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#### Friday, April 30, 2021

## Grafton shares official election information

#### **BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI** TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

G R A F T O N — Misinformation regarding Grafton's annual election has been circulating, according to town officials, and the town has recently released a statement containing the accurate election dates and information.

"With the postponement of Grafton's Annual Election, the Town Clerk's Office is providing the official dates of upcoming election deadlines," the town released in a statement. "Incorrect information has been circulating, and in the interest of clarity, the Town Clerk has put together the following checklist of dates and times for the convenience of all residents."

The local annual election will be held on Saturday, May 22, with polls open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Precincts 1, 2, and 3 will vote at the Grafton Middle School located at 22 Providence Rd., the town released. Precincts 4 and 5 will vote at the Millbury Street Elementary School, located at 105 Millbury St. in Grafton.

The last day to register to vote in person for the local annual election is Wednesday, May 12. "You will be able to register at the Town Clerk's Office from 2 to 4 p.m. as well as from 7 to 8 p.m.," Grafton officials released.

Lastly, the final day to request a mail-in ballot is Tuesday, May 18, at 5 p.m.

Updated election information can be found on Grafton's town website, www.grafton-ma.gov, or by contacting the Town Clerk's office at clerks@grafton-ma.gov. Residents may also call the clerk's office at 508-839-5335 extension 1195.

In other news, the town's Board of Registrars and Town Clerk are seeking input from residents via a voter engagement survey.

"With Grafton's recent reception of the Senator Louis Bertonazzi Outstanding Voting Award, we want to keep the momentum going and hear your thoughts on town voting and increasing voter engagement," the town released in a separate statement.

The survey, which can be found online at the town's website, takes "a few minutes to fill out" and will be available through Friday, April 30.

"We want to hear from all of our residents, and we thank you for your input on this important topic."



Courtesy

#### **CLEANING UP**

Paige Foley wanted to do something for Earth Day, so she walked Route 122 in Uxbridge cleaning up trash along the roadside. She now hopes that the DOT will respond to her requests that the bags she filled be picked up.

## Uxbridge seeking mosquito control bids

#### BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — The town of Uxbridge is seeking bids for staffing and services for mosquito surveillance, control, and consulting on public education.

According to a recent statement, Uxbridge—

Sept. 30, pending approval of the town's request to the State's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for such extension," the town released.

od may be extended to

The vendor selected will also provide "assistance to the Uxbridge Board of Health, Department of The scope of

bid opening.

The scope of services is slated to include identifying areas previously surveyed for mosquitoes that represent a potential public health threat and other potential problem areas. Up to 30 locations for larval surveillance will be selected, as well as up to ten public and/ be in coordination with DPW and Conservation Commission officials and include conducting "larval source reduction in selected sites, including catch basins and storm drains."

The statement also discusses ongoing Arbovirus testing on a weekly basis for Eastern Equine

## MassDOT

through its town administration—hopes to contract with a vendor to provide surveillance, testing, and treatment of public and private properties, as allowed by property owners, for control of mosquito populations that pose a health hazard to the public from Monday, May 10, to Wednesday, June 30.

"This contract peri-

Public Works and other municipal agencies" for the implementation of mosquito control and consultation on public education.

Bids will be accepted at the Town Manager's office, 21 South Main in Uxbridge, until Monday, May 3, at 2 p.m. The town will award the bid within four working days after or private sites for placement of adult mosquito traps.

During the arboviral season, weekly surveillance for mosquito larvae will be conducted, as well as weekly adult mosquito trapping surveys using CDC light traps, dry ice traps, gravid traps and/or resting traps. Mosquito control will Encephalitis virus and West Nile Virus. Possible public locations for mosquito control include: multiple locations near the Uxbridge Police Station, Taft Elementary School, Whitin Middle School, Uxbridge High School, and more. A full list of potential sites can be found on the Uxbridge website, uxbridge-ma. gov.

## updates freeway exit numbers

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

REGION — The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is in the process of converting all exit numbers on freeways to a milepost-based numbering system, per a Federal Highway Administration requirement. And since the Fall of 2020, MassDOT has been completing construction to implement the milebased system.

"Currently, interstates and freeways in Massachusetts utilize a sequential exit numbering method," the town of Sutton released in a statement on its website.

There are several benefits to a milepost-based exit numbering system, according to Department of Transportation, including driver-friendly navigation, national uniformity, and more.

"This new system provides several advantages to the existing sequential numbering system," MassDOT released, adding that other advantages include: more accurate emergency response, improvement of reporting highway incidents, miles traveled can be calculated more easily, and more.

Also, it will be easier to add future exits without renumbering the entire corridor, the DOT added.

The project, which is estimated to cost \$2.8 million, will be paid for through Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds. HSIP funding carries a 90/10 split, which means that 90 percent of the project will be funded through federal funds and the remaining 10 percent will be funded through state highway funds, according to MassDOT.

"We anticipate only minimal impacts to traffic during construction. The public will be notified in advance of construction start and MassDOT will use electronic changeable message signs to alert motorists along the route of the pending changes," the department stated.

The requirement to use milepost-based exit numbers applies to "all highways with exits, such as Interstates and other freeways." In Massachusetts, all of these highways are owned by MassDOT.

As far as appearance, exit signage panels will remain the same.

"Just the numbers themselves will change," MassDOT stated. "Old Exit #' signs, which will have a yellow background with black lettering, will be installed at key locations for a minimum of 2 years."

Conversion of exit numbers began in the Fall of 2020. MassDOT added in its project information that businesses that "reference existing exit numbers in their advertising or marketing materials (i.e. flyers,

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## Bay State Trail Riders improve local trails



Bill Knott and Darlene Falcone at the West Hill Dam.

DOUGLAS — Bay State Trail Riders Association has been busy this year, with three workdays under their belt and a fourth one coming up on May 1 in Oxford.

Our first trail workday (April 3) was at DCR's Douglas State Forest. We had 16 volunteers including three that joined us from New Hampshire that put in a total of 56 hours. We cut and brushed back 1.1 miles of trail plus installed geo-textile material and pea stone on the two bridges going over Rocky Brook.

I would like to tell you a bit about the geo-textile material and pea stone being installed on trail bridges. Pressure treated lumber gets slippery in shaded areas on the trail. This is a real problem for horseback riders, and I did not think it was an issue with other trail users until I was chatting with a bunch of attendees at the Mass Trails Conference about four years ago. I had hikers and mountain bikers telling me that it was an issue for them too.

Courtesy

Long story short — after testing different

solutions, the best one was from one of our members. Using 16 oz. non-woven geo-textile laid out on the bridge first and putting a small layer of pea stone on top of that makes a natural surface that is non-slip, allows the water to drain through and is easy to pull up if the decking or the whole bridge needs to be replaced. The pea stone gets embedded into the geo-textile material and stays in place. The first test bridge up in Hubbardston done in 2017 is still working perfectly with no issues.

Our second trail workday (April 17) was at West Hill Dam in Oxford. With 10 volunteers, we headed out to the trails to do some cutting and brushing back, picking up any winter debris, and cleaned out all the water bars.

The water bars are installed to get water off the trail. You will see them on the sloped part of the trails. By getting the water off the trail, it does not run down it and further erode the trail. But they do require maintenance. Cleaning them out once a year seems to work pretty well.

April 19 saw five of us Turn To **TRAILS** page **A6** 



## **Baker administration opens** vaccinations to general public

#### **BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER**

REGION-People age 16 and older who live, work, or study in Massachusetts can now sign up to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

After months of prioritizing various groups within the state, officials opened vaccinations to the general public last week. Residents can preregister online to receive their vaccines at one of the state's mass vaccination sites, or they can sign up to schedule appointments at a regional collaborative location.

Also last week, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the expansion of preregistration services to include more regional collaborative sites. The state's preregistration portal also features new tools meant to streamline the booking process.

'The Amherst-Northampton and Marshfield regional collaboratives will be the first to come online, and more regional collaboratives are working with the Command Center and tech teams to ensure they meet the operational and technological requirements to be added to the preregistration system," read a statement released by Gov. Charlie Baker.

Next week, residents seeking to book appointments will have the opportunity to select their vaccination location before proceeding to select from available appointments. This will help cut down on travel times and enable residents to be vaccinated where they feel most comfortable, officials said.

To date, around 1.5 million people have preregistered for vaccinations using the state's system, with more than 800,000 having been contacted with the opportunity to book appointments.

State leaders are proud of the many improvements that have been made to the system since the chaotic launch of vaccinations this past winter. Back in January and February, long lines and frequent website issues deterred residents from signing up, but with each week the state continues to improve its efficiency and organization in the registration process.

Looking ahead, Baker's team has

pledged to keep finding ways to improve the system now that far more residents are able to register for their vaccinations

"We will continue to make improvements to the system in the weeks ahead, which will make the process even easier as more people become eligible,' Baker said.

State leaders remind residents that limited weekly vaccine allocations from federal officials may cause extended delays between registration and a person's actual scheduled vaccination. Several residents have had to wait multiple weeks after scheduling their vaccines online.

For the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, residents typically need to wait approximately two to three weeks between receiving the first and second doses of the vaccine. If you are vaccinated at a mass vaccine clinic, you will be scheduled for your second vaccine immediately after receiving the first dose.

To learn more about the registration and vaccination processes, visit www. mass.gov.



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#### Carissa Turenne inducted into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, La. – Carissa Turenne of Uxbridge was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Turenne was initiated at Framingham State University.

Turenne is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

#### More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder ber of FDIC, DIF, and the SUM network. Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit <u>www.phikappaphi.org</u>.

## Sutton native joins Country Bank



WARE — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving central and western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that Justin Roberts has joined the Marketing and Community Relations Team as the Vice President of Marketing.

Roberts, who resides in Wilbraham and grew up in Sutton, has a unique understanding of Country Bank's vast marketing area. Roberts' experience in strategic marketing spans over ten years in various industries. As a former small business owner, he also brings more than just his marketing savvy; he

brings real-life experience.

"I am excited to join the Country Bank team; having admired the brand for several years, I am looking forward to help activate the Bank's founding partnership of the Worcester Red Sox and promoting Country Bank's presence throughout the region," Roberts says.

In his previous positions, Roberts worked as the Development Officer at American International College (AIC) in the Office of Institutional Advancement. He also worked at MassLive Media, where he helped lead the Digital Marketing Strategy team to support local, regional and national clients. His entrepreneurial spirit recently led him to open his own marketing and community relations agency before joining the Country Bank team.

Roberts earned his Bachelor's and MBA from AIC in Marketing and is the founder of Suit Up Springfield. This non-profit organization provides professional attire and mentorship to the young men of Greater Springfield. He also serves as the Vice President of the Board for Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity. He has served on many non-profits, including AIC, the Wonderfund of Massachusetts, the Young Professionals Society of Greater Springfield, Rotary Club of Springfield, and Square One.

"We are thrilled to welcome Justin the Marketing and Community Relations team; his experience in

Marketing and digital strategies, combined with his extensive civic and community engagement, makes him a perfect fit for Country Bank," stated Miriam Siegel, First Senior Vice President of Human Resources. "We're proud of Justin's efforts within the communities we serve and look forward to his profound passion for community service while representing Country Bank. His overwhelming energy and creativity align and support our iSTEP-Corporate Values of Integrity, Service, Teamwork, Excellence, and Prosperity. We are pleased that he has chosen Country Bank to be hisEmployer of Choice."

Justin is a member of the New England Financial Marketing Association (NEFMA) and received the Game Changer award from the Center for Human Development for making a positive life-changing difference in the community. He enjoys golfing and spending his free time dabbling in gourmet cooking with his family.

About Country Bank

Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton, and Worcester. Country Bank is a mem-Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com

## Uxbridge library trustees name new Director

UXBRIDGE -– The trustees of the Uxbridge Free Public Library have named Christopher Powloka as the library's new Director. The announcement was made by Mark Francis, Chairman of the Board.

'We're delighted to have Chris step up to his new position," Mr. Francis said. "He brings with him a solid background and knowledge of our library, most recently acting as a technician specializing in the library's local his-tory collection since 2016. With a solid background in libraries and library science, Chris is well suited to take over the reins and lead our library well into the future."

#### Whitinsville resident named to Furman University Dean's List

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Naomi Ladine, daughter of Barbara and James Ladine of Whitinsville, was included on the dean's list for the 2020 fall semesterat Furman University. Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

Furman is a private, undergraduate liberal arts and sciences university of 2,700 students in Greenville, South Carolina. The university is noted for its rigorous academic program and strong faculty, and its 750-acre campus is widely recognized as one of the most beautiful in the nation.

At the heart of the university's academic experience is The Furman Advantage, a strategic plan that combines learning with immersive experiences outside the classroom, creating a personalized pathway that prepares students for lives of purpose, successful careers and community benefit. Learn more at www.furman.edu/furman-advantage/.



**Christopher Powloka** 



In his new position, Mr. Powloka will be in charge of the library's facilities, materials, services and programs that foster learning, while providing a welcoming environment for the community. Specific duties include planning and policy making, fiscal and property management, plus services, operations, and communications. He will supervise a staff of 11.

A 2012 graduate of Uxbridge High School, Mr.

Powloka received his undergraddegree uate Brandeis from University in Waltham, and his MLS (Masters Library Science) from Simmons University in Boston. He resides in Uxbridge.







Meet Bucky! This active boy is super sweet and ready to meet his people! Bucky is a social guy who loves to play, go for walks, and spend time relaxing with his people. Bucky loves every toy, and also enjoys playing with other dogs. He is a smart dog, and would be a star student in training! Bucky knows sit, down and stay, and cannot wait to continue to learn new tricks in his adoptive home! We think he would do well in a home with kids over 7. We are unsure how he would do with cats. If you think Bucky could be for you, please email adopt@baypathhumane.org today!

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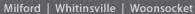
LENDER

Milford Federal Bank is proud to sponsor Baypath Humane Society's Pet of the Week! 

Bring your furry friend along on your next trip to MFB for a treat from our drive-up tellers, or stop in any branch and bring home a treat from our complimentary doggy treat bar.



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### Millbury Senior Center

SENIOR WORK - OFF PROGRAM For Eligible seniors, 60 or older that are residents of Millbury

Receive up to \$1,500 per year that can be used to pay real estate property tax

In return for voluntary service at a town department

For more information or to pick up an application please call the center at 508-865-9154

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES!!

EXERCISE CLASSES

- Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. -10:15 A.M.
- Classes are held inside with limited capacity

Reservations required, please call the center at 508-865-9154

WALKING CLUB - Starting on Tuesday, May 4th

Tuesdays at 8:30 A.M.

We will be walking around the garden This will be followed by coffee in the garden!

SOCIAL BINGO - Beginning on Wednesday, May 5th at 12:30 P.M. will be outside weather permitting

Bring your pennies! Registration required, Please call the center at 508-865-9154

The Millbury Senior Center

Announces.. SUMMER CONCERTS ARE BACK!

Thursday, June 17th, 6 - 7:15 P.M. Featuring Robert Black an ELVIS **IMPERSONATOR** 

Thursday, July 15th, 6-8 P.M. 4 Ever Fab "A Beatles Tribute Band"

Thursday, August 19th, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Eddie Forman Polka Band Orchestra

Concerts are sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council & Mike and Lucille Maguire

Hot dogs & drinks will be available for sale. These events will be held rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs!

Masks required along with social distancing!

Millbury Senior Center COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance

We will assist Millbury residents who are 65 and older schedule a vaccine appointment

The sites open are the larger ones the Governor has set in place.

As soon as a nearby site opens up we will call you

If you have a computer you can go on to the Mass.gov website and schedule an appointment

If you do not have access to a computer or require assistance, please call the center and leave your name and phone number 508-865-9154

Blood Pressure Clinic Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M. The Blood Pressure Clinic is held inside now

Come to front door and we will let escort you from there!

Masks required, along with social distancing!

Millburv Senior Center Transportation

Transportation is provided for Millbury Senior Residents

Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

We travel one town out in each direction including Sutton, Grafton, Auburn and Worcester

A 48 hour notice is required for sched-

uling rides (business days)

Rides are free until July 1st For more information or to schedule transportation call the center at 508-865-9154

Millbury Senior Center Food Pantry Our pantry is open for Millbury resi-

dents Monday through Friday 9 A.M to 1 P.M.

Please call ahead to place your order and pick up

508-865-9154

Millbury Friendly Visitor Program Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provided by telephone

Volunteers call clients to check in with them, chat and hear a friendly voice

For more information on coordinating a Friendly visitor

Call the center at 508-865-9154

#### "MEMORY CAFÉ"

Our Traveling Memory Café is visiting people monthly.

If you are interested in a visit (outside) please call Julieanne Fitzgerald at the senior center

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this program

For more information call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

#### "Grab & Go Meals"

Lunch meals will be available to be picked up daily at the front door, 11:30 A.M.

Menu is available on Town Website, www.townofmillbury.org

Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page

A 48 hour reservation is required

For more information or reservations call us at 508-865-9154

THE MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER IS ACCEPTING

#### NORTHBRIDGE Senior Center

Phone:

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Plummer Place bus continues to bring seniors to in town shopping, medical appointments or miscellaneous appointments. Please call the Center to book an appointment. We require 24 hours in advance notice for all trips.

Plummer Place is starting to bring back limited programs beginning the week of May 10th. You must call in

508-234-2002 for 5 weeks. \$10/class

Painting Class will be returning on Thursdays, 1-3:00pm starting May 13th.

New Class Beginning: "Life Training" with Meg LaChapelle. This unique class offers an introduction to wellness through journal prompts, communication, goal setting and other activities. She then implements a fitness segment to improve balance, coordination and strength through functional training. This is a 6 week class meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday, May 18th, 10:30-12:00. \$5/class.

SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)

- Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
- Call for an appointment & required documentation

508-865-9154

'This project has been funded at least

in part with Federal Funds from USDA. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

The SNAP Logo is a service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA does not endorse any goods, services or enterprises."

The Senior Center is still closed to the Public at this time...

While the building is not open to the public the Food Pantry at the Millbury Senior Center is available from 9am to 1pm Monday thru Friday by calling 508-865-9247 for an appointment our food pantry is fully stocked at this time tell us what you need and you can pick it up or we will deliver it.

We are still here to answer any questions you may have and we are available for your transportation to Doctors appointments or if you need to go to the drug store for your prescriptions, we will take you there. If you don't have a mask, we will give you one.

Also if you are in need of a home delivered meal give us a call and we will set you up to get one delivered to you.

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

## TRIBUNE Almanac

Real Estate -

#### **BLACKSTONE**

\$\$470,000, 3 Bellingham Rd, Altemus RET, and Altemus, Blair R, to Mcdonough, Brendan, and Mcdonough, Tracey A.

\$176,500, 17 Pinehurst Ave, Noble Florence M Est, and Noble, Roy A, to Cournoyer, Jeffrey.

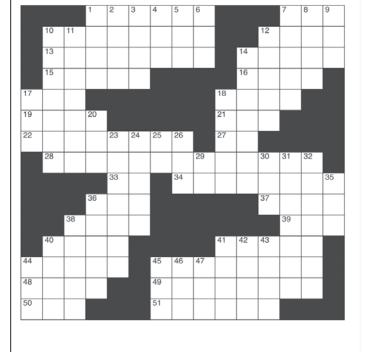
\$110,000, 13 Ethel St, Proulx Flore Est, and Corriveault, Nancy, to Provoyeur, Matthew, and Provoyeur, Paula.

#### DOUGLAS

\$455,000, 373 NW Main St, Cornerstone General Cont, to Davia, John C, and Davia, Janine M.

\$315,450, 51 Compass Point Dr #51, Northbrown LLC, to Pelletier, Scott, and Pelletier, Therese.

\$277,500, 12 Robin Dr #12, Julien,





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- 1. Switches 7. Legal financial term (abbr.) 10. Sweeties 12. Competition 13. Measures electrical resistance 38. The best pitchers 14. Psychotherapy researcher 15. Causes injury to 16. Open 17. Polish peninsula 18. Hebrew calendar month 19. Whale ship captain 21. Children's accessory
- 22. Unknown point
- 27. Exists
- 28. Extremely confident

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Partial
- 2. "Mad Men" leading man
- 3. The \_\_\_\_ of March
- 4. Healthy
- 5. Where golfers begin
- 6. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
- 7. Of the cheek
- 8. Injury reminder
- 9. Statesman Franklin
- 10. For an unknown reason
- 11. Brain parts
- 12. Islamic calendar month
- 14. Avenue where ad men work
- 17. Possesses
- 18. Accept 20. Stake
- 23. Former British PM May

- 33. Expression of disgust 34. The government has many 36. Small constellation 37. Northern Indian city 39. Naturally occurring solid 40. Apple computers 41. Portuguese city 44. Ancient Greek war dance 45. More reliable 48. Sailboat 49. Newspapers 50. Frequently flooded area
- 51. They dig for coal
- 24. US battleships circa 1939 25. Greek alphabet letter 26. When you hope to get there 29. Top lawyer
- 44. Sunscreen rating
- 45. Short-term memory
- 46. Japanese delicacy
  - 47. One point north of due east



Writing 5 Week Workshop, "From Projects to Publication" begins Wednesday April 28th 6:00-7:30pm. We will meet every other Wednesday. Instructor Diane Pollard. \$5/class.

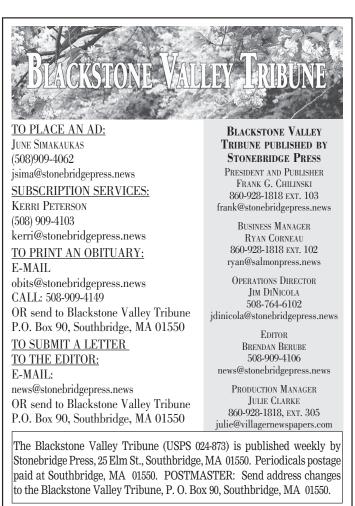
POKENO is returning every Tuesday at 1:00pm beginning May 11th with Elaine Inman calling.

Photography Class: Learn about digital photography both micro and macro with our returning instructor, Steve McGrath. Class will meet Fridays beginning May 7th, 10-11:30am and will run

Book Club will resume on May 12th at 10:30. We will meet outside on the patio, weather permitting. Our current book is "The Impossible Lives of Greta Wells" by Andrew Greer. New members are always welcome.

Join our Zoom exercise classes. Call Kelly at the Center to get the link.

Wednesday May 26th at 1:00pm, Howie Newman, entertainer will be at the Center to perform live music. Howie is back by popular demand, a great singer and storyteller. The concert will be held on the patio weather permitting, rain date to be decided if needed. You must sign up for this concert due to limited space.



Diana, to Rourke, Patricia.

\$107,000, Webster St #1, P Pension Plan& T, and Pollard, Frederick W, to Parslow, Keith R, and Parslow, Pamela J.

\$57,000, Makowski Dr, Campo, Arline A, to Terlizzi, Kara B, and Terlizzi, Anthony.

\$12,500, Maple St (NS), Zito, James A, and Zito, Leslie J, to Bay State Trl Riders Assn.

#### NORTHBRIDGE

\$575,000, 188 Clover Hill Rd, Wyant, Charles J, and Barron, Christine E, to Zayas, Pascale, and Zayas, Devon R.

\$520,000, 394 Olivia Dr, Gasco, Keith, and Gasco, Brittany, to Silva, Douglas D, and Soto, Sirlei N.

\$341,000, 2035 Quaker St, JEH RE Investment Co\_LLC, to Direnzo, Chester M, and Direnzo, Jennifer E.

\$275,000, 191 Swift Rd, Ratcliffe, Neal J, and Ratcliffe, Linda K, to Ducharme, Stephen M, and Ducharme, Paula M.

\$260,000, Arthur Dr #2, Chips Excavation LLC, to Reardon, Brad A, and Hovagimian, Michael M.

\$200,000, Genivieve Dr #52, Outlaw 2 LLC, to Skudera, Matthew W, and Skudera, Laura K.

\$140,000, Genivieve Dr #52, Koopman Lumber Co Inc, to Outlaw 2 LLC.

#### UXBRIDGE

\$457,500, 5 Tea Party Dr #5, Independence Uxbridge Rlt, to Shastri, Rakhi.

\$415,000, 59 Taft Hill Ln #59, Davia, John C, and Davia, Janine M, to Rogan, Timothy P, and Rogan, Denise M.

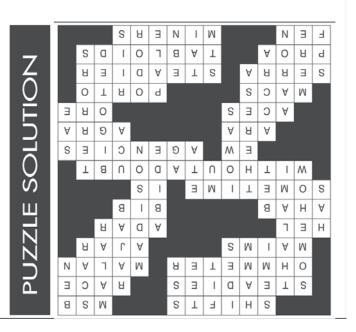
\$409,900, 17 Andrews Dr #17, Stewart, Harry C, and Pennell, Lynda, to Cucchi, Patricia A, and Cucchi, Richard A.

\$380,000, 20 Hyde Park Cir #20, Brown, Timothy J, to Richard, Felicia A, and Smith, Michael W.

\$340,000, 10 High St, Albertelli, Daniel J, to Drella, Alexander S, and Drella, Caroline K.

\$307,000, 256 Mendon St, On The Flip Side LLC, to Miller, Jacqueline M, and Mcdonough, Sean M.

\$260,000, 4 Strathmore Shire Dr #A, Becker, Jane, and Becker, Robert, to Silva, Adam.



30. Fiddler crabs 31. Intolerant 32. Persons that cause extreme fear 35. Car mechanics group 36. Capital of Ghana 38. Famed ballplayer Hank 40. Emphasizes insignificance 41. Light-colored 42. Distinctive smell 43. Muckraking journalist Jacob

## "The Organic Approach"

#### DONOVAN TALKS GARDENING WITHOUT TOXINS

#### BY GUS STEEVES

REGION — "Organic gardening is just what my grandparents knew as gardening," observed Kathleen Donovan as she began the fifth and final session in a five-library-sponsored series on backyard growing.

As that line suggests, her talk was specifically about "The Organic Approach" – gardening without toxic chemicals, fertilizers and other additives, which she described as "a philosophy of gardening that supports the health of the whole ecosystem."

"The most important thing you can do is take care of your soil ... before you have issues with it," she said. "... Wonderful soil doesn't need strong fertilizers," and when it's healthy "so much more goes on underground than above it."

That's because real soil is much more than just "dirt." It's a complex community of microbes, worms, insects, fungi and more that naturally cycles nutrients and water through whatever plants are growing there and the animals that depend on them. That requires variety in terms of species and root lengths; from an ecological point of view, the traditional suburban lawn is little more than greenish pavement.

By contrast, good soil is airy (allowing roots to penetrate it) with a significant amount of

humus (compost and other organic material). It has last year's leaves decaying into it, returning the nutrients the trees took up then, but Donovan noted to keep it healthy, you should remove infested and diseased plants in the fall.

Composting is a key to maintaining nutrient balance, and she said good compost is "one part green to two parts brown." the former come from materials that are high in nitrogen – things like manure, coffee grounds, grass, hay, vegetable scraps and eggshells (which are also high in calcium). The latter are generally moist and high in carbon – wood ash, leaves, newsprint, cardboard, peanut shells. corn stalks or straw.

Some of those things also affect soil pH levels, which can affect what plants can grow there. Higher pH (alkaline) soils favor plants like artichokes, broccoli and rhubarb, and can be created by adding limestone or hardwood ash. Lower pH (acidic) soils favor plants like blueberry, parsley and potato, and can be created by adding compost and peat moss.

"The better the quality of your soil, the more tolerant your plants will be to [changes in] pH level," because they have the nutrients to be healthy, Donovan noted.

When it comes to nutrients, the basic three are nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, but many plants also need tiny quantities of less common elements. Nitrogen "makes your plants grow green and grow big,' she said. Phosphorus "increases your rooting," while potassium "is good for flowering and fruiting."

High-nitrogen sources include manure, blood meal (she noted "vour animals feed your plants, and your plants feed your animals"), fish emulsion (her favorite), and meal from crab, feathers, alfalfa or soy. Phosphorus is common in soft-rock phosphate, bat guano (which is why the US once held an empire of many tiny Pacific islands nobody's ever lived on), and bone or fishbone meal. Potassium often comes from greensand, banana peels or hardwood ash.

Donovan noted one kev to fertilizing right is to put it around the plant, not in the hole you plant it in; the latter might burn the plant (that's particularly a risk with un-composted chicken manure).

If it becomes necessary to kill troublesome insects, weeds or fungi, there are various organic ways to do it, often using things we might even eat. For example, she gave an insecticide recipe calling for one clove garlic and one onion, both soaked in a quart of water. Wait an hour, then add a teaspoon cayenne pepper and a tablespoon liquid organic soap and spray it on the affected plants; it'll last a week in the

fridge. Another calls for two handfuls of dried hot peppers ground to powder plus a cup of diatomaceous earth added to two liters water. Let it sit overnight, then shake well before spraying.

Many recipes include liquid soap for two reasons - the saponins in it kill the insects, and the soap itself makes plants slippery and harder for insects to attack. Donovan, however, noted everyone has two built-in "organic insect killers" our hands.

It helps to clearly identify what the insect is, and which plants they're actually harming. Donovan recalled she once had an infestation of Colorado potato beetles. The tiny black and yellow striped beetles "lived on them and hosted there, but didn't kill the pota-toes," she said. "They went to [the potatoes'] cousins, the tomatillos and ground cherries, and feasted there."

That experience itself points to an alternative planting what's called a "trap crop" somewhere else on your property to draw troublesome insects (and sometimes hungry animals) away from the crops you want to protect. One attendee later

by accident. She found her resident groundhog liked the clover in her lawn so much, he ignored the fenced garden crops. Sometimes, pungent plants interspersed with your crops will drive insects away; marigolds often work well, for example.

It's a little easier to make organic fungicides. Again, liquid soap without bleach or degreasers is often a key ingredient, and she cited a simple recipe using 1 heaping tablespoon (or 4 teaspoons) of baking soda per gallon of water mixed with the soap.

complicated More are organic herbicides, because they're non-specific.

"They'll kill the plant you're trying to grow, so you have to be careful," Donovan said.

She gave a recipe that will "kill pretty much anything" – two cups table salt and eight drops liquid soap in a gallon of 5 percent acidity vinegar - but noted there are several organic herbicides on the market.

Often, though, the best weed removal practice is simply removing them physically. Uproot them by hand or with a couple useful tools – trowel, hori noted she'd done that hori knife and a scuffle hoe – but the key is to dig down far enough to get the whole root, since some go quite deep. Preventing them can be equally simple, using good mulch of straw or ground leaves (not grass, and not the colored decorative mulches) or companion planting with low-growing vines that have large leaves (pumpkins, for example).

Donovan also addressed "critter prevention." The most basic way is fencing, but that doesn't work well against some animals. Some will be scared off with predator urine, including fox, dog, coyote and humans; others by motion-activated sprinklers or windmoved whirligigs or even aluminum pie plates. For some tunnelling species, solar-powered vibrating stakes work well.

There's always a catch, of course: "If an animal is starving, he's probably going to breach whatever you put up," she noted.

In all of these cases, she added, "Know what you're treating before you try to treat it. ... Do a little research before you try to solve your problem."

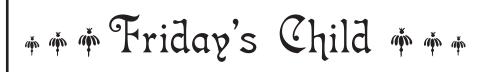
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## Annual church flea market returning May 22

MILLBURY — This year, the Millbury First Congregational Church at 148 West Main St. will hold the Annual Flea Market outside on Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please organize your treasures and Call Jeri Stead (508-865-5371) for a reservation. A reservation will be a 10 feet square plot on the lawn. You will need to provide your own tables, wearing a mask is required, six feet of physical distancing, and hand sanitizer needs to be available. A reservation will cost \$20.

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Shane Age 15

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## **OBITUARIES**

#### John R. Boucher, 73



NORTHBRIDGE-John R. Boucher, age 73, passed peacefully on Wednesday, April 21, while surrounded by his loving family. The son of Florian and Rita (Gagnon) Boucher, John was born February 22,

1948, in Northbridge. John was a hard worker, for many years he worked two full time jobs. He retired in 2000 from Bay State Abrasives, in Westborough. Previously he worked at Toys R Us, in Auburn and General Electric, in Ashland. While raising his family, John owned and operated his business, John's Trash Removal, in Northbridge, for more than 10 years. In his free time, he enjoyed working in his home woodshop creating toys for his children and grandchildren and household items. He and Irene enjoyed travelling together throughout the United States, Canada and the Carribbean.

John leaves his wife, Irene (Ruth) Boucher, of Whitinsville and his children Jon Boucher and his wife, Lisa,

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of Oakham; Justin Boucher and his wife Robin, of Rutland; Linda Ladroga and her husband John, of Holden; Lisa Kelly and her husband Ken, of Worcester; Jodi Dills, of Whitinsville; his sister Mary Daigle and her husband Bob, of Whitinsville, 2 step-daughters Kim and Lisa, and his "son" Peter and many grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. John is predeceased by his former wives Sharon and Ellen.

Friday, April 30, at 10AM in Saint and Brian Bouthillette and his signifi-Patrick's Cemetery, Providence Road, Whitinsville. Please omit flowers. Memorial donations may be made to Open Sky, 4 Mann St., Worcester, MA 01602. Please indicate the donation is for the Adult Learning Center. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

#### TRAILS

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installing geo-textile material and pea stone on the second bridge at Upton State Forest between Westboro Road and Southboro Road (five hours total work). Actually, the first bridge you pass over is one of the test bridges we did in 2016 with anti-slip strips. (That cost more than \$900 for that one bridge; not cost effective!)

We have a trail workday coming us this Saturday, May 1. If you would like to give back to the trails, please join us.

Time: 8:30 a.m. check in, with work from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Where: First left off Clara Barton Road, Oxford

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Village Dam in Oxford. Work will consist of cleaning up any winter debris, cutting and brushing back as needed. BSTRA will provide lunch to all volunteers.

Volunteers are asked to contact Becky at 508-476-3960 or bstra@charter.net so BSTRA can have a head count and plan accordingly.

All COVID protocols and practices will be followed.

#### Ann C. Bouthillette, 84

UXBRIDGE- Ann C. (Baker) Bouthillette, 84, passed away on Sun. April 18, 2021 at Blackstone Valley Health and Rehab after a period of declining health. She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph

R. "Roger" Bouthillette in 2007.

She is survived by her 2 sons, A Graveside Service will be held Norman W. Bouthillette of Worcester cant other Dale Kennedy of Uxbridge, a brother, Richard Baker and his wife Lynn of Uxbridge, as well as nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by her son, Clifford Bouthillette and 2 sisters, Joyce White and Cindy Baker.

Born in Whitinsville on July 6, 1936, Ann was the daughter of Oliver and Laura (Pouliot) Baker. Growing up in Uxbridge, Ann attended and graduated from Uxbridge High School class of 1954. She furthered her education attending Salter Secretarial School in Worcester, and worked many years as a bookkeeper at the former Fair Department Store in Whitinsville.

Ann and her husband loved to camp and went every year to Westerly, RI, she liked to sell things and kept a table at the Douglas flee market for a long time. She was an avid Boston Sports fan, especially of the Celtics, and Red Sox, and also enjoyed knitting, trips to the casino, and spending time with her family. Ann was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

here will be no services at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ann's memory may be made to: The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit:www. Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

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brochures, signs, tec.) will need to revise these materials."

Locally, the town of Sutton recently released a visual representation of the Route 146 and I-84 renumbering on its website.

Exits that have been renumbered on Route 146 include: Jct. RTE 146A (Old Exit 1, New Exit 1); Chocolog Rd. (Old Exit 2, New Exit 3); Jct. RTE 16 (Old Exit 3, New Exit 6); Lackey Dam Rd. (Old Exit 4, New Exit 8); Main St. (Old Exit 5, New Exit 9); Purgatory Rd. (Old Exit 6, New Exit 11); Central Tpke. (Old Exit 7, New Exit 13); W. Main St. (Old Exit 8, New Exit 16); Jct. RTE 122A (Old Exit 9, New Exit 17); Jct. I-90 & US 20 (Old Exit 10, New Exit 18); Millbury St. (Old Exit 11, New Exit 19); Jct. RTE 122A N. Millbury St. (Old Exit 12, New Exit 20); and Jct. 1-290 E (Old Exit 13, New Exit 21).

Exits on I-84 include: Jct. RTE 15 (Old Exit 1, New Exit 3); River Rd. (Old Exit 2, New Exit 5); and Jct. US 20 (Old Exit 3A/B, New Exit 6A/B).

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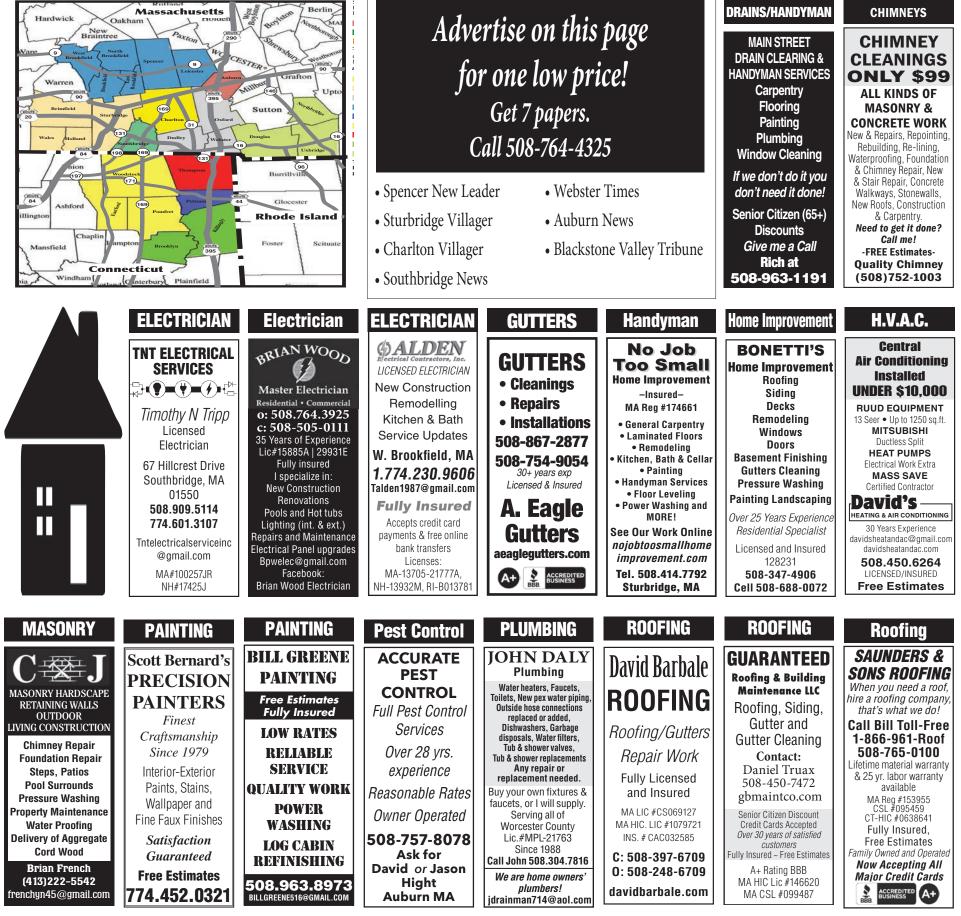
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#### EDITORIAL

# Fighting pandemic fatigue

While more and more people are getting vaccinated, and hospitalizations and deaths are down, the numbers of COVID cases, especially in some rural areas, are climbing. This pandemic is not over, as much as we all want it to be. Life seems to be slowly getting back to normal, however many restrictions, including travel bans and masking are still in place leaving some of us a bit deflated a year later. The number of individuals choosing to vaccinate is hope that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, yet COVID fatigue is still affecting many.

One thing to remember is that we're all in this together, and will all make it through together. Many of us have learned quite a bit about ourselves having been faced with this once in a lifetime scenario. We now know just how extroverted or introverted we all are. Perhaps changes have come by way of new or different opportunities.

Silver linings are still a part of the chatter about town. This is a good sign; however, for those who are gripped by pandemic fatigue, we have a few tips to share. We've all felt it at one point or another over the past year, you are not alone.

Last year, everyone was isolated as businesses and schools closed. We all stayed home for months as the virus took hold of the world. During that difficult time, we all found ways to cope, together. The summer months brought some reprieve, with outdoor events being dubbed 'OK' as long as safety protocols were adhered to. During the winter months we saw another surge that made us all feel as though it would never end. It's important to talk about and acknowledge just how tough things have been for each and every one of us. The unexpected changes the pandemic delivered were a doozy. Over the past year, we have all worried about loved ones and the burden that comes along with potential changes in finances. Isolation is never easy either. Despite these challenges we are all here, in this together and accolades should be given to everyone who did what they could to help stop the spread, encourage friends and family and for keeping yourselves upbeat as much as possible. Remember to check in with yourself and take note if you feel impatient, angry, depressed or irritable. Those feelings are normal and make sense given the circumstances, but experts say it's important to be aware. Breathing exercises are always suggested as they are the fastest and easiest way to reduce stress. Relax your shoulders and slow your breathing. The physiological response centers on the nervous system. Limit your screen time. We say this often. Some call it 'doom-scrolling.' Think of the good old days before social media when it was your choice about what you read. Seeing too much negativity can increase that feeling of dread and uncertainty. If you need some good news, simply Google "good news"; we promise, it's out there. If you're trying to unwind, listen to music or watch shows that remind you of simpler times. Some of our favorites include The Beach Boys, Led Zeppelin and The Doors. For a good reset, nothing beats watching re-runs of Three's Company, one the best sit-coms to come out of the 1970's. In the words of Bernard Beckett, "Human spirit is the ability to face the uncertainty of the future with curiosity and optimism. It is the belief that problems can be solved, differences resolved. It is a type of confidence. And it is fragile."

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Chaos on the border

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. The U.S. A. is the best country on earth. If you disagree, name one place in which you prefer to live? Norway? Too cold. Denmark? Exports too much oil (\$3 billion) and too much meat (\$4 billion). South Africa? Too industrial and exports too many BMW's and Mercedes.

How about the tropical island of Nevis, the birthplace of Alexander Hamilton? Bill Gates is refurbishing the Four Seasons Hotel there. On sister island St. Kitts, Robert Redford is building a gated community of luxury homes on a mountain peak. So green, clean and solar. Or is it?

Nevis allows you to apply for citizenship. It's called Citizenship by Investment. You may either donate \$150,000 to their Sustainability Growth Fund or purchase \$400,000 of real estate. Who has this kind of moolah? This buys you citizenship where electricity is produced by diesel generators. No solar panels? Solar energy equipment is too expensive for the poor island of Nevis.

You may apply for citizenship in the U.S.A. with a \$725 fee. Remember, the laws on legal immigration and prohibiting illegal immigration were passed by Congress.

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White House is also running the southern "border" of the U.S.A., or should I say, ruining the border? The catastrophe of criminal illegal immigration demonstrates that people who have spent their lives in government cannot "run" anything except the destructive media.

On the southern "border," chaos reigns: 20,000 "unaccompanied" minor child illegal immigrants are in U.S. custody. How can the Woke government care for 20,000 children? The children are wrapped and packed like sardines in our oh-so-humane tent cities. The mothers of these unaccompanied minor children paid a "coyote" criminal gang member to take their children into the U.S.A. Would you trust a criminal gang member to take your child across the street? Me neither.

If the U.S.A. is a systemically evil place, why are South American mothers throwing their children over the border into it? I guess no one told them how bad it is here. I guess they don't watch CNN. Instead, shouldn't American mothers be throwing our children over the border into Mexico or into Canada?

Signed,

BEVERLY GUDANOWSKI **UXBRIDGE** 

## It's not where you are that's important ...

I have always looked at the thought of a "bucket list" in a negative light. The idea that I'd want to begin



compiling a list POSITIVELY of things SPEAKING I wanted to do GARY W. before I MOORE die just seemed ... well ...

negative.

This week, I received an email from a reader saying, "I've been following your cancer journey through your column and social media with great interest. I'm on a similar health path and I'm wondering what's on your bucket list to do before it all ends.

I began responding that my intentions are aligned with my hopes, plan, and actions and that I'm not expecting nor planning on dying from this cancer. But I fell asleep last night and awoke feeling differently and realized that I've already aligned my intentions on a partial bucket list, and it may be fun to compose one.

First, from the moment of my cancer diagnosis, my family, close friends, and I have come together and consciously decided to be more deliberate about being together. Arlene and I have spent more time with our children and grandchildren over the last year than we have on the last five years and plan even more.

I have two incredible sisters and brothers-in-law and once again, I've seen them more often this year and plan to do even more. I've seen friends I haven't seen in forty years. It's really been a beautiful year of seeing loved ones and catching up. My life has been dominated by being with those I love.

But what else? My mind swirled all night with a combination of things I've seen and done and want to do again, and things I've never seen nor done. My list may be passive ... no jumping out of airplanes or alligator wrestling ... yet things I want to experience.

In the things I want to do again group ... I want to visit San Antonio, San Antonio is probably my exas



Semi-gloss finishes reflect light and offer a bright, glossy finish which can really add to a room's appeal. Surfaces are easily cleaned, however the shiny finish shows surface imperfections, making it impractical for many applications. Newer trims and moldings are ideal candidates for semi-gloss paint.

A glossy finish provides a high gloss shine, is very durable and easy to clean. The brilliant shine is typically used for small accent areas, as the finish is very reflective and too distracting for most area applications.

lv clean the finish by wiping it down with a lintfree cloth dampened with straight turpentine. This method picks up any stray dust and helps smooth out the surface to prepare it for painting.

When painting new plaster, or other porous surface, paint on a solution of water mixed with PVA glue first. This seals the surface and stops the paint from soaking into the plaster, giving a better finish and making the paint go further!

When painting with a brush, always keep a wet edge as you paint, and work away from that wet edge. If you paint over a dry edge, you will get overlap marks.

Aerosol paint is a pop-ular choice for revamping

spacious feel. To expand a small room, paint the walls a color from the cool end of the color wheel. In fact, paint company Sherwin-Williams recommends choosing blue, green or violet hues to make walls appear to recede.

Paint can also be used to visually correct architectural flaws. To widen a long narrow room, use a slightly darker color on the shorter walls and a lighter color on the longer walls. To make a low ceiling appear higher, be sure the ceiling is a lighter color than the walls. A long hallway can be shortened by painting the wall at the end a dark color to bring it closer. And rectangular rooms can instantly appear more symmetric by painting the two short end walls a darker shade.

The proper paint finish can be used to camouflage imperfect walls. For example, Paints that have no sheen, also known as "flat" or "matte" finishes absorb the light. These porous finishes are ideal for hiding flaws in ceilings and walls and are especially appreciated when working with old, plaster surfaces. The downfall is they cannot withstand cleaning and scrubbing so they are not practical for kitchens, bathrooms, children's rooms or other high traffic areas.

Eggshell finish has a slight sheen, similar to that of an eggshell, so it is still somewhat effective at hiding flaws. Its velvety look makes it a popular choice and eggshell finish is a bit more reflective than flat paint so it doesn't show every scuff and can tolerate light cleaning. Satin finish paint is more durable than matte or eggshell finishes. It has a light sheen, and resists moisture, which makes it a popular option for kitchens and bathrooms.

Not sure how much paint to buy? Most major paint companies and home centers offer easy to use paint calculators on their websites for precise measuring. Or, to estimate the amount of paint you need in order to cover the walls of a room, multiply the perimeter of the room by the ceiling height to get square feet. Subtract 20 square feet for each door and 15 square feet for each average-sized window in the room. The figure you end up with is a pretty close estimate of the actual wall area. Keep in mind, you can expect one gallon of paint to cover approximately 350 square feet.

Want to know the most efficient order of painting a room? Experts advise painting ceiling, walls, trim, cabinets, and doors.

Quick Tips

For a quick patch job on walls, simply use items on hand: Mix equal parts of starch and salt, with just enough water to make a thick paste. Apply and smooth over cracks or small holes.

When mixing up commercial plaster, you'll reduce lumps if you add the powdered plaster to the water instead of adding water to the plaster.

Sanding is a tedious chore. To reduce sanding on plastered walls, simply go over freshly applied joint compound with a wet paint brush for a smooth finish.

Ensure a smooth surface: Before painting over an old bureau or other piece of furniture, you can easi-

furniture and small accessories, but it can be frustrating when the paint does not dispel evenly. Here's a trick to ensure a finer and more even coat of paint: Simply place the can in warm water several minutes prior to spraying. The higher temperature helps the paint to flow out more easily, and smoothly.

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!

Please note the contest had been suspended due to COVID restrictions. It is expected to start up again in June. All entries have been collected and will be entered into an upcoming drawing.

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

favorite place on the globe ... history, music, food ... I find it all alluring. I've been there dozens of times, but want to go again. I want to dine on fajitas, with a margarita and listen to live mariachi music played table-side with friends and family at Market Square. After dinner, we'll stroll by the Alamo and I'll ramble on about my life-long fascination with Texas history. I love Texas. I love the Texas attitude. And we'll end the night listening to George Strait singing "I'll be Somewhere Down in Texas if you're looking for me" ...on a jukebox at the original Lone Star Cafe

I remember the first moment we parked our motor home ... I am guessing 1987 or so ... taking the hands of my little family, walking up the long walkway and seeing Mount Rushmore for the first time. It was an unexpected breath-taking experience. I think I need to see it again. Not because I'm dying ... I'm not ... but just because I want to see it again.

I have two books burning inside of me that I feel driven to finish and another that is finished that my agent is seeking a publishing deal. I'm also thinking about a simple book that's a compilation of a few of my columns.

I also find that I want to spend more time talking with and listening to God through my prayers. As time passes, I'm understanding how important this is to my attitude, optimism, and mental well-being.

Those are my must do's. In the category of things not required but I'd love to do is visit the Holy Land. It's a long trip. If we can make it happen, great, but no regrets if not.

My list is short and simple. Really, all I want is time with family and friends. I've already travelled the world and realize my new life philosophy can be summed up by the following simple statement of truth.

"It's not where you are that's important, but who you are with."

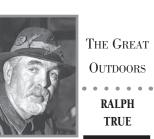
If I can spend the rest of my life, anywhere, place or time, being with those I love and those who love me in return, I'll be deliriously happy.

What could be more important? Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMoore721 and at www. garywmoore.com.

## Turkey season is upon us

The opening of Wild Turkey season this past Monday, April 26, had many hunters out hoping to bag a turkey on the first day. The birds were extremely vocal in some areas and less vocal in others. This year, many sportsmen are concerned about the few sightings they encountered in the last couple of weeks, while scouting there hunting area for opening day. I do agree that fewer sightings in fields and local woodlots were reported than in past years, but that does not mean that they are not there. I was reading an article by Andrew McKean on turkey hunting that was interesting! South Carolina New York and other states started noticing a downward turn in their Wild Turkey populations, which has biologist concerned. They still have not figured it out!

The introduction of Wild Turkeys into Massachusetts and other states was a huge success back 30 or 40 years ago. Their populations grew so fast in the last 10 years or so, they have become a nuisance in many areas of the Massachusetts. They sure are a bit wacky at times as they stroll through small towns chasing people down the street, often holding up traffic. Hunting Wild Turkeys looks easy until you try to outsmart one in



the wild during hunting season. There keen eye site can spot the slightest movement sending them hightailing it out of the area. Hunting them is a lot of fun, but you need to have a lot of patience if you want to bag a big tom bird.

Setting up early in the morning before daybreak can increase your chances of harvesting a turkey, but while you are waiting observing other wildlife can provide some exciting moments. Suddenly, a loud gobble a couple hundred feet from your setup of turkey decoys, breaks the crisp morning air. After a few more gobbles, the flapping of wings from a turkey as he leaves the roost has your heart pumping loudly. After making a few hen calls with your turkey call, you often hear a few loud gobbles from the bird. I have a preference to hunt from a ground blind , which allows me to stay comfortable, warm and dry away from ticks and other ground feeding bugs.

Poking the barrel of my Browning shotgun out the window of my

blind, I quickly spotted a couple of hens heading my way. Suddenly, a huge Tom turkey appears in full strut. My mouth becomes dry as the bird heads closer to my blind and setup of turkey decoys 20 or 30 yards away. It seems like a half hour has gone by, but it is only 10 to 12 minutes. Because I am using three-and-a-halfinch turkey loads, I am comfortable taking a shot of 30 to 40 yards from my blind. Carefully taking aim, I slowly squeeze the trigger until the discharged shotgun sets me back in my chair. The roar of the discharged shell echoes through the valley, and the smell of burned gunpowder fills the air. The big bird lays almost motionless in the grass filled field. Time to pick up my prize and head for home!

That is the story of a previous hunt a few years earlier. You can harvest two tom birds on the same day, and still have another permit to harvest a turkey in the fall. Some states like Ohio are reporting a substantial drop in their turkey populations, and they do not know why. They have already started to revise their permits for turkey hunters. Hopefully, they do not have a bird flu problem. Keeping our wildlife healthy falls in the hands of our wildlife biologist. At least for now,



deer and turkey populations in Massachusetts are thriving, and will hopefully stay that way.

Using the proper shotgun shells for turkey hunting will help insure a fatal blow to the head. Some shells cost close to \$10 each. After harvesting a wild turkey, you should cut the tail off. Saving the tail and drying it out on a piece of cardboard should be done as soon as you return home. Shaking some Twenty Mule Team borax on the meaty part of the tail, will help preserve the tail for your next hunt. Fan the tail out with a few pins to hold it in place. After the tail is dry, you can remove the tail from the cardboard and attach a small piece of wood and a 20-inch piece of quarter-inch

metal pipe to stake the tail in your decoys on your next hunt. It works great.

No complaints this year on trout stockings, at least for now. Most everyone agrees that the size and stocking numbers of trout are receiving high marks from the states fishing public. A 12-pound brown trout was caught last week, and there are reports of many trout in the threeto-four-pound class being caught. The West River in Uxbridge has been giving up some impressive trout, and Harrington's Pool is still being stocked with trout, even though the entrance road is still blocked. Access to the pool can be made from the dam area, but efforts to the pool by Quaker Street are still being

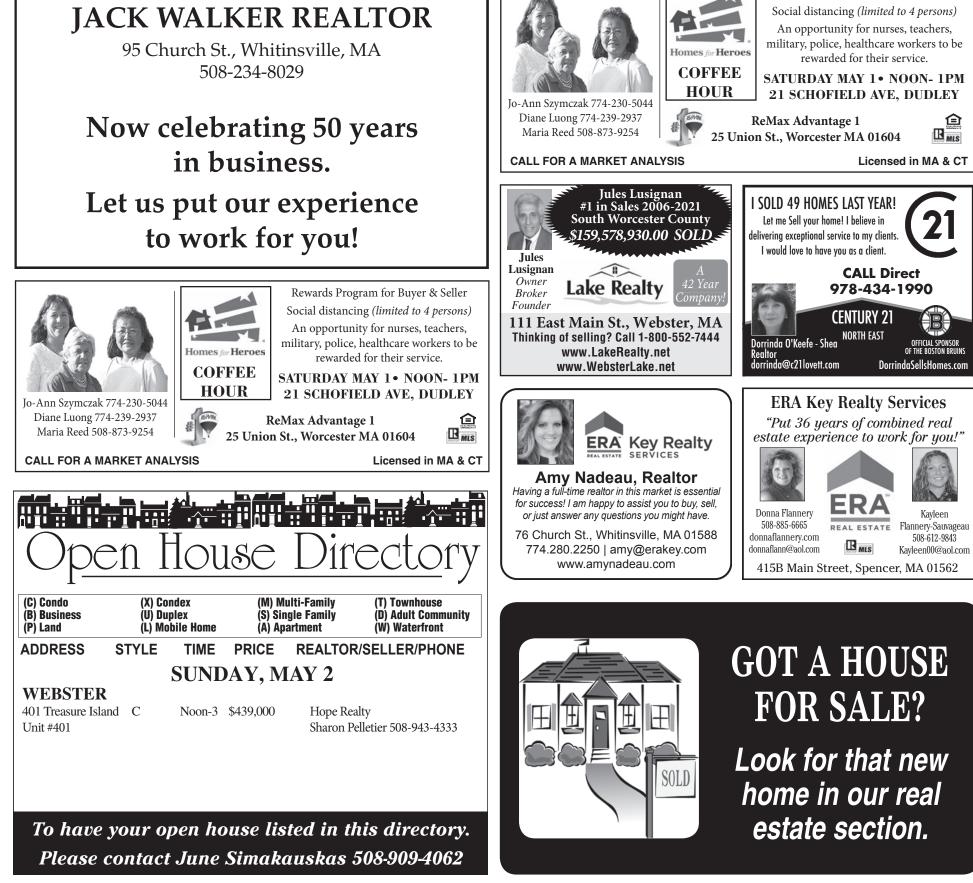
planned. Veterans and the disabled public will need to wait a bit longer for the new easy access.

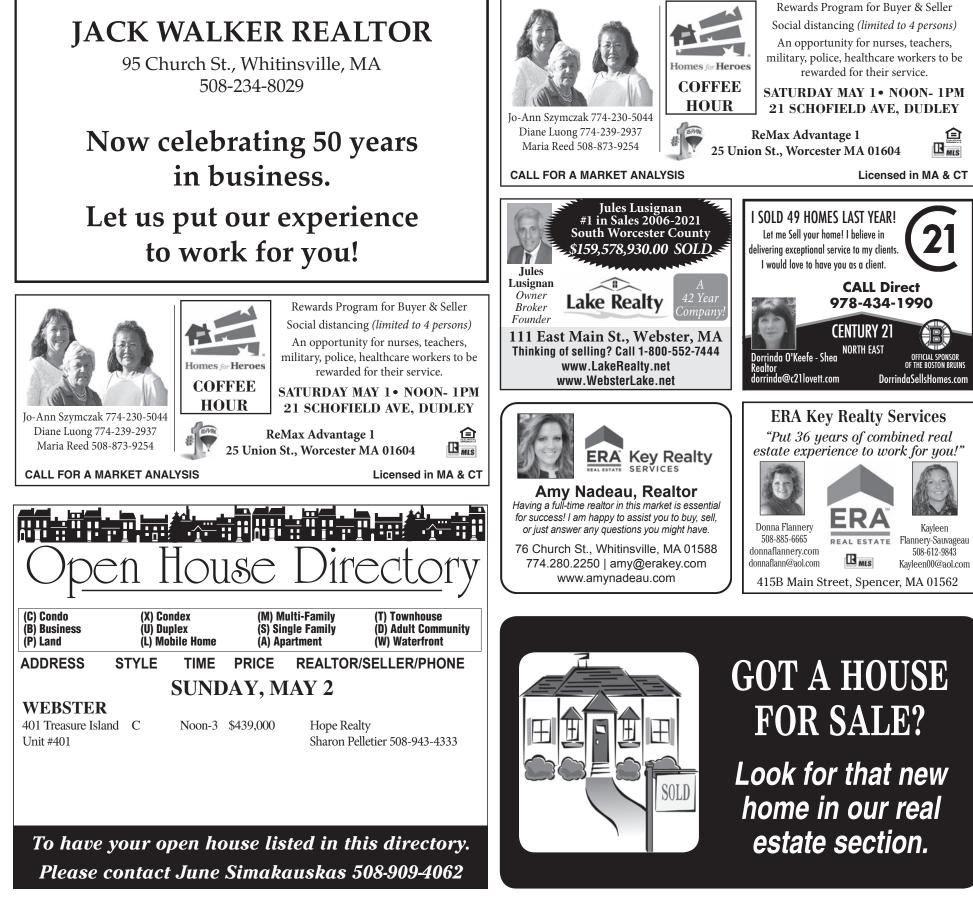
The ocean waters are still a bit cool and a week of warm weather are needed to jump start the tautog bite. Tautog fishing in the Westport River had still not materialized as of last Saturday. The surface water temperature was still at 47 degrees. A water temperature of at least 50 degrees should start the bite. Hopefully, this week! Party boats are also making a long run to the haddock grounds to catch fish, but when they get there, the action is hot.

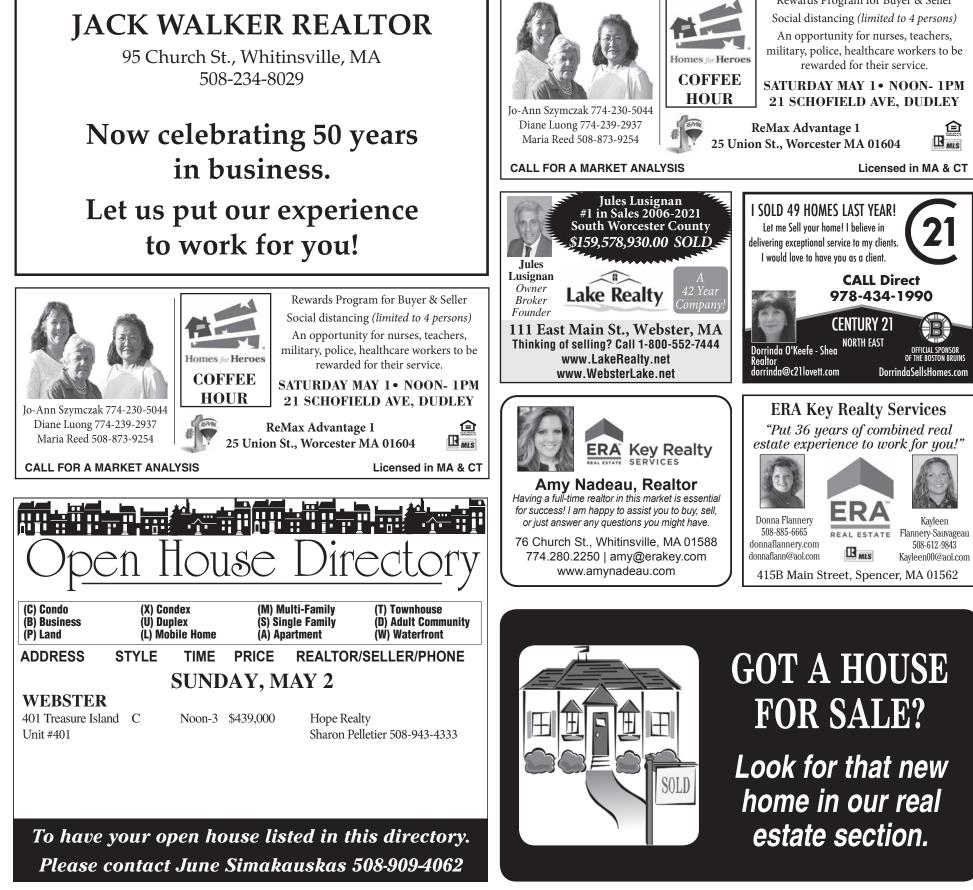
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## Dress up the landscape with spring flowering shrubs

Add a burst of color to the start of the garden season with spring flowering shrubs. Small or large, these beauties add color, support pollinators, and help attract birds to the landscape.

Make room in mixed borders and gardens for these spring bloomers. Use varieties with slightly different bloom times to create continuous color throughout the spring. Complement these with spring flowering perennials and bulbs. Once the shrubs finish flowering, they add some nice greenery to the border.

Plant a few compact varieties in containers for added color on patios and decks. Add seasonal color with annuals, pansies or other cool weather tolerant flowers for spring and fall. Replace these with petunias, lantana, or other suitable heat tolerant flowers for summer.

Forsythia and lilacs are traditional spring Forsythia's favorites.



bright vellow flowers signal spring for many. The showy flowers have a slight fragrance, and the plants are basically pest free. Select varieties whose flower buds will survive cold winter temperatures, so there will be blossoms from the tip of the stem to ground level.

Lilacs fragrant flowers may generate wonderful childhood memories. Select the preferred white, pink, or purple color and varieties that will fit the growing location when mature. These will brighten any spot later in the spring.

Look for other easycare, spring-blooming shrubs to include in the landscape. The spring blooms of viburnum are sure to provide plenty of enjoyment not mention to attractive its foliage, fall color, and fruit that attracts birds. Use them to create an attractive

screen, hedge, or mixed border. Several viburnum varieties. like Korean Spice and doublefile, make great specimens or impressive small groupings in the landscape.

Brighten those shady spots with azaleas. These spring bloomers thrive with afternoon or dappled shade. Grow them in moist, rich, acidic soil in a sheltered location for best results. Make sure there is a good view to enjoy the blossoms and hummingbirds they attract.

Light up the spring garden with Garden Glow dogwood. The bright chartreuse foliage turns a burgundy red in fall. The white flowers give way to blue fruit and the

red stems are a welcome sight in winter.

Other dogwoods, like red twig and gray dogwoods, are native shrubs with flowers that support pollinators and fruit that feeds the birds.

Fothergilla's fragrant white spring flowers are a favorite of hummingbirds. This beauty ends its season with a colorful mix of yellow, orange, and scarlet fall color often on the same leaf.

Add an evergreen backdrop of boxwood, arborvitae, and junipers to showcase these spring beauties. The spring blossoms, fall color, and winter interest will shine when positioned in front of greenery.

Take a walk through the landscape now to identify places that would benefit from some spring color. Select the right plants that are suited to the growing conditions and complement the garden design. Then plant and enjoy these colorful additions for years

to come.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She Greathosts TheCourses "How to

Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her Web site is www.melindamyers.com.



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This Show Off® forsythia signals early spring for many with its showy, bright yellow flowers and slight fragrance.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch. 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 47 of the Northbridge Zoning By-Laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 6:30 P.M. Via Zoom

Douglas Curving is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Town of Northbridge ZBA meeting

Time: May 13, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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To consider the petition of Ron Henault, 304 Providence Road, Grafton, MA 01560 for nine Special Permits (8-SP-2021 /16-SP-2021) to construct nine two-family dwellings on a proposed subdivision roadway known as Mike's Way in accordance with Article X, Section 173-47 and Article V, Section 173-12 (Table of Use Regulations). The property, shown on Assessor's Map 19 as parcels 96 & 193 is located within a Residential 2 Zoning District. The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this matter should attend said meeting at the time and place designated. A copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals and may be reviewed during normal business hours. Douglas Curving, Chairman Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals April 23, 2021

deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

#### Date: April 26, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman. Register of Probate

relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that David S Simmons of Douglas MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without** Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/11/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

Trust, not individually but as trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated May 26, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55667, Page 102, previously assigned Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, A Division of First Tennessee Bank, N.A., to Federal National Mortgage Association by virtue of a gap assignment dated November 19, 2018 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59773, Page 391, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on May 24, 2021 at 12:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

That certain lot of land situated in Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon designated as lot numbered One Hundred Fifty One (151), Section 1, on that plot of land entitled "Wallum Lake Terrace", surveyed and plotted by G. Bertrand Bibeault. Civil Engineer, July, 1955, which said plan is on file and recorded in the Land Evidence Records of the Town of Douglas in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 207. Plan 119 reference to which is hereby made for more particular description. The conveyance is made subject to all easements of record and all restrictions as specified and enumerated in Deed dated September 10, 1959 and recorded in Book 4064, Page 221, in said Worcester County Registry of Deeds. For title reference see deed dated July 2, 1999 and recorded at Book 21594 Page 39 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds. The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title, see deed dated June 14, 2007, and recorded in Book 41390 at Page 313 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. **BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC** 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868

LEGALS

April 30, 2021

#### **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. WO21P1294EA **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Pauline J Binette Date of Death: 05/12/2020 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Romeo O Binette of Blackstone MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Romeo O

#### Binette of Blackstone MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/18/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a

April 30, 2021

**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. WO21C0143CA **CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME** In the matter of: Margaret Mary McCarthy A Petition to Change Name of Minor

has been filed by Margaret Mary McCarthy of Millville MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Peggy Mary Melendy

**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 05/11/2021. 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: April 13, 2021

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April 30, 2021

**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. WO21P1262EA **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Philip Dwight Simmons Date of Death: 02/18/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by David S Simmons of Douglas MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other

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Date: April 12, 2021

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#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE **OF REAL ESTATE**

Premises: 17 Arnold Road, Douglas, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Cindy M. Loring and Scott E. Loring to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank N.A., said mortgage dated June 27, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41390 at Page 315, and now held by U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, by virtue of an assignment from MTGLQ Investors, L.P., to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, dated January 21, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62828, Page 268, previously assigned by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust, to MTGLQ Investors, L.P., by virtue of an assignment dated January 21, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62711, Page 81, previously assigned by Federal National Mortgage Association to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana

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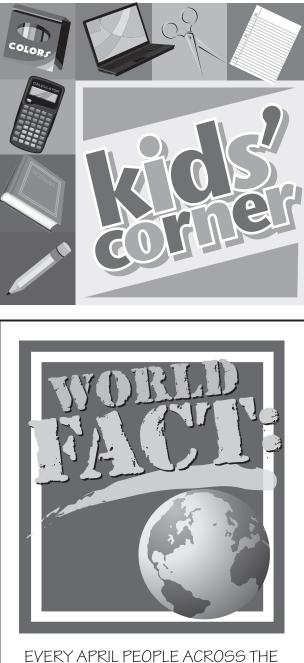


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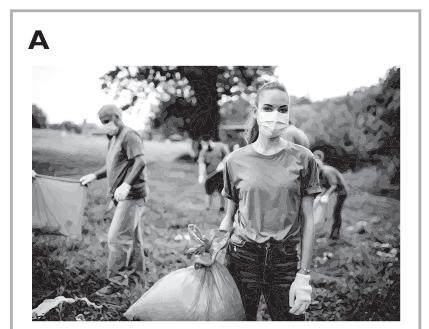


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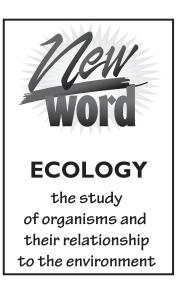
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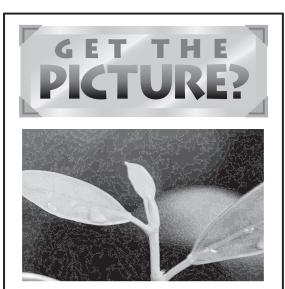


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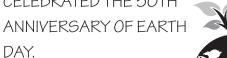




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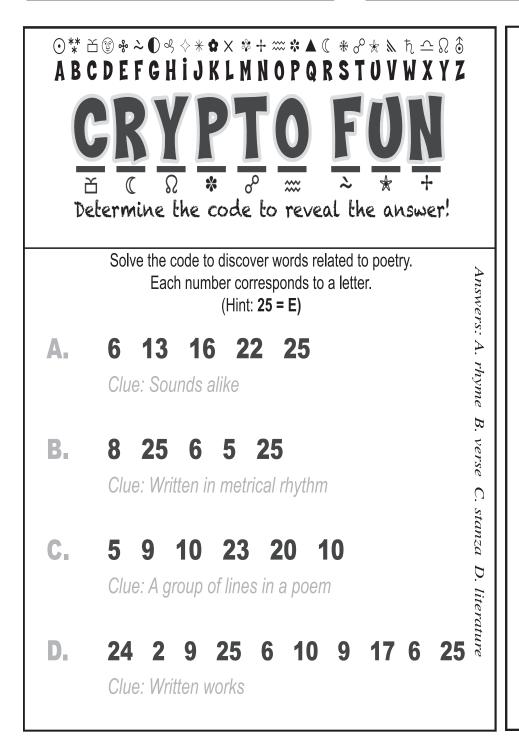
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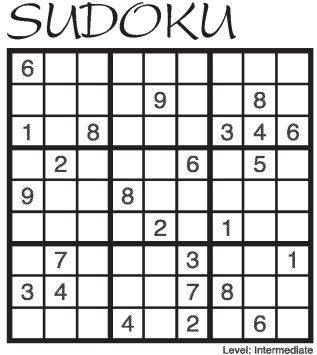
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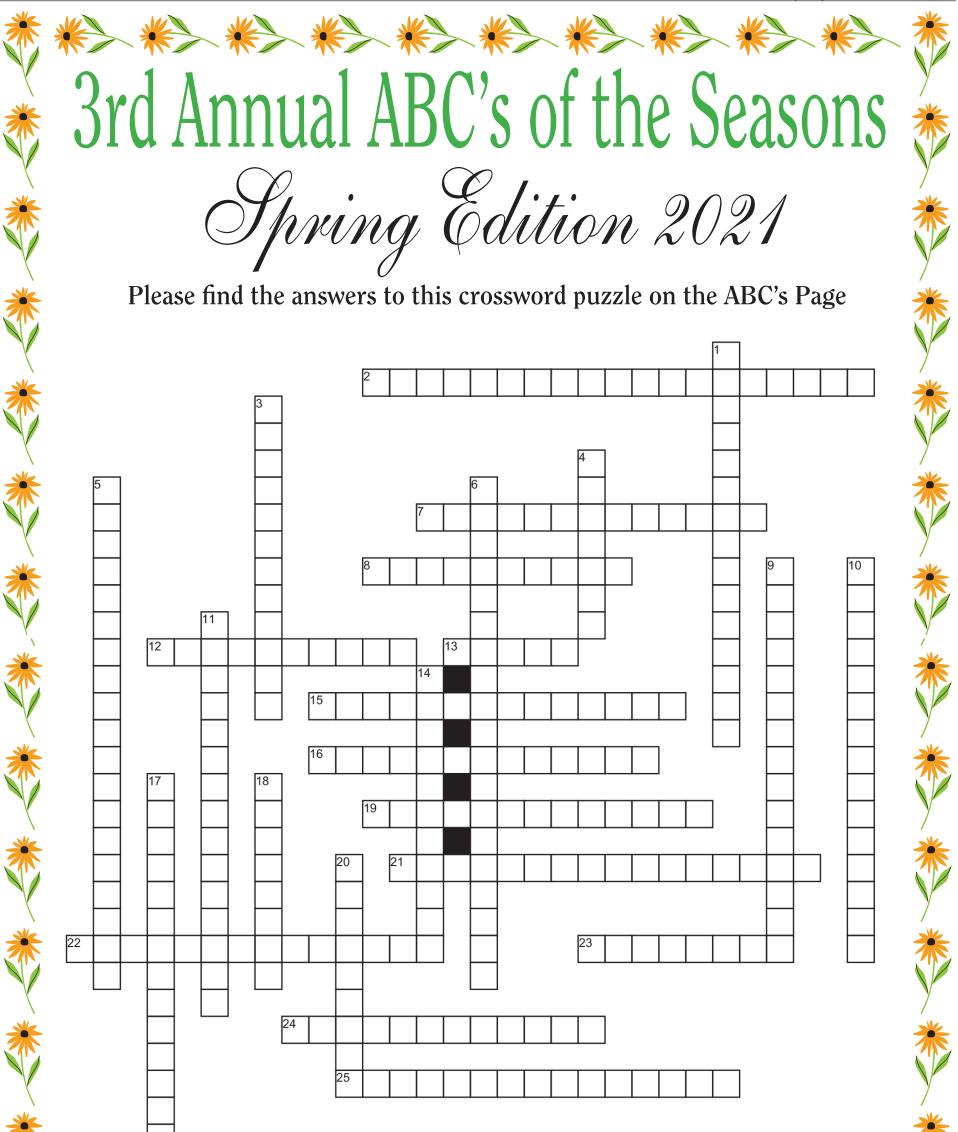
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- Heather S., Renewal by Andersen customer, Holliston, MA

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- 8. Balance Transfer
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- 21. Quality content
- 22. Weber Grills
- 23. Beautifying America one vehicle at a time
- 24. I'll beat any of my competitors prices
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- 4. Salon & Spa
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- 6. Use promo code palmer123
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- **10.** Fresh local eggs
- 11. Grove & Main
- 14. Family owned and operated since 1967
- **17.** AAA Roadside Assistance
- 18. Patient first, goal oriented

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