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STUDENTS IN SERVICE

Just weeks into the new school year, student-athletes from Uxbridge High School have already been out and about pitching in — safely — with community service projects. Photo courtesy of Principal Michael Rubin’s Twitter feed.

Local residents encouraged to take online Covid-19 survey

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Local municipalities are encouraging residents to participate in an online survey aimed at helping the state’s public health department learn about needs across the Commonwealth so it can plan resources and support around COVID-19. The COVID-19 Community Impact Survey (CCIS) is available for Massachusetts residents aged 14 or older.

“The COVID-19 Community Impact Survey is an online survey aimed at collecting data to better understand and identify the social, economic, and health needs and inequities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic,” the town of Douglas released in a statement.

The survey is available online at: www.mass.gov/COVIDsurvey. Anyone age 14 or older who lives in the Commonwealth are encouraged to take the survey—even people who have not had COVID-19.

“We have a particular interest in gathering responses from communities who have been impacted the most, including: people of color, immigrants, individuals who are LGBTQ+, people with disabilities,” the town of Douglas released in a statement.

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New faces, new spaces: Enhancements continue at BVT this fall

UPTON — At Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, newly self-renovated spaces will enhance the BVT learning experience. With projects, preventative maintenance, and upgrades completed over the summer in addition to routine cleaning, prepping, and polishing to prepare the school building and grounds, the Facilities Department will continue with renovations and enhancements this fall as students return to in-person classes on a two-week rotating basis.

Thirty-eight rooms received a fresh coat of paint. Lockers, classrooms, vocational shops, common areas, and corridors were cleaned and disinfected. The carpeting in the Digital Learning Commons was removed and replaced with a new rubberized floor recommended for the high traffic area. The fourth and final phase of the self-funded roof repair project is nearly complete; its energy efficiency results in cost savings.

With the aid of funds awarded by the Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program, BVT is adapting and maximizing its space, repurposing a section of the Business & Entrepreneurship shop to construct a Chapter 74 Biotech Lab. They are also renovating the current Chemistry Lab to support vocational and technical training. The Facilities Department will handle the electrical wiring for these lab projects at a cost-savings for the district.

The Human Resource Department, administrators, and staff interviewed and welcomed fourteen new staff members who replaced retirees and other transitional positions. Summer new hires included vocational faculty, academic teachers, and support staff with three new members joining the Facilities Department evening team. Members of the facilities team proudly maintain and

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Uxbridge to receive Shared Streets & Spaces funding

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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UXBRIDGE — As part of additional funding for the state’s Shared Streets & Spaces Emergency Grant Program, the town of Uxbridge has recently received \$241,875 to construct 4,000 feet of sidewalk.

This project will include the development of accessible curb-ramps, signage, and crosswalks, in order to better and more safely connect two schools and recreational areas.

State Rep. Mike Soter, R-Bellingham, worked to ensure that this funding was secured to help pay for more essential projects in Uxbridge.

“It has been my goal as State Representative to always work toward bettering our communities, and that means assuring the 8th Worcester District receives every dollar

from the Commonwealth that we can,” Soter said.

Gov. Charlie Baker, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, and Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack recently announced that total funding for the Administration’s Shared Streets & Spaces Emergency Grant Program would increase to \$10 million. It was also announced that \$3.9 million was released in the largest round of funding to date. The program, which was launched on June 10, provides technical and funding assistance to help Massachusetts cities and towns conceive, design, and implement tactical changes to curbs, streets, on-street parking spaces, and off-street parking lots in support of public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce, according to a recent release.

The Shared Streets & Spaces program was established to support quick-build projects that can bring meaningful benefits to cities and towns. The program is modeled after the Administration’s Complete Streets Funding Program, created in February 2016. As of January 2020, the program has awarded a total of \$46 million to cities and towns for municipal projects aimed at improving infrastructure and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and public transportation customers. The Administration included \$20 million for the Complete Streets Program as part of its \$18 billion transportation bond bill which was filed in July 2019.

Soter said he will continue to work with town leaders within his district to secure grants and improve infrastructure.

BVT awarded grant for advanced technology

UPTON — As students in distance learning rely on technology, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District an \$116,735 Remote Learning Technology Essentials grant. It has allowed the district to purchase over 100 Dell laptops to distribute to students for distance learning.

“This grant allowed our school to address and respond to the unique needs of our students with access to the tools and technology required to navigate this school year at no additional cost to our district towns,” said Technology Director, Rosetta Spino.

The focus areas for funding include assistive technology for those with individualized education plans, 504 plans, and distance learning technology needs. The supplemental funds ensure students have access to the technology they need to strengthen instruction both at home and in the classroom. This grant is one of several funding sources designed to help Massachusetts school districts address COVID-19 related costs as schools reopen.

“Access to technology is critical for students and their education,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “These technology grants are just one way in which we are working with districts to help them face the challenges associated with COVID-19 and keep kids focused on learning.”

“Our School Committee has consistently encouraged us to advance our instructional resources via grants and other non-tax sources. This award will complement

the municipal CARES Act dollars awarded to our member towns and shared with us,” said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick.

BVT opened under hybrid tier 2 on a rotating two-week basis with one grade level on campus for in-person learning under safe conditions that are fully compliant with all guidelines, precautions, and protocols while the other three grade levels participate in distance learning.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, 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.valley-tech.k12.ma.us.

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Technology Director Rosetta Spino prepares Dell laptops for distribution.



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Local legislator secures perfect attendance record

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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GRAFTON — State Rep. David Muradian, Jr., R-Grafton, has successfully maintained a perfect voting record for the 2019-2020 legislative session, participating in all 267 roll call votes recorded in the House of Representatives between Jan. 30, 2019, and July 31, 2020.

The Grafton legislator cast votes on several major pieces of legislation that were signed into law this session, according to a recent statement, including Nicky's Law, which established a statewide "do not hire" registry to track caregivers who abuse clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities. A longtime advocate for Massachusetts' public schools, Representative Muradian also voted for the Student Opportunity Act, which calls for increased school funding and stronger accountability standards to help close student achievement gaps, and the Breakfast After the Bell initiative, which will expand school breakfast programs across the state to help ensure every student comes to school prepared to learn.

"I am proud to say that as the State

Representative for Grafton, Northbridge and Upton I have maintained a 100 percent voting record," Muradian released in a statement. "There has not been one recorded roll-call vote that I have missed in my time in the legislature, which spans 1,347 votes to date. Thank you for the opportunity to be your voice."

In response to the Covid-19 State of Emergency declared on March 10, Muradian supported a wide range of bills to assist families, municipalities, and small businesses during the pandemic. In addition to backing expanded mail-in voting and other options to allow residents to safely exercise their right to vote, he also supported the Restaurant Relief Act, which would cap third-party delivery fees and give businesses additional time to submit their meal tax payments without being subject to penalties or interest.

Other key initiatives supported by Rep. Muradian this session include: legislation to address racial disparities in maternal healthcare; establish a Foster Parents Bill of Rights; enhance consumer access and insurance parity for telehealth services; criminalize female genital mutilation; expand access to

behavioral and mental health services for children; reduce distracted driving by allowed only hands-free cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle; provide of \$1.3 billion in state grants to communities for climate change adaptation and infrastructure improvements; assist Massachusetts veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and other deployment-related health conditions; and create a Women's Rights History Trail to promote education and awareness of the struggle for women's rights in Massachusetts.

Rep. Muradian represents the Ninth Worcester District, including Grafton, Northbridge, and Upton. He currently serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, where he holds the title of Assistant Ranking Minority Member, Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, and the House Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change.



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Kaylie Silva of Douglas part of Lasell University's Lasell Votes initiative

NEWTON — Kaylie Silva, a Management major at Lasell University in Newton, is involved with the school's Lasell Votes initiative.

Silva, a resident of Douglas, is the Vice President of Financial Affairs in Lasell's Student Government Association, and is working with Lasell Votes on a collaborative debate party.

Lasell Votes geared up on National Voter Registration Day to help eligible students prepare for the upcoming national election.

With less than 50 days until the 2020 election, Lasell Votes staff members and student ambassadors are eager to equip the community with the information and access they need to vote. Anna Sarneso, director of Brennan Library, and Byrd Hughes, associate director of the Center for Community-Based Learning, are making virtual visits to classes and offering materials for faculty to share with their students.

Before the pandemic, student ambassadors sat outside of Valentine Dining Hall and other popular areas to help community members register to vote in their home state; now, a digital forum will be held every Tuesday until the election.

On October 15, Lasell Votes will partner with the Student Government Organization (SGA), Campus Activities Board (CAB), and Lasell Village to host a watch party of that evening's presidential debate. Roundtable discussions will be held virtually to encourage conversation on the topics at hand.

To learn more about Lasell Votes, follow the organization on Facebook and Instagram @lasellvotes.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

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\$400,000, 113 Mendon St, Bernier, Brian, to Fischbeck, Amanda, and Pendola, Domenico.

\$302,000, 12 Mayboro St, Berry, Stephan T, and Berry, Stephen T, to Bonugli, Zachary, and Whyte, Michelle D.

DOUGLAS

\$450,000, 129 Monroe St, Arnold, Glenn P, and Arnold, Jennifer L, to Skafianakis, John.

\$327,474, 47 Compass Point Dr #47, Northbrown LLC, to Maddocks, Charles P, and Maddocks, Judith B.

NORTHBRIDGE

\$294,000, 11 Elm Pl, Susienka Lillian M Est, and Susienka, John D, to Susienka, David J.

UXBRIDGE

\$525,000, Eber Taft Rd, Uxbridge Woods RT, and Foss, Mark S, to Eber Taft Road LLC.

\$427,500, 41 Yankees Way, Murrant, Donald R, and Murrant, Jackie R, to Botsford, Stephen W, and Botsford, Rosetta.

\$255,000, 176 Rivulet St, FNMA, to Watson, Mellisa E, and Gould, Steven P.

\$190,000, 104 E Hartford Ave #3, MHFA, to Weaver, Peter J, and Weaver, Kerrie L.

\$127,000, 117 Quaker Hwy #35, Supple Nancy E Est, and Wickstrom, Thomas J, to Mccarthy, Samantha A.

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Gianna is an outgoing and friendly girl of African American and Caucasian descent. Though she is quiet when she first meets people, she is sweet, friendly and funny with a great sense of humor! Gianna is very interested in gymnastics, running and walking 5K's, and cheerleading. Gianna's social worker describes her as a resilient child who is very determined and kind hearted.

Gianna has attended weekend sleep away retreats with her sister through the sibling connections programs on a few occasions and has enjoyed this opportunity. Any opportunity to spend time with her sister is enjoyed and anticipated greatly by Gianna. She is supported by an IEP in school and has developed some very close relationships with her support staff there. She has begun to

take great pride in her work and earned honor roll all of the past academic year. Gianna works hard in school and truly appreciates the positive feedback and recognition that she receives as a result.

Legally freed for adoption, Gianna would do best in a single-female-parent or two-female-parent home where she is the youngest or only child. She will need continued contact with her younger sister who is placed separately. Gianna loves animals and learning about how to care for them and would love to have a pet. In a future home, Gianna hopes to have her own room. Her social worker is open to exploring local families that could potentially start off as a visiting resource for her in order to build a relationship prior to place

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

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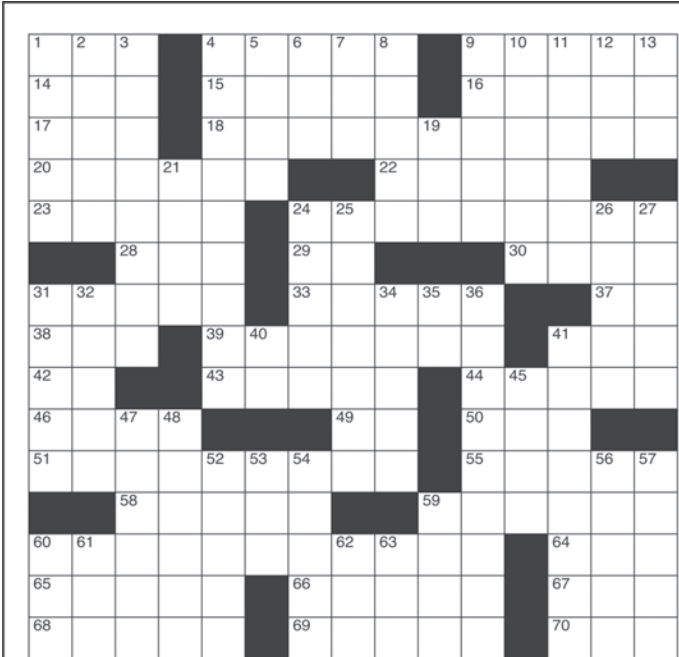
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Keep safe and remember to wear a mask if you go out and to wash your hands frequently.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Part of (abbr.)
- 4. Persons
- 9. Moved with a curving trajectory
- 14. Bitterly regret
- 15. Cause to feel embarrassed
- 16. Type of toast
- 17. Bobby __, NHL champ
- 18. Analogies
- 20. Mixes
- 22. Beloved flowers
- 23. Clinton special prosecutor
- 24. Avoids
- 28. Innermost brain membrane; __ mater
- 29. Atomic #18
- 30. Remain as is
- 31. One who's been canonized
- 33. Indian king or prince
- 37. The Bay State
- 38. Forms adjectives
- 39. Give off
- 41. Partner to flow
- 42. Biblical Sumerian city
- 43. Popular clothing material
- 44. Organism parts
- 46. Central US Native American people
- 49. Blood type
- 50. Wrath
- 51. Perennial tropical grass
- 55. Vetches
- 58. Buffaloes
- 59. Envelope type
- 60. Tuberculosis
- 64. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 65. Pops
- 66. Indo-European languages
- 67. Fiddler crabs
- 68. Large bank
- 69. Not fresh
- 70. Scientist's device (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. High schoolers' dances
- 2. Style of rock music
- 3. Maryland athlete
- 4. Softened by soaking
- 5. Native Aussies
- 6. Some are on it
- 7. Clairvoyance
- 8. Broken piece
- 9. Wrong
- 10. Starts over
- 11. Where to hang clothes
- 12. One point north of due east
- 13. Gov't lawyers
- 19. Mass of eggs in a shellfish
- 21. Smile
- 24. Wrap
- 25. A citizen of Iran
- 26. Island off the coast of Tanzania
- 27. Attempts
- 31. Beloved "Doctor"
- 32. Type of turtle
- 34. Leg (French)
- 35. Indicates position
- 36. Self-doubt
- 40. Of I
- 41. Retired but allowed to retain title
- 45. Algerian port
- 47. African country
- 48. "Wayward Son" rockers
- 52. Bring out of sleep
- 53. Auburn legend Newton
- 54. Heavy wooden shield in ancient Greece
- 56. Choose to represent
- 57. Peace
- 59. Work hard
- 60. Reciprocal of a sine
- 61. Express delight
- 62. Explosive
- 63. Journalist Tarbell



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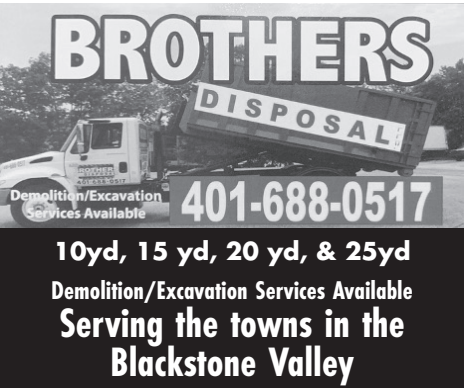
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Local student named to Dean's List at Northern Vermont University

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Madison Culcasi matriculates into Hamilton College

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OBITUARIES

Lawrence E. “Larry” Bombara, 70



Lawrence E. “Larry” Bombara, 70, of NW Main St. died at home on Sun. Sept. 20, 2020.

Born in Webster, MA in 1950, he was the son of Joseph R. and Margaret M. (Madden) Bombara and lived in Douglas all his life.

Besides his loving wife of 47 glorious years Jeanne (Forget) Bombara ; he leaves his daughter Pamela Johnson and her husband Kurt; 2 precious grandchildren Natalie and Emily Johnson; his brother Dennis

M. Bombara and his wife Sarah; and several nieces and nephews.

Larry graduated from Douglas High School and achieved a BS in Civil Engineering from UMass Amherst in 1973. Larry, a dedicated public works employee all his life , began with the Douglas Highway Dept. in high school and went on to become the first Superintendent of Public Works for the Town of Uxbridge, retiring in 2008 after serving more than 23 years in that position. He then went on to establish Lorinc Consulting, primarily offering assistance to the Cape and Islands and especially the Oak Bluffs Water District of Martha’s Vineyard.

Larry was active in many organizations including the Mass Water Works, the Mass Highway and New England Public Works Assoc. serving as Chapter President. The Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternal organization also held a close spot in Larry’s heart.

One of Larry’s proudest moments was organizing a group of his public works family from New England and traveling to Bay Saint Lewis to help rebuild after the Hurricane Katrina aftermath.

A woodworker, a boater, a traveler best described Larry along with his passion to throw a party for family and friends.

Friends and relatives were invited to visit the family on Tues. Sept. 29from 4 to 7 pm in Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St. Douglas. A Celebration of Life Mass was held Wed. Sept. 30 at 11 am in St. Mary’s Church, 77 Mendon St. (Rt. 16) Uxbridge. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

SURVEY

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essential workers, people experiencing housing instability, older adults, and those in geographic areas hardest hit by COVID-19,” said the state’s Department of Public Health.

Findings from this survey will be used to improve the Department of Public Health’s ability to act—helping address the most critical needs, partnering with communities to support local efforts, and informing state policy with accurate information on what people need now and in the long term. Results will be available to community-based organizations for their own planning and action purposes.

The survey takes about 10 to 15 minutes to finish, the Department of Public Health added. Answers will be kept private; no identifying information will be required.

The survey is available in six common languages spoken in Massachusetts: English, Chinese (standard and traditional), Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Vietnamese. Additional information about the CCIS Initiative may be found in the FAQ document below. If you have questions, please email covid19survey@mass.gov.

BVT

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tinely clean the facility and campus.

This year the return to school during a global health pandemic required specific enhancements in direct response to COVID-19. Some of the preparedness measures include but are not limited to modifications to the school nurses’ health care suite to reconfigure an isolated care center separate from the routine medical care space. Installation of clear plexiglass barriers in pre-identified areas, replacement of air filtration system with high-efficiency MERV-13

air filters, signage and decals designed in-house by Painting & Design for use in the cafeteria, classrooms, and common areas.

With health and safety a top priority, there are many new health and safety protocols to follow. The COVID-19 Health Guidelines are designed to keep the school community healthy. More information is available at www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/c19healthguidelines.

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EDITORIAL

Leave the signs where they stand

As the days wind down to the Presidential election, we’re seeing more division than ever. Fortunately, in smaller areas such as ours, it’s largely business as usual, and people on both sides can still have friendly conversations, in person that is.

The online banter and sign stealing is another story, however. We must note that sign stealing is a crime that comes with a fine of \$1,000. Stealing signs will in no way sway someone to change their vote.

Beware the division that social media can sew and intended to sew all along. If you read something, don’t automatically take it as fact. There’s been a veer from reality due to social media trolls, with the sole purpose of dividing the country. We are better than that, and intelligent enough to see through it. We’ve said it before, if you see something you disagree with online, you don’t need to jump on it and chime in. Think for yourself and trust your own ability to weed out what’s true and what’s not. Private conversations are also best. Further, commenting on a stranger’s post is absolutely useless, don’t even waste your time.

It’s not OK to hate another person due to their political views. If someone disagrees on policy with you, that’s ok. Maybe you don’t want to go to Sunday brunch with that person, but there’s no need to hate. It’s especially hard when you see some individuals who think that acting mean and condescending is a sign of toughness. It’s not. It just means they are simply, mean and condescending.

What’s interesting is that the people you see on television shouting rude comments and carrying guns as a way to intimidate, probably don’t like it when someone yells back. The second amendment was not intended to be used to intimidate fellow Americans into thinking the same way that we do. We think it’s safe to say that those same individuals, prefer when people in their own lives are kind to them. So, what gives? The hate is exhausting.

While this may be easier said than done, if you see a sign that you don’t agree with, at least try to appreciate the fact that in America we have the freedom to think differently from one another, and to make it known. For example, if you drive by a sign of a person you would not vote for, just shrug your shoulders and remember the freedom that those different signs represent. A freedom that must be protected.

The positive solution is American optimism

I awoke this morning, thinking, “When pessimists pick up a brick, they throw it, but when optimists pick up the same brick, they build something positive and useful.”

There is much in the news as I pen this column about Judge Amy Comey Barrett and her spiritual beliefs. She is an enthusiastic participant in her Roman Catholic faith and that seems to offend some and frighten others. How is it we’ve come back to this point?

Criticize her for her rulings on the bench. Her political ideology is certainly fair game and open for debate. Roe v Wade, the Affordable Care Act ... there are many areas of her public, professional and ideological life that can be debated, but I believe there is one area that is off limits and that’s her family. And when it comes to her faith, politicians should tread very lightly. Unless her faith is leading her to break the law or have some life view that is so extreme as to be completely out of the American mainstream, which she does not ... her faith should also be off limits.

How did we get here?

The ideological differences are stretching us to limits that are in danger of tearing apart the very fabric of our nation. I believe our national character is in danger of being scarred forever, and in the process, altering our very way of life. The rational majority of people across the nation must stand up and reject the violence in the streets and political vitriol that is pulling us apart.

Optimistic people do not react this way to ideological differences.

No nation in history has shared, nurtured, and prospered, with such powerful optimism as the United States of America. When

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

A MOMENT IN HISTORY

BEVERLY GUDANOWSKI UXBRIDGE

Have you ever heard of the two “wonder women” on the 2014 U.S. Equestrian Team in the World Equestrian Games in France? They were key players who pushed the USA team to 4th place in the Four-in-Hand Driving division. Driving, the oldest equestrian sport, remains intensely competitive, male dominated, and stacked with world champion drivers.

Misdee Wrigley Miller (at age 57) and Alison Stroud (at age 61) came as a shock to many in the world competition, which is dominated by the Netherlands, the Australians, the Germans and the Swedes. Not only were they the first two women on the previously all male U.S. driving team, but their notable achievement demonstrated extraordinary capability in women in this challenging sport.

What is four-in-hand? These competitors drive a team of four harnessed horses pulling a carriage in a marathon of cross country, up steep inclines, down and around hills, across water obstacles and over noisy bridges, all with tight turns woven into the course and all while trotting or galloping to accomplish the drive as fast as possible. These courses test the stamina and agility of the horse team and the skills of the drivers. In the obstacle course, the drivers must drive the horses around a tight course marked with cones on which sit tennis balls. If the driver nudges a cone with the carriage or a horse touches a cone, the ball falls off and they rack up demerits that detract

from a high score. The third phase of the competition is dressage, a fancy dance through a manicured stadium. The three phase Four in Hand is the human equivalent of a triathlon.

Accuracy, speed, and endurance are essential. The driver and her horses must be in harmony, while remaining alert and nimble.

In order to succeed, a driver must be commanding, fearless, and fierce, yet have the heart of a horse whisperer. The driver must be sensitive to the cadence of the horses, and treat the horses so well that they will want to do anything for her.

“It’s not an easy sport,” Stroud said. “You have to be strong, but you have to be clever like a fox. Instead of using strength, we use our brains.”

She said in 2014: “What you’ve got here is a case of two women who are not afraid to take on their goals. If you give me an idea of something that is difficult to do, I’m liable to attack it. The more challenging it is, the more interested I am.”

Stroud had been a U.S. Equestrian Federation Combined Driving Four-in-Hand Pony National Champion seven times. In 2003, she made her international debut for TEAM USA in the Pony Driving World Championships in Austria. She showed in the World Championships in 2009 and in 2011. In 2014, she qualified to represent the USA again, but this time piloting horses at the World Equestrian Games in France. She also competed in 2016 at the World Championships in

the Netherlands. In 2018 at the FEI World Equestrian Games in North Carolina, Stroud was in third place with Miller in First in the dressage phase.

Miller first tried combined driving four-in-hand in 2010 when the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky needed drivers for a test course. She was hooked. In 2013, the U.S. team needed drivers and she began a grueling training program, trying out many horses (“I had to kiss a lot of frogs!”) before settling on her four horse team that helped her place the U.S. team in 4th place overall. Fourth place may not sound like an achievement, but in the World Driving competition it is huge. The competition for the first three places is so intense that any of the top competitors could all be called champions.

In 2018, Wrigley Miller was called the new Queen of Four in Hand Dressage when she beat reigning Champion Chester Weber of the U.S. in the North Carolina World Equestrian Games. Quite a feat since Weber has won every class on American soil since 2011. Miller’s sport motto is: “Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you’re right.” At age 67, Stroud is still competing for the U.S.A.

As we know the 2020 World Games and Olympics were cancelled because of the pandemic, but if you wish to see an example of four in hand driving in action, go to youtube World Four in Hand Championships Breda 2016. It will take your breath away. Unless you follow equestrian sports, you have never seen anything like it.

Could you be this brave? Could you represent your country in this way?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Join me in voting for Christine Crean

To the Editor:

For nearly 20 years, it was my great honor to serve the many terrific people who live in the towns from Milford to Webster and Southbridge, including most of the Blackstone Valley, in the Massachusetts State Senate. In order to faithfully represent this part of the Commonwealth, it takes time to attend community meetings and events in order to understand what the people want in their state legislators. I always did my best to advocate for the needs of the region, its people and its small businesses and I know what it takes to get the job done.

Therefore, I am very pleased that Christine Crean of Milford is running to be our next State Senator! I’ve known Chris for many years. I know that she will be an effective and determined advo-

cate for the working families of south-central Massachusetts. She is exceptionally bright, articulate, and knowledgeable about the issues important to the people of this district. Chris will be available and approachable to all her constituents and she’ll listen to everyone’s opinions before she votes on our behalf. No one will have to ask, where’s our senator!

As we observe the centennial of Women’s Suffrage this year, we can celebrate by electing Chris Crean as our state senator. It’s certainly time to choose the first woman to represent this area in the 390-year history of the Massachusetts Legislature! I’m voting for Christine Crean for State Senator, and I hope many others will join me!

RICHARD T. MOORE
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POSITIVELY SPEAKING
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people talk about “American Exceptionalism,” I believe we are talking about our optimistic spirit and positive belief in our future. I don’t believe we are smarter or better than other nations, but I am certain that it has always been our optimism in our future that has propelled us into world leadership. I believe the ultimate optimism is our history of faith that has created the foundation of our constitution and is woven tightly into the fabric of our nation.

Scripture speaks of Thomas and how his doubts brought a risen Jesus to his side to proclaim, “Blessed are those who believe but have not seen.”

Judge Amy Coney Barrett, by all accounts, lives the life of a faithful believer and again, it seems to offend some and threaten others. Within twenty-four hours, her faith has been dragged through the mud and her family criticized. I read an opinion commentator who said it was wrong for her to adopt two children with different skin pigmentation from Haiti, as it caused them some type of psychological damage. Another criticized her for not aborting a child with down-syndrome. Are there no limits? I’ll not comment on her political leanings, but I’ll fervently defend with deep admiration, this judge, and her family for not only practicing but living out their faith.

You can be an optimist and not like the President’s choice. You can be a positive person yet disagree with this nominee’s rulings from the bench, but optimistic people do not try to damage those with whom they disagree. Optimistic people enter debates believing something better will come because of the discussion. Positive people believe that others with differences of opinion can still work together for the betterment of our nation and world. An optimist will not throw bricks, damage

Can you influence your financial aid award?



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DARREN PARENT

Right now, the pandemic is causing chaos and uncertainty for colleges and students. But it won’t always be that way. And if you have children who will be heading off to school in the next few years, you’re probably thinking about more typical concerns – such as expenses. How will you pay for the high costs of higher education?

Most colleges do offer financial aid packages that can greatly help with these expenses. But it pays to know, well in advance, how financial aid works. And the key platform for determining much of your child’s financial aid is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In fact, if you have children starting college next year, now is the time to get going on the FAFSA, which became available Oct. 1 for the 2021-22 award year.

Filling out your FAFSA will provide you with what’s known as your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC calculation takes into account four separate areas: parent income, parent assets (excluding retirement funds, such as 401(k) plans and IRAs, home equity and small family businesses), student income and student assets. The EFC does not calculate the exact amount you must pay for college – rather, it’s an estimate, and the amount you pay can be below or above this number.

Nonetheless, the EFC is important in determining your financial aid package, and your actions can influence the results. Here are a few suggestions for future years:

Save money in your name – not your child’s. FAFSA will just consider up to 5.64 percent of a parent’s assets, compared to 20 percent of a student’s assets.

Be aware of how retirement plan contributions can affect aid. Many of your current assets, such as your retirement accounts, may be excluded from the EFC calculation. However, any voluntary contributions you make to your 401(k) or traditional IRA during the “base” year (the prior tax year) generally must be reported on the FAFSA and are counted as untaxed income; consequently, these contributions may have a similar effect on aid eligibility as taxable income. Mandatory contributions, such as those made by teachers to a state retirement system, are generally not reported on the FAFSA.

Avoid withdrawals from your 401(k) or traditional IRA. The money you take out from these accounts in the years you fill out the FAFSA, and the prior tax year, may count as taxable income in the financial aid calculations. If you really need the money, you may want to consult with your financial professional for alternatives.

Consider having children put earnings into a Roth IRA. Money from after-school or summer jobs your children put in a Roth IRA may not be included in EFC – plus, your kids will get a head start on a tax-advantaged retirement account. Keep in mind, though, that Roth IRA withdrawals could be considered as taxable income on the FAFSA if the account owner is younger than 59 ½, which will be the case for your children, or the account is less than five years old.

Not all these suggestions will be appropriate for everyone, but they’re worth thinking about. You might also want to consult with a college’s financial aid officer before you complete the FAFSA, as aid calculations can be complex. An investment of your time and effort early in the process may pay off when the aid packages are finally delivered.

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A good time to get outside



Photos Courtesy

Two nice Tautog taken aboard FishNet Charters this past Saturday.

The cool weather that we enjoyed last week is a sign of things to come before winter sets in. It is why I love New England so much. If you do not like the weather today, just wait a few weeks and sometimes, a few days, and it will be changing. The hot, muggy weather that we experienced a few weeks ago was hard on the elderly, but now that the fall weather is here, everyone can enjoy the outdoors. Hunting and fishing is being enjoyed by many more residents of Mass. since the pandemic started. Hunting and fishing equipment was flying off of the shelves since spring, and restocking of the equipment has not happened.

Guns and ammunition are almost impossible to purchase, with ammuni-



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tion being the hardest to get. Many target shooters are not practice shooting at ranges because of the shortage. It took a pandemic for some residents to find the outdoors, and their new activities.

People are also doing the basic things like spending more time with their family, and enjoying meals together. Many now realize what they have been missing all of their life! Having someone else raise their kids, is now being done by their parents. Being taught to respect others, as well as law enforcement, is something my parents taught us at a very young age.

Upstate New York's famous Salmon River exploded with action last week, according to Fat Nancy's Tackle shop in Pulaski. Rainbow trout, Big Brown



This could be you! Courtesy of Fat Nancy's Bait & Tackle Shop.

trout, Steelhead, Coho, and King salmon are all in the river at the same time. Sure wish I was there! Low water conditions still hampered the migration of fish, but this week rain was expected to hopefully increase the water in the river, making fishing even better, if that is possible.

The long hot summer did have its upside, as far as mosquitos and ticks are concerned. Sitting in the back yard early evenings was a lot more enjoyable without the constant humming of a swarm of mosquitos ready to suck your blood dry, for their evening meal. I have not found a single tick on my dogs this year, and they have spent some time in the woods. They still need their monthly dose of medications to avoid heart worm and Lyme disease.

Captain Mel True of "Fish Net Charters" "has been doing very well catching Tautog and Seabass after spending some time tied up to the

dock waiting for the seas to calm down after all of the tropical depressions passed. The fall fishing is heating up on all fronts and should provide anglers with some great fishing before winter sets in. This week's second picture shows a couple of Capt. Mel's clients with a couple of real nice Tautog taken last weekend.

By the time you read this column, Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife should be stocking trout in their annual spots that receive trout every year. If the predicted rain happens, they should start their fall trout stocking program this week.

Lake Quinsigamond in Shrewsbury received a large stocking of 12 inch Northern Pike recently by MFW. They sure do like to put all of their eggs in one basket.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

DIY Ideas that Capture Autumn's Brilliance

Few simple pleasures compare to the colorful show of a New England autumn. Why not capture that brilliance with projects that will recall crisp, fall days of yore? Read on for inspiration and instruction to spotlight the blazing color that comes but once a year.

Botanical Prints

Botanical prints are timeless and vintage examples command premium prices. Here in New England, we are surrounded by nature's foliage, which have natural dyes and just happen to make the most appealing botanical wall hangings. Here's how:

Materials: Pliable, colorful autumn leaves, the darker the better; parchment or rag paper (resume paper that is at least 25% rag content also works); absorbent paper towels, flat end hammer.

Directions: Clean off any dirt or debris from the leaf. Place one sheet of parchment or rag paper on a flat, clean and sturdy surface such as a workshop table or cutting board. Place leaf flat down on surface. Cover with a few layers of paper towels. Using even force, tap the entire area of the leaf (to gauge the area, outline the leaf with pen on the paper towel to use as a guide). This step helps to anchor the leaf to the paper. To release the leaf's natural dyes, go over the leaf surface again, hammering every inch of the leaf. When done, do the same working in the opposite direction. Don't be afraid to take a peek



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every once in a while to check your progress. When done, peel the leaf from the paper to expose the print!

To preserve the color of the print, spray with an acrylic protectant. Mat and frame individual prints, or create a collage of different leaves and colors!

Note: Brighter colored leaves such as Japanese Maples create the most vivid colors.

Autumn Luminaries

The most colorful and textural fall leaves are literally "in the spotlight" with this homemade luminary project. Use either a real or flameless candle to create a variety of different mood lighting.

Materials: Dried and pressed leaves (drying between weighted newspaper or paper towel pages results in leaves that are dry, yet pliable; Mod Podge (available at craft stores); canning jar.

Note: Lighter leaves allow for more illumination.

Instructions: Using a paintbrush coat the entire outside of the canning jar generously with Mod Podge. Do not coat the bottom of the jar of the rim area.

While jar is still wet, place leaves onto the jar and press in place. Brush over the leaves with another coat of Mod Podge.

Note: Keep in mind spacing leaves apart allows more light to shine through. Overlapping leaves collage style creates a denser jar and dimmer light.

Once leaves are placed, dab or stipple the Mod Podge in the clear spaces. This little extra effort will pay off when the light shines through and shows off the texture rather than brush strokes.

Allow to dry overnight, and then apply one last coat of Mod Podge. As a final touch, spray the outside surface of the jar with an acrylic finish. Again, allow to dry completely. To use, place a contained tea light candle or flameless candle inside the jar.

Foliage Garlands

Garlands strung across a mantle or doorways are popular autumn décor, but why buy faux foliage when you have the real thing right outside your door?

Note: If you are not using preserved leaves, this garland only gets better with age for as they dry, they curl up and take on a new look!

Materials: Colorful fall leaves (crimson and yellow Maple leaves are best); Mod Podge (available at craft stores); plastic straws; twine; hot glue or tape

Instructions: Choose flat, clean leaves. Dry by pressing until all moisture

is removed (press between weighted newspaper and paper towels). Carefully brush Mod Podge on each leaf. Note: Do one side at a time and allow to fully dry. Cut straws in half inch length. Attach a straw piece to back of each leaf with hot glue or strong tape. String each leaf on twine and hang!

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

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 KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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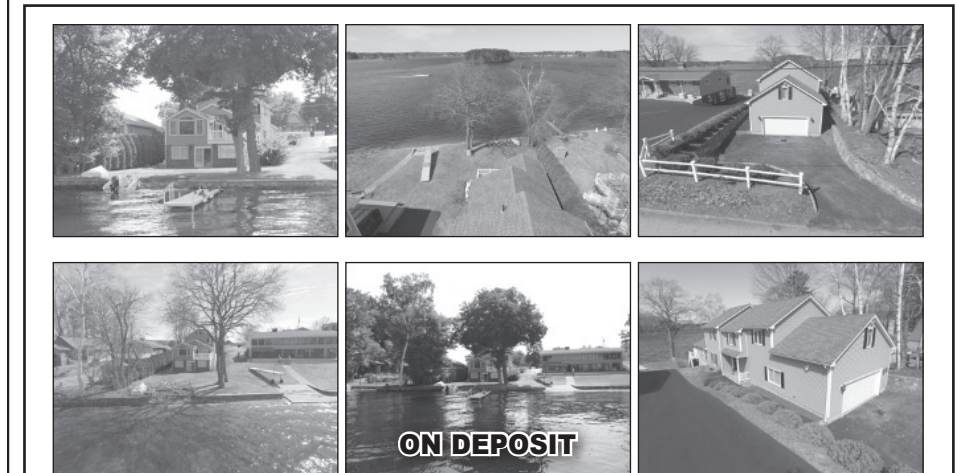


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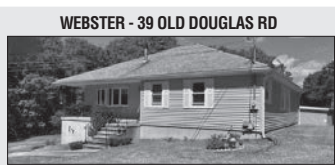
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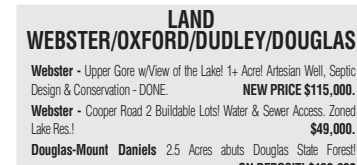
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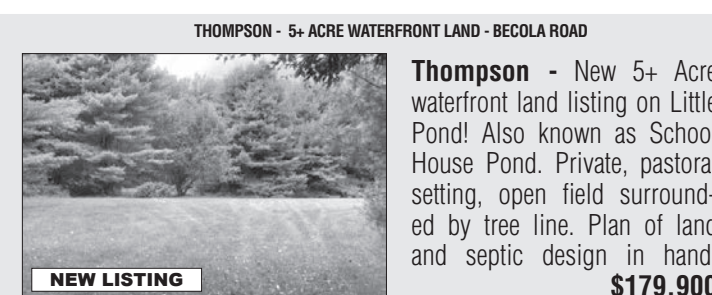
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other people’s property and physically harm others over ideological differences. When an optimist has a brick in hand, they build something positive and beautiful.

I am confident that rational people on both sides of the political debate can find common ground and return our nation from the brink. I believe in American Optimism. But let me assure you that believing in optimism is only half the battle. We must rise together and demand an end to the vitriol that’s tearing us apart. Both extreme sides will stand and point fingers at the other side, but I assure you, it is coming from the extremes on both sides. Those in the extremes will never admit fault, it’s going to take those of us in the middle who believe this nation and our values are worth saving, to rise up

without a brick in our hand and say enough is enough.

I believe it will be “American Optimism” that will save us. The silent majority of us in the middle must demand more and better from our elected officials. Write your representatives in all branches of government and on both sides of the aisle and tell them enough is enough. Right now, they are only hearing from the extreme pessimists on both sides, and as such, it is the vocal and negative minority that will drive us over the cliff unless we stop them.

I believe in “American Optimism.” I believe in the collective “us.”

What will you do today with your brick?

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11 1 and Chapter 173, Section 47 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, OCTOBER 8111, 2020 at 6:45P.M.** VIA ZOOM **Join Zoom Meeting: https://h:oom.us/j/95373980014?pwd=MEUSN0INUji4czkxRWhka-244VlhCUT09 Meeting ID: 953 7398 0014 Passcode: 597965 One tap mobile I-929-205-6099 US (New York)**

Applicant Edward Renaud Jr., 77 Kelly Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 has filed Two applications for Special Permits (13-SP-2020) Lot 2 Goldthwaite Rd and (I 4-SP-20) Lot 1 Goldthwaite Road, Whitinsville Ma. 01588, Pursuant article V, Section 173-12 Table of Use Regulations, in order for the applicant to build a duplex on each lot located on Goldthwaite Road. Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 7 as Parcel 69-lot 2 and Map 7 Parcel 70 lot 1 both are Residential-2 zoning district, and owned by Edward Renaud Jr.

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
September 25, 2020
October 2, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 48 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, OCTOBER 8TH, 2020 at 6:35P.M.** VIA ZOOM **Join Zoom Meeting: https://h:oom.us/j/95373980014?pwd=MEUSN0INUji4czkxRWhka-244VlhCUT09 Meeting ID: 953 7398 0014 Passcode: 597965 One tap mobile I-929-205-6099 US (New York)**

Applicant Scott & Catherine Casey, 41 Arthur Dr., Whitinsville, MA 01588 has filed an application for a Variance (12-V-2020) for front setback, pursuant to Article VI, Section 173-19 Table of Area Regulations, Note #7 in order for the applicant to install an above ground pool at the location of 41 Arthur Dr, Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 24A as Parcel 74 and is located in a Residential-4 zoning district, and is owned by Scott & Cathrine Casey.

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.

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TOWN OF DOUGLAS
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COLLECTOR OF TAXES
NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

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Cheryl J Vaidya, COLLECTOR OF TAXES

LIST OF PARCELS TO BE TAKEN

Owner of Record: AHRONIAN, KATHLEEN M
Subsequent Owner: KATHLEEN M AHRONIAN TR AHRONIAN FAMILY REALTY TRUST
Location: LAND located on SOUTHWEST MAI N ST
Containing: 7.74 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map: 257-3
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 60140-54
2020 RE TAX \$1,383.99
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: AHRONIAN, KATHLEEN M
Subsequent Owner: KATHLEEN M AHRONIAN TR AHRONIAN FAMILY REALTY TRUST
Location: LAND located on SOUTHWEST MAIN ST
Containing: 8.095 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map: 257-4
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 60140-53
2020 RE TAX \$1,407.96
PLUS INTEREST AND COST

Owner of Record: BERTHIAUME, BARRY P & BERTHIAUME, DEBORAH N
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 163 WEST ST
Containing: 2.390 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 145-33
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 7557-297
2020 RE TAX \$1,393.01
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: CARTER SR, ROBERT L ESTATE OF
Subsequent Owner: HIERS & DEVICES OF ROBERT L CARTER SR
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 9 EAGLE DRIVE
Containing: O ACRES BEING A CONDO, Assessor's Map 170-47-031
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 13724-169
2020 RE TAX \$663.25
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: CASTONGUAY, JUDITH ANNE & MICAHEL P TRUSTEES
LEO P CROTEAU TRUST
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 110 SOUTHEAST MAIN ST
Containing: 2.123 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map: 223-6
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 52898-198
2020 RE TAX \$1,016.28
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: COLONAIR, EVELYN M
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 8 WEST ST
Containing 0.553 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 163-44
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 24844-94
2020 RE TAX \$3,839.18
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: COPORALE, GARY & ST. GEORGE, DIANE
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 24 GILBOA ST
Containing 0.300 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 142-78
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 16127-266
2020 RE TAX \$3,869.25
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner or Record: HARINGA, WAYNE J & HARINGA, CHARLENE L
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 188 WALNUT ST
Containing 2.088 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 275-19
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 12418-124
2020 RE TAX \$952.34
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: HATFIELD LORI L
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 36 RICHIE RD
Containing: 0.230 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 284-107
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 48886-144
2020 RE TAX \$3,667.68
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: HUTNYAN EMIL M CARROLL KAREN ANN
LAND & BUILDING located at 5 MADDEN WAY
Containing: 0.459 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 170-72
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 43070-357
2020 RE TAX \$5,479.45
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: KING CRAIG M
Subsequent Owner: KING, ALISSA
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 14 NORTHWEST MAIN ST
Containing 1.070 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 198-40
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 59948-161
2020 RE TAX \$3,815.41
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: LEDUC, HENRI A & LEDUC, CYNTHIA A
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 100 MUMFORD ST
Containing 14.260 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 119-1
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 16244-209
2020 RE TAX \$1,986.78
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: MAJKUT, ANA LIFE ESTATE
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 16 ARCH ST
Containing 1.029 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 248-28
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 26635-391
2019 RE TAX \$66.50
2020 RE TAX \$64.52
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: MAWN HEATHER M
LAND located at CROSS ST in DOUGLAS, containing 15.190 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 135-6
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 26433-206
2020 RE TAX \$968.52
PLUS INTEREST AND COST

Owner of Record: MORRELL, RICAHRD LIFE ESTATE
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 100 NORTHWEST MAIN ST
Containing: 5.160 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 186-12
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 47227-305
2020 RE TAX \$2,014.34
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: OPPERWAL, JOANNE M
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 34 POTTER RD
Containing: 56.240 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 136-6
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 5707-186
2020 RE TAX \$1,258.52
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: PEMBROKE, MICHAEL D TRUSTEE
FAIRBANKS COURT LAND TRUST
Location: LAND located at 5 FAIRBANKS COURT
Containing: 2.570 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 245-8
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 59698-325
2020 RE TAX \$1,102.00
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: PERRY, JOHN W
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 362 SOUTHEAST MAIN ST
Containing: 3.521 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 268-2.1
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 45876-269
2020 RE TAX \$5,459.07
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: PHILLIPS, RICAHRD W
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 291-5 SOUTH ST
Containing: 0.117 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 288-24
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 12352-11
2020 RE TAX \$1,018.80
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: SMITH, JOEL A & JUDITH M
Subsequent Owner: JLT DEVELOPMENT LLC
Location: LAND located on MARTIN RD
Containing: 2.390 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 190-22
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 61596-107
2020 RE TAX \$661.69
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: TOLOCZKO, ANTHONY J
Location: LAND located at 32 GLEN ST
Containing: 6.310 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 188-6
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 6545-394
2020 RE TAX \$1,618.19
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: TOLOCZKO, ANTHONY J
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 36 GLEN ST
Containing: 9.099 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 188-7
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 12792-336
2020 RE TAX \$5,277.38
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: TURNER, DANIEL A & TURNER, NANCY
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 186 NORTHWEST MAIN ST
Containing: 2.010 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 174-22
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 54674-34
2020 RE TAX \$277.89
PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS

Owner of Record: WELLIVER, CHRISTOPHER S & WELLIVER, JENNIFER K.
Subsequent Owner: WELLIVER, CHRISTOPHER S
Location: LAND & BUILDING located at 74 LEDGESTONE RD
Containing: 3.00 ACRES, more or less
Assessor's Map 110-4
Recorded at Worcester Registry of Deeds - Book/Page 61113-382
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Respectfully Submitted By:
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