

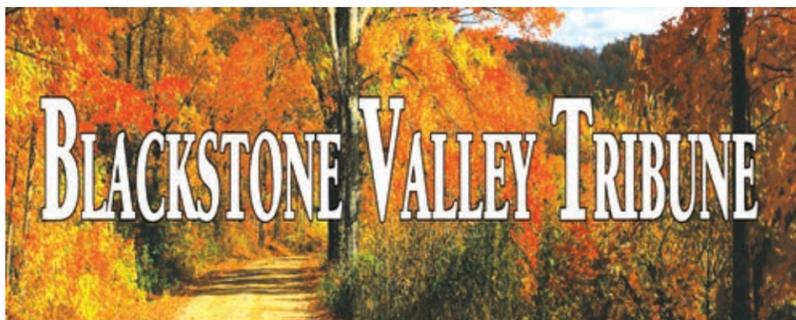
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Friday, December 14, 2018

Students participate in 'Hour of Code'



Photos courtesy of Whitinsville Christian School
These two look like this was a lot of fun as well as a learning experience.

BY KIM PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

As part of Computer Science Education Week, Whitinsville Christian School teamed up with the Rockdale Youth Center for a special "Hour of Code" event.

The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries to help get students more involved in coding. This is the school's fifth year participating in Hour of Code as part of Computer Science Education Week, and the program is offered to their first through fifth grade students, assisted by high school students.

"Hour of Code teaches the students to think 'computationally' or think like a computer," said Steve Fortna, computer science teacher at Whitinsville Christian School. "This type of thinking is a good foundation for future computer programming endeavors."

The Rockdale Youth Center has about 35 children ages eight to 14 every day after school, and Fortna attended with ten high-schoolers and extra iPads to work on Hour of Code activities. Monique Boucher, director of the Rockdale Youth Center, thanked the school for the recent partnership.

"Our kids had so much fun and the WCS students were awesome. This was such a great opportunity!"

This was the school's first year teaming up with the Rockdale Youth Center. Fortna was looking for an opportunity to take the Hour of Code outside of the school's walls and use it as an opportunity to serve others, a school representative said.

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Northbridge receives grants as designated "Green Community"

BY KIM PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

Since being designated as a "Green Community" in 2017, Northbridge has received grants for renewable energy projects, including upgrades to the library, senior center, schools, and more.

According to Northbridge Town Planner R. Gary Bechtholdt II, the town was designated as a Green Community in February of 2017 as part of the state's Department of Energy Resources' Green Communities initiative. The grants provide financial support for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that advance the communities' clean energy goals.

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

grants.

Northbridge has completed a number of energy conservation measures within various town buildings, said Bechtholdt, as a result of awarded Green Community grant funds, which were \$176,000 in 2017 and \$240,000 in 2018.

Northbridge performed LED lighting upgrades within the Whitinsville Social Library, Senior Center, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Northbridge Middle School, and Northbridge High School, installed a new energy-efficient boiler at the Northbridge Memorial Town Hall, replaced the hot water tank at the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, installed digital-automated thermostat controls throughout the Northbridge Middle School, and performed upgrades to the pump motor drives at Northbridge Middle School. They are also under way on replacing the stream traps within the town hall and fire station, he said.

The town is also currently contracting with National Grid

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Manchaug Trust assessed penalty for asbestos violations

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has assessed Manchaug Trust of Sutton a \$16,813 penalty for violations of asbestos regulations that occurred at a vacant commercial property undergoing renovation in Sutton. The Trust bought the former American Legion Post building and was in the process of renovating it when the violations were observed.

In September 2016, MassDEP inspectors responding to a complaint observed that Manchaug Trust improperly removed asbestos-containing transite roofing shingles and asbestos-containing heating system insulation from pipes in the basement of the building. MassDEP required the Trust to retain a licensed asbestos contractor to implement a MassDEP

approved plan to cleanup and decontaminate all affected parts of the property and properly package, label and dispose of all asbestos-containing waste materials.

MassDEP regulations require notification to MassDEP 10 working days prior to commencing any asbestos removal work so that the department is aware of the removal work and has the opportunity to conduct inspections to ensure compliance with the regulations. The regulations also establish certain work practices, such as wetting, bagging and labeling asbestos-containing waste materials during demolition or renovation work.

"Asbestos is a known carcinogen, and following required work practices is

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Volunteer open house planned in January



Courtesy photo
Suzanne Buchanan, volunteer coordinator at Blackstone Heritage Corridor, will explain the many volunteer opportunities available in the 25 communities of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, at the Volunteer Open House on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Blackstone Heritage Corridor, Inc. (BHC) is hosting a Volunteer Open House on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at its office at the Linwood Mill, 670 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. BHC volunteer coordinator Suzanne Buchanan will lead the event, inviting the public to learn how to participate in a variety of unique volunteer opportunities available in the region's Volunteers-In-Parks program.

Volunteer open houses are held monthly in various locations throughout the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor.

To RSVP, email volunteer@BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org or call (508) 234-4242.

In Fiscal Year 2018 (ending September 30), volunteers in BHC's Volunteers-In-Parks program tallied 15,393 hours of service at a value of \$378,290.93. To

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Education Foundation executive director steps down

After six years as executive director of the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation, Paul Lynskey is stepping down at the end of December.

"Mr. Lynskey was an exceptional and dynamic director who created a number of successful new programs and opportunities for our schools and students in the Blackstone Valley,"

reads a statement from the Education Foundation's Board of Directors.

Programs include the annual Business and Education Forum, and Lynskey also strengthened the Education Foundation's relationships with its constituent school districts and its partners in the business community, said the Board. He identified and

developed new funding sources and raised awareness of the programs and opportunities offered by the Education Foundation throughout the Blackstone Valley and beyond.

"Paul was truly an exceptional leader for our organization," said Jim Hoban, Board President of the Education Foundation. "He led us through a peri-

od of growth and expansion that was really phenomenal."

According to the Foundation's website, Lynskey has over 20 years of experience in higher education and career planning administration and counseling. He directed the statewide school

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Sen. Moore announces district office hours

BOSTON – Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) released the dates, times and locations of upcoming district office hours in the New Year. Residents of the Second Worcester District are welcome to meet with Senator Moore or a representative of the Senator's Office to discuss concerns or other matters of interest.

AUBURN
Jan 14 & Feb 25: 9-10AM at Senior Center, 4 Goddard Drive, Auburn.

MILLBURY
Jan 14th & Feb 25th: 10:30-11:30AM at Senior Center, One River St., Millbury.

LEICESTER
Jan 7 & Feb 11: 9:00-10:00AM at Senior Center, 40 Winslow Ave., Leicester.

UPTON
Feb 4: 9-10AM at Senior Center, 2 Farm St. Upton.

GRAFTON
Feb 4:10:30-11:30AM at Senior Center, 30 Providence Road, Grafton.

SHREWSBURY
Jan. 28, 10-11AM at Senior Center, 98 Maple Ave., Shrewsbury.

NORTHBRIDGE
Jan 28, 12PM-1PM at Senior Center, 20 Highland St. Whitinsville.

Senator Moore represents the Second Worcester District consisting of the Towns of Auburn, Grafton, Leicester, Millbury, Shrewsbury, Precincts 2 and 4 in Northbridge, Upton, and Wards 5-7 and Precincts 1 and 5 in Ward 8 of the City of Worcester. An online calendar of district office hours is also available on the Senator's website, www.SenatorMikeMoore.com.

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to install variable refrigerant frequency systems within the town hall. These units will replace the window AC units and allow for temperature controls within individual rooms of this building, which was built in 1872.

"As Northbridge approaches the close of its second year as a Green Community, the town is starting to realize its energy reduction goals, reducing municipal energy consumption by approximately 9% since 2016," said Bechtholdt. "Energy reduction is primarily due to lower use of electricity, fuel, and oil. According to the Department of Energy Resources, buildings represent roughly 75% of energy consumption for municipalities, vehicles comprise approximately 20% of energy use, and about 5% may be attributed to street lighting."

Northbridge's Green Community initiative has been led by local officials and staff responsible for identifying ener-

gy conservation measures. This team includes the town manager, director of Public Works, highway superintendent, town planner, school business/finance director, and the school facilities director.

"This collaborative effort has helped make municipal operations more energy efficient and increased reliability with the replacement of outdated equipment," he added.

Future application of Green Community grant rounds and local allocation of municipal funds will continue to be sought as Northbridge pursues its goal to achieve 20% energy reduction by 2022.

"Residents' support of energy projects and associated funding requests has played a major role and has allowed Northbridge to accomplish such successes to date."

Bechtholdt added that there are currently 210 municipalities participating in the State's Green Communities Program; additional information can be found on Mass.gov, Green Communities Division.

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imperative to protect workers as well as the general public," said Mary Jude Pigsley, director of MassDEP's central regional office in Worcester. "Failure

to do so will result in penalties, as well as escalated cleanup, decontamination and monitoring costs."

Property owners or contractors with questions about asbestos-containing materials, notification requirements, proper removal, handling, packaging, storage and disposal procedures, or the asbestos regulations are encouraged to contact the appropriate MassDEP Regional Office for assistance.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

AREA HOLIDAY FAIRS

Saturday December 15

SANTA VISITS THE FARM: December 15th from 1pm to 7pm. Holiday open house at the Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust St., Douglas with hot mulled cider and holiday cookies. Come get your holiday shopping done. Unique gifts at the country store. Santa wants to hear what you want for Christmas! Come tell Santa your wishes and get your photo taken with Jolly Ol' St. Nick. Photographer Kayla of Kayla Photographer & Art will be there to capture the moment. Santa will be in a private room.

HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL: Grace Episcopal Church, 270 Main St, Oxford will hold its annual Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parish hall. Chances on Baskets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. A free ticket will be given for a donation of food, hats or gloves/mittens which will be given to the Oxford Food Shelf. In addition to Baskets, we will have Christmas hats and stockings which can be embroidered with a name for \$5. A hearty lunch will be available for \$5 as well as a bountiful bake table. Tours of our beautiful sanctuary on request. Contact Carol Uppgard for more info at 508-987-5680.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: the sixth annual holiday craft fair, presented by the Auburn Recreation and Culture Committee is planned Saturday, Dec. 15 with a snow date of Dec. 16; at the Auburn High School, 99 Auburn St., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 80 craft vendors to get you into the spirit, Santa will make an appearance, and other activities for the kiddos as well. Food available, schedule of events at www.auburn-guide.com.

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AREA CHURCHES

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St. Mary Parish, Uxbridge invites all to come celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas. Beginning on Monday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM, with a Choral Prelude beginning at 9:30 PM.

On Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

The Christmas Prelude will feature St. Mary's Choir under the direction of Daniel Zabinski. They will present a wide range of traditional and contemporary Christmas songs. Come listen in the peaceful surroundings and artistic beauty of St. Mary Church as all prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For more information please contact the parish office at 508-278-2226.

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Child Find Screening

The Uxbridge Public Schools will be conducting a screening on Thursday January 24, 2019 from 12:00-2:00 for 3 and 4 year old children who are residents of Uxbridge. If you have concerns about your child's speech and language, cognitive, fine motor, and/or gross motor skills, please contact Mariana Ravenales at the Taft Early Learning Center at (508) 278-8643 to schedule an appointment.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS:

Sunday, Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Fairlawn CRC, 305 Goldthwaite Road, Whitinsville.

Come and participate in a service that celebrates the birth of Christ and includes a choir of singers from Fairlawn, Pleasant Street CRC, and the Village Congregational Church and The Village Bell Ringers. A free-will offering will be taken for the NAC Food Pantry. A nursery will be available, and refreshments will be served after the service.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

MADISON, NJ — Kelsey Lyons, of Uxbridge, a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus, located in Madison, NJ, has graduated with a BA in individualized studies as of May 2018.

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Local dancers in production of Nutcracker

This holiday season, the 38th annual "The Nutcracker" will be presented by the Greater Milford Ballet Company on December 15 and December 16, 2017 at 2:00 PM at King Philip High School auditorium.

This state of the art ballet production includes dancers from Bellingham, Blackstone, Milford, Mendon, Hopedale, Uxbridge, Whitinsville, Wrentham and Thompson, CT.

Although the production is traditional, every year something new is introduced such as a new costume, new set feature or new character to add to the element of surprise. The production is complete with falling snow, special effects, lively duel between Nutcracker Prince and the Mouse King, dolls that magically grow to adult size, magical dancing bear, and guest appearances by Eugenia Zinovieva as the Sugar Plum and Alan Alberto as the Cavalier from Festival Ballet.

The young dancers in the production play multiple roles in the production dancing in scenes and corps numbers often requiring precision timing backstage quick changes.

Michelle Goddard, a Senior at Nipmuc Regional HS, is Angel Princess Snow Corps and Waltz of the Flowers and has been dancing at the Deane School of Dance for 10 years.

Alexa Kearnan is a Senior at Uxbridge HS is Dancing Cousin, Snow Corps, Arabian Coffee and Dew Drop Fairy and has been dancing at the Deane School of Dance for 15 years.

Other local student cast members from the area include:

Isabella Casucci a Junior at Uxbridge HS is Columbine, Dancing Cousin, Spanish Chocolate, Snow/Marzipan Corps and Waltz of the Flowers;

Maline Demers is a Sophomore at Uxbridge HS is a Dancing Cousin, Magical Bear, Snow Corps and Waltz of the Flowers;

Emily Naff a Sophomore at Nipmuc Regional HS is a Dancing Cousin, Christmas Tree Angel, Snow/Chinese Corps and Waltz of the Flowers;

Lily Romano a Sophomore at Hopedale Jr/Sr HS is Snow Queen and Chinese/Marzipan Corps and Waltz of the Flowers;

Grace Stewart a Sophomore at Nipmuc Regional HS is Columbine Gift Doll, Snow/Chinese/Marzipan Corps and Waltz of the Flowers;

Julia Brereton a Freshman at Nipmuc Regional HS is a Soldier Doll and Snow/Chinese/Marzipan Corps and Waltz of the Flowers;

Joseph Denaro a Freshman at Nipmuc Regional HS is the Drosselmeyer's Assistant and General;

Lexie Annantuonio a 5th grader at Woodland Elementary is playing the lead role of Clara;

Juliana Casucci is a 5th grader at Whitin Intermediate School is a Party Child, Soldier and Gum Drop;

Rebecca Dunlavey a 5th grader at Miscoc Middle School is a Party Child, Soldier and Gum Drop;

Audrey Desmond a 5th grader at

Clough Elementary is a Party Child, Soldier and Gum Drop;

Ava Denaro a 4th grader at Benjamin Franklin Charter School is a Party Child, Mouse and Tricky Clown;

Kailyn Croeber a 3rd grader at Woodland Elementary is a Mouse, Small Angel and a Polichinelle;

Isabella DeSouza a 3rd grader at Mary R. Fisher School is a Soldier and a Gum Drop

Elizabeth Hodge a 3rd grader at Clough Elementary is a Mouse, Small Angel and a Polichinelle;

Evren Hodge a 3rd grader at Clough Elementary is Fritz and a Soldier;

Kelsey Shea a 3rd grader at Clough Elementary is a Party Child and Mouse;

Memphis Plasse a 2nd grader at JFK Elementary is a Party Child, Small Angel and a Polichinelle;

Mia Santomenna is a 2nd grader at Memorial Elementary is a Party Child, Soldier and a Tricky Clown;

Hailey Rafiq is a 1st grader at Stallbrook Elementary is a Small Angel and a Polichinelle;

Cora Mandrik is a 1st grader at Brookside Elementary is a Mouse and Small Angel;

Abigail Taddeo is a 1st grader at Memorial Elementary is a Small Angel and a Polichinelle;

Avery Taddeo is in Kindergarten at Memorial Elementary is a Small Angel and a Lamb;

Juliet Hodge is in Pre-K at the Goddard School is a Party Child, Small

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Angel and Lamb;

Molly Szabo is in Pre-K at the Delaney Elementary and is Small Angel and a Lamb;

This year's intermission raffle items will be from local restaurants and gift baskets from local businesses.

Ticket sales are available, at Charles River Banks in Mendon and Bellingham or by calling the Deane Dance studio at 508-473-3354. Available remaining tickets are priced at \$25, \$20 and \$15. Tickets will be sold at the auditorium if still available. Discount sales for non-profit groups and senior centers of (10) or more can be arranged by calling Colleen O'Brien at (508) 954-4756.

For more information or tickets, send email to deanestudio@yahoo.com or call 508-473-3354.



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Upcoming Book Clubs:
The Intrepid Readers
December 11 @ 6:30pm.
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

The Young Readers Club
December 13 @ 6pm.
Beyond Courage by Doreen Rappaport

The Book Bunch
December 20 @ 6pm.
The Adventurer's Guild by Zack Loran Clark & Nick Eliopoulos

Senior Center Book Club
January 9 @ 10am.
Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Other Library Programs:

Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins
Every Tuesday at 1:00 pm.
Bring your preschool aged kids and their younger (maybe even older) siblings to a themed weekly song and story time. Get those wiggles out and learn things while doing it. Smooth naptimes are not guaranteed after the program, but the likelihood definitely increases.

Upcoming Library Programs:

Knitting in the Loft with Betsy Youngsma
Every Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Betsy is leading another knitting group at the library, but this time she is not leading a formal class. Anyone can come to work on their knitting (or other handicraft) projects independently, and she will be available to answer questions, offer advice, or teach as appropriate.

Illuminated Bookmarks with CJ Kennedy
Sat, December 15 at 10:00am

Medieval manuscripts were often decorated with large letters using silver and gold and known as illuminated letters. In this 2 hour workshop with CJ Kennedy, learn the steps

to create your own illuminated letters to decorate a bookmark. The bookmark would make a lovely gift for yourself or your favorite bibliophile! Registration is required for this workshop and spots are limited, so call or email the library to sign up sooner rather than later.

Christmas Storytime
Wed, December 19 at 10:00am

Join Miss Debbie for a special Christmas themed storytime and craft at the Library. No registration is required. All are welcome!

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learn more about BHC and its VIP program, visit www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.

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Douglas Middle School takes part in real world experiences

As part of a concerted effort to engage students with real world examples of what 21st Century learning, and skills, look like; Douglas Middle School successfully partnered with four Massachusetts based organizations to host field trips for DMS students earlier this school year. These exciting, real-world experiences, helped kick off a focused initiative to provide the students of Douglas a window to what future Science, Technology, Engineering and Math careers look like in manufacturing, sport management and medical device technology look like.

In early September, the entire Douglas Middle School eighth grade attended a STEM field trip at Gillette Stadium. Students were part of a "Helmet Design Challenge" at which students explored, selected and arranged materials provided that would be necessary for the shell and cushioning for a model helmet. They had limited resources and time to respond to this engineering design chal-

lenge. Finally, they tested their solutions and reported on their results.

On Oct. 11, Medtronic in Mansfield hosted more than 40 students from the Douglas Middle School for STEM Day. Medtronic's Women's Network had students participate in interactive STEM activities that got the students dancing to measure their heart rate, exploring real and imagined worlds in virtual & augmented reality, practicing minimally invasive surgical skills, and engineering their own dialysis filtration project. They also recorded data throughout the morning that was then graphed and analyzed in real time, showing how powerful analytics can be in understanding STEM concepts.

What was the best part of the field trip and why?

"The best part of the field trip was using the virtual reality goggles. I was amazed at how well it tricks your brain into thinking you are moving." -Taylin

"The surgeon section was the best part because it was like a sneak peek into my future." -Kate

"All of it was amazing, and I don't to say one thing was better than the other, because they were all great in their own way." -Jonah

On Oct. 20, 10 seventh and eighth grade students from DMS attended the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation STEM Conference at Tufts. Students were led by eighth grade DMS science teacher, Mrs. Graveson Payne, to participate in three workshops out of seven available to them: Building a Military Ration, Candy Bar Battle (Physics/Designing Composite Materials), Clinical Pathology Lab Detective Work, Electrophysics of Music, Exploring the Intersection of Veterinary Medicine and Engineering, Architectural Design Challenge, and Why You Should Think Like a Hacker.

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, 20 seventh and eighth grade students from Douglas Middle School participated in a STEM career exploration program by visiting the 60 year old international advanced manufacturer Waters Corporation in Milford. The program, which coincided with Massachusetts Manufacturing Month, was spon-

sored by the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation. Students from Hopedale, Millbury, and Webster also attended the program.

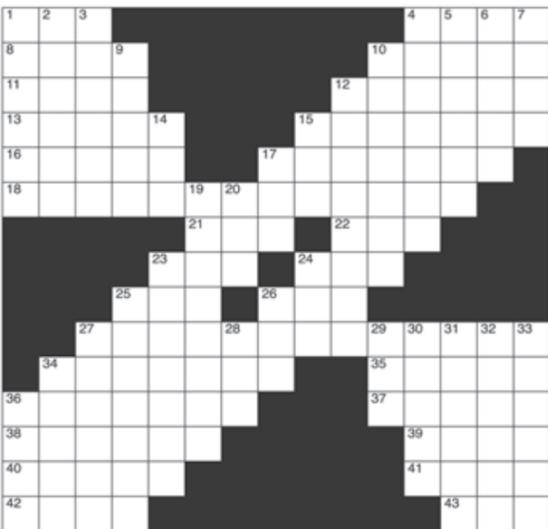
The focus of the tour was to inform students about the multiple STEM career areas in a large global manufacturer. Tours were followed by

a panel presentation and discussion relating to how individual workers and managers became involved in their jobs.



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Students from Douglas Middle School learned at a variety of STEM opportunities this fall.

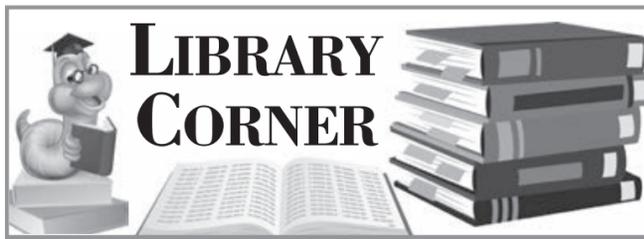
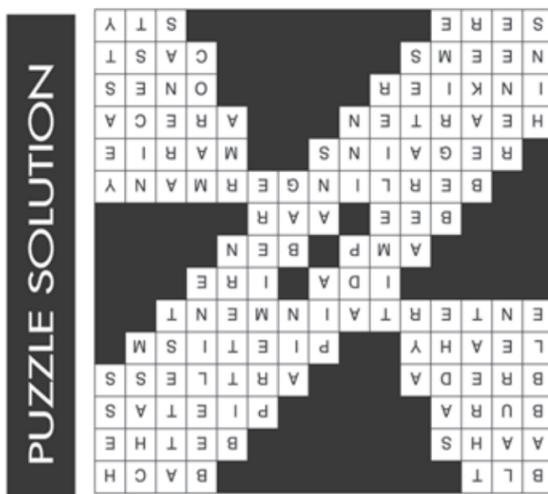


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A great lunch
- 4. German composer
- 8. Expresses pleasure
- 10. Unit of energy
- 11. Genus of beetles
- 12. Type of respect
- 13. City in Netherlands
- 15. Showing lack of skill
- 16. Irish surname
- 17. Exaggerated or affected sentiment
- 18. Diversion
- 21. Journalist Tarbell
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Current unit
- 24. Sixers' Simmons
- 25. Makes honey
- 26. Tributary of the Rhine
- 27. Once home to a notorious wall
- 34. Gets back
- 35. She was beheaded in France
- 36. Cheer
- 37. Tropical Asian palm
- 38. Darker
- 39. Figures
- 40. Old World trees
- 41. Protects a broken bone
- 42. Dried-up
- 43. An enclosure for swine

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Blab
- 2. ___ Bacall, actress
- 3. Declaration of an intention to inflict harm
- 4. The most direct route
- 5. Affirm to be true or correct
- 6. Rift
- 7. Oil company
- 9. Alphabetic character
- 10. Large marsh bird
- 12. Hollywood event
- 14. Scottish port
- 15. French river
- 17. Something frustrating (abbr.)
- 19. More in time
- 20. Payroll company
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. A way to steal
- 25. Blacken with dirt
- 26. Autonomic nervous system
- 27. A lab tech's tool
- 28. A place to stay
- 29. UK school
- 30. Moroccan
- 31. Where rockers work
- 32. Most friendly
- 33. In a state of turbulence
- 34. "Bridget Jones" actress
- 36. Hebrew liquid units



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TWEEN/TEEN EVENTS
Crafternoon
Wednesday, Dec 19
12/12: Face Painting
12/19: Christmas Cookie Decorating
a. t 2:30 for grades 5-12. Drop-in

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Sen. Moore featured during cyber security panel discussion

BOSTON – Sen. Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) recently participated in a panel discussion regarding the cyber security public policy landscape. The conversation focused on efforts underway in the Massachusetts State Senate to protect data privacy and to promote a uniform set of standards in the Commonwealth.

Last year, Senator Moore was appointed to serve as chair of a newly-established Senate Special Committee on Cyber Security Readiness. The special committee issued a report earlier this year which makes several recommendations including the creation of a standing Joint Committee relative to Cyber Security, and the creation of a Cyber Security Control Review Board.

“The efforts underway in our state complement a national conversation on cybersecurity readiness,” said Senator Moore. “In the wake of growing concerns relative to data pri-



Pictured (L-R): Sen. Michael O. Moore, Second Worcester District, Ron Ford, DHS Regional Cybersecurity Advisor, Rob Knake, Senior Fellow, Cyber Policy, Council on Foreign Relations, Hans Olson, Assistant Undersecretary for Homeland Security, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Courtesy photo

vacuity, security and increased threats, we are taking action to improve the Commonwealth's capabilities within the cyber space.” The panel discussion was

part of a regional, annual conference organized by the Advanced Cyber Security Center (ACSC). Senator Moore was invited to participate by a resident of Shrewsbury named Lisa Johnson who works for ACSC.

Senator Moore also serves on the U.S. Department of Justice's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative Global Advisory Committee. Through the role, the Senator participated in advisory groups to help ensure public safety against foreign and domestic threats, and to provide leadership in preventing and controlling crime.

According to statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, millions of people across the United States are victims of internet crimes each year. To access the Special Committee's full report, please visit the Legislature's website, www.malegislature.gov.

Show support with this special 'Hoyt' plate

HOLLAND – After several years of supporting the local father-son racing duo of Dick and Rick Hoyt, Massachusetts residents now have the opportunity to show their Team Hoyt support each time they get behind the wheel.

The Hoyt Foundation has been working with the Registry of Motor Vehicles to produce a new specialty license plate for Massachusetts motorists. The license plate design depicts Holland's Dick Hoyt pushing his son, Rick Hoyt, in his familiar running chair. Despite his quadriplegia and cerebral palsy, Rick hasn't let anything hold him back, accomplishing his dreams with his father always at his side.

The Hoyts have become well-known for their annual involvement in local road races and the Boston Marathon. Their journey began back in 1977, when Rick Hoyt told his father he wanted to participate in a 5-mile benefit run for a local athlete who had been paralyzed

in an accident. Since then, the duo has completed more than 1,100 races together – including duathlons and triathlons – and they participated in their final Boston Marathon together in 2014 after 32 years.

Throughout their decades of lacing up and giving back, the Hoyts have always relied on support from area communities. Now they're hoping to see more of that same support for the license plate initiative.

The cost of each plate is \$40, with \$28 going to the Hoyt Foundation and \$12 going to the RMV for manufacturing costs. Upon renewal of each plate, the Hoyt Foundation will get the full \$40.

Pre-orders for license plates are currently being collected. If you're interested in applying for a plate, send an email to TeamHoytMAPlate@gmail.com. Additional information can be obtained on the Hoyt Foundation website: www.TeamHoyt.com.

Help for home heating available

WCAC's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) fuel assistance and Energy Efficiency programs assist homeowners and renters with home heating bills, past due balances on utility bills, and in some cases receiving forgiveness credit and making monthly payments. Energy efficient weatherization, heating system repair and upgrades can help to stretch energy dollars.

LIHEAP officially opened November 1st and will accept applications through April 30th. Assistance can be applied towards home heating bills incurred anytime during that time frame. Eligibility is based on the number of individuals who live in a household, their combined income, housing status and fuel type. Help is available whether a household heats with oil, gas, wood or propane.

All first time applications must complete a face-to-face interview. New applications can be submitted at the Worcester Office located in the Denholm Building, 484 Main St., Worcester without an appointment weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. New applications also accepted by appointment at outreach sites in Southbridge, Webster, Spencer and West Warren. Please refer to WCAC's website for details information about required documentation to apply.

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If you or someone you know is struggling with home heating bills, WCAC may be able to help!

Friday's Child



Selena

Age 5

Hi! My name is Selena and I like to color!

Selena is a sweet, smart and determined five-year-old girl of Caucasian descent. Her favorite activities include doodling, coloring and counting. She is able to count up to 20!

Selena is on the Autism Spectrum. She has some words, but is not yet able to utilize expressive language. Selena has impressed her caregivers with her ability to retain information like letters and colors, as well as her ability to follow directions that she is given. Selena is currently enrolled in a public school setting where she is receiving extra supports.

Legally freed for adoption, Selena's social worker is open to exploring a family of any constellation where Selena can be the youngest or only child in the home. An ideal family for Selena will be able to advocate for Selena's needs, seek appropriate resources, and provide her with unconditional love and support. They must also be willing to maintain contact with Selena's birth parents in Massachusetts.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mare-inc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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BLACKSTONE VALLEY TECH ANNOUNCES COMMENDATION

UPTON – Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick has released the following Commendation List for the first trimester of the 2018-19 academic school year at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. Students named to the Commendation List have met rigorous standards including maintaining a grade point average of 88 percent or above in each technical, related, and academic course for the trimester. Students are listed alphabetically by last name and are grouped according to grade and hometown.

SENIORS (Class of 2019)

Bellingham
Tyler Brindamour (multimedia communications); Nicolas Felaco (drafting & design technology); Kirsten Flavin (HVAC/R).

Blackstone
Alexandra Patterson (culinary arts).

Douglas
Daniel Benjamin (information technology); David Brown (electronics & engineering technology); Natalie Fenoff (painting & design technology); Ashley Ferrick (cosmetology); Theron Howe (drafting & design technology); Aaron King (construction technology).

Grafton
Gabrielle DeCosta (health services); Lily Hunter (business & entrepreneurship).

Hopedale
John Sparks (plumbing).

Mendon
Conner Christensen (engineering & robotics); Mary Kennedy (engineering & robotics); Christopher Machione (construction technology); Zachary Rivernider (electronics & engineering technology); Madison Tinio (construction technology); Benjamin Watson (electrical).

Millford
Taylor Blaney (drafting & design technology); Alex Goldberg (engineering & robotics); Taber Grose (engineering & robotics); Tinho Leong (information technology); Joshua Palomares (electronics & engineering technology); Pamela Pereira (multimedia communications); Alex Pinette (multimedia communications); Zachary Stein-Drago (information technology).

Millbury
Ivie Lapointe (advanced manufacturing & fabrication technology); Emily Salonich (health services).

Millville
Madison Tubman (construction technology).

Northbridge
Corey Burke (HVAC/R); Victoria Byrne (dental assisting); Anthony Carneiro (electronics & engineering technology); Skylar Chase (multimedia communications); Madison Malone (health services); Jessica Nordquist (multimedia communications); Andrew Regan (engineering & robotics);

Vella Ross (health services); Jonathan Whittaker-Smith (electronics & engineering technology); Kayla Wittenberg (dental assisting).

Sutton
James Fiore (information technology); Lauren Gray (business & entrepreneurship); Neve Johnson (painting & design technology); Nicholas Kazarian (drafting & design technology); Olivia Mahoney (health services); Zoe Mahoney (engineering & robotics); Kevin Queally (multimedia communications); Nicholas Reed (engineering & robotics); Brett Szczurko (information technology).

Upton
Adele Brochu (construction technology); Ryan Conrad (health services); Maia Giglio (information technology); Penelope Hebert (painting & design technology); Mackenzie LeClaire (multimedia communications); Maxwell Lynnworth (multimedia communications); Maria Maloney (culinary arts); Patrick Ober (electronics & engineering technology); Julia Sexton (culinary arts); Madison Woloski (electrical).

Uxbridge
Jaylin Bodell (culinary arts); Eric Caissie (advanced manufacturing & fabrication technology); Thomas Campanelli (information technology); Felicia D'Ambra (electrical); Ava Howe (health services); Christian Verla (multimedia communications).

JUNIORS (Class of 2020)
Bellingham
Nicholas Alexander (electrical); Ashley Cifizzari (information technology); Ethan Derouin (plumbing).

Blackstone
Aaron Bolduc (information technology); Abigail Cook (health services); Alyssa Davis (painting & design technology).

Douglas
Christina Aube (drafting & design technology); Grace Bertone (multimedia communications); Ciarra Boucher (multimedia communications); Massimo Fontaine (information technology); Emily Losiewicz (engineering & robotics).

Grafton
Daniel McDonald (information technology); Rachel Perrotta (drafting & design technology); Madison Skehan (painting & design technology); Cassidy Waldo (engineering & robotics).

Hopedale
Eli Moore (culinary arts); Chloe Pigeon (dental assisting).

Mendon
Alexander Carchio (automotive technology); Joseph Mendes (health services); Brian St. John (engineering & robotics).

Millford
Olivia Cheschi (painting & design technology); Timothy Haarstick (advanced manufacturing & fabrication technology); Willow Harvey (business & entrepreneurship); Brandon Kee (engineering & robotics);

Melissa Vieira (health services).

Millbury
Jacob Brodeur (automotive technology); Jennifer Dooley (health services); Aidan O'Leary (electronics & engineering technology).

Millville
Brady Smith (painting & design technology).

Northbridge
Brianna Brothers (business & entrepreneurship); Max Brueggemann (drafting & design technology); Isabel Carroll (culinary arts); Caroline Gallant (engineering & robotics); Mackenzie Gifford (culinary arts); Jacob Gray (information technology); Megan Jacene (engineering & robotics); Ashley Minor (health services); Sean Naughton (information technology); Joshua Pinoos (electronics & engineering technology); Sara Trenholm (HVAC/R).

Sutton
Charles Myette (drafting & design technology).

Upton
Alison Adler (culinary arts); Clark Ambrosino (HVAC/R); Cameron Bern (multimedia communications); Thomas Buckley (electronics & engineering technology); Selah Harper (health services); Evan McCrea (painting & design technology); Jillian Napolitano (health services).

Uxbridge
Kierra Kurtyka (business & entrepreneurship); Darouny Phianesin (dental assisting); Keegan Tonry (drafting & design technology).

SOPHOMORES (Class of 2021)

Bellingham
Gavin Bourre (construction technology); William Callery (drafting & design technology); Nathan Dynko (information technology); Alexis Kohout (construction technology); Camryn Krusz (health services); Jacob Krusz (information technology).

Blackstone
Avry Guilbert (dental assisting); Jacob Law (HVAC/R); Victoria Lemieux (health services); Sean Tasker (electronics & engineering technology); Grant Van Dyke (engineering & robotics).

Douglas
Mya Ackerman (culinary arts); Andrew Benoit (drafting & design technology); Lily Courtemanche (multimedia communications); Giannah Downen (health services); Daria Hamelin (multimedia communications); Krista Helstrom (multimedia communications); Abigail Horne (multimedia communications); Ryan Masoud (advanced manufacturing & fabrication technology).

Grafton
Rebecca Ashmore (electronics & engineering technology); Audrey Karyabdi (dental assisting); Catherine Rozanas (drafting & design technology); Emily Valoras (advanced manufacturing & fabrication technology).

Hopedale

Gabriel Chaves-Silva (HVAC/R); Madison Deppe (business & entrepreneurship); Tyler Doyle (electronics & engineering technology); Rohit Kaushik (information technology); Abby Kelly (health services); Madeleine Poitras (multimedia communications).

Mendon
Keeley Farmer (HVAC/R); RobinSage Murphy (advanced manufacturing & fabrication technology); Elizabeth Pontzer (culinary arts); Lauren Testa (health services).

Millford
Logan Bethel (HVAC/R); Julia Cacciola (cosmetology); Alaina Gobbi (dental assisting); Fernanda Lima (health services); Jacob Manor (engineering & robotics); Christopher Mason (engineering & robotics); Ryan Shaw (electronics & engineering technology); Joseph Tutela (culinary arts).

Millbury
Joshua Letourneau (HVAC/R); Nicole Rannikko (health services); Dylann Rebidue (plumbing).

Millville
Ryan Caddell (engineering & robotics); Aaron Canali (electrical); Nicholas Kirby (engineering & robotics); Hayley Vecchione (health services).

Northbridge
Emery Amtmann (health services); ShyAnn Baillargeon (painting & design technology); Haley Berkowitz (cosmetology); Brian Bisailon (construction technology); Kevin Downing (electronics & engineering technology); Meghan Griggs (engineering & robotics); Kayleigh Labrecque (electronics & engineering technology); Kaitlyn Manzi (health services); Nathan Nackman (drafting & design technology); Donna Ross (health services); Matthew Trenholm (engineering & robotics).

Sutton
Owen Cunningham (health services); Erin Fitman (dental assisting); Jenna Jennison (culinary arts); Ava Larocque (dental assisting).

Upton
John Lemieux (electronics & engineering technology).

Uxbridge
Connor Barnicle (electrical); Jacob Constable (electronics & engineering technology); Isaac Curley (drafting & design technology); Madison Gannon (engineering & robotics); Casey Goyette (engineering & robotics); Raymond Makynen (electronics & engineering technology); Khushi Patel (health services).

FRESHMEN (Class of 2022)

Bellingham
Sophia Aquilino; Lily Bartelloni; Benjamin Powell.

Blackstone
Madison Abrants; Allana Atstupenas; Kendra Atstupenas; Grace Buehler; Jon Cili; Anna Claro; Leah Cook; Katelyn Hanson; Connor Matson.

Douglas
Zoey Beahn; Joshua Chrul; Jack Dubeau; Brennan Jones;

Alexis Levesque; Kymber Morin; Guenevere Payne; Sophia Payson; Sean Pellerin; James Perrotti; Alyssa Schilling; Samuel Vincent; Bryan Wheeler.

Grafton
Andrew Corbett; Alexa Kallio; Harrison Linton; Maggie McCann; Noelle McDonald; Samaha Roban; Allison Susi; Noah Turcotte.

Hopedale
Anna Dykhoff; Anthony Faath; Ashley King; Carolyn Kivlehan; Anna Martin; Kyla Nolling.

Mendon
Edward Cray; Edward Ribeiro; Anastasia Siryk.

Millford
Morgan Allemao; Joel Awuku-Asante; Jacob Brock; Brianna Ferreira; Gianna Leet; Connor McNamara; Abril Sanchez; Yasmin Silva; Holly Swain.

Millbury
Julia Allain; Gabriella Brouillard; Anthony Didonna; Ava DiDonna; Julia Drapeau; Amy Lukowski; Paul Noel; Thomas O'Leary; Isabelle Shum; Alanna Smith; Celine Vaz; Anton Zieger.

Millville
Myra Dehestani; Logan Humphries; Camden Laforest; Natalie Lambert.

Northbridge
Katelyn Barrows; Aiden Chase; Isabelle Chong; Kai DePaula; Kaia Dziekiewicz; Sabrina Fields; Gabrielle Gallant; Carmen Gray; Jonathan Hollenbeck; Cullen Jacene; Ansha Khan; Elizabeth Kramer; Olivia Lange; Emma Laydon; Mackenzie Malone; Hailey Munson; Lauren Rogozenski; Faith Sawyer; Carolyn Schairer; Bianca Silveira.

Sutton
Gwyneth Dube; Sarah Grant; Kyleigh Leonard; Coryn Myette; Brendan Pajak; Kaitlyn Reed; Kaden Vincelette.

Upton
Emma Ballard; Kelli Konieczny; Rachel May; Alison Philbrick; Jeffrey Powers; Amber Strapponi; Emily Taylor; Chloe Terrell.

Uxbridge
Allison Arnold; Jacob Bagley; Zachary Goddard; Nolan Holt; Riley Holt; Abigail Lane; Robert Mellen; Justin Morganelli; Alexis Vazquez; Emily Warner.

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UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

The following students have earned a place on the honor roll for the first quarter at Uxbridge High School

GRADE 8

High Honors: Maren Anderson, Mackenzie Barnicle, Kelsey Brooks, Isabel Cahill, Sean Costa, Dylan Donahue, Carl Nathan Gallawan, Avery Guillette, Maxwell Guyton, Samantha Hinchcliffe, Eleanor Kimball, Nicholas Laflamme, Mackenzie Leshinski, Alan Mages, Samuel Mason, Isabella Nolan, Grace Orr, Alexandria Patterson, Kylie Paul, Julia Philbrook, Olivia Phillips, Zachary Roerden, Abigail Sanches, Sadie Schultzeberg, Meghan Smith, Troy Spencer, Sabrina Tibedo, Madison Tousignant, Lindsay Vario, Zander Voigt

Honors: Dominick Alicea, Nathan Birri, Lily Brayman, Kamryn Brodeur, Victor Cordoso Collins, Joshua Cristina, William Crosby, Myah DeLang, Eden Ebbeling, Tanner Gauthier, Drew Gniadek, Evan Grube, Matthew Hamel, Briana Hawes, Paige Irving, Ethan Linsley, Marissa Manning, Maximus Martone, Trevor Masnyk, Poker Meas, Isaac Murray, Matthew O'Neill, Joshua Pelletier, Laela Pendleton, Gabriel Perez-Columbo, Audrey Phillips, Casey Prior, Isabella Ristaino, Makayla Ross, Micah Scott, Sarah Snyder, Braeden Watt, Victoria Williams-Huth, Megan Wingfield

Honorable Mention: Mia Bellacqua, Nathan Cole, Caroline Conlin, Logan Donnelly, Sophie Ellenberger, Tyler Erickson, Jason Fontes, Alexis Liberty, Patrick McDonnell, Edson Mendes, Jack Moscatelli, Zachary Oliveira, Morgan Ouellette, Jadon Porter, Alyssa Richardson, Tyler Richardson, Theodore Rigney, Jack Tasick, Coral Young

GRADE 9

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Thompson, Carlee Veinotte, Benjamin Wojciechowski

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SENIOR SCENE

Douglas Senior Center

331 Main Street
PO Box 1294
(508) 476-2283
FAX (508) 476-1681
Facebook: DouglasMaSrCtr

Open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Blood Pressure Clinic: The Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Ann will be from 10-noon on Dec. 21. Appointments are not necessary and walk-ins are welcome.

EVENING EVENTS

Movie Nights: The last Wednesday of every Month!

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Elder Bus Service Schedule
S.C.M. Elderbus, under contract to the Worcester Regional Transit Authority, provides transportation services to senior and disabled clients for twenty-one communities within central Massachusetts. Please call elder bus directly at (1-800 321-0243) to make all reservations. Reservations must be made 48 business hours ahead of time.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday:
9 a.m.: walking club; 10 a.m. osteo exercise; 10 a.m. reverse glass painting; noon: needleworks
Tuesday
9 a.m.: walking club; 9:30 a.m.: Zumba; 9:30 a.m.: cribbage; noon: bingo
Wednesday
9 a.m.: walking club; 10 a.m.: osteo exercise; 11 a.m.: coloring; noon: needleworks; 1 p.m.: yoga; 11 a.m. (once a month) book and movie club.
Thursday
9 a.m.: walking club; 9 a.m.: yoga; 9:30 a.m.: computers; 10 a.m.: tai chi; 10 a.m. and noon: acrylic painting; noon: bingo

Douglas Service Schedule in Town:
Monday-Friday
Medical first pick up 8:30 a.m. – last pick up 3:30 p.m.
Work first pick up 8:30 a.m. – last pick up 3:30 p.m.
General Business first pick up 8:30 a.m. – last pick up 3:15 p.m.

Out of Town Medical: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Service Hours
Trips to Worcester/Auburn
10:00 - 12:00
12:00 - 2:00

Out of Town Grocery Shopping:
Tuesday
Customer Choice Drop-Off Pick-Up
Walmart - Whitinsville 11:00-12:30

Sunshine Club News
Monthly Meetings: Are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the senior center.
Outreach News
Insurance: If you are thinking about changing your insurance or you are confused by any changes going on, let us know. We have a Shine Councilor able to meet and discuss any issues you are having.

Medical Equipment: We have lots of walkers, shower chairs, and commodes available at the center if you would like to borrow one. Please, do not drop off any equipment without letting us know, as we have very little storage.

File of Life: We have many available at the center. These are very important and could save your life. Please, stop in anytime and pick yours up for free.

Emergency Information Sheets: Please, call the center if you would like to be added to the list or update your information.

Millbury Council on Aging

1 River St., Millbury
(508) 865-9154
Lunch is served daily at noon, call to reserve your place 48 hours in advance.

Millbury Senior Center
Transportation Services
Residents can travel on Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
ADA clients and job assignments (disabled) 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
We require a 48 hour reservation for rides
One way van ride in town is \$1.50; one town out \$1.75; ADA ride costs are \$2.75 in town and \$3 for one town out.
All rides to the Senior Center are 25¢ Escorts are also available!
Our service is curb to curb, call for more Information or a Reservation!
(508) 865-9247

THE MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER IS NOW ACCEPTING SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)
Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Call for an appointment & required documentation (508) 865-9154

MEMORY CAFÉ
Please join us for our Memory Café
Tuesday, January 22 2:00-3:30 pm, at the Center
A Memory Café is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss/

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

Fourth Tuesday of each month, refreshments will be served.
Our Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, is happy to answer any questions, call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

WEEKLY EVENTS

Craft Classes
Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. Plan what you would like to make & pay for the materials you use! For more information call.

MONDAY
8:30a.m.: walking club; 9:30 a.m. light exercise; 12:30 p.m.: Wii bowling; 12:45 p.m.: Mahjong (ALL NEW); 1p.m.: cribbage, game day, Scrabble, Chinese checkers, scat and Wii bowling.

TUESDAY
9-10 a.m.: blood pressure; 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Tai Chi; 10:45-11:30 a.m.: Zumba Gold; 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Yoga. 11 a.m.: Sing-A-Long; 1 p.m.: cribbage & Scat.

WEDNESDAY
Craft Classes, 9:30-11 a.m. Plan what you would like to make & pay for the materials you use! For more information call us. 1 p.m. Social bingo
RMV Transactions
EVERY WEDNESDAY 10 a.m.-2 p.m. including license renewals (drivers younger than 75); registration renewals, change of address, duplicate license or registration, reporting lost or stolen disability placard and how to request a replacement. Call for an appointment.

THURSDAY
9 a.m.: cards; 10-11:30 a.m.: adult coloring class; 12:45 p.m.: whist; 2:30-3:30 p.m.: computer and cell phone classes, reservations required, please call.

FRIDAY
9 a.m.: shopping; 9:30 a.m.: light exercises; 12:30 p.m.: bridge and Scat.

Northbridge Senior Center

(508) 234-2002
www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Upcoming Special Events and Announcements

We require registration for all of our events and trips. Additionally, if you need transportation, please inform the center at the time of registration. Simply call to sign-up. Deposits and fees are required at time of sign up in order to reserve your spot.

SPECIALS COMING UP:

The Senior Center will be closed December 24th, 25th and 31st for the upcoming holidays.

The Center at Night presents these two great evening classes: Mondays at 6:30pm Tai Chi and Tuesdays at 7:00pm Creative Writing Class. These classes are scheduled in the evenings so those of you who cannot come to the center during the day can still participate in some of the activities at the Senior Center. We are always open to suggestions for new programs, so if you have something you would like to see here, or if you would like to present a program at the Center, call Michelle and we can talk!

Wednesday, December 19th @ 11:45 Holiday Luncheon provided by Valley Café followed by the movie “A Christmas Story”. Please call to sign up.

Wednesday, December 19th @ 9:30 Book Club. All are welcome! We are reading “To Kill a Mockingbird”.

Thursday December 20th @ 10:30 Carl Bradshaw from Veteran’s Services will be here.

Thursday, December 27th @ 1:00 Better Breather’s Support Group.

WEEKLY:
MONDAY
Coloring Club: Every Monday 1:00 BINGO Every Monday at 1 p.m. Chair Yoga at 10 a.m.

Mondays we are adding an evening Tai-Chi class from 6:30-7:30. \$4/class for seniors, \$7 for all others. Call to sign up.

TUESDAY
Tai Chi
Tuesdays from 10:45-11:45 \$2/class Pokeno at 12:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Computers
Wednesdays: Our computer expert is here from 1:30-3:30 to help with any questions you have. Call to sign up.
Low Impact aerobics at 10:15 a.m.

THURSDAY
Chair Yoga
Chair Yoga at 10 a.m. Thursdays

FRIDAY
Painting Class
Every Friday @ 9:00; Stretch and Strengthening Class at 10:15

TRIPS

December 2, The Newport Playhouse presents, “A Doublewide Texas Christmas”. A day of food, fun, and farce! Enjoy a fantastic luncheon buffet at the playhouse followed by this hilarious comedy. After the show, you will be entertained with a Cabaret filled with songs and laughter. \$87/person, call Jeannine to sign up.

Uxbridge Senior Center

36 South Main Street
(508) 278-8622

Notice: If there is a school delay or cancellation, we will not be serving any lunches at the senior center. The cold weather is here, and if you need a warm place to come during the day, the Uxbridge Senior Center is a Warm-Up Center. We are open from 8:00 am-4:00 pm Monday through Friday. You are welcome to come in for hot cocoa or tea, watch television, work on our Community Puzzle, read or use the computers. We serve a delicious hot meal at noon each day. Be sure to call ahead to sign up if you would like to have a hot lunch with us!

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22 and 23 The senior center will be CLOSED in observance of Thanksgiving.

The ALZ Caregiver Support Group will not meet in December. The group will commence on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019 from 1-2 pm.

Computer classes Students from UHS & BVT run these classes from 3-4 p.m. every Tuesday. You can call ahead to sign up 508-278-8622 or just stop in. Everyone is welcome! Our student teachers can help you on your tablet, phone, nooks, iPads, Kindles, etc. Bring in your device and learn. We are wireless at the center so please feel free to come take advantage of this service.

Hannaford shopping is every Tuesday morning. Shaw’s, Dollar Tree & Ocean State will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays instead of Walmart.

FUEL ASSISTANCE: We are now assisting residents with Fuel Assistance Applications. For a household size of one, the annual income limit is \$35,510. You may be able to receive \$400 plus off the cost of your fuel bill this winter. Please stop by or call the Center for more information.

The Senior Work Off Program is seeking interested candidates to apply for the upcoming year. This program has been put into place in order to assist eligible seniors with the burden of property taxes, while tapping into seniors’ wealth of knowledge and skills. Seniors work for various town departments with the assistance applied as an abatement to their tax bill. Space is limited. Eligibility requirements include the following: age 60 y/o or older; resident of the town of Uxbridge for at least one year; legal owner of the property, cannot be in a trust (if in a trust, see Assessor’s office to see if you may qualify); report annual household net income; and residents must possess applicable skills.

First time applicants will have priority consideration. Applicants will be chosen on the basis of skills, availability and physical ability, as necessary. Please call the Senior Center for more information and for the application. Assignments will start in January 2019.

Thursdays, 29 and Dec. 6 (Last Session for the winter) *1:00-2:00 pm Tai Chi Classes with Ron Allen, Lark Studio will be held at the Uxbridge Senior Center. *Note the new start time. Sessions are free, but a suggested donation of \$2.00 per class is welcome. If you ride in on the van for lunch, you are welcome to stay for the class and we will provide transportation home afterwards. This is a fun way to help you with balance, meditation and to stay active. Call 508-278-8622 if you have any questions or check our Facebook page for updates and info on more sessions. Walk-in’s and public are Welcome! If joining us for lunch, please call ahead at least 24-48 hours to sign up.

Tuesday, Nov. 27: 11:30am-12:30pm: Ask the Nurse. Salmon Health VNA will be available for the Free Blood Pressure Clinic. Janet Iocabelli will be at the senior center today and every fourth Tuesday. Feel free to join us for lunch and participate in this important free monthly clinic offered by the Salmon VNA. You are welcome to join us for lunch!

DECEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, Dec. 1 First Night Celebration 5:30-8:00pm. Please join us at the Uxbridge Senior Center for our First Night Celebration! We will have Entertainer Johnny Diamond from 5:30-6:30pm! Also, students from Bethany Dzivasen’s UHS Family & Consumer Science class are baking homemade “Cookies from Around the World” for us to enjoy. We will also have hot cocoa, coffee and tea to warm you up. Stop by to join us for a beautiful night of song and celebration as we all prepare to usher in the holiday season!

Tuesday, Dec. 4 Special Election

for the vacant BOS seat. Polls open 7:00am – 8:00pm and this is being held at McCloskey Middle School. Be sure to vote!

Also: Tuesday, Dec. 4 Trip to see LaSalette Shrine Christmas Lights! We will leave the senior center 4:00 pm. You need to call or stop in to sign up as seating is limited.

LUNCH AND LEARN WITH CHIEF MARC MONTMINY Friday, Dec. 7 11:30am-12:30pm. Uxbridge Police Chief Marc Montminy will hold his monthly Community Policing Bureau Presentation. Uxbridge Community Television will film this and they will air it on local cable access 192. We will have it on our Facebook page in the near future. We are thankful to continue working closely with the Uxbridge Police Department and to have Uxbridge Community Television film these events.

Tuesday, Dec.11 1:00 pm Uxbridge Free Public Library Page Turners with Chris Powloka. Come in and see what new books the library has to offer for your reading pleasure! All are welcome to join us for lunch on this day and we will provide transportation home after if you ride in on the van. Please call 508-278-8622 to sign up. The next Uxbridge Free Public Library Book Club Meeting with Zach Parrish will be on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 and they will be discussing “Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie” by Alan Bradley.

ALSO: Tuesday, Dec. 11 5:30-7:30pm - Uxbridge Senior Academy Movie Night!! Pass the popcorn; it’s Movie Night at the Uxbridge Senior Center! We will be watching a John Hughes Film: Planes, Trains and Automobiles with Steve Martin and John Candy! Transportation will be available for those who are unable to drive. Call the Uxbridge Senior Center at 508-278-8622 to set up a ride. A light dinner and refreshments will be provided by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection. Remember, you can watch a movie on TV at home, but how much more fun to see it with friends!!! Sign up if you need a ride on the van or just come in and enjoy the movie. Everyone is welcome! We will not have movie nights for the months of January & February.

Holiday Movie Events will be on Monday & Wednesdays in December from 1-3 pm with our new Activities Coordinator, Sally Selvidge! Here are some new activities happening at the center. Chair Exercises will be Monday and Wednesday at 11:30 am. Card and Board Games will be on Thursdays at 1:00pm. We will have Richard Calahan, an Irish entertainer on Thursday, Dec. 13th during lunch and he will be back for our New Year’s at Noon Celebration on Dec. 31st. Sally has planned a lunch trip to Savini’s Pomodoro on Dec. 28th. Be sure to check Sally’s Activity Calendar for more info and other fun things to do!

Thursday, Dec. 13, Richard Calahan the Irish Entertainer will be here to perform during our lunch!

Friday, Dec. 14 11:30 am-12:30 pm Navicare with Nelly Colon. With Navicare, you get covered Medicare and MassHealth Standard benefits, items and services – plus more. They will also coordinate all your care for you! You get personalized care, from your own Care Team. They want to help you meet your health goals. And when you are a member of Navicare HMO SNP or Navicare SCO, you receive all the care and services you need at no cost to you. Be sure to attend this informative meeting. Nelly will also be playing a “Grocery BINGO”!

Monday, Dec. 17 1:00-2:00pm Benefit Enrollment Center. Tri-Valley, Inc. is now a Benefits Enrollment Center. Benefits Specialists assist with education around public benefits as well as the application process. This is a free service to help connect elders and younger people with disabilities access needed benefits. Specialists can help complete applications for Mass Health, SNAP benefits (food stamps), fuel assistance, Medicare Extra Help, Medicare Savings Plans, housing, SafeLink telephones etc. A benefits specialist will be at the Uxbridge COA every third Monday of the month. You can stop by and meet the specialist and see how she can help you or you can call Tri-Valley at 508-949-6640 to book an appointment.

Uxbridge Senior Center’s 1st Annual Gingerbread House Decorating Contest! Decorating will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 18 from 12:30-3:30 pm and Wednesday, Dec. 19 from 3:30-8:00 pm. Judging will be on Friday, Dec. 21 during our Christmas Celebration! Cost to participate will \$20 per gingerbread house/group including all supplies. Extra decorating supplies will be available for purchase (You cannot bring in your own supplies). Families are encouraged to build one together, pick a team or do one single mingle! Call 508-278-8622 in advance to reserve your gingerbread house or stop by and talk to Sally, our Activities Coordinator. Space is limited so ENTER NOW!!! The cutoff date is Dec. 11th to reserve your house!!



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Traditions

What are holiday traditions in your family?

Some of that depends on whether your family observes a religious aspect to the holidays or not of course; and therefore which of the holidays matter to you.

The end of the calendar year is rife with holidays. They are, whether they mean something deeply and truly important to us or not, part of our lives.

The modern world is inundated with messages bombarding us 24 hours a day, some of them so subtle we aren't even aware of them. Some of them engrained into us; to the point we think everyone else around us must do and think the same we do and we are startled when we discover they don't.

Example: we all know, or think we know, Santa Claus.

But there are people who would prefer not to have that tradition in their homes.

Yet how do they keep it out? And, how do they justify their reasons for the choice not to play into it?

It's a small thing in it's way. But we do it. We all do it. And the expectations are huge.

One of the hugest (like that word?) is that Santa brings the biggest, most expensive gifts...and they are monstrous. TVs; video equipment; bicycles; even puppies. The concept is that Santa brings what the parents can't or won't. He's something that guy.

But what happens when the kids compare notes later. When someone finds out Santa managed a mega-toy or huge pile of toys at one house; but could only manage a single, smaller toy at a less affluent house? Why the disparity?

How is that fair? How do the kids justify it?

Do they get it? Do they blame the parents? Or an unfair practices Santa?

Which is why there are people in the world, especially the USA, who have quietly told their children that Santa skips their house altogether. That no matter what they have been told about Santa, it isn't entirely so, and their own family just aren't part of it.

It can be done. It has been done. It is being done.

It isn't easy. And there can still be gifts.

It is between the members of a household who want to acknowledge one another with a token of respect and love. Not with an obligation and an expectation.

So what is your tradition?

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

Christmas Cookies

In that great time, there was a hand mixer on sale and I thought it would complement my cookware for under \$15. There was a cheaper hand mixer with less power, and the sales lady said it was the one she used, and why pay more for something that works well and is less expensive? But when I worked renovating houses, Alan warned me that if the price was close, always buy the more powerful engine...it would pay for itself over time. So I spent the few extra bucks and got the mixer with higher wattage and more RPMs.



IN THAT GREAT TIME
PATRICK MOON

Yesterday I decided to unbox the mixer and make maple walnut cookies. The recipe was simple. I had all the ingredients, and the smell of cookies would make for a festive air.

"Butter and margarine should be at room temperature." While I followed this direction, it was only later that I realized that I was in a down jacket and that my regular kitchen temperature was subarctic. No problem. It might have been a tad cooler than requested but as I turned on the oven, the temperature was destined to rise as with global warming. I was ready.

I glanced at the instruction pamphlet. Next to the mixer "safeguards" (which could have been labeled "electrocution made easy") was the common sense admonition for first time users to always begin with the lowest speed and work up. Of course. Mixing flour and butter would make thick dough, so a lower speed would tax the engine less. There was manly logic to this baking.

Braced with this knowledge, I began to mix the ingredients.

Imagine my surprise when the mixer jumped out of my hand and began to throw flour and dough across the kitchen at the lowest speed. An alien observer would have seen both surprise and uncoordinated flailing as I sought to halt the flying goo...

(You might ask at this point why an alien observer would be focused on a humble kitchen in the first place. Let us not presume on the interests of aliens.)

The jet whine increased, as did the splats of dough now smacking into walls.

There was no Red Power Off button! All the buttons looked the same!

Ah, there was the answer... a button marked Ejector! I hit the ejector button...the jet engine whine climbed a little higher. Flour and dough continued to fly. Somehow I had moved the rotation speed of the beaters up the scale... to number 6 in fact. On a flight

deck, this was the equivalent of a 6G takeoff. Great for jet flight, not so much for baking. In a panic, I pressed the ejector button harder... again... and again... finally, the whirling beaters shot to the floor.

I took a deep breath and surveyed the kitchen.

The even dispersal of white gobs sticking to the walls and ceiling was a satisfactory indication of RPM power. Excellent tool choice, I thought. But perhaps I should have familiarized myself with the mixer a little more by reading the directions. Perhaps there was a little more sophistication attached to this baking thing. Perhaps...ah what the hell. A little clean up and the Nabisco factory would be back on schedule!

I stepped gingerly to wipe more dripping dough from the wall but failed to notice a Brylcreem sized dab on the floor. Any physics student could predict that this dab of lubrication would transfer my weight quickly and efficiently. I thought of this as my feet rose above my head and gravity completed my head thumped journey.

Gazing up from the floor at the globular mayhem that was now my kitchen, I noted that I had been at work less than ten minutes and yet, like some mythical force, like the Star Thrower of legend, I had managed to spin dough clumps into spiral galaxies. I had started to bake cookies but had transmuted myself into the god of a dough-spun universe.

Or perhaps dark forces were at work. The voice came unbidden in a whisper: "Use the force, Pat."

What, to add the walnuts? Let us skip the description of the final product.

Suffice to say that my cookies could replace the heat tiles on a space shuttle.

I have concluded that baking cookies is not my forte. It is not my five-te either. I'm pretty sure my baking prowess ranks up there with jet engine maintenance. That is a skill I am unlikely to master as I have added the whine of a jet engine to my list of auditory anxieties. On the plus side, it has reintroduced centrifugal force as a subject of interest.

I am conscious of iconic scenes in British war movies where one soldier turns to another as they watch a human silhouette disappear into no man's land. "My God, Sergeant...he's just a cook!"

"Don't be daft, Harry," says the gruff sergeant in close-up. "He baked maple walnut cookies. The Boche are done."

Perhaps computer repair at a nuclear facility is a better match for my skills...

Three factors to consider when making charitable gifts



FINANCIAL FOCUS

DENNIS ANTONOPOULOS

The holiday season is here, which means gift-giving is probably on your mind. In addition to making gifts to your family and friends, you also may be interested in contributing to charitable organizations. But before you donate financial assets, such as stocks, you will need to consider several factors, including taxes, your portfolio balance and the reputation of the charity. Let's look at these areas:

Taxes – Your donations to qualified charities (those that are considered 501(c)(3) organizations by the Internal Revenue Service) can give you tax deductions – if you itemize deductions on your tax return. However, due to recent tax law changes, the standard deduction for 2018 has almost doubled, to \$24,000 for married couples, and to \$12,000 for single filers. As a result, you may be less likely to itemize deductions, so you could have less incentive, at least for tax reasons, to make charitable gifts. However, if you give appreciated stocks, you may be allowed a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift on the date of the transfer, even if your original cost was only a fraction of today's value. Plus, you may not be subject to the capital gains tax you might have to pay if you eventually sold the stocks.

Also, depending on your age, you might be able to use your traditional IRA as a charitable-funding vehicle. Once you turn 70-1/2, you generally must begin taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions or RMDs – from your traditional IRA. (Roth IRAs are not subject to RMDs during your lifetime.) These RMDs from your traditional IRA are taxable, but you may be able to exclude up to \$100,000 of RMDs per year from your taxable income if you transfer the funds directly to qualified charitable organizations.

In any case, consult with your tax advisor before donating appreciated assets to a charity.

Portfolio balance – When you donate financial assets to a charity, you are also taking them away from your portfolio. This could be an issue, especially if you repeatedly donate the same types of assets. For example, if you're donating some growth-oriented stocks, will you lower the overall growth potential of your portfolio?

You may want to consult with a financial professional to ensure your charitable gifts will still allow you to maintain a portfolio balance appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance.

Reputation of the charity – You may want to do some homework to make sure you are giving to a reputable charity. Many experts on charitable giving say that a worthwhile charity should spend at least 75 percent of its income on programs, rather than administrative costs. You may be able to find this type of information on a charitable group's annual report and its website. You can also browse the web for the names of agencies that evaluate charitable groups.

By considering the aspects of charitable giving described above, you can get more satisfaction from your generosity – because you'll know that your gift not only supports a good cause, but also fits well into your overall financial picture.

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Fly, my darling, fly: A note on divorce for the holiday season

Mommy told me I could fly. She said I could do anything I set my mind to. When I was a tiny, blonde, wide-eyed bundle of energy, she would push me in the little red airplane swing in our backyard.



MIND OF A CURIOUS GIRL
ANNIE SANDOLI

Daddy told me I could fly. He took me to the airport often, and I would run through the breeze, my arms out like a bird's wings. He took me for my first flying lesson on my 13th birthday.

My family is no less dysfunctional than any other family. I am actually quite confident that is is more dysfunctional than many. But somehow, the distrust never outweighed my love. The tension never outweighed my love. The anger never outweighed my love.

Divorce isn't easy for any child, at any age. It doesn't matter what day of the year it is, it is always complicated and never painless. However, there is something about the holidays that brings up just a little more sadness, a little more heartache, and a little more longing for your parents to be together, or at least be friendly with each other for your sake. I spent year after year wondering why my parents loved me so much even when I made mistakes, but couldn't do the same for each other.

Strumming chords on her 12-string, my mom told me musicians are trouble, don't date one. Then I became one.

Playing his Yamaha baby grand, my dad told me women are trouble, don't trust one. Then I became one.

Trouble or not, I'm made of them. I have my dad's wit and my mom's drive. Some days I look like him, some

days I look like her. But most days I look like both of them, a clean cut down the middle.

We don't choose our parents, but even if we did, I still would have picked mine.

My parents, like many couples, had a complex and agonizing divorce. My mom and dad are not friendly or cordial, probably for their own good reasons, nor are they currently okay with seeing each other at any holiday or event, even if it is for my sake. It wasn't my marriage nor my decision to have a child, yet I'm the one who had to find them completely separate seats at my most recent graduation even though my guests were supposed to be in one section. I'm the one who either misses out on seeing one of them on a given holiday or uses two tanks of gas to dodge from place to place, trying to make sure they're both happy.

I don't remember a year when the holidays were not worrisome for me as I tried to appease both my parents and often failed to make myself happy in exchange. I don't remember a time when I wasn't stressed about their relationship even though it was never meant to be my problem. I don't remember a time when my parents didn't constantly tell me that my desire for their cordiality was unrealistic.

Their insistence, however, never stopped me from hoping that they could put their bad feelings aside for me. I was 9 years old when I saw my parents give each other a hug for the first time since they separated. It

was Thanksgiving, and my mom was dropping me off with my dad's family. I finally saw them put aside their anger for a few seconds and thought to myself, "Maybe this whole divorce thing will get easier with time."

Yet here I am at age 22, and as I was driving down Route 49 going from my mom's family to my dad's family on Thanksgiving Day, I thought to myself, "I can't believe I was so convinced that this whole divorce thing would get easier with time."

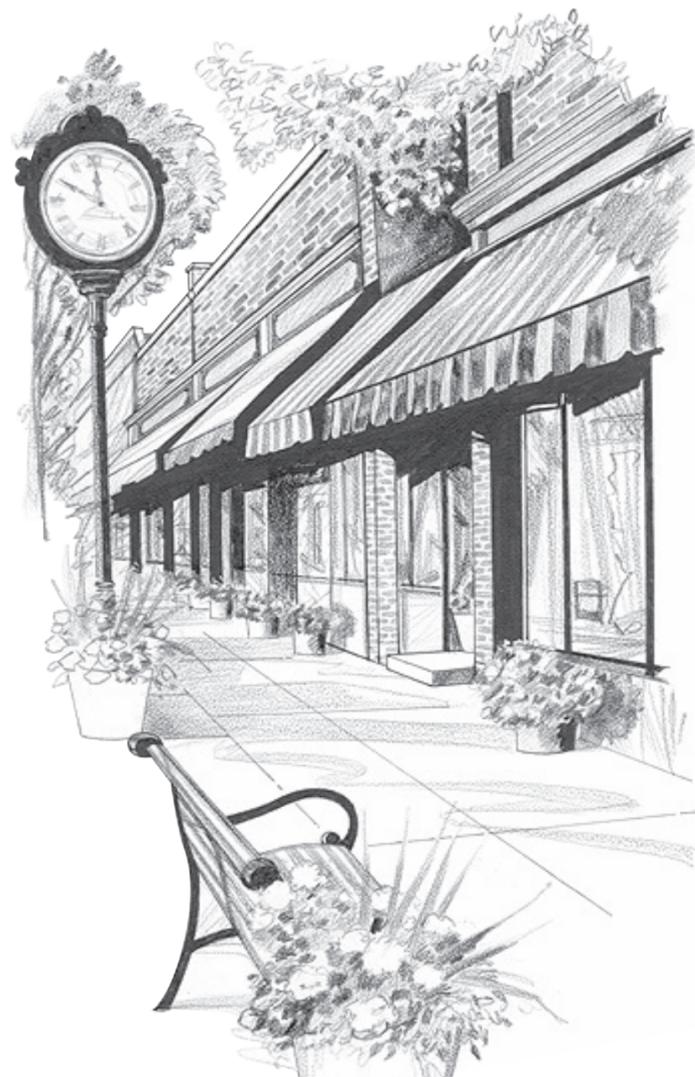
There has always been anger, distrust, and the loudest silence I've ever heard.

But the music has always been louder. It's the only thing that connects me to both of them. My mom used to sing to me every morning to wake me up. She would sing John Denver's "Leaving on a Jet Plane" whenever she pushed me in that little red airplane swing. We still sing Billy Joel's "Only the Good Die Young" at the top of our lungs every time it comes on the car radio. When my dad wasn't around, he sent me cassette tapes of him singing songs like the Beatles' version of "Till There Was You" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow".

My parents' song was "Don't Know Much" by Aaron Neville and Linda Ronstadt. The song sings exactly how I feel.

"I don't know much, but I know I love you. That may be all I need to know."

It took me nearly two decades to begin to truly accept that it really is their problem. It has always been their problem, not mine. I think that's the



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Tips to turn forestry finds into rustic holiday décor

The holidays are here and that means decking the halls (and front doors) for the yuletide season. With a “back to basics” movement in full swing, there’s never been a better time to consider creating natural wreaths and swags from locally sourced “found” materials. In fact, nearly everything you need to pull together a rustic holiday décor is likely as close as your own backyard (or back roads)! The New England forest is a valuable source of evergreen branches, pinecones, bark and other materials that form rustic forest wreaths - rich in fragrance, texture, and old fashioned eye appeal. Read on for tips to choose, adorn and create a holiday wreath!

Fresh Evergreens: Nature’s evergreens, vividly apparent among a blanket of fresh white snow, are celebrated by bringing their festive fragrance and natural beauty into the home at yuletide. Pine and fir varieties are plentiful in New England, and each brings their own qualities to the decorating mix. When foraging through your local woods (be sure to ask owners for permission), seek out broken or fallen branches, as this not only eliminates chopping chores, it’s an ecofriendly choice. Choose (or prune) branches from about six inches up to foot long, and always bring home more branches than you think you’ll need. Fuller wreaths always look better; and any leftover branches can be made into swags or used to adorn the holiday table!

Boxwood, laurel, fir, arborvitae, juniper and pine are all classic holiday evergreens. If the preference is for strongly scented greens, choose juni-

per, pine, or balsam fir varieties. Spruce, and yew also emit a fresh tree fragrance but not as strong. Some of the best wreaths are constructed of mixed evergreens. Look for healthy branches with little or no needle loss. Careful pruning won’t harm the trees and shrubs, but be sure to look for fallen or broken branches before cutting. Don’t have woods nearby? Local Christmas tree farms often have spare branches for free or purchase.

If greens cannot be used immediately, store branches outside (preferably in the snow) until ready to use. Pliable greens, such as princess pine and arborvitae can be rejuvenated by dipping or spraying with water prior to use. Once you’ve collected the greens, shake them clean and lay them out on a clean floor or large table space (expect plenty of fallen needles and debris). Snip off sections of each branch to form generous “bundles” of greens.

Natural Embellishments: pinecones, holly, bittersweet, and wild yew branches with their distinct bright red berries are just some common “forest freebies” that are very festive. If your search is started early in the season, look for acorns, seed pods, pig nuts, and miniature crabapples, all of which add texture and color to holiday wreaths. The addition of dried fruits, such as dried apples and lemons also contribute an impressive dose of eye appeal.

Keep in mind holly, yew berries, mistletoe berries, ivy plants and bitter-



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

sweet are only some forest materials that are poisonous. Any of these plants used on wreaths and swags should be kept out of the reach of children and pets.

Wreaths with Swag: Fresh, moist greens with a strong fragrance and pliable needles make the best wreaths. To construct a wreath, cut the greenery into six inch sections. Use your creativity when assembling a wreath and don’t be afraid to merge an array of evergreens. Greenery will be attached to a wreath form, such as a 3D wire wreath form, which is hollow inside, a double wire frame, or simply a homemade wire circle made from a coat hanger. Even narrow grapevine wreaths can serve as a suitable form, as the evergreens are both wired and tucked into the wrapped grapevine. Tie bundles of greens together to form a bouquet. Place each bundle on the form, overlapping each bouquet to produce a thick, full wreath. Attach each individual bouquet to the form with a florist wire. Twist around each bundle a two or three times to fasten it to the frame, working your way around the wreath. No florist wire? Improvise with metal trash bag ties.

 The crowning glory of a wreath is its embellishments. Wrap wire around pinecones, bittersweet and berry branches, etc. to fasten them to the wreath. Dried fruits can be stabbed with metal wig picks and attached to the lush greenery. Or, if you prefer, most materials can be hot glued onto

greenery. Just be sure to attach to a thick, stable bundle. Homemade bows are easily tied or glued onto the completed wreath.

 If you plan to hang the wreath on an outside door that also has a screen door attached, be sure to measure the allowance between the two doors. While a fluffy balsam wreath is a holiday beauty, a narrower princess pine wreath may deliver just as much festive décor and better fit into your space.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

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program for MEFA, providing presentations in over 200 schools across Massachusetts, and previously held the positions of dean of admissions, director of secondary school relations, and director of admissions and marketing. He is also a consultant to the College Board and ACT and is the past-president of the Massachusetts Educational Opportunity Association.

“I’ve been in higher education almost my entire career, and to have this job at this point — I was very pleased that

I was able to bring a lot of my past experience, skills, and connections,” said Lynskey.

In the past six years, Lynskey said the Foundation went from having seven school districts participating to 15, and around two dozen major business partners were added, including international manufacturers.

“I think the results that we have indicate there is a significant interest within the Blackstone Valley of the school districts and businesses partnering.”

Lynskey said the state is currently moving toward more workforce development, and the Blackstone Valley seems to be at the forefront of this

cutting edge push.

“As the board of the Education Foundation commences its search for a successor executive director, we wish Mr. Paul Lynskey the best and for continued success in his new endeavors and thank him for his dedication, vision and years of successful leadership,” the board statement continues.

Hoban said the search has just started to fill the role, but the organization is optimistic they will find an individual with the same level of enthusiasm and dedication.

“I’m sure we will be able to find an experienced and dynamic leader and someone with real knowledge of the

Blackstone Valley who can help us continue our upward trajectory and growth,” he added.

The Blackstone Valley Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization funded by gifts, school district membership, the Commonwealth’s Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, and MassDevelopment Corporation. These funding sources help to connect students, schools, and professionals to business and industry for the purpose of strengthening college and career readiness.

School districts and busi-

nesses throughout the region have bonded together with the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation to leverage community support that enhances efforts to connect current learning with future career paths for students. BVEF provides professional development for teachers and school counselors, as well as innovative career-connection programs that assist students in the development of 21st century skills, by connecting the classroom with local businesses and the community. The goal is to assist with the development of our future workforce in the Blackstone Valley and throughout the nation.



An older student shows a younger one the elements needed for coding.

STUDENTS

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“They had the necessary equipment. We came with 10 of my Intro to Technology students to offer assistance and it went even better than I’d hoped. There is always the potential for a technical issue but there were none of those,” Fortna added.

Jodi Koeman, director of spiritual formation at the school, added that the event felt like a success all around.

“This opportunity was a great example of how service learning can happen when you challenge students to apply what they learned in the classroom and



A group of younger students listen and are watched by a mentor.

use that to serve others. The Rockdale Youth Center is doing a fantastic job, and we are honored to work with them,” she said.

“I think today went very well. The

kids seemed to really enjoy working on the programs and they participated the whole time,” added Whitinsville Christian School freshman Ian MacGinnis, who attended the event.

SANDOLI

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hardest thing for children of divorce to finally come to terms with. Every day, you’re told it’s not your fault, but you’re also caught in the middle like a tree in a lightning storm, not causing the uproar but likely to get struck by it. How could you not be? You’re made of them. You’re what they have to remind them of each other.

During this holiday season and every day of the year, love should outweigh all else, and my love for my parents as well as every other child’s love for their parents should be celebrated, appreciated, and recognized, because the relationship between every parent and their child, no matter how complicated, is beautiful in its own way. Just because their love for each other was clouded in anger, distrust, and betrayal, my love for both of them is still very much intact, screaming in the unbearable silence, and that should be very much okay. I will continue to hope that, at some point in the future, I will have them both by my side for the holidays, because that possibility keeps me going every year.

And no matter where I end up, it is because of them that I fly. It is because of them that I choose love over hate, because they have loved me through it all. And I know how toxic hatred can be.

And when I fall, I get back up, and think of what my parents have said to me all my life.

“Fly, my darling, fly.”

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SPORTS

Marianapolis' Masciarelli of Northbridge wins Foot Locker Cross Country National Final



SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Sydney Masciarelli of Northbridge and Marianapolis Prep captured a first place title at the 40th annual Foot Locker Cross Country Championships National Finals Presented by Eastbay on Saturday, Dec. 8. Race conditions at Morley Field, Balboa Park were ideal with firm terrain, sunshine and temperatures reaching 65 degrees.

In the girls' 5K race, Masciarelli outkicked Katelynne Hart of Glen Ellyn, Ill., in the final few meters to

showcase a phenomenal finish, winning in a time of 17:00.3, surpassing Jordan Hasay's 2005 record as the fastest first-timer at National Finals.

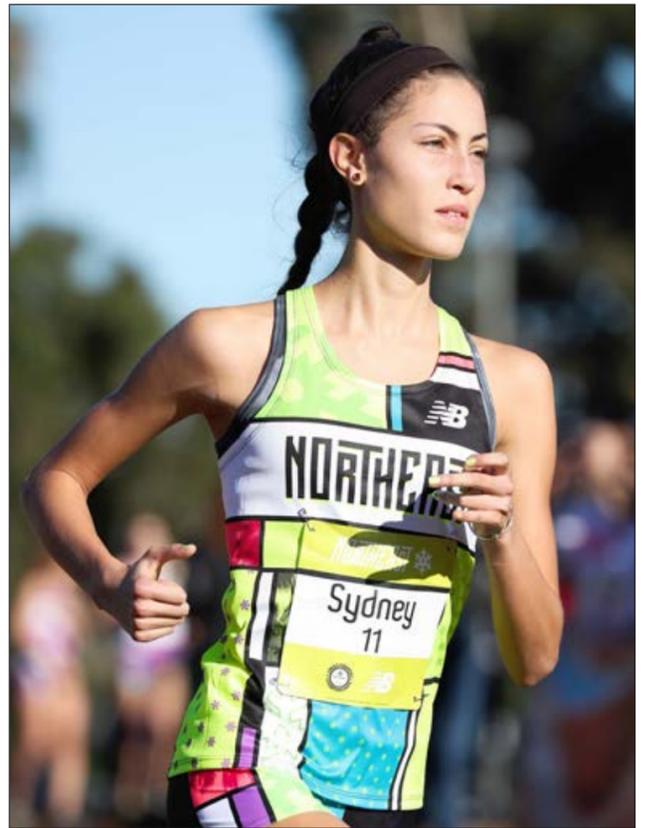
Masciarelli, a sophomore competing in her first year of cross country, bided her time until the closing uphill and downhill stretch to edge Hart, who had controlled the race from shortly after the half-mile mark until the final few strides. Hart opened up her biggest lead going up the course's hill the first time, cruising past

the mile mark in 5:13. This initial surge broke up the lead pack with only Masciarelli and Taylor Ewert of Beaver Creek, Ohio, staying in striking distance of Hart halfway through the race. Hart continued to lead at the two-mile mark cruising through a split of 10:50 with Masciarelli still lurking five seconds behind and freshman Abby VanderKooi of Fremont, Mich., moving into contention.

The last mile turned into a classic two-girl duel, one that included multiple lead changes in the final 200 meters until Masciarelli ultimately prevailed at the tape. Hart's runner-up finish (17:01.0) replicated her last year's placing at FLCCC National Finals. Freshman VanderKooi came in third (17:14.0), Ewert in fourth (17:20.1) and Emily Covert of Minneapolis in fifth (17:29.6).

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Marianapolis Prep's Sydney Masciarelli, a Northbridge resident, won the 5K girls' race at the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships National Finals.



Auburn wins defensive battle against Spartans



Photos courtesy Mark Seliger, www.SeligerPhotography.com

Ashley Dube of Uxbridge releases a deep jump shot versus Auburn.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — The Auburn High girls' varsity basketball team hosted Uxbridge High on Opening Night — Thursday, Dec. 6 — and it proved to be a true defensive battle. The Rockets' offensive performance proved to be a little more productive, though, as they defeated the Spartans, 31-9.

"All things considered, the fact that we are literally a week into practicing, I think that it was a great start. I really liked how our defense looked," said Auburn head coach Nicole LePrevost. "I think offensively we were executing pretty well, we just have to work on finishing."

Uxbridge head coach Tracy Larkin had a similar sentiment.

"We've had four days of

practice to prepare, so the offense will come," said Larkin.

The Rockets tied the score at 4-4 in the first quarter and led after the opening eight-minute frame, 6-4, and never relinquished their lead. Auburn won second quarter scoring, 11-0, to take a 17-4 lead into the locker rooms at halftime.

Senior co-captain Semran Sahota was the Rockets' boost of energy, scoring all 10 of her game-high point total in the first half and pulling down 13 of her game-high 14 rebounds through the first two quarters.

"She absolutely came out guns blazing, ready to go," LePrevost said of Sahota, a 5-foot-7 forward. "She doesn't let her size — she's a smaller forward — affect her. She has put in so much work in the offseason."

Sahota was named a Southern Worcester County League All-Star last season, but she aspires to be even better this go-round.

"She rounded out last season pretty well, but she wants to make her senior year special," said LePrevost.

With Sahota securing 14 rebounds, it helped the Rockets win the battle of the boards, 51-23. And Auburn committed just nine team fouls, so they found a way to be aggres-

sive but not pick up many penalties.

"We haven't been overly boxing out drill-wise, but they did a great job of speaking it in practice. I was impressed," LePrevost said.

The third quarter was much like the first, with the Rockets scoring six points to the Spartans' four, which gave Auburn a 23-8 lead heading into the final period. There, the Rockets won quarter scoring, 8-1, to account for the 31-9 final.

Auburn, now 1-0, hopes to reach the 10-plus wins plateau to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament a year after suffering through a tough 3-17 campaign.

"In the back of our minds making Districts is always there," explained LePrevost. "We lost two seniors, but we have a lot of juniors [now seniors] stepping up. We have a whole bunch of sophomores coming up. We have a nice mix of experience and youth, and I think that our chemistry is really flowing right now. Because we didn't make it last year these girls are coming out with a vengeance."

In addition to Sahota's performance, senior Victoria Murphy (eight points), senior co-captain Molly Cutting (six points, five rebounds), senior Jackie Landry (three



Ella Correa of Uxbridge controls the ball away from a multitude of Auburn defenders.

points), sophomore Emily Turcotte (two points, five rebounds), sophomore Isabelle Therrien (one point, six rebounds) and sophomore Allie Morawski (one point, seven rebounds) contributed to Auburn's victory.

As far as Uxbridge goes, the loss wasn't concerning to Larkin. Instead, she's focused on certain positives such as having 21 athletes between the junior varsity and varsity teams instead of last year's varsity-only club that featured just nine players.

"I have 21 fabulous young ladies, it's fabulous. We have a bright season ahead of us," said Larkin.

Larkin is also looking to motivational speaker Jon Gordon and his book, "The Power of a Positive Team," which the girls read as part of their summer reading, to give

inspiration.

"We have to trust the process and it's going to take one day at a time. We're going to enjoy the journey and work hard," said Larkin. "The girls have to learn how to trust in each other. I see it developing; it's going to take some time."

The Spartans were also without senior co-captain Olivia Hicks, last year's leading scorer. Hicks was in Florida at a national soccer tournament — next fall she was play collegiately for the University of Maryland — but she will be rejoining the team soon.

Uxbridge point scorers included senior co-captain Maggie Streichert (four points, four rebounds), senior co-captain Erin Jones (two points), sophomore Ashley Dube (two points, six rebounds) and sophomore Sarah Johnston (one point).

Linnehan pens National Letter of Intent to play soccer at Penn State

UPTON — The date had long been marked on the calendar for Payton Linnehan and many other high school student-athletes across the nation who are celebrating their official commitment to play collegiate sports. On Monday, Dec. 3, Blackstone Valley Tech hosted an NCAA Signing Day ceremony to honor senior Business Technology student Payton Linnehan of Douglas.

Linnehan signed a National Letter of Intent formalizing her commitment to play soccer at the Pennsylvania State University, an NCAA Division 1 college in Philadelphia, Pa.

Linnehan began playing soccer at 4 years old for the Douglas Town Soccer program. She moved on from the town program to play for the Fuller Hamlets club team before playing for the FC Stars U-13 team. As her talents were evident, she was recruited to be a part of the US National Olympic program and has played for both their U-15 and U-17 team. Most recently, many saw Linnehan on the field playing for Team USA in the U-17 World Cup in Uruguay.



Courtesy photo

Blackstone Valley Tech senior Payton Linnehan signed a National Letter of Intent formalizing her commitment to Pennsylvania State University, a Division 1 college where she will play soccer. Payton's parents, Sheri and Sean, look on with pride as she signs the commitment letter.

SPORTS BRIEF

Worcester State University to hold baseball clinics

Worcester State Baseball Indoor Clinics are now held in the \$52 million gymnasium and wellness center. The second floor multipurpose gym allows for live practices with plenty of storage for the six indoor mounds, bats and balls, etc. Hitters will use the double-barrel cages on the first floor. Here kids will bunt/bat off the Hack Attack pitching machines (uses real balls; speed adjusted for ages), hit close-range BP, use soft toss nets, tees, and utilize slow-motion video analysis.

There are multiple upcoming clinics to choose from. For questions, please call (508) 929-8852 or (774) 230-3872, or email dbaker1@worcestersu.edu. Also, please visit wsulancers.com/camps-clinics for more information.

CALENDAR

Friday December 14

CONCERT: The Whitinsville Christian School is thrilled to present "Celebrate Christmas," a joy-filled concert for the community on Friday, Dec. 14, at 7:00 PM at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road, Uxbridge. "Celebrate Christmas" will feature all WCS choirs, bands, and orchestras with more than 200 students in preschool through 12th grade participating. Admission is free.

Saturday & Sunday December 15 & 16

HOLIDAY AT THE FARM: Holiday open house at Douglas Orchard & Farm, 36 Locust St. with hot mulled cider and holiday cookies. Come get your holiday shopping done. Unique locally made gifts. Country Store open 10am-6pm. Santa visits the Farm Saturday, Dec 15, 1-5pm and Sunday, Dec 16 2-4pm. Private session with Santa. Free craft while you wait. Get your photo taken with Santa. Photographer Kayla of KP Photography & Art will be there to capture the moment.

Sunday December 16

Christmas Choir Concert: Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2:00 PM at United Presbyterian Church, 51 Cottage St., Whitinsville. Come relax and enjoy a Christmas Concert featuring the choir at United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville as well as some traditional carols you know and love. This will be a great event to add to your Christmas festivities! Light refreshments will follow the concert.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS: Sunday, Dec. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Fairlawn CRC, 305 Goldthwaite Road, Whitinsville. Come and participate in a service that celebrates the birth of Christ and includes a choir of singers from Fairlawn, Pleasant Street CRC, and the Village Congregational Church and The Village Bell Ringers. A free-will offering will be taken for the NAC Food Pantry. A nursery will be available, and refreshments will be served after the service.

Sunday December 30

RETIREMENT RECEPTION: Rev. Gordon Merten, minister of the First Evangelical Congregational Church of Uxbridge is retiring. The service and open house is in honor of his 50 plus years of ministry. The Worship Service will be held at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary of First Evangelical Congregational Church, Court Street, Uxbridge on Sunday, Dec. 30. A reception and open house will follow from noon to 3 p.m. in the Community House next door to the church. The community is invited.

Saturday January 5

CLOTHING SWAP: The Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church will host a clothing swap on Saturday, Jan. 5 from 9-11am. We accept donations of gently used men's, women's and children's clothing shoes and accessories. Please no rips or stains! You don't have to donate to take something home and you don't have to take something home in order to donate. Everything is free and open to the public. Donations can be dropped off on Jan. 4 between 6-7pm or the morning of the swap. Please use the driveway between Domino's Pizza and the law office and come is the church's back door. Any questions call Christine at 774-262-6415 or email edalynne@hotmail.com

ONGOING EVENTS & INFORMATION

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

YOGA CLASS: Carol Dearborn, certified Yoga and Pilates instructor, will offer a weekly All Levels Yoga class and a Yogalates class at the First Congregational Church of Millbury in Fellowship Hall, located at 148 West Main St. Proceeds will benefit the

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

FREE WILL DINNERS: The First Congregational Church of Sutton, 307 Boston Road, presents its monthly free will offering of open seating dinners 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. All welcome. Dinners served with bread, beverage and dessert. For information, call (508) 865-6914.

SENIOR BREAKFAST: St. John's Episcopal Church Senior Breakfast held first Friday of the month 8-9 a.m. at the church, 3 Pleasant St., off Route 122A, Sutton, and is handicapped accessible. Suggested donation is \$5. For information, call Cyndy Rogers, (508) 529-4437.

PARENT SUPPORT: Parent Support Group in Millbury sponsored by Parent Professional Advocacy League. Free and confidential Parent Support Group on the second (workshop) and fourth (sharing) Friday of the month 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Millbury Public Library. Call PPAL (508) 767-9725 for information. PPAL is a statewide network of parents and professionals and adolescents with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs.

CARING: The Caregivers Group meet in the library at the Northbridge Senior Center fourth Tuesday of month 3-4 p.m. If currently caring for a family member or close friend, come and join others who share your compassion.

AL-ANON: A "Serenity on The Hill" Al-Anon step meeting held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Rockdale Congregational Church, 42 Fowler Road, Northbridge. Support group for family and friends of problem drinkers. Newcomers welcome. For information: 508-366-0556.

YOGAGROUP: join the Sunshine Yoga Collaborative in our mission to bring community based yoga to Uxbridge and the surrounding communities! Classes are appropriate for just beginning to advanced student. Class is Sunday 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Alternatives, Unlimited,

50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville. Extra yoga mats, but most bring their own. \$5 donation per class, which given to local organization. Visit Facebook: Sunshine Yoga Collaborative.

RECOVERY: Every Monday, Celebrate Recovery, a Biblically based step program designed to heal a wide variety of habits and harmful behaviors, such as drug dependency, abuse, eating disorders, depression, anger, pornography, broken relationships. Group meets every week in two-part session, an open group followed by gender-specific small share groups. Starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 9. Come at 6:30 for coffee and conversation. Pleasant Street Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville, (508) 234-5268 x 14, or email howard@psrc.org.

BREAKFAST: The John 21 Community Breakfast at St. Patrick's Church has been established as a response to the needs of many people in our community. Breakfast will continue each and every Saturday 8-10 a.m. in the Parish Center, 1 Cross St., Whitinsville. Our mission is to serve a nutritious breakfast, free of charge, every Saturday morning in the spirit of community fellowship and hospitality. Teams of volunteers prepare and serve breakfast on a rotating basis. All welcome. For information contact ministry coordinator at John21Breakfast@gmail.com. To make a donation contact St. Patrick's rectory at 508-234-5656.

Legos Club: first and third Mondays of each month, ages 6 and up 3-5 p.m. at Whitinsville Social Library. Information about programming, visit the library's website www.northbridge-mass.org/whitinsville-social-library.

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

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

Women be well



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I get stressed just like everyone else. Let's just list some stressful stuff; work, school, people, household chores, unexpected chaos, our own minds that constantly tell us we don't do enough, illness, death, life, weight, appearance, social awkwardness that happened 17 years ago but somehow we still think of it as relevant...I mean I can go on and on.

What stresses us is what makes us. We work because we need to provide, and maybe we go back to school because we know we can do more. We bring these stresses on ourselves, and that is just the core of being a woman. Everything is a choice. We choose the stress. I know you may be thinking, um no Kim, I didn't ask for this. You may not have asked for it, but you still choose to deal with it and that is what makes you strong. Your choice to absorb the stress of this life, the stress of others, and stay in the situation is what makes you who you are. A strong, willful woman who wants a family, loves her spouse, chooses her church, volunteers at the school, listens to a friend, does that fifth load of laundry, and bakes that ham. Now, it is time for you to choose to help yourself.

You are driving in your car. Hands at 10 and 2 (or lazily at 7, I don't judge) and you peek up at the oil change sticker. It's time. You take it in and they change the oil, put that blue liquid in to keep your windows clean, put air in the tires, and maybe you get a wash. A little squeaky cleanliness for your baby that gets you from A to B. Your car works hard for you. It starts every day, it runs on fuel, it gets you to where you need to be. You see where I am going with this... go get an oil change!

No, I'm kidding, why are you not taking care of yourself when you are ten times more important than this car? You deserve a bit of wax polish. You need to get your transmission flushed (I have no idea how cars work so these analogies are sure to anger some). You need new wipers, and give that undercarriage a shine!

I will admit, I am bad at tak-

ing care of myself. I take care of everyone else, and yet, when it comes to me and my wellbeing, I am lacking. I am going to change my way of thinking, I am going to take better care of myself, and you should join me. Here's my own wellness care that happened over the past week.

I just finished finals and I have a week before my next two classes begin. I could either pick up my books early and get a jump start, or I could take care of myself and really give myself a break. This was a hard decision for me. I am a perfectionist when it comes to school work. I strive for the 100 and it wipes me out every day.

I chose to not pick up a text book, to not start my studying early, and to really dedicate this week to taking care of myself.

The first thing I did was get a facial. I have never had a facial before, and my skin has really been suffering from lack of sleep, the cold weather, and the constant stress. I went to see Aimee Jones at Sheena's Salon and Spa in Spencer. Jones had me lay down in a super comfy bed, wrapped me up snug like a burrito, and she went to work with her signature Aroma Facial. I was gently cleansed, exfoliated, steamed, and oiled up.

I am not one who likes to be touched by others, and I definitely do not like feeling out of control in any situation, but the atmosphere was warm. And the smells! Citrus, and herbs. I kind of just melted into the warm blankets. I thought, 'oh yes, this is going to become a thing with me now for sure.'

Then Jones started with the facial massage...drooling was natural as she informed me. Then my neck, arms and hands! My goodness how I love to have my hands massaged. I am writing and typing all day, every day.

Not to mention the foot reflexology. I'm glad I gave that one a try. The whole experience was so good, and my skin was so plump and shiny. I am going back next month, and because I hit it off with the ladies there I'll be going to their sip and shop on Nov. 9th.

I love businesses that help to support the local community. The salon will also have a lottery tree to support The Kaitlyn Langlois Memorial Foundation. Taking care of myself is important, but when I can do that and also know that I am helping someone else at the same time



The Zumba ladies

it's bonus karma. Skin, check! Next on my wellness crusade. Body.

At Auburn High School, in the fitness room on Thursday nights from 5 to 6, is a zesty Zumba class that I really wanted to try. I just always let other things get in the way.

Not this week!

It was time for me to go and shake what my mama gave me. Amy Palumbo-LeClaire was the instructor and she was so excited to start class. She gave me energy with her attitude, her dance moves, and her pure passion for what she does. I went in expecting to trip over myself and look a fool. But I did pretty well! The dance moves were easy to follow. I worked up quite a sweat, and I felt great during and after. I really needed a kick in the butt to get my body moving.

I have had trouble getting back into exercise after the week of finals. I was cold, miserable, stressed, and angry. My mood was all over the place, and sometimes you just need to be with people who can help you get back into the groove. Going into this class and seeing other women just like me really helped. I have continued to exercise after this class. I don't need to tell you how important exercise is. You know how important it is. Sometimes we just need a little help getting started and staying consistent. Body, check! Now my hair...and yes, this was an important one.

It had been a long time since I had my hair done correctly. I have those really annoying shiny gray hairs. The ones that look like Christmas tinsel. I tried dying them myself, but it wouldn't last more than a week. I had not had my hair cut in so long that my roots to tips were just a mess. I had grown depressed over my hair and

just kept it tied up constantly. This caused headaches, and my hair was also falling out more because of the strain of elastic. My scalp was killing me, and I just dealt with it because I thought it wasn't important.

I am important.

I am important to my family, to my friends, to my job, to my school, and to the community. I am important because I say I am important. I say this because maybe I will start to believe it and take better care of myself. I don't want to take my hair for granted because there are so many women out there that lose their hair for serious medical reasons. I should not take what I have for granted and I should realize that taking care of myself includes my outer appearance.

I was scared that I would be judged in a salon. I was worried they would make fun of my hot mess, or yell at me for doing the box colors, or even scold me for not coming in sooner. I chose my salon carefully and I scheduled an appointment. I had been talking to the owner Deanna Mills of Jen's Untamed Salon and Spa, and she was very passionate about the new building and how everything she is doing is in memory of her daughter Jen. Jen left behind two children, a husband, and her loving mother. I can't do much to mend their hearts, but I can always stay in touch and try my best to get their story out there. I was also talking with hair stylist Jessica Guertin on and off. I felt very comfortable talking with her, and she is just so kind and welcoming that I thought I would just go ahead and ask her for a cut and color. No judgements, no scolding, nothing but understanding and willingness to help.

Guertin matched my hair color and brought back my red



Me, under the spa treatment

tints that I used to have when I was a teenager. She glazed my hair, and made it strong and so shiny! With the cut, she added some layers, and made it so light and movable that I truly felt like a brand new person. Touching my hair and not having a ton of strands fall out between my finger tips was amazing. Feeling the silk, and health of my hair made me remember that I am a beautiful and healthy woman, and I need to stop thinking that I am just a mother, worker, student, housekeeper, and cook. I am first and foremost a woman, and to keep those other titles I need to take care of myself.

Then I realized I had not been setting the best example for my daughter Charlotte. She sees all of this, all of me, and that made me want to weep. She is worthy of self-care, and so am I. If I show her that taking care of yourself is just as important as taking care of others than maybe she will grow to be self-confident, self-assured, and have high self-esteem.

Take care of yourself, friends. Do not let your own mind tell you that you are not worth it. I am telling you that you are. Writing this has been my last wellness adventure of my week journey through self-care. I can share my thoughts and feelings, and hopefully it will reach someone who feels like I do. If you are reading this know that you are worth your own love and strength. Taking care of yourself means you are better equipped to take care of others. It is not selfish or unnecessary and do not let anyone, even yourself, tell you any different. Treat yourself like you treat others, with kindness and respect.

Tell yourself you are worth it, because I am, and if I am, then you are.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Favreau, 82



U X B R I D G E - Kenneth Favreau, 82, of Uxbridge passed away Friday Dec. 7, 2018 in Milford Regional Medical Center, Milford. He was the husband of Mary A. (Andreasen) Favreau.

Mr. Favreau was an accountant and Vice-President Controller at ITT Surprenant Wire and Cable in Clinton, MA for 22 years before retiring. He and his wife, Mary owned and operated the former Stanley Gardner Florist in Mendon.

He was born November 27, 1936 in Providence, Rhode Island the son of the late Leo and Marie (Fortin) Favreau and was a graduate of Moses Brown Academy High School in Providence, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Bryant University, and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Favreau was a third degree Knight and member of the Dillon Council, No. Providence, Knights of Columbus. In earlier years, he enjoyed bowling and gardening.

In addition to his wife Mary of 56 years, he is survived by his children, Scott M. Favreau and his wife Deborah of Wrentham, Steven K. Favreau of Boston and his fiancé Dennis Wyrzykowski, Nicole M. Farhadi and her husband Darvin of Plymouth, Michelle L. Grant and her husband Craig of Mendon and Robert A. Favreau and his wife Kristin Betti of Millville, and 10 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister Shirley L. Gervais.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday Dec. 12, 2018 at 11 AM in St. Mary's Church, 77 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA. Burial will be private.

There were no public viewing hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to a charity of one's choice.

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Paul J. Slavkovsky, 75

WHITINSVILLE- Paul J. Slavkovsky, 75, of Main St. died Fri. Nov. 30, 2018 at Brookside Rehab Center in Webster after an illness.

He is survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends, including Carol Marshall. Born in Czechoslovakia on Jan. 10, 1943, he was son of the late Gustav and Anna F. (Baca) Slavkovsky and lived in Whitinsville most of his life. He had lived 14 years in San Bruno California.

Mr. Slavkovsky worked 20 years as a Defense Contract Auditor for the Dept. of Defense. Previously he was a District Representative for Case Corp. He earned his BS in Economics at Worcester State University and served in the

US Marine Corps during the Vietnam era. He was a member of the American Legion Post 414 and the Marine Corps League Post 911 both in Sutton.

His Funeral Mass was held Sat. Dec. 8, at 10:30 am in St. Patrick's Church, 1 Cross St. Whitinsville. Burial followed in St. Denis Cemetery Manchaug St., Douglas. There were calling hours. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com



James H. Morrissette, 68



NORTHBRIDGE- James H. Morrissette, 68, of Gendron St. passed away Sat. Dec. 8, 2018 at UMASS Hospital in Worcester after an illness with his loving family by his side.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years Patricia J. (Gendron) Morrissette; a son Jared J. Morrissette of Whitinsville; a daughter Jennifer Kreuzinger and her husband Craig of Whitinsville; 3 granddaughters Brooke Morrissette, Paige Morrissette, and Bella Kreuzinger; a brother Paul J. Morrissette of Whitinsville; 3 sisters Linda A. Walsh of Spencer, Paula A. Smith of Worcester, and Joanne M. Niejadlik of Sutton; nieces, nephews, and many good friends. Born in Whitinsville, on May 22, 1950 he was son of the late Homer J. and Alice A. (LaFlamme) Morrissette and lived here all his life.

Jim owned and operated Jim Morrissette's Oil Burner Service Inc. since 1992. Previously he worked for Plummer's Oil, McCarthy Pools, and the Town of Northbridge Highway Dept. Educated at Worcester Boy's Trade High School, he was a jack of all trades. He loved landscaping in his yard, making furniture and bowls in his wood shop, and running his heavy equipment, which he called "playing

in the dirt". He was a member of the Rockdale Pitch League and loved baseball...Go Sox! He was a big fan of Judge Judy, the Andy Griffith Show and Forrest Gump. Jim also had a passion for cars, including his 1934 Ford, 2000 Monte Carlo, and 1986 corvette. Jim is also known in the classic car community for his 1972 Pro Street Nova, which he showed at the World of Wheels and Mohegan Sun Casino Auto Shows and won many awards. He sponsored a couple of race cars at Thompson Speedway and was a member of the pit crew. He loved his family trips to Siesta Key, FL as well as to River Ranch. He was a member of St. Peter's Church.

Family was everything to Jim. His children and grandchildren were his entire world. He will be remembered as a man with deep love and devotion for his family and he could not be more proud. To his friends, the most honest and straight shooting man.

His private family graveside funeral service will be held Friday, Dec. 14, at 11 am in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Providence Rd. (Rt. 122) Whitinsville. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 West 44th St. Suite 609 NY, NY, 10036. www.bcrf.org To leave a condolence message for the family please visit <http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

James R. Soares, 58

DUDLEY- James R. Soares age 58 died Tuesday, December 4, 2018. He leaves his wife Julie E. (Norton) Soares. Jim leaves a son, Scott Tirrell and a daughter Jacqueline Chandy. He also leaves a step-son Nicholas Almond of Lincoln, RI a step-daughter Cassandra Beaugard and her husband Edward of Bellingham and three grandchildren, Victoria Almond and Hailey Lucas. James also leaves brothers, Jose of Milford, Manuel of Whitinsville and John of Framingham, sisters, Valademira Pimentel of Fall River, Angie Ferreira of Northbridge, Aldina Newcomer of NC and Tina Smyth of CA. He was born in Calheta, Portugal son of the late Naul Doares and Maria (Muniz) Soares and lived in Dudley for the past eleven years

prior to that living in Charlton. James formerly worked for General Dynamics as a Logistical Engineer. He was a member of the Army National Guard. One of his joys was his Harley. Calling hours at the Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA were Thursday Dec. 13, 2018. from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm with a graveside service with military honors at 1 pm, Corbin Cemetery, Dudley. Please omit flowers and donations may be made in his memory to the Webster, Dudley Veteran Council, Webster, MA. Burial with military honors will be private for the family in Corbin Cemetery. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Annie Mae Beaugard Whitcomb, 101

NORTHBRIDGE- Annie Mae (Lawrence) Beaugard Whitcomb, 101, of Taft St., passed away Mon. Dec. 3, 2018 after a brief illness.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years Edward W. Whitcomb; a son Edward J. Beaugard of Northbridge; 2 grandsons Scott Beaugard and Steven Beaugard both of Northbridge; a brother Arthur Lawrence of Northbridge and many nephews and nieces. Her first husband Clarence L. Beaugard died in 1963. She was predeceased by her daughter Ann Marie Menard; 2 grandchildren, Lisa Menard, and Mark Menard; as well as 6 brothers.

Born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada on May 12, 1917 she was the daughter of James and Maria (Pottie) Lawrence and emigrated to the United States when she was 6 years old. She

lived in Northbridge most of her life.

Mrs. Whitcomb worked at the former Kupfer Brothers Co. and Paul Whittin Manufacturing Co. in Northbridge. She was educated in St. Peter's School and the Northbridge Public School system.

Annie enjoyed taking bus trips with her husband over the years. She was a member of St. Peter's Church and their St. Anne Society.

Her funeral Mass was held Fri. Dec. 7, 2018 at 11 am in St. Peter's Church, 39 Church Ave. Northbridge. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery. There were no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Box 1000, Dept. 142 Memphis TN 38148-0142. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

Keith C. Dupras, 52



WEBSTER- Keith C. Dupras, 52, transcended peacefully on Dec 4th, 2018 at UMass -Lake Ave, Worcester with his family by his side.

He leaves his wife, Jodi Kubilis Dupras of Little River, SC. A son, Matthew Dupras and only beloved grandson Benjamin Dupras, both of Webster. Mother, Edna LaPan of Millbury, sisters Cheryl Belanger of Millbury, Linda Luks and husband Joe of Auburn, Melissa and husband Don Hermans of Grafton, Sharon Spatol of Webster, one stepsister and three stepbrothers. Many nieces, nephews, and was predeceased by his father Edward Dupras, stepfather Richard LaPan, brother Steven Dupras and sister Christine Geer.

He was employed over 35 years as an expert in his trade at canvas fabrication and stitching. Most recently employed with Zmetra Clear Span Structures, aka Tents for Rent in Webster in a supervisory role.

His favorite thing to do was spend quality time with his grandson. He enjoyed playing the lottery, NASCAR, fishing, camping, and visiting the White Mountains in NH.

A memorial service will be held at Millbury Baptist church, 17 N Main St, Millbury, MA on Sat Dec 22, 2018 at 2PM. Immediately followed by a celebration of life in the church hall. The family welcomes you to join them. In lieu of flowers,

they also request a donation to cancer research in his name and honor. www.bartelfuneralhome.com for Keith's condolence book

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Now that you know the areas to avoid, start looking for opportunities to add color, texture and a bit of bird and butterfly appeal to your landscape. Identify areas in need of seasonal color, winter interest or screening to mask bad views.

Tuck fall blooming annuals among other plants to provide instant color for your fall - and where weather permits - winter garden. Hardy pansies provide nectar for late season pollinators and many will survive even colder winters and return next spring. Dianthus, stock, snapdragons and sweet alyssum also thrive in the cooler weather. Add these to containers or use them to fill voids in the garden.

Add perennial flowers for multiple years of beauty. Consider those with several seasons of beauty and nice foliage all season long. Look for features like long bloom time, attractive seedpods and fall color. Walker's Low catmint, threadleaf coreopsis, and Rozanne geranium are a few examples of long blooming, low maintenance plants. End the growing season with flowers like goldenrod, mums and asters or colorful foliage like perennial geraniums, hosta and amsonia. Include some ornamental grasses such as switchgrass and prairie drop seed that add motion and texture to the garden all year round.

Include trees and shrubs to provide year-round structure in the garden. Look for those with colorful or interesting bark like red twig dogwoods, paper bark maple and Heptacodium that provide year-round interest. Look for

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flowering plants like viburnums, St. John's wort, summersweet and repeat blooming lilacs. Set the fall landscape ablaze with chokeberries, witch hazel and maples. And brighten up the winter landscape with holly and winterberry or the interesting form of Harry Lauder's walking stick, redbud and weeping trees.

Once the plants are in the ground be sure to provide a bit of tender loving care. Water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Spread a layer of shredded

leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips over the soil surface to conserve moisture, suppress weeds and keep the roots cool and moist. Keep mulch off the crowns of plants and trunks of trees.

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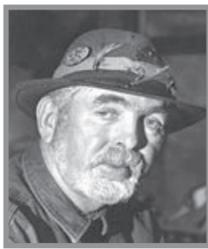


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The shotgun season ended this past Saturday for Massachusetts deer hunters, but there is still time to harvest some venison during the primitive arms season which opened this past Monday. The season will end on Dec. 31. Deer hunters are hoping for a few inches of snow for tracking deer during the last segment of the primitive arms season.

This week's pictures show Ralph Godin with the first buck of his life, although he has harvested numerous other deer over the years.

The second picture shows a very happy deer hunter with a magnificent buck taken locally.

This year has had deer hunters take 200 pound deer that had some very magnificent antlers. Although there were very few acorns for the deer to feed on, most were in good health and were doing well on grass and other browse available to them in the woods. Fortunately, no serious accidents were reported. Hunting has become a very safe sport for deer hunters after the regulation of wearing blaze orange for deer hunters was passed!

The news of a dog being found shot in the woods, was an act that is outrageous, and needs to have the person held responsible and prosecuted. There is always one idiot that makes the sport of hunting look bad. The owners of the dog also need to have some sense of guilt after they allowed their family pet to roam free during the hunting season or at any time of the year. Most towns have a law that requires dog owners to keep their pets under their control at all times. There is also a state law that requires dog owners to keep their dogs from running free. As the owner of two dogs, I need to have them under my control at all times. They are like family, and allowing them to roam free could have them being hit by cars, or meet some other form of dangerous incident that could cost them their life. The family must be heart broken and I feel their pain!!

The cold weather predicted this week could have some ponds safe for ice fish-



Ralph Geddes with the first buck he's managed, despite years of hunting. He has a bevy of does to his credit, but this is his first buck.

ing, but extreme caution needs to be practiced on first ice as I mentioned in last week's column. Ice fishing with a jig stick is this writer's favorite method of fishing. It requires cutting a lot of holes, but when a school of yellow perch are found the action can be fast. Using a Swedish pimple lure with a single hook baited with a piece of garden worm is usually the best way to catch the first perch. Removing the eye from the perch, and attaching it to your hook is the best method to catch numerous perch and other fresh water fish. During a feeding frenzy pickerel, bass, and other fresh water fish are often caught and need to be retrieved slowly to avoid breaking the line. Numerous 4 lb. bass have been caught by anglers using jig sticks. A few years ago an ice fishing angler caught a large pike on a jig stick at Manchaug Pond which required some tricky maneuvering to get the huge fish thru the hole.

Next week we will discuss some of my favorite fishing spots, and the methods that I use to catch numerous species of fresh water fish through the ice. My first catch of yellow perch often has my wife cooking them the next day. An order of shrimp fried rice and vegetable chow mein from the Food Works Chinese Restaurant in North Uxbridge makes for a great meal with the pan fried perch.

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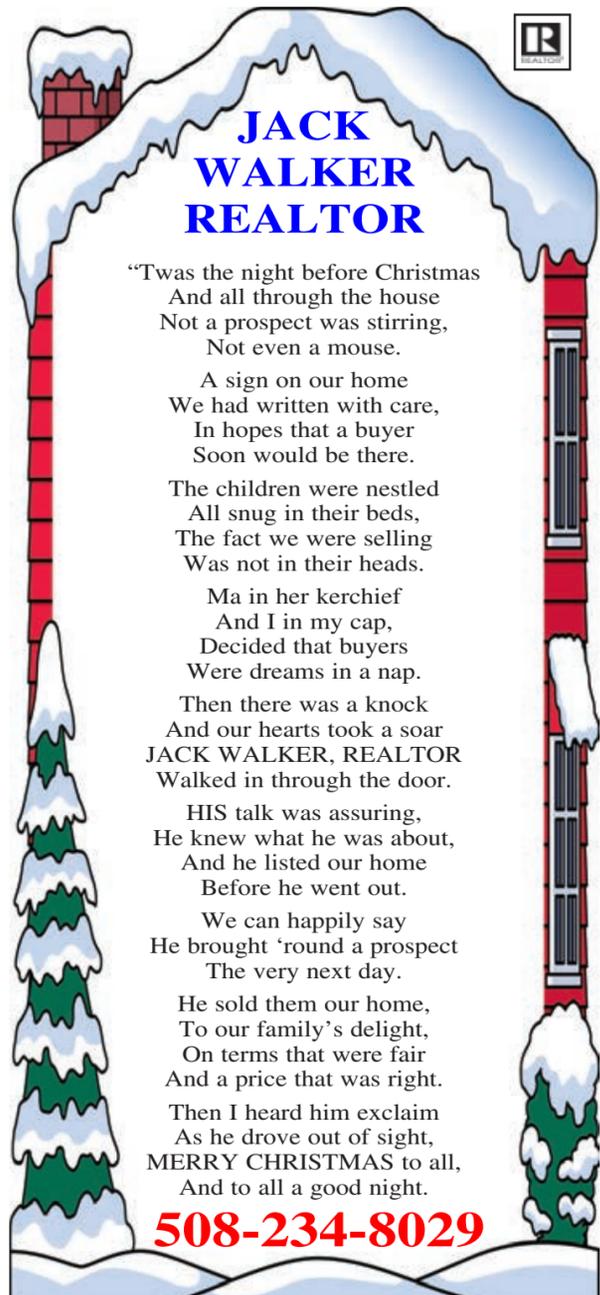
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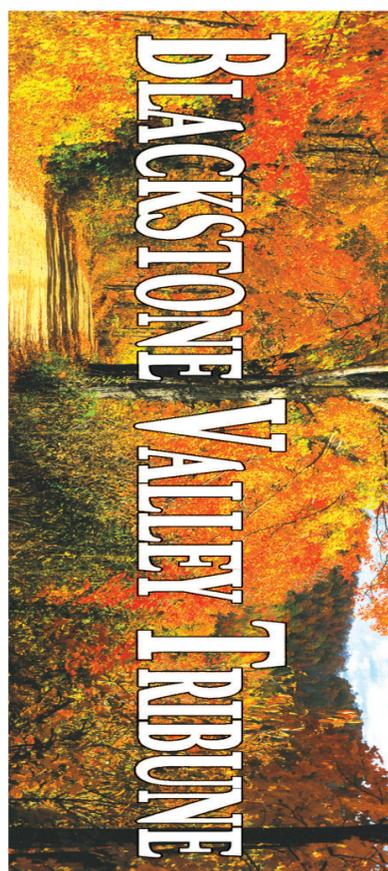
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WEBSTER - 35 Spring St! 5 Rm Ranch on Quiet Side Street! Walk into the 3 Seasons Rm w/Tile Flr, Ceiling Fan & Slider to Deck! Cabinet Packed Eat-In Kit! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms! Finished Lower Level w/Tile Flr, 10' Bar w/Drop Lights! Vinyl Siding! Replacement Windows! **\$249,900.00**

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THOMPSON - 48 Smith St! 2 Family! 3/8 Rooms! 1/4 Bedrooms! 1/1 Baths! Major Rehab 2005 - Roof, Gutter & Downspouts, Vinyl Siding, Windows, Entry Doors! 2018 Electric Heat Conversion! Gas Hot Water! Off Street Parking! Garage! Town Services! **\$139,900.00**

WEBSTER - 5 Chestnut St! 6 Rm Ranch, 3 Bdrms, Remodeled Bath, Finished Lower Level! Corner Lot! Frp! Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Hrdwd Flr, French Drs to 16x24 Deck! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Remodeled Kit w/Cherry Cabinets & SS Appliances! Solar Hot Water! 1 Yr Old Roof! A/V Pool! Shed! **\$269,900.00**

AUBURN - 9 Lorna Dr! 2680' Split Entry! Applianced Oak Eat-In Isl Kit w/Corian Counters! Spacious Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Sun Rm Cathedral to Trex Deck! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Frp! Fam Rm! 2 Full Baths! 4th Bdrm/Office! Laundry! C/Air & Vac! Professionally Landscaped, .46 Acre Lot! 2 Car Garage! **\$389,900.00**

WEBSTER - 21 Spring St! 6 Rm Ranch! Eat-in Applianced Kit w/Mahogany Cabinets & Tile Flr! Liv Rm w/Carpet over Hrdwd! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Master w/Walk-in Closet! Full Tile Bath! 14'x40' Fam/Game Rm! 2nd Bathrm w/Laundry! Workshop! Utility Rm! 2 Z Oil Heat! C/Air! 2 Car Garage! Porch! Don't Miss Out! **\$219,900.00**

DUDLEY - 13 Pineview Rd! 7 Rm Colonial! Tiled Foyer! Kit w/Din Area & Slider to Composite Deck! Din Rm! Liv Rm! Den! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/Carpeted Bdrms & Full Hall Bath! Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! Finished Lower Level w/Gas Frpl! Poles! Fire Pit! Roof 2017! Attached 2 Car Garage! Town Services! **\$359,900.00**

DUDLEY - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Bath! 1 Acre! Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrdwds! Thruought! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/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**

SUTTON - 30 Jones Rd! 9 Room 2,156' Colonial! 5.31 Acres of Privacy! Long Circular Drive! New Granite Kitchen! Dining, Living & Fireplace Family Rooms w/Hardwood Floors! Year Round Sunroom w/2 Skylights! 3 Bedrooms! 2 1/2 Master w/Master Bath! 2.5 Bathrooms Total! 12x24 3 Season Porch w/3 Skylights! Expandable Attic! Wraparound Deck! 2 Car Garage! Central Air! Generator! Super Easy Access to Rte 146! **\$464,900.00**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 54 West Pt Rd! North Pond - Killdeer Isl - West Expo - Beautiful Lake Views & Sunsets! 2002 Built 6+ Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home or Yr Rd Living! Applianced Kit w/Center Isl! Lake Facing Din Rm w/Panoramic Water Views & Recent Wood Frp! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/LP Gas Frpl, Recent Wood Frp & French Door to Deck! 1st Flr Laundry & Hall Bath! 2nd Flr w/3 Spacious Bdrms! Lake Facing Master Suite w/Fantastic Lake Views, Frpl, French Dr to its Deck, Dressing Office Area & Full Bath w/Whirlpool Tub! A 2nd Full Bath off the Hall! Huge Lake Facing Walk-out Lower Level w/Gas Stove & Slider to Stone Patio is Ready for "Finishing"! Additional Lakeside Deck! Dock! **\$559,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 15 South Point Rd! Waterfront Lot! Middle Pond - Panoramic Views! Conservation Approved! Built 2015! Lake New! Open Fr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frpl, Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fan! Living Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrdwds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrdwds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrdwds & Dble Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x6/2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! **\$789,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 882 School St! Conveniently Located! Charming 8 Rm Colonial w/ Natural Woodwork! Eat-in Applianced Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Hardwoods! Fireplace Living Rm w/Hardwoods! 2 Bathrooms! Detached Garage! Cosmetics & Updating Needed! **\$141,900.00**

DUDLEY - 9 Progress Ave! 6 Rm Cape! Move In Ready! Applianced Eat-In Kit! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrdwds! In-Fr Master w/Hrdwds & 2 Dble Closets & Ceiling Fan! 3 Season Porch! 1/2 Bath w/Laundry! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Hrdwds & a Full Bath! Rooms 2013! Town Services! Quick Close Possible! **\$239,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frpl Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frpl'd Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 209 Beacon Park! 1280' Townhouse! 5 Rooms! Spectacular Sandy Beach! Fantastic Lakeside Pool! Applianced Kitchen! Carpeted Dining Rm & Fireplace Living Rooms! 2 Spacious Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Updated Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage! **\$239,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 130 Killdeer Island - North Pond! West Expo - Beautiful Sunsets! 6 Rm 3 Season Home! Add Heat & Use Fr Room! Great Potential! 4 Bdrms w/Hrdwds, 2 Lake Facing! Frpl Liv Rm w/Lake Views! Spacious Kit & Dining Area! 2 Baths! 55' of Sandy Beach! **\$475,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 7 Point Pleasant Ave! Panoramic Lake Views! Eastern Expo! Super Sunrises! 9,000' Level! Lot! 2,300' Custom Contemp Colonial! Built 2015! Lake New! Open Fr Plan! Custom Granite Kit w/Island, Stainless Appliances, Gas Range, Soft Close Cabinets & Recessed Lights! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm, Stone Gas Frpl, Surrounded by Custom Cabinetry, Recessed Lights & Ceiling Fan! Living Area w/Custom Ceiling! Full Bath w/Granite Vanity & Custom Tile Shower! Laundry Rm! "Wood Look" Tile Floors throughout the First Floor! 2nd Flr Features 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Being Waterfront! Lake Facing Master w/Slider to Deck, Hrdwds, Recessed Lighting, Walk-in Closet & Bdrm Access! Lake Facing Bdrm w/Hrdwds, Dble Closet & Door to Deck! 3rd Bdrm w/Hrdwds & Dble Closet! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity & Tile Flr! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2x6/2 Story Detached Garage! Deck! Get Packing! **\$789,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 194 Killdeer Island! North Pond Views! Sandy Shore! 6 Rm Cape! Open Liv & Din Rm w/Newly Restored Fireplace! New Lake Facing Windows! 2 1st Flr Bdrms, 1 Lake Facing 3 Bdrms! 2 Updated Bathrooms! Huge Composite Deck w/Frpl Balis! Walk-out Lower Level to Courtyard! Garage Under! **\$559,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 12 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! 5 Rm Ranch! 80' Waterfront! Completely Remodeled! 10 Yrs Ago! Kraftmaid Cabinet Kit w/Island & Silstone Counters! Bamboo Wood Flrs Throughout! Open Fr Plan! Composite Deck! Lake Facing Master! 2 Bdrms! Full Bath! Fam Rm! **\$399,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 202 Killdeer Island Rd! Panoramic View of North Pond! Natural Sandy Shoreline! Complete Rebuild Since 2002! Custom Center Island Applianced Granite Kitchen w/Walk-in Pantry, Recessed Lighting, Hardwoods & 1/2 Bath! Open Floor Plan! Dining Rm w/Window Seat, 2 Closets & Hardwoods! 19'x19' Lake Facing Living Rm w/Hardwoods & 2 Sliders to Deck w/Recent Awning! Upstairs to 4 Bedrooms or 3 Plus Office! Lake Facing Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Walk-in Closet & Master Bath w/Tile Floor, Huge Corner Shower w/Sat, Double Linen Closet! Full Hall Bath! Halfway Laundry Closet! Lake Facing Living Rm w/Lower Level Family Room, 2 Sliders to Patio! Full Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! 4 Zone Heat & 2 Zone C/Air only 2 Years Old! Start Packing! **\$629,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 8 Reid Smith Cove Road! Panoramic Lake Views! West Expo! Super Sunsets! 5,698' Lot! Gently Sloping! 2,254' Custom Contemp Cape, Built 09 as 2nd Home! Lake New! Open Fr Plan! Spectacular Lake Facing Great Rm w/Tile Ceiling, Recessed Lights, Sliders to Trex Deck, Stone Gas Frpl, Surround Sound & Grooming Hrdwds! Granite Kit w/Is, SS Appliances, Soft Close Cabinets, Hrdwds & Recessed Lights! 1st Flr Master w/Tile Bath, Whirlpool Tub/Shower, Dble Sink & Linen Closet! Upstairs Sitting Area Overlooking Great Rm w/Lake Views! Hrdwd Hall to 2 Bdrms w/Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Full Bath & Linen Closet! Lower Level Walkout Fam Rm w/Tile Flr, 10' Ceilings, Recessed Lights, Ceiling Fans, Stone Gas Frpl, Surround Sound, Wet Bar & Slider! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Utility Rm w/Laundry & Storage! Nice Decks! Get Packing! **\$724,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 37 Bates Grove Rd! South Pond! As a Second Home, Getaway or Expand it into Your Dream Home - Have Possible Plans! 4 Rooms! Open Floor Plan! Applianced Kit! 2 Bedrooms! Bathroom! Covered Deck! Ideal Gradual Sloping Lot w/Panoramic Lake Views! **\$399,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 104 Treasure Island! 1,974' Townhouse! Oak Cabinet Kit w/Breakfast Counter! Formal Din Rm! Frpl Liv Rm! Screened Porch! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Bath! 2.5 Baths! 2nd Level w/2nd Master Bdrm & Bath! Recent C/Air! Attached Garage! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$324,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 905 Treasure Isl! WATERFRONT! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1,874' Hrdwds! SS Applianced Quartz Kit! Open Fr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Dble Vanity! 2.5 Bath! Frpl'd Fam Rm! Newer C/Air & Gas! Heat! Trex Deck! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$449,000.00**

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<p>WEBSTER - 12 ERNEST ST</p> <p>Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Ranch Style Home! 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! Curved brick walkway! Level lot in-ground pool, built-in hot tub, entertaining space w/ landscape w/Tile pit! Carport/pavilion for customizing! Separate wings for private family living & entertainment, BR suites, 10 rooms total! simply Amazing!</p> <p>\$329,900</p>	<p>WEBSTER - 20 NORTH MAIN ST</p> <p>2 Family - Spacious 3 bedrooms each apartment. Hardwoods, pocket doors, 10ft ceilings, New gas furnaces! Partially finished 3rd floor. 1st floor handicapped accessible. 2 car garage. All town services</p> <p>New Price \$189,900</p>	<p>LAND!</p> <p>WEBSTER/DOUGLAS BUILDABLE LOTS</p> <p>Douglas-Mount Daniels Lot #2-2.5 Acres of flat land that abuts Douglas State Forest</p> <p>\$132,900</p> <p>Webster Lake - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Buildable w/Town Water & Sewer.</p> <p>SORRY SOLD \$59,400</p> <p>Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer</p> <p>\$250,000</p> <p>Thompson - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view!</p> <p>\$99,900</p>	<p>DUDLEY - 12 ASH LANE</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>Meticulously maintained colonial home! Landscaped w/brick walk ways, water fountain/coy pond! In ground pool w/hot tub! Large kitchen, h/w flrs, Jenn-air stove, 2 Bosch ovens! Fireplace! 3 Bed, 3 baths, 1-1/2 bath! Lower level offers ample room, w/full bath, wired for surround sound inside & out! 2 Car Garage.</p> <p>Assisted Sale \$389,900</p>
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3:00 PM-DUDLEY
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TERMS: \$5,000 cash or certified check at the time and place of the sale. The balance to be paid within thirty (30) days at the law offices of Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851, Attorney for the Mortgagee.

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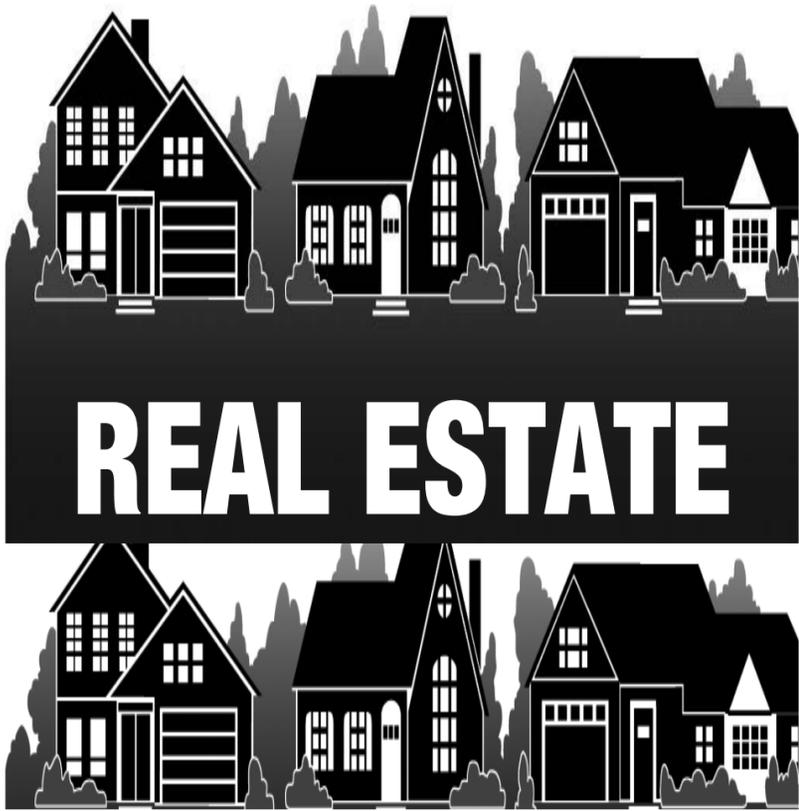
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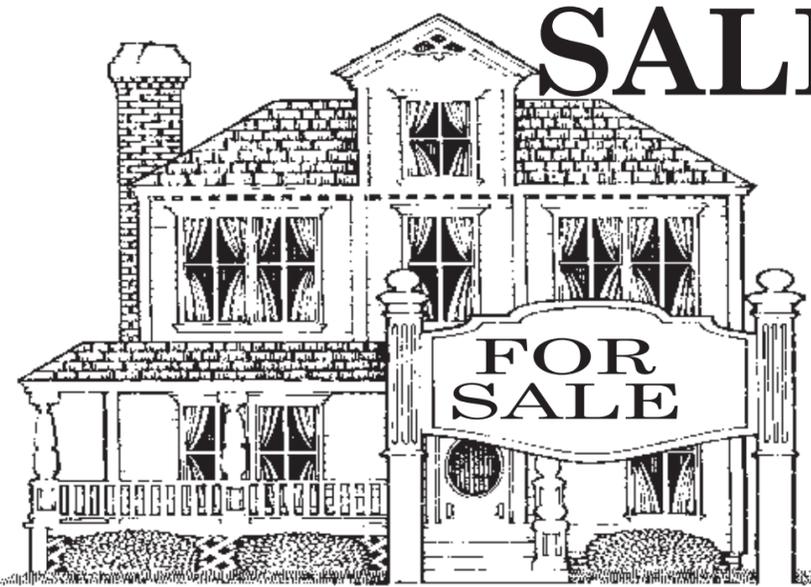


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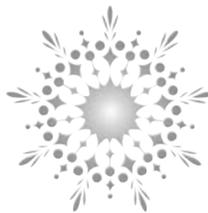
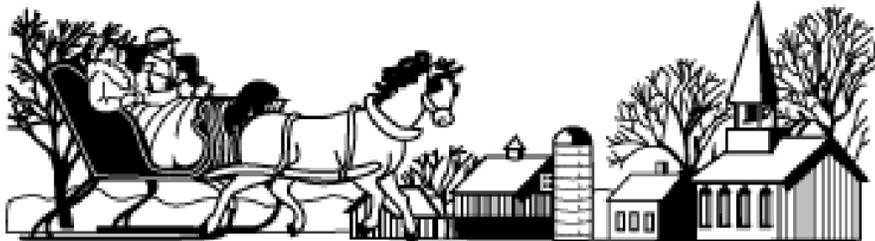
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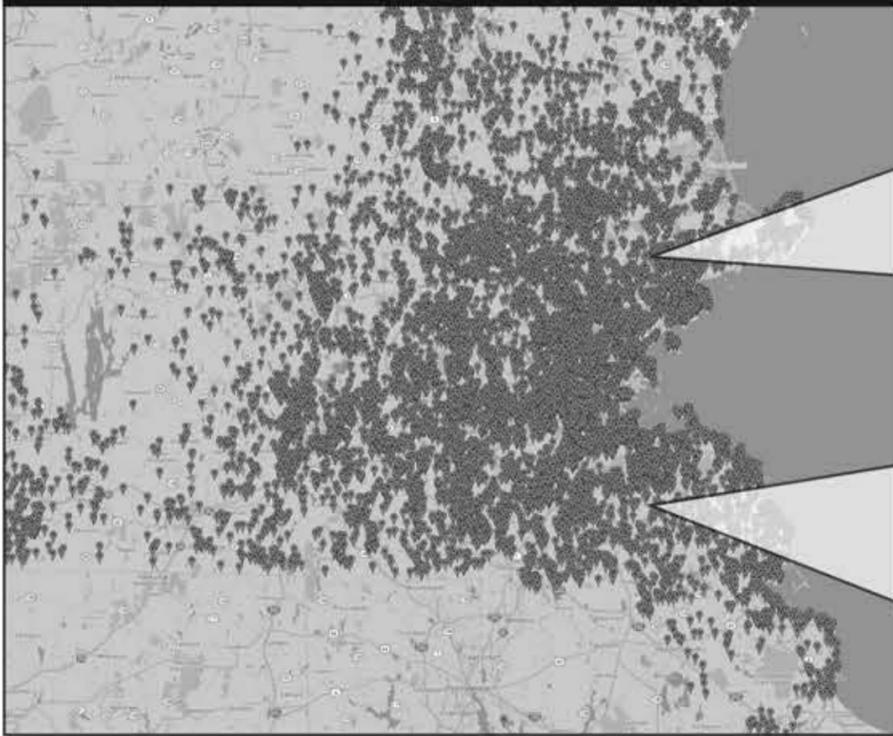
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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Sean P. Cole, A/K/A S. P. Cole to IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a federally chartered savings bank, dated September 4, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 31565, Page 377 as affected by a Judgment recorded on July 28, 2017 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 57493, Page 20, subsequently assigned to OneWest Bank, FSB by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as receiver for IndyMac Federal Bank, F.S.B., successor to IndyMac Bank, F.S.B. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45641, Page 344, subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by OneWest Bank, FSB by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51831, Page 129, subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56070, Page 39, subsequently assigned to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57337, Page 32 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on January 4, 2019 at 270 Blackstone Street, Uxbridge, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

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December 28, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lisa M. Mahoney a/k/a Lisa Mahoney and Craig F. Mahoney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated March 17, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 35945, Page 1, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP dated September 2, 2010 and recorded with said Registry on September 7, 2010 at Book 46273, Page 388 and by assignment from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper dated September 12, 2017 and recorded with said Registry on September 19, 2017 at Book 57752, Page 32, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on January 7, 2019, on the mortgaged premises located at 31 CLOVER HILL ROAD, NORTHBRIDGE, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land and buildings thereon in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the northerly side of Clover Hill Road, shown as Lot 32 on a plan entitled, "Clover Hill East, Definitive Plan of Land in Northbridge & Sutton, Mass.," scale 1" = 40', dated December 28, 1987, as revised, drawn by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., Engineering and Land Surveying, Whitinsville, Mass., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 619, Plan 122, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Clover Hill Road at the southeasterly corner of the herein described premises and at the southwesterly corner of Lot 33 as shown on said plan; Thence N. 81° 47' 14", by said Clover Hill Road, 95.32 feet to a point; Thence Northwest by said Clover Hill Road and by a curve to the left, the radius of whose arc is 545.00 feet, a distance of 55.77 feet to a point at Lot 31; Thence N. 08° 06' 05" E., by said Lot 31, a distance of 206.62 feet to a point at Lot 23; Thence S. 81° 53' 55" E., by said Lot 23, a distance of 151.00 feet to a point at Lot 33; Thence S. 08° 06' 05" W., by said Lot 33, a distance of 204.06 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 30,844 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan. For title reference see Deed of Laura J. Polymeros et ux to Craig F. Mahoney et ux dated February 2, 2004 and recorded in Book 32833, Page 254. For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32833, Page 254.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or

bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
D/B/A MR. COOPER
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201707-0266 - PRP
December 14, 2018
December 21, 2018
December 28, 2018

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Anita A. Thompson to Mortgage Financial Services, Inc., dated June 30, 1999 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 21567, Page 204 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on July 26, 2006 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 39444, Page 64 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on November 7, 2008 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 43489, Page 357 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on October 4, 2016 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 56079, Page 198, subsequently assigned to First Horizon Home Loans Corporation by Mortgage Financial Services, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 24241, Page 173, subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank by First Horizon Home Loans Corporation by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 29583, Page 357 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on December 28, 2018 at 13 Williamsburg Drive, Uxbridge, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

All the right title and interest as Lessee under the certain GROUND LEASE between Susan M. Gillespie, Trustee udt dated December 6, 1989, recorded with the Worcester Reigstry of Deeds in Book 12505, Page 182 and Colony Acres Development Corp. dated December 6, 1989 recorded with said deeds in Book 12505, Page 195, together with any and all other further or additional estate, right title or interest which may at any time be acquired by Mortgagor by the terms of said Lease, by reason of the exercise of options thereunder or by reason of amendment, modification, supplement, extension or renewals of said Lease (herein "Lease") in and to that certain lease area with the buildings now or hereinafter placed thereon located at Williamsburg Drive in Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as Lease Area 13 on the plan of land entitled "Lot 38A, Property of Williamsburg Homeowners Trust, Scale 40 ft. to an Inch, Date: 20 Sept. 1989, Rev. 3 Oct. 1989, 5 Dec. 1989, Easement and Lease Area Plan, Plan of Land in Uxbridge, MA", recorded at said deeds as Plan 102 in Plan Book 629. Meaning and intending to describe and convey the leasehold interest conveyed by instrument recorded at said deeds in Book 18937, Page 201.

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 fur-

ther 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.

MidFirst Bank
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-006001
December 7, 2018
December 14, 2018
December 21, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO18P3849EA**

**Estate of:
Nancy A Sullivan
Date Of Death: July 6, 2018
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mary M. Lynch of Uxbridge, MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Mary M. Lynch of Uxbridge, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

December 14, 2018

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
18 SM 004816
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:

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

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Northbridge, numbered 75 Wallen Way, given by Dawn Marie Mignault to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for 1-800-East-West Mortgage Company, dated April 21, 2009, recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44116, Page 43, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement, dated July 21, 2015, recorded at said Registry in Book 54147, Page 56, as further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement, dated August 28, 2017 recorded at said Registry in Book 57897, Page 7, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 7, 2019 or you may be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on November 21, 2018

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
December 14, 2018

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO18C0533CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:

Cassandra Ann Barron
A Petition to Change Name of Adult
 has been filed by **Cassandra Ann Barron of Uxbridge MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Cassandra Ann Mahoney-Barron
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/08/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 04, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman
 Register of Probate

December 14, 2018

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. 18P1620EA
Estate of:

Peter John Murphy
Date Of Death: 01/18/2018
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

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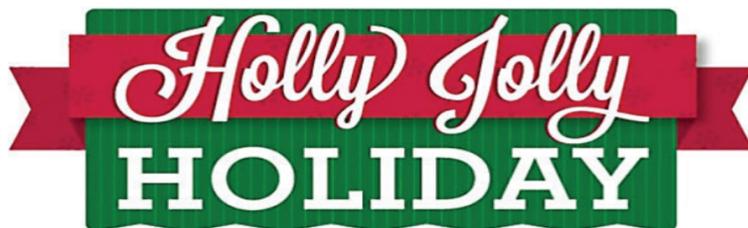


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HOLIDAY DRINKS

Warm up with a classic hot toddy this holiday season

Come the holiday season, hot toddies are ideal for entertaining, providing spirited fun and a means to chasing away the winter chill.

Hot toddies have been around for centuries. Usually a mix of a spirit — either whiskey, rum or brandy — hot water, honey and spices, some believe the word “toddy” comes from an Indian drink of the same name that is produced by fermenting the sap of palm trees. Other sources say the hot toddy was created by Dr. Robert Bentley Todd, an Irish physician who prescribed a drink made of brandy, white cinnamon, sugar syrup, and water. The drink was dubbed the “hot toddy.”

Hot drinks embellished with alcohol were long used for medicinal purposes. While alcoholic beverages are no longer used as medicine, hot toddies can still chase away a chill. “Grog” is another name given to hot alcoholic drinks, or any drink in which unmeasured amounts of spirits are mixed with other ingredients. Grog may also refer to a water-and-rum mixture that sea merchants once drank. The water kept the merchants hydrated, while the rum prevented the water from spoiling during voyages.

The classic hot toddy can be a versatile drink used to keep guests comfortable and cheerful. This warm libation is soothing and savory,



Soothe holiday visitors with a hot toddy. The combination of lemon, honey and whiskey makes hot toddies a comforting libation.

mixing citrus, honey and spices, which each have their various health benefits.

Although hot toddy recipes vary, the following is the recipe for a classic hot toddy, as culled

by recipes from Wine Enthusiast, Imbibe and PBS Food.

CLASSIC HOT TODDY

1 1/2 ounces bourbon,

whiskey or another brown liquor

1 tablespoon honey

1/2 ounce fresh lemon juice

1 cup boiling water

Cinnamon stick
Lemon wedge
Cloves or star anise

Combine liquor, lemon juice, honey, and boiling water together in a mug or Irish coffee glass. Push

cloves or star anise into the lemon wedge. Add the cinnamon stick and lemon wedge to the mug. Allow lemon and cinnamon stick to steep in the beverage for a few minutes. Stir and enjoy.

Sweet sangria adds fun to the festivities



with juice, spices and sweet liqueurs, such as brandy. Sangria is a punch that can be prepared in advance and served in a decorative bowl so guests can simply refill their drinks as needed.

Even though sangria is a summertime staple, simply adjusting the flavor profile can make this beverage perfect for any time of year. With this recipe for “Citrus Pomegranate Prosecco Punch,” courtesy of Ruffino wines, the drink takes on the familiar flavors of pomegranate and orange that tend to show up in the winter months. Plus, the sparkling prosecco gives it that light and fizzy feel that evokes a festive atmosphere.

CITRUS POMEGRANATE PROSECCO PUNCH

1/2 part orange juice
1/2 part pink grapefruit juice

1/4 part pomegranate juice

1 part Ruffino Prosecco, well chilled

Slices of assorted citrus and pomegranate seeds, to garnish

In a large pitcher or punch bowl with plenty of ice, combine the fruit juices. Pour the Ruffino Prosecco over top. Garnish generously with sliced citrus and pomegranate seeds. For best flavor, use freshly pressed juices as available. Ruffino Sparkling Rosé is a great choice for this recipe too. Make available coupe cocktail glasses for serving.

The holiday season is one of the most festive times of the year as social engagements fill up many people’s calendars. Seasoned hosts or hostesses often have a go-to list of foods and beverages available to ensure guests are treated to the best of the best.

One easy way to keep the beverages flowing is to have one or two signature drinks, such as sangria, at the ready that can be prepared in advance and then generously doled out as needed.

Sangria traces its origins to Spain. It is traditionally made with wine and chopped fruit. Since “sangria” is Spanish for “blood,” red wine is often the vintage of choice, though lighter wines can be used based on personal preference.

Sangria is often mixed

What to get the beer drinker on your holiday list



Craft beer enthusiasts who love to study how beer is made may appreciate a beer making kit. These kits typically are designed for novices, though shoppers also can find more advanced kits for beer lovers who have already begun to make their own ales, stouts and lagers. When shopping for a beer making kit, be sure to buy one that suits the space your loved has available. Some kits are ideal for apartments, while others require more space to set up.

• Magnetic bottle opener: Magnetic bottle openers save beer lovers the hassle of finding that ever-elusive bottle opener. Easily attached to the refrigerator, magnetic bottle openers can be customized with a loved one’s name and some even include a pocket that catches bottle caps as beers are opened. Small magnetic bottle openers make great stocking stuffers.

• Beer glasses: Though it might seem insignificant to non-beer drinkers, the glass in which beer is served goes a long way toward ensuring its flavor is fully enjoyed. Beer glasses are shaped differently for a reason, and craft brewers often give ample thought to the shape of the glasses their beers will be served in. Ensure your loved one is getting the most out of his or her favorite beer by purchasing a set of glasses from his or her favorite brewery.

Options abound when buying gifts for the beer drinker on your list this holiday season.

Craft beer is having its moment. According to the Brewers Association, the craft brewing industry experienced a 5 percent growth in 2017 and now accounts for more than 23 percent of the \$111.4 billion beer market in the United States.

Craft beer drinkers’ devotion to beer is perhaps only matched by their love of exploring new beers. The popularity of the geosocial networking service and mobile phone application Untappd, which allows its roughly seven million users to check in as they drink beers and share those check-ins with friends, is a testament to the passion many craft beer drinkers have for beer. Holiday shoppers with craft beer aficionados on their shopping

lists can consider these gift ideas when shopping for that loved one who loves nothing more than hoisting a pint.

• Pressurized growler: Craft breweries sell beer in cans and bottles, but many craft beer enthusiasts prefer to take their favorite ales home in growlers. Growlers are glass bottles, often gallon-sized, that contain beer poured directly from the tap. This may make the beer taste more fresh than it might out of cans or bottles, and it provides beer lovers with that unmistakable draft beer taste. Beer sold in traditional growlers may not stay fresh for more than a couple of days. But a pressurized growler can keep beer carbonated and fresh for weeks.

• Beer making kit:

HOLIDAY DRINKS

How to host a successful business dinner

Throughout the history of commerce, many a deal has been made at the dinner table. Business dinners are a great opportunity to lay a foundation for long, potentially lucrative professional relationships.

Etiquette is important when hosting business dinners, as a breach of decorum can derail a relationship before it even begins. Professionals tasked with hosting business dinners can take the following tips to heart before sitting down to break bread with their colleagues.

- Choose a restaurant that can cater to various diets. Hosting a business dinner can be similar to hosting family during the holiday season, when hosts must cater to guests with various food allergies and dietary restrictions. Asking for such information in advance of a business dinner may seem intrusive to guests, so try to find a restaurant that offers a flexible menu capable of accommodating vegetarians, vegans and guests who might be gluten-free. Avoid restaurants that specialize in styles of cuisine that might be unhealthy or so extraordinary that guests might be hesitant to order anything from the menu.

- Confirm the reservation. Make the reservation well in advance of the date of the dinner, and don't forget to confirm the reservation a week beforehand. Confirming a week beforehand gives hosts time to book another reservation should theirs have been canceled by mistake.

- Arrive at the restaurant before your guests. Hosts should arrive at the restaurant before their guests so they can address any potential issues in advance of the beginning of the

dinner. Arriving early gives hosts time to ensure the table set aside for their party is not in a heavily trafficked area of the restaurant, such as adjacent to the kitchen or restroom. Hosts who arrive later than their guests may also give guests the mistaken impression that they are unimportant.

- Let guests order first. Once everyone has sat down at the table, hosts should allow guests to order first. Doing so saves guests who don't want to eat that much the potential discomfort of sitting there while their hosts eat an appetizer and/or large entrée. If guests choose to abstain from alcohol, follow suit. If guests want to have a drink, hosts can limit their consumption to a single beverage.

- Don't eat too quickly or too slowly. Hosts should try to keep pace with their guests in regard to how quickly or slowly they eat. Guests might feel uncomfortable if they finish first or feel pressured to eat quickly if their hosts finish first.

- Pay in advance. Business dinner guests do not expect to pay for their meals. While it's widely accepted that hosts will pay, it can feel awkward to have the bill brought to the table. Upon arriving early, hosts can give their credit cards to the wait staff and ask that they be charged without having the bill brought to the table. If necessary, step away from the table during the meal to sign the bill and address any discrepancies.

Business dinners have sparked many successful professional relationships, often-times thanks to hosts who took the time to ensure the dinners went off without a hitch.



What are the differences between sparkling wines?



As midnight approaches on New Year's Eve, revelers anxiously anticipate toasting the arrival of a new year with a glass of something bubbly. Once the cork is popped and the drinks are poured, the party can truly begin. Although revelers may assume any fizzy beverage they are served is champagne, by the true definition of the word, they actually may be drinking something else — one of many varieties of sparkling wine.

TRUE CHAMPAGNE

Authentic champagne is named after Champagne, France, the region where the grapes used to make it are grown, fermented and bottled. According to European law, the only labels that are allowed to include

the grapes and how the grapes can be harvested and processed. Champagne is produced by méthode champenoise, a process that is said to have been invented by a monk named Dom Perignon. This procedure involves double fermentation in bottles and creates an earthy, yeasty flavor.

SPARKLING WINES

Champagne is sparkling wine, but not all sparkling wines are champagne. Other notable types of sparkling wine include Italian Prosecco and Spanish Cava. Sparkling wine is produced in regions of France as well as in the United States and Canada. But sparkling wine can be made just about anywhere grapes are grown. Sparkling wines are often double-fermented in steel containers instead of bottles.

People are drawn to other sparkling wines besides champagne for various reasons. For some, cost is a heavy consideration, as authentic champagne can be considerably more expensive than sparkling wine. In addition, some people find less expensive champagnes are not as palate-pleasing as sparkling wines.

Few things are more universally associated with celebrations than a bottle of bubbly. Subtle differences set sparkling wines apart from champagne, but personal preference is oftentimes the deciding factor when choosing which beverage to choose for a special occasion.

Wines to pair with your favorite foods

Pairing wines with your favorite foods can be intimidating. Professional and amateur sommeliers might know just the bottle to pair with that sizzling steak, but weekend warriors might not be so confident. The Food Network offers the following pairing tips to people looking for the right bottle to go with some popular foods.

- Steak: Cabernet Sauvignon is a red wine that's high in tannins. Novice wine drinkers might wonder why certain wines dye their mouth after drinking, and that's because of tannins. Steak softens the impact of tannins because of its fat content, making this an ideal pairing.

- Spaghetti and meatballs: Italian food and wine go hand-in-hand, and Chianti is a great wine to pair with spaghetti and meatballs. Chianti has a bold flavor, and the Food Network notes it has enough acidity to stand up to all the tomatoes and meat in spaghetti and meatballs.

- Indian cuisine: Fans of Indian cuisine no doubt like spicy foods, but that doesn't mean they wouldn't also enjoy some temporary relief from their fiery favorites. Rieslings, which tend to be low in alcohol content, are sweet white wines that can be just the thing to complement all that spiciness. The Food



Network notes that high-alcohol wines might make spicy Indian food feel even spicier, so if Riesling isn't your ideal wine, at least opt for another wine with a low ABV.

- Salmon: Seafood fans who love salmon might like it even more if they pair it with Pinot Noir. While many types of fish are best paired with white wine and Pinot Noir is a red, this pairing actually works well because the salmon stands up to the wine's bold flavor.

- Lamb: Red meat and red wine go great together, but different types of red meat pair better with different types of wine. Lamb and Bordeaux go great together because lamb has a gamey flavor that requires a rich, bold wine. Bordeaux fits that bill, allowing the rich, fatty lamb meat to absorb its tannins.

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