & Deck 2018! Applianced Oak Cabinet Kit wTile Floor! Dining Rm! Spacious Liv Rm! Master Bdrm w Hrdwds! 3 Comfortable Bdrms Total Full Bath! Finished Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm wCustom Bar, Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bath! Screened-in Porch to a Private Yard wNew Pressure Treated Deck is Ready for Entertaining Nicely Landscaped! 1 Car Garage! Shed! Ideal Commuter Location! **\$325,000.00**



Thinking of Selling?

Save Thousands!

DUDLEY - 9 Nellies Way! TOBIN FARM ESTATES! 10 Rm Colonial Set on 1.2 Acres! Applianced Dine-in Granite Kit! 3 Season Sun Rm off Kit! Din Rm, 2 Story Fam Rm w/Pellet Stove, Bdrm, Full Bath w/Laundry & Gleaming Hrdwds Round Out 1st Flr! 2nd Flr Features an Open Balcony to the Liv Rm! Plenty of Space for an Office, Playroom or Reading Area, Use Your Imagination! Master w/Tray Ceiling & 3 Closets! Master Bath w/Dual Sinks, Shower, Whirlpool Tub & Makeup Counter! 2 Additional Bdrms & Full Bath! Huge Finished Walk-out Lower Level Perfect for Entertaining! Wet Bar w/Wine Cooler & Fridge! Half Bath w/Tile Flr! Irrigation! Shed! JD Riding Mower! Don't Miss Out!



Flr Plan w/Sky Lighted Cathedral Ceilings, Tall Windows & Hrdwd Flrs! Beautiful Applianced Custom Granite Kit w/ Center Isll Formal Din, Fireplace Liv Rm w/Water/Estuary Views 1 Ist Fir Laundry's Becond Floor Master Suite, Ideal Full Bath, Huge Walk-in Closet! 3 Bdrms Total! 2 Full & 2 Half Baths! Walk-out Lower Level Fireplace Fam Rm! Buderus Oil Heat! C/Air! Oversized 2 Car Garage! \$779.900.00





DUDLEY - 7 - 9 West Street! Brick 4 Family plus a 2 Family! Side by Side! All with 5 Rooms and 2 Bedrooms! Gas Heat! All Separate Utilities 2 Car Detached Garage! The 4 Family with Beautiful Natural Woodwork! All Apartments are Empty and Work is Needed in Several Apartments! Excellent Potential! Will be a Good Investment for the Right One! \$399,900.00



DUDLEY - 61 Townfarm Rd! Charming 7 Rm Cape Set 1.9 Acres! This 3 Bdrm Home Completely Renovated 2015! Updates Include - Roof, Windows, Sid-ing, Kitchen, 2 Baths, Furnace, Electric Panel, Well, Septic, Driveway & More! Ideal Open FIr Plan! Cabinet Packed Granite Kit w/Island & SS Appliances! 1st Flr w/Beautiful Hrdwds! Frplc Liv Rm! 1st Flr Master Bdrm! Office or 4th Bdrm! Custom Tiled Bath w/Laundry! Upstairs 2 Spacious Bdrms w/Hrdwds & 2nd Full Bath! Large Paver Patio! Shed! Gorgeous Views! **\$299,900.00**



WEBSTER - 14 Summit Street! Conveniently Located 8 Room, 4 Bedroom Cape Featuring Newly Remodeled Stainless Steel Applianced Granite Eat-in Kitchen w Custom Cabinetry & Luxury Vinyl Plank Flooring! Formal Dining w/Hardwoods! Spacious Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 2 1st Floor Bedrooms w/Hardwoods! Newly Remodeled Full Tile Bath! 2nd Floor w/2 Bedrooms w/Hardwoods Plenty of Closet & Storage Space Updated Second Full Bath! Recently Oil Heat, Cast Iron Baseboard! Detached Garage! Corner Lot! **\$279,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 68 W Point Rd! Western Exposure - Spectacular Sunsets! 75 Waterfront w/Expansive Views! 6 Rm Yr Rd Ranch! Ideal 2nd Home! Renovate or Enjoy As 18 Open FIr Planl Applianced Cabinet Packed Kitl Lake Facing Din & Liv Rms w/Water Views! Sliders to Screen Enclosed Porch! Master w/Ceiling Fan w/Dble Closet! Full Bath off Hall! Fin a Dire Crosett 21n Burni wDore Crosett run Bath on Failt Finished wake-Out Lower Level W25' Fain Rn wDoor to Lakeside Pato, Bdrm, Full Bath & Utility Storage Rm! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths Total! Oil Heat! Covered Entry Ramp & Electric Chair Lift! Shed! Dock! Summer Will Be Back - Don't Delay! \$499,900.00



Haundry An ELEVATOR to Service All 3 Floors! Upstairs leads to 3 Spacious Barms each wPrivate Baths! Master w Tray Ceiling, Walk-in Closet + Private Balcony! Master Bath, Soaker Tub & Large Tile Shower! Walk-up Attic w/Expansion Possibilities! Lower Level w/Full Kit. 1/2 Bath, Lake Facing Fam Rm, Media/Exercise Rm + Lake Facing Bdrm w/Frolc & Private Bath! Slider to Patio! 13 Zones! Oversized 2 Car Garage! Loaded w/Quality & Detail! \$1,175,100.00

SOLD

WEBSTER LAKE - 50 West Point Rd! Killdeer Island! 4,700' Entertainers Dream! Magnificent Sunsets! Built 2016, Has It All! 2 Story Foyer! Granite Kit w/Center Isl, Dble Oven, High End Appliances & Walk-in Pantry! Din Rm w/ Wet Bar, Sliders to 14x30' Deck! Bright & Airy Liv Rm w/Lake Views, Custom Built Cabinets, Gas Frplc! 1/2 Bath +



CHARLTON - 105' WATERFRONT! Baker Pond! 63 Lincoln Pt Rd! East Facing = Fantastic Sunrises! Custom 9 Rm Colonial! Beautiful 1/2 Acre Lot w/Lawn to Water's Edge! 2 Story Foyer! Natural Woodwork! Open Fir Plan! Appliance Granite Kit wilst, Recessed Lights, Tile IPI & Water View Doin Area wSlider to Deck! Sunken Frpic Liv Rm w/Hrdwd IP & Water Views! Din Rm w/Hrdwd! 1/2 Bath w/Pedestal Sink! 2nd Fir w/4 Bdrms, 3 w/Water Views! Master w/Cathedrals, French Dr to Balcony, Bath w/Separate Tub/Shower, Walk-in Closet & Laundry! Hall Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Finished Walkout Lower Level w/31' Fam Rm! Full Kit! Full Bath & Laundry! Includes NEW A/C SPLITS SYSTEM! Enjoy Outside from the Farmer's Porch, Deck, Patio, Screened Porch or Dock! 2 Car Garage! Full Recreational Use! **\$524,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 50 Union Point Rd! Panoramic Views of Middle Pond – South Facing – Tons of Sun! Princi-pal Residence or as a Second Home this 6+ Rm Gambrel Colonial will be Ready for You! You'll Appreciate its Easy Access and Taken Back by the Ever Changing Lake Vistas! Featuring Applianced Kitchen wilstand, Dining Area, Lake Facing Fireplaced Living Rm with Custom Cabinetry, All with Hardwood Floors! Ideal Lake Facing 3 Sea-sons Rm w/Tile Floor & Anderson Sliders All Around! 3 Second Floor Bedrooms! Spacious Lake Facing Master w/ Cathedral Ceiling & 2 Sliders to its Private Deck! 2 Full Baths! Central Air! Composite Decks & Flat g Stone Pa tio for Your Enjoyment! 7,405' Lot with 50' on the Water! Sorry, Closing not before 9/10/2019! \$624,900.00



WEBSTER LAKE - 506 Beacon Park! 1,280' Custom WATERFRONT Townhouse, Ideal End Corner Unit w/Panoramic Lake Views! Overlooks Lakeside Pool & Sandy Beach! From the Private Entry this Unit is Like No Other! Being Sold Fully Furnished & Appointed! 1st Flr w/Beautiful Maple Hrdwds! SS Applianced Silestone Kit! Recessed Lighting! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Tile Baths! Recent A/C & Heat! Garage! \$369,900.00



AN INTRIGUING OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN EXTREMELY UNIQUE 3.32 ACRE WEBSTER LAKE WATERFRONT PROPERTY! Charming, year-round, 2 BR, 2 bath Ranch, located at the Southern most end of Webster Lake's South Pond beyond Cedar Island! Extremely private w/direct Lake access. The home offers a full finished LL w/walkout access, a screened-in 18x20 patio, 18x26 det'd garage & 8x8 storage shed. Park like grounds! New Price \$375.000

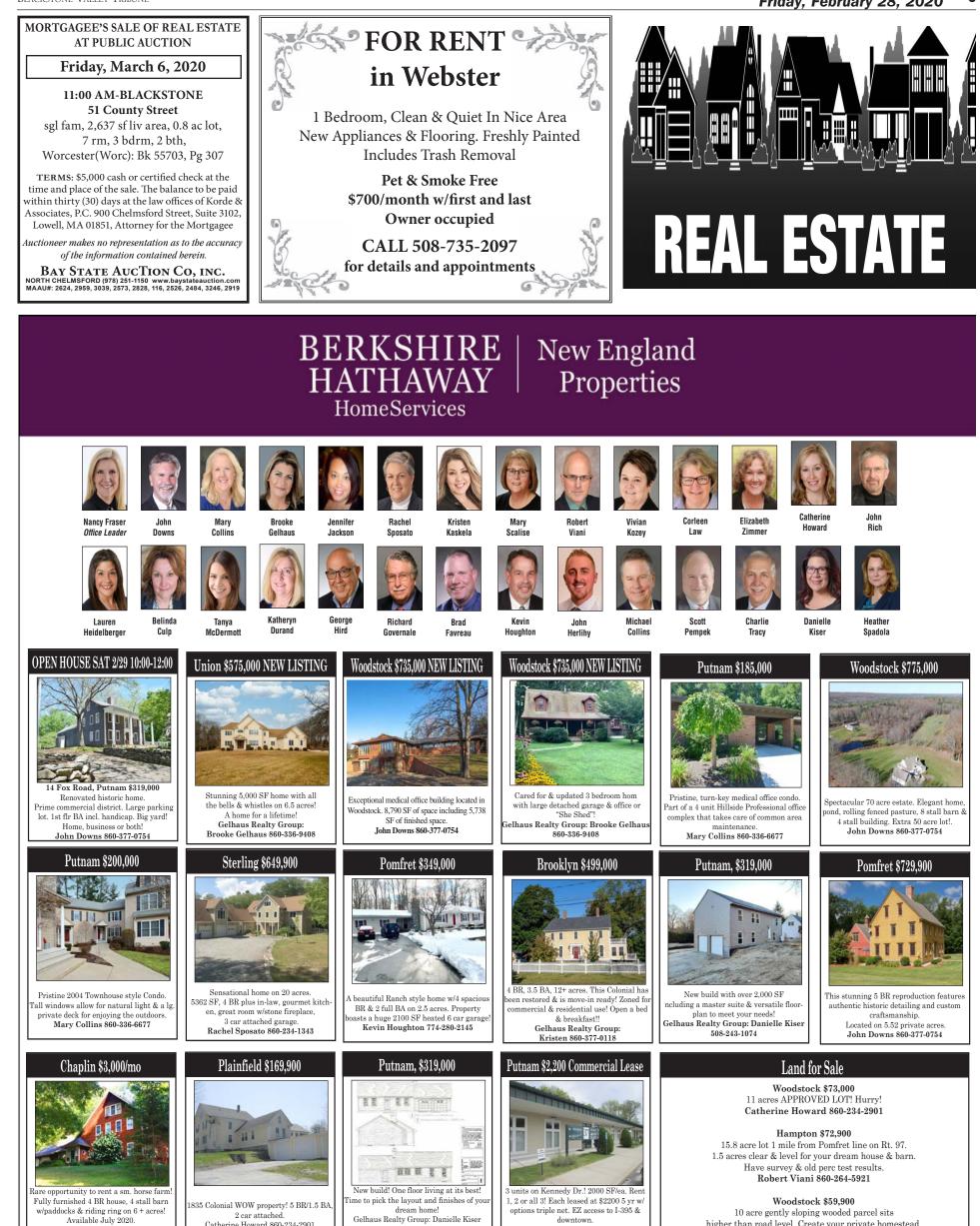
Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697+/- SF Lot, 50' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996+/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & 2 full baths. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/tremendous potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Westerly views across Middle Pond! Additional land & **NEW PRICE \$299,900** shore frontage available.





BLACKSTONE VALLEY TRIBUNE

• 5 Friday, February 28, 2020



1835 Colonial WOW property! 5 BR/1.5 BA 2 car attached. Catherine Howard 860-234-2901

options triple net. EZ access to I-395 & downtowr Rachel Sposato 860-234-1343

10 acre gently sloping wooded parcel sits higher than road level. Create your private homestead. Robert Viani 860-264-5921

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Gelhaus Realty Group: Kristen 860-377

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Woodstock, CT 860-928-1995

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by William P. Laren and Tina M. Laren to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Solstice Capital Group Inc., its successors and assigns, dated January 26, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38362, Page 332 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on September 21, 2011 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 47852, Page 340, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE4 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 46257, Page 43, subsequently assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-HE4, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE4 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. AS NOMINEE FOR SOLSTICE CAPITAL GROUP, INCORPORATED, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53643, Page 125 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at

Public Auction at 2:00 PM on March 6, 2020 at 11 A Street, Douglas, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

Gelhaus Realty Group: Danielle Kiser 508-243-1074

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, located on the northerly side of "A" Street and on the westerly side of Manchaug Road in the Town of Douglas, in said Worcester County, and being Lot 8 as shown and designated on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Douglas, Mass., owned by Joseph I. Romeiro, Jr. et ux" dated 9/2/1980 by David L. Lavallec, Registered Land Surveyor and filed with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 482, P age 53 said parcel of land being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southwesterly corner thereof at a point on the northerly line of said "A" Street and at the southeasterly corner of Lot A shown on said plan of land; THENCE N. 2 degrees 59' 37" E. by said Lot A 165.42 feet to a point of land now or formerly of Richard J. Mclaughlin et ux: THENCE S. 89 degrees 04' 10" E. by said land now or formerly of Richard J. McLaughlin et ux, 83.86 feet to a point on the westerly side of said Manchaug Road; THENCE southeasterly by said Manchaug Road by a curve to the right having a radius of 300.18 feet, 81.84 feet to a Mass. Highway Bound; THENCE S. 9 degrees 00' 10" E. still continuing by said Manchaug Road, 93.08 feet to an iron pipe at the intersection of the

northerly line of said "A" Street with the westerly line of said Manchaug Road; THENCE N. 85 degrees 54'10" W. by said "A" Street, 131.16 feet to the point of beginning. The above designated Manchaug Road is also known as Manchaug Street. Being the same property conveyed to William P. Laren and Tina M. Chevalier by deed from Paul J. Romeiro and Maryanna Romeiro, husband and wife recorded 08/02/1993 in Deed Book 15429 Page 82, in the Registry of Deeds Plan for Worcester County, Massachusetts.

"Upon information and belief there is a Scrivener error in the legal description attached to subject Mortgage recorded at Book 38362 Page 332 wherein it should have referenced being shown as Lot B in Plan Book 482, Page 53."

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the

bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE4

Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, **ORLANS PC** PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 16-011265 February 14, 2020 February 21, 2020 February 28, 2020

LEGALS

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 William M. Brown, Dynese A. Brown to Mortgage Town USA, Inc. d/b/a/ New England Funding, dated January 29, 2002 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25904, Page 241 as affected by a judgment recorded with said Registry of Deeds at Book 53717, Page 168, and as affected by a judgment recorded with said Registry of Deeds at Book 54914. Page 202 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Town USA, Inc. d/b/a/ New England Funding to Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, recorded on May 14, 2015, in Book No. 53717, at Page 168 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 PM on March 9, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 13-15 Maple Street, Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain lot or parcel of land, situated on the northwesterly side of Maple Street, in the Village of Whitinsville, in the Town of Northbridge and shown as Lot #147 on a plan entitled "Section B - Sheet No. B-1 Whitin Machine Works, Northbridge, Mass., August 24, 1955 by G. Bertrand Bibeault, Civil Engineering, Woonsocket, RI " which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds. Said lot is more particularly bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a point on the northwesterly side of said Maple Street which point is three hundred thirty-eight and five tenths (338.5) feet measured N. 33°56'E. from the corner formed by the intersection of the northwesterly line of Maple Street with the northeasterly line of Main Street, said point being the most easterly corner of Lot #146 and being the most southerly corner of the lot hereby described: THENCE N. 56°04' W., by said Lot #146, one hundred (100.00) feet to land now or formerly of Whitin Machine Works; THENCE N. 33°56'E, by said land now or formerly of Whitin Machine Works seventy-two (72.00) feet to Lot #148; THENCE S. 56°04'E. by said Lot #148, one hundred (100.00) feet to the aforesaid Maple Street; THENCE S. 33°56' W., by said Maple Street seventy-two (72 00) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 7,200 square feet, more or less. For title see deed of Bruce Baszner. Linda B. Johnson and Karen B. Ireland dated January, 1999 recorded at Worcester South Registry of Deeds at Book 20910, Page 213. Being more accurately describ A certain lot or parcel of land, situated on the northwesterly side of Maple Street, in the Village of Whitinsville, in the Town of Northbridge and shown as Lot #147 on a plan entitled "Section B - Sheet No. B-1 Whitin Machine Works, Northbridge, Mass., August 24, 1955 by G. Bertrand Bibeault, Civil Engineering, Woonsocket, RI " which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds. Said lot is more particularly bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a point on the northwesterly side of said Maple Street which point is three hundred thirty-eight and five tenths (338.5) feet measured N. 33°56'E. from the corner formed by the intersection of the northwesterly line of Maple Street with the northeasterly line of Main Street, said point being the most easterly corner of Lot #146 and being the most southerly corner of the lot hereby described: THENCE N. 56°04' W., by said Lot #146, one hundred (100.00) feet to land now or formerly of Whitin Machine Works; THENCE N. 33°56'E, by said land now or formerly of Whitin Machine Works seventy-two (72.00) feet to Lot #148; THENCE S. 56°04'E. by said Lot #148, one hundred (100.00) feet to the aforesaid Maple Street; THENCE S. 33°56' W., by said Maple Street seventy-two (72 00) feet to the point of beginning.

209, Plan 47. Parcel 2

A certain lot or parcel of land situated northwesterly of Maple Street, in the Village of Whitinsville in the Town of Northbridge, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the most westerly corner of other land of grantors and being the most northerly corner of land of Cornelius G. and Ethel M. Ebbeling and being the most southerly corner of the lot hereby described:

Thence N. 56° 04' W., by land of said Ebbeling , seventy-one and eightyeight one-hundredths (71.88) feet;

Thence N. 33° 56' E., seventy-two (72.00) feet;

Thence S. 56° 04' E., seventy-one and eighty-eight one-hundredths (71.88) feet to the most northerly corner of the aforesaid land of grantors;

Thence S. 33° 56' W., by said land of grantors seventy-two (72) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 5,175 square feet, more or less, and being Lot #147 A on Plan by G. Bertrand Bibeault entitled "Section B-Sheet No. B-3. Whitin Machine Works" dated July 1956.'

This conveyance is subject to any and all rights and easements with respect to the maintenance, repair, and replacement of sewer pipes and connections thereto, water pipes and connections thereto, gas pipes and connections thereto, power and electric wires and poles, telephone wires and poles and surface water drains, in so far as such rights and easements may exist with respect to the premises herein conveyed, whether or not such rights and easements are shown on said plan.

Both parcels being the same premises conveyed to the grantors by deed dated December 8, 1982 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7622, Page 42.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20910, Page 213.

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. SANTANDER BANK, N.A. Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 12030 February 14, 2020 February 21, 2020 February 28, 2020

may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Thomas Hansson, Chairman Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals February 28, 2020 March 6, 2020

NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 47 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 12 2020 at 7:15 P.M. at the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitins**ville, MA** to consider the application Daniel & Rafael Franko, 3 Michaud Dr., Framingham, MA 0 1701 for a Special Permit (03-SP-20) pursuant to Article X Special Permit 173-47, Table of Use Regulations. The applicant would like to fabricate, display and sell granite countertops at 1700 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 0 1534. The property is shown on Assessor's Map 23 as Parcel 12 is located in a Business 2 zoning district and is owned by Sawyer Veterinary Enterprises, LLC.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this matter should attend said meeting at the time and place designated. A copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Thomas Hansson, Chairman Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals February 28, 2020 March 6, 2020

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 20 SM 000916 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:

Michael Baldwin Von Brunow

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq): MidFirst Bank,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Whitinsville (Northbridge), numbered 48 lvy Lane, given by Michael Baldwin Von Brunow to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Home Bank, its successors and assigns, dated December 1, 2017, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58131, Page 54, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been. in the 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 Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before April 6, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on February 19, 2020 Attest: **Deborah J. Patterson** Recorder (20-001648 Orlans) Febuary 28, 2020

Date: February 10, 2020 Stephanie K. Fattman **Register of Probate** February 28, 2020

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 000720 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

To: Peter J. Sharawara

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Amercus Bank FSB FKA Midland Bank FKA Midland Savings Bank FSB FKA Midland Federal Savings Bank FKA Midland Financial Savings Bank FKA Midland Financial Savings and Loan Associations NKA Bank of the West successor by merger to Commercial Federal Bank, FSB

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Whitinsville (Northbridge), numbered 34-36 Spring Street, given by Peter J. Sharawara to Peoples Heritage Bank, dated September 4, 1998, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20402, Page 205, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the 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 Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 23, 2020 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Jus-

tice of this Court on February 10, 2020. Attest:Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 19-036116/ FC01 Febuary 28, 2020

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. WO20C0070CA CITATION ON PETITION TO **CHANGE NAME** In the matter

Containing 7,200 square feet, more or less.

The fee in the street abutting said premises as shown on said plan is conveyed subject to rights or interests conveyed by Whitin Machine Works to Town of Northbridge by deed or deeds which either have been or will be recorded with said Worcester District Deeds.

This conveyance is subject to any and all rights and easements with respect to the maintenance, repair, and replacement of sewer pipes and connections thereto, water pipes and connections thereto, gas pipes and connections thereto, gas pipes and connections thereto, power and electric wires and easements may exist with respect to the premises herein conveyed, whether or not such rights and easements as shown on said plan. Said plan is recorded in Plan Book

NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 47 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 7:05 P.M. at the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA to consider the application Joseph Leonardo-Terreno Realty LLC, 100 Paine Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569 for a dimensional variance (02-V-20) for the front yard setback, pursuant to Article VI, Section 173-19, Table of Area Regulations, in order to allow the applicant to construct a single family home on Windstone Dr. The property is shown on Assessor's Map 17 as Parcel 15, is located in R-2 zoning district and is owned by Terreno Realty, LLC.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this matter should attend said meeting at the time and place designated. A copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals Office and **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. WO20C0085CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of: Lona Marie Bradley

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Lona Marie Bradley of Blackstone MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Lona Marie Beech

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/10/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Melissa Jean Lemieux lozzo A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Melissa Jean Lemieux lozzo of Uxbridge MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Melissa Jean Lemieux lozzo

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/17/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 05, 2020 Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate February 21, 2020

UXBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS INVITATION FOR BIDS CLEANING SERVICES

The Uxbridge Public Schools, hereafter referred to as the "Awarding Authority," invites sealed bids to provide CLEANING SERVICES. Specifications and conditions are available on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 via email request at adeyoung@uxbridge.k12. ma.us or may be obtained at:

Office of the Superintendent

9 North Main Street, Uxbridge, Massachusetts (508) 278-8648

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bids will be received up to 10:00 AM on March 25, 2020 when they will be opened, read, and recorded.

The Awarding Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids submitted and to accept any bid or part thereof, and to reject any and all bids, or any part of any bid, if it be in the best interest of the Uxbridge Public Schools to do so.

Jennifer Modica Uxbridge School Committee February 28, 2020

LEGALS

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 Jeffery S. Beauchaine, Christine M. Beauchaine to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc., dated August 16, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39653, Page 121, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated May 1, 2017, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57311. Page 19 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc., recorded on June 7, 2012, in Book No. 49090, at Page 58

CitiMortgage, Inc. to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on June 20, 2014, in Book No. 52458, at Page 42

Federal National Mortgage Association to CitiBank, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for the NRZ Pass-Through Trust VI, recorded on February 8, 2019, in Book No. 60025, at Page 93

CitiBank, N.A., not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee for the NRZ Pass-Through Trust VI to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of NRZ Pass-Through Trust X, recorded on August 22, 2019, in Book No. 60922, at Page 387

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 March 27, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 614 Church Street, Whitinsville (Northbridge), Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain parcel of lend situated in said Northbridge with the buildings thereon, which parcel is lot numbered ten (10) on a plan of buildings lots laid out by J.R. Thurston near Whitinsville, Ma. September 1900, which plan was filed in Worcester District Registry of Deeds on September 21, 1900 in Book 1652. Page 653. The mortgagor(s) expressly reserve our rights of Homestead and do not wish to terminate my/our Homestead by granting the within conveyance notwithstanding our waiver of such homestead in paragraph 24 of the within mortgage. The Mortgagors hereby subordinate the Declaration of Homestead recorded in said Registry at Book 36147. Page 309, with respect to the grant of this mortgage only. The mortgage shall be deemed to be senior to the Declaration of Homestead just as though this mortgage had been recorded prior to the Declaration. In all other respects, the Declaration of Homestead shall remain in force and effect. For title reference see Deed Recorded with Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 21849, Page 311.

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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 Erica L. Davidson f/k/a Erica L Grenard, Patrick D. Davidson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prime Mortgage Financial, Inc., dated April 10, 2003 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 29676, Page 342 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Prime Mortgage Financial, Inc. to Green Tree Servicing LLC, recorded on April 24, 2013, in Book No. 50783, at Page 33 Ditech Financial, LLC, s/b/m to Green Tree Servicing, LLC to MTGLQ Investors, L.P., recorded on October 11, 2016, in Book No. 56110, at Page 95

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on March 30, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 137 Warren Street, Upton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northeasterly side of Warren Street, Upton, Worcester County, MA and being shown as Lot 3 on the plan entitled "Plan of Land in the Town of Upton, MA. Property of Norman Davidson and Mary Davidson," Scale 1" = 40', dated 1/1/1991 by Blackstone Valley Survey & Engineering Inc., 268 Upton Street, Grafton, MA, said plan being recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan 645, Plan No. 92, and being more particularly bounded and described, according to said plan as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northeasterly side of Warren Street, said point being the southeasterly corner of Lot 2 as shown on said plan;

THENCE N. 34 degrees 15' 25" E. by said Lot 2,396.87 feet to a point at land now or formerly of Norman Davidson; THENCE S. 81 degrees 14' 30" E., 224.73 feet to a point on a stonewall; THENCE S. 24 degrees 18' 56" W., 213.56 feet to a drill hole; THENCE S. 35 degrees 32' 41" W., 68.72 feet to a drill hole; THENCE S. 37 degrees 46' 38" W., 137.99 feet to a drill hole in a flat rock;

THENCE S. 42 degrees 28' 39" W., 62.19 feet to a point on the northeasterly side of Warren Street; the last five (5) courses being by land now or formerly of Norman Davidson; THENCE 64 degrees 41' 53" w., 69.14 feet to a drill hole; THENCE 62 degrees 11' 59" W., 39.97 feet to a drill hole; THENCE N. 55 degrees 44' 35" W., 112.77 feet to the place of beginning; the last three (3) courses being bounded by the northeasterly side of said Warren Street. Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 2015011012 February 28, 2020 March 6, 2020 March 13, 2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 35 Wallis Street, Douglas, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Peter R. Brady and Susan M. Brady to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. and now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Trust 2005-A2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, said mortgage dated February 21, 2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 35740 at Page 196, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 20, 2011, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 47919 at Page 247, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated January 11, 2013, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 50298 at Page 323, as affected by Corrective Assignment of Mortgage dated December 11, 2019 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 61662 at Page 30, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on March 20, 2020, at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

THE LAND IN DOUGLAS, COUNTY. WORCESTER MASSACHUSETTS AND SHOWN AS LOT 2 ON A PLAN OF LAND "PLAN OF LAND IN ENTITLED DOUGLAS, MA, SURVEYED FOR FLORENCE, WILLIAM, EARL F., JOHN AND RAYMOND CARTER" DATED JUNE 15, 1989 BY ANDREWS SURVEY AND ENGINEERING INC. UXBRIDGE, MA. SCALE 1" = 100' AND FILED WITH WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN PLAN BOOK 628, PLAN 43, SAID PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 13.31 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF WALLIS ROAD AT AN IRON PIN FOUND: THENCE N. 13° 01' 51" E., 656.11 FEET BY LAND OF CHARLES E. CHURCH TO A STONE BOUND; THENCE S. 85° 49' 12" E., 346.70 FEET BY A STONE WALL TO A DRILL HOLE; THENCE N. 01° 03' 12" W ., 13 6.90 FEET BY A STONE WALL TO A DRILL HOLE; THENCE N. 62° 53' 46" E., 411.15 FEET BY WHITIN RESERVOIR TO A POINT; THENCE S. 00° 36' 22" W., 426.62 FEET TO A SPIKE IN A TREE ROOT FOUND: THENCE S. 00° 34' 30" E., 160.15 FEET BY A STONE WALL TO A DRILL HOLE; THENCE S. 02° 37' 48" E., 59.91 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE FOUND; THENCE S. 00° 09' 05" W., 135.76 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE FOUND; THENCE S. 04° 23' 25" W., 16.20 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE FOUND; THENCE S. 00° 37' 14" W., 28.80 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE FOUND; THENCE S. 01° 02' 23" E., 90.79 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE FOUND; THENCE S. 84° 12' 04" W., 184.75 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE SET; THENCE S. 79° 51' 59" W., 162.79 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE SET; THENCE S. 73° 27' 48" W., 88.50 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE SET; THENCE S. 77° 44' 53" W., 145.07 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE SET; THENCE S. 84° 16' 27" W., 75.11 FEET TO A DRILL HOLE SET; THENCE N. 76° 41' 38" W., 69.45 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N. 62° 02' 20" W., 159.37 FEET BY WALLIS ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCLUDING that parcel conveyed to Mark A. Grondon dated November 29, 2004 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 35259 Page 265

of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 275 West Natick Road, Suite 500 Warwick, RI 02886 Attorney for U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage Trust 2005-A2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Present Holder of the Mortgage Telephone: (401) 234-9200 MLG File No.: 16-10108 February 28, 2020 March 6, 2020 March 13, 2020

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. WO20C0106CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME In the matter of:

Richard George Labossiere A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Richard George Labossiere of Uxbridge MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Richard Thomas Labossiere IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/17/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 21, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate February 28, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Declet No. WO202054454

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21849, Page 311.

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.

U.S. BANKNATIONALASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST X Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 Said Lot 3 contains, according to said plan, an area of 101,841 square feet, more or less.

For Mortgagors title reference, see Deed recorded in Book 24381, Page 241, Worcester County.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 24381, Page 241.

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:

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

MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated February 22, 2005, and recorded in Book 35740 at Page 194 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars

Docket No. WO20P0544EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Lillian M Susienka

Date of Death: 12/31/2019 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John D Susienka of Douglas 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: John D Susienka of Douglas MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in <u>an unsuper-</u><u>vised</u> 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 03/24/2020. 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: February 21, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

February 28, 2020

Temporary Cemetery Maintenance Worker

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a Maintenance Worker position for the Cemetery Department. Under the direction of the Cemetery Superintendent, the Maintenance Worker will help in maintaining the Town owned Cemeteries. This position will assist in all cemetery operations including setting up for graveside services. This is a temporary part-time position, during the months of April–November with an average of 32 hours per week. All applicants must be 18 yrs. or older, possess a valid driver's license, and be able to lift 75 pounds. It is preferred that candidates have outdoor landscaping skills. Salary:\$15.00/hr. Applications can be found at www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources. Applications are also available and will be accepted via walk-in or mail at: Town Hall, Human Resources Department, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507. This position will be open until filled.

The Town of Charlton is an equal opportunity employer and encourages diversity.

Town of Charlton Library Custodian Position

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a custodian position at the library. Provide support to Library service programs and meeting room groups. The Custodian is responsible for performing custodial, maintenance, and grounds keeping work This position is benefited at 35 hours per week. Hours are Monday - Friday 3:30pm-11:00pm. Salary range is \$16.00-\$18.00/hr Application for Employment, found at www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources. Applications can be emailed to Lynn.Dyer@townofcharlton.net. Deadline to apply 3/9/20 The Town of Charlton is an equal opportunity employer and encourages diversity.

FULL TIME HR DIRECTOR

The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a full-time benefit-eligible Director position for its Human Resources department.

Under the general direction of the Town Administrator, the HR Director is responsible for the administration and coordination of the Town's Human Resources Program. Bachelor's Degree in related field and three years of experience in a Human Resources field; municipal personnel experience preferred; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. PHR Certification or equivalent Human Resources certification preferred (one year allowed from date of hire to achieve). Starting salary \$78,333 - \$82,305 annually, dependent on qualifications; application can be found at https://www.townofcharlton.net/158/Human-Resources or the HR office at 37 Main St. Charlton, MA 01507. Deadline to apply is 3/9/20

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FRIDAY, MARCH 21

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TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and unveiling of Anniversary Quilt Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm Tickets @EventBrite.com or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan -The First and Second Settlements East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS at Pelletier Woods Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR). 108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00 FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield 10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK -Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields (Spooner / Newton Murders) East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield 2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE

at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basketball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21. 125 South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00. FREE

MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF EB Library - continues for five weeks. East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -

East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Parade & Fireworks Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT! Route 9, East Brookfield, 9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30



Hall.

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR, ending in dinner at Podunk Chapel.

Meet at East Brookfield Town

\$15-\$20.00 pp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central Massachusetts during the Revolution East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK -Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk" East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

OPEN HOUSE at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR) 108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00. FREE

ONGOING



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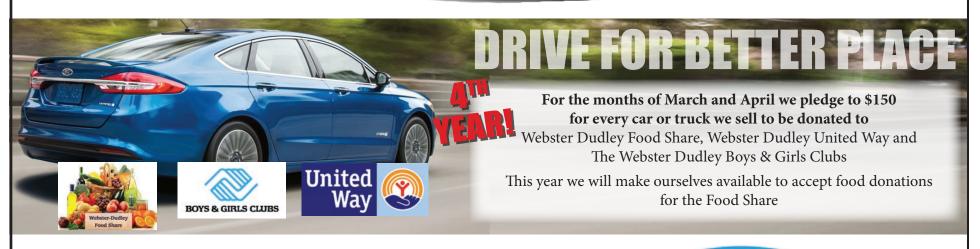


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