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Friday, July 31, 2020

Whitinsville Christian School celebrates Class of 2020





WCS musicians play during the ceremony.





Jessye VandenAkker

Darnell Worley and family.

WHITINSVILLE — On Friday, July 24, families gathered on the lower field of the WCS campus to watch their graduate

receive a diploma. The evening featured many familiar sights: friends congratulating each other, proud parents, enthusiastic faculty, smiling faces on the dais, and a stack of diplomas.

A few things were different of course. Each family was seated at their own table, complete with a tray of snacks and water bottles. Guests were limited but the audience was greater than 600 thanks to having the ceremony live-streamed by Emergency Productions, Inc. Chris Vander Baan, High School Principal, distributed diplomas by leaving them on a table to be picked up by each student, without his typical hearty handshake or hug.

'We are extremely thankful we were able to have a live graduation ceremony," said Vander Baan. "I was thrilled with the fact that 100 percent of the guests honored the guidelines we had in place. While this graduation ceremony was different and presented new

challenges, I am grateful our students and their families were honored and felt special. Our administrative team did an incredible job of making our outside venue feel cozy and safe. Families really appreciated the flowers and perennials which were gifts for them to take home.'

As with every graduation ceremony, the valedictorian and salutatorian each offered an address to their fellow students. Makenzie Gorman, valedictorian, challenged attendees to recognize the opportunities, rather than the adversity of current events. Jessye VandenAkker, salutatorian, gave thanks for the community of support during her time at WCS. Rick Lukianuk, Head of School, offered an opening prayer. Lance Engbers, recently retired Head of School, gave an oration urging students to see the world with two eyes – the eye of the mind and the eye of the heart.

'The class of 2020 was a very special group of young men and women with a wide range of diverse talents and gifts," said Vander Baan. "They honored our school, our Lord, and each other with their upbeat, positive, never complaining attitude. I am extremely confident the lessons they learned this past spring will help them in their life journeys in college."

Sutton officer bailed for

Local middle schools selected for grants



BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — The Sutton Police Department recently described the actions of Officer Matthew Pepin as "brave and selfless" after a situation involving a suicidal, armed male was diffused near Manchaug Lake.

According to a department statement, Sutton Police were contacted by a family member of a 72-year old Millbury resident who reported the man was suicidal and possibly armed with a firearm in the area of Manchaug Lake.

Sgt. Joseph Fortunato and Officer Matthew Pepin were immediately dispatched to the area of Manchaug Lake, according to reports, and began searching for the man's truck.

'They located the truck unoccupied, parked roadside near the lake. The hood was still warm," police said.

EMS and police K-9 were also summoned to the scene. As officers began searching the immediate vicinity, Officer Pepin located the distressed man lying down in some bushes adjacent to the roadway.

"Officer Pepin immediately observed the man was holding a firearm in his hand. The semi-automatic handgun was resting on the man's chest pointed at his head and his finger was on the trigger," the department released. "Without hesitation and with grave risk for his own and Sgt. Fortunato's safety, Officer Pepin swiftly converged on the man. He was able to successfully disarm the man and diffuse this dangerous situation."

The firearm was fully loaded with the safety off, according to reports. The department said in a statement that contrary to Officer Pepin's actions, he would have been "entirely warranted in backing away to a safe location, calling for additional resources and trying to resolve the situation alternatively."

He chose not to and we commend Officer Pepin for his quick thinking, brave and selfless actions.'

The man was not charged with any crimes and was transported by EMS to a nearby hospital for mental health crisis intervention, according to reports.

'We are extremely proud of Officer Pepin and believe his conduct exemplifies the body and spirit of Sutton Police. While incidents like this are not happening in Sutton every day, they are occurring all over the country and seem to receive very little media coverage," the department stated.

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REGION — Whitin Intermediate School in Uxbridge, Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School in Blackstone, and Stacy Middle School in Milford were recently selected among six schools across the Commonwealth to receive nearly \$600,000 for middle school career exploration programs.

The grants-totaling \$598,639—were awarded by the nonprofit group American Student Assistance (ASA) and mark the second year that the group will pro-

vide a round of grants in Massachusetts. The school communities will receive three-year grants and will implement the programs beginning in the 2020-2021 school year.

"ASA wants to expand opportunities for young people to explore a range of courses and career options, regardless of interruptions in the learning environment," said Jean Eddy, President and CEO. "We are thrilled to support Massachusetts schools and educators as they energize and inspire middle schoolers and help them chart paths for their futures."

The selected schools will implement curriculum and programs to help students make connections between their schoolwork and possible career interests, according to a press statement. Examples of initiatives include enhancing and expanding STEMSTEAM classes, developing partnerships with area businesses and chambers of commerce, and implementing handson learning experiences in fields such as automation, robotics, app creation, flight and space, and energy and the environment.

exploration is important for students because career discussions at this level help them better navigate their future to learn about lesser known careers, courses that are needed, and the outlook of the amount of jobs in a particular career by the time they graduate high school or college,² said Tonva Curt-Hoard. Principal of Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School in Blackstone. "This grant is allowing us to bring this career exploration opportunity to our students much sooner than we planned and has helped us to ensure it is

"Middle school career

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New Superintendent takes the reins in Douglas

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

DOUGLAS — Recently, the Douglas Public Schools welcomed a new face to the district—Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Vieira. And this year, starting his 27th year in education, Vieira is aiming to make Douglas a model district in the Commonwealth.

"I am student centered and I believe that all decisions should be made in the best interest of students," Dr. Vieira said. "Not only was this written as part of the mission statement [in Douglas], but I saw examples and still see examples of this on a regular basis. The values of the district align with my beliefs and that is important to me."

According to а statement from the School Committee, Dr. Vieira most recently served as the Assistant Superintendent Curriculum at the Ashland Public Schools. He earned his Doctor of Education Degree at Northeastern University and his Master's of Science in Secondary Education at Suffolk University; Dr. Vieira has also worked as a principal and a classroom teacher.

"In a few years, I want people to look at Douglas and call us and say how were you able to do all those amazing things, we want to come and learn from you," Dr. Vieira said. "I want to make certain that we establish a strong collaborative working relationship

with the Town...I also want to make sure that students are college and career ready when they graduate."

In the fall, Dr. Vieira said he plans to work on creating a Blueprint for Success, which will serve as a strategic plan for the district. Also, he added that he will make sure the district has a longrange and sustainable financial plan.

The town's previous Superintendent, Kevin Maines, retired after more than 35 years in education. Dr. Vieira said he started in his new role on July 1 and, so far, has described the sense of community throughout Douglas to be "very welcoming." He has met with several community members



Dr. Paul Vieira

and leaders, including the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Fire Chief, members of the Department of Public Works, the library, and more.

"People have been absolutely wonderful in Turn To VIEIRA page A6



BVT announces lunch and breakfast policy

UPTON — Blackstone Valley Tech has announced its policy for free and reduced-price lunch and breakfast for those students who are unable to pay the full price for meals and snacks under the National School Lunch & Breakfast Program.

Federal income guidelines for program, including housethe size and income criteria hold used to determine eligibility, are available on the school Web site.

Children from households that meet federal guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meal services. If you received a letter stating that your child(ren) are eligible for free meals via the direct certification process, you do NOT need to complete an application to receive free meal benefits.

If you need to complete an application, the district strongly encourages applying online at www.valleytech. schoollunchapp.com, which is environmentally friendly and fast, with results available within 24 to 48 hours. Please note that you only need to complete one application per household for all children who attend the same school district.

If you do not have access to a computer, you can arrange to pick up a paper application from the main office or business office. If you prefer to print a paper application, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/freereducedmeals. Please be aware that paper applications require up to five days to allow for mail delivery and manual processing. Households must answer all applicable questions as incomplete applications cannot be processed.

All meals served must meet the meal requirements as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If a child has been determined by a doctor to have a disability and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal (or alternate), BVT staff, in conjunction with doctor recommendations, will make substitutions at no extra charge. Please contact the school for further information if your child needs to make substitutions because of a disability.

The non-discrimination statement explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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BVT's application process for free and reduced-price school meals can be completed online atwww.valleytech.schoollunchapp.com with additional information available at www.valleytech.k12. ma.us/freereducedmeals.

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Valley Blackstone 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, Blackstone Valley Tech 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

www.valleyis tech.k12.ma.us.



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Lasell celebrates first-year students' academic achievements

NEWTON — Congratulations to the Lasell University students who completed their first year of studies.

Kaylie Gonya of Uxbridge

Kaylie Silva of Douglas

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Cornerstone Bank contributes to Worcester Together Fund

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank's Charitable Donations Committee is pleased to announce its recent donation of \$2,500 to the Worcester Together Fund. Once again, the Bank has provided support to assist those in our community impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The Worcester Together Fund is a partnership between the United Way of Central Massachusetts, the Greater Worcester Community Foundation, and the City of Worcester. The fund was created to address urgent needs resulting from the impact of the coronavirus public health crisis and will address immediate and long-term needs of the local To date, the Worcester Together Fund has provided over \$3 million in grants, focusing on areas of food and shelter, health, economic security, child nutrition, mental health, arts and culture, and enhancing operations to local non-profit organizations.

Worcester Together Fund, please visit www.unitedwaycm.org or www.greaterworcester.org, or by texting worcestercovid19 to 243725.

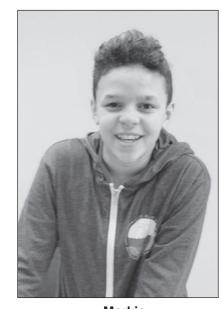
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Hi! My name is Markis and I enjoy Legos and origami! Markis is an intelligent boy of Cau

"The Worcester Together Fund has provided vital support to our local community during such an uncertain time," stated Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer and Chairman of the Bank's Charitable Donations Committee Todd M. Tallman. "We are pleased to give back to our community at a time when it's needed most."

For more information or to contribute to the

casian and African American descent. He is very active and loves to be praised and supported by adults. He is also a big fan of video games! When he is outside, Markis loves to ride his bike. He is also interested in drawing and break dancing. Markis is sweet, loving, and needs to feel supported to be successful. He does well in school and performs at his best with some supports in math and writing.

Freed for adoption, Markis will need a two-parent family to help balance his needs. This family will need to be comfortable with setting limits and creating structure. His thinking can be very concrete at times, and he will need things presented to him clearly

Markis Age 13

and concisely. Markis loves animals and would thrive in a home with pets. He should be the only child in his new home. Markis has eight siblings, one of which is a twin with whom he visits upon request, as well as another brother in a program whom he visits with as well.

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

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

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



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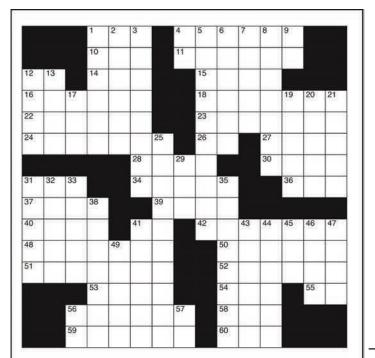
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Small Stones Festival of the Arts announces virtual art exhibit

GRAFTON — The 2020 Small Stones Festival of the Arts (SSFA) presents an online fine art and photography exhibit with a live opening ceremony slated for Oct. 23 to announce the winning artists. Three regional arts organizations -Apple Tree Arts, the Worcester County Camera Club and the Blackstone Valley Art

Association have collaborated to create a newly envisioned virtual fine art and photography exhibit and music program to comply with COVID-19 pandemic safety requirements.

The Festival's Art call opens Aug. 15 for submissions of artwork. Photography and all forms of two-dimensional artwork are welcomed, with a



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- 34. Frocks

CLUES DOWN

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- 2. Artist's tool
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 - 31. Arm bones
 - 32. Korean seafood dish

 - 33. Tap of the foot
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 - 38. Carolina footballer
 - 41. Indiana city
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maximum of three entries per artist. The Art Call will remain open until midnight of the day, 500 entries are received. All artwork meeting acceptance criteria will be displayed online. Visit https://smallstonesfestival.org/ to submit artwork.

A distinguished panel of jurors will select 144 works to appear in the printed exhibit catalog as well as select cash prize winners in photography and fine art categories. Awards will include first, second and third cash prize winners and juror's choice (six awards). A popular choice award for each category will be voted by viewers online. Cash awards are \$500 for first; \$250 for second; and \$100 for third place. The exhibit catalogue will be sold online.

Three independent jurors for each category will choose the award winners. The fine art painting and drawing category is juried by Jim Welu, former director and chief curator of Worcester Art Museum (WAM); Michael Graves, a nationally recognized plein-air artist and recipient of 85 awards; and Charlotte Wharton, a highly-accomplished portrait and landscape artist with more than 600 pieces of artwork displayed in collections. Photography category jurors include Nancy Burns, associate curator of prints, drawings and paintings of WAM; Ron Rosenstock, renowned nature and travel photographer, former Clark University instructor and published author of six books featuring his own photography; and Stephen DiRado, professor at Clark University with more than 40 years' experience in documentary photography, filmmaking and conceptual art.

Jurors Jim Welu and Ron Rosenstock will discuss their thoughts and perspectives about different specific Festival artwork in a Zoom presentation to be shared on the Festival's website in late October after the winning artists have been announced.

Donna Dufault and Scott Erb of Erb/Dufault Photography will present a workshop for artists about how to market and promote art via Zoom in late October. Details about the free seminar will be available at a later date.

Festival Chair Ken Crater of

the Worcester County Camera Club is working with a committee of seven to offer the community a virtual Festival featuring fine art, photography and music.

"Our organizing committee has put in a spectacular effort to re-vision the Festival within the constraints of the pandemic," Mr. Crater said.

"We are committed to continuing the work of bringing the artistic talent of our region to greater prominence, even under the current circumstances," he added.

The mission of the Small Stones Festival of the Arts is to elevate the practice and appreciation of fine art and photography in the Blackstone Valley and beyond. The Festival is now under the aegis of a new sponsor, Grafton Arts, Inc., a newly formed nonprofit organization.

Sponsorships are available to help support the Small Stones Festival of the Arts. Please contact Chair Ken Crater at ken@smallstonesfestival.org. For more information, visit https://smallstonesfestival.org.

Hofstra University congratulates Dean's List students

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Hofstra University congratulates the students named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean's List.

Katrina Holm of Northbridge Sophia of Masciarelli Northbridge

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y. that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). Our campus is a leafy

oasis just a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and professional opportunities. We offer small classes and personal attention, with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than undergraduate program 165options and 175 graduate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services, the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering

and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/ Northwell. Hofstra University is a dynamic community of 11,000 students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

Nichols to provide free COVID-19 testing as part of comprehensive return-to-campus plan

DUDLEY — In careful prepa-

ration for its return to campus

operations this fall, Nichols

College has committed to pro-

campus testing center under the

swab conducted in a designated cols for any positive test results, is the most effective way to protect our community and afford students the educational experience they value and expect.' Since more than 80 percent of Nichols students hail from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or Connecticut, the college also continues to monitor regional data on positive COVID-19 cases to inform ongoing plans to return to campus on Aug. 26.

- 50. Produce 51. Seedless raisin
- 54. Space station
 - 55. Note at the end of a letter
 - 56. In a way, contradicted
 - 58. Midway between northeast
 - and east

 - 59. Bears important traffic

- 12. Phonograph recording
- 13. Unusual
- 17. Popular average
- 19. A native or inhabitant of Asia 49. A way to intimidate
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- viding free regular COVID-19 testing for students, faculty, and staff. The testing is part of a com-

prehensive plan designed to help ensure the safety of the college community. Other initiatives include the incorporation of personal protection equipment, such as plexiglass shields and other modifications to classrooms and commons areas to promote social distancing, mask distribution, intensified cleaning protocols, and the responsibility for proper safety and hygiene expected of each community member.

Nichols has teamed up with the Broad Institute, a partnership of MIT and Harvard University, to supply test kits and process results. The tests will a self-administered nasal supervision of Nichols' health personnel. Resident students, student-athletes, and higher-risk individuals will be tested twice a week; commuter students, faculty, staff, and contracted employees will be tested once a week. Test results are expected within 24-48 hours. Protocols for self-isolation and contact tracing have been put in place.

Nichols is incurring the cost of \$25-\$30 per test for the estimated 350 tests per day. "The

continued health and safety of our college community is our primary concern," said Nichols College President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D. "Our plan, including a regular testing regime in combination with a range of universal safety practices, and proto-

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robust."

"Stacy Middle School intends to provide all students with equitable opportunities to explore their interests, talents, and different career pathways by providing experiential learning opportunities throughout their middle school career,' said Tahon Ross, Principal, Stacy Middle School in Milford. "Middle School career exploration is essential for Stacy Middle School's students because each student needs to be positioned for success as they transition into their secondary career and beyond, and develop 21st-century skills to compete globally. Partnership and funding from American Student Assistance will allow Stacy Middle School to implement a comprehensive career exploration approach."

The other three 2020ASA Massachusetts grant recipients include G.W. Mitchell Middle School & East Bridgewater Junior/Senior High in East Bridgewater, KIPP Academy in Boston and Lynn, and Morton Middle School, Talbot Middle School, Matthew Middle School in Fall River.

"Creating connections between all our schools while giving students authentic learning experiences is at the core of our strategic plan, and we realize the concurrent benefit for our community and our schools as a whole," added Dr. Frank Tiano, Superintendent of Uxbridge Public Schools. "We are grateful that these funds will enhance learning for our students and professionals and put industry-standard tools into their hands during these critical middle school years, and the aspiration and inspiration that will follow will no doubt support our students and families well beyond their time in Uxbridge Public Schools.'

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"The goal is to make sure we can get

kids and adults safely back into school,

in a safe manner," he said, adding that the district is examining three different

re-opening options-in-person, a hybrid

Dr. Vieira has been meeting with a

task force including teachers and com-

munity members for feedback, and said

he hopes to submit final plans and let

members of the community know these

model, or remote learning.

plans before Aug. 10.



Linda M. Bouley, 76



BELCHERTOWN-Linda M. (Lemieux) Bouley, 76, died Wednesday, July 22, after a short illness surrounded by loving friends. She leaves 11 cousins Del Moreau, Joanne Kisby, Pam Hoenig,

Harry Baszner, Sally Albin, Lillian Cathey, Diane Fournier, Paul Baszner, Peter Baszner, Barbara Evans, Donald Fournier. Special friends Dianna and Ray Thomas & their children, Maya, Teila & Ethan; Lynn Castonguay & John DelSignore.

Linda was born in Whitinsville, August 17, 1943, the daughter of Doria and Alma (Fournier) Lemieux. She grew up in Whitinsville and lived several years in Springfield before moving to Belchertown 35 years ago. She graduated from Northbridge High School in 1961, and from UMass in 1965.

Linda worked for Mutual Life in Springfield for 27 years, retiring in 1996 as Director of Product Services. Previously, she worked for John

Hancock in Boston in the Actuarial Division. For five years, she served as Chairman of the Insights of Western Mass Drug Treatment Agency Board.

Linda was an avid skier, hiker, long-distance biker and canoer for many years, and devoted countless hours to creating a family tree of over 2000 people, tracing ancestors to Canada, France & England.

She was an active member of the Northbridge High School Class of 1961 Reunion Committee for many years, and greatly enjoyed using her exceptional organizing skills to ensure a good time for classmates and friends.

Linda's Funeral Mass was Monday, July 27, in Saint Patrick's Church, Cross Street Whitinsville, followed by burial in Saint Patrick's Cemetery. There were no Calling Hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Dakin Humane Society, P.O. Box 6307, Springfield, MA, 01101. Arrangements are in the care of Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome. com

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the community. It has been an incredi-

bly warm welcome," he said.

However, taking over as Superintendent during the Covid-19 pandemic has presented its own unique challenges. Nationwide, school districts continue to develop re-opening plans for the fall, and Dr. Vieira said that he has worked for the past month on creating a blueprint for re-opening.



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

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, August 13, 2020 at 7:05P.M. at the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA applicant Cora Lane Group LLC, 55 North main Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569 has filed an application for a Special Perntit (08-SP-2020) pursuant to Article V, Section 173-12 Table of Use Regulations, in order for the applicant Demo the existing single family and construct a new single family dwelling at the location of 559 Hill Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 7 as Parcel 259 and is located in a Residential-I zoning district, and is owned by Virginia DeSelms of 559 Hill Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

The Applicant also has applied for a variance (07-V-20) for this property it has less than the required area with frontage as well as reducing the side lot set back from 25 feet to 15 feet. 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

School Town Hall Annex. 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA applicant Dennis Latour, 88 Linwood Ave, Whitinsville, MA 01588 has filed an application for a Special Permit (09-SP-2020) pursuant to Article V, Section 173-12 Table of Use Regulations, in order for the applicant to construct a Duplex dwelling at the location of Hudson Street, Lot #3, Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 21 as Parcel 99 and is located in a Residentia)-3 zoning district, and is owned by Hudson Street Realty LLC, 14 Wheeler Rd, Sutton, MA 01590

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 desfgnatc:d. 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 July 24, 2020 July 31, 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, August 13, 2020 at 6:35 P.M. at the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex. 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA to consider the application Ronald Mathieu 198 Oxford Ave, Dudley, MA 01571 for a Special Permit(04-SP-20) pursuant to Article X, Section 173-47 Special Permit, 173-12 Table of Use Regulations in order to renovate the building located at 2679 Providence road, Northbridge, MA 01534 that he has not been able to rent for commercial use and would like to renovate building into residential making it Two duplexes. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 19 as Parcel 70, is located in a Residential-2 zoning district and is owned by Ronald Mathieu. 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 nonnal business hours

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Thomas Hansson, Chairman Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals July 24, 2020

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LEGALS

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. WO20C0203CA CITATION ON PETITION TO **CHANGE NAME** In the matter of: Lacey Joy Atteridge A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Lacey Joy Atteridge

of Blackstone MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Lacey Joy Mbye

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purpos-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO20P1762EA Estate of: Elinor H Leland Date Of Death: 05/04/2020 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Andrea M Leland of Northborough MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Andrea M Leland of

Northborough MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. July 31, 2020

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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, August 13, 2020 at 6:50 P.M. at the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA applicant Degmar Realty LLC, 95 A Turnpike Rd., Westborough, MA 01581 has filed an app1ication for a Special Permit (05-SP-2020) pursuant to Article V, Section 173-12 Table of Use Regulations, in order for the applicant Demo the existing two family and construct a new two family with detached garage at the location of 34-36 Hope Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 23A as Parcel 147 and is located in a Residential-3 zoning district; also owned by Degmar Realty LLC.

The Applicant also has applied for a variance (06-V-20) for this property it has less than the required area as well as rear lot set back requirement.

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 July 24, 2020 July 31, 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, August 13, 2020 at 7:15P.M. at the Aldrich

Thomas Hansson, Chairman Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals July 24, 2020 July 31, 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, August 13, 2020 at 7:30P.M. at the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA applicant 342-350 Providence Rd, LLC, 6 Kerna Dr, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 has filed an application for a Special Permit (10-SP-2020) pursuant to Article V, Section 173-12 Table of Use Regulations, in order for the applicant to convert existing building into apartments (4) with addition for 4 more total 8 Apartment dwelling at the location of 342-350 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 24 as Parcel 104 and is located in a ResjdcntiaJ-4 zoning district and is owned by 342-350 Providence Road, LLC, 6 Kema Dr., Buzzards Bay, MA 02532.

es 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 08/25/2020. 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: July 14 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman **Register of Probate**

July 31, 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. WO20C0205CA CITATION ON PETITION TO **CHANGE NAME** In the matter of: **Clarissa I Nelson**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Clarissa I Nelson of Uxbridge MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Eileen Clarissa Metivier**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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> Stephanie K. Fattman **Register of Probate**

July 31, 2020

(SEAL)

TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS THE SUPERIOR COURT **Worcester Superior Court** 225 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01608 Docket No: 2085CV0495-D **ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Globe Street Management, LLC** Plaintiff VS. FHB Funding Corp. n/k/a Ehomecredit Corp Defendant

WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by Globe Street Management, LLC, wherein it is seeking

TO: Quiet Title in which plaintiff seeks to expunge the defendant's mortgage dated April 9, 1998, encumbering the title to the real estate at 1096 Main Street, Northbridge, Massachusetts which mortgage is recorded with the

Worcester South Registry of Deeds at Book 19821, Page 114.

We **COMMAND YOU** if you intend to make any defense, that on 08/31/2020 or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court named above, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence. Date Issued 07/13/2020 Clerk of Courts/Asst. Clerk Courtney Oros July 24, 2020 July 31, 2020 August 7, 2020

BLACKSTONE VALLEY TRIBUNE



Welcome to our 2nd Annual Summer Scramble!

We've decided to change it up for Summer and instead of a crossword puzzle, we've created a scramble. We hope you'll enjoy this challenging puzzle! Please find the answers (business names) on the ABC's of SUMMER page in this week's issue. We will unscramble for you and announce a winner of a \$25 Gift Card to an ABC Business in the August 21st issue.

Please mail to ABC's of Summer Scramble, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550 or take a pic and email to jsima@stonebridgepress.news by August 14.

Good luck!	
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Editorial

The darker the night, the brighter the stars

When we look up into the night sky, many of us are overcome with awe and wonder. It really does put into perspective just how small we are, as cliché as that sounds. Looking up, we have to wonder why all of humanity can't simply realize that what we are experiencing in life can happen just as well without violence and greed taking place all over the world, but alas here we are. A download of the app 'Star Chart' led us down a rabbit hole into astrology, with the focus being on the currently visible comet, Neowise. As a point of fact, Neowise was named after NASA's Near Earth Object Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer.

First, a comet for those that don't know exactly what it is, is described often as a 'dirty snowball'. There are billions of them in our solar system, however it's a rare occurrence when one passes by the Earth, close enough to see it. A comet is an icy, small solar system body that warms when passing the sun. When this happens, it begins to release gases. This produces a visible atmosphere and sometimes includes a Neowise, became closest to the tail. Earth on July 22, just 64 million miles away. According to NASA, once it's gone, the comet will not be visible to the Earth for another 6,800 years.

The comet was discovered by astronomers in March, when it was noticed 160 million miles from Earth. The comet is a three-mile-wide chunk of ice and dust, apparently on a 6,000-year loop around the solar system. Many astronomers are relaying that it is the most impressive looking comet since Hale-Bopp, that appeared in 1997. That comet, is on a 2.500 year loop. It was expected that Neowise would be visible until earlier this week; however, it may linger. When looking up to try to see the comet, look for the tail that has been described as 12 moons side by side. It is most visible at 10 p.m. according to the experts and binoculars will help for certain. The comet is located northwest, below the bottom left corner of the Big Dipper. Perhaps the best discovery is to retrieve the benefits of stargazing. Since the beginning of time, mankind has gazed up at the stars. Before science revealed what exactly was going on, yet still unknowing, the night sky offered those who looked upon it a sense of calm, and a chance to de-stress. In our current climate, stargazing could be just one more way to reduce anxiety. To note, the telescope was invented in 1608. It has been proven, that soaking up the night sky, and staring at thousands of stars can help clear the mind. Our ancestors once thought the moon was a God. Early art proves that man was just as intrigued by outer space as we are today. As we all know, mythology was born from space with the most famous gods being Chandra, Artemis, Thoth and Apollo. Thoth has been attributed to the invention of the 365day calendar and was known as a 'wise counselor who solved disputes.' The Hindus said that an eclipse was the result of Rahuthe snake, who swallowed the orbs, causing them to go dark. A full moon was used to explain those who acted out in insanity. Astrology is always fun if you believe in it. This pseudoscience goes back to the second millennium BCE, and was used to predict information based on the movement of what was going on in the solar system. The most famous astronomer, Galileo Galilei (born in 1564), once said, "It vexes me when they would constrain science by the authority of the Scriptures, and yet do not consider themselves bound to answer reason and experiment.'

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

Maxfield Parrish prints

Antique oil paintings by listed artists can sell for thousands or even millions of dollars. A 2011 Ezine article said a listed artist "means that an artist has attained a certain level of recognition in the art world." Auction results for listed artists can be found ANTIQUES, in "Davenport's Art Reference and Price COLLECTIBLES Guide" and in art databases on the web. On & ESTATES the other hand, prints by listed artists can be WAYNE TUISKULA produced by the thousands and don't bring

as much as paintings. Some can still sell for hundreds or thousands though.

Maxfield Parrish is an artist whose prints appeal to many current collectors. He was born Frederick Maxfield Parrish on July 25, 1870 in Philadelphia, Pa. Britannica's biography describes him as an "American illustrator and painter who was perhaps the most popular commercial artist in the United States in the first half of the 20th century." After attending Haverford College, Parrish studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the Drexel Institute of Art.

The National Museum of American Illustration in Newport, RI's website notes that Maxfield Parrish used a shade of blue similar to the color of Lapis lazuli in many of his works. They state, "his signature use of this color was so powerful that a certain cobalt blue became known as 'Parrish Blue.'" They consider Parrish "the most successful and bestknown American illustrator of the early part of the twentieth century." Parrish's art was incorporated into magazine ads, calendars, and posters, along with lithographed prints that were produced to be framed and displayed. In 1925, 25 percent of American households had a Maxfield Parrish print on their walls. According to the National Museum of American Illustration, Victor Vasarely, Andy Warhol and Norman Rockwell were influenced by Parrish. Rockwell even said that Parrish was his idol.

With so many Parrish prints printed throughout his career, collectors can find some that are quite affordable. A Maxfield Parrish "Daybreak" print sold for \$60 at a Pennsylvania auction house in June. His "Circes Palace" print was sold at a New Hampshire auction for \$50.



though and can bring much higher prices. An 1896 poster depicting three golfers for Harper's Weekly magazine sold for \$1,600 in 2016. A 1934 Mazda Edison 1934 calendar with a Maxfield Parrish "Moonlight" print and a 1922 calendar with an "Egypt" print each brought \$1,600 in 2013. A Ferry's Seed advertising print with Parrish's depiction of "Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" went for \$2,000 in 2013. Larger advertising pieces can bring significantly more. A GE Edison Mazda store display sold for \$5,000 earlier this year. A rare Fisk Tires poster faired even better, selling for \$5,500 in 2012.

When Parrish's original paintings turn up at auction, prices can go through the roof. His "Autumn Woods" panel on wood went for \$300,000 in 2016. "The Knave" oil on board sold for \$600,000 in 2017. An oil on canvas of "Jason and His Teacher" brought \$850,000 in 2015. After selling that "Parrish blue" painting, the consignor could have painted the town red.

We will be auctioning the largest collection of Maxfield Parrish prints that we have ever handled in our upcoming Warren, RI online estate auction. We are also planning other sales during the summer and fall. Please keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for updates.

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@

How can you help lower your longevity risk?



The investment world contains different types of risk. Your stocks or stock-based mutual funds could lose value during periods of market volatility. The price of your bonds or bond funds could also decline, if new bonds are issued at higher interest rates. But have you ever thought about longevity risk?

Insurance companies and pension funds view longevity risk as the risk they incur when their assumptions about life expectancies and mortality rates are incorrect, leading to higher payout levels. But for you, as an individual investor, longevity risk is less technical and more emotional: it's the risk of outliving your money.

To assess your own longevity risk, you'll first want to make an educated guess about your life span, based on your health and family history. Plus, you've got some statistics to consider: Women who turned 65 in April of this year can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for men, the corresponding figure is 84, according to the Social Security Administration.

Once you have a reasonable estimate of the number of years that lie ahead, you'll want to take steps to reduce your longevity risk. For starters, try to build your financial resources as much as possible, because the greater your level of assets, the lower the risk of outliving them. So, during your working years, keep contributing to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Then, as you near retirement, you will need to do some planning. Specifically, you will need to compare your essential living expenses – mortgage/rent, utilities, food, clothing, etc. - with the amount of income you'll get from guaranteed sources, such as Social Security or pensions. You do have some flexibility with this guaranteed income pool. For example, you can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly checks will then be reduced by about 30 percent from what you'd receive if you waited until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. You might also consider other investments that can provide you with a steady income stream. A financial professional can help you choose the income-producing investments that are appropriate for your needs and that fit well with the rest of your portfolio. After you've determined that your guaranteed income will be sufficient to meet your essential living expenses, have you eliminated longevity risk? Not necessarily – because "essential" expenses don't include unexpected costs, of which there may be many, such as costly home maintenance, auto repairs and so on. And during your retirement years, you'll always need to be aware of health care costs. If you have to dip into your guaranteed income sources to pay for these types of bills, you might increase the risk of outliving your money. To avoid this scenario, you may want to establish a separate fund, possibly containing at least a year's worth of living expenses, with the money held in cash or cash equivalents. This money won't grow much, if at all, but it will be there for you when you need it. With careful planning, adequate guaranteed income, a sufficient emergency fund and enough other investments to handle nonessential costs, you'll be doing what you can to reduce your own longevity risk. And that may lead to a more enjoyable retirement. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Darren Parent, your local Edward Jones Advisor at 5 Albert St., Auburn, MA 01501 Tel: 508-832-5385 or Darren.parent@ edwardjones.com.

Another one to remember, courtesy of author Richelle E. Goodrich, is "Sometimes while gazing at the night's sky, I imagine stars looking down making wishes on the brightest of us." Some Parrish prints are harder to find

Healthy plants,

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but no tomatoes?

No fruit on your tomato plants is likely due to the weather. Tomatoes thrive in warm, sunny conditions, but temperature extremes can prevent otherwise healthy plants from setting fruit.

When daytime temperatures rise above 90 degrees and night tem-

peratures remain above 70 degrees, blossom drop, and poor fruit development can occur. Combine this with low humidity and the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky and doesn't move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination the flowers won't be fertilized and fruit will not develop.

Cool weather can also hinder fruiting. Night temperatures below the optimum of 59 to 68 degrees reduce the amount and viability of pollen the plant produces.

The simplest solution is to wait for the temperatures and humidity levels to return to those tomatoes need for pollination and fruit formation to occur. Once this happens, the plants will begin producing fruit.

When hot weather arrives, make sure the plants receive ample moisture. Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic matter to keep roots cool and moist. Consider providing a bit of cool afternoon shade during hot spells.

Some gardeners enlist the help of blossom set hormone spray when conditions are not favorable for pollination and fruit formation. These hormones won't increase productivity but may help plants set fruit when temperatures are not ideal. These products are most effective when temperatures drop below 60 degrees Fahrenheit. They are less effective at initiating fruit set when temperatures rise over 80 degrees.

Don't let cooler summer temperatures greatly reduce your tomato harvest. Consider pinching off the growing tips of indeterminate tomatoes a

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time to mature. When frost is in the forecast, harvest green tomatoes to finish ripening indoors.

Pick any tomatoes that are starting to show color before the killing frost and finish ripening them indoors. Harvest tomatoes when the blossom end turns a greenish white or starts to color up. Store the tomatoes in a cool 60- to 65-degree location to extend their storage life. And don't let those green tomatoes go to waste. Fry them or use them in salsa and relish. You'll find lots of delicious green tomato recipes online or from friends.

Extend the growing and harvesting season with the help of floating row covers or other season extending strategies. These products protect plants from cold temperatures, allowing you to harvest weeks after the first fall frost.

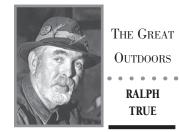
If poor fruiting is a yearly problem in your garden, look for tomato varieties better suited to your growing conditions. Next season look for recommendations from your local University extension service. They can help you select the best heat or cold tolerant varieties and those that best fit your gardening style and cooking needs.

With the proper selection and care you will enjoy an abundant harvest in spite of less-than-ideal weather conditions.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD seriesand the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers. com.

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On the doorstep of deer season



Aug. 1 is the start of the antlerless deer permit lottery in Massachusetts for 2020! You must have applied for the zone of your choice prior to July 16, to be eligible to participate in the drawing. The sale of surplus antlerless deer permits in numerous zones, will be held at a date to be announced. The deer herd in Mass. is huge and continues to grow despite hunter's efforts to harvest them in many zones. Every year, the annual harvest of deer grows , with archers surpassing the shotgun harvest last year. Unfortunately, there are no legislators willing to step up to support the crossbow bill, which is long overdue. Many states now allow any hunter to use a crossbow for hunting.

Fishing last week outside of the West wall at Galilee RI. Provided a lot of action on seabass and fluke but there were many shorts of both species. We did manage to catch some keeper fluke and seabass because we took the time to catch some fresh bait prior to launching the boat. I purchased a 12-foot sein (Net) many years ago

from Cabela's, and it has held up very good over the years. The net had allowed this writer to catch Mummies, sandeels and silversides for live bait. Unfortunately, bait shops cannot sell the above-mentioned baits, even though they have a license to sell shiners.

The live bait is placed in my live well on the boat, which keeps the bait lively and fresh. Placing a mummy on the hook of a fluke rig with a spinner can prove to be deadly when trying to catch bottom fish like fluke and seabass! This past week, I tried jigging with a six-ounce jig with a single hook. The hook normally has some red or green bucktail attached to it, but was not attached to this particular jig. Placing a piece of squid and a live mummy on the hook, and dropping it to the bottom was the right combination last week for catching fish.

Keeping you fresh bait in a cooler away from the hot sun needs to be practiced on any fishing trip. Too often, I have watched anglers cut up bait and leave it in the hot sun. You would not do it to your steak, so why would you do it to the bait that you are fishing with. Another mistake many anglers do while fishing is to fish with the same piece of bait for an hour or two. Bait gets washed out, and although it may look good to you, it does not look good to the fish, and has very little scent. Fishing more than five minutes without a bite should have the angler reeling in to change the bait.

This week's picture shows a 450-pound bluefin tuna taken aboard the charter boat Fireescape Charters out of Plymouth last week. The fish is normally sold to the Japanese for good money, but tuna prices are down, so the Captain cut it up for his customers. The Charter boats normally sell the fish, and give the clients a free fishing trip.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold a double event this Sunday, Aug. 2 at their club grounds off of West Street. A 3-D archery shoot will start at 7 a.m. It is a fun shoot and the public is invited to attend. A small fee will be charged for participation in the archery shoot. Come and enjoy the great outdoors. The club owns more than 100 acres of open space that will be open for the one-day event. The archery shoot will have a state-of-theart course set up using life size targets of deer, moose, elk, rabbits, turkeys, etc.! The archery course is rated as one of the best in the state.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will also hold an old fashion Chicken BBQ this Sunday, Aug. 2, with serving scheduled to start at 2 p.m. at the club grounds off of West Street. The chickens will be barbecued over hot coals and seasoned & cooked to perfection by members of the club. Tickets are



\$10 each. There is a limited amount of tickets available at the club, the day of the event. Social distancing and wearing of masks are recommended. The Pavilion has been washed and sanitized for the event. Come and enjoy the day with friends and family. BYOB!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

A Mixed Bag of Tips

Sometimes I end up with "stray hints" that have nowhere to go. There wasn't space enough for them in a column; perhaps they don't fit into a topic; or maybe they are old hints I think bear repeating. Every once in a while enough

have accumulated to make up a column. With this in mind the following "mixed bag" of tips are offered. Read on for some common sense ideas that really do help reduce some of the little everyday hassles in life!

Whipping up a rich dessert and you're out of heavy cream? Save yourself a trip to the store. Light cream will whip up perfectly with the addition of an egg white or two.

Here's a believe it or not cocktail tip: If your alcoholic drink is too strong and there's no room in the glass for any more mixer, you can float one or two thin slices of cucumber on the surface. The cucumber will help to absorb

some of the harsh taste. Floating long slivers of cucumber in a punch bowl will mellow punch in the same way.

To keep the crazy glue top from gluing itself forever shut, put a liberal coating of petroleum jelly on the threads of the screw cap.

Or, if you have a refrigerator door gasket that doesn't quite seal, a coat of petroleum jelly can often coax it to shut tight.

Learning to say goodbye

Arlene and I built our dream home twenty-six years ago. We put every bit of emotion and money into our dream. We even gave it a name, FoxMoore Farm. We finished raising our kids and enjoyed twenty-five Thanksgiving's and Christmas's in this home that is way too big and sits on forty acres. Our youthful enthusiasm took over. Back in my entrepreneur/CEO days, I definitely lived by the saying, "Go big or go home!" Yeah ... we over did it.

It's been for sale for over five years and we were surprised to get an offer yesterday. Our home has been sold and we have fifty-five days to figure out what to do. Selling a home this large wasn't easy, and quite frankly, the investment was a financial disaster, but we enjoyed every

minute of the time we lived here. It's an odd and unsettling ing farewell to this beautiful place. I'm optimistic about our future and know it's in our best interest to downsize ... but saying goodbye is never easy.

Optimism will carry us through this transition.

So, we are off on a journey. The next phase of our lives is before us and I'm positively anticipating happiness and joy. To look forward to anything else is a waste of time. Instead, we choose to look at it as a new adventure ... an opportunity for exciting change and exploring new ways to live and how to reinvent our lives. The anticipation is a fun-filled life with less pressure.

Sure, as I said, the sadness of leaving a place where our kids were raised and our grandchildren love to visit is hard ... it's natural. We

can dwell on that and be Positively sad or we can focus on SPEAKING the stimulating opportunity ahead and find happi-



Here's a refreshing tea you can tlavor with fresh garden mint!

Lime Mint Iced Tea:

To do: Mix four (regular Lipton type) tea bags, one quarter cup sugar and about a cup and a half of fresh mint leaves in a quart of boiling water. Allow to steep for 15 minutes. Strain out tea bags and leaves. Chill and add a quarter cup of lime juice. Serves 4.

Dust Bunnies run for their lives when you make your own dusting oil that rivals commercial brands. Just mix three parts light mineral oil with one part corn oil. Then add a drop of lemon or clove oil for a pleasant scent. Put this on your dust mop or dust rag and store in a plastic bag. When the mop or rag becomes dirty, simply wash in warm water and reapply.

Did vou ever notice the underside of a doormat always collects dirt? To make clean-up easier, fold a few newspapers to form a pad and place it under the mat to catch the dirt.

DIY tip: One of the secrets to getting a strong glue joint is to spread the glue evenly before joining surfaces. Application sticks don't always do the trick, but if you peel away the foam on the outside of disposable paint brush you'll find inside the perfect plastic glue spreader. And best of all, it's washable and reusable!

Here's another workshop tip: Trying to remove nails from a sheetrock wall can cause damage to the wall surface. To prevent it, just slip a wide putty knife behind the hammer before you start pulling!

Want to duplicate the fluffy omelets you find in the best restaurants? Simply add a pinch of powdered sugar or cornstarch to the egg mix before cooking.

To grate mozzarella and other soft cheeses without making a melted mess, iust pop the cheese in the freezer for 20 minutes before grating to firm it up.

If your cookie recipe calls for raisins, you can plump them up (and boost the flavor) by rinsing them in a colander. Then hold them over boiling water for about five minutes.

You have a recipe for cake flour, but you only have all purpose flour on hand? Take your all purpose flour and sift it f about five times - now you have cake flour!

And, coat those stubborn vacuum cleaner wand attachments with petroleum jelly for quick and easy removal.

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!

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, 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol. $M\!A$ *Hints are entered into a drawing* com. for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

eeling. This is the longest I've ever lived in one place. Our kids are now adults. They are grown and gone. I'm fighting a life-threatening illness. The vastness

of the acreage has become a burden, so this is the best news we could have received ... yet there is also a sadness hovering over us. The home we dreamt of, designed, and built will be home to someone new. I realize that a building is only a home when filled with the love and joy of a family. Our family has moved on, so it's time we do the same.

Like I said, our kids are grown, and my grandkids are in California. There was no reason for Arlene and me to hold on to this building with all the expense and work that accompanies it. Common sense is clear. It's time to move on, but the emotion blurs the vision. Our home will soon belong to others we don't know. Strangers will walk the halls and enjoy the rooms we built. There is a sadness I am unable to shake. Time stands still for none of us. Life changes and we must adjust with optimism.

Moving on is part of life. We are say-



ness and joy. Like almost everything in life, it is a choice. We choose the optimism of opportunity.

When change comes into your life, and it will, how will you choose to respond? Will you resist? Will you be angry or sad? Will you let the change negatively dominate your life, or will you choose the optimism of the opportunity and look at it as an exciting new journey? An optimistic life is a life filled with hope and happiness. The optimist always believes the best is yet to come. With that belief, the optimistic mind goes to work to make it so.

We are enthusiastically embarking on our journey! It's a choice we make, and we will always choose optimism. Will you join us?

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- Get out there, Participate 2.
- Build a community network 3.
- 4. Assist those who need extra care
- 5. Keep promises, Try your best to keep your word
- Manage confrontations, If a 6. problem should arise try your best to handle it tactfully
- 7. Pool resources. Sharing resources can save money and build a sense of community
- 8. Be a neighbors' eyes and ears, just keeping an eye out for your neighbors can be a help.
- 9. Organize a community project, neighbors worked together for the community's greater good
- 10. Act responsibly, When neighbors have good boundaries, are respectful and considerate, and offer assistance to one another, it creates a lot of good will and trust and long-term, close relationships can grow,

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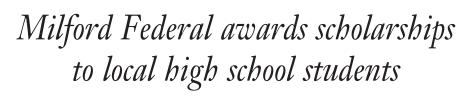
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Sorry to say that all our June trips are canceled, we will be researching to see if they can be rescheduled in the future.

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MILFORD — Milford Federal Bank has awarded several scholarships to local high school graduates towards expenses in furthering their education.

"Milford Federal Bank is pleased to help each student pursue their dream of higher education," said Paul Gilbody, President and CEO of Milford Federal Bank. "As a community bank, we are committed to supporting the communities we serve. An investment in education is an investment in the future, and these bright students are the future of their communities."

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Christian School: Hadley Koeman. attending Calvin University and Camily De Oliveira Sena of Douglas High School.

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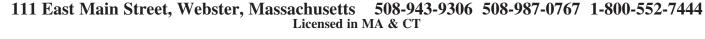
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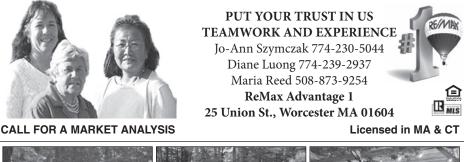
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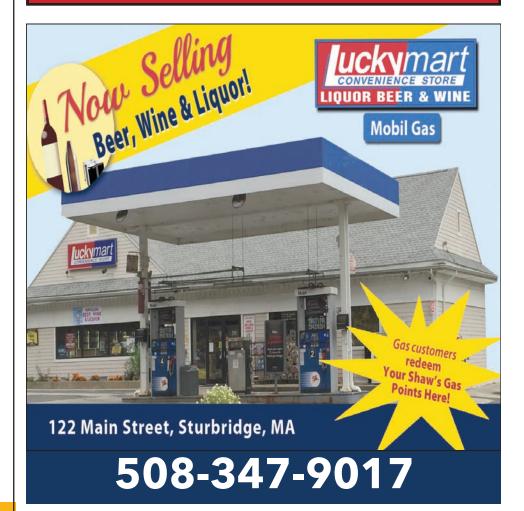
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