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A justly proud Robonauts team at Detroit.

Moore supports bill improving benefits and services for veterans

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced the Senate unanimously passed legislation known as “The BRAVE Act” that will expand benefits and increase access to a range of services for veterans, active-duty military and their families.

“This bill seeks to support and honor those who have given themselves in service to our Nation,” said Senator Moore. “The provisions of the legislation also reaffirm our deep appreciation to the men and women of our Armed Forces, and their families. I am proud to join members of the Senate in passing this bill, and celebrating veterans’ contributions to promote freedom on the home-front and abroad.”

The legislation designates the 5th day of April as ‘Gold Star Wives Day’ and the last Sunday in September as ‘Gold Star Mothers and Families Day’ and directs cities and towns to designate reserved parking for veterans at all city and town halls.

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Provides several studies and analysis regarding higher education, incarcerated veterans, and National Guard recognition.

The BRAVE Act, S.2464, will now go to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Robotics team takes part in world competition

The Whitinsville Christian School Robotics team, the Robonauts, recently competed in the FIRST® Robotics Competition world championships in Detroit, MI.

This is the first time in the team’s 18 years of competing they have been invited to the world championships. The Robonauts were awarded a special robotics grant from the US Department of Defense to cover their registration fee.

“This season was fantastic in so many ways, and the team has pressed forward in the face of every obstacle,” said Robonauts mentor, Peter Osswald.

Going to the FIRST® Robotics Competition world championship was a dream come true for the students and the mentors. The Robonauts finished 24th out of 68 teams in their division, an accomplishment they are very pleased with for their first time competing at this highest level.

“The team really enjoyed the opportunity to travel and compete against some of the best teams in the world. We were really proud of our performance and are excited for next year,” said Bobby Whiton, WCS junior, and Robonauts team member.



TOURING VIA VR

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The Douglas High school students Aaron Pastor and Luke Pilkington, chose the senior center for their senior project at school this year. The senior patrons had a great time meeting today’s technology while wearing the virtual reality headsets to paint and take a tour of Italy.



Tagliaferri kicks off State Rep campaign

Kevin Tagliaferri of Bellingham launched his campaign for State Representative of the 8th Worcester District with a kick-off at Pete’s Bluebird Restaurant on April 4th. Introduced by former Board of Selectmen chair Bill Bissonnette, Tagliaferri said he was humbled by the enthusiastic overflow crowd attended by family, friends and supporters from across the district, which includes Bellingham, Blackstone, Millville and Uxbridge.

Chair of Bellingham’s Democratic Town Committee and a local attorney, Tagliaferri began his remarks by reflecting on the historic significance of the day being the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and that despite the tragic loss of King, his memory, words and deeds continue to inspire.

Tagliaferri, one of six children, grew up in Bellingham and went on to outline his plans for representing the district. They include enforcing fairness standards for education funding for local towns, supporting the



Courtesy photo

Candidate Kevin Tagliaferri (left) speaks with his supporters at his kick off in Bellingham.

current ban on assault-style weapons, and infrastructure improvement that is sorely needed in all four towns.

“I intend to be at the table and to fight for our fair share of resources,” he said.

He shared that his legal practice and experience gives him reason to support the criminal justice reform bill currently before the Governor. He also reflected on his lifelong concern for the environment and with the balance needed between

the natural beauty of this area and the growth necessary for economic stability.

Tagliaferri faces a primary runoff election on Sept. 4 and encourages anyone who would like to learn more about his candidacy to visit his Facebook page at Kevin4Rep or call 508-533-1600. To volunteer for the campaign please send an email to kevin4rep@gmail.com or call Pat Keppler at 508-966-0003.

Get ready to be wooed by food

WHITINSVILLE - The Whitin Community Center is pleased to announce our 4th annual **Wooed by the Food** to be held on **Saturday, June 9** from 11am-5pm. Wooed By The Food is one of the largest events we host here at the Whitin Community Center and it brings a fun and engaging community event to the Blackstone Valley for all ages and backgrounds to enjoy.

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Planning under way for fall arts festival

A new arts festival, the Small Stones Festival of the Arts, is slated for Nov. 9-11 as a collaboration of three regional arts organizations to be held at the Grafton Town House, One Grafton Common in Grafton. The Festival will combine juried exhibitions of photography and painting with an accompanying music program with the goal to elevate the practice and appreciation of fine art in the region.

Apple Tree Arts, a nonprofit community music and theatre arts school based in Grafton will host the event and organize the music program.

Donna Blanchard, the organization's executive director and co-chair of the Festival said, "This festival will bring together the remarkable talents in our community, providing new opportunities for artistic engagement and expression."

The photography portion of the

Festival is being organized by a regional photography group, Worcester County Camera Club and a juried exhibition of painting will be handled under the aegis of the Blackstone Valley Art Association, based in Uxbridge. The juried exhibition, in which prizes will be awarded by an independent judge, will be accompanied by a special exhibit mounted by members of the club.

Planning for the event is underway, with additional sponsorships being sought. Artist inquiries are welcome, with art submissions for juried selection planned to begin in June. Blanchard may be reached at info@appletreearts.org, (508)-839-4286 and Ken Crater, Worcester County Camera Club, may be reached at info@smallstonesfestival.org, (508)-272-9696. For more information, visit www.smallstonesfestival.org

IT'S A BARBECUE!!



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Uxbridge Scouts Troop 25's annual Chicken BBQ will be held at St. Mary's Parrish Hall on Saturday, May 19 at 6pm. The menu will include grilled chicken, potato salad, tossed salad, corn on the cob, corn bread, desserts, and beverages. There will also be raffle baskets. The scouts work hard to set up, cook,

serve, and clean up the dinner. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and seniors. If you can't enjoy a dinner with the scouts, feel free to order take-out! It's \$10 per person for take-out. Tickets can be purchased by calling Denise at 508-714-6307. Tickets will also be available at the door. Hope to see you there!

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Veterans legislation expands benefits

BOSTON –The Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed “The Brave Act” – new legislation that will expand benefits and increase access to a range of services for veterans, active-duty military and their families, Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) announced.

Understanding the sacrifice that military personnel and their families make not only while on active duty, but also after returning home, the Massachusetts Legislature has consistently provided a continuum of major veteran legislation to help with those who sacrifice the most for our freedoms.

Included in the bill is an amendment, filed by Senator Gobi, which would create the Massachusetts Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture Program Fund. The fund would be administered by the Department of Agricultural Resources to integrate veterans into the field of agriculture and support veterans currently working in agriculture. The program will address training, employment, income, productivity, and retention of veterans in agricultural work.

“As the daughter of a veteran and vice chair of the committee I fully support initiatives that assist Veterans and their families,” said Senator Gobi. “I appreciate the support of my colleagues in adopting my amendment to establish a Veteran and Warriors to Agriculture program, to help transition from the battlefield to agricultural fields.”

On the recognition front, the legislation designates the 5th day of April as Gold Star Wives Day and the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers and Families Day and directs cities and towns to designate reserved parking for veterans at all city and town halls.

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George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Be aware of the symptoms warns health officials

MILFORD - When a stroke occurs, time is critical. Milford Regional has earned a designation as a Primary Stroke Center having a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients admitted to the emergency department.

Stroke is a leading cause of death and serious long-term disability in the United States, and in honor of National Stroke Awareness Month, Milford Regional is reminding the community to be aware of the signs and symptoms of stroke in order to act fast to seek treatment.

Strokes occur when a blood vessel

carrying oxygen and vital nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or ruptures. When this occurs, part of the brain is deprived of blood and oxygen, destroying nerve cells within minutes. The resulting damage can lead to significant disability including paralysis, speech problems and emotional difficulties.

“Time is crucial in the treatment of stroke, as on average every 40 seconds someone in the United States has a stroke and roughly every four minutes someone dies from a stroke,” says Jeffrey Hopkins, MD, medical director of Milford Regional’s emergency

department. “The earlier a stroke is recognized and the patient receives medical attention, the greater the chance of recovery.”

Primary stroke symptoms include: sudden numbness or weakness on one side of the face or facial drooping; sudden numbness or weakness in an arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination; sudden severe headache with no known cause.

If you suspect a stroke, remember

the word FAST: F is for face – is your face drooping? A is for arms – can you lift both arms? S is for speech – are you slurring your words and T is for Time – call 9-1-1 immediately.

According to the American Stroke Association, approximately 795,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke each year. Leading a healthy lifestyle, including lowering risk factors like high blood pressure and weight, can also help reduce your stroke risk.

For more information about stroke, visit www.strokeawareness.com

Students reach across state lines to build playhouse for child



Courtesy photos

Blackstone Valley Tech Construction Technology students recently presented the VanderZicht family with a new playhouse at Bryant University’s Third Annual Project Playhouse unveiling. Pictured here (left to right) instructor Joseph Flynn, Brandon Daubney, Aleecia Pease, Victor Lopes, Katherine Jordan, Nicholas Pires, Ryan Malmquist, Sydney VanderZicht, Renee VanderZicht, Georgia VanderZicht, Charlotte VanderZicht, and Brian VanderZicht.



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UPTON – Blackstone Valley Tech students recently brought sunshine to a rainy day when they presented the VanderZicht family with a custom-made playhouse during the annual Project Playhouse unveiling at Bryant University on April 25.

Project Playhouse is a collaborative project between local high schools, Bryant University, and Rosemary’s Wish Kids. Bryant University students and Rosemary’s Wish Kids ask high school students to design and build a playhouse for a local family.

During the third annual Project Playhouse unveiling, Blackstone Valley Tech construction technology students presented the VanderZicht family with a train station-inspired playhouse.

“I never had a playhouse when I was little, and I always wanted one,” said Aleecia Pease, a senior in BVT’s Construction Technology program from Grafton. “I’m glad these kids will have somewhere to play and use their imaginations.”

The VanderZicht family immediately began making memories in their new clubhouse shortly after the unveiling. Brian and Renee VanderZicht watched as three of their children, Sydney, age 9, Charlotte, age 5, and Georgia, age 4, discovered the fun a playhouse can hold. The couple was sure older brother Jack, age 13, would join the girls in their clubhouse in the future.

“The kids have been asking for a clubhouse or a treehouse. Now they won’t be asking for that anymore,” said Brian

VanderZicht. “The students did an awesome job; I love that it’s completely finished and so beautiful.”

The BVT students began working on the playhouse in January. Local businesses, including Koopman’s Lumber in Whitinsville and Plywood Plus in Worcester, donated materials to the project. After several weeks of planning and revising, the students set to work building the playhouse train-station known as Seaside Station. The students included wooden train tracks on the side of the clubhouse to tie the theme into the design.

“The best part of the project was watching the kids have fun in the playhouse and knowing that you helped do that,” said Nicholas Pires, a senior in BVT’s construction technology program from Milford. “We don’t always get to see the reaction to our work, so to see kids enjoying it made the hard work worth it.”

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

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Human rights policy subject to ‘veiled intentions’

BY GUS STEEVES
STAFF WRITER

DUDLEY – To Assistant Professor Kelly Shannon, the US government has sometimes used, and sometimes mis-used, human rights in pursuing its foreign policy goals in the Islamic world over the last several decades.

Speaking recently to several dozen people as part of Nichols College’s Fischer Institute speaker series, the Florida Atlantic University historian and researcher noted human rights “can be a tool of imperialism,” but has also reflected the fact Americans genuinely care about them. They’ve increasingly been an issue since the “rights revolutions” first of the 1950s and 60s here at home, but first appeared in foreign policy as our government lobbied the UN and other groups to “embrace a more expansive definition of human rights” from the 1970s on, she said.

That has sometimes led to conflicts and confusion, Shannon noted, between American “hard power” (military/economic) goals and “soft power” (cultural) goals – hence the title of her talk, “Veiled Intentions.” As an example, she pointed to the internal fights over how to deal with the Taliban in the 1990s. One faction wanted to recognize them as Afghanistan’s official government to promote stability there and push a \$4 trillion Unocal pipeline project, but the other side strongly objected on the grounds that they “sought basically to erase women from public life” and otherwise abused people. The latter came

out on top, in part because they had the ear of Secretary of State Madeline Albright and the aid of a strong PR campaign spearheaded largely by a group called the Sisterhood is Global Institute and the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Shannon said SIGI, founded by Iranian exile Mahfez Afkhami, also promoted outreach in the Islamic world, with publications “to allow women in Islamic countries to know what international law actually says and how to apply it.”

The FMF, by contrast, was American in origin and generally lacked “any knowledge of Islam or Afghanistan,” but were coming off success against South African apartheid and specifically targeted the Unocal project.

In part because of their efforts, the US became the largest provider of humanitarian and development aid to Afghanistan between 1996 and 2001 – more than \$200 million – and Shannon described that period as “the closest thing to a truly human-rights-driven policy you’ll ever see the US government make.”

After George W Bush’s election and 9/11 introduced a much stronger military approach, the humanitarian elements came to be seen as imperialist, so Obama “tried to repair the some of the rifts with Islamic nations and scaled down the feminist approach,” she added.

“The current administration has gutted the State Department...and abandoned human rights altogether,” she said. If President Trump does raise the

issue, Shannon expects “it’ll mostly be a tactic to make Muslims look bad, rather than promote gender equality.”

Responding to questions, Shannon addressed several areas she hadn’t originally spoken of. One, for example, wondered why refugee camps have been such “fertile ground” for recruiting fundamentalists. She noted since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, thousands of people have been “marooned in those camps for a decade or more” and largely ignored by everyone except the Saudis, who have funded Wahhabi mosques there.

“We need to be concerned about the displacement of people from Syria,” who are now in a similar situation in that “nobody wants them,” she added.

Regarding the Saudis, one man described the US relationship with them as “inherent hypocrisy in US policy.” Shannon noted that it has been conflicted, with some recent progress after many years of little action due to “personal and business ties with the Saudi monarchy.” The government, she said, has a concern about “humiliating” the Saudis in a way that causes the dynasty to fall.

Two audience members asked Shannon to look forward. She noted most of the government’s human rights advocates have gone to NGOs and academia, so she expects “it’ll be some time before we see any focus on these issues.” In the Middle East, though, most countries are disproportionately under age 35, so she feels they’ll keep pushing for changes, although they



Kelly Shannon

have to do it carefully to avoid being branded “foreign lackeys.”

“I think the prospects for change are still pretty good,” she said. “It’ll just take longer.”

One issue is that Muslims themselves are split. Some men serve as “physical protection” for protesting women and otherwise seek change, while others are “resentful” of them, and the latter often get support from “very traditional women.” Afterward, she noted there are scholars (including the late Moroccan historian Fatima Mernissi, one of SIGI’s leaders) and others who have been trying to “reinterpret Islamic texts on a feminist level,” noting there were influential women in Muslim history and many practices used to control women are not actually in the Quran.

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I believe if you are hiring a true professional in the Real Estate industry then they should be worth more than you pay them or you are hiring the wrong person. If you do not think the agent earns their fee then you may not have the right agent. This is why you want to interview agents and ask the list of questions I have suggested in the past to ensure that you have hired the best agent in your local area to make the process painless and get you the best deal.

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\$440,000 32 East St, Millville Investment LLC, to Anderson, Timothy.

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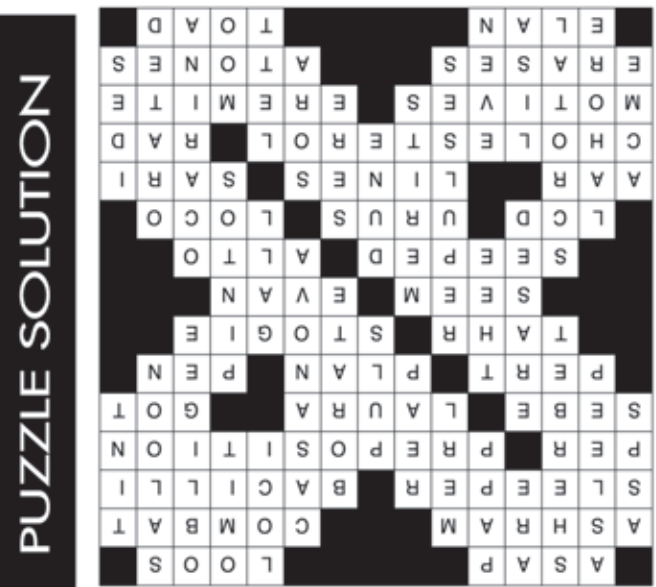
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- WC's
- Religious retreat
- Warfare
- One you wouldn't expect
- Disease-causing microorganisms
- For each
- Grammatical term
- One point east of southeast
- ___ Dern, actress
- Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
- Shampoo
- Scale drawing of a structure
- An enclosure for confining livestock
- Goat-like mammal
- Cigar
- Appear
- "Westworld" actress ___ Rachel Wood
- Leaked through
- The highest adult male singing voice
- Musical group ___ Soundsystem
- Aurochs
- Crazy (Spanish)
- Swiss river
- Strains
- Found in most body tissues
- Cool!
- Reasons behind
- Christian recluse
- Removes
- Repents
- Energy
- Tailless amphibian

CLUES DOWN

- Not awake
- Type of desert
- They ___
- Retired Coast Guard admiral
- Gene positions
- Exclude
- One who is bound
- Where drinks are served
- Small vipers
- Blackbird
- Adventurer
- Shade
- A way to gain
- A salt or ester of boric acid
- Monetary units
- Removed
- "My country, tis of ___"
- Horses
- Drives back by force
- Bold, impudent behavior
- Rates
- Types of nerves in males
- A ridge of sand created by the wind
- Wind instrument
- Pakistani city
- Dry or withered
- Delivered a speech
- Peak
- Small waterbird
- Days falling in mid-month
- Elvis' daughter
- Flat and smooth
- Dallas Cowboys great Leon
- What cows say



Bison herd heads to new pastures



After the formal ceremonies concluded, a new graduate gets a big hug from a family member



Students stand at attention for the National Anthem.



Juliana Forcier-Ucher had the most visible headgear of the day.

BY GUS STEEVES
STONEBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – On Saturday, Nichols College commencement sent 499 undergrads and graduate students off into the “real” world at DCU Center in Worcester.

For one of them, it was an achievement that took someone else’s lifetime. Although privacy laws prevented Nichols staff from telling us the name, one student celebrated completing their degree after 29 years of trying. On the other end of the spectrum, three people were honored for not being students at all, but for their contributions to the larger community in various ways, with honorary doctorates being awarded to local philanthropist Marilyn Fels, Aubuchon Hardware CEO M. Marcus Moran, and film producer Louis

Stroller. (The latter two were Nichols graduates in the 1960s.)

Stroller was keynote speaker, drumming home a short message he said he hoped people would still remember long after they’d forgotten everything else he said: “Fear makes the wolf bigger than he is.”

“This is not some elaborate, philosophical, life-changing notion, but that is exactly why I like it,” he said. “Because it is plain and simple, and it is real. ...[L]et that serve as your reminder to chase whatever dreams you have. I would not be standing here in front of you all today if I hadn’t taken this same advice.”

By contrast, valedictorian Haroutiun Sarkisian departed the stage with a line of famous philosophy from Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius: “What we do now echoes in eternity.”



The first graduates-to-be parade into the arena at DCU Center.



In the middle of everything, one student starts celebrating early.



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Valedictorian Haroutiun Sarkisian recalls learning that “Life is so precious, but it does not wait for anybody.”

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LEARNING

Deborah Wheelock DAR honors American history essay winners

Snow in March postponed honoring the fifth and sixth grade essay winners until the April 25 meeting of the Deborah Wheelock Chapter DAR in Uxbridge at the Simeon Wheelock House on North Main Street.

On a cold, rainy evening along with their families and teacher Jill Burr, Ashton Watt and Milla Mace, the fifth grade winner and runner-up respectively, were finally welcomed. The sixth^h grade local and MDAR state winner Madison Quinn was absent due to illness.

All winners are proud Spartans and call Uxbridge home. In an interesting tidbit of local history, Madison Quinn is the great, great niece of Alice Bridges, a bronze medalist in swimming at the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics. The bridge spanning the Mumford River on Mendon Street beside Capron Park, named for Alice, commemorates her victory.

Camille Williams of Milford, American History Committee chair,

introduced the students who attend the McCloskey Middle School. Both read their winning essays on “WW 1: Remembering the War to End All Wars”.

Each received a framed certificate and a book selected especially for them. After inspecting all the interesting antiques in the Simeon Wheelock House and enjoying refreshments, as an added bonus winners and siblings received Dove chocolate bunnies to enjoy at home later.

The Deborah Wheelock Chapter is pleased to sponsor this NSDAR writing contest annually in the Uxbridge public schools and recognizes other teachers who regularly encourage student participation: Cathy O'Brien and Linda Simonds.

The mission of the Daughters of the American Revolution is to promote education, historic preservation and patriotism. For more information about the DAR and its activities, contact Jane F. Keegan, Regent.



Courtesy photo
L-R: Camille (Mille) Williams, Jane F. Keegan, Milla Mace, Jill Burr, and Ashton Watt.

Friday's Child



Hi! Our names are Eli, Eliza and Emerald

Eli, Eliza, and Emerald are a sweet and bonded sibling group of three of Caucasian descent. Eli, is an active child who loves to run and play. He is thriving in school and is well liked by his peers and teachers. Eli does best with structure and consistency. He likes to try new activities, watch movies, and play video games! He is protective of his younger sisters and enjoys living with them in the same foster home.

Eliza, is a sweet and inquisitive girl who likes to ask “why”. Eliza likes to work towards earning a reward and is proud of herself when she achieves it. Eliza enjoys singing, dancing, swimming, watching TV and arts and crafts. Eliza is said to love attending school! Emmy, loves to play with dolls and color. She has some visual impairments that will likely require follow up surgery and she currently wears glasses. Emmy is described as very loving and she especially loves living with her siblings whom she adores!

Legally freed for adoption, these siblings will need a two parent family who is able to provide them with support, structure and individualized attention. If there are other children in the home it would be best that they are older. Their social worker is seeking an active family as the children have a lot of energy.

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

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Locked in her world: book club learns life of extraordinary girl

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Those who took part in the book club display their work.

Teens and tweens from across the Blackstone Valley came together for the Whitinsville Social Library's young adult book club this month co-facilitated by Marcia Nichols, children's librarian and Amy Cowen, parent volunteer. Participants discussed the New York Times bestselling novel, “*Out of My Mind*”, written by Sharon Draper.

“*Out of My Mind*” is a story about an eleven-year-old girl named Melody who has cerebral palsy. Melody is confined to a wheelchair and cannot talk or walk. Most people think she cannot learn either, but they are so very wrong! Melody is an astounding character who is incredibly smart, has a photographic

memory, a stellar vocabulary and a love of words and music. Her story is one of hope, inner strength, anguish, and admiration.

At the beginning of the book club's meeting, members participated in a whole group trivia card game based on facts from the novel before diving into a lively discussion of Melody's life. Members also created and designed their own name puzzles using positive words and short phrases to describe themselves and their own lives.

For more information on the Tween/Teen book club please contact the Whitinsville Social Library at (508) 234-2151.

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EDITORIAL

Learning the ropes

When we see someone being trained at the cash register, or a new teller at the bank, we often scurry to another queue because we know this is going to take a while.

There's a bit of exasperation in the air around the person, even if the one doing the training is being uber-patient, is doing all the right methods for show, tell then do...we just know if we get in that line and get to that place, the newbie is going to go to pieces on us.

We have a hard time, most of us, remembering when we were ever in that position ourselves. Not knowing if we were doing the right steps, if we had missed something important, if we were going to blow up something if we hit the wrong keys...

Especially since often the trainee is usually young. Just learning. First job...maybe second.

Were we EVER that young? We just need to remember one basic fact.

No one is born knowing everything...how to do everything...how to be an expert on every topic.

Everyone is a beginner at something at some point.

So we've ALL been there. All of us.

We think of this as we are trying to train new people ourselves. Some are better than others. Some have a lot to learn but are eager and willing. Some think the job is a challenge. Some think it is just a way to make a bit of extra money and they can do it so why not.

But other than that "eager and willing" bit right there? None of it is going to get our newspaper where it needs to be.

Every town deserves a good source of local news, that's the motto, that's the goal. And we are super fortunate to have some really, really, really good people on the job in several cases.

But we too have beginners.

We have had some who couldn't do it; some who just didn't ever find the right niche. We can sympathize but we can't take the time while our people who depend on the newspaper wait for gears to mesh.

They need us now. The news is happening now.

So with all that said, we are going to ask for a boon. If it is a new person, say hi, answer any questions they ask, and understand there is a learning curve. We do understand, we are as eager as everyone else to have the best possible version of ourselves out there, accurate, interesting, up to date, with information you can use.

It might just take a bit longer in the queue.

LETTERS

Extra! Extra! Read All About It! We think you're important enough to tell all our readers to turn to the Opinion pages and read your Letters to the Editor.

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We don't have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you're going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.

If you want to write a bit longer about a particular issue, maybe a guest Your Turn column is your cup of tea. If you do that, try to keep it between 700-800 words.

Remember, libelous remarks and/or personal attacks are a no-no and could lead to your letter not being published.

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help Beautify Uxbridge

To the Editor:

For well over 10 years "Beautify Uxbridge" has worked hard to improve the appearance of various areas throughout the town by cleaning up, planting, and maintaining islands and flower pots. The locations include the island in downtown Uxbridge, the Senior Center, the Fire Station, Town Hall, the island at Rivulet & North Main, the Island near the entrance to the Quaker Highway as well as many more!

We are in Desperate Need of Volunteers to Help Maintain these Areas. The primary duties would be the watering of various flower pots but could also include pruning, sweeping, fertilizing, etc. If you or your group would be interested in adopting an area to water it would be greatly appreciated. (The only area that is already adopted is the Quaker Highway) This is a great way to earn community service hours for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, etc. Any amount of time is welcome, one day

a week, one week during the summer months, etc. Volunteer interests should be emailed to beautifyuxbridge@gmail.com or call Marie Potter at (508) 278-3176.

We will be hosting our annual perennial plant sale on May 19 from 9:00 am -1:00 pm at 30 Smith Street, Uxbridge. A variety of plants are sold at bargain prices. Money earned is donated to the Beautify Uxbridge Fund to purchase materials.

We could not continue our work without the support and donations from the people and businesses of Uxbridge. Each year our need becomes greater & greater, as costs increase and we continue to add areas. PLEASE HELP. Send your contributions to Beautify Uxbridge, c/o Unibank for Savings, 25 North Main St., Uxbridge, MA 01569. Any donation is welcome!

Thanks again for all your support.

MARIE POTTER & JEAN PATRICKS
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Zanca: in support of LeBrasseur

To the Editor:

Experience. Mr. Michael LeBrasseur has the experience. He has worked hard to meet school district demands. Not only has he been on school committee, he has been chair of the committee for many years now. Being chair is one of the most challenging positions there is, and he has done a good job. People should vote for Mr. LeBrasseur for consistency and continuity of leadership.

Dedication. He has been on school committee for twelve years. All the major stakeholders in the community know him, and he has proven his ability time and time again. I was on school committee with him for six years, and I know students have benefited from his involvement in public service on and off the committee.

Leadership. Being on school committee is one of the most important jobs there is in a town. In conjunction with the town manager, FinCom and other committees and departments, school committee members handle almost 60% of the town's budget. Folks should vote for Mr. LeBrasseur so he and the other school committee members can continue the good fight for Northbridge's school system's children.

Please join me in voting for Mr. Michael LeBrasseur. He is the correct Mike to vote for.

RANDI ZANCA
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER (2011-17)

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June 18th A Day in Mystic, \$66/person. Our day trip begins with a two-hour cruise aboard the Schooner Argia which features white oak frames, Douglas fir masts and long-leaf yellow pine planks. After touring the harbor, we will disembark and have time on our own for lunch at one of many local eateries and explore the many attractions in Mystic. Call Jeannine to sign up.

July 25th, Indian Princess Cruise on Webster Lake. Join us for a 90 minute cruise on beautiful Webster Lake. Price for the trip is \$35 which includes a boxed lunch. Call Jeannine for more info on this trip. Limited availability so sign up early.

August 22, Loot n' Lobster. Sign up for this Mohegan Sun Trip which includes a lobster bake at Cap'n Jack's. \$73 per person, but you will get \$30 back in Mohegan bonuses.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail jimtrips@yahoo.com.

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2018 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN TO PUBLIC

Tuesday, May 15: Foxwoods \$25
You will have five hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 p.m. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher.

Sunday, July 22: Fosters Lobsterbake
For \$87 you will get a deluxe motor coach tour of the Maine coast and a delicious lobster bake. For details call Jan at (508) 887 2215.

Tuesday, August 14: Bobby Rydell in person.

For \$105 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Venus De Milo where you hear the music of Bobby Rydell with songs like Volare, Swinging School, Forget Him, Wild One and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or scrod.

Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 11-13: Pennsylvania Dutch Tour

For \$469 per person double you will take a deluxe motor coach tour of Lancaster and Philadelphia and see the show JESUS. For details call Jan at (508)

887 2215.

Oct. 9-16: ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA: Happily Full. I am taking names for standby on this trip and for 2019 trip

Tuesday, Nov. 13: Foxwoods \$25 - 10 a.m. bus.

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UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12

Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2018. We are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909.

2018
2018 is the Society's 26th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization.

May 25: Evening with the Pops features the best of the Boston Pops Orchestra's broad repertoire with the music of Fiedler, Bernstein, Copeland, Rodgers, Ellington, Gershwin and the soaring music of John Williams. The cost is \$59 per person for the 8 p.m. concert with reserved second balcony center seating and motor coach transportation. Departure is 5:30 p.m. from RMV, LaRochelle Way in Southbridge. Always sold out, so reserve early.

July 15: Sunday at Tanglewood at noon, luncheon at the Red Lion Inn followed by the 2:30 p.m. concert with reserved seating in the Koussevitsky Music Shed. Andris Nelsons, conductor, leads the Boston Symphony Orchestra with music of Mendelssohn and Beethoven, the Tanglewood Festival Chorus with James Burton, conductor, and guest pianist Yuja Wang. Cost is \$125 per person which includes transportation, concert and all inclusive luncheon. A payment plan is available. Reservation deadline is July 1. Departure is 9 a.m., RMV parking lot, Southbridge.

September 11-13: three day excursion for the performance of Jesus at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster PA, the Amish Country and Philadelphia. Two nights at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, four

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Mother's Day: financial gifts for your adult children



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Mother's Day is almost here. If you're a mother with grown children, you might receive flowers, candy, dinner invitations or some other type of pleasant recognition. However, you might find that you can get more enjoyment from the holiday by giving, rather than receiving. The longest-lasting gifts may be financial ones – so here are a few moves to consider:

Contribute to your child's IRA. If your children have earned income, they are eligible to contribute to an IRA, which offers tax benefits and an almost unlimited array of investment options. You can't contribute directly to another person's IRA, but you can write your child a check for that purpose. This could be a valuable gift, as many people can't afford to contribute the maximum yearly amount, which, in 2018, is \$5,500, or \$6,500 for those 50 or older.

Give gifts of stock. You know your children pretty well, so you should be familiar with the products they buy. Why not give them some shares of stock in the companies that make these products? Your children will probably enjoy being "owners" of these companies, and if they weren't that familiar with how the financial markets work, having these shares in their possession may greatly expand their knowledge and lead to an even greater interest in investing.

Donate to a charity in your child's name. You might want to donate to a charitable organization that your child supports. In years past, such a donation might have earned you a tax deduction, but the new tax laws, which include a much higher standard deduction, may keep many people from itemizing. Still, it's possible for a charitable gift to provide you with a tax benefit, depending on your age. If you're 70 ½ or older, you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, but by moving the withdrawal directly to a qualified charitable group, the money won't count as part of your adjusted gross income, so, in effect, you can get a tax break from your generosity.

Review your estate strategy. Like virtually all parents, you'd probably like to be able to leave some type of legacy to your children, and possibly your grandchildren, too. So, if you haven't already started working on your estate strategy, consider using Mother's Day as a launching point. At the very least, you'll want to write your will, but you may need much more than that, such as a living trust, a durable power of attorney and other documents. And don't forget to change the beneficiary designations on your life insurance and retirement accounts if you've experienced a major life change, such as divorce or remarriage. These designations are powerful and can even supersede whatever instructions you might have left in your will. As you can guess, estate planning can be complex, so you almost certainly will want to work with a legal professional to get your arrangements in order.

Mother's Day is a good opportunity for your children to show their love for you, and you can do the same for them by helping bolster their long-term security through financial gifts and legacy planning.

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Googans and commercial fishermen: sometimes just move on

“Googans.” What does the word really mean when describing a person that is a recreational fishermen? It is not in the dictionary, but has been heard daily on the Wicked Tuna program aired on the History channel. During the seasonal tuna fishing, conflicts between commercial fishermen and women, and the recreational anglers, Googans, often referred to an inexperienced angler, as a person that has little respect for the commercial anglers and will often follow or encroach on their daily fishing areas that they have been fishing for years. The recreational angler will often shout back to the commercial fishermen the phrase “You do not own the ocean!,” which often infuriates the commercial fishermen. Shouting matches between the two continue throughout the day and climaxes when a boat hooks into a large tuna and they become entangled in the recreational anglers’ anchor rope. Wicked Tuna is a reality show made for entertainment, but it happens in real life, every day life, fishing.

This is supposed to be fun fishing, but numerous recreational anglers always in some way irritate the commercial boats on a daily basis. That is not to say that some commercial boats are also out of line at times. All other saltwater fishing also has problems with commercial anglers and the recreational fishing public.

I have found fishing for many years on both salt and freshwater, that there is always someone that has an attitude problem, and is just looking to irritate other fishermen. It is best to move away and find another spot to fish. It is a big ocean.

One incident that I remember well in my younger years, is a day on the saltwater, fishing with my neighbor Roger Gill. We were anchored up fishing for tautog just outside the Center Wall at Point Judith Rhode Island when we noticed a large dragger heading our way. Roger called my attention to the large vessel that was quickly bearing down on our position. The large vessel slowed to a crawl, and his first mate shouted to us to move out of the way?

“What the heck is his problem?” I shouted back at him to go around as we were anchored up! I guess the mate told his Captain what I had said and he did not like my response.

Suddenly a cloud of smoke poured out of his stack and he was headed at us at full speed.

“Roger, grab the anchor rope!” I shouted. I quickly started the motor

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and hit the throttle. We just got out of the way in time, as the draggers steel cable came within inches of the stern of our boat.

Roger tried to blame me for the close call with the commercial boat, but I told him that large boats do have the right of way in most situations; but this guy just wanted to move us out of the way, as we were in one of his favorite fishing holes. He had plenty of room to go around us on either side. This situation caused me to lose a good fishing buddy, as he never went fishing with me again.

Some commercial anglers think that they do own the ocean, but getting into a confrontation with them is not worth the aggravation. A ruined day of fishing and possibly being hit by one of these vessels could become deadly.

With stripster fishing about to blow wide open, short tempers and confrontations in hot fishing spots are sure to happen, as they do every year. Boat ramps become clogged up and again tempers flare if someone takes too long to launch a boat. A little courtesy goes a long way. Do not put your family at risk of having your day on the water ruined by some inconsiderate whacko! With Memorial Day only a few weeks away thousands of families will be heading out to enjoy a day on the water. Stay safe!

A report from Archie’s Bait & Tackle in Rhode Island reported very slow fishing. Reports of some baitfish in the river could not be substantiated, but a lot of small stripers are being caught. A report from Al Conti at Snug Harbor Marina reported slow action with tautog and fluke fishing very slow. Al blamed the cold water for the slow fishing. Another week or two should shift all fishing into high gear.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will be sponsoring a members’ youngster to Massachusetts Junior Summer Camp this year. The camp will be Aug. 7-17. The camp will be open to youngsters ages 13-17. For more information contact the club.

Tautog fishing has busted wide open as this week’s photo shows. Steve Mercure and his son had a great time catching tautog at the Westport River using green crabs this past weekend. Poaching the fish in a combination of one quart of water and two tablespoons of white vinegar for a couple of minutes provides some of the best eating fish ever. It is called poor man’s lobster. Delicious!

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Spring has arrived at Country Montessori

This spring Country Montessori students enjoyed learning about the cultures of the Netherlands and Australia and had their artwork displayed at the school's art show.

Kindergarteners studied the topography, canals and windmills of the Netherlands. Students learned that because a quarter of the country's land is below sea level windmills have been used to pump water from the land and into canals to prevent flooding.

Children created windmills with moveable blades using paper cups, painted artwork inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night" masterpiece and learned that the Netherlands grows and exports more tulips than any other country in the world.

They enjoyed eating Gouda cheese, hot chocolate and crullers at snack time. They learned that the word cruller comes from the Dutch word krullen "to curl."

Preschoolers studied the culture, important facts and unique animals found in Australia during their one-week long study of the continent. They learned where Australia is on a globe, the names of the different provinces by playing with a puzzle and created kola



Courtesy photos

Colin Lachance practices.

bear and boomerang artwork. Teachers read them books about the country, too.

Students drew paintings of the wattle, the national flower, made red, white and blue flags and rain rattles similar to ones made by aboriginals, the native people of Australia. The wattle paintings were made out of yellow crumbled up tissue and construction paper. The children were introduced to making their own music with rattles and clapping sticks.

At snack time, children learned how



Julie Anti near some of the art work.

to make Australian fairy bread using buttered bread and colorful sugar sprinkles. They buttered the bread, sprinkled the sugar and cut the snack into triangles using their fine motor skills. Holly Noel, one of their teachers asked them "How many sides does a triangle have?" as they were making the snack. A chorus of young voices answered "three."

This year Country Montessori's art show was influenced by children's literature created by well-known authors including Eric Carle, Dr. Seuss, Shel Silverstein and Leo Lionni.



Miss Anne assists the class with a Van Gogh painting



Luca Cramer, Holly Noel and Will Rose during the bread buttering exercise.



Sofia Kozloff and Shayna Zetlan enjoy the paint time.

Madelyn Parkinson is making a point about the paintings



TRIPS

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meals, wine and cheese reception, a post dinner show, trip insurance, all gratuities included (two local guides, escort and driver). The production has taken three years in the making and involving about 650 individuals in all phases of its completion for the upcoming 2018 presentation. Cost: \$519 pp/dbl. Waiver insurance and a budget plan available. Early reservation recommended.

November 17: Do as you wish day in New York City. A day of sightseeing, shopping, visit a museum, dine in a special restaurant, attend a Broadway matinee, or visit the 911 Fountains and the new museum via a ticket through 911museum.org. The possible activities are many. Departure from Southbridge is 6:30 a.m., return departure from NYC is 6:30 p.m. \$57 per person. For early reservation call (508) 764-7909. Deadline is Oct. 25.

December 8: Festival of Christmas Lights at Our Lady of LaSalette Shrine, concert with Fr. Pat the singing priest, the International Museum of Nativities, gift and book shop, Chapel of Light, a bistro for refreshments and snacks, a carousel for the children, optional trolley ride to view the display of more than 400,000 lights and a complete inclusive luncheon at Wrights Farm restaurant. Cost is \$49 per person, \$39 for children aged three to 10, younger than three, free. Reservation deadline is Dec. 6. Departure is 10:45 a.m. from Southbridge and return is about 7:45 p.m. As in the past, a departure from Webster is a possibility.

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The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2018

From June 26-29: there is a 4 day trip to the beautiful quaint town of St. Andrews by the Sea in New Brunswick, Canada staying at the prestigious Algonquin Resort. There is a tour of St. Andrews and also free time to explore the area or just to enjoy the hotel. A lobster bake and five other meals are included. There will be a side trip to Campobello Island, the beautiful summer place of FDR. You'll have the opportunity to see several of the "cottages" providing a glimpse into why this was such a beloved summer retreat. The bus leaves from the Whitinsville WalMart.

May 29: Lobster Bake Cruise, Beauport Princess, Gloucester \$79. Lobster and chicken both; cruise along Gloucester Harbor

Sept. 7-9: Boothbay Harbor The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center is planning a trip on Sept. 7-9 to Boothbay Harbor for \$449. Stay across the footbridge from the town of Boothbay Harbor at the Boothbay Harbor Inn right on the water! September is a beautiful time to be on the coast of Maine. The crowds are gone and you can enjoy the serenity! There is a lobster bake, a harbor cruise, a visit to the botanical gardens, and the Carousel Dinner Theatre included. There is also a stop in Kennebunkport.

Oct. 3: Jersey Boys at Ogunquit Playhouse. \$121. Lunch at the Bull and

Claw in Wells, ME. The choices are seafood Newburg, prime rib, baked haddock, or chicken Parmesan all served w/salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls, soda or coffee, and blueberry crisp for dessert. Leaves Whitinsville at 9 a.m. & Westboro at 9:45. Home around 7 or 7:30.

Oct. 5-8: Washington, DC \$699. What better time to see the Washington Monuments than Columbus Day weekend? An illuminated night tour, time to go to the Smithsonian Buildings, plus a tram tour of Arlington National Cemetery are some of the highlights.

Oct. 10: Portland, ME Narrow Gauge Railroad (ride and museum) with lunch at The Clambake Restaurant in Scarborough, ME. \$64. Lunch: baked haddock, baked stuffed chicken breast, or fried clam strips all served w/cole-slaw, rolls, and fries. Coffee, tea, soda, apple crisp w/whipped cream. Leaves Whitinsville at 8AM, Westboro at 8:45, home around 6 - 6:30.

Oct. 17-19: Penn Dutch w/"Jesus" great in the fall! \$479. The Sight and Sound Theater is presenting their newest show "Jesus" this year. That is the biggest reason for some people to go to Amish country. The beautiful fertile farmland and simple way of life of the Amish draw people back year after year.

Nov. 1: Newport Playhouse w/the play "Sylvia" about a married couple and a dog that Greg found in the park, Sylvia. Always great funny plays, & wonderful food w/their huge buffet! It's a yearly tradition! \$77. Leaves Westboro at 8 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:45, home around 6 or 6:30.

Nov. 28: Newport Mansions w/ "At the Deck" on Waites Wharf on the water. Choices for the meals are: steak

"Children drew inspiration from several of Eric Carle's books," said lead teacher Jenna Freeland.

They drew stars with a dark blue painted background to represent Mr. Carle's "Draw Me a Star." In his story "Papa Please Get the Moon for Me" a father climbs up a ladder to reach the moon for his daughter. Photographs were taken of the children simulating climbing up a ladder which was used in their artwork, explained Freeland.

They were inspired by Dr. Seuss's "The Lorax" and Leo Lionni's books, "Fish is Fish" and "Swimming." Students created artwork illustrating the truffula trees and the Lorax creature. They had fun creating Lionni's whimsical character the Fish and the fish from his "Swimming" book.

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SPORTS

More Mortimer magic leads Northbridge past Warriors, 5-0

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NORTHBIDGE — A far as encores go, this one was pretty special.

On Wednesday, May 2, pitching for the first time in 11 days, Northbridge High’s Shannon Mortimer fired a one-hitter and struck out 16 to help lead the Rams past Tantasqua Regional, 5-0, at Lasell Field.

The last time Mortimer pitched, back on April 21, she fanned 20 Nipmuc Regional batters in a 4-3 Northbridge win over the Warriors. Mortimer missed the Rams’ games against Leicester High and Blackstone Valley Tech — both losses — the week of April 23-29 with pain and tightness in her knee.

“I had some pain around the front of my knee and tightness in the back of my knee, too. I didn’t want to push it and we only had two games last week and I knew we had four games coming up this week,” said the senior, who’s headed to Iowa State University in the fall to play softball on a full athletic scholarship. “So rather than push through those two games last week and hurt myself further, I decided to rest the knee a little bit.

The day before Northbridge’s win over Tantasqua, Mortimer played first base for the Rams in a win over David Prouty Regional. The Rams improved to 6-4 with the win, while the Warriors dropped to 4-2 with the loss.

“Last week was a good week for her to rest,” Northbridge head coach Dave Mills said. “Not to compare it to Major League Baseball, where you talk about the marathon and not the sprint, but we only play 20 games, so you can’t afford to have four, five, six games where you get off track. It didn’t appear to be an injury that was

going to be serious; we thought with some additional rest it would start to feel better and that’s what happened.”

Mortimer appeared to be her usual dominant self from the start, striking out eight batters in the first three innings, including the side in both the second and third. She walked a batter in each inning, too, but came back and shut the door on the Warriors’ potential scoring opportunities in each frame by ending the threats with a third-out strikeout.

In the first inning, with two out, Tantasqua’s Jillian Dunn walked and stole second base, but was stranded there when Emily Locke swung through a Mortimer fast-ball. In the second inning the Warriors’ Jenna Casine walked with one out and then stole second and third. Casine couldn’t get home, however, because Mortimer fanned Rachel Flamand and Eve Boyd to get out of trouble.

“I thought Shannon looked good today,” Mills said. “She came up with key strikeouts when she needed them early, when they had runners in scoring position and that was important because we know that Tantasqua is a good hitting club. Shannon was able to reach back and get those strikeouts with runners on base.

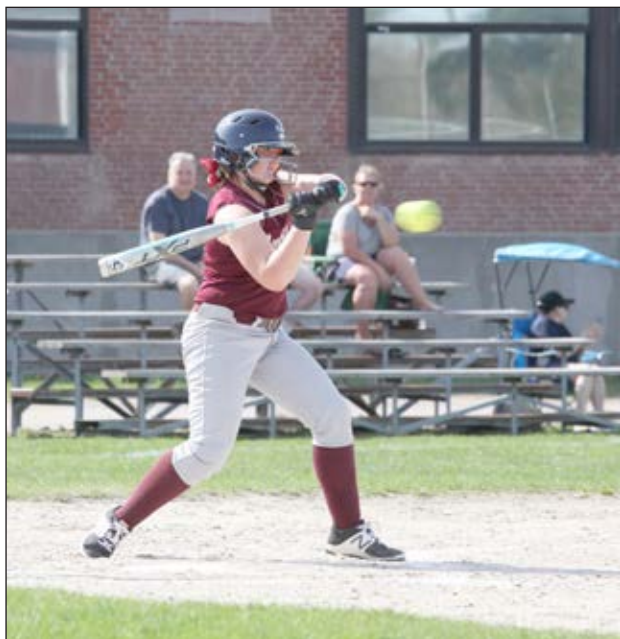
“Those are the things that, as a pitcher, set you apart,” Mills continued. “Can you come back from 3-1 to a batter and get the strikeout? Can you keep the ball playable for the catcher when you have runners on second and third? She can do that, and she did that today.”

Northbridge got all the runs it needed in the bottom of the third inning, scoring five times after the first two batters went quietly.

Hailey Bober got things started with a walk and



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Northbridge shortstop Gracie Hogan sees the ball into her glove before recording the out at first base.



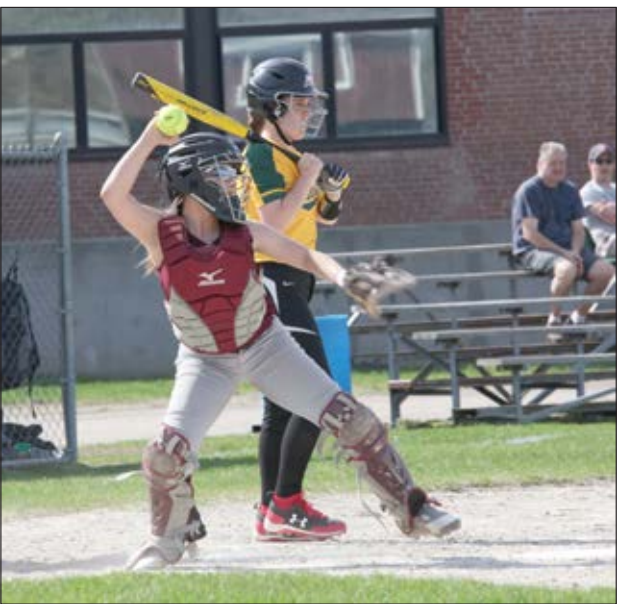
Northbridge's Hailey Bober holds up on her check swing at an offering high in the zone.

then scored to make it 1-0 when Gracie Hogan followed with a double to center field. Emilee Angell was then hit by a pitch and both Rams moved up to third and second, respectively, when Mortimer walked. Hogan scored to make it 2-0 on an infield single by Maeghan Kelly and Angell came home behind her on a Tantasqua throwing error to make it 3-0.

Jenn Guilbeault, who was inserted into the game as a courtesy runner for Mortimer, made it 4-0 when she scored

from third on an infield single by Chloe Frabotta. Kelly made it 5-0 when she scored on another Tantasqua throwing error.

In the top of the sixth Mortimer got out of some self-induced trouble. With one out Locke hit a comebacker to Mortimer, who had time to make the throw but inexplicably threw the ball wide of first, allowing Locke to reach base. With two out Locke motored to third on a single — Tantasqua’s only hit of the game — by Casine. Mortimer shut the door on the potential



Catcher Erika Kwasek of Northbridge comes up firing to second base trying to catch a base runner stealing.



Shannon Mortimer of Northbridge keeps her eyes peeled to the plate during her pitching delivery.

rally by getting Flamand to look at strike three to end the inning.

Flamand pitched well in defeat, allowing just five hits while striking out nine and walking three.

“Rachel works very hard at her game; she’s only a sophomore,” Tantasqua head coach Phil Desroches said.

“Obviously she doesn’t have the speed some other pitchers have, but she moves the ball in and out and up and down and she is very poised for a young kid. She has a lot of fun playing the game.

“We’re looking at this game not so much as a loss, but as a speed bump on the road to success,” Desroches added.

Rams work as cohesive unit to take down Hopedale

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTHBIDGE — Things seem to be falling into place for the Northbridge High girls’ varsity lacrosse team. The Rams, now in their 12th year as a program, improved to 5-4 after defeating Hopedale High at Lasell Field, 16-9, on Thursday, May 3. Northbridge then beat the Blue Raiders again two days later, this time 14-13, and are now 6-4 as of press time.

“We’ve been getting much better,” said Northbridge third-year head coach Kelley Ramsey. “The year before I started they were 0-19.”

Ramsey, who also played in the Northbridge program and graduated in 2010, believes that reaching the Central/West Division 2 sectional tournament could become a reality.

“Normally it’s been so far away that we can’t even see it,” she said of reaching districts, “but this year we’re working so well together that I think we have a shot of at least getting there. I don’t think we’ve ever been there.”

Ramsey, who also played collegiate lacrosse at Westfield State University, noted that the team has played collectively for a couple of years now and didn’t need to work on the basics during the first couple weeks of practice.

“It was a lot less working on fundamentals at the beginning,” she said. “Now we were able to start weeks ahead of last year.”

In the May 3 victory versus Hopedale, the Rams jumped out to a 6-0 lead. The first five goals were potted by different scorers — Meghan Boormeester, Addy Schofer, Emma Senosk, Kate Labrie and Kaitlyn Morrison — which makes Northbridge’s attack very versatile.

“We’ve been doing really well with our passing up the field, I think that’s really what helped us win,” said Ramsey.

Getting off to the fast start was also in the Rams’ game plan, according to Ramsey.

“That was our goal, to come out on top



Meghan Boormeester of Northbridge, right, reaches up to grab the ball and win the faceoff.

and start it that way. It’s harder to come back [from behind],” she said.

Labrie scored again to make it 6-0 before the Blue Raiders got on the board. Labrie and Avery Senosk then scored to up the advantage to 8-1 before Hopedale scored the next three to make it an 8-4 game at halftime.

“We try to have positive attitudes out there. I don’t care if you make a mistake, as long as I see that you’re fixing it — that’s all that I care about,” said Ramsey of the team’s positive reinforcement.

The Blue Raiders pulled to within three goals on two different occasions at the beginning of the second half, but the Rams countered with plenty of goals to win going away. Emma Senosk finished with five goals, while Labrie was close behind with four. Schofer and Morrison both scored twice, while Boormeester, Avery Senosk and Jill Labrie each tallied once.

One final point of emphasis Ramsey wanted to touch on was the importance of her assistant coach, Kerin Buma.

“She’s my rock. We’re both the coach,” Ramsey said.



Nick Ethier photos
Northbridge's Kaitlyn Morrison moves down the field with possession of the ball.



Northbridge's Kate Labrie slips a pass past a Hopedale defender.

SPORTS

Tigers beat Leicester in tight contest to remain unbeaten

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

LEICESTER — It may have taken all seven innings for the Douglas High varsity softball team to persevere past Leicester High, 5-3, to remain unbeaten at 7-0, but that’s how the Tigers have been getting it done all season long.

“It took the whole seven [innings]. If you look at our box scores it’s been this way all year,” said Douglas head coach John Furno after beating the Wolverines on Friday, May 4. “It’s never say die with this group of girls.”

Pitcher Maddy Fluke tossed a complete game and struck out 10 Wolverines. She allowed two earned runs, surrendered eight hits and walked one. Fluke was also 2 for 4 at the plate and drove in two runs in the top of the third inning via a double to give the Tigers an early 2-1 lead.

Furno credited “Maddy’s strong pitching performance” as a reason for the victory. “She’s our workhorse.”

Leicester played well but fell victim to Douglas making big plays at important times.

“Today they just made a couple more plays than we did,” said head coach Dave Stanick, whose team dropped to 5-4. “They got a couple hits when they needed them and they made a couple defensive plays when they needed them, and that’s why we lost.”

The Wolverines got on the board first in the home half of the first inning when Katelyn McKay, Hannah Wickson (2 for 4) and Hannah Gallant all pieced together two-out hits, with Gallant (3 for 4) plating McKay.

Fluke then doubled in the third to make it 2-1 before Leicester battled back to tie it in the bottom of the frame. There, McKay hit a solo homer to center



Nick Ethier photos

Douglas pitcher Maddy Fluke releases the ball to the plate.



Douglas' Emily Curley begins her successful slide into third base.

wide and Brynn Hurley scored from third. Cass Dunleavy then singled to make it 5-2.

“We had timely hits. Those are big hits for us,” Coach Furno said of Emily Furno’s sixth inning base knock and Dunleavy’s seventh inning single. “We’re doing things at the right time and the chemistry is good.”

The Wolverines didn’t back down and made it close in the bottom of the seventh. With runners on first and third, Ally O’Neill hit a grounder and hustled down the first base line, forcing an error to allow her to reach safely and score McKay. With runners now on second and third, Fluke struck out the final batter.

“There’s something magical about

this team,” Coach Furno said. “We beat some big teams this year that we haven’t in the past — Nipmuc and Hopedale — to get to this point.”

For Leicester, leaving 10 runners on base was a cause for concern.

“We had a mission going into the game. Most pitchers we face like throwing the ball outside and we looked to drive the ball the opposite way,” Stanick said. “We started doing it later, but we didn’t do it early when we had opportunities.”

Stanick said that his team is good but young, with no seniors and four juniors on the roster.

“They’ve done a great job leading us this year, but we’re still young,” he said.

Early run support stakes Berard in Douglas’ defeat of Indians

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTH BROOKFIELD — Staked to an early lead, starting pitcher Emmett Berard then pitched a gem in leading the Douglas High varsity baseball team to a 4-1 victory over North Brookfield High on Tuesday, May 1.

“It is nice, it is our second win of the year,” explained Douglas head coach Brian McGrath of Berard’s performance and the Tigers’ coinciding 2-5 record. “We have a lot of young guys on the team, so it is important to get the feeling of winning. Just winning sometimes can bring upon the understanding of things and we can build upon it.”

In the top of the first inning, Douglas was able to formulate two runs to get off to an early lead. Matt Landry walked with the bases loaded to score Berard from third, which was followed by an infield single by Casey Holland that scored Josh Cyr.

“One of the things we talk about is early and often because in any sport momentum is so important. Being able to get a few runs gives us confi-

dence, which is so important,” explained McGrath.

Highlighting the Tigers’ offense was a 2 for 4 day from senior Anthony Valliere to complement Berard’s outing on the hill. Berard struck out six Indians and only allowed five hits.

“When you have a pitcher who pitched like Emmett did, things fall in line. Pitching is everything and when you have good pitching it makes every part of your game good,” McGrath stated.

Douglas hopes to build on the win and will look to its seniors for success — something they have done all season long.

“Brendan Mazzuchelli and Josh Cyr are my two captains; Anthony Valliere is another senior who is the guy who keeps the guys up,” explained McGrath. “Emmett Berard is the senior who pitched today; he has been working hard through the years. He just loves the game and as a coaching staff we are so proud of him.”

After getting off to a slow start, North Brookfield hung in for most of the game. A big reason they were able to stay

close was their stud pitcher, Justin Lareau, who struck out eight Tigers. Lareau bounced back after miscues that extended innings and got out of many jams with runners in scoring position.

“He is a horse; if there is a game he wants the ball,” North Brookfield head coach Jeff Rudzinski praised. “Today he threw 80 pitches and if we have a game tomorrow he wants the ball. I cannot say enough about him.”

Offensively, Nick Lareau recorded a double and a single for the Indians.

Moving forward, North Brookfield will look to improve upon its 3-5 record by working on a couple critical areas in order to be successful.

“We have to get out of the habit of getting in a hole in the first inning,” expressed Rudzinski. “If we can get out of the first inning we will be good.

“We have to lose the errors; we are killing ourselves right out of the shoot. Now I am going to move in some young guys who are hungry,” added Rudzinski.



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Douglas' Emmett Berard was the winning pitcher in the Tigers' victory over North Brookfield.

SPORTS BRIEFS

In-person registration for Northbridge Uxbridge America Youth Football & Cheer

The start of the 2018 football season is right around the corner, and the Northbridge Uxbridge America Youth Football & Cheer (NU AYF&C) family looks forward to seeing you out on the fields. There is one more in-person registration date in addition to our online registration platform.

Tuesday, June 26: Northbridge Town Hall, 5-7 p.m. Bring those report cards.

NU AYF&C offers football and cheer-leading to kids ages 5-13, and is open to kids in Northbridge, Uxbridge and Douglas. NU AYF&C, along with the rest of the AYF family, have partnered with Heads Up Football to ensure that everyone is educated on the importance of safety in youth sports, especially with regards to head injuries and concussion.

If you can’t make it to any of the in person registrations, simply go to www.nubulldogs.com, and register online.

Uxbridge, Northbridge both beat Tantasqua in boys’ tennis

On May 1, the Uxbridge High varsity boys’ tennis team blanked visiting Tantasqua Regional, 5-0. James Stark

(No. 1 singles), Joey DuBois (No. 2 singles), Nick Fernandes (No. 3 singles), Trevor Rafferty/Dan Salzberg (No. 1 doubles) and Nick DiLibero/Tyler Washington (No. 2 doubles) all won for Uxbridge, who improved to 7-2.

Then, on the very next day in Sturbridge, Northbridge High’s tennis team also beat Tantasqua. The Rams prevailed, 3-2, to improve to 3-6. Winners for Northbridge included Bartek Szymanowski (No. 2 singles), Josh VanBatenburg/Wes Mawn (No. 1 doubles) and Ayden Pilon/Devon Foster (No. 2 doubles).

Dust off the clubs, it’s Tee Time for Uxbridge Senior Center Golf Outing

No flurries, no worries when it comes to golfing in June! Dust off those clubs and sign up for the 13th annual Uxbridge Senior Center Golf Outing on Friday, June 1. What could be better than an 8 a.m. tee time to start off an exhilarating day on the links?

The main fundraising event sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection will be held at the Crystal Lake Golf Course in Burrillville, R.I., with the Shotgun or Florida style format. Special challenges will be rewarded like a \$1,000 prize for a hole-in-one on a par-3 and competition for the longest drive. Contacts are veteran organizers Peter DiBattista, Pete Petrillo and Russ

Rosborough who know how to ensure a day of fun and sport for all participants.

The tab for a full sponsorship remains \$700, which includes fee for golf team plus tee sign, with \$500 for a team and \$125 for an individual. Golf cart, gift and buffet luncheon in the comfortable Crystal Lake Clubhouse are all included. Not a golfer? A tee sign to be placed on the green may be purchased for \$100 for a company or individual. Contacts for the outing are DiBattista at (508) 243-5666, Petrillo at (508) 326-4328 and Rosborough at (508) 278-6672. Cathy Thornton at (508) 340-6152 would be happy to accept your donation or gift basket item. Folks are welcome to join in the fun at the luncheon for \$30 and encouraged to participate donating for the prizes.

The Uxbridge Elderly Connection has been the fundraising arm of the Uxbridge Senior Center for almost 25 years; now in its 13th year hosting a successful golf outing. The organization has raised funds to support the senior center and its numerous programs providing health and educational services, special luncheons and its daily lunch program, financial advice and assistance, transportation for local seniors for medical, shopping and social needs, to name a few. It sponsors the Uxbridge Senior Academy whose mission is dedicated to providing stimulating learning experiences in a variety of daytime and evening seminars. Some of its focus has been on improving the facility itself and it has done a great deal over the years to do so. Local businesses and mem-

bers of the community have been very generous supporting these fundraising efforts.

The great organizational skills of the three amigos, DiBattista, Petrillo and Rosborough are aided by the Board of Directors of the Uxbridge Elderly Connection including Linda Roberts, Amy DiBattista, Jeanne Daley, Jack Daley, Cathy Thornton, Donna Oncay and Dot Derby. The support of members of the Uxbridge Elderly Connection is always encouraging.

Our Lady of the Valley set to host annual Golf Classic

The 22nd annual Our Lady of the Valley (OLV) Regional School’s Golf Classic is scheduled for Friday, May 18 at Blissful Meadows Country Club in Uxbridge, and registration is now open! Don’t miss your chance to support the students of OLV and enjoy a fun-filled day on the course!

The tournament is a 9 a.m. shotgun start (registration opens at 8) four-person Florida-Style/Scramble with an entry fee of \$150 per player and includes greens fees, cart and meals (light breakfast, grilled lunch and a chicken BBQ following tournament play) and a ball drop contest (\$10 each of five for \$40).

To register, sponsor or donate, please email olvguild@gmail.com. Not a golfer, but want to join in on the fun? Dinner-only tickets are available for \$30 each. We can’t wait to see you there!

OBITUARIES

Claire St. Jean

BOCA RATON, FL-Claire (Pechie) St. Jean of Boca Raton, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, April 27. Claire was a devout Catholic and served as a Eucharist Minister with Ascension Church for many years. Claire was born in Oxford, MA on December 15, 1929. She met the love of her life Paul St. Jean in high school. They celebrated 52 years together until his passing in 2002. They lived in Millbury, MA where their three children were born. They relocated to the small quiet town of Boca Raton in 1958.

Claire was the cafeteria Manager for A.D. Henderson School until her retirement. She then returned to school and became a Certified Nurses Assistant. She enjoyed the many patients that she took care of. Claire was a Breast Cancer Survivor for 40 years and had lived with dementia for the last eight years. She loved to volunteer and did so

at several thrift shops, animal rescue leagues, Boca Regional Hospital, local veterinarian offices and Ascension Church.

Claire will be sadly missed by her sister Janet Ouillette of East Douglas, MA; her daughters Diane (Mickey) King and Karen (Gene) Hingson of Boca Raton, son Alan (Nancy) St. Jean of Dunnellon, FL, grandchildren Lissa Udell, DJ Manager, Stephanie, Heather and Patrick St. Jean, great-grandchildren Blake, Kendall and Quinn, also nephew Frank and nieces Debbie and Donna. She was predeceased by a grandson Christopher St. Jean. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make a donation to the annual Alzheimer's walk which will be held in Boca Raton. To register go to www.alz.org team name "Walk for Claire".

All funeral services for Claire were held in Florida.

Joseph C. Page, 89

Kings Point, NY/Whitinsville, MA - Joseph C. Page, 89, passed away May 3, 2018 in Roslyn, NY. He was the beloved husband of Eleanor (Parsons) Page. Joe Page was a Private Investigator and owned and operated Patrol & Guard Enterprises in Long Island City, NY for many years until his retirement in 1996. He had also worked for Ray Schindler, the renowned private investigator. Joseph was born Dec. 22, 1928 in the Lower East Side, New York City, NY, son of the late Joseph and Anne (Pendar) Pagano. He had been a resident of Kings Point, NY for 59 years. Joseph and Eleanor Page celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary this past March. Joe Page was a US Army Veteran serving during the Korean War. Joe Page was physically active throughout his entire life. In his youth he was an accomplished speed skater. He was a North Atlantic Medalist and competed in the annual Silver Skates at Madison Square Garden. During the summer months he trained with a bicycle club to keep in shape for the winter speed skating season. Joe and Eleanor's interest in following automobile racing began with their belated honeymoon at the 1951 Indianapolis 500. They remained avid fans of sprint car racing throughout their entire lives. He loved skiing and skating with his family. His passion was sailing the Long Island Sound, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and the Cape Cod area with his family and friends. He was an avid reader of history and biographies, and was a devoted ice hockey fan. In his retirement he liked to travel and enjoyed sports. In addition to his wife Eleanor, he is survived by his son Joseph J. Page of Kings Point, NY; his daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Patrick Hickey of Huntsville, Ontario Canada; 3 grandchildren, Jacqueline, Gilles and Stephen Hickey; his sister and brother-in-law Barbara and Stan Rakowicz and family. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday May 10, 2018 from 4-7 pm at the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 480 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA. Funeral services will be held Friday May 11, 2018 at 10 am at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville, MA. www.bumafuneral-home.com

David M Flynn, 50

David M Flynn of Uxbridge formerly of Dudley passed away at the age of fifty on Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

David was born in Worcester, MA. He is the son of Patricia (Camerano) and Leo Flynn.

He graduated from Trinity Catholic Academy, eventually gaining his Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Worcester State College. He was a life long music and motor vehicle enthusiast. He enjoyed deep sea family fishing trips and touring in his latest ride..

In addition to his mother and father, Dave is survived by his beloved long

time companion Wendy Bloniasz. His daughter Jade and her husband Sam Yacino of Thompson Ct., his daughter Kayla and Owen Quail of Auburn California, A brother Stephen and his wife Tara of Dudley.

Dave also leaves his grandson John Yacino, nephews, Robert and Kenneth as well as Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be private at Bartel Funeral Home and Chapel, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, Ma. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Shriners 516 Carew St. Springfield Ma. 01104-2396, St. Jude 501 St. Jude Pl. Memphis TN 38105-9959 or to a local rescue league. Please visit www.bartel.funeralhome.com to leave a condolence for Dave's family.

Winnifred Tracy, 93

UXBRIDGE- Winnifred (Gallagher) Tracy, 93, passed away peacefully on Sun. May 6, 2018 at Cape Cod Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was predeceased by her husband Richard L. Tracy in 1970.

She is survived by her daughter Patricia Walton and her son-in-law William, with whom she lived the past 37 years in Uxbridge, Barrington, IL and Harwich Port. She is also survived by her four loving grandchildren, Joanne Sheppard and her husband Paul, Michael Tracy, William "Chip" Walton and his wife Katherine, and Meredith Walton; two great granddaughters Kathleen Sheppard and Danielle Walton; a sister Gail Tullao; her daughter-in-law Maureen Tracy; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by two sons Thomas James Tracy and an infant son John Michael Tracy.

Born and raised in Cleveland, OH on August 10, 1924 Win was the daughter of James and Annabel (Grant) Gallagher. After High School she attended Fenn College as an extremely talented Art

major. Win enlisted and served in the US Navy WAVES during WWII as a member of the military code-breaking unit in Washington, D.C. and was also stationed in Brazil. It was during the war that she met the love of her life who also served in the Navy. After the war, Win and Dick married and moved to Uxbridge in 1948 where they raised their family.

Mrs. Tracy taught Art at St. Mary's High School in Milford, and at St. Mary's Grammar School in Uxbridge. She also worked as an administrative assistant at St. Patrick's Rectory in Whitinsville up until her retirement in 1980. She loved oil painting, and made many beautiful paintings that her family will forever cherish. She also enjoyed sewing, gardening, cooking, and baking. Above all, Win loved her family and was an amazing homemaker, mother and "Nana." She will be sorely missed by her family.

Win's funeral was held on Wed. May 9 at 11am in St. Mary's Church, 77 Mendon St., Uxbridge with burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit: www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com

Hester I. Kosiba, 96

UXBRIDGE - Hester I. (Macker) Kosiba, 96, a lifelong resident of Uxbridge, passed away Monday, April 30, 2018 in Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Home, Northbridge. She was the wife of the late Paul Kosiba who died in 1977.

Mrs. Kosiba was employed as a supervisor for 35 years at the former Bernat Mill in Uxbridge. She also worked for the Tupperware Co. in Grafton and the W. Edward Balmer Elementary School in Whitinsville.

She was born May 24, 1921 in Uxbridge, the daughter of the late George and Hester (Farris) Macker and was a graduate of Uxbridge High School, class of 1939.

Mrs. Kosiba was a member of the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church in Whitinsville and volunteered two days a week at the Uxbridge Senior Center. She was a 48 year member of the Uxbridge Grange #200. She loved flower gardens and enjoyed read-

ing, knitting and solving crossword puzzles.

She is survived by two sons, Paul and his wife Shirley Kosiba of Clarksville, VA and Michael Kosiba of Worcester; two daughters, Sandy and her husband Jack Adam of Westfield and LuAnn and her husband Randy Belseth of Uxbridge, 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by one brother and two sisters.

Visiting hours were held Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 4-7 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St., Rte. 122, Uxbridge.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 7, 2018 at 11 AM in the funeral home followed by burial in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Mendon St., Uxbridge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588. www.bumafuneralhome.com

E-mail obituaries for the
Blackstone Valley Tribune to:
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CALENDAR

Thursday May 10

Blackstone Valley Gardeners: On May 10 at 7 p.m. the monthly meeting features Making a Willow Trellis with Kim Miczek. Kim, owner of Breezy Gardens in Leicester, is visiting us once again. This time she will demonstrate how to make a whimsical trellis out of braided willow twigs for our climbing plants. New members are welcome! Come as a guest for \$5. The meeting takes place at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. Parking and the entrance are in the rear of the building.

Saturday, May 12

PLANT SALE: The Blackstone Valley Gardeners are pleased to announce the annual Plant Sale will be held this year at the VFW, 15 Milford St., Upton on Saturday, May 12 from 9am until sell-out. There will be a large selection of members' homegrown, hardy plants at exceptional prices. Many customers tell us they look forward to the sale of to our exceptional perennials. Whether you are filling in spaces in your established garden or have a new yard to design, we have plants for you! See you there!

TAKE A HIKE: on Saturday, May 12, noon-2:00 Wolf Hill Hike to Lookout

Rock. Meet At 366 East Hartford Ave, Uxbridge,- Rice City Pond Parking Lot. This 3.5 mile round trip moderate hike along Wolf Hill will break at the scenic Lookout Rock. This forest trail has roots and rocks along the path, appropriate footwear is required. Carry drinking water and snack. All ages able to complete the hike are welcome. Hikes sponsored by Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park.

Sunday May 13

TAKE A HIKE: Sunday, May 13, 1:00-3:00, Hike to Goat Hill Lock. Uncover interesting stories in stone and follow the changes in the landscape along the Blackstone Canal, an early stone quarry site, and preserved remnants of Blackstone Canal Lock # 25. This moderate hike along Goat Hill has roots and rocks along the path, approx. 2 miles round trip. All ages able to complete a moderate 2 mile hike welcome. Meet at River Bend Farm Visitor Center, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Hikes sponsored by Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park.

Thursday, May 17

FRIENDS OF RACHEL DINNER: at the Three Seasons Restaurant, Blackstone Valley Tech with two seatings, 5:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Seats are limited and reservations are required. Contact Kathleen Manoogian at (508) 529-7758 ext. 3109 or via email to kmanoogian@valleytech.k12.ma.us to book your reservation. This month the meal is porketta. Each all-you-can-eat dinner is held on a Thursday evening and consists of a themed buffet, dessert, and beverage. Proceeds will benefit the Be Like Brit Foundation, the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, and the BVT SkillsUSA Chapter.

PAINT NIGHT: St. Peters Parish

in Northbridge will be hosting two Mission: Paint Nights. The first will be Mission: Paint for Kids on Thursday, May 17 starting at 6pm, cost of the kids ticket will be \$20 per child. This will be a kid's only paint night! The second Mission: Paint will be for adults on Thursday, May 24th at 6:30pm, tickets for this night will be \$25 per person. Both paint nights will be held in the Parish Center. Bring your friends & let your creativity flow while we paint the night away! No experience required, you will be walked through every step & go home with a beautiful painting and some new friends. This is a fun & relaxing night! All money raised will help fund our Mission Trips for our Middle School & High School kids in July 2018. Seating is limited & tickets must be purchased in advance, please call 508-234-6355 to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.

Sunday May 20

BREAKFAST: St. Peter's Parish in Northbridge will be hosting a Breakfast on Sunday, May 20 from 9:30am to 12pm in the Parish Hall. We will also be doing a 50/50 raffle! Tickets are \$10 Adults/\$8 Seniors and Kids ages 4-12/\$32 per Family. All money raised will help fund our Mission Trips for our Middle School & High School kids in July 2018. Seating is limited & tickets must be purchased in advance, please call 508-234-6355 to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.

TAKE A HIKE, MAYBE TWO: 11:00-12:30, Woodlands and Waterways Hidden Heritage Hunt. This guided group scavenger hunt will take you along the Blackstone Canal and through areas of field and woodland. Search for hidden clues and enjoy the great outdoors while learning about how the canal and agriculture shaped the landscape to what it is today. See for yourself what makes this a happy place

to so many! This family friendly walk is about 2 miles on gravel path, grassy field and forest trail. Appropriate for all ages. Meet at River Bend Farm Visitor Center, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge.

OR at 1:00-2:00 Art at the River. A healthy dose of Nature and Art! Take a short walk through the open field to a quiet nook along the Blackstone River. Relax a while and make a nature journal to write down your discoveries. Materials provided to make a nature notebook and sun print. Stay as long as you like, or go explore the meadow paths. All ages. Meet at River Bend Farm Visitor Center, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Hikes sponsored by Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park.

Thursday, June 14

4 Ever Fab - A Beatles Tribute Band: Thursday, June 14, 6-8 p.m. at the Millbury Council on Aging, 1 River St. Hot dogs & drinks will be available for sale. These events will be held rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs!

Thursday May 24

PAINT NIGHT: St. Peters Parish in Northbridge Paint will be for adults on Thursday, May 24th at 6:30pm, tickets for this night will be \$25 per person. Both paint nights will be held in the Parish Center. Bring your friends & let your creativity flow while we paint the night away! No experience required, you will be walked through every step & go home with a beautiful painting and some new friends. This is a fun & relaxing night! All money raised will help fund our Mission Trips for our Middle School & High School kids in July 2018. Seating is limited & tickets must be purchased in advance, please call 508-234-6355 to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.



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Readers reveal their best hints and tips



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Spring has finally sprung and there's no better time to utilize helpful hints and effective strategies that free up time and money. Read on for the latest collection of ideas submitted by readers.

And remember, send in your favorite tip and you could win a three course dinner for two at the Publick House! A winner is drawn each month. Good luck!

You'll be "floored" by this reader's creative use of tiles:

More uses for Peel and Stick vinyl floor tiles: If you have some leftover Peel and Stick floor tiles from a home improvement project they can also come in handy to cover a damaged wood surface. For example, the bottom of a sink cabinet can sometimes become water-stained and ugly due to pipe leaks or condensation. Not only will the floor tiles cover-up stains but can also protect the area from further water damage. If your kitchen cabinets have seen better days you can also line the bottoms with the tiles instead of shelf paper to create a durable and easy to clean surface.

I recently used some of these self-adhesive tiles to restore the surface of my kitchen island when the finish on the veneer top started showing signs of wear. It was cheap, quick and

easy and the only tools required are a utility knife and a square edge or steel ruler. They can also be removed with a heat gun if necessary just in case there any screw-ups.

Use a good quality tile like Armstrong or Trafficmaster available at Lowe's or Home Depot. Most are priced around \$1 a square foot and are quite attractive with stone, geometric or marble designs.

Cathy Buonomo
Fiskdale
**

This tip is for the birds! Feathering the nest with household waste takes repurposing to a new level.

Spring is soon approaching and I have a hint for all bird (and dog) lovers:

When grooming my shedding dog, I save the hair and put it in a suet feeder. When I hang it outside, the birds come and take the hair to line their nests for the cold weather and to incorporate into new nests for the upcoming spring. This can also be done with scrap yarn from a knitting or crocheting project. Nests will be quite colorful! Hope some people can use this hint.

Doris Kennedy
Brooklyn, CT
**

This reader's tip promotes the old adage "better safe than sorry."

Having read about another attempted robbery involving an ATM, I wanted to remind drivers of newer cars that their cars unlock (some doors) when placed in "Park" at the Drive-Up ATM. It takes just a second to lock your doors to stay safer

while you use the ATM. As always, we should lock our cars whenever we leave them, too, no matter how brief the reason. I even lock my car while gassing up so I can leave my valuables inside. Stay safe, my friends!

Kathleen McClintock
North Brookfield
**

This unpublished (but timeless) tip was recently found in a desk drawer:

Spray WD40 on a cloth and wipe over leather shoes and boots, then buff with a soft clean cloth to shine and make them waterproof.

Bob Bourdeau
Fiskdale
**

Ditch the itch with this reader's economical discovery!

I found this to help with poison ivy. I'm 74 years old and I get it every year, from my childhood to this day. When I get it, it lasts at least two weeks, and when I put on calamine lotion, it works just a little.

Well, last year (to make a long story short), I got it again and the only thing available was extra strength gel, it's a muscle rub for arthritis and muscle pain. I put it on my poison ivy and it soothed my poison ivy and I was able to go longer periods of time without re-applying.

I also cut down my time of having it by about three days.

It works so well. And as a matter of fact, I just got over my first encounter with poison ivy for my summer of this year. Also, I bought the muscle rub at the dollar store, and it's a lot cheaper than calamine lotion or anything else on the market!

Dorothy Walsh

Uxbridge
**

This girl loves hair scrunchies – and shares NEW uses for the versatile hair ties (as well as a few other genius ideas)!:

On my last few flights I kept a hair scrunchie on my wrist, many purposes such as pull my hair back, but the dirtiest place on an airplane is the handle in the restroom so I could use the scrunchie as a barrier. They come in handy for the buttons on water fountains when traveling. Just wash out and dry quickly with soap in the restroom and lasted for the entire trip

On that note, those fundraiser rubber bracelets (for causes) make a great jar opener in a hurry. Place band around jar lid and twist.

At the gym, my earphones no longer tangle, I use a pipe cleaner (soft) and wrap my wires from earbuds into thirds and gently wrap the pipe cleaner the length of the cords (twist gently) and it unfold nicely every time and fits well into my gym bag.

Viola Bramel
Northbridge
**

Reader Question:

Please send in your best tips for this reader:

Q: How can I keep ladybugs out of my house?" They seem to be squeezing in around the window frames.

(Editor): A quick scan of the internet suggests sealing up entrances and treating areas of entry (or infestation with ladybug deterrents. Here are few natural ones to try:

Mix camphor and menthol oils in a spray bottle, add water

and spray where ladybugs congregate. Or try placing net bags filled with dried cloves in such areas. Lastly, spray citrus oils (mixed with water) to spaces where they enter.

Any more ideas readers?

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Viola Bramel of Northbridge. Her name was drawn for a three course Dinner for Two at the Publick House Inn in Sturbridge, She submitted the scrunchies tip above.

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

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint! c/o Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdrr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

Collector profile: Bryce Vautour

There are many things I enjoy about being an antique auctioneer. There's the satisfaction that comes when items sell well for a consignor. I like looking through an estate and seeing if there are any great finds.

I also enjoy meeting with collectors and learning more about the things that people collect and why they collect them. It is always nice when I meet younger collectors who are enthused about antiques and collectibles. I recently had the pleasure of meeting a young collector who showed me some of the things he collects.

Bryce Vautour is 9 years old and enrolled in the third grade at North Brookfield Elementary School. Besides antiques, he enjoys taking part in Boy Scouts. His parents are Jesse and Angela and he has a younger sister, Gina.

Family outings often focus on helping Bryce expand his collection. He gets a \$20 allowance when he goes to yard sales. The family also goes to the Brimfield Antiques Show so Bryce can treasure hunt there, after school of course.



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His interest started when his father dug up a labeled car part in the yard. Although he likes it, he told me that he didn't have to pay anything for it so selling it at some point for \$10 would be a nice profit for him.

Bryce has an interest in cars and his grandfather gave him a car emblem. He has some oil cans from his excursions to Brimfield. He estimates that he has license plates from around 20 states and at least one foreign country. He also enjoys learning about the automotive industry and has recently been reading about Henry Ford.

He has some other things that he is proud of in his collection. His father bought Bryce some currency on Craigslist that had been taped together by a G.I. A World War II soldier had several foreign and American notes signed by his fellow soldiers. Bryce also has a number of bottles, including a 1968 Coca Cola bottle. He showed me where he had found a mark on the bottom of the bottle dating it to 1968.

He has a family friend who mentors him and helps him research his finds. He also watches television shows like "American Pickers" where he learns more about antiques.

Some collectors like the pieces they collect to be perfect. Bryce doesn't mind a little wear and usage on his pieces, like he sees on "American Pickers."

He has some tips for other collectors. Be aware of reproductions and negotiate when you can. He thinks that people may be more willing to give him a price break because of his age.

If a nine year old who is interested in antiques comes to your yard sale, consider giving him a discount too. He will only have \$20 in his pocket and he is eager to expand the nice collection he has started.

If you have an interesting collection that you'd like to share with our readers, please contact me.

Our online only auction of robots and space toys ends on May 16. Preview for the Weymouth, MA online auction takes place on May 19, with bidding ending on May 23rd. Our live antique estates auction takes place on May 31st in Worcester. The Westborough farm estate sale will be held on June 2nd and



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It's finally springtime! With spring comes flowers, sunshine, and for some strange reason, farm animals. What is it about nice weather that makes people want to pet goats? I see ads everywhere; Children's Zoo at Klem's! Davis Farmland is Open! Come and pet a lamb. Ever seen a llama in person? No? Well, now you can! Why? I ask you, why is this a thing? Can't we just stick with good old-fashioned zoos? Those animals are in cages not running about all willy-nilly with no regard for how I feel. As you've probably guessed, I do not have the best history with farm life. I am more than willing to have a springtime adventure, but when you throw in a couple of sheep, a horse, or some other animal folk I am out. Those beasts are confusing enigmas wrapped in fluffy fur and they disturb me. Let me start from the beginning of the first of many unfortunate events with the fauna kind.

I was 5 years old and clad in my favorite dress and waiting patiently for my turn to go into the pen at the petting zoo. There were other children inside feeding a fist full

of pellets to the baby goats and sheep. My mother went to the gumball machine and came back with my share of bits. I quickly put the food into the pocket of my dress. I told my mother I dropped the pellets and needed more. I placed the next handful into my other pocket and requested one more time. I knew three was the trick before she would get too suspicious. I held my palm full of crunchy bits and entered the cuddle arena. I was going to be queen of the livestock! All these other tots were fools, they only had one handful of oats where I had three! The wee fluffy creatures were greedy little gluttons and I had a plethora of pellets to give (and no I did not see the irony here until it was too late). I presented my handful of food and expected the animals to worship me in a kind and orderly fashion. I basked in the glory of being so intelligent and sneaky until I started to feel the nudges at my sides. I looked around only to discover that I was completely surrounded. They found my stash and were unwilling to wait politely for me to retrieve the oats and disperse them at my leisure. Oh no! They wanted oats and they wanted them now. I was being nipped at furiously, and I tried to swat them away to no avail. I eventually saw an exit path among the bleating monsters and ran full speed in an eastwardly direction. I ran as fast as my little feet could carry me and looked behind

me to discover that they were all following. My eyes bulged and I sprinted faster and right into a pole. I fell back like a straight plank of wood and was immediately encumbered with wool and hooves. You may be wondering where my mom was at this point. Well, she was outside of the pen laughing hysterically while slowly coming to my aide. (If you have read my column before, now you know who I get my parenting skills from). But wait! There's more...

At 10 years old (yes it took me 5 years to get over that first debacle), I went to my friend's horse range. She had a beautiful horse that was both majestic and friendly. After a few weeks of getting to know the horse, they had me ride him. It was glorious. We trotted slowly out onto an open meadow. The sun was sinking below the horizon and not a cloud in sight. I could actually hear Julie Andrews singing "The Hills Are Alive". I took in the sights and smiled at what I thought was a calm and meditative moment, but the horse had other plans. Mr. Horse bucked me off him with such force that I hit the ground flat on my back and every ounce of breath ran from my lungs. He sauntered off all bare backed and happy. I slowly lifted myself up to discover he had tossed me in the only dung pile in an entire field of soft grass and dainty flowers.

At the age of 23 I was camping with some friends of mine.



We set up camp and I had my son with me. He was being a bit fussy so we went for a walk. We stopped at the top of a dirt road and I cradled him in my arms as a giant dinosaur looking monstrosity paddled its way up to us. It was an emu, in the middle of the camp grounds. A real-life emu, and all I could hear was Steve Irwin's voice yelling at me; "Crikey! It's an emu! An emu can disembowel a man with its feet!" I froze, wishing Irwin was around to help me. It trotted up to me, looked me over all judgmental like, and hurried off into the woods. I walked half dazed back to camp and told my friends the story. They did not believe me. "Kim", they said, "it was obviously a turkey or something". They laughed and laughed as I shook with anger and fear that I was becoming insane. A few hours later a pick-up

truck pulled up and out pops a stoutly man asking if anyone has seen his emu. Apparently, there was an emu farm nearby and one of his got loose. I never felt so validated, and so glad that the emu didn't feel like I was worthy of a disembowelment.

I've had a llama spit in my face and a cockatoo tell me off with such a vulgar vocabulary that I feared for my self-esteem. I've been bitten by a snake and chased by a squirrel. I have been slapped by a fish and mocked by a raccoon. And this has all happened with me trying to stay away from animals such as these. Now my kids want me to actually pay to go to these farm zoo festivities. Springtime is for planting flowers and dancing in rain showers. Not for staring down emu's and being chased down by goats.



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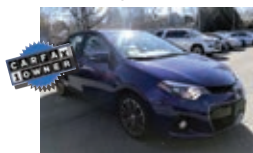
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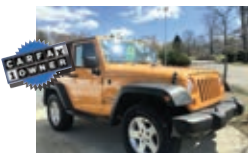
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DUDLEY - 34 West Main St! 10 Rm, 3,322' Antique Colonial! 87 Acre! Grand Entry Foyer! Frpld Formal Liv Rm & Frpld Library! Fam Rm w/Hrdws! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdws & Tall Bay Window! Appliance Eat-in Kit w/Flr & Walk-in Pantry! 1st Flr Laundry Rm! 1/2 Bath w/Dressing Rm! Grand Stairway to 2nd Flr! Spacious Frpld Master Bdrm w/Hrdws, Walk-in Closet & Full Bath! 2 Additional Bdrms w/Built-ins & Hrdwd Flrs, 1 Bdrm w/Access to Additional Full Bath! 'Maid's Quarters' w/Spacious Bdrm w/Hrdwd Flr, Full Bath & Separate Stairway Access! 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 4 Frplcs! Lower Level Finished Fam Rm w/Frplc & Abundant Shelving & Storage! 2 Car Detached Garage w/Full Loft! Fenced Yard w/Circular Driveway! Commercial Zoned! **\$695,000.00**



AUBURN - 13 Inwood Rd! Cute 6 Room Cape! 2-3 Bedrooms! All Hardwoods on Both Levels Under Carpeting! Finished 2nd Floor with Bedroom & Office! Lower Level Playroom! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! Oil Heat! 8,276' Level Lot! Shed! 1 Car Garage! **\$179,900.00**



STURBRIDGE - 13 Main St! Work & Live Here! Completely Remodeled! "Turn Key" 1st Flr Beauty Salon w/Cair, Handicapped Bthrm, Kit, Gas Heat! 2nd Flr - Appliance Kit, Liv Rm, 2 Bdrms, 1.5 Baths, New Oil Furnace! 13 Parking Spaces! 2 Car Garage! Sep Utilities! Town Services! Rte 26, 84 & 90! **\$289,900.00**



OXFORD - 19 Wheelock St! 6 Rm Cape! Well Maintained! Level Lot! Knotty Pine Sunroom w/Slider to Stone Patio! Appliance Eat-in Kit! Liv Rm w/Hrdwd Flr! 2 Spacious 1st Flr Bdrms w/Hrdws! Full Bath! 2nd Flr 3rd Bdrm w/New Carpet! Full Basement w/Laundry! Attached Garage w/Workshop! **\$239,900.00**



WEBSTER - 53 Brookside Ave! 7 Rm Cape! 46 Acres! Appliance Eat-in Kit, Breakfast Bar, Din Area, Slider to In-ground Pool! Rm w/New Carpet & Wall A/C! Full Bath! 2 1st Flr Bdrms! 2nd Flr w/2 Huge Bdrms, Walk-in Closet & Skylights! Full Bath! Walk-out Fam Rm! 2 Sheds! Fenced Play Area! **\$305,000.00**



THOMPSON - 1338 Riverside Drive! 8 Rm Colonial w/Grand Entry Foyer! 94 Acres! Farmers Porch! Appliance Kit w/Is! Din Area w/Pellet Stove & Slider to Deck w/Jacuzzi! Din Rm & Frpld Cathedral Ceiling Liv Rm w/Hrdws! Den/Office! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Finished Lower Level! C/Air! Garage! **\$369,900.00**



WEBSTER - 25 North Main St! ATTENTION INVESTORS! 4 Family! 44/44 Rms! 2/2/2 Bdrms! Consists of 4 Kitchens, 2 Bedrooms Each Unit, 4 Living Rms One Unit with Built-ins & Fireplace! 4 Full Baths! Laundry In Units! Full Basement w/Storage! Needs TLC! Walk Up Attic! **\$169,900.00**



SUTTON - 33 Old Mill Rd! West Sutton! Country Road! Fabulous Craftsmanship in this 4,592' 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 3+ Bath Custom Home! Entertaining is the Essence of this Open, Airy Flr Plan! Spacious Country Kit Surrounds the Sunken Liv Rm! Frpld Din Rm! French Drs to Deck and In-ground Pool! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/Vaulted Ceiling, Spacious Windows for Natural Light, Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower, Private Water Closet! You'll Enjoy the Fam Rm w/3 TVs, Pool Table, LP Gas Frplc & Wet Bar! Oversized Garage for 6 Cars w/Ceiling Height for a Lift! Generator Hook-up! 5.5 acres! Easy Access to 395, 146 & MA Pike! **\$892,600.00**



WEBSTER - 32 Canille Rd! 9 Rm Cape w/Farmers Porch! Open Flr Plan! Appliance Kit! Din Area w/Slider to Deck! Frplc Cathedral Liv Rm! Den or Din Rm! Full Bath! 2nd Flr Master Suite w/Master Bath! 2 Add Bdrms! 3 Baths Total! C/Air! LL Fam Rm! Garages! Irrigation! Shed! **\$349,900.00**



DUDLEY - 50 Airport Rd! Updated 5 Rm Ranch! 1/2 Acre Level Lot! Kit 2009! Frpld Liv Rm! 2 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths Total! Mud Rm Entryway! Walk-out Frpld Lower Level! Updated Roof & C/Air 2010, Breakers 2011, Windows 2015, Furnace 2016! Won't Last! **\$269,900.00**



DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrdws Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Is! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **\$309,900.00**



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DUDLEY - 67 West Main St! Live or Work or do Both from this 7 Rm Colonial on 25,860' Lot - 594 Acres! Needs Updating! Zoned Business! Convenient Location for Either Room to Expand! Hrdws! 2 Baths! Corner Lot - Rd Frontage on View St As Well! Town Services & Gas! Recent Buderus Furnace! **\$198,900.00**



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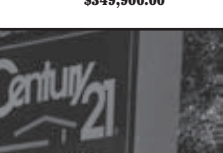
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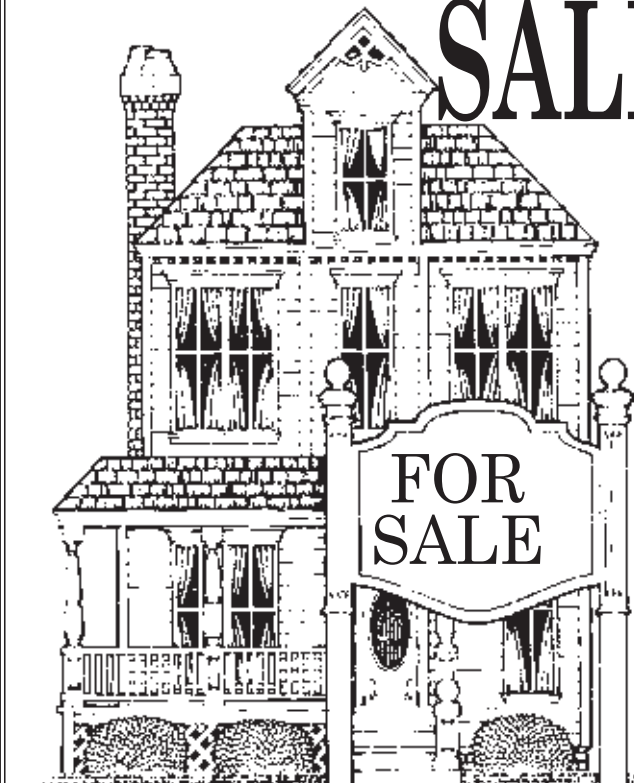
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ANSWER: LEGALLY BLIND

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THIS DAY IN...

HISTORY

- **1858:** MINNESOTA BECOMES THE 32ND STATE IN THE UNITED STATES.
- **1949:** SIAM CHANGES ITS NAME TO THAILAND.
- **1997:** IBM SUPER-COMPUTER DEEP BLUE DEFEATS GARRY KASPAROV IN A 6-GAME CHESS MATCH. THERE ARE 3 TIES, 1 WIN FOR KASPAROV AND 2 WINS FOR BLUE.

PUPIL

dark opening in the center of the iris of the eye that lets in light

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Blink
SPANISH: Parpadear
ITALIAN: Battere gli occhi
FRENCH: Cligner des yeux
GERMAN: Blinzeln

AN INCREASE IN FLOATERS OR FLASHES IN THE EYE CAN BE SIGNS OF A SERIOUS PROBLEM THAT REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION FROM AN EYE DOCTOR.

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: EYEGLASSES

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6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
Theme: African-American Heritage
Live Music! Food! Vendors!

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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FRIDAY, JULY 6

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT
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FRIDAY, JULY 20
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Theme: Scandinavian-American heritage
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT

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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 Allen G. Riley to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated July 14, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36805, Page 13, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to HSBC Bank USA, National Association As Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass- Through Certificates Series 2006-AR8 dated March 27, 2013 and recorded with said registry on March 29, 2013 at Book 50664 Page 324, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold on one of the Mortgage premises located at 229 Main Street, Douglas, Massachusetts and includes the entire Mortgage premises consisting of 229 Main Street, 239 Main Street and 189 Main Street, Douglas, Worcester County Massachusetts, at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on June 6, 2018, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
Property location:
Off Main Street, Douglas, Massachusetts; ASK Realty Trust.
The land in the Town of Douglas, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts situated on the southerly side of other land now or formerly of Eleanor F. Schuster, and bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point in the Northwestern most corner of Lot 2 on a "Plan of Land in Douglas, Mass." dated May 28, 1991 completed by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 654, Plan 11 (the "Plan");
THENCE S. 89° 06' 10" E. Nine hundred forty-two and ninety-five hundredths feet (942.95) to a point;
THENCE S. 43° 13' 27" E. one hundred fifty-seven and seventy hundredths (157.70) feet to a point;
THENCE S. 34° 27' 39" W. Two hundred twenty-nine and fifty-four hundredths (229.54) feet to a drill hole;
THENCE S. 37° 40' 23" W. Two hundred sixty-three and fourteen hundredths (263.14) feet to a drill hole;
THENCE S. 31° 35' 23" E. Two hundred forty-seven and thirty-six hundredths (247.36) feet to a drill hole;
THENCE S. 06° 45' 03" E. Two hundred ninety-six and eighty-nine hundredths (296.89) feet to a drill hole;
THENCE S. 11° 46' 22" E. Three hundred sixty-six and sixty-five hundredths (366.65) feet to a point;
THENCE S. 10° 05' 08" E. One hundred twenty-one and sixty-five hundredths (121.65) feet to a point;
THENCE N. 88° 20' 36" W. Two hundred sixty-five and eleven hundredths (265.11) feet to a point;
THENCE N. 44° 01' 29" W. Eight hundred sixty-six and twenty-five hundredths (866.25) feet to a point;
THENCE N. 04° 10' 53" E. Three hundred fifty-two and four hundredths (352.04) feet to a drill hole;
THENCE N. 16° 39' 14" W. Five hundred fifty-two and sixty-eight hundredths (552.68) to the place of beginning.
Being approximately 22.71 acres and being the same premises shown as Lot 2 on the Plan.

Being the same premises conveyed to ASK Realty Trust by deed of Eleanor F. Schuster dated May 28, 1991 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 20384, Page 385.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements set forth in an Amended and Restated Cross Easement Agreement dated as of November 10, 1997 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 19342, Page 397.

PROPERTY LOCATION 229 Main Street, Douglas, Massachusetts; Estate of Eleanor F. Schuster

A certain tract or parcel of land on the southeasterly side of Main Street in the Town of Douglas, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts shown as "Lot 1" on a "Plan of Land in Douglas surveyed for A.S.K. Trust" drawn by Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc. dated May 28, 1991 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 654, Plan 11, which parcel is further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northwestern corner thereof at an iron pin at land now or formerly of Richard H. Aldrich and Florence H. Aldrich;
THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 100.00 feet a distance of 55.00 feet along The Lane on said plan to a point;
THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 144.00 feet a distance of 119.52 feet along The Lane on said plan to a point;
THENCE S 09 degrees 26' 57" W. a distance of 80.00 feet along The Lane on said plan to a point;
THENCE S. 09 degrees 36' 20" E. a

distance of 106.33 feet along The Lane on said plan to a point;
THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 60.00 feet a distance of 94.81 feet along The Lane to land now or formerly of Ronald C. Baird and Kay S. Baird to a point;
THENCE S. 18 degrees 09' 57" E. a distance of 282.63 feet along land of Baird and land formerly of Harriett Wright to a point;
THENCE S. 16 degrees 39' 14" E. a distance of 104.88 feet along land formerly of Wright to a point at Lot 2 on said plan;
THENCE S. 89 degrees 06' 10" E. a distance of 921.97 feet along Lot 2 on said plan to a point at land now or formerly of the Town of Douglas;
THENCE N. 43 degrees 13' 27" W. a distance of 139.30 feet along land of the Town of Douglas and land now or formerly of Ernest Hippert and Frances Hippert to a point;
THENCE N. 02 degrees 22' 22" E. a distance of 238.35 feet along land of Hippert to a drill hole;
THENCE N. 14 degrees 55' 53" E. a distance of 28.80 feet along land of Hippert to a point;
THENCE N. 01 degrees 32' 28" W. a distance of 128.54 feet along land of Hippert and along the terminus of Orchard Place to a point;
THENCE N. 25 degrees 38' 57" W. a distance of 195.50 feet along the terminus of Orchard Place and land now or formerly of Omer Lamontagne and Mary C. Lamontagne to an iron pin;
THENCE N. 11 degrees 22' 57" W. a distance of 162.30 feet along land of Lamontagne to a point;
THENCE S. 48 degrees 57' 13" W. a distance of 276.02 feet and crossing Upper Hunt's Pond to a point;
THENCE N. 24 degrees 56' 47" W. a distance of 144.44 feet and crossing Upper Hunt's Pond to a point;
THENCE N. 17 degrees 32' 32" W. a distance of 207.16 feet along Upper Hunt's Pond and land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;
THENCE N. 20 degrees 49' 07" W. a distance of 111.87 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;
THENCE N. 21 degrees 38' 32" W. a distance of 190.74 feet along Lower Hunt's Pond and land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point on the southerly side of Main Street;
THENCE S. 56 degrees 57' 03" W. a distance of 96.11 feet along the southerly side of Main Street to a concrete bound;
THENCE S. 19 degrees 25' 52" E. a distance of 174.13 feet along land now or formerly of Robert L. Stevens to a concrete bound;
THENCE S. 16 degrees 26' 29" E. a distance of 264.94 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a concrete bound;
THENCE N. 88 degrees 51' 52" W. a distance of 185.05 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. and land now or formerly of Beatrice L. Saviskas to a concrete bound;
THENCE N. 22 degrees 28' 51" W. a distance of 86.85 feet along land of Saviskas to a concrete bound;
THENCE S. 72 degrees 41' 08" W. a distance of 252.19 feet along land now or formerly of Richard H. Aldrich and Florence H. Aldrich to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 17.03 Acres according to said plan. EXCEPTING therefrom that parcel of land known as The Lane and being more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land on the southeasterly side of Main Street in the Town of Douglas, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts shown as "The Lane" on a "Plan of Land in Douglas surveyed for A.S.K. Trust" drawn by Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc. dated May 28, 1991 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 654, Plan 11, which parcel is further bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner thereof at a point on the southerly side of Main Street and at land now or formerly of Richard H. Aldrich and Florence H. Aldrich;
THENCE S. 06 degrees 35' 37" E a distance of 179.01 feet along land of Aldrich to a point;
THENCE S. 07 degrees 21' 27" E a distance of 51.65 feet along land of Aldrich to a point;
THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 100.00 feet a distance of 55.00 feet along Lot 1 on said plan to a point;
THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 144.00 feet a distance of 119.52 feet along Lot 1 on said plan to a point;
THENCE S. 09 degrees 26' 57" W. a distance of 80.00 feet along Lot 1 on said plan to a point;
THENCE S. 09 degrees 36' 20" E. a distance of 106.33 feet along Lot 1 on said plan to a point;
THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 60.00 feet a distance of 269.53 feet along Lot 1 and land now or formerly of Ronald C. Baird and Kay S. Baird to a point;

THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 20.00 feet a distance of 20.36 feet along land of Baird to a point;
THENCE N. 09 degrees 26' 57" E. a distance of 132 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;
THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 100.00 feet a distance of 83 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;
THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 144.00 feet a distance of 78.61 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;
THENCE N. 07 degrees 21' 27" W. a distance of 51.94 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;
THENCE N. 12 degrees 35' 25" W. a distance of 130.01 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;
THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 20 feet a distance of 35.44 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point on the southerly side of Main Street;
THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 1800.00 feet a distance of 87.58 feet along the southerly side of Main Street to the point of beginning.
BEING the same premises conveyed to Winfield A. Schuster and F. Eleanor Schuster by deed of Hayward-Schuster Woolen Mills, Inc. dated August 24, 1976 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 6013, Page 47 and by deed of Winfield A. Schuster to Winfield A. Schuster and Eleanor F. Schuster dated February 17, 1973 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 5313, Page 119.
SUBJECT TO and with the benefit of easements set forth in an Amended and Restated Cross Easement Agreement dated as of November 10, 1997 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 19342, Page 397.

PROPERTY LOCATION
Main Street (239), Douglas, Massachusetts; Schuster Realty, Inc. to Allen G. Riley
A certain tract of land in the Town of Douglas, Massachusetts, situated on the southerly side of Main Street and westerly side of Cottage Street, having two mill ponds thereon, and bounded: - beginning at the junction of Main and Cottage Streets; thence running southerly with Cottage Street to land of the Town of Douglas; thence with said town land, westerly 80 feet, southerly 100 feet, easterly 80 feet, to Cottage Street; thence southerly and easterly with said Cottage Street to land formerly of the Congregational Society; thence southeasterly with said society land, and thence with varying lines, including the mill pond formerly called Hunt Pond, southerly, westerly and northerly, to land formerly of W.C. Briggs now of Lena M. Schuster; thence with said Schuster land, N. 20 1/2° W. about 312.6 feet to said Main Street; thence N. 52 1/2° E. with said Main Street, about 148.8 feet to Cottage Street, at the point of beginning.
Together with all rights of flowage connected with or appurtenant to the described tract.

Excepting therefrom that portion of the foregoing parcel which is described in a deed to the Town of Douglas, Massachusetts dated August 12, 1960 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 4138, Page 540.

Being Parcel VII as described in a deed to Schuster Realty, Inc. from Hayward-Schuster Woolen Mills, Inc., dated February 27, 1981 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7182, Page 275.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36805, Page 1,7, and 10.

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 Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) 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 descrip-

tion 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.

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR8
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201703-0370 - YEL

May 11, 2018
May 18, 2018
May 25, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kristen M. Greene and William Greene to ERA Mortgage Corporation, dated March 8, 2012 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48643, Page 164 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage PHH Mortgage Corporation is the present holder by assignment from PHH Mortgage Corporation d/b/a ERA Mortgage to EverBank dated October 19, 2015 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54467, Page 218 and assignment from EverBank, a Division of TIAA, FSB to PHH Mortgage Corporation dated October 17, 2017 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57896, Page 209, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 182 Perry Street, Douglas, MA 01516 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on June 6, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land and the buildings located thereon, on the southerly side of Southeast Main Street, Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as Lot 3 on a plan entitled: "Plan of Land in Douglas, Mass., surveyed for Thomas Schwartz, Scale: 1" = 100', September 7, 1969 by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., 90 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, Mass.", which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 632, Plan 17, reference to which plan may be had for a more particular description of said Lot 3.

Containing, according to said plan 97,481.37 square feet.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48643, Page 162. See also deed recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 54536, Page 67.

The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien(s) recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57347, Page 185 and Book 58304, Page 354.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

PHH Mortgage Corporation
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Greene, Kristen, 15-023789
May 4, 2018
May 11, 2018
May 18, 2018

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LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Helen Gallagher to Bank of America, N.A., dated December 21, 2009 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 45304, Page 69 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC is the present holder by assignment from Bank of America, N.A. to Green Tree Servicing LLC dated April 16, 2013 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 50903, Page 46, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at Unit No. 99, of the Juniper Hill Condominium, 99 Country Squire Road, Uxbridge, MA 01569 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on May 29, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: Situated in the City of Uxbridge County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, to wit:

The Condominium Unit known as Condominium Unit Number 99 Country Squire Road, hereinafter called the "Subject Unit", in the Condominium known as Juniper Hill, a Condominium, hereinafter called the "Condominium" established by Master Deed dated March 28, 2002 and recorded on March 28, 2002 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 26259 at Page 63; as amended by the First Amendment, recorded in said Registry on June 21, 2002, in Book 26832, Page 351; as further amended by Second Amendment recorded with said Deeds on September 11, 2002, in Book 27748, Page 50; as further amended by Third Amendment recorded with said Deeds on November 5, 2002 in Book 27999, Page 202; as further amended by Fourth Amendment recorded with said Deeds on January 23, 2003 in Book 28802, Page 134; as further amended by Fifth Amendment recorded with said Deeds on March 26, 2003 in Book 29466, Page 226; as further amended by Sixth Amendment recorded with said Deeds on May 29, 2003 in Book 30198, Page 336; as further amended by Seventh Amendment recorded with said Deeds on June 27, 2003 in Book 30599, Page 7, as further amended by Eighth Amendment recorded with said Deeds on July 21, 2003, in Book 30859, Page 181; as further amended by Ninth Amendment recorded with said Deeds on September 4, 2003 in Book 31513, Page 394; as further amended by Tenth Amendment recorded with said Deeds on November 10, 2003 in Book 32197, Page 279; as further amended by Eleventh Amendment recorded with said Deeds on December 9, 2003 in Book 32408, Page 209; as further amended by Twelfth Amendment recorded with said Deeds on January 22, 2004 in Book 32687, Page 106; as further Amended by Thirteenth Amendment recorded with said Deeds on April 21, 2004 in Book 33373, Page 159; and further amended by Fourteenth Amendment recorded with said Deeds on May 11, 2004 in Book 33579, Page 28; and as further amended by Fifteenth Amendment recorded with said Deeds on August 10, 2004 in Book 34346, Page 115, hereinafter called the "Master Deed".

The Subject Unit is shown on the Master Plan of the Condominium filed in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, and on the Unit Plan of the Subject Unit and the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, Section 8 and 9, is affixed to said Master Plan and Unit Plan.

The Unit is intended solely for those residential uses set forth in the Town of Uxbridge Zoning Bylaws and the Juniper Hill Condominium Rules and Regulations.

The Subject Unit is hereby conveyed together with:

An undivided 2.76% interest in the Common Areas and Facilities of the Condominium described in the Master Deed appertaining to the Subject Unit, which percentage is subject to diminution as additional phases are added; Being the same parcel conveyed to Helen Gallagher from David M. Garlett and Jacquelyn M. Garlett, by virtue of a Deed dated 11/28/2005, recorded 12/2/2005, in Deed Book 37938, Page 43, County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37938, Page 43.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforce-

able encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Gallagher, Helen, 17-028603
April 27, 2018
May 4, 2018
May 11, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Roger L. Hemen and Suk C. Hemen to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Reliant Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns, dated June 29, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41441, Page 184, subsequently assigned to GMAC Mortgage, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Reliant Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44399, Page 318, 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 51357, Page 106, subsequently assigned to Residential Credit Solutions, Inc by OCWEN Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 54540, Page 191, subsequently assigned to Ditech Financial LLC by Residential Credit Solutions Inc by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56995, Page 311, subsequently assigned to New Penn Financial LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by Ditech Financial LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57393, Page 363 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on June 1, 2018 at 117 Border Street, Unit A, Northbridge (Whitinsville), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

Unit A of the 117-127 Meadow Pond Condominium, a condominium created by Master Deed dated December 4, 2006 recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 40282, Page 305 and shown on a plan recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 851, Page 25.

The post office address is 117 Border Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

The Unit is shown on a plan recorded herewith to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided by M.G.L. c. 183A, Section 9, and is conveyed to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in M.G.L.c. 183A, the Master Deed, the documents establishing the organization of unit owners and the By-Laws as amended of record. Unit conveyed together with the following:

1. An undivided 16.666% percent interest appertaining to Unit in the Common Areas and Facilities of Condominium.
2. The exclusive right and easement to use the area described in Exhibit 3 of the Master Deed.

The Unit contains 1,600 square feet approximately, and is laid out as shown on a plan recorded with the original deed and affixed to which is the verified statement of a registered land surveyor, certifying that the plan shown the unit designation of the Unit hereby conveyed and of immediately adjoining units, and that it fully and accurately depicts the layout of the Unit, its location, dimensions, approximate area, entrance and immediate Common Area to which it has access,

as built.

Subject to rights, reservations, restrictions and easements as set forth in a unit deed recorded in Book 41441 Page 179.

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.

New Penn Financial LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
13-017800
May 11, 2018
May 18, 2018
May 25, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Gary Bosselman, and Joann Rakauskas to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A. dated January 26, 2007, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40594, Page 80; said mortgage was then assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC by virtue of an assignment dated September 10, 2015, and recorded in Book 54367, Page 191; of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 03:00 PM on May 21, 2018, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 70 High Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone bound on the south side of High Street in the Town of Uxbridge Thence S. 22 degrees E. 26 rods to corner of land sold to the Water Company; Thence Easterly about 180 feet to corner of land now or formerly of Walter White and land now or formerly of Walter White and land now or formerly of Elmwood Farm; Thence 10 ½ degrees W. With said White's land, 597.3 feet to High Street; Thence Westerly with High Street, 198 feet more or less to the place of beginning. Containing 59,000 square feet more or less. For title see Book 32602 Page 244. Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale. Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser

at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale-date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date. The premises is to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, leases, tenancies, and rights of possession, building and zoning laws, encumbrances, condominium liens, if any and all other claim in the nature of liens, if any there be. In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder, providing that said second highest bidder shall deposit with the Mortgagee's attorneys, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein. If the second highest bidder declines to purchase the within described property, the Mortgagee reserves the right to purchase the within described property at the amount bid by the second highest bidder. The foreclosure deed and the consideration paid by the successful bidder shall be held in escrow by DG&L, (hereinafter called the "Escrow Agent") until the deed shall be released from escrow to the successful bidder at the same time as the consideration is released to the Mortgagee, whereupon all obligations of the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to have been properly fulfilled and the Escrow Agent shall be discharged. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Dated: April 17, 2018 Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 225D, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 51272 (BOSELMAN)
April 27, 2018
May 4, 2018
May 11, 2018

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court**

**225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608**

**Docket No. WO18P1313GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:**

**Petition for Appointment of
Guardian of a Minor**

**In the interests of
Gia Marie Gillespie
of Whitinsville, MA
Minor**

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED
PARTIES**

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **04/25/2018** by **Cassandra J. Martin** of Whitinsville, MA will be held **05/21/2018 08:30 AM Motion**

Located **Courtroom 11, Probate and Family Court, 225 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: April 25, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

May 11, 2018

LEGALS

MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Anthony R. Bartlett and Kathleen M. Bartlett to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns, dated November 30, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37925, Page 222 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on September 10, 2008 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 43294, Page 222, subsequently assigned to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for SG Mortgage Securities Trust 2006-FRE1 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 47355, Page 255, subsequently assigned to HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for SG Mortgage Securities Trust 2006-FRE1, Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FRE1 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment and Loan, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50746, Page 185 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on May 18, 2018 at 273 Olivia Drive, Northbridge, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
The land with the buildings and improvements thereon situated on the northerly side of Olivia Drive in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 20 on a plan entitled “Marino Estates” dated July 14, 2003, revised through October 20, 2003, prepared by Franklin S & A, Inc. hereinafter referred to as the “Plan”) which plan is recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 1135 in Plan Book 804, Page 10. Said premises are conveyed subject to easements, restrictions and reservations of record, if any, only insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. According to said Plan, Lot 20 contains approximately 40,002 square feet. These premises are conveyed together with the right to use in common with others entitled thereto Olivia Drive shown on said plan for all purposes for which roadways are commonly used in the Town of Northbridge. For title see deed recorded herewith. 37925/221
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.
HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for SG Mortgage Securities Trust 2006- FRE1, Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FRE1
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-003017
April 27, 2018
May 4, 2018
May11, 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 James T. Grondin, Jr. and Ann M. Grondin to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated April 9, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 41442, Page 255 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on December 9, 2015 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 54670, Page 20 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on June 4, 2018 at 24 South East Main Street, Douglas, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:
The land, with buildings thereon, In Douglas, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts as shown as lot 10 on South. East Main Street on a plan of land entitled “Definitive Plan of Pine Needle Park, A Subdivision in Douglas, Mass., Owner/ Applicant, K.T.K.M. Realty Trust, 24 Dover Drive, Whitinsville, MA,” dated December 4, 1987 by Guerriere & ,Halnon, Inc., Engineering and land Surveying, 1031 Providence Road, Whitinsville, Mass., Scale: 100’ = 1” and filed with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 618, Plan 489, said Lot 10 containing 23,390 square feet of land, more or less and being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Easterly side. of South East main Street at the most Westerly corner of the lot herein described; THENCE: N. 43 degrees 00’ 00” E., 213.50 feet by Lot #9 to a point; THENCE S. 40 degrees 00’ 00” E., 23.08 feet by Lot #8 to a point; THENCE S. 00 degrees 00’ 00” E., 214.73 feet by Lot #11 to a point; THENCE N. 83 degrees 28’ 12” E., 50 feet by Yew Street to a point; THENCE N. 69 degrees 58’ 31” W., 70 feet to a point; THENCE N. 37 degrees 48’ 31” W., 73.40 feet by South East Main Street to the point of beginning. ****For Informational Purposes Only****
The improvements thereon being known as 24 SE Main Street, Douglas, MA 01516 BEING the same property conveyed to James T. Grondin, Jr. and Ann M. Grondin, from J. Daniel Hill and Tracy J. Hill, by Quitclaim Deed dated October 16, 2000, and recorded on October 16, 2000, In Book 23102, Page 366, as Instrument No. 125114, among the Land Records of Worcester County, Massachusetts. Tax ID#: 198-15

Upon information and belief, there are errors in the legal description attached to the mortgage, wherein the recording information provided for the plan is inaccurate; the subject premises is shown on Plan Book 618, Plan 49,

Worcester District Registry of Deeds. In addition, the fourth bound should read: Thence S. 83 degrees 28’ 12” W., 50 feet by Yew Street to a point; 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.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-002397
May 11, 2018
May 18, 2018
May 25, 2018

(SEAL)
**COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
18 SM 002419
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:
**James R. Glode; Karen A. Glode
AKA Karen Glode**
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.,
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Douglas, numbered **234 Perry Street**, given by **James R. Glode and Karen Glode AKA Karen A. Glode to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated May 19, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36390, Page 306** has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/ Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **June 4, 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on April 17, 2018
Attest:
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Remembering Mom



Unique Mother's Day gift ideas



Select Mother's Day gifts that will make Mom feel special.

Mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, and many more remarkable women often work tirelessly and without fanfare to provide for their families. Even though they may deserve to be recognized throughout the year, moms enjoy a special day nestled within the month of May when children, spouses and others celebrate Mother's Day.

Many people give heartfelt gifts on Mother's Day to express their love for the mothers in their lives. The perfect gift may focus on Mom's interests and the things that make her truly happy. With that in mind, the following shopping tips can help anyone find the perfect Mother's Day gift.

- Explore spa packages. What mother won't benefit from some rest and relaxation with a little pampering thrown in? Salons and massage therapists typically put together Mother's Day packages that cater to mothers. Packages may include massages, facials, hair treatments, manicures, and pedicures. Gift-givers can customize the services depending on their budgets.

- Dining out can be a treat. A meal at a favorite restaurant can be a welcome change from kitchen duty. Mother's Day is a busy day for restaurants, many of which have limited menus to better handle the crowds. As a result, if dining out on Mother's Day, Mom may not get the full menu she desires. To ensure mothers have full menus at their disposal, gift givers can cook a meal at

home on Mother's Day and then choose another day of the week to enjoy a meal in an upscale restaurant.

- Schedule a paint and sip. A paint and sip session is a unique gift. A session is typically two hours and includes step-by-step instructions. Patrons are encouraged to bring snacks and their favorite beverages. With the right planning, well-intentioned children can turn the evening into a "ladies night out" and encourage other moms to join in the fun. Or the entire family can paint masterpieces together.

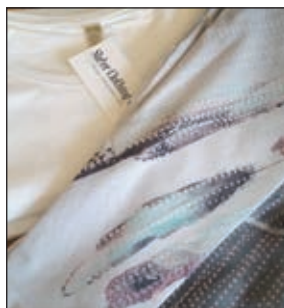
- Give tickets to a show or sporting event. Whether Mom is a sports fan or she prefers the theater or live music, event tickets can make a wonderful gift. Unique gift ideas include tickets to Cirque du Soleil, Shen Yun or a Broadway play.

- Give the gift of wine tasting. Wineries can be found across the country and frequently open their doors to wine tastings and wine pairing events. A Mother's Day wine tasting can be special for the entire family and support local businesses. Check the vineyard's rules on guests. Many times those under 21 can attend but will not be permitted to consume wine, though other refreshments may be available.

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MOTHER’S DAY

The 411 on Mother’s Day flowers

Mother’s Day is an annual holiday that honors motherhood and provides an opportunity for men, women and children to show their mothers how much they appreciate them.

The tradition of Mother’s Day in the United States dates back more than a century to 1908, when West Virginia native Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to honor her mother, who had passed away three years earlier, and all mothers in Grafton, West Virginia. Mother’s Day would ultimately become a national holiday in the United States in 1914, thanks in large part to Jarvis’ campaigning. As Jarvis, who never married and never had children of her own, grew old, she criticized Mother’s Day as overly commercial, even trying to have it removed from the calendar. Those efforts failed, and Mother’s Day remains popular now, more than 100 years after the idea for it was conceived.

While Mother’s Day traditions have changed since Jarvis first proposed the holiday, many people feel it’s customary to give mothers gifts on Mother’s Day, when moms take the day off from chores and relax with their families. Flowers make for popular Mother’s Day gifts, and well-wishers who want to give the special women in their lives flowers this year can consider a host of varieties.

CARNATIONS

Carnations are popular Mother’s Day flowers, because they are available in a number of colors. That means it’s highly likely sons, daughters,



husbands and others gifting moms this Mother’s Day can find some carnations in Mom’s favorite color. Ask your florist about what each carnation color symbolizes, as each has its own unique meaning. Pink carnations, for example, are believed to symbolize a mother’s love.

ROSES

Few mothers can resist roses, making them one of the

more popular flowers come Mother’s Day. Roses are symbolic of love and make the perfect floral gift for mothers who like traditional flowers. If you want to spice things up, order a bouquet made up of roses of various colors.

DAFFODILS

Yellow is synonymous with spring, and daffodils can highlight the season in which

Mother’s Day takes place while also providing a cheerful look that’s perfect for Mother’s Day floral bouquets. Daffodils can be given on their own or added to mixed bouquets. Daffodils also last quite a while when cared for correctly, giving moms more than just a few days to enjoy their bouquets.

FREESIA

Like daffodils, freesia are

long-lasting, meaning mothers will still be enjoying them long after Mother’s Day has come and gone. The inviting fragrance of freesia makes bouquets of these flowers popular choices for Mother’s Day gifts. Freesia also come in many colors, proving Mother’s Day gift givers a greater chance of finding flowers their mothers will love.

5 ways to commemorate Mother’s Day when mom has passed away

Losing a loved one is never easy. Whether the loss is recent or not, many people find the void created by a loved one’s passing never leaves them. Celebrating holidays or milestones can magnify feelings of loss, and such feelings may surface on Mother’s Day among people whose mothers are deceased.

People approach Mother’s Day in unique ways when their mother has been laid to rest. Such an experience is extremely personal, and there’s really no right or wrong way to mark the occasion. It can be challenging scrolling through other’s social media posts about happy brunches and thoughtful gifts. Some, particularly those for whom the wounds may be especially fresh, may opt to avoid the celebration or go through the motions for the benefit of children or spouses. Others may embrace the bonds they had with their mothers by reflecting on their memories.

Those opting to stay connected to their mothers this year can recognize that, although Mom may be gone, they are not motherless. While Mother’s Day may be painful for people who have lost their mothers, the following are five ways to make the most of Mother’s Day.

1. What would make her happy? Take a heartfelt moment to really think about what made Mom tick and brought joy to her life. Was it pouring over recipes in the kitchen? Did mom like to trek to the top of a mountain in her hiking shoes? Pay homage to her by walk-



Looking at family photos and sharing fond memories of one’s mother can help focus Mother’s Day on positive feelings.

ing in her footsteps and you may just feel a deeper connection.

2. Get together with siblings. If you are lucky enough to have siblings, you can share the day together. This way you can remember the happy times, comfort each other and laugh together. If you don’t have siblings, consider a visit with an aunt or uncle or another close relative who may be feeling the loss, too.

3. Relay fond stories to others. Celebrate Mother’s Day by doing things to ensure Mom’s spirit and personality live on. Bring up fond stories of Mom with your spouse, friends or your own children. Help blur out the sadness of the loss by focusing on happy memories, such as those depicted in family photos.

4. Put mom front and center. Take out a beautiful photograph of your mother and display it in a prime location in the house. This way you may feel like she is sharing the day with you, and you can think about her fondly each time you see the photo.

5. Enjoy your favorite childhood meal. Whether Mom was a master chef or couldn’t boil water, there’s bound to be a meal you associate with her. If that special meal is Chinese takeout or a slow-cooked roast, enjoy it on Mother’s Day in her honor.

Coping with loss on Mother’s Day is seldom easy. With time and by focusing on the positive, people who have lost their mothers can enjoy Mother’s Day.

MOTHER’S DAY

What various flowers can represent



Customize Valentine’s Day bouquets with flowers that have specific meanings.

Flowers are popular come Valentine’s Day, as various blooms can signify love and affection. Roses are one of the most popular flowers to gift on Valentine’s Day, and according to Bankrate, men and women can expect to spend \$41.66 on a dozen roses.

Some gift-givers may want to deviate from the standard bouquet of roses and offer flowers that are more in tune with their recipients’ preferences.

Flowers have long been used to convey certain feelings in many cultures. Folklore, poetry and mythologies have played a role in defining the various meanings associated with certain blooms.

Understanding the meanings behind various flowers can help Valentine’s Day celebrants more accurately express their feelings toward the special people in their lives. Read on to

learn more about what certain blooms may symbolize.

- Amaryllis: This flower symbolizes splendid beauty and can be given to indicate worth beyond beauty.

- Aster: The popular aster symbolizes wisdom and devotion.

- Bird of Paradise: The interesting shape and rarity of these blooms symbolizes joyfulness and magnificence. It can be an exciting flower, and one that evokes feelings of anticipation.

- Black-eyed Susan: These vibrant blooms represent justice and can be ideal for the person who works in the legal profession.

- Carnation: A less expensive alternative to roses, carnations represent pride and beauty. Furthermore, the colors of carnations represent different meanings. Red symbolizes love, while pink is for a mother’s

love and white represents innocence and pure love.

- Daisy: Innocence and purity are the meanings behind the yellow and white daisy. This can be the perfect pick for new, young love.

- Freesia: Those wanting to evoke passionate feelings can choose freesia, which is also said to mean “joy.”

- Hydrangea: Hydrangeas symbolize heartfelt emotions and can be used to express gratitude for being understood. This may be the perfect “making amends” flower.

- Lilac: Couples seeking tranquility and passion can turn to lilacs. The calming lavender hues also can be a welcome change in floral arrangements.

- Rose: Of course, no Valentine’s flower roundup would be complete without roses. Roses represent love and passion, and, like carnations, their colors symbolize different things. Red roses represent desire, pink roses suggest happiness and white roses symbolize worthiness. Avoid yellow roses, which suggest fading love.

- Zinnia: Zinnias symbolize thoughts of distant friends and can make a thoughtful friendship arrangement to send to a faraway comrade.

Flowers are part of many Valentine’s Day celebrations. By learning the meanings behind different flowers, men and women can make their feelings better known.

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