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Man accused of burying dog alive free on bail



Courtesy Justice for Chico Facebook page

Chico was an 18-year-old Shih Tzu who was buried alive



Courtesy of Northbridge Police Department

Richard Piquard, age 24, was arrested and charged with one count of animal cruelty.

A 24-year-old Whitinsville man accused of burying his 18-year-old dog alive is free after posting a \$1,000 cash bail.

Richard Piquard was arraigned recently on an animal cruelty charge for allegedly burying the Shih Tzu named Chico alive in his backyard, which later resulted in the animal being euthanized.

A police department press release states that Northbridge Police received a call from a female party who reported finding a dog buried alive. The dog was brought to Tufts Veterinary Hospital in Grafton for medical care and had to be euthanized.

As a result of the investigation, police arrested Piquard, who was charged with one count of cruelty to animal.

In posts to a social media page, "Justice for Chico," it is stated that Chico was found alive Sunday in a shallow grave by Kaylee Belanger and her fiancé Alex Borden.

Belanger wrote an extensive public Facebook post in which she says Piquard, a family friend, sent her messages saying the dog had passed away

overnight after he had recently acquired a new kitten.

"Obviously suspicious given the conversations the night before I began asking what happened," she wrote, adding that Piquard said when he woke up, Chico was no longer breathing and that he buried him in the woods behind his house, marked by a stone.

"After lots of arguing he finally agreed to let me go dig up the body while he wasn't home, to have him cremated," she wrote.

Belanger ultimately found Chico after nearly 45 minutes of searching.

"I continued to move the dirt when we noticed fur. We uncovered a portion of Chico's head. Only to realize that the rock was on top of him. I lifted the rock and there he was. Took a step back to grab the blanket when my fiancé shouted, 'He's breathing!!' And he was. He was alive."

Chico was rushed to the hospital but ultimately,

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Soter, Malone win primary races for 8th Worcester District

BY KIM PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

With incumbent State Rep. Kevin Kuros not running for re-election in the 8th Worcester District, four candidates vied for a chance at the seat during the Democratic and Republican primary races on Sept. 4.

When the results tallied, Republican Michael Soter will be running against Democrat Patrick Malone in November's election for the district, which includes the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Millville, and Uxbridge.

In the Republican primary, Ryan Chamberland contended against Michael Soter, chairman of the Bellingham Board of Selectmen; Soter has served as the board's chairman for the past three years. In Uxbridge, Soter received 403 votes to Chamberland's 551, however, Soter's overwhelming victory in Bellingham pushed him to triumph.

"To all my supporters that came out I'm truly honored. We are ready to move on to Nov. 6," Soter said in a social media post after his victory, adding that he feels it is time for a representative with a new vision for the district to take the reins. Soter also thanked his opponent Chamberland, saying the two will team up together to move the district in the right direction in November.

"We all know campaigns are tough. However, Ryan and I along with many folks have worked together for many years and are friends. As I said to

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Uxbridge Library setting long range future goals

BY KIM PALMUCCI
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The Uxbridge Free Public Library has announced that it went live on Saturday, Sept. 1, with a survey to gather community insight into the future of the library and is seeking input for long range plans.

"We'd like everyone who has an opinion about what a library should be to take the survey so that we can make each part of our program the very best that it can be," said Deb Hinkle, library director.

The survey is available online at www.uxbridgelibrary.org and is an integral component of the long range plan effort now under way at the Uxbridge Library. One may also take the survey in person at the Uxbridge Library or Uxbridge Senior Center during the month of September. The process is completely anonymous, so there is no way to tie a survey answer to an individual.

"We hope people will be brutally honest if they feel there is something we need to know," added Hinkle.

A comprehensive Long Range Plan provides a blueprint for the staff and Trustees of the Library to

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Courtesy photo from Barbara Hall

Uxbridge Library is a vital part of the town

West Nile virus found in mosquitos in Northbridge

BY KIM PALMUCCI
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West Nile Virus has been confirmed in several mosquito collection sites in Northbridge during the months of July, August, and September, according to the town's Board of Health.

Originally reported at the end of July, and again in August and September, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Central Mass Mosquito Control Project notified the Northbridge Board of Health that mosquitoes collected from four sites in town tested positive for West Nile Virus.

The Department of Public Health also reports that four additional human cases of West Nile Virus were confirmed recently, bringing the total num-

ber of human cases in Massachusetts to nine in 2018. An alpaca in Milford and a horse in Worcester were also diagnosed with the virus.

The Northbridge Board of Health coordinated with the Mosquito Control Project and spraying was done in the designated areas of concern to mitigate the threat of the virus. No precautions are needed after the application as all residues will have evaporated. Residents with gardens are advised to wash off vegetables before consuming them.

According to the state's mosquito control and spraying fact sheet, the risk of West Nile virus infection and disease can be decreased by reducing individuals' exposure to mosquitoes and by

taking special precautions during periods of higher risk of infection. A comprehensive mosquito control program includes regular testing of mosquitoes for the virus, education of the public on what steps can be taken to prevent mosquitoes from breeding and how to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes, and elimination of potential breeding sites by emptying water from containers such as garbage cans, flower pots, birdbaths, and discarded auto tires.

In addition to the aforementioned items, the control program also includes the application of chemicals or bacterial products—larvicides—to mosquito breeding areas to kill or inhibit

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Clothing Swap held at local church

BY KIM PALMUCCI
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The first annual clothing swap of the season was hosted at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church in Whitinsville on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Organizer Christine Beauchaine said she started the event in 2013, envisioning it as a fellowship opportunity for women at the church, and since then, it has expanded into a celebration of community.

"The clothing swap is a good way to clean out your closet or to supplement your clothing budget. Most people do both, coming in with donations and leaving

with items which are new to them," she said. "Many people attend every single time, although there were also many new faces at the last one."

The swap calls for donations of gently used men's, women's, and children's clothing, shoes, and accessories; attendees do not have to donate to take something home, and don't have to take anything home in order to donate.

"We get some amazing donations including brand name items with tags. People are very generous,"

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Photo Courtesy of Christine Beauchaine

A variety of clothing available during the recent clothing swap



Courtesy photo

Drop 'em in!

Whitin Community Center launches fundraiser

RAISING FUNDS FOR ALL ABILITIES COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND

The Whitin Community Center is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser from September 24th- November 23rd to raise funds for the Community Playground Project. The WCC will earn funds based on the total weight of the pairs of gently worn, used and new shoes collected. Those dollars will benefit the WCC's Community Playground Project. Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used and new shoes in the WCC's Lobby.

All donated shoes will then be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of micro-enterprise (small business) partners. Funds2Orgs works with micro-entrepreneurs to help them create, maintain and grow small businesses in developing countries where economic opportunity and jobs are limited. Proceeds from the sales of the shoes collected in shoe drive fundraisers are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepre-

neur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Sarah Lawson, director of marketing & events. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets that could be donated, I know I personally do. By doing so, we raise money for our Community Playground Project, and we have the chance to help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. It's a win-win for everyone."

The WCC's Community Playground Project will encourage everyone to

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BLACKSTONE BRIEFS

CULTURAL FAIR

At A Touch of Magic, 195 South Main St., Uxbridge, 3-6 p.m. Saturday Sept. 29. Bring a dish to share, enjoy local music, and meet new people from diverse cultures! Free event.

YARD SALE

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church located at 305 Goldthwaite Road in Whitinsville announces its first Yard Sale for Missions on Saturday, Sept. 29. Yard Sale will begin at 8 am and go till 1 pm. Please consider stopping by to see all the great deals!

CRAFT VENDORS WANTED

Grace Ministries Harvest Fair, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 90 Bryn Mawr Ave., Auburn has outdoor spaces available for their fall fair on Saturday Nov. 3. An approximate 10x10 lawn space is \$35. Questions and a verbal commitment may be made to Judy Sampson at jas2155@charter.net or 508-987-5969. Verbal commitment is needed by Oct. 8 to hold a spot. Financial commitment is payable by Nov. 2.

CLASS REUNION

On October 6 the Uxbridge High School Class of 1973 is gathering at Willowbrook Restaurant in Mendon at 7 p.m. for dinner buffet: \$30

OPEN HOUSE

Blackstone Valley Gardeners Open House October 11. BVG will be hosting an open house in conjunction with cele-

brating the 25th anniversary of the club. Our guest speaker will be Jeff Doherty the owner of Angel's Hilltop Garden Center in Hopkinton. Jeff returns to guide us through the basics of assembling a stunning autumn container. His creations are gorgeous and a lucky few will be taking one home. The gathering takes place at 7pm at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave, Whitinsville. Parking and the entrance are in the rear of the building. See our website for further details at BVGardeners.com. Come see what the club is doing!

INTREPID READERS

The next meeting of the Douglas Library book group, The Intrepid Readers, will be discussing Dorothy Wickenden's Nothing Daunted on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30 P.M. A true story of Wickenden's grandmother and her grandmother's best friend who left their affluent East Coast lives to "rough it" as teachers in the wilds of Colorado in 1916. Call the Library 508-476-2695 for a copy of the book. New members always welcome. Homemade refreshments, inspired by the title being discussed, will be served.

FALL FOLIAGE TRIP

Join the Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center for a fall foliage trip and enjoy a bit of history! On Oct. 10 we will take a ride to Portland, ME and ride the narrow gauge RR there and enjoy the

museum. There are very few narrow gauge railways left.

The lunch is at the Clambake Restaurant in Scarborough, ME with choices of baked haddock, baked stuffed chicken breast, or fried clam strips. We will have lunch first, then ride the RR in the afternoon. The track runs right along the ocean in Casco Bay! Talk about ocean view driving! There is also a very interesting museum with a couple of historic rail cars and a caboose as well as much history of the RR that we will have time to explore. Jump on the train while you have a chance! Who knows how long something from the 1800's will still be in existence? Now is your chance! Enjoy the foliage on the ride to ME. and a fun day out on a historic railroad! Leaves Whitinsville Walmart at 8AM, Westboro Stop and Shop, 32 Lyman St. 8:45AM, returns around 6:30. \$64. includes the bus, the tour & museum, the meal and all gratuities. Please include name, address, phone # (cell and home) and MEAL CHOICE. Call Sue for more information: 508-476-5820

CONCERT

The United Presbyterian Church in Whitinsville will present a piano recital featuring our Music Director Chris Bilodeau, and Matthew Guerrieri on Oct. 14 in the church sanctuary at 51 Cottage St. The program will feature works by J. S. Bach, Judith Weir, Matthew Guerrieri, Arthur Marshall, Sir Roland Hanna, Peter Gabriel, The Who, and Christopher Cross. Katrina Ireland-Bilodeau will favor us with a song by Aretha Franklin and a piece from the opera Suzanna by Floyd. The recital is free and open to the pub-

lic, with free will donations benefiting the church's music ministry. For further information contact the church office at whitinpres@gmail.com or 508-234-8220.

HAM & BEANS

Home Baked Ham & Bean Supper, Saturday Oct. 27 at 5:00 pm in the Community House, 8 Court St. Uxbridge located behind the Uxbridge Town Common. Sponsored by the Uxbridge Congregational Church. Menu includes home baked ham, home baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, brown bread, beverages & dessert. Donation of \$10 per adult, children under 6 free. Raffles will also be available. For reservations call 508.278.2654 after 5 p.m. Limited tickets will be sold at door. Come enjoy great food and fellowship.

MILLBURY CHURCH HOSTING YOGA

Carol Dearborn, certified Yoga and Pilates instructor, will offer a weekly All Levels Yoga class and a Yogalates class at the First Congregational Church of Millbury in Fellowship Hall, located at 148 West Main St. Proceeds will benefit the Church. Classes will run every Friday from Oct. 12 to Nov. 16; 4:15-5:15 pm, All Levels Mat/Chair Yoga, Drop-in Fee \$5, \$3 Seniors and 5:30-6:45 pm, Yogalates (combines the best of two exercise regimes-Yoga and Pilates) Drop-in Fee \$8, \$5 for Seniors. Both classes are structured to make you feel revitalized in body and mind and accessible to ALL LEVELS of fitness. For more information please contact Carol Dearborn at 508-756-5478 or CDearborn888@gmail.com.

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developing technology. We can expect more electrification of the autos of the future. Ford is developing and introduced conventional Hybrid, plug-in Hybrid and all electric vehicles like our Focus and Fusion of today and upcoming versions of the Explorer and iconic Mustang. New unnamed models will likely blend all of this technology and some yet to be developed. There is speculation that concepts that show fully autonomous vehicles and even those that fly short distances will be entering the market in the foreseeable future. The future of automobiles looks to be an exciting one. Many things only dreamt of in SCI-Fi books are becoming reality just like much of today's reality was only dreamt of when Henry Ford built his first mass produced automobile.

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If you find a mistake, call (508) 909-4130 during normal business hours. During non-business hours, leave a message in the editor's voice mailbox. The editor will return your phone call.

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George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Town earns insurance credits through education

Douglas has received \$15,270 back on its workers compensation and property casualty insurance costs – applicable toward premiums for the next fiscal year—thanks to an incentive program offered by the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), its insurance provider. Douglas earned the credits through proactive and voluntary participation in loss prevention and risk management activities throughout the year, conducted in partnership with MIIA. In fiscal year 2018, which concluded on June 30, MIIA awarded over \$3.5 million of premium credits collectively to its membership of the Rewards program – resulting in a 16-year total of \$32.7 million since the program's

inception.

Committed to keeping the community safer and fiscally stronger, Douglas implemented loss control and safety measures as well as administrative procedures that reduce the risk of accidents and property damage. In addition, local employees participated in training programs that promote effective management and safe operations. MIIA offers these no-cost programs as a benefit to help member communities reduce their risks as well as insurance premiums.

Matthew J. Wojcik, town administrator said, “The town of Douglas will continue to work with MIIA each and every year to identify and address risks. The premium incentive program is an

effective tool to motivate the town to save taxpayer funds through prudent management of those issues most likely to generate claims. We are grateful to MIIA for providing training and other resources to support our working relationship.”

Stanley Corcoran, executive vice president of MIIA said, “Douglas has worked very hard over the past year to promote safety in the workplace and mitigate risk. As a result, they have helped lower their own insurance costs and earn these Rewards funds. We commend Douglas for its efforts. We also look forward to continuing to work in partnership with local leaders to ensure employees are well trained and

prepared, to help avoid unnecessary risks and losses, and to help save local taxpayer dollars.”

The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association is the non-profit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. As a member-based organization, MIIA's only focus is to provide excellent service and quality risk management solutions to Massachusetts municipalities and related public entities. Municipal insurance its only business, MIIA insures nearly 400 cities, towns, and other public entities in Massachusetts. For more information, visit www.emiia.org and www.mma.org.

We Want You! Sutton Historical Society announces fall schedule



Courtesy historical photo

This 1919 photo was taken during the town-wide Celebration of the Return of Soldiers. We have a tentative identification of Dan Chase, Andrew Keith, Clarence Hutchinson, John Dudley, Fred Peterson, John McDonald, William McDonald, Channing Smith, Tony Zonfrillo, Mike Zonfrillo.

The Sutton Historical Society has a full calendar of events to wrap up 2018. The general public is always welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us to learn how your neighborhood Historical Society is keeping history alive in Sutton. Membership remains open the entire year. Membership forms can be accessed on our website, www.suttonhistoricalsociety-inc.org.

Oct. 2: annual meeting at 7 pm at First Congregational Church, Sutton Center

Nov. 6: The Centennial Anniversary of Armistice Day, local soldiers who fought in the Great War presented by: Christine Watkins at 7 pm at Blaxton Hall, Manchaug Mills, Main Street, Manchaug

Dec. 5: at 6:30 pm is the annual Christmas potluck supper at the First Congregational Church, Sutton Center.

To complete our 100th Anniversary recognition book-

let, we are seeking stories, photos, newspaper clippings, and discharge information, to complement the facts we have compiled through our own research. Do you have a story about a World War I Sutton soldier? Do you have old newspaper clippings about local World War I soldiers? Please share them with us. Fortunately, all of Sutton's young soldiers returned from their duties and battles.

Comments can be directed to Sutton1704@gmail.com or through the contact page at our website, www.suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org.

WWI Sutton Soldiers (birth and death dates noted if known)

- 1 Barnett, Howard F. (March 16, 1895-April 23, 1886)
- 2 Bates, Claude E. (April 17, 1893-Feb. 4, 1976)
- 3 Bibeau, Alexander (July 4, 1886-)
- 4 Bouvier, Peter
- 5 Bowdoin, Lucius J. (Aug.

- 7, 1893-)
- 6 Brigham, John D. (Oct. 30, 1898-Jan. 1, 1991)
- 7 Brodeur, Edward Roman (Feb. 19, 1888-Aug. 7, 1945)
- 8 Chapdelaine, Napoleon (March 15, 1892-March 8, 1958)
- 9 Chase, Daniel Moody (May 16, 1890-)
- 10 Clark, Paul Everett (Oct. 21, 1893-Feb. 10, 1964)
- 11 Clark Jr, Ernest S. (Dec. 22, 1892-Nov. 23, 1978)
- 12 Cloutier, Adelard (July 18, 1891-)
- 13 Cronin, John J. (1878-Oct. 16, 1941)
- 14 Darling, Fred V. (Feb. 14, 1894-July 17, 1934)
- 15 DeVries, Broer (June 19, 1887 - July 27, 1962)
- 16 Dudley, John C. (February 16, 1879 - December 23, 1951)
- 17 Fagnant, Alexander (Jan. 4, 1899-)
- 18 Fagnant, Napoleon (July 21, 1892-March 3, 1953)
- 19 Gendron, Frank J. (May 28, 1900-Sept. 20, 1971)

Visitors to the “Justice for Chico” page are encouraged to reach out to State Representatives and Legislators regarding animal cruelty laws.

“We believe the more people who reach out the more the reps and legislators will realize this is a HUGE issue that is being recognized, not just all over the country, but all over the world,” the page reads.

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the decision was made to humanely euthanize him.

“Chico was evaluated to be malnourished, dehydrated, in shock with hypothermia as well as anemia,” Belanger wrote.

Fall show planned

The BVAA will hold its 61st Fall Show at the newly updated Alternatives Gallery 5 S. Main Street in Uxbridge.

The opening reception will be Oct. 12 from 5-7 PM. Come to meet our artists, see their creative works and enjoy a glass of wine and some munchies. The gallery is also open Saturdays from 10-3.

Along with the wall art we have prints and beautiful cards made by our artists for sale. Creativity abounds on Saturday, there are free supplies and always inspiration and a sharing of ideas, to get you started. We are all passionate about creativity and want you to join us to start your own journey.

To join the BVAA go to BVAA.ORG and fill out the membership form. Do it soon and you will be able to show in this, Fall Show. It is juried for cash prizes.

Our next meeting is Oct. 15, we will have a representative from the Golden Paint Company. Adria will demonstrate their products and give a few free samples. Our meetings are open to the public.

Our Milford show theme is Fall Splendor. It is located the Milford Local Access TV Studio, 138 S. Main Street, Milford.

We also have a “Sunflower” show at the Booklovers Gourmet, 55 E. Main Street, Webster. This show can also be seen on our Facebook Page, and web site.

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Vermont mini vacation at Mad River Inn being raffled

A unique opportunity to win a 2-night mini vacation package at Mad River Inn and the Vermont Icelandic Horse Farm in Waitsville, VT is available when you purchase raffle tickets from local nonprofit organization, Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc. The gift certificate for this mini vacation package is valued at \$750.

The Mad River Inn is a country Victorian bed and breakfast nestled amongst the green mountains of Vermont. The area boasts great restaurants and shopping, as well as vast recreational opportunities, including horseback riding with a seasoned guide leading you along quaint back roads of Mad River Valley, across meadows and into the woods of the Green Mountains, skiing in the heart of the Sugarbush resort area, kayaking along the Mad River, bicycling, and snowmobiling on the VAST trail system.

The package includes two nights in your choice of rooms at the Mad River Inn, 243 Tremblay Road, Waitsfield, VT, a three-course breakfast daily and two days of

riding at the Vermont Icelandic Horse Farm. The riding is for one half day ride and one 1½ -2 hour ride on Icelandic horses, matched to your level of experience (novices through advanced), provided for your guidance by the Icelandic Horse Farm. According to USA Today, it is one of the 10 great places to go horseback riding!

If the horseback riding isn't appealing to you, you can still take advantage of your stay at the beautiful Mad River Inn and plan your time according to your own interests. The gift certificate can be used anytime in 2019 except for holidays or during foliage season, and advance reservation is required. Go to www.madriverinn.com to see more about the Inn and to www.icelandichorses.com to learn more about the riding.

Raffle tickets are available to the general public either online or via mail purchase. Go to www.bstra.org/support/raffle to make your raffle ticket purchase and get more information.

Tickets for this raffle are affordable: choose from five tickets for \$5,

12 tickets for \$10 or 30 tickets for \$20. The more tickets you purchase, the better your odds of winning will be. Deadline for receiving your ticket purchase will be noon on Dec. 15, 2018, and the drawing will take place the afternoon of Dec. 15. The lucky winner will be notified the same day. Whether you want to win this mini vacation package for yourself or for gift giving, you will receive it in time for Christmas.

This unique raffle by BSTR is to raise funds for the organization's trail creation and improvement projects scheduled for 2019. Staffed entirely by volunteers, BSTR is able to put 100% of the amount raised by ticket sales into projects improving trails in state forests and parks used by so many people for outdoor recreation and fitness.

BSTR has a track record of dependability, credibility and accomplishment, putting more than \$575,000 into trail projects since 1989. The Shared Stewardship Award was presented to BSTR last Spring for the tremendous contributions they have made to the trail community. Their projects have made improvements in forests



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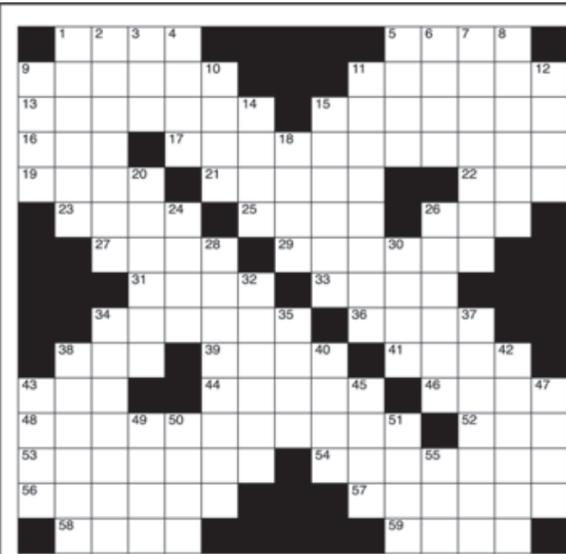
A bucolic view is part of the vacation

and parks in 34 towns across Massachusetts, as well as in Rhode Island and Connecticut. BSTR has made significant recent improvements to the Southern New England Trunkline Trail in the Douglas and Uxbridge area, as well as in the Bellingham/Franklin area; to the Douglas State Forest; to the Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area in Mendon; to Mt. Jefferson Conservation Area in Hubbardston; to the

Upton State Forest; to the Greenbriar Recreation Area at Hodges Village Dam in Oxford; and to the West Hill Dam trails in Uxbridge.

Trails play a remarkable role in all our lives. As one of our greatest assets, trails enable us to explore, travel and savor the world's natural wonders. They are the best way to see nature's hidden treasures and the easiest way to encourage kids, as well as adults, to adopt healthy life-

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A greeting
- 5. A type of hall
- 9. Planes need one
- 11. Wealth
- 13. The act of exciting
- 15. A movement downward
- 16. Type of storage
- 17. A funny and sad play
- 19. After cinco
- 21. Dry white Italian wine
- 22. Where golfers begin
- 23. Witnesses
- 25. Relaxing places
- 26. Of she
- 27. Discontinued compact car
- 29. Resulted
- 31. Large Irish castle
- 33. Offer for a price
- 34. One type is Irish
- 36. Free-swimming invertebrate
- 38. A type of tale
- 39. The middle of the month
- 41. Christmas
- 43. "___ death do us part
- 44. Goes with Gomorrah
- 46. Ethnic group of Thailand
- 48. "Grown Ups" funnyman
- 52. A type of index
- 53. A mass of rocks
- 54. Splashed
- 56. Kids' playground necessities
- 57. Sears and London are two
- 58. Strip of cloth
- 59. Church

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
- 2. Deliberately contrary events
- 3. Unit of mass
- 4. Kiln
- 5. Soybean paste
- 6. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 7. Made the bed
- 8. One who mails
- 9. Bar bills
- 10. Automotive vehicles
- 11. Breaks
- 12. Swelling of the eyelid
- 14. Asian country
- 15. Couches
- 18. Stare with mouth wide open
- 20. Member of U.S. Navy
- 24. A sulk
- 26. Greetings
- 28. Craftsmen
- 30. Mongolian city ___ Bator
- 32. Did again
- 34. Sunrooms
- 35. Start over
- 37. Georgians love them
- 38. Women
- 40. "Snake Tales" cartoonist
- 42. Pariahs
- 43. Caps
- 45. Gradually become less solid
- 47. Goats
- 49. French city Le ___
- 50. Exhale
- 51. Homes have at least one
- 55. Type of power cable

Many hands made work light at BVAA gallery



Courtesy photos

Visitors admire the new paint and hanging systems.

Up until September 2018, the Blackstone Valley Art Association Alternatives Uxbridge Gallery had no hanging system. That meant that every time a show was hung, actual metal nails were hammered into the walls. This was, as you might imagine, awful for the historic brick walls. We were chipping away at the mortar. It was also less than ideal for the regular walls, as they were getting peppered with holes and marks.

On Friday, Aug. 31st and Saturday, Sept. 1st, a team of BVAA members came together to do an incredible painting project. The opening reception for the Show of Hands show was only a week away - on Friday, Sept. 7th. That meant we had to get the existing walls cleaned, spackled, painted with two coats of paint, and dried. Next, the hanging system had to be brought in and be installed. And

then we had to hang the show.

It was a race against time. With enthusiastic cooperation and great team spirit, it was all done! Now the compliments pour in on how wonderful the gallery looks.

For those who are curious, the Uxbridge gallery was painted London Fog grey. We used an eggshell finish on the walls and a semi-gloss finish on the ledges, frames, and doors.

Our spectacular painting team was: Pam Siderewicz - the ring-leader extraordinaire, Michelle Benjamin, Rick Benjamin (did all the spackling himself), Deb Bottomley, Patty Cahill, Marcia Ciak, Gary Cunningham, Carol Dandrade, Linda DeFeudis, Bob Evans, Carol Evans, Carol Frieswick, Betty Havens, Kelsey Loverude, Linda Palumbo, Karen Pendleton, and Lisa Shea.

Thanks to Alternatives property services team for jumping in

and coordinating the time to get the hanging system done, and to the installers, Leo and Jason, for installing the hanging system with a smile! And a warm thank-you to the STAS Hanging System group, which are located right nearby in Millbury, for giving us a discount on their amazing hanging system.

We also want to thank the Uxbridge Cultural Council, who gave us a grant in 2017 to start the testing of the hanging system project. That initial section gave us the feedback and experience we needed in order to do the entire room.

With the hanging system now in place, so no more nails have to be used, this paint job should last us for years and years! It'll also make hanging shows and adjusting shows far easier. The Uxbridge Alternatives BVAA Gallery is located at: 5 South Main St., Uxbridge. We'd love to have you come out and visit us!



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New legislation reduces access to tobacco

BOSTON — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced the passage of comprehensive legislation to reduce youth access to tobacco and nicotine products. The legislation was signed into law by the Governor on July 27.

Tobacco use and nicotine addiction remains the leading cause of preventable illness and premature death in Massachusetts, responsible for more than \$4 billion in annual health care costs to the Commonwealth. Youth are particularly susceptible to nicotine addiction, nicotine has harmful health impacts on the developing brain, and 9 in 10 cigarette smokers begin using before age 18.

“The passage of this legislation is an important step forward in reducing youth tobacco and nicotine product use here in our Commonwealth,” said Senator Moore. “While youth smoking has declined considerably in the last

two decades, youth use of other addictive tobacco products like e-cigarettes is increasing sharply and this new law seeks to address that.”

Among its provisions, the newly-signed law raises the minimum legal sales age for all tobacco products to age 21. The legislation also adds vaping products to the smoke free workplace law and prohibits the sale of tobacco products in health care institutions, including pharmacies.

While nicotine delivery products like e-cigarettes may sometimes help some nicotine-addicted adults to stop smoking traditional cigarettes, they present a significant new threat to the health and wellbeing of young people who have not previously used tobacco products.

To directly target youth use, this legislation increases the legal sales age for tobacco products from 18 to 21. This is a proven and effective strategy to reduce youth tobacco use because it removes

legally purchased tobacco products from high school social networks. The Institute of Medicine projects that increasing the age from 18 to 21 will reduce overall tobacco use in a population by 12% - the equivalent of 150,000 Massachusetts tobacco users.

Meanwhile, youth use of e-cigarettes has grown alarmingly, becoming a pervasive presence in our high schools. The provisions in this bill build upon the regulations promulgated in 2016 by the Attorney General, and ensure that the places that are tobacco free will also be vape free, including schools, restaurants and workplaces.

This legislation also prohibits the sale of tobacco products in health care institutions, including pharmacies, a policy already in place in more than 160 of our cities and towns, and a practice already adopted by firms like CVS.

Other provisions included in the bill include new authority granted to the

Department of Public Health to regulate new, emerging tobacco products; and language requiring the Center for Health Information and Analysis to study the current tobacco cessation benefits offered by commercial insurers, MassHealth, and the Group Insurance Commission.

Many cities and towns have enacted policies to reduce tobacco use and nicotine addiction that go beyond current state and federal laws and regulations, creating a patchwork of different laws across the Commonwealth that can confound retailers, distributors, consumers and public health officials. This legislation will provide a uniform statewide set of rules that protect youth and simplify the interaction between our state and local laws.

The text of the newly-signed law, codified as Chapter 157 of the Acts of 2018, is available on the Legislature’s website, www.malegislature.gov.

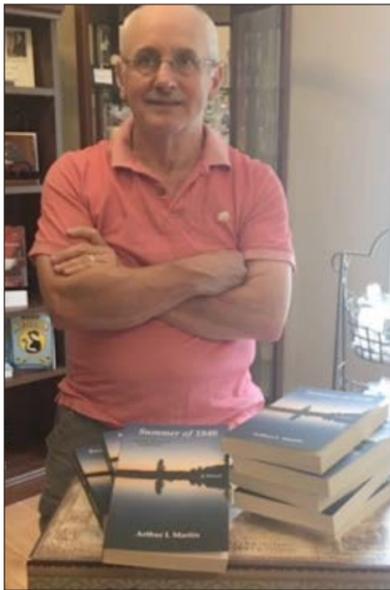
FALL FESTIVAL PLANNED THIS WEEKEND

On Sunday, Sept. 23, the Asa Water Mansion, 123 Elm St., Millbury hosts its first ever Fall Festival. It is hoped it will become an annual event.

The Mansion Gift Shoppe will offer specials during the event, will have a drastically reduced table amidst the full day tag sale.

Come meet local author Art Martin from noon-1p.m. Autographed copies of his first novel Summer of 1840, On the shores of Lake Singletary will be available.

Take a chance on the free Shoppe raffle basket.



Art Martin will have copies of his novel for sale.



A few friends will definitely be stopping by.



Courtesy photos

The Asa Water Mansion Gift Shoppe will be decked out for fall.



An array of gifts and goodies will be on sale.

Happenings at Uxbridge VFW Post

The Uxbridge VFW will be hosting LIVE music events, meat raffles, and our monthly dinner for the month of October. All events are open to the public & have no cover! So, grab some friends and come have a great night!

Saturday - October 6th from 4pm to 6:30pm - Uxbridge Elderly Connection: Porketta Supper Fundraiser - Tickets available at the Uxbridge Senior Center or call 508-278-8622

Friday - October 12th from 5pm to 7pm - Monthly VFW Dinner - Meatball Sliders! \$5 for

two meatball sliders & a bag of chips!

Friday - October 19th from 7pm to 10pm - Matt Soper with be playing '80s, '90s, and early 2000s music!

Saturday - October 20th from 7pm to 10pm - three members of the well-known Straight Pipes Band will be serenading the VFW!

Sunday - November 4th from 10am to 2pm the VFW is hosting an Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale - \$20 per table or \$10 for reservation from your own table. If interested in reserving a table, please contact Ann

at 508-335-2352

Each Saturday at 5:30pm the VFW Auxiliary hosts the weekly meat raffle. Tickets are \$5 for 6 tickets! Come buy some tickets & win dinner for the weekend!

The VFW is always open to the public & taking reservations for hall rentals. Please contact the Commander Greg at 774-573-7527 or contact the VFW directly at 508-278-7540. We are able to host family reunions, bridal showers, baby showers, and fundraiser benefits!

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Saturday September 22

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? Hobby of Bee Keeping Program at Douglas Orchard. Learn even more interesting facts about the honey bees from our 6th generation bee keeper, Ken Warchol. Discussion about the Hobby of Bee Keeping. Honey mead and fruit honey wine tasting following presentation. Presentation starts at 1pm. Cost per adult 18 and older \$5.

Whitinsville Fish and Game Club: Annual Field Day: On September 22 at Whitinsville Fish & Game Club at White Court, Douglas 508-476-7204. Events will start 11:00 am, featuring fishing derby, children's scavenger hunt, ranges will be open, raffles and games for all ages. Chicken, lobster and steamer dinners will be offered, (please preorder) as well as burgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage

sandwich. Come for a fun filled family day!! This event will be held rain or shine! www.whitinsvillefishandgame.com.

CAR SHOW: Uxbridge Lions host their first ever car show! Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road in Uxbridge. Prizes awarded, all welcome, registration info by calling Mike Kaplan (508) 473-1161. Also vendors, food, DJ and more. To sponsor or be part of the event also call Kaplan. Public is free to attend. Come support the local Lions.

Sunday, September 23

FALL FESTIVAL: Family Fun Fest/Fall Festival at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville on Sunday September 23rd from 11:00am - 4:00pm. The festival will include vendor tables, bake sale, toy table, raffles, cup cake decorating, food, games, music and much more! Vendor spaces are available to rent for \$30.

Save \$5 with early registration prior to Sept 1st. If interested in renting a vendor table, please email officesupport@mystpatrick.com or call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

Tuesday September 25

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR: Whitinsville Christian School will host a Christian University and College Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Nehemiah Center Gymnasium at 279 Linwood Avenue in Whitinsville. Christian colleges from all over the United States will be represented. Students and parents will be able to pick up catalogs, brochures, financial aid information, and applications from the various college representatives. A financial aid seminar will also be offered during the evening.

Thursday

September 27

BOO! Halloween Event at Douglas Orchard. Get dressed up in costume! For all ages! We welcome back "Merlin" to talk about witches, witch craft (good of course) and Halloween related history and stories. Farm scavenger hunt for Halloween candy! Cost \$5. Children 12 and under free.

Saturday September 29

YARD SALE: Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church located at 305 Goldthwaite Road in Whitinsville announces its first Yard Sale for Missions on Saturday, Sept. 29. Yard Sale will begin at 8 am and go till 1 pm. Please consider stopping by to see all the great deals!!

BHC announces 2019 calendar photo contest winners

Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc. (BHC) has announced the winners of its 2019 calendar Photo Contest and plans for a calendar release party at Wormtown Brewery on Friday, Oct. 19. Judging of the photo submissions this year was done by volunteers of the Blackstone Heritage Corridor Photography Ambassadors. With the theme for the 2019 calendar being "The Legacy of Transportation in the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor: Yesterday and Today," the nine judges reviewed the photos which best met the required theme and were tasked with making the selections for the twelve months, plus the cover photo. All judging was done blind, without knowledge of the photo's owner, and critiquing included composition, clarity and relevance to the

theme and location.

This year's cover photo titled "Same Canal, Different Boats" was taken by Suzie B. of Harrisville, RI, at Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park, Uxbridge, while volunteers from the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club were coming ashore. The photo captures active transportation with the kayakers in the historic Blackstone Canal and its location in the National Heritage Corridor is identified with a Blackstone Canal sign on a tree.

John Kloczkowski of North Uxbridge captured a Providence & Worcester Railroad train plowing the tracks in Uxbridge, making for the perfect January photo in the 2019 calendar. Judith Belben of Milford spent time underneath the illuminated Kenneth Burns Bridge in Worcester and the judges felt the soft pink undertones were a great fit for the month of



Courtesy photos

Steve Lariviere caught the majesty of the excursion train in Northbridge.

February. With snow starting to disappear from the landscape, Mark J. Paine of Woonsocket, RI, took his camera down along the Providence & Worcester Railroad train tracks in Woonsocket and captured a stunning shot of the rails. The judges slotted his shot

for March. With the leaves still barely on the trees in April, judges selected Bob Evans' photo of a rustic, antique fire engine, Engine #8, sitting in a field in his hometown of Northbridge.

Judith Belben had a second image selected for the 2019 calendar and it was her photo of two older men in a small, antique-looking fishing boat taken in Hopedale that caught their eye. With their backs to the camera's lens, she captured the serenity of the moment on a sunny spring day. It leaves the admirer wondering what they could have been talking about. Belben's fishing boat photo is slotted for the month of May.

Mary M. Silva of Northbridge captured a small bridge on Mendon Street in Uxbridge, MA, adorned with wooden yellow flowers. "The Flower Bridge" was selected for the month of June.

Diane M. Sears of Hopedale says she was walking with a friend when they happened to walk upon an old fashioned wagon and was encouraged to enter the shot into the photo contest. Her photo was slotted for the month of July as the wagon is adorned with an American flag perched over the back of its seat.

On a beautiful, sunny summer day, Dennis M. Smith of Uxbridge was standing below the Route 116 bridge in Lincoln, RI, on the bank of the Blackstone River just north of the Captain Wilbur Kelly House Museum. It was there he captured his "Arches Over the Blackstone" photo highlighting the stunning architecture of the bridge. The bone-colored bridge



Mary Silva of Northbridge captured the beauty of a bridge.

stands majestically against a crisp blue sky accented with puffy white clouds, green foliage on the trees and a dark blue river running below. Smith's photo appears in the month of August. September's photo was taken by Carole Carnovale of Mendon and she chose to submit a unique perspective of the popular Triad Bridge in Millville. Titled "Rails Over the Blackstone," Carnovale's photo highlights the rich rust color of the bridge as the rails cross over the Blackstone River. The little bit of fog gives it a slight element of mystique.

While taking a walk on a fall day in the area of the Shining Rock Golf Course in Northbridge, a winding, paved cart path caught Mary M. Silva's eye and it caught the eye of the photo contest judges too. They selected it for the October photo in the Blackstone Heritage Corridor's 2019 calendar.

Steve Lariviere of Northbridge captured the Blackstone Valley Excursion Train making a trip through Northbridge one year. The judges found the train's red and black colors striking against the fog it was traveling through and selected it for the month of November.

Mary M. Silva had a total of three of her photos selected this year, much to her surprise in this blind judging. In the evening hours, she captured an ornate snow-covered footbridge at Elm Park in Worcester, crossing over Lincoln Pond below. Known as the "Iron Bridge," it is adorned with heart-shaped ironwork and decorative supports. The bridge is a recreation of the 1881 original by Henry Edwards and its replica was installed in the historic Elm Park in 1972. The 2019 Blackstone

Heritage Corridor calendar also features blueprints for a paper model of The Lady Carrington Canal Boat printed on the back page. The same blueprints can be found on Blackstone Heritage Corridor's website in the GearHeads section.

A Calendar Release Party will be held Friday, Oct. 19 at Wormtown Brewery (72 Shrewsbury St., Worcester) from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. To tie into the transportation theme, Wormtown Brewery will donate \$1 from each pint of Rocket Pale Ale purchased in the taproom that day. Wormtown's Rocket pays tribute to Dr. Robert Goddard, the genius who invented the liquid-fueled rocket, not far from the brewery. Oct. 19 is noted as "Robert Goddard Anniversary Day," the day celebrated as his inspiration for rockets. According to historical records, on this day, when he was just 17 years old, Robert Goddard was up in a cherry tree pruning branches when he imagined making a device having the possibility of ascending to Mars and how it would look on a small scale. It's said he knew then what he wanted to do with his life. On March 16, 1926 he successfully launched the first liquid-fueled rocket from a field belonging to his aunt in Auburn. He named it Nell and it flew 41 feet high and landed 184 feet way in just 2.5 seconds.

Blackstone Heritage Corridor's 2019 calendar will be available for sale late October at its office located at 670 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville and on its website at BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org. For more information, call (508)234-4242.

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Paddlers guide to safety

Our local USCGAux. Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts in cooperation with the American Canoe Association are offering this free course about all aspects of paddling safety, situational awareness, equipment, and skills required to have an enjoyable experience on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at Milford High School, 31 West Fountain St., Milford 6-9 p.m.

Paddle Craft have become a rapidly growing and diversifying portion of the recreational watercraft community. Sea kayaks, sit on top kayaks, white water kayaks, rowing sculls, canoes, paddle boards, stand-up paddle boards, pedal propelled craft, and many others are now on the waters in untold numbers. Easily manufactured and purchased at many locations with various con-

structions. Easily transported to any shoreline, not requiring registration or a formal boat launch; an unprepared operator can find themselves in overwhelming conditions that can become deadly in minutes.

Part of the Milford Community School Use Program, information and the registration process are found in the Milford Community Center catalog mailed to the surrounding community, or by calling 508-478-1119 Register soon as space is limited.

Online at <http://mcs.milford.ma.us> (under: Adult Programs - Fall - Boating).

Additional USCGAux. information: phil.uscgaux@verizon.net or (508) 478-3778.

Course and links: http://wow.uscgaux.info/pe_class_flyer.php?unit=NAT&course=22605

Deer hunting season begins soon, starting with youth



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Archery deer hunting season is only a few weeks away in Massachusetts. Pro shops are busy tuning up bows for local hunters, ensuring they are ready for opening day. If you have not check out your bow hunting equipment, you should get started as soon as possible. Some archers have already placed their deer hunting stands in preparation of the deer hunting season.

The new early archery deer season in zone 10-14 will open on October 1, 2018. Antlerless deer permits for Zone 11 will be available on line starting Sept. 25, at 8:00 a.m. Zone 10 will go on sale Wednesday Sept. 25 at 8:00 a.m. Zone 9-13-14 permits will go on sale Thursday Sept. 27, at 8:00 a.m. All permits must be paid for within 15 minutes of the sale. These are all surplus permits.

The youth deer season will start on Sept. 29 this year, and the paraplegic hunt will start on Nov. 1 and will run to Nov. 3. The regular archery season starts on Oct. 15, for zones 1-9. With all of the sightings reported by local residents of deer in their back yards, and also observed in local fields, hunters are looking for a record harvest again this year.

The acorn crop is expected to be a bit better this year, providing plenty of food for numerous wildlife. The acorn crop will also draw deer to the acorns providing hunters with some great opportunities of harvesting a deer.

The Massachusetts Outdoor Expo will be held again this year Sept. 23. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club in Sturbridge.



Courtesy photos

Both pictures are of Mike Keup of Douglas and his fishing partner at the NEBA Massachusetts State Finals with a variety of smallmouth bass. Keup and his partner came in first place.

Admission, parking & all activities are free. This is a great opportunity for parents to spend time with their family in the great outdoors. Do not miss this great event that is run by all volunteers. Hundreds of people attend the event every year and keep coming back. Firing numerous rifles and handguns, along with shooting archery, fishing and other activities are all free to everyone in attendance. Great food will also be available at the Expo. For more information go to the web site at www.FawnsExpo.com.

Mike Keup of Douglas is a registered guide, and is owner of Castin Tracks Guide Service. He won the Mass State finals with the NEBA fishing on Lake Champlain out of Port Henry NY last weekend. The two man team of Keup and White caught a limit of smallmouth bass both days for a total weight of 52 pounds! They beat out the second place team by 5 1/2 pounds. Mike has a camp on Sebago

Lake and provides bass fishing charters annually. Check him out on his web site at www.castintracksguideservice.com. This week's two pictures show Mike and his partner Mr. White with a few of their monster small mouth bass.

The 200 Sportsmen's club in Webster no longer hold their annual fall picnic, but have replaced it with a similar event on Oct. 15 starting at 1 p.m. The chicken & ribs barbecue will be held on the club grounds & will be open to the public. Tickets are \$15 each. To reserve your tickets, call (508) 943-9722. They do have some great cooks at the club, and I expect the food to be fantastic as always.

This past week I watched the TV. show Rocky Mountain Vet. It is a great show for animal lovers, and can show how to care for your sick or injured animal. When a vet is needed, the hospital charges a minimal fee or no charge at all. It is something that is needed in

every state. Many more people would own a pet, but the high cost of veterinarian bills scare them away. I know that becoming a veterinarian is extremely costly, almost as much as becoming a doctor or surgeon.

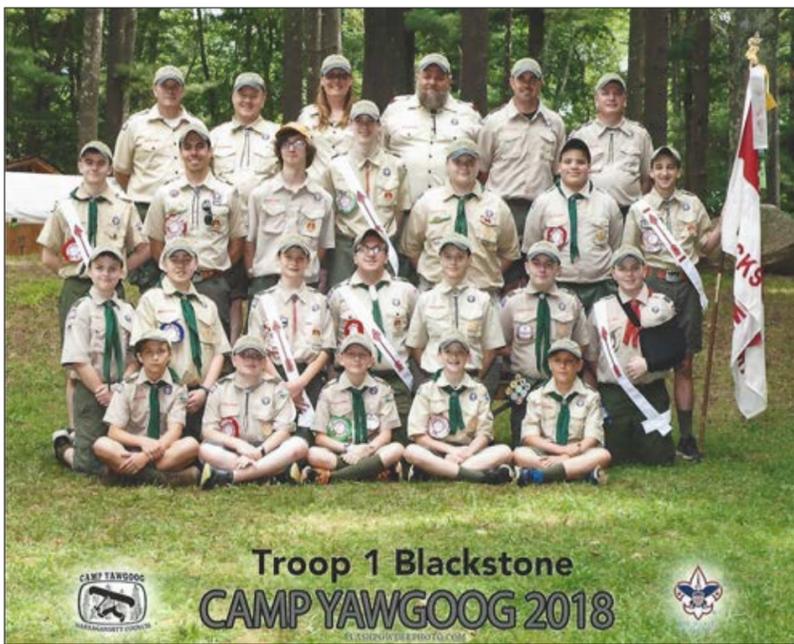
Clinics are available that do not charge high fees for vaccine shots and normal care, but when surgery needs to be done on your pet only a veterinarian is the last chance to save their life. Most families do not have that type of money for surgery, and the pet is often put down. Losing a pet is very heartbreaking and traumatic for the owner, as my granddaughter found out a few weeks ago. Their 12 year old English bulldog became very sick and needed to be euthanized. It broke their hearts. Insurance is available for the pets, but that to does not cover everything and is also very expensive. Tufts veterinary school would be a great place to set up a lot less expensive

hospital for pets. It is a state funded school and should try to set up a clinic like the Rocky Mountain Vet is running. A number of years ago my two dogs "Twig" & "Molly" were both spayed at Tufts for little to no cost by students, and supervised by a licensed veterinarian. It was greatly appreciated. Similar programs for surgery need to be set up at this great facility, without draining your Visa Gold card.

Do not forget the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club's annual field day this Saturday, Sept. 22.

One local resident reported that this summer's high heat had squirrels running around his back yard holding their nuts with pot holders? It sure was a hot one!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!



Courtesy photo

Front Row L-R: Sal Pilla, Ethan Bombard, Beck Jenkins, Nick Coppolino, Jared Surprise. 2nd Row L-R: Luke Tellier, Joshua Cristina, Jack Bombard, Dan Pollock, Tommy Magee, Nick Ahearn, Drew Wildes. 3rd Row L-R: James Ahearn, Colin Norcross-Joyce, Shane McDonald, Casey Goyette, Noah Tellier, Orion Mulcahy, Matt Coppolino (SPL). 4th Row L-R: James Ahearn, Jon Cristina, Donna Lemieux, Eric Robeau (Scoutmaster), Travis Wildes, Todd Bombard

Blackstone Boy Scouts at Camp Yawgoog

Troop 1 Blackstone Boy Scouts continued the troop's annual tradition of spending a week at Camp Yawgoog in Rockville, RI from July 29 to August 5. Founded in 1916 as "A Scout Adventureland Forever," Camp Yawgoog is situated on 1,800 acres of beautiful wilderness. Nineteen scouts, accompanied by six adults, worked and played hard while staying at Campsite Weemat in Medicine Bow Camp.

The Scouts earned 62 merit badges and 31 segments; three boys advanced in rank to Tenderfoot, one to Second Class, three to First Class, one to Life and two scouts earned their Eagle Rank. In addition to earning merit badges,

the boys took advantage of all Yawgoog offers including: swimming, the aquatic adventure area, rowing, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, paddle boarding, hiking, gaga pits, rifle shooting, archery, shotgun shooting.

Troop 1 invites boys, 11 to 15-years-old, who are interested in joining Boy Scouts, to a troop meeting at St. Paul's Church on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. No prior scouting experience is needed and parents are encouraged to attend the meeting, as well. Anyone interested may contact the Scoutmaster, Eric Robeau, at 401-487-9725 for more information.

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EDITORIAL

You deserve a break

The best comforts in life are sometimes the simplest: the first cup of coffee in the morning, putting on a sweatshirt warmed by the dryer, finding a ten-dollar bill in your fall jacket, or a friendly grin from a cashier.

Here at the Tribune, we like to take the comforts of home and community and share them with the many Blackstone Valley communities we serve.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond



The proposed entrance to the Balmer School

Artist's rendering

Update given on elementary school proposal

The School Building Committee continues its work toward community approval for a new, consolidated elementary school which will serve students from PreK through 5th grade.

As a parent and taxpayer, I believe that the decision was absolutely the right choice. As a member of the School Building Committee, I'm also acutely aware of the effort undertaken by the committee to share ideas, seek input, and ultimately make the choice to proceed.

Anecdotaly, from the many community forums and meetings held, the overwhelming preference for parents and community members was to consolidate the two schools. This was also true from the 3-day visioning exercise conducted during the summer of 2017 to really define the needs of our school, and what was best for our students.

The immediate benefit to our town and students is that a consolidated PreK to Grade 5 elementary school will provide a long-term solution to two deteriorating buildings. The new school will provide our students and teachers with 21st century educational spaces which meet the standards set forth by the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

There are many practical reasons why this decision makes sense.

Cost: The cost to Northbridge to construct a new consolidated building was very close to the cost to simply repair the two existing schools, which would provide no educational benefit, and would not address the space deficiencies.

YOUR TURN

MICHAEL LEBRASSEUR Northbridge School Committee Chairman School Building Committee Member

Timing: The timeframe to complete one school was a clear advantage vs. two major projects, or numerous small projects which would last from several years to more than a decade.

Operations: A new school with modern systems will improve the efficiency of the building, saving the taxpayers money in the long run. The town can also free itself of the nearly \$30K per year

it is paying to lease the land at NES on which the modular classrooms are sitting. Additionally, moving the 5th graders to the new school, will free up space for which the district can consider other reorganization opportunities at NMS, including maximizing the best spaces for students and possible central administration re-location.

Town Land: Vacating Northbridge Elementary School frees up the building and/or land for future town use, including the possibility of selling the property for private use.

Educational: The new grade configuration, placing all students from PreK to 5th grade into one elementary setting, is the most appropriate educationally-based decisions. Moving the 5th grade students out of the Middle School places them with their peers, educationally and developmentally, and will reduce the number of school transitions for students. This will also allow teachers to work more closely over a longer span of grades to better align our overall curriculum from grade to grade.

These are just some of the key reasons why I believe this is the right approach for our schools and for our town. We've gone long enough without investing in our infrastructure, and it's time we act, to move our town forward for the betterment of all.

Fall leaf peeping primer

Each year Mother Nature puts on a spectacular show across New England. Blazing colors paint the landscape as lush crimson and gold canopies line the winding roads of our region.



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

changed color.

So what are the best weather conditions for show-stopping fall foliage?

"A warm wet spring, favorable summer weather, and warm sunny fall days with cool nights should produce the most brilliant autumn colors," the Forest Service reports.

While the highly anticipated show of colors typically arrive in mid- to late-September through October, it's impossible to accurately track the path of nature's paintbrush. Factors that affect the timing of autumn leaves changing colors include biology of the trees and environmental influences such as rainfall, sunshine and nutrients in the soil.

The USDA Forest Service reports the three most important influences on fall foliage is a tree's particular leaf pigment, the length of night hours, and the weather.

As fall approaches and the nights are longer, production of chlorophyll (which accounts for the green in leaves) is slowed and eventually halted. It's during this time that the carotenoids (yellow, orange and brown) and anthocyanins (red) in the leaves are exposed.

Other factors also affect the leaves' coloring, including the amount of rainfall in a season. According to the Forest Service a late spring or summertime drought can delay the time it takes for leaves to change color while a warm period during the autumn season can result in muted hues.

It's obvious different species of trees typically turn a particular color. Most anticipated in New England is the sugar maple, which explodes in brilliant orange hues. Red maple trees turn scarlet as aspens and poplar add a rich gold color to the landscape.

During "peak" leaf peeping season, New England back roads, strewn with colorful fallen leaves, are a sight to behold. Thankfully, such scenes have been captured via a myriad of snapshots, picture postcards and calendar scenes.

Tracking the Trees: Timing when the trees will change color in New England has been a favorite pastime for generations of leaf peepers. Thanks to the internet, there are several "leaf tracking" sites that can help you plan a scenic autumn road trip.

*foliagenetwork.com: This website is an interactive foliage tracker that logs information from "foliage spotters" twice a week. It's a reliable tool to check before you head out on a sightseeing journey.

*yankeefoliage.com: From Yankee Magazine, this interactive website offers a "real time" foliage map that is updated even during off season. A peak foliage prediction map offers a "heads up" for leaf peepers. A foliage driving tour

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How can life insurance help you?



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You may not be aware of it, but September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. Of course, you probably recognize, at least in a general sense, the importance of life insurance, but do you know the various ways in which it can help you?

Life insurance can play a sizable role in your ability to achieve some important financial goals, such as these:

Helping your family maintain its lifestyle - If you are married and have young children at home, you and your spouse may need to work. If you were no longer around and your earnings were gone, could your family still afford to live as they do now? Adequate life insurance can help them preserve their lifestyle.

Helping your children continue their education - Even if you weren't planning to foot the entire bill for your children's college education, you still might be doing what you can, such as contributing to a 529 education savings plan. If your income was lost, could your family still afford to continue these contributions? With enough life insurance, you can improve the chances that your children will at least get some financial help for college or vocational training.

Helping your survivors pay off debts - Are all your debts paid off? If not, you could be leaving your family on the hook for some of them, such as credit cards and car loans - not to mention your mortgage. Also, as uncomfortable as it may be to consider it, funeral and burial costs can easily run into the thousands. The proceeds of your life insurance policy can help pay down debts, handle your final expenses - and relieve your family of costly burdens.

Helping your spouse build resources for retirement - It's almost impossible for most of us to save too much for retirement. Your spouse may already have some retirement accounts, such as a 401(k) and an IRA, but will these be enough to sustain a long retirement? Through life insurance, you can potentially add significant amounts to your spouse's retirement assets.

As we've seen, you can accomplish a lot with life insurance. But how much do you need?

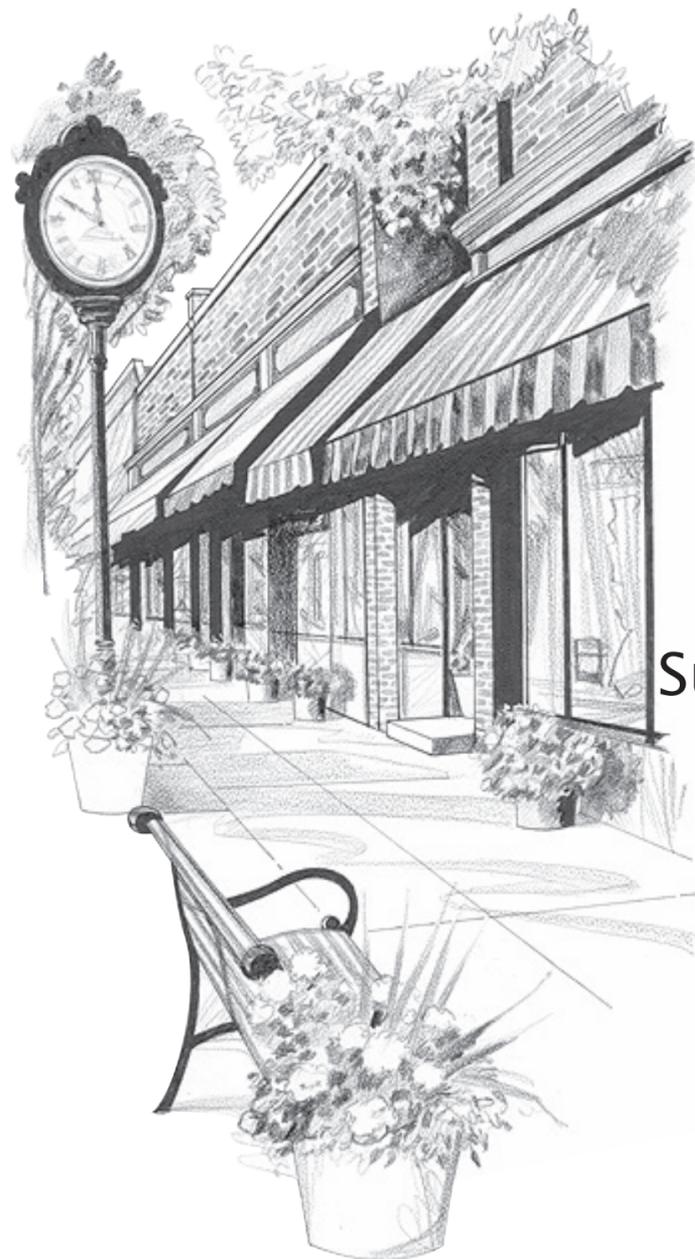
If you want the appropriate amount of coverage, you should consider a variety of factors. How much do you earn? How much does your spouse earn? How many children do you have? How old are they? How much do you owe on your home? By answering these and other, similar questions, you can arrive at a coverage level that's suitable for your needs. Also, keep in mind that those needs will change - for example, if your children are grown and you've downsized your living arrangements, you may require less insurance than at earlier times in your life.

Life Insurance Awareness Month is a good time to remind yourself of the importance of insurance and of the need to own the correct amount. So, review your coverage soon - after all, you can't predict the future, but you can still prepare for it.

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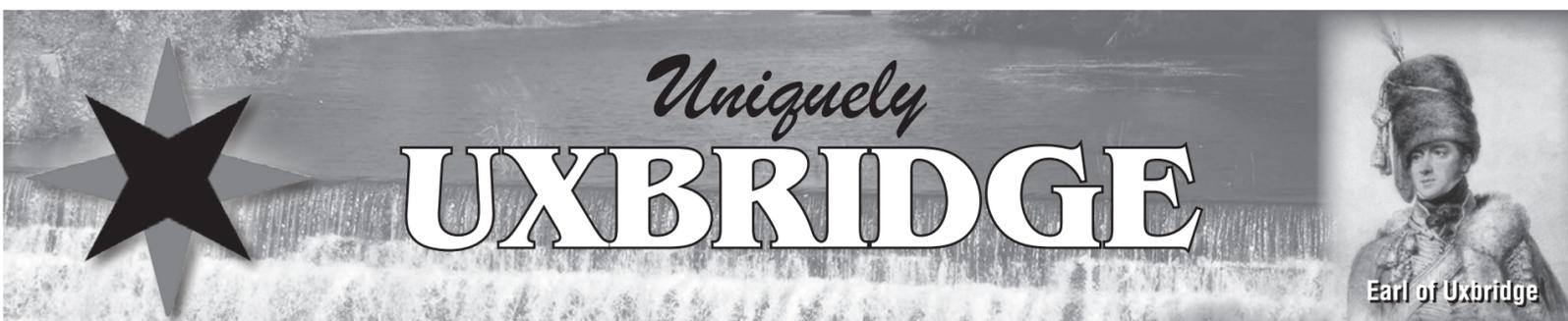
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Indigenous Nipmuc people near

"Wacentug" (river bend), deeded land to 17th-century settlers. Uxbridge granted rights to America's first woman voter, Lydia Chapin Taft. The first hospital for mental illness in America was established here. Deborah Sampson posed as an Uxbridge soldier, and fought in the American Revolution. A 140-year legacy of manufacturing military uniforms and clothing began with 1820 power looms. The Board of Selectmen approved Massachusetts's first women jurors. Uxbridge became famous for woolen cashmeres. "Uxbridge Blue", was the first US Air Force Dress Uniform



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Views of the Valley





We have a variety of views this week, from tranquil lakes, to bucolic parks. A few businesses that capture the heart of our Valley, the triumph of a "super reader" and the calm of the turn of the seasons. With the trees beginning their turn to glory, we don't need a calendar to tell us fall is nearly here. With that, we suspect there will be opportunities abounding for photos for these pages. Send your best: JPEG attachments please, do not embed your photos, to: MyTrib@StonebridgePress.com.



SPORTS

Uxbridge, Valley Tech field hockey teams fit to be tied

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — In a well-played, early-season game, the varsity field hockey teams from Blackstone Valley Tech and Uxbridge High battled to a 1-1 tie on Thursday, Sept. 13.

Sophomore Kristen Dinsmore scored for Blackstone Valley Tech late in the first half while Uxbridge senior Abby Hanscom netted the equalizer in the second half.

The Beavers are now 1-0-1; Uxbridge is 2-1-1.

The game-tying goal, as sweet as it was for Hanscom, was a little sweeter than your regular game-tying goal because she used to play for Blackstone Valley Tech.

"I went there my freshman and sophomore years. It was awesome to score against BVT; it was a great feeling," said Hanscom about her second goal of the season.

Hanscom tied the game, 1-1, with 4:31 remaining, her 15-yard shot from the right side hitting Beavers' senior goalie Grace Peters (nine saves in the game) on its way into the cage.

"I felt good about the shot as soon as I took it. I knew I had hit it perfectly and it was a powerful shot straight for the far corner," said Hanscom, who played with Peters for two years.

Despite that fact, she said it wasn't awkward scoring on her former teammate.

"It wasn't awkward at all. It's a game situation. I'm trying to score; she's trying to keep me from scoring. It felt good to tie the game up. I knew we needed to score to tie it to have a chance to win it later in the game."

Blackstone Valley Tech went ahead, 1-0, with 1:27 left in the first half when Dinsmore alertly maneuvered past Uxbridge goalie Maggie Streichert — who had slipped down in front of the goal — and tapped the ball into the open net.

"When [Streichert] slid down onto the ground the ball went behind her,"

Dinsmore said, recalling her first goal of the season. "I was able to get around her and I just hit it in. I wasn't sure it was going to go in because it was almost a really good save by the defense."

The Beavers had two chances to score the game-winning goal in the final 30 seconds of the game, but shots by Lilly McLaughlin and Meghan Griggs were both stopped by Streichert, who finished with seven saves.

"In a game like this you always wonder if it had lasted another 30 seconds, what would have happened," BVT head coach Laurie Borek said. "And it wasn't like both teams didn't have quite a few opportunities, because they did. There were a lot of missed shots, but there was also a lot of good defense played, too."

It was the type of game that felt more like a loss than a tie for the team that scored early and more like a win than a tie for the team that scored late.

"I'm fighting that feeling right now," Borek said when asked if it was a tie that felt like a loss. "I, and the team, feel the same way — we want to win every time out. When we don't win we're disappointed. But, I would say that we played a very good game. I'm not disappointed in their play. It's only the second game of the season — and you expect to get better as you move along — but it is disappointing when you don't win."

Kelly Rosborough, now in her fifth season as head coach of the Spartans, stopped short of saying the game was a tie that felt like a win.

"I wouldn't say it felt like a win; I'd say it was an accomplishment," Rosborough said. "But, we came in hoping to win and we didn't do that. I think it was a great accomplishment by the girls after giving up a goal so late in the first half after it looked like it was going to be 0-0 at halftime. The girls played all out in the second half. They moved the ball beautifully down the field all game and, finally, we connected."



Nick Ethier photos

Uxbridge's Morgan Martellio is on the fast track of being the first person to gain possession of a loose ball.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Zoe Mahoney sends the ball down the field with a big hit.



Goalie Maggie Streichert of Uxbridge protects her cage and watches the ball roll out of bounds.



Abigail Clark of Blackstone Valley Tech clears the ball out of her team's defensive end.

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SPORTS

Stout defense helps Northbridge earn draw with Tantasqua

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBIDGE — Goal scoring in the first half, tenacious defense in the second half. That was the recipe both the Northbridge High and Tantasqua Regional girls' varsity soccer teams used against each other in their game Monday, Sept. 17 at Lasell Field and the result was a 1-1 tie.

The tie against Northbridge was the 1-1-2 Warriors' second straight draw after a 1-1 start. On Saturday, Sept. 15, Tantasqua tied Algonquin Regional, 0-0. The Warriors are now 1-0-1 in Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) play. Thanks to the tie against Tantasqua the Rams picked up their first point of the year. Northbridge is now 0-3-1 overall and 0-1-1 in the SWCL.

The Rams jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the fifth minute of the game, sophomore Ally Boucher sending the ball into the back of the net after gathering in a textbook right-to-left free kick from senior captain Jackie Puda from about 30 yards out.

"Jackie sent a good ball in and Ally, our outside mid was crashing the back post," Northbridge head coach Stephen DiMare said. "That's the kind of goal we're talking about when we tell the

girls we can get easy goals if we do things the right way."

Eleven minutes later Tantasqua tied the game, 1-1, on a penalty kick off the foot of junior midfielder Kate Jones. The PK was set up when a Northbridge defender tripped a Warriors' player inside the goalie box.

Tantasqua carried the play for much of the game, including the last 30 minutes when the Warriors constantly pressured Northbridge junior goalie Megan O'Meara.

"Those last 30 minutes we did everything but put the ball in the back of the net," Tantasqua head coach Matt Rickson said. "It took us a little while to get going in the second half, but then the girls started playing the way they're supposed to play. We carried the play, we put some pressure on them and we had some great scoring opportunities, we just couldn't get one in.

"I think we were still tired from Saturday's tie with Algonquin when we played Northbridge. It took us the first 50 minutes to figure out we weren't playing the way we play. We played the way we're capable of playing the last 30 minutes, but the soccer Gods did their thing," continued Rickson, referring to the fact that the Warriors couldn't put the ball in the net despite having sever-

al good scoring chances.

A big part of the reason Tantasqua was unable to score — other than the first half PK — was the play of O'Meara, who finished with seven saves.

"Megan had a great game in net for us," DiMare said. "She was part of the difference in the game for us, keeping the defense organized. She has come a long way from the freshman girl who wouldn't talk to the junior who is now communicating with her teammates and leading our defense and coming off the line and being more aggressive. I couldn't be happier about her development."

O'Meara had plenty of help keeping Tantasqua from scoring over the final 64 minutes. The Rams' center backs, senior captain Sarah Barron and sophomore Hannah Lomonaco, kept the Warriors bottled up in front of the net, especially in the second half. Outside backs Morgan Mawn, Claire Green and Caitlyn Mahoney helped disrupt the

Warriors' offensive effort as well.

"Hannah and Sarah work well together; they're a good combination," DiMare said. "One does the reading of the game and the other one does the talking. I've got a nice balance there with the two of them and Claire and Caitlyn are freshmen and Morgan is a sophomore, so that's good for the future of our program."

When Northbridge was able to mount an offensive charge in the final 75 minutes of the game the Tantasqua defense, led by junior mid Erin McCarthy and junior backs Eva Wengender, Hailey Magierowski, Lydia Boland and Sophia Viapiano, and senior Keira Bergeron, shut the Rams down.

"The way we played the last 30 minutes is the way we usually play for the full 80 minutes," Rickson said. "What we learned in this game is that we're looking forward to continuing to play the season. We're going to be competitive every game."



Northbridge's Jackie Puda watches the ball after using her head to move it down the field.



Northbridge's Morgan Mawn hustles down the field with possession of the ball.



Ally Boucher of Northbridge steps in to defend an intended pass by Tantasqua.



Nick Ethier photos

Claire Green of Northbridge (11) and Tantasqua's Amber Almeida jockey for position as a bouncing ball approaches.



Lydia Boland of Tantasqua waits for an airborne ball to land so she can make a play.

Friday's Child



Lorraine and Paul
Ages: 9 and 11

Hi! Our names are Lorraine and Paul and we can't wait to be adopted together!

Lorraine and Paul are an African American sibling group who hope to be adopted together by a warm and welcoming family! Lorraine is ten-year old girl who does very well in school. Lorraine also has made several close friends in class, and easily communicates with her peers. One of her favorite activities is reading. She especially loves Harry Potter. When Lorraine grows up, she wants to be an Exotic Veterinarian, so she can care for a large array of animals in need!

Paul is a sweet eight-year old boy who is very engaging. He is very talkative and loves to learn new information. Paul finds a lot of enjoyment from

building with Legos, and creating large structures. He also enjoys playing video games at home

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TROOP 25 CONDUCTS FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



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Boy Scout Troop #25 flanked by Scout leaders Jeff Shaw (l) and Jim Glode (r)

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1 members of Boy Scout Troop #25 in Uxbridge began a solemn flag retirement ceremony on the front lawn of the Simeon Wheelock House, owned by the Deborah Wheelock Chapter, DAR. Led by Scout Masters Jeff Shaw, Jim Glode, and Lisa Harpin, the boys, ranging in age from 12 to 18, burned about a dozen American flags. The ceremony began with a recitation by each Scout of the official protocol for such activity. Individually, each flag was burned and then the ashes formally buried.

As the flags were set afire Chapter Regent Jane F. Keegan read appropriate, inspirational excerpts from a variety of sources:

a verse from Brahms' A Human Requiem, in honor of the burial of Sen. John McCain; George Washington's Prayer for the United States; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; and The American's Creed by Wm. Tyler Page. With hand-over-heart or a Scout salute, the ceremony concluded with the Pledge of Allegiance as the last flag entered the flames.

Anytime, but especially as we approach the 100th anniversary of the end of WW I- the war to end all wars- on Sunday, Nov. 11th remember to salute our flag when it passes by on parade, as we Pledge Allegiance, and when Taps is played. Saluting the flag indicates respect for the symbol of this great Nation and at Taps

offers a silent thank you in remembrance of those who gave their last full measure of devotion in service to America.

Since its founding in 1890, the DAR has been committed to patriotism, education and historic preservation. The Deborah Wheelock Chapter Chapter is proud to recognize the community service rendered by these young citizens of Troop #25 and their leaders. This is the second time they have volunteered to schedule a flag retirement ceremony to coincide with Uniquely Uxbridge Day, celebrating its sixth year as a popular event that brings our community together for a day of family fun and fellowship.

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Ryan today, and he agreed friendships are stronger than politics. I want to personally thank him for reaching out and I look forward to working with Ryan over the coming months."

Candidates Malone and Kevin Tagliaferri faced off on the Democratic side. Malone is a longtime resident of Uxbridge and an Uxbridge High School graduate. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with a degree in political science and economics. In his hometown of Uxbridge, Malone received 803 votes to Tagliaferri's 162.

Malone thanked Tagliaferri for a great campaign on social media after the victory.

"The thoughtful and respectful exchange of ideas was welcomed by voters and brought out the best in both of us. From the beginning, I have been grateful for his grace and class, and I'm grateful for the hard work and friendly

competition that pushed me to be the best candidate I could be," he said.

"Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to come out and vote, knock doors, hold signs, and make calls. It was all made possible by the people in Blackstone, Bellingham, Uxbridge, and Millville, our fantastic volunteer team, and our friends and supporters throughout the 8th Worcester."

Soter and Malone are vying for the seat vacated by Republican State Rep. Kevin Kuros, who will not be seeking a fifth term in the Legislature in 2018, rather, he announced that he will be running for the Worcester County Registrar of Deeds position.

In the 9th Worcester District, containing Northbridge, Grafton, and Upton, incumbent State Rep. David Muradian Jr. ran uncontested in the Republican primary. For the 18th Worcester District, containing Douglas, Sutton, Webster, and Oxford, incumbent State Rep. Joseph McKenna ran uncontested on the Republican ballot.

The next vote will take place at the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda returns



Courtesy photo

The children of Watoto

For two special evenings in October, the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda, East Africa, will perform their brand new concert production, "We Will Go" from their newly released album of the same title. Watoto last visited the Blackstone Valley in the fall of 2016 and captivated audiences from several nearby areas. The new 6-month "We Will Go" tour of the East Coast presents the story of abandoned African children and vulnerable women, who've been empowered to rise above their circumstances, and answer the call to be part of the new Africa, ready to make a difference in the world.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, Watoto will perform in concert at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road, Uxbridge, at 7:00 p.m.

On Friday, Oct. 12, Watoto will perform at Whitinsville Christian School in the Nehemiah Center, 279 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Both performances are free and all ages are welcome.

Watoto Children's Choirs have traveled extensively since 1994, sharing a message of hope and life. On almost every day of the year, the choirs performing somewhere in the world, introducing thousands of people to some of Africa's future leaders.

"People see their smiles and are embraced by their hugs," says Watoto press agent, Kelsie Nussel. "The children have the distinct privilege of telling people that it's possible to have joy, to laugh and to have hope, no matter what you are going through."

Like Africa, the "We Will Go" production is vibrant and colorful, taking you on an emotional journey from utter despair to joyous celebration, as the children and women share their personal stories of triumph in story and song.

"Other than going to Africa yourself, what better way to learn about all the good things happening in Uganda than through this stirring, musical experience," says Shari Dunlap, director of the arts at Whitinsville Christian School.

A free-will offering will be taken at each performance, which along with proceeds from the album and child sponsorship opportunities, will help Watoto provide children and women with homes, education, medical care, and most of all the love of a family.

For more information about Watoto, visit <https://www.watoto.com/home>

To see a preview of the concert, watch <https://vimeo.com/278270882>

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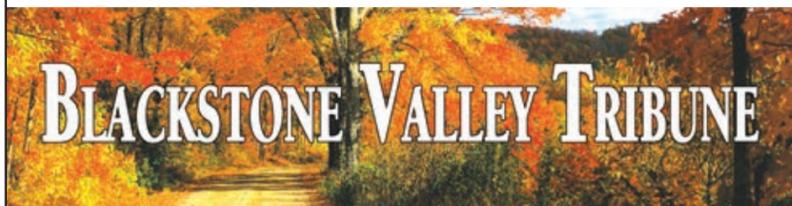
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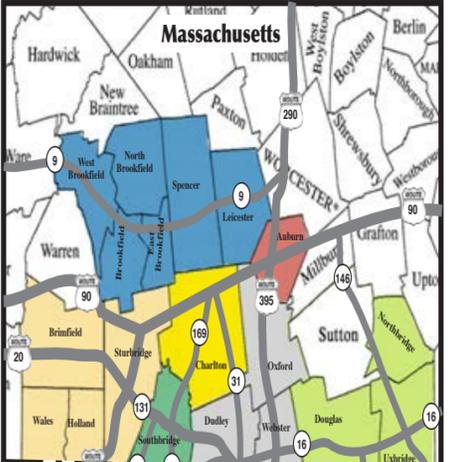
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Frances E. "Pat" Duquette, 80

NORTH UXBRIDGE- Frances E. "Pat" (Jacques) Duquette, 80, passed away on Weds. Sept. 12, 2018 at her home, surrounded by her loving family, after a period of declining health. She was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Richard G. Duquette Sr. in 2008.

She is survived by 5 children, Crystal J. Consolo of Uxbridge, Richard G. Duquette Jr. and his wife Lauren of Oxford, Jeffrey M. Duquette of Rindge, NH, Gary W. Duquette and his wife Linda also of Rindge, NH, and Stacy L. Boulanger and her husband Roger of Mendon; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Andrew Jacques Jr. of Phoenix, AZ, and Michael Jacques and his wife Toni of Webster; also many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 2 brothers, Robert Jacques, and Albert Jacques.



Born in Uxbridge on October 24, 1937 she was the daughter of Andrew Jacques Sr. and Eva (Lozeau) Jacques Morin, and was a resident of Uxbridge most of her life. She was a graduate of Uxbridge High School, and was married to Richard in 1955. Primarily a homemaker, Pat enjoyed time spent with her children and grandchildren in her home. She was a longtime member of the New England Country Music Club, and of a woman's bowling league that played at Sparetime Recreation in Whitinsville for many years.

Her Funeral Service was held inside Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd., Uxbridge on Tues. Sept. 18 beginning at 11AM. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery, Uxbridge. Calling Hours at the funeral Home in Uxbridge were held on Mon. Sept. 17 from 5-7PM, and on Tues. prior to the service from 10-11AM. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com

Patricia A. (Rice) Daly, 72

WINCHENDON — Patricia A. (Rice) Daly, age 72, died Saturday, September 8, 2018 at Saint Vincent Hospital.

She was born in Worcester, daughter of Ernest M. and Adella M. (Mikenas) Rice and graduated from David Hale Fanning Trade High School. Pat lived in Worcester for most of her life until recently

moving to Winchendon to live with her daughter. She worked at St. Francis Home and Providence House for many years as a CNA until retiring due to illness.

Pat is survived by two daughters, Donna M. Belanger and her husband Steve of North Brookfield and Dorene M. Mahan and her husband Scott of

Winchendon. She was a affectionately known as "Big Gram" to Matthew, Jennifer, Samantha, Jessica, Nathan and Jacob and great grandson Gavin. A granddaughter Kristin Mahan, predeceased her. She also leaves a brother, David Rice of Millbury and nieces and nephews. Two brothers, Richard Rice and Ernest M. Rice, Jr predeceased her.

Pat was a loving and devoted grandmother and truly enjoyed spending time and talking with her grandchildren. The arrival of her first great grandchild was very special to her. She enjoyed shopping and her summer trips to Hampton Beach.

Funeral Services and Burial are private and in the care of Callahan Fay & Caswell Funeral Home, 61 Myrtle Street, Worcester. To place an online message of condolence, please visit www.callahanfay.com



Walter L. Carpenter, 79

DOUGLAS- Walter L. Carpenter, 79, died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 at home surrounded by his devoted family. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Marilyn (Resseguie) Carpenter.

Besides his beloved wife, Mr. Carpenter leaves behind his daughters Sheryll Davis of Millbury, Leanne Cullinan of Palm Beach, FL, and Amy Carpenter Aquino and her husband James of Arlington Heights, IL; his son Scott Carpenter; sisters, Nancy Dyer and her husband Mills of TN,

Carol Swallow, and Sally Ballou and her husband Ed; grandchildren, Megan Cullinan, Lyndsey Davolio, Benjamin, Isabelle, and Juliet Aquino; a special family friend, Jayne Davolio; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Barbara Ann Gjeltema and his cherished grandson Michael Cullinan.

Born in Worcester on March 15, 1939, to Lincoln and Wibbie Carpenter, Walter lived in Douglas most of his life and was a graduate of Douglas High School class of 1957. After high school he entered East Coast Aero Tech, where he developed an enduring love of flying. Walter then joined the

United States Army and was stationed in various posts around the country during the Vietnam era. He also served for several years in the Massachusetts National Guard. Following discharge from the Army, Mr. Carpenter worked at NCR Corporation and Data General. In the 1980s, he turned his enthusiasm and affinity for flying into a career, first as a flight instructor at Sterling and Marlboro airports and later as a helicopter pilot for Boston traffic reporting services and Boston MedFlight. In 1987, he began working as a helicopter pilot for UMass Memorial LifeFlight in Worcester, and flew for them until his retirement in 1996.

Mr. Carpenter had a deep and abiding respect for nature and wildlife. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, boating, scuba diving, sky diving, snowmobiling, and gardening. He belonged to the Douglas Beagle Club and the Hopedale Pistol Club for several years and was a lifelong member of the National Rifle Association.

Walter's funeral home service was held on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 10 a.m. at Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St., Douglas. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Douglas. Calling hours were held on Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Douglas Fire Department and to the Salmon VNA and Hospice with a special thank you to his nurse Julie Hayward. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit: <http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com>



SUTTON- Damian P. Bonaventura, 42, of Sutton passed away on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at home.

Damian was a partner and employee benefits consultant at Northern Benefits of MA in Marlborough. He worked tirelessly for his clients, was an excellent resource and an expert in building and maintaining relationships.

He was born January 5, 1976 in Worcester to Patrick and Christine (Suydam) Bonaventura of Uxbridge and graduated from Worcester State College.

Damian loved golf and was a member of the Whitinsville Golf Club. He was an outstanding athlete in his years at Uxbridge High School and had a love for all New England sports teams.

In addition to his parents, Patrick and

Christine, he is survived by his brother, Adam and his wife Lisa Bonaventura of Dudley; a nephew, Peter; two nieces, Claudia and Audrey; and his dog "Bogey"; aunts and uncle; cousins; and more friends than can be counted, especially his girlfriend, Stephanie Murphy.

Damian's smile will be forever remembered and lovingly missed.

Visiting hours were held Friday September 14, 2018 from 11 AM - 1 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St., Rte. 122, Uxbridge. A celebration of Damian's life followed at the Whitinsville Golf Club.

Funeral services will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Uxbridge High School, Attn: Athletic Boosters Club, 300 Quaker Highway, Uxbridge, MA 01569. www.bumafuneralhome.com.



Leonard A. Allegra, 79

WHITINSVILLE- Leonard A. Allegra, 79, passed away on Fri., Sept. 14, 2018, surrounded by his family, after a brief illness. Len was predeceased 6 weeks earlier by his wife of 58 years, Patricia A. (O'Connor) Allegra.

Len is survived by 3 children, Philip McManus and his wife Ann Marie of Weare, NH, Debra Allegra Miller and her husband Don of South Yarmouth, MA, and Eva Allegra Rampino of Centerville, MA; a sister, Teresa Jefferson and her husband Gordon of California; 8 beloved grandchildren, Lisa Santiago and her husband Jean, Crystal McManus and her husband James Kutchinski, Chad McManus, Kristine Dietrich, Courtney Miller, Chelsea Eckman and her husband Nate, Matthew Rampino, and Derek Rampino; 8 great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Len grew up in East Boston before moving to the Worcester area in the mid 1960's. He spent over 45 years in the home he shared with his wife Pat in Whitinsville. During this time, he served in the National Guard, and worked for Bay State Abrasives in Westborough from 1968 until they closed their doors in 2003. He was active in the Union and represented them as a Shop Steward. Upon retirement, he was an active member of F.I.N.E. Friends of Northbridge Elders, Inc., supporters of the Northbridge Council on Aging, and served for a term as Board President. Len loved to putter in his home workshop, do small projects, and help family, friends, and neighbors. His grandchildren were his pride and joy and he will be sorely missed.

Len's graveside service will be held in St. Leo's Cemetery, 360 Lancaster St., Leominster, MA on Fri. Sept. 21, at 2:30 PM. There are no calling hours. Please join the family in remembering Len, all are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to F.I.N.E. c/o Northbridge Senior Center, 20 Highland Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

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the growth of mosquito larvae from developing into the adult form, and the application of pesticide chemicals to kill the adult form of the mosquito. These are applied by truck-mounted sprayers or aerially when the risk of an outbreak is apparent.

A late summer warming trend coupled with average evening temperatures are likely to increase resident's exposure to mosquitoes. As the majority of human West Nile Virus cases occur in August and September, the Board of Health would like to remind residents to be aware of peak mosquito

hours and other precautions. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning. Otherwise, take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing.

Clothing can help reduce mosquito bites, although it may be difficult to do when it's hot, wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin. Apply insect repellent when you go outdoors, and mosquito-proof your home by draining standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs. Limit the number of places around your

home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or removing items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains, and empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, while changing water in bird baths frequently. Some mosquitoes like to come indoors as well; keep them outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers, especially after heavy rains. Water troughs and buckets provide excellent mosquito breeding habits and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes.

Information about West Nile Virus and reports of activity in Massachusetts can be found online at www.mass.gov/mosquito-borne-diseases.

LIBRARY

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focus on the future needs of the community and will allow the library to continue to qualify for state funds, said Barbara Hall, a library Trustee and member of the Long Range Plan Committee.

"We know that there are challenges for public libraries in the 21st century," said Hall. "But there are also tremendous opportunities. Our job is to focus on what is right for Uxbridge and to find ways to make it happen."

An up-to-date plan is required by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners in order for a public library to qualify for funds under the Library Services and Technology Act and the Massachusetts Public Library Construction

Program, said Hall. The current Uxbridge Plan, from 2012 to 2017, is out of date, and the new plan will chart the course for the library for the next five years.

Hall added that she hopes everyone who uses the library - and even more importantly, those who don't use it-will take the short survey so the library can move ahead into the future.

In addition to the survey, a volunteer Long Range Plan Committee will meet several times over the coming months to examine all phases of the library's operation. A consultant with the Massachusetts Library System will assist with the process as well. The first meeting of the full Long Range Plan Committee took place on Aug. 29 at the Uxbridge Library.

Once the survey period closes, the Long Range Plan Committee will

begin analyzing the survey results and writing the actual plan. From the survey results, and from a series of focus groups and other sessions, the group will create a list of the most important items that the library needs to address in the future.

A formal written plan, to be presented to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners by Oct. 1 of next year, will articulate the mission, objectives, goals, and actions that will guide the Uxbridge library program for the next five years.

"It's such an amazing time to explore the potential roles of a public library," added Hinkle. "Technology is changing the focus of all of our institutions, and this is a perfect opportunity to examine the ways in which our library can take advantage of those changes to better serve our town in the future."



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Beauchaine said, adding that at the recent swap, and in previous years, people from the public came looking not only for themselves but also at items for children, grandchildren, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

"Lots of people seem to know one another and more than one person has told me that they have friends they only manage to connect with at the clothing swap."

Donations come in the night before the swap and also the morning of the swap. Beauchaine said that when the effort began, an estimate of 20 to 30 people attended. Now, more than 100 have attended the previous two swaps, the event growing in popularity and fulfilling a need in the community.

A core group of volunteers from the church have been assisting since the inception of the event, but Saturday's swap was so busy that the group plans to recruit additional volunteer for future efforts.

"We've had several people volunteer

from the general public and we are happy to sign off on community service hours for folks. We're also looking at the way we process incoming donations and hope to streamline that process because we now get so many donations," she added, noting the generosity surrounding the event.

Among the volunteers from the church, Beauchaine said it's not uncommon to see helpers perusing items for themselves or friends, adding to the overall feeling of community.

"It's actually a lot of fun and everyone looks out for one another. Volunteers

are welcome to take items as well."

The swap is hosted three times a year, in September, January, and May. All leftover items are donated to other charities, so nothing winds up in a landfill or the trash, said Beauchaine.

"It was always open to the public from the beginning and soon we found there was a great need in the community for this sort of project," she said. "There's a great sense of community around the clothing swap, both at the church and among attendees."

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includes visuals that are live during peak foliage season. Want more? You can download Yankee's Leaf Peeper app for iPhone and Android for free!

* jeff-foliage.com: For those who need a "fall foliage fix", this website is all about the autumn landscape. From regional color updates and a fall foliage forum to spectacular landscape photography and foliage forecast, this is an informative and entertaining site.

*massvacation.com: As autumn nears, this site offers a foliage map of Massachusetts that highlights peak dates for statewide regions. A "must see" for those serious about viewing the color show at its peak.

** Scenic Routes The Massachusetts Bureau of Travel and Tourism has rounded up top foliage destina-

tions that include the following scenic routes that are a comfortable drive from our area.

Central Massachusetts: Enjoy superb color at a relaxed pace when you drive along the less frequently traveled routes to the Quabbin Reservoir: From Rt. 128, follow Rt. 117 to Stow, in the heart of apple country, then Rt. 62 South and west to Princeton. Turn north on the unnumbered route to Wachusett Mountain Reservation. There you can drive, hike or take a "skyride" to the summit for a sweeping view of the countryside. Return to Rt. 62 and head west to Barre, then south on Rt. 32 to Old Furnace Road. Follow the unnumbered road west to Hardwick. Turn north on Rt. 32A, which runs along the Quabbin Reservoir to Petersham. At Petersham follow Rt. 101 east through Templeton, Gardner and the Ashburnhams to the junction with Rt. 119. Head east on Rt. 119 through the Willard Brook

State Forest in Ashby and Townsend.

Greater Springfield/Franklin County: The secondary roads of Rt. 116 and Rt. 9 wind through rolling countryside and hill towns. Rt. 116 passes through the picturesque towns of Conway and Ashfield; Rt. 9 leads through the village centers of Cummington and Goshen and the college towns of Northampton and Amherst. Scenic routes 143 and 112 travel through rolling New England countryside in the towns of Goshen, Chesterfield, Worthington and Huntington.

The Berkshires: Follow Rt. 7 north from Sheffield to Williamstown. Rt. 8 runs from Sandisfield to Dalton and is a superb route between two state forests. Rt. 183, from Great Barrington to Lenox, follows the Housatonic River and passes through small villages. Take Richmond Road, off Rt. 183, just south of Tanglewood, and stop at the overlook for views of Stockbridge Bowl and the

southern Berkshire Hills. Rt. 43 East, off Rt. 7, is the lower road to Williamstown, and passes through lovely farmland. Rt. 23, from Great Barrington to Monterey, and then right onto Tyringham Road, takes you through the Tyringham Valley and eventually to Lee.

Mohawk Trail: The Mohawk Trail, which runs 63 miles along Rt. 2 from Orange to North Adams, is one of the state's most popular foliage routes. Excellent "up-country" viewing sites include: the Whitcomb Summit; the hairpin turn before North Adams; the 10-mile drive to the summit of Mt. Greylock; the French King Bridge, Millers Falls; the Bissell Covered Bridge, Charlemont; and the enchanting Bridge of Flowers, Shelburne Falls.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

** Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! c/o Stonebridge Press, 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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go outside and play no matter what age or ability! The WCC's Blackstone Valley Children's Place (BVCP) believes that interacting with nature and enjoying physical activity is an experience that should be enjoyed by all residents in our community. Not only does it provide exercise and fresh air, but the opportunity for social interactions. As a fulfillment of our mission, this playground will not be just for children, but for

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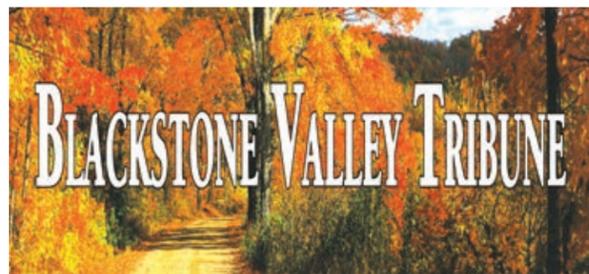
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THOMPSON, CT 25 Bonette Ave	S	12-2	\$275,000	Hope Realty/June Cazeault 860-377-2044
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CHARLTON 114 Ramshorn Rd	S	11-12	\$324,900	George P. Goulas Realtor, Keller Williams Realty 508-509-3833
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SOUTHBRIDGE 153 Highland St	S	10-12	\$289,900	ReMax Advantage I/Diane Luong 774-230-5044



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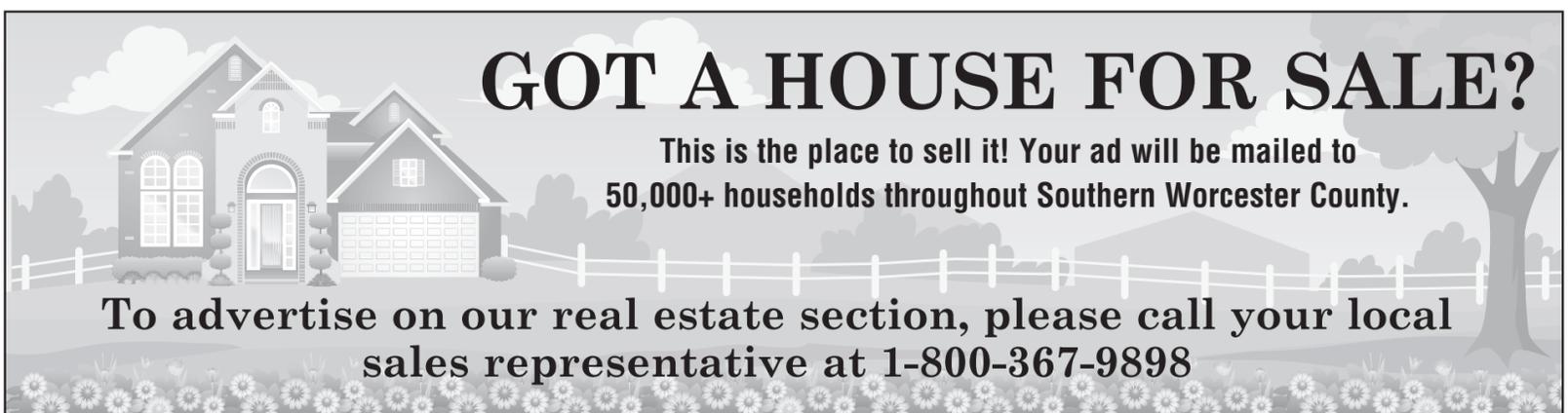
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<p>Ashford \$189,900</p>  <p>Great owner/occupy opportunity. Side by side units. Updated in 2003. Sits on 2.44 lovely acres. Vivian Kozey 860-455-5363</p>	<p>Woodstock \$450,000</p>  <p>Ca. 1745 but completely new w/4000 SF, 4 BR 3 full BA on 1.17 acres w/lovely views! Chef's kitchen extraordinary & gorgeous 3-car garage! The Gosselin Team: Stephanie 860-428-5960</p>	<p>Brooklyn \$224,000</p>  <p>Private, 4 BR, 2 BA Cape with 3 bay garage, paved drive nestled in the woods, back deck overlooks a pond! Rachel Sposato 860-234-1343</p>	<p>Putnam \$499,900</p>  <p>Truly one of a kind architectural masterpiece. Amazing grounds, 3 BR 2.5 BA. Catherine Howard 860-234-2901</p>	<p>Eastford \$314,900</p>  <p>Pristine Eastford home, frontage on year-round babbling brook. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, granite kitchen, expand bonus room. John Rich 860-315-2615</p>	<p>Pomfret \$275,000</p>  <p>Private 3 acres Custom Ranch 1,478 SF. FP in living room, dining room, 3 BR, 2 BA, woodstove, 2 car garage. Mary Collins 860-336-6677</p>
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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Ryan C. Murphy to Cornerstone Mortgage Corp., dated November 24, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 32302, Page 266 as affected by a Judgment recorded on March 12, 2018 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 58532, Page 153, subsequently assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by Cornerstone Mortgage Corp. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45634, Page 185, subsequently assigned to GMAC Mortgage, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50049, Page 308, subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50817, Page 89, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County

(Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 54671, Page 80 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on September 28, 2018 at 184 Sutton Street, Northbridge, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
The land in said Northbridge on the northerly side of Sutton Street, shown as Lot A on "Plan to show property in Rockdale, Northbridge, Mass. owned by Eva Dillabar ... " dated April, 1963, by Kenneth Shaw. Being the premises conveyed by deed of Chester Osterman et ux dated October 16, 1967 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 4806, Page 381. Subject to restrictions, conditions and reservations recited in said Book 4806, Page 381. Subject to 40' Right of Way described in Deed recorded in Book 4402, Page 261. A deed from Joseph L. Flamand and Lorraine Flamand to Ryan C. Murphy to be recorded. For Title see deed at Book 32302, page 264.
Judgment and Order recorded March 12, 2018 at Book 58532, Page 153 Worcester District Registry of Deeds, describes the legal description that this mortgage encumbers as follows:

Lots A and B as shown on the plan entitled "Plan to Show Property in Rockdale, Northbridge, Mass., owned by Eva Dillabar (a/k/a Eva Dillabar)" dated April 1963, by Kenneth Shaw, recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 475, Plan 67, are merged as one lot. For informational purposes only, the subject premises is shown on Plan Book 475, Plan 67, Worcester County Registry of Deeds. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to

Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANDS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 15-000994 September 7, 2018 September 14, 2018 September 21, 2018

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Paul Newman and Sandra Newman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC, dated May 14, 2013 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50941, Page 372 as affected by a modification agreement recorded with said records at Book 57102, Page 374, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC dated December 1, 2017 and recorded with said registry on March 12, 2018 at Book 58531 Page 363, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on October 2, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 7 Crownshield Avenue, Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

Property Address: 7 CROWNSHIELD AVENUE UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN WORCESTER COUNTY, UXBRIDGE, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 47246, PAGE 243, MAP 30, BLOCK 2596. BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON, SITUATED AT 7 CROWNSHIELD AVENUE. UXBRIDGE WORCESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 44, CONTAINING 43,607 +/- SQUARE FEET OF LAND, AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED:

PLAN OF LAND IN UXBRIDGE, MASS, PROPERTY OF MARINE CHARTER & STORAGE LTD., INC. SCALE 40 FEET TO AN INCH DATE: JUNE 27, 1988, GUERRIERE & HALNON, INC., ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, 333 WEST STREET, RECORDED IN THE WORCESTER SOUTH REGISTRY OF DEEDS AS PLAN 109 IN PLAN BOOK 603.

LOT 44 IS CONVEYED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE RIGHT TO USE CROWNSHIELD AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE REFERENCE PLAN IN COMMON WITH OTHERS' LAWFULLY ENTITLED THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES AS STREET, ROAD AND WAYS ARE COMMONLY USED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRANTOR, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, RESERVES THE FEE INTEREST IN SAID CROWNSHIELD AVENUE. LOT 44 IS FURTHER CONVEYED SUBJECT TO A 20' WIDE SLOPE, CONSTRUCTION AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT, ALL AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN ALL RESERVED FOR THE BENEFIT OF GRANTOR, ITS SUCCESSOR AND ASSIGNS. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM MARIA L. SMACHETTI, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 47246 PAGE 243 DATED 03/29/2011 AND RECORDED 03/31/2011, WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES - PROPERTY ADDRESS IS AS FOLLOWS: 7 CROWNSHIELD AVENUE, UXBRIDGE, MA 01569.

ATTEST: WORC Anthony J. Vigliotti, Register

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47246, Page 243.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the

premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
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September 7, 2018

September 14, 2018

September 21, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott L. Mullineaux and Heather L. Spavold to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated February 23, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40717, Page 173 as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded with said records at Book 48928, Page 54 and as further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated August 1, 2013 and recorded with said Registry in Book 51379, Page 250, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated May 28, 2013 and recorded with said Registry on June 12, 2013 at Book 51035, Page 59 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Federal National Mortgage Association dated September 13, 2016 and recorded with said Registry on September 19, 2016 at Book 55985, Page 215 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to Federal National Mortgage Association dated October 10, 2016 and recorded with said Registry on October 20, 2016 at Book 56165, Page 41 and by assignment from Federal National Mortgage Association to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. dated July 6, 2017 and recorded with said Registry on July 7, 2017 at Book 57379, Page 191, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on October 8, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 15 LARKIN AVENUE, UXBRIDGE, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Borrower(s): Scott Mullineaux & Heather Spavold

Property Address: 15 Larkin Avenue Uxbridge, Massachusetts 01569

The land with the buildings thereon in Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the southerly side of Larkin Avenue, and being Lots 4 and 5 on a plan entitled 'Plan of Lots for Sale by Francis E. Larkin, Uxbridge, MA August 1950, Francis J. Brennan, Surveyor' recorded with Worcester District Deeds Plan Book 169, Plan 3, 'said lots together being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot #4 on the southerly side of Larkin Avenue;

Thence S. 17 degrees W. along land, now or formdly of Frank W. Lisalc, Jr. and Lots 1 and 2 on said plan, 237.57 feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Gertrude G. Larkin;

Thence S. 71 degrees 20' E., 79 feet, more or less, to a drill hole in wall;

Thence N. 56 degrees 08' E. 41.95 feet to a drill hole in said wall;

Thence N. 38 degrees 53' E. 59.20 feet to a drill hele in said wall;

Thence N. 17 degrees 16' E. 184.70 feet to a drill hole in said wall at the southerly side of said Larkin Avenue;

The last four courses being bounded by land now or formerly of Gertrude G. Larkin;

Thence westerly along said Larkin Avenue, 136.50 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with a right of way over said Larkin Avenue for all purposes for which a right of way may be used, 40 feet wide and extending 336.50 feet, more or less..

Containing 31,990 square feet, more or less.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book: 40717 Page :171

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40717, Page 171.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other munic-

ipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201702-0389 - TEA

September 14, 2018

September 21, 2018

September 28, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by George L. Campbell and Kimberly Campbell to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lendia, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated January 30, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38336, Page 385, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee, for certificate holders of Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-QS7 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lendia, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47662, Page 42, subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee for Residential Accredited Loans, Inc. (RALI) 2006-QS7 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lendia, Inc., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53877, Page 117 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on October 12, 2018 at 20 Arch Street, Douglas, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated on the westerly side of Arch Street and the westerly side of South Street in the Town of Douglas, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, containing 3.624 acres and shown on a plan by Kenneth M. Shaw Engineering, Inc. dated July 10, 1975 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 416, Plan 19, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe at the southeasterly corner of the premises to be conveyed opposite station 99+85.05 of the county layout; Thence South 55 degrees 42'05" West four hundred sixteen and 72/100 (416.72) feet partially by a stone wall to a drill hole; Thence North 52 degrees 28'03" West forty-eight and 95/100 (48.95) feet partially by a stone wall to an iron pipe; Thence North 28 degrees 13'38" West three hundred twenty and 5/100 (320.05) feet partially by a stone wall and by the easterly line of Arch Street to an iron pipe; Thence North 65 degrees 19'38" East ninety-five (95.00) feet by land of Majkut to an iron pipe; Thence North 25 degrees 40' 23" West two hundred sixteen (216.00) feet by land of Majkut to a point; Thence North 71 degrees 36' 25" East twenty-two and 12/100 (22.12) feet to a stone wall to a point; Thence North 73 degrees 08'42" East one hundred thirty-four and 62/100 (134.62) feet by a stone wall to a point; Thence South 12 degrees 40'33" East one hundred and 80/100 (100.80) feet by South Colonair to a point; Thence South 69 degrees 56' 14" East ninety-four and 75/100 (94.75) feet by South Colonair to a point; Thence South 33 degrees 50' 10" East one hundred sixty-seven and 31/100 (167.31) feet by T. Colonair to an iron pipe; Thence North 56 degrees 09' 50" East one hundred sixty-seven and 9/100 (167.09) feet by T. Colonair to a drillhole; Thence South 33 degrees 50' 10" East one hundred seventy-seven and 14/100

(177.14) feet by the westerly line of South Street to the point of beginning. Excepting therefrom a portion of the premises conveyed by Deed dated January 25, 1980 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 6914, Page 220. Being the same premises as conveyed to grantor (s) in deed from Jacqueline Y. Boucher, Stephen E. Boucher and Glen L. Campbell dated May 17, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 36358, Page 1.

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

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September 21, 2018

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, October 11, 2018 at 7:05 P.M.** at the **Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA** to consider the application Jonathan Shenian, 121 Franklin Street, Douglas, MA 01516 for a Special Permit (11- SP-18) pursuant to Article X, Section 173-47 Special Permit, 173-12 Table of Use Regulations, in order to allow the applicant to sell used vehicles at the location of 1164 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 1 as Parcel 113, is located in a Business-3 zoning district and is owned by Jonathan Shenian. 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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10am- 2pm... **DJ Phou**

10:30am... **Maggie the Clown - Magic Show**

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11am... **Spotlight Dance School Performance**

1:15pm... **Kara Anderson's
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2pm... **Live music by "She's Busy"**

3pm... **Lucky Duck Pluck: 5 Winners Drawn**

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(NAPS)

If you're one of the 35 million Americans moving this year—and even if you're not—consider replacing your old mattress with an easy direct-to-consumer online brand. Here's why:

1. **Price**—After all the costs of hiring professionals to wrap and ship your mattress, you may already be looking at more than it would cost to buy a new one. Also, it's worth taking into account that the Better Sleep Council recommends replacing your mattress every seven to 10 years, so if your mattress falls into that category, it's time for an upgrade anyway.

2. **Sleep Trials**—Trying out dozens of mattresses in-store for a few seconds at a time isn't a good indication of how you're going to actually like sleeping on it day in and day out. The only way to truly tell if it's the right fit for you is to be able to sleep on it at your home for an extended time. No brick-and-mortar mattress brand offers that type of super-extend sleep trial. However, Nectar Sleep, an online mattress brand, offers a 365-Night Trial that lets you actually try out the mattress in the comfort of your own home to be totally sure it's

the right fit for you. For added convenience, the company also offers free returns and pickup.

3. **Hidden Delivery Fees**—The price tag you see in stores may not take into account shipping and handling, which is a cost you need to pay and can add a considerable amount to the final bill. When buying a mattress from most online companies, the price you see is the price you pay, which includes shipping.

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For further facts on mattresses, go to www.dreamcloudsleep.com and www.nectarsleep.com.

Owning A Vacation Home Is More Affordable Than Many Realize



When you're not on vacation, your second home can be at work, too, earning money as a rental.

(NAPS)

Relaxing by the water or in the mountains is more than a once-a-year vacation for people who own a second home, and the explosive growth of the vacation home rental industry has put the dream of affording a vacation home within reach for more people. For those who already own a second home, the increasing popularity of renting those homes to others is boosting retirement savings, college tuition payments and disposable income.

How It Works

Here's helpful information to know when estimating how much you can earn by renting out a second home to others: Vacation home owners who list their properties for rent on one site, HomeAway.com®, garner an average of \$32,000 each year, according to HomeAway data. That income lets most owners cover a significant chunk of their mortgage payment each year, 75 percent or more. The numbers get even more appealing if house payments are split among more than one owner. In fact, nearly one in three vacation homes are owned by multiple people, typically family members and friends.

What You Should Know

Here's what potential buyers should consider before taking the plunge into buying and renting out a vacation home:

- HomeAway.com offers a free online tool called "Earn" that lets you enter a home's address and other information, then presents a range of rental income potential based on nearby high-performing, like-sized properties already being rented out. The tool is available at HomeAway.com by clicking on "List Your Property" or going

directly to www.homeaway.com/earn.

- Calculate more than the mortgage. Vacation home owners often must pay for additional insurance coverage and may want to hire professional cleaners between guests. New owners may need to invest money to get a house guest-ready with fresh paint and linens, as well as for professional photography for the online listing. Also consider the tax obligations on the home's income, as well as any local or state tax that may apply to the home as a rental property.

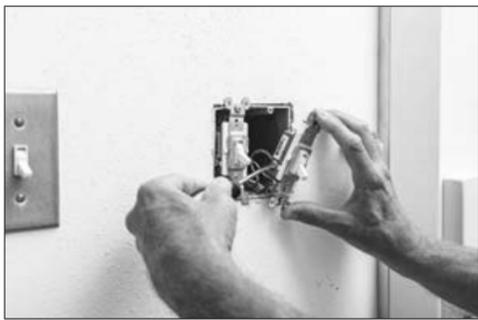
- Be realistic about how much time the house will be available to renters. The typical vacation home on VRBO.com is occupied by renters 18 weeks a year, leaving plenty of time for use by the owners' family and friends. Owners who use their homes during peak travel times will earn less than those who block their calendars during less popular vacation times.

- Decide whether managing the property is a do-it-yourself project or is better left to a professional property manager to handle reservations, guest communications, cleaning and maintenance. Homeowners report they spend seven hours a week managing their vacation homes when they do it themselves.

Vacation rentals continue to grow in popularity each year. Travel research firm Phocuswright measures the private accommodation industry in the U.S. alone to be worth nearly \$37 billion by the end of this year, a figure that is growing at twice the rate of the travel industry's.

For further information on the financial opportunity of renting a second home, visit www.homeaway.com/earn.

How to avoid electrical mishaps around the house



Accidents around the home happen. Some are minor and easily brushed off, while others can lead to serious injury or financial peril.

Many accidents, even those that are relatively minor, can be prevented. Such is often the case with electrical accidents, which may be more common than many people think. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, home electrical fires account for an estimated 51,000 fires each year, resulting in roughly 500 deaths and more than \$1 billion in property damage.

Homeowners who want to do all they can to reduce the likelihood of electrical mishaps at home can employ various strategies.

- Be mindful of cords and plugs. Cords and plugs can be found throughout the typical home. While few people may perceive cords and plugs as threats, they can serve as catalysts for accident and/or injury. Cords and

plugs should always be kept clear of heat and water sources, and cords should not be placed in areas where they can pose any tripping hazards. Even if residents grow accustomed to cord locations and know to maneuver around them, guests won't be as familiar. When pulling plugs from outlets, always pull the plug, and not the cord, to reduce injury risk.

- Periodically take inventory of electrical appliances and components. Some electrical appliances age well, while others may not. Periodic inspections of appliances and their components, such as their cords, can reveal wear and tear that can lead to fires or injuries. Replace any items that pose a threat and stop using these items immediately.

- Avoid DIY electrical work. Many homeowners are handy with hammers and other tools, but professionals are better trusted to perform electrical work on a home. The risk of accident or

injury when working with wiring and other electrical components is simply too great for untrained homeowners to do on their own.

- Unplug appliances before flipping a fuse. Fuses blow from time to time. Some may be knocked out by especially powerful storms, while others may blow because they're overloaded. Regardless of why fuses blow, homeowners should turn off appliances on blown fuses before flipping those fuses back on. Leaving appliances running when flipping a fuse can increase the risk of fire or accident. Turn off appliances, unplug them and then turn them back on one by one after the fuse has been flipped.

- Be especially cautious if anyone smells gas. Gas leaks are often detected by the aroma of the gas in the air. When such leaks are detected, homeowners should not touch or turn any electrical switches. Doing so may create a spark that can react with the gas in the air, leading to fire. If a gas leak is detected, go outside and contact a local emergency service.

Many home electrical mishaps can be prevented if homeowners exercise caution and hire certified electrical contractors to handle wiring and other electrical tasks around their homes.

How to choose the right window treatments for your home

Plantation shutters? Mini-blinds? Cafe curtains? Formal draperies? Homeowners' options in regard to window treatments for their homes are extensive, which can make outfitting home interiors challenging for novice decorators.

Some people do not pay a lot of attention to window treatments, failing to realize just how great an impact the right window treatments can have on a space. According to the design experts at Hunter Douglas, window treatments are often an afterthought because residents may not consider them necessities. As a result, homeowners may install whatever is on hand or accept window treatments that came with a house or apartment. But ignoring window treatments, especially when they can fulfill certain needs, is a missed design opportunity.

One of the first steps to choosing window treatments is determining your end goal. Is privacy your main goal? Are you seeking more natural light in a room? Is there too much light and you need to darken the room? Window treatments can serve multiple functions, and some treatments may make better fits depending on homeowners' ultimate goals.

Semi-sheer window treatments

Semi-sheer window treatments are often fabric and can help brighten rooms with natural light but offer little privacy. They're usu-

ally appropriate for spaces where people gather, such as living rooms, dens or dining rooms. Semi-sheer curtains may be paired with another complementary window treatment so privacy can be customized as needed. For example, sheer curtains let light into a bedroom, but shades can be drawn at night.

Maximum privacy

Bedrooms, work spaces or bathrooms can benefit from extra privacy. While some people may think that privacy comes at the cost of light, that's not always the case.

Functional curtain panels can be drawn closed when privacy is desired and then opened to let in light. The thickness of the fabric will also dictate the amount of privacy the panels create.

Tiers are hung on a short rod-pocket panel and usually cover the lower one-third of a window. They're popular choices to let light in from the top, but obscure views from the bottom portion of the window.

Cellular shades are another option that provide privacy but still let light in. Cellular shades come in hard and fabric varieties and their use depends on the room. Many cellular shades are constructed with a honeycomb design, offers the design resource Houzz, so they can insulate as well as decorate windows.

Blackout shades/shutters

Perfect for rooms where



babies nap, shift workers rest during daylight hours or external lights, such as that from a street lamp, need to be blocked out, blackout shades do just what their name implies. A dense fabric lining helps keep light out entirely.

Shutters also can block out light but add to the character of the room. They can be painted a bright color to make a statement or match wall colors to blend in seamlessly.

When selecting window treatments, shoppers can choose retail options or custom treatments. Many designers recommend custom window treatments because they are measured, manufactured and installed specifically for homeowners' windows. However, there are many DIY options available at budget-friendly retailers.

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Remodel Unused Living Space To Maximize Your Home's Potential



When you get down to it, remodeling your basement can be a great way to have a new home at the old address.

are practically endless.

The Advantages

An unfinished basement, on the other hand, can be a source of energy loss, so with a remodeling you can expect to see savings on your monthly heating and cooling costs. Industry experts recommend finishing the space with the proper framing, insulation and vapor barrier to guarantee cozy and inviting rooms. Insulation plays a key role in the comfort of your newly remodeled space and although hidden within your walls, it will make sure the basement stays cool in the summer and warm in the winter.

A Problem

Unfortunately, moisture can be a common challenge in many basements. Starting with a dry space is important.

An Answer

As a result, builders and contractors often favor an inorganic stone wool insulation that's resistant to mold and mildew growth, such as Rockwool Comfortboard and Comfortbatt products. Not only will they help protect indoor air quality, they're easy to install and won't slump in the wall cavity. This serves to ensure the comfort of your newfound living space, so you can count on long-term thermal performance for years to come.

Remodeling a basement can be very worthwhile, especially when you consider that moving to a larger home can add significant bulk to your mortgage. To get the most from the project, be sure to practice due diligence, obtain the right permits, and educate yourself on building codes. If you don't have the know-how, it's worth the peace of mind to hire a qualified professional.

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If the real estate market has you frazzled or if the notion of trading up leaves you with sticker shock, a home remodeling project may be just the right answer.

An Idea

A finished basement, for example, can offer a little extra room to give a growing family space to breathe or to create an income suite to offset mortgage costs. It can also offer the added benefit of bolstering the value of your

home. With so many uses, a remodeled basement may be the exact solution to what your home is missing, whether it's additional storage space, a soundproofed media room, craft room, guest room or home gym. The possibilities

Raising The Bar And Wine Cellar To New Heights

(NAPS)

When you're looking for a great place to unwind with friends, as more and more Americans are discovering, few spots can beat your own home bar or wine cellar.

What's Cool In Wine Cellars

A recent survey of home decorators, designers and fabricators found four facts and trends to consider when you want to install your own bar.

1. What are the new technologies for bars and wine cellars? The majority of designers brought up LED lighting, flexible lighting, appliance lighting and the addition of more lighting displays. "Bars and wine cellars will trend toward backlighting in the future with the increasing prevalence of LED lighting," according to Paul Menninger, owner of Capitol Granite. "The options for LED come with reduced costs, longer life and lower heat generation."

2. What materials or appliances are trending? The hottest materials today

include ultracompact surfacing—more commonly known as "thin" tile. These surfaces have the advantage of stain resistance and durability—you can have a marble look, for instance, without having to worry about stains. Mixed textures were also a common answer. These are spaces designed to "stand out."

3. What trends do you anticipate for the future? Designers and fabricators anticipate the use of more glass, unique surface materials such as porcelain countertops, or looks such as a mitered drop edge. Cheryl Clendenon, owner of InDetail Design, states, "I would say unique wine storage in unusual places—we have proposed one in a large foyer. Sounds odd but it will be part of a built-in area with a bench and the wine will become drinkable art! Also, more clients want wine refrigeration."

"Clients tend to want a bar or wine cellar that is a conversation piece," states Krista Lake, owner of Signature

Interior Expressions. "They like for their bar/wine cellar to have a unique look that stands out from the rest of the home."

"The products we feel are currently trending are wine barrel and winepress furniture," states Brad Burns, partner/owner of Cutting Edge Countertops. That may help explain the appeal of Blanco's new Empressa faucet collection, which coordinates bar and kitchen sink faucet styles with a vintage winepress-inspired handle shape.

4. What colors are in for bars and wine cellars? Mostly whites and grays, automotive and industrial finishes. "Whites and grays with dark-colored woods contrasting in the wine cellars, like walnut and cherry," are popular, adds Menninger. What's working, he said, is contrasting light and dark colors for entertaining spaces. For example, the Empressa faucet ranges from contemporary polished chrome or stainless, to more traditional polished



The best bar around could be the one in your own home.

nickel and even oil-rubbed bronze.

The award-winning design team at Blanco foresaw the fusion of old-world influences and contemporary style in today's kitchens and bars. Traditional finishes such as oil-rubbed bronze are making a comeback, even as modern

design is surpassing traditional. The result is a transitional look with one foot in the familiar past and another in the functional present. It can be the best of both worlds.

Learn More

For further facts about faucets, go to www.blancoamerica.com.

Make the most of your home improvement dollars

Home improvement projects provide homeowners with a chance to put their own stamp on their homes. In addition, many such projects make homes safer and, in some instances, more eco-friendly.

The opportunity to make a home more comfortable, safer and/or more eco-friendly entices many homeowners to open their wallets. In fact, the Home Improvement Research Institute estimates that the home improvement products market will grow by more than 5 percent in 2018.

Homeowners might experience some sticker shock when researching home improvement projects or receiving estimates from contractors. But there are ways for budget-conscious homeowners to transform their homes and still



make the most of their home improvement dollars.

• Do your homework. Each year, Remodeling magazine publishes its "Cost vs. Value Report," a comprehensive study of 21 popular remodeling projects in

149 United States markets. The report notes the value each project retains at resale in 100 markets across the country. Homeowners who want to get the strongest return on investment can access the "Cost vs. Value Report" ([\[ing.how.net\]\(http://ing.how.net\)\) to see which home improvement projects are best suited for them.](http://www remodel-</p></div>
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• Do some of the labor yourself. Homeowners willing to swing a hammer also can stretch their home improvement dollars. For exam-

ple, the home improvement resource This Old House® notes that homeowners willing to do their own demolition before the contractors arrive can save substantial amounts of money. A professional contractor may charge \$1,000 to demo a 200-square-foot deck, but This Old House estimates that homeowners who demo their own decks may spend only \$450 (for the dumpster rental and parking permit).

• Hire a consultant. The DIY movement is incredibly popular, no doubt thanks to television channels such as HGTV and the DIY Network. Homeowners with DIY experience may be able to complete projects on their own with little consultation from professional contractors. Some contractors may not offer consulting services, however. The consultation

route, which typically requires paying licensed contractors hourly fees to offer guidance, should only be considered by homeowners with legitimate DIY skills, for whom this option can be a great way to save money.

• Schedule renovations during homeowner-friendly times of year. Summer and fall tend to be contractors' busy seasons, and homeowners will likely pay more for projects during this time of year. If possible, delay starting projects until right after the new year, when contractors aren't so busy and might be more flexible with pricing.

Budget-conscious homeowners can employ various strategies to make the most of their home improvement dollars without sacrificing quality.

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