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Local veterans' association holds POW/MIA Recognition Day event

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

WHITINSVILLE — Each year, the Blackstone Valley Veterans Association commemorates National POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday in September. During its recent Recognition Vigil, the group remembered 39 Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans who are still Missing in Action.

“The point of POW/MIA Recognition Day is to ensure that America remembers to stand behind those who serve and to make sure we do everything we can to account for those who have never returned,” said BVVA Treasurer/Secretary Patrick McGowan, adding that POW/MIA Recognition Day is not associated with any particular war.



Courtesy
From left to right: BVVA Commander, Dan Lessard, Army Veteran David Camosse (brother of Henry Camosse, who could not attend) and Eagle Scout Kevin McGowan.

In 1979, Congress passed resolutions making the day official after the families of the more than 2,500 Vietnam War POW/MIAs pushed for full accountability. During the first POW/MIA Recognition Day commemoration, a ceremony was held at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., while the 1st Tactical Squadron from Langley Air Force Base in Virginia flew the missing man formation. Most ceremonies since then have been held at the Pentagon, and many smaller observances have cropped up across the nation and around the world on military installations, according to McGowan.

This year, a flag retirement ceremony was also held. McGowan said that the Blackstone Valley

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Douglas schools reopen with hybrid learning model

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DOUGLAS — Students in Douglas headed back to school this week, both in classrooms and at home, as the district started its new school year with both in-person and remote learning opportunities.

The Douglas Public Schools reopened implementing a hybrid learning model, according to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul Vieira.

“We’re ready to open; we have done everything we need to do from a

preparation standpoint to start the school year off,” Vieira said.

While the new model will see only 50 percent of students returning to schools at a time, only 25 percent of students returned for the first week as part of a “slow-phased approach.”

“For the first week of school, only a quarter of the kids are coming in to slowly integrate them back into school,” Vieira said. “Teachers will meet with four or five kids at a time to go over rules, regulations, and safety protocols, and really drive

home and make sure the kids fully understand.”

The 2-1-2 hybrid model will see kids in classrooms two days a week and remote three days a week. There are also students who will stay fully remote—roughly 15 percent—for a variety of reasons.

“We gave families a choice,” Vieira said.

Schools opened on Wednesday, Sept. 16; prior to that, teachers had been back for ten days working on lesson plans to ensure remote

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Northbridge firefighter graduates from training program



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The Northbridge Fire Department has extended congratulations to one of its firefighters, Ethan Santiago, who recently graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program.

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NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge Fire Department has extended congratulations to one of its firefighters, Ethan Santiago, who recently graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program.

State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA) Director David C. Evans announced the graduation of three classes that completed the program; Santiago graduated alongside firefighters from departments across the Commonwealth. They came together last week to participate in a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony and to receive their certificates of completion.

“Today, 42 new firefighters return to their departments ready to launch careers. Today, we remember and honor so many firefighters who ended their careers 19 years ago. Firefighting is an inherently dangerous profession and one of service and sacrifice. Training is how we reduce the danger as much as possible and prepare for a life of service,”

said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey.

“First responders are on the frontlines protecting their communities and these newest firefighters are needed more now than ever. We have taken advantage of technology, reduced class size to increase social distancing, implemented daily screening, and required mask-wearing to keep our instructors and students as safe as possible during these uncertain times,” said MFA Director Evans. The MFA, a division of the Department of Fire Services, offers this program, tuition-free.

Today's firefighters do far more than fight fires, according to a statement from the Department of Fire Services.

“They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to a gas leak. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle crashes. They test and maintain their equipment including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and

apparatus,” the statement reads.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, firefighters learn all these skills and more from certified fire instructors who are also experienced firefighters. Students learn the basic skills they need to respond to fires, to contain, and to control them, and also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, confined space rescue techniques, and rappelling. The program involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

In response to the pandemic, the 10-week curriculum was reorganized to take advantage of online learning technology while ensuring plenty of practical skill experience on-campus with instructors, according to the Department of Fire Services. Students alternated between the virtual classroom for two weeks, on campus for practical training for four weeks, back to the virtual classroom for a week, returning to campus for two weeks, and finishing the final week in the virtual classroom.

Northbridge Community Preservation Committee to hold October meeting

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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NORTHBRIDGE — In 2017, the town of Northbridge locally adopted the Community Preservation Act (CPA), where a surcharge of property is received and designated for open space/recreation, and affordable housing.

Now, a Community Preservation Committee has been established in Northbridge and charged with overseeing the CPA funds collected. The committee is currently preparing a Community Preservation Plan and will be hosting an informational meeting with the Planning Board on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

“The Community Preservation Act was signed into law in September 2000, allowing cities and towns to create a Community Preservation Fund for

open space/recreation, historic preservation, and affordable housing,” said Northbridge Town Planner R. Gary Bechtholdt II. “The CPA also created a statewide Community Preservation Trust Fund, administered by the Department of Revenue, which provides matching distributions each year to communities that have adopted CPA.”

The statute gives cities and towns the right to place a surcharge on local property taxes of not more than 3 percent of the local real estate tax levy on each property and to exempt the first \$100,000 of the property value from the surcharge.

Northbridge voters approved the provisions of the state's Community Preservation Act at the November 2017 general election, adopting a 1 percent surcharge on all real estate property tax bills, said Bechtholdt. This surcharge exempts resi-

dential properties owned and occupied by persons qualifying for low-income housing or low-to moderate income seniors and \$100,000 of taxable value of all residential real property.

A Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine members, will oversee the town's CPA Funds, offering recommendations of its expenditure at Town Meeting. Presently, one position on the committee remains unfilled and the town is actively seeking to fill this vacancy, said Bechtholdt.

Northbridge currently has a balance of approximately \$477,800 in CPA Funds with around \$49,500 in each of the open space/recreation, historic preservation and affordable housing accounts, as well as \$329,000 in undesignated reserves. CPA Funds may

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UXBRIDGE — Several years ago, the Deborah Wheelock Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Uxbridge Free Public Library collaborated on creating a coloring contest- “Imaging I Was There”- first focused on celebrating the signing of the Constitution of the United States and then expanded to mark other famous ‘anniversaries’ in our history. In its fourth year, the corona virus is not stopping us from reprising this fun, educational activity for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Lindsey Centrella, Youth Services & Assistant Library Director, and her staff decided on coloring options representing a wide range of our history, including the Constitution. Contest details are available in the children’s section of the library.

Sept. 17 to 23 was designed by the federal government as “Constitution Week,” and that foundational document, by which we still live, was signed 233 years ago. Knowing about American history is the all-important ‘glue’ which binds us into “One Nation Indivisible.” In these trying days when we are fighting to curtail a health crisis, while simultaneously witnessing peaceful demonstrations and violent protests, it is more critical than ever that those of every age recall its opening lines: “We the people, in order to form a more perfect union... do ordain and establish the Constitution of the United States of America.”

The Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890, promotes a variety of community service projects through education, historic preservation, and patriotism and has accepted more than one million women into its ranks. If interested in membership, contact Jane F. Keegan.

Meagan Parker of Uxbridge joins cohort of new Lasell University students

NEWTON — Meagan Parker became a new student at Lasell University this fall. Parker, a resident of Uxbridge (01569), will study Criminal Justice.

More than 370 new students joined the Lasell community in

September for the fall semester. New and returning students were given a choice to study in residential, commuter, or fully online settings to accommodate their preferences during the pandemic.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.



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\$309,900, 18 Caswell Ct, Kocur, John A, and Kocur, Louann M, to Lamoureux, Joel, and Staples, Todd.

\$117,900, 15 Cobblestone Ln, Widak FT, and Emanuel, Lindsey, to JLT Development LLC.

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\$365,000, 5-9 Prospect St, Langford LLC, to Charbel Real Estate LLC.

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UXBRIDGE SENIORS THANK SOTER

State Rep. Michael Soter sponsored a drive-by cookout at the Uxbridge Senior Center on Sept. 11. This cookout was a success due to the many hands who helped cook, package and distribute the lunches. The lunch consisted of a hamburger, a hot dog, mac salad, chips and a brownie for dessert. Rep. Soter also handed out scratch tickets to each senior who came by. The senior center would like to thank Rep. Soter, his staff and PJ's Restaurant in Bellingham who helped prepare some of the food items in advance. More than 60 seniors were served. Thank you, Rep. Soter, for your kindness and generosity!

Upton resident awarded for civilian bravery

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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UPTON — Last December, Upton resident Chris Etre rescued a woman from a submerged car. Now, he has been awarded the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery, an annual award which honors a civilian who demonstrates exceptional bravery, without regard for personal safety, to save the life of another in actual, imminent danger.

Etre, 49, was recognized by the Baker-Polito administration in a virtual ceremony commemorating the nineteenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

At 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, in the area of Worcester Street and Wheeler Road in Grafton, Etre observed a car driving at a very high speed down a steep hill, according to a statement from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. The vehicle struck a patch of black ice, spun off the road, and jumped over an embankment into the Quinsigamond River. While a teenage male escaped the vehicle, a female teenager was trapped in the sinking car. Etre entered the water and, using a wrench from his car, broke the passenger window to free the victim and guide her to safety through freezing water to the shore, according to reports.

Police, fire, and EMS personnel responded to the scene and found the car fully submerged and empty. Both teenagers were taken to UMass Memorial Hospital for evaluation and found

without serious injury.

“Putting his own life at risk, Chris Etre personified the selfless courage we remember Madeline ‘Amy’ Sweeney for,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “In the face of life-threatening danger, he acted quickly and decisively to bring a stranger to safety and is an inspirational example of her legacy.”

Known as “Amy,” Ms. Sweeney was an American Airlines flight attendant for 14 years. She lived in Acton with her husband, Michael Sweeney, and their two small children. On Sept. 11, 2001, she was killed aboard American Airlines Flight 11, the first of two aircraft hijacked by terrorists and flown into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. According to the press statement, before the plane hit the North Tower, Sweeney contacted the airline’s ground services crew to convey critical information about the hijackers and their actions on the plane that morning.

“Nineteen years ago, Amy Sweeney’s extraordinary bravery saved countless lives,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “Heroes like Chris Etre remind us each and every day of the incredible sacrifice that Amy and so many others made on Sept. 11, 2001.”

“The award in Amy Sweeney’s name is one of the highest honors the Commonwealth can bestow,” said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Thomas Turco. “This year, it honors her memory by recognizing Chris Etre and the actions he took to save a life even at great personal risk. Every second counts in these incidents and I thank Mr. Etre on behalf of the public safety community.”

Etre was nominated for the award by Senator Michael O. Moore, Representative David Muradian, and Grafton Police Chief Normand A. Crepeau, Jr. He was selected by the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery Selection Committee, which is chaired by Lt. Governor Polito.

“After hearing of his heroic actions, I knew it would be an honor to nominate Chris Etre for the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award to recognize his civilian bravery,” said

Rep. Muradian. “Chris’ selfless actions reflect his putting-people-first mentality that he has always exuded, and I can say with great confidence that the world would be a better place if there were more individuals who, under such distress when presented this unfolding horror in front of them, responded with the calm, courageous, and selfless actions that Chris Etre displayed.”

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Local student named to Dean's List at Northern Vermont University

LYNDONVILLE, Vt. — Ryan Paulino of Uxbridge, a student at Northern Vermont University in Vermont, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. Students who achieve between a 3.50 and 3.99 semester average are placed on the Dean's List.

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Legally freed for adoption, Khamari would benefit being part of an energetic and loving family of any constellation, with or without older children in the home. A family for Khamari would be engaging, nurturing, and able to continue the beneficial services he has in place for him.

Uxbridge Senior Center to host flu shot clinic

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Senior Center, located at 36 South Main St. in Uxbridge, is proud to sponsor a Free Flu Shot Clinic. This is an annual program which will be provided this year by the Uxbridge Hannaford's Pharmacy.

The clinic will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Senior Center. All Uxbridge residents six months or older are welcome. Please bring your insurance cards with you, no copays required and remember to wear a short-sleeved shirt. Please call the Senior Center to register at (508) 278-8622. Masks and social distancing will be adhered to.



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WCS puts apple pie sale on hold

WHITINSVILLE — The Whitinsville Christian School Dutch Apple Pie Sale has been a community favorite for many years. As with many anticipated events, the sale and pie-making day will take a hiatus for 2020.

“We have a team of people who are completely committed to this fundraising event,” said Erika Johnson, WCS Apple Pie Committee Chairperson. “We consulted with the Board of Health, as well as various health professionals, and evaluated many alternatives to determine if this year’s fundraiser could

take place in a safe and a positive way. At our final meeting, we felt an undeniable message that we needed to put this event on hold this year.”

In 2019, volunteers assembled approximately 8,000 pies in one day in October.

The apple pie sale has grown significantly over the past few years.

“In 2016, we added the Pay it Forward with Pies program,” said Johnson. “People could purchase pies to be donated to area food banks. We’ve been able to donate thousands of pies to food pantries and first responders. I’m disappointed that we

won’t be able to make that contribution this year but I hope people will continue to be generous to the food pantries during the holiday season.”

“WCS opened the school year with in-person learning, five days per week for our students,” said Rick Lukianuk, Head of School. “Our priority with every decision is to maintain a safe environment for our students, as well as our faculty and staff. While we may have been able to modify this year’s apple pie production to meet safety standards, we felt it would be more prudent

to err on the side of caution. The fulfillment of our mission, and the most effective education

for our students is our top priority.”

WCS will celebrate a Virtual Homecoming

this fall as well, recognizing many traditions the school has enjoyed over its 92-year history.



A WCS student delivers pies to the food pantry.

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14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
15. Jewish calendar month
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Western Pacific republic
18. List of foods
19. It can strike the ground
21. Drenches
22. Some are cole
23. __ Squad
24. Expresses emotion
25. One point east of due south
28. Satisfaction
29. Holds nothing back
31. Top of the body
33. Not well-liked
36. Did slowly
38. Greek goddess of the dawn
39. Gland secretion
41. Vital to existence
44. Aristocratic young women
45. Erik __, composer
46. Not young
48. Jewish term for “Sir”
49. Secondary school
51. __ student: learns to heal
52. Regarding
54. Highly excited
56. Mainly
60. Thin, narrow piece of wood
61. Cakes
62. Biomedical nonprofit
63. Dried-up
64. One who is symbolic of something
65. Body part
66. Muslim ruler
67. Women from Mayflower
68. Notes

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1. Not us
2. Helper
3. Bleat
4. Type of chair
5. Jr.’s father
6. Necessary for certain beverages
7. Hillside
8. Dutch painter Gerrit __
9. Gave a new look
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Confidence trick
12. Type of fund
14. From an Asian island
17. Malay boat
20. Western Australia indigenous people
21. Cluster on underside of fern frond
23. You need it to get somewhere
25. The woman
26. It may be green
27. Makes less severe
29. One from Beantown
30. Cavalry sword
32. Metric linear unit
34. Hawaiian dish
35. Yokel
37. Dissuade
40. Mutual savings bank
42. __ Caesar, comedian
43. Primordial matters
47. We all have it
49. Hermann __, author of “Siddhartha”
50. Historic MA coastal city
52. Shady garden alcove
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Millville receives grant for emergency response needs

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

to fund."

MILLVILLE — The town of Millville has recently received federal grant funds that will benefit the firefighting and emergency response needs of the town.

"Innovative and aggressive pursuit of grant opportunities" by Millville Public Safety staff has resulted in the town being awarded \$32,471.43 in grant monies, according to a statement from Millville Fire Rescue.

"This grant award...is the result of weeks of research due to the competitive nature of the Fiscal Year 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA," the department released.

The primary goal of the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations.

"Funding has been approved for a Hurst eDraulic Spreader package and the Ram package with batteries and charger with the award of this federal grant. This new equipment replaces an outdated hydraulic set of jaws that the town did not have the financial ability

The proximity of the town of Millville to major and secondary highways between Massachusetts and Rhode Island increases the odds of a significant incident requiring more elaborate rescue operations, the department added. At a vehicular accident scene, the extrication tools are one of the department's most essential and crucial life-saving pieces of equipment. This requested equipment is 50 percent lighter, safer, with better ergonomic design and is capable of extricating patients from advanced high-technology vehicles.

"Out of all motor vehicle accidents within the boundaries of Millville in the last four years, close to 25 percent required extrication," said Chief Ronald Landry. "This equipment will be in place on our Truck 75, the vehicle that responds to collision or industrial accidents where the jaws could be used."

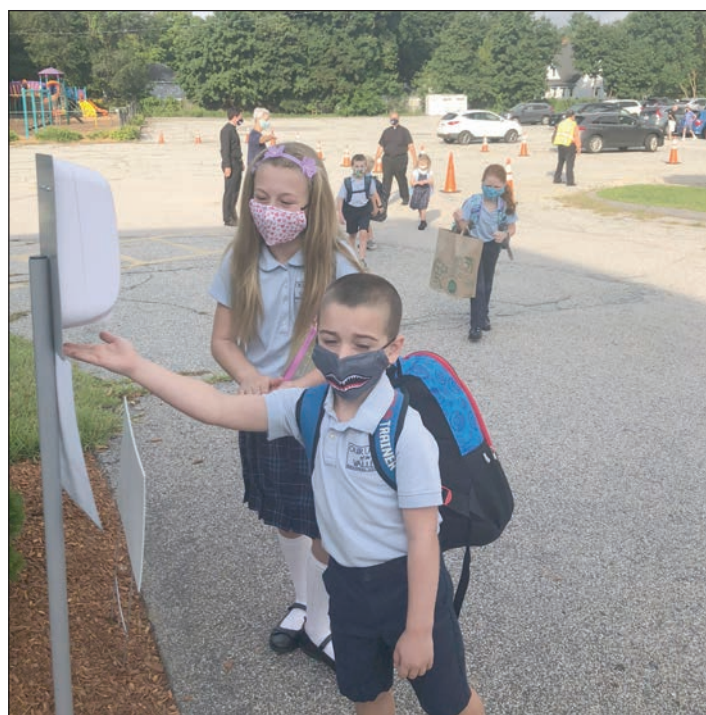
Since 2001, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards, the department said.



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Plant in fall for a colorful spring display



Photo Melinda Myers

Lilies grow from bulbs and their large prominent flowers brighten up gardens and provide vertical appeal.

It's time to think spring. Fall is the time to plant tulips, daffodils, crocus and other spring flowering bulbs. Use these early bloomers to welcome spring to your landscape. You'll appreciate the color and cheery blooms after another long winter passes. Extend your enjoyment by including early blooming bulbs like snowdrops, squills, and winter aconites. Add early, mid,

or late spring blooming tulips and early and mid spring flowering daffodils for a continuous display of color. Check the package or catalog description for bloom times. Create some winning combinations by planting white tulips with grape hyacinths or yellow daffodils with the equally assertive blue squills. Plant a fragrant garden bouquet by combining tulips, daffodils and hya-

cinths. Select varieties that bloom at the same time in complementary colors or blends. Include summer flowering hardy lilies. Many are fragrant and these stately beauties provide vertical accents in the garden. Cut a few stems to display in a vase or mix with other flowers in summer bouquets. Don't let hungry animals stop you from brightening your spring with these bulbs. Include animal resistant bulbs like hyacinths, grape hyacinths, daffodils, fritillarias, and alliums. You can plant tulips, crocus, and lilies, just be sure to use physical barriers like chicken wire or animal repellents like rain resistant Plantskydd(plantskydd.com). It's an organic repellent that comes in both liquid and granular formulations to protect bulbs animals prefer to eat. Lay the bulbs out on newspaper, apply the

liquid repellent, and allow them to dry before planting. Add an extra layer of protection by sprinkling the granular repellent over the soil surface. In spring, begin protecting the plants before the animals begin feeding. Follow label directions for proper timing of additional repellent applications. Prepare the soil before planting. Work compost, peatmoss, or other organic matter into the top twelve inches of soil to improve drainage, a key factor in growing success. Wait until the soil is cool to plant your bulbs. This is usually after the first hard frost or when night temperatures average between 40 and 50 degrees. Plant the bulbs two to three times their vertical height deep and at least two to three times their diameter apart. Try grouping at least six to nine larger bulbs, like tulips and daffodils, and



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15 to 20 smaller bulbs, like squills and crocus, together for greater impact. Mix a low nitrogen, slow release fertilizer into the soil surface and water thoroughly after planting. Continue watering thoroughly when the soil is dry throughout the fall, while the bulbs grow roots. After you enjoy their blooms next spring, leave the leaves intact until they yellow. Leaves produce the energy needed for next year's floral display. Mask the fading foliage by planting winter hardy pansies with your bulbs in fall, adding color to both fall and spring

gardens. Or plant bulbs amongst perennials. Early spring flowering perennials double your pleasure, later bloomers extend the flowering season, and both help hide fading bulb foliage. Break out your trowel and gloves and get busy planting. You'll be glad you did when that first flower appears next spring. Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Tree World Plant Care for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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The passing of a trail blazer

The world lost a champion for justice last week with the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. A role model for both men and women, Ginsburg passed away at the age of 87. Ginsburg was active up until the last two weeks of her life, even performing a wedding ceremony.

She became the second female justice to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, and the first Jewish woman. Her path to the highest court in the nation was not an easy one being cast off because she was a woman. Despite the push-back, Ginsburg had a list of firsts under her belt, including being the first tenured female professor at Columbia University. She was also the first female member of the Harvard Law Review. Ginsburg was one of nine females out of 500 attending Harvard Law School. At one point, the law dean asked each of the women to justify taking places at the school that could be filled by men.

Serving as the Director of the Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union during the 1970s, Ginsburg fought to make legal the right for women to sign a mortgage without a man, the right to have a bank account without a male co-signer, the right to have a job without being discriminated based on gender and the right for women to be pregnant, have children and work at the same time. It was around this time she met her husband Martin Ginsburg, a tax lawyer who she helped through school, while he battled cancer. Together they had two children.

After graduation from Columbia, Ginsburg applied to work for 12 firms; however, she was denied based on her sex. Eventually, she was offered a clerkship at the U.S. District Court with Judge Edmund G. Palmieri. According to Ginsburg, she was declined other positions due to men feeling uncomfortable with her in chambers.

Ginsburg became a professor of law at Rutgers in 1963 just after studying the Swedish legal system.

In 1980, she was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. In 1993, she was named to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Bill Clinton. During her Senate confirmation hearings, she refused to answer any questions that would reveal her personal opinions, and would not comment on hypothetical cases. She did so to “maintain [her] open-mindedness and integrity as a jurist.”

Her list of achievements can fill a book and her life story is exceptional. Outside the steps of the Supreme Court, thousands have paid respects by leaving flowers, candles and messages that read “Rest in power” and “we can because she did.”

A black drape was hung over the entrance of the Supreme Court building on Saturday, a tradition that dates back to 1873 after the passing of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase. Ginsburg’s chair and the front of the bench where she sat was also draped with a black cloth. Both will remain for 30 days.

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A MOMENT IN HISTORY

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BEVERLY GUDANOWSKI UXBRIDGE

Lest anyone think that women’s greatest accomplishments are in the past, let’s visit some modern history.

Have you ever heard of the first woman pilot on the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron? In June of 2005, Colonel Nicole Malachowski achieved this goal in the male-dominated world of the jet fighter pilot.

Nicole had wanted to be a jet fighter pilot from the time she was five years old. Her parents had taken the family to an air show. An F-4 Phantom aircraft tore the sky above. “It was loud. It was fast. I could smell the jet fuel and feel the rumble in my chest,” she said. “Dad, I want to be a fighter pilot.” And her wonderful Dad said: “You’ll be a great fighter pilot someday.”

Born in California in 1974, Nicole grew up in Las Vegas, a seemingly an ordinary start in life, but while other students were taking driver ed, Nicole was accumulating flight time. She took her first solo flight at sixteen, joined the Civil Air Patrol as a cadet and Air Force Junior ROTC.

In 1996, she earned her commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy and attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi. She finished fourth in her class and selected the only F-15E Strike Eagle slot allotted to her class. After barely meeting the height and weight requirements for fighter pilots, she trained at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina, with the 4th Fighter Wing. She was one of the first group of women to fly modern fighter aircraft.

But it was not easy to become a jet fighter pilot. “Failure isn’t fatal,” she said. “It’s the price of entry for achieving something great.” She explained how she achieved her goal:

Pilot training is highly, brutally competitive. Only a few pilots ever have a chance of becoming a fighter pilot. The class ranking depends on the grade for each of monthly check rides. Her first check ride was so good she got an award for it.

Her second check ride was a disaster. She had mechanical issues with the aircraft, the runway closed for an emergency, and through the delays she burnt through time, fuel, and patience. Finally, she was airborne and had a fantastic aerobatic flight in a perfect blue sky. Upon landing, however, her instructor told her she had failed. Her flaps had not been adjusted properly so it did not matter how well the flight went. She had failed before she ever got airborne! She thought about the possibility of failing out of pilot training, and yes, she cried. She talked it through with a mentor and realized she had to take responsibility for her actions and fix them on the next flight. She learned an important lesson that day, one that stuck with her.

Col. Malachowski served in combat as an F-15E Flight Commander,

Evaluator, Instructor Pilot and Flight Lead. In her career she achieved the rating of Command Pilot with 2300 flight hours in 6 different Air Force aircraft. She served as a mission ready fighter pilot in 3 operational F-15E fighter squadrons. During her second tour of duty at the Royal Air Force Base, Lakenheath, in England, she was deployed for four months in 2005 in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, flying 26 combat missions.

Then, in June 2005, she was selected to fly as Thunderbird #3 with the USAF Air Demonstration Squadron, the first woman to fly on any Department of Defense military jet demonstration team. Her aviator call sign was “FiFi”. Her flight tasks included flying with five other aircraft at over 400 mph, 300 feet off the ground, the aircraft separated by as little as 36 inches!

She flew with the Thunderbirds until 2007. In 2009, she married a Lt. Col. in the Air Force and they had twins in 2010.

She was living her dream, but at age 43 she developed a devastating tick-borne illness that left her struggling to speak or walk for months. She fought against overwhelming odds and prevailed. Nevertheless, after 21 years in the Air Force, she retired in 2017.

Could you be this brave? Could you do this for your country?

Col. USAF (Ret.) Malachowski now works as a motivational speaker. What a Commencement speaker she would be for any high school or college graduation.

Fall Lawn and Garden Care

As the harvest season wanes and the leaves begin to fall, it becomes apparent the backyard garden, so alive and abundant in recent weeks, is soon to retire for a long winter’s nap. While bountiful garden rewards may be behind us, garden chores are not.

There is still much to keep a New England gardener busy during the autumn season. From planting to pruning, efforts now will be celebrated next year. It is the anticipation of these future crops that sustains weary gardeners through the roster of fall chores.

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October Stats: Average temperature (Worcester, MA): 58.3; Possibility of Sunshine: 58%; Precipitation: 4.7”.

October is the month to:

- Plant spring flowering bulbs such as tulips, crocuses and daffodils.
- Prune roses to prepare for winter. Cut non-blooming roses back half way.
- Rake leaves from lawn; add to compost pile.
- Make sure evergreens have a good deep watering before the ground freezes. They should receive at least an inch of water a week, preferably more.
- If you test your soil and add any needed amendments now, the soil will be ready for planting in spring.
- Cut back and mulch fall chrysanthemums after blooming.
- Christmas cactus should rest in a cool, dim room with little water. Bring it back out November 15 for holiday bloom.
- Protect pumpkins from frost
- As leaves begin to fall, remove them long before snow arrives. They not only shade the grass during late fall, but become wet and mat down to smother the grass over winter.
- Raked leaves make an excellent mulch on the bare, winter garden. They can prevent weeds next year, and as they decompose add organic matter to the soil.
- Continue to mow your lawn until growth ceases. Make the last mowing a notch or two lower, in order to remove much top growth. This will avoid the need to rake off dead growth in the spring, and will help prevent snow mold disease.

Other Fall Garden Chores

Stowing the Stash: Proper storage of your bountiful harvest will ensure your family the fruits of your labor throughout the New England winter. Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement sta-



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ple. Today, the temperature can be achieved via a little creativity. Whether you are growing your own root vegetables or are buying in bulk from a local farm or farmers market, proper storage is imperative to its flavor and quality. Here’s the rundown on proper temps to keep your harvest safe and flavorful:

Potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, turnips, cabbage and celery should be kept in a humid atmosphere at about 35-40 degrees. Squash and pumpkins should be stored in a dry area at 40-60 degrees. Onions and dry beans should be kept at 33 degrees in a dry area.

Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement staple; today some improvising is in order: Those with unheated basements report success creating a substitute root cellar by partitioning off one corner, installing insulation and a heavy, solid door. Keep in mind the temperature inside the root cellar will be coolest near the floor, so place roots there atop an old door or boards. Or create a root box by filling a large, sturdy cardboard box with a few inches of sawdust or sand. Place a layer of roots such as carrots, leaving two inches along the sides. Cover lightly with sawdust and alternate layers, adding a final three inches of sawdust on top. Store in a cool basement or in the cellar bulkhead area. Roots can touch each other in storage, just don’t pack them in tightly, as some moist air must be able to circulate.

Lawn Care: New England lawns can be a challenge, but there are some shortcuts to ensure a lush lawn come spring. . As leaves begin to fall, remove them long before snow arrives. They not only shade the grass during late fall, but become wet and mat down to smother the grass over winter. Raked leaves make excellent mulch on the bare, winter garden. They can prevent weeds next year, and as they decompose add organic matter to the soil. Or add them to the compost pile. Some run over the leaves with a rotary mower, shredding them into fine pieces. Unless too thick, or adding to an existing thatch problem, this may work for your lawn. Continue to mow your lawn until growth ceases, often sometime in October. Make the last mowing a notch or two lower, in order to remove much top growth. This will avoid the need to rake off dead growth in the spring, and will help prevent snowmold disease.

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Lessons from experienced investors

Those who have lived a long time



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have done a lot, seen a lot – and can teach us a lot. And that’s certainly true when it comes to investing.

Consider some of the lessons you might learn from experienced investors:

Regulate your emotions. In the investment world, there’s always something coming at us that could sound scary: political flashpoints, economic news, and even those once-in-a-generation occurrences, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. But older people may take these events in stride; in fact, baby boomers and members of the Silent Generation (born between 1925 and 1945) are coping better emotionally with the impacts of COVID-19 than younger age cohorts, according to the 2020 Edward Jones/ Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. And by keeping control of your emotions, you may be less likely to make moves such as selling quality investments with good fundamentals just because their prices have fallen in the midst of an overall market decline.

Learn from experience. By definition, the older we get, the more experiences we will have. And most people do indeed learn from experience. Investors, too, benefit from having seen and done things before. Did you chase a “hot” stock only to have found it cooled off before you bought it? Did you buy too many of the same type of investments, only to see your portfolio take a bigger hit during a downturn than it would have if you had diversified? In the investment arena, as in most walks of life, patterns emerge, and once you learn to recognize them, you can learn from past mistakes.

Know yourself. When we reach a certain age, most of us know ourselves pretty well. But you don’t have to wait decades to gain this knowledge – at least not when it comes to investing. For example, you should quickly gain a good sense of your ability to withstand risk. How? Just consider how you react when the market declines sharply. If you find yourself losing sleep over your losses – even if they’re just on paper – you might be taking on too much risk for your own comfort level. Conversely, if market downturns don’t bother you as much as lack of growth in your portfolio, you might be investing too conservatively for your own risk tolerance.

Take a longer-term perspective. When we’re young, we sometimes are more inclined to desire instant gratification – we want results now. Translated into the investment world, this could mean we want to see big returns in a short period. However, despite the popular mythology, it’s quite hard to turn enormous profits on investments overnight – or even over weeks or months. But as the years pass, we learn the value of thinking long-term – how investments we made years ago, and have added to steadily, are now yielding results that can help build the resources we need to reach our objectives.

Don’t go it alone. Some of us, when we’re young, have a tendency to think we have all the answers and don’t need much help in our endeavors. But age gives us the wisdom to recognize that, although we may have acquired much knowledge over the years, we can still use some help in specialized areas, such as creating a long-term investment strategy.

These suggestions are appropriate for anyone – and they can help you on your journey toward your goals.

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Home is within your heart

I awoke this morning in a different place. Everything is new. I rose around 3 a.m. and walked straight into a wall. I thought for a moment that I broke my nose. I did not. Everything is unfamiliar, yet this is our new home.

For those regular readers of this column, you know we sold our home of twenty-six years and moved to a downsized place. We love our new digs, yet old habits are hard to break. I'll have to learn a new route to the restroom in the dark.

My biggest concern with this move was that Arlene would be happy and love our new place ... and she does. Watching her unpack and arrange things has been a joy ... but also a relief. Our first night here, she awoke in



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the middle of the night, sat straight up, looked around at the darkened room and said, "I'm going home now."

I embraced her, coaxed her back onto her pillow and said, "We are home."

She sprung back up, looked around the dark room and responded, "I don't think so. I'm going home."

It scared me. I tossed and turned the rest of the night, worried that we made a mistake. A few hours later, she was enthusiastically brushing her teeth and mum-

bling through the toothpaste that she loves our new place.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Change can be difficult to accept and tough on us all. We have the choice, like Don Quixote, to foolishly charge at Windmills in protest, or to embrace the now and optimistically look forward and build a happy future. We choose the optimism of a new day and I'm left wondering why others would choose differently.

Nothing in this world remains the same. As the saying goes, nothing in life is as consistent as change. Fighting change is like cursing the wind. There is nothing you can

do to stop it. Instead, why not unfurl your sail and see where the wind might take you?

What have I learned through this process?

Life is an adventure and not a place. Let go and enjoy the ride.

A home is where you love others in your heart and where you lay your head at night.

Home is not an outer building but a place within you.

A home is your current place of residence, where you plan and launch your next adventure.

A home is a state of mind and not a location. Arlene and I, after three nights, feel comfortable at home.

How can we feel at home after only seventy-two hours? The answer is simple. We made the decision to love this new place and we declared it as home. As I've said hundreds of times in this column, happiness is a choice. We could choose to be sad, angry or any negative emotion ... or we can choose to be happy at our new home and optimistic about our future. We, of course, chose the latter and are open to and enthusiastic about the adventures to come.

So, now we begin a new chapter of our lives together. Three weeks from now, my daughter and her family will be relocating back into this area. Soon this place will be filled with laughter and the voices of Caleb and Noah. We could not

be more thrilled with the prospects of our future.

We feel optimistic, happy, and blessed. It is a choice we have made to feel this way.

What choices will you make this day about your life? Whatever they are, make sure one of your choices is to be happy in the present and optimistic about your future.

Those are always our choices.

Will you join us?

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Hunting season in the air



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The recent cool weather has made a big change in my two dogs, Molly and Twig. They can sense the change in weather, and know that hunting season is just around the corner. My yellow Lab, Twig, is my main hunting dog, but my beagle Molly tags along, and often finds a bird or rabbit to chase. Man's best friend and hunting companion will make the hunt a lot more enjoyable. If you are fortunate enough to belong to a Rod & Gun Club that has a pheasant hunting program, the season should start in a couple of weeks. The state upland bird hunting season starts on Oct. 17.

Ruffed Grouse populations have taken a hard hit over the past 20 years or so. Most local bird hunters would not shoot a grouse if they encountered one while hunting, as they have high hopes that every bird

could make the difference in a substantial rebound in their populations in the coming years. Loss of adequate habitat is one of the main reasons for the loss of this fast flying game bird. Upland bird hunting has only two species of birds for hunting locally, which include woodcock and Pheasant, not counting the grouse. The woodcock populations are also on the decline due to loss habitat.

If it was not for the state stocking pheasant annually, bird hunting as we know it would be basically gone. Areas North & West of the valley still get to enjoy grouse hunting, but these areas are also seeing a large decline in their population. Numerous bird hunters have suggested closing grouse hunting in some zones in Mass. in hopes of bringing back a healthy population of birds. Hopefully, Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife will take the recommendation under advisement.

Duck hunting opens in Massachusetts on Oct. 13, in the Central District, with a daily bag limit of six ducks. The Wood Duck and Mallards make up most hunter's daily bag limits with a few black ducks making a slight come back in their

populations. This year, MFW has set aside a special season for duck hunting statewide for veterans and the military. Oct. 3 and Jan. 30 are the two days which are well earned by those that have sacrificed so much for their country.

Goose hunting picked up last week after farmers started cutting their corn. One pair of hunters bagged 15 birds in couple hours of hunting. These are geese that are defined as nuisance birds, that keep their residence hear all year long, often fowling golf courses, beaches, etc.!

With all of the Hurricanes and weather activity on our doorstep, it has been hard for boaters to get in a little fishing. High surf and rough seas are not fun to fish in. Hopefully, the tropics will calm down soon, but there seems to be no letup in sight, and we are only in the first half of the hurricane season. The canal started to heat up last week with a lot of big fish. Tons of bait fish were observed in the area. At least fishing from shore can still provide some good fishing on the saltwater.

Freshwater bass fishing continues to provide anglers with



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This week's picture shows young Derek Tetreault with a five-pound large-mouth bass caught at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week.

some great fish, as this week's picture shows.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



ANTIQUES,
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& ESTATES
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WAYNE TUISKULA

In previous columns, I have discussed options for buying antiques and collectibles during the COVID-19 pandemic. I have also written about online auctions during these times. This column will offer a comprehensive look at options for selling estate personal property during the pandemic.

The shelter in place orders at the beginning of the pandemic put live auctions, estate appraisals and estate sales on hold. There were many people who waited for the regulations to be loosened so they could sell their estate person-

al property. We received very few calls during the spring, but now we have been fielding more calls than ever.

If you are an estate personal representative, methods of selling estate personal property have changed since the pandemic. Although things have changed, there are still many options available for sellers.

Some companies are still running estate (tag) sales. The Massachusetts August 7th updated gatherings order states "indoor gatherings are limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet, but should not exceed 25 people in a single enclosed, indoor space." Sellers cannot hold estate sales with 40 people in a house now. Estate sale company proprietors need to carefully monitor the number of people who enter and leave the home and have people waiting outside stay socially distanced.

To avoid the large crowds associated with

traditional estate sales, many companies are using other options. They may be holding private sales where buyers are invited to attend one at a time and make their purchases. Some companies are offering items online with a set price. Other estate sale companies have begun auctioning items online.

Some auctioneers have moved their operations outdoors. The updated gathering order provides for a "maximum of 50 people in a single enclosed outdoor space. Outdoor gatherings in unenclosed spaces are not subject to capacity limitations."

Auction houses like ours are strictly running online auctions. Auctions may take place at the estate, where we typically offer a preview prior to the end of bidding. Winning bidders may pick up their items the weekend after the end of the online bidding. We also gather higher valued items from multiple

estates and offer them in a multi-estate antiques and collectibles auction. Many other auctioneers are selling strictly online too.

Which one of these methods is best for you? It depends. Auctions have been the preferred method for selling valuable items for hundreds of years. Estate sales have also become a popular way to sell estate contents and with companies adjusting to meet the challenges that have arisen with COVID-19. Sometimes a combination is best. We auction items like estate jewelry, coin collections, sterling silver, antique artwork and better collectibles online. We then may sell other items privately or in an online auction at the home. Auctions have been in existence since 500 B.C. The pandemic may have slowed them up for a few months, but it certainly won't shut them down.

I will be appraising items virtually for the Townsend Historical Society's "Virtually Vintage: A Live, Online Antique Appraisal Event" on Oct. 10. You can buy tickets to get your items appraised on their website: townsendhistoricalsociety.org. You can either send photos of your items or bring them in person to Townsend on the day of the



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Peter Joyce and Patricia McNany of Brooklyn, Conn. attending our online auction pickup.

event. We are still accepting quality consignments for our Oct. 29 multi-estate online auction.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not

inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, 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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OBITUARIES

Leslie K. Kuske Dix Richards, 75



DUDLEY- Leslie k. (Maynor) Kuske Dix Richards, 75, passed away at Beaumont in Northbridge on Friday, September 18, 2020, after a period of declining health.

She is survived by 3 daughters, Lisa K. Brien and her husband Raymond of Douglas, Deborah L. Yedinak and her husband Mark of Northbridge, and Kirstin L. Peluso and her husband David of Dudley; 11 grandchildren; 14 great- grandchildren, and a sister Pamela J. Fisher of Uxbridge. She was predeceased by former husbands, Gary Dix and Damon Richards, and also her grandparents Arthur and Meta Pursell who contributed to raising her.

Born in Duquoin, Illinois on June 20, 1945, she was the daughter of Robert Maynor and Phyllis (Pursell) Guenther, and grew up in the Lansing, IL area. She had been a resident of Mass since the early 70's. Leslie worked many jobs over the years and wasn't afraid to try new things. Her last employment was working for Dr. Bethoney as a medical secretary. Leslie was a feisty woman who enjoyed playing bingo, shopping,

playing cards, and family poker games. She loved her family deeply and they will sorely miss her. She was a former member of the North Uxbridge Baptist Church and a member of Living Hope Ministries.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at Beaumont in Northbridge and the entire hospice team, for their compassionate care for Leslie and her family. A special thank you to Ana, Julie, and Amanda, who made her last moments bearable. We are forever grateful.

Her funeral service were held on Tuesday, September 22 at 6 PM in the Cornerstone Church, 5 Hartford Ave East, North Uxbridge. Reception will follow at Living Hope Ministries 760 Providence Rd., Whitinsville. Calling hours were held prior to the service from 4-6 PM. Cremation will follow and her private burial will take place at a later date in Evergreen Cemetery, Douglas, where she will be interred with Gary, the love of her life. In lieu of flowers, donations in Leslie's memory may be made to: Living Hope Ministries, PO Box 53, Whitinsville, MA 01588. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

Irving F. Orrell, Jr., 91



WHITINSVILLE- Irving F. Orrell, Jr., 91, died at home, Saturday, September 5. He is survived by his cousins, Patrick Orrell, of Princeton, Stephen Orrell, of Storrs, CT., David Orrell, of Eastport, ME., and his dear friend, Holly Johnston, of Whitinsville.

Irv was born in Whitinsville, March 14, 1929, the son of Irving and Louisa (Hall) Orrell, and was a lifelong resident. He was a 1947 graduate of Northbridge High School. An electrical engineering major, Irv earned his Bachelor and Masters degrees from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and an MBA from Babson College.

Irv's career was spent in the defense industry at Sylvania, GTE, Honeywell, and Raytheon, where he held several

patents while designing missile defense systems.

He was a lifelong member of the United Presbyterian Church in Whitinsville, and he belonged to the Whitinsville Golf Club. He enjoyed travelling to Europe, and as an active alumnus and supporter of WPI, he accompanied the college chorus on European tours.

A graveside funeral service was held Tuesday, September 22, in Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville. There were no Calling Hours. At the request of Irv's Family, please omit flowers. Memorial donations are requested to the Whitinsville Social Library, 17 Church Street, Whitinsville, MA., 01588. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., is entrusted with arrangements. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Donald P. Boucher, 66

GRAFTON- Donald P. Boucher, 66, of Maxwell Dr. Grafton, formerly of Douglas, died Friday August 21, 2020 at UMass Memorial, University Campus after complications from surgery. He is survived by his son Kyle J. Boucher and his wife Arnie Lee of Uxbridge; three granddaughters Delilah Boucher, Ava Boucher, and Ruby Boucher; several nieces, nephews, and friends. He was predeceased by his brother James J. Boucher. Born in Northbridge, MA on October 6, 1953, he was the son of Wallace J. and Barbara (Bonyon) Boucher and lived in Grafton the past 20 years. Raised in Douglas, Don was a Douglas Memorial High School, Class of 1971 graduate. He worked many years as

a Kiln Operator at Norton/St. Gobain Co. in Worcester and later worked as a Security Guard. He was quiet and reserved, and loved his family, especially his granddaughters. He enjoyed the Boston Red Sox and all our hometown sports teams. Don was a member of the Grafton American Legion, enjoyed socializing, playing pitch, and spending time at Purgatory Chasm with his brother Jim and with friends. He will be missed. According to his wishes, Don will be cremated and the family will have a private service. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to a charity of one's choice. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

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A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **A Petition to Change Name of Blackstone MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Maxwell Lynn Allaire**

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 10/06/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 04, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
September 25, 2020

John W Mulligan
Date Of Death: July 11, 2020
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Marie E Mulligan of Uxbridge MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Marie E Mulligan 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.

September 25, 2020

hearing on **Thursday, OCTOBER 8TH, 2020 at 6:35P.M.** VIA ZOOM
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I-929-205-6099 US (New York)
Applicant Scott & Catherine Casey, 41 Arthur Dr., Whitinsville, MA 01588 has filed an application for a Variance (12-V-2020) for front setback, pursuant to Article VI, Section 173-19 Table of Area Regulations, Note #7 in order for the applicant to install an above ground pool at the location of 41 Arthur Dr, Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 24A as Parcel 74 and is located in a Residential-4 zoning district, and is owned by Scott & Cathrine Casey.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this matter should attend said meeting at the time and place designated. A copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Thomas Hansson, Chairman
Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals
September 25, 2020
October 2, 2020

ing Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, OCTOBER 8TH, 2020 at 6:45P.M.** VIA ZOOM
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I-929-205-6099 US (New York)
Applicant Edward Renaud Jr., 77 Kelly Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 has filed Two applications for Special Permits (13-SP-2020) Lot 2 Goldthwaite Rd and (I 4-SP-20) Lot 1 Goldthwaite Road, Whitinsville Ma. 01588, Pursuant article V, Section 173-12 Table of Use Regulations, in order for the applicant to build a duplex on each lot located on Goldthwaite Road. Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 7 as Parcel 69-lot 2 and Map 7 Parcel 70 lot 1 both are Residential-2 zoning district, and owned by Edward Renaud Jr.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this matter should attend said meeting at the time and place designated. A copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO20P2486EA
Estate of:


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In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 48 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public

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According to Shawn Craig, Post Commander, “Like so many individuals, businesses, and non-profits, our Post has been greatly affected by the spread of COVID-19 and the CDC’s social distancing recommendations. We were unable to bring the carnival to town last spring, and then had to significantly delay our weekly Cruise Nights this summer. It’s these fundraisers alongside our hall rentals that support our community programs and services. I’m excited about going virtual as it opens the event to our family, friends, and others who may be living outside the area but still want to support our efforts.”

Participants can register to run the 5K (3.1mi) or walk 2.25K (1.4mi). Kids get their own Virtual Fun Run (from a 50-yard dash up to 400 meters). The race honors all Active, Reserve, and Guard members and veterans who served our country in the past. Each participant is encouraged to wear the name of a veteran they wish to honor. Runners submit their times using the honor system. Prizes will be given (mailed) to 1st Place male and female 5K runners!

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learning lessons are “robust and engaging” for students.

“In my 15 years of teaching, I have never experienced anything like this start. I usually look forward to meeting new students and preparing my classroom for them. I still look forward to meeting our students, but this year there is heightened anxiety of all of the new protocols in place,” one district

middle school teacher said. “We are adapting many activities to be online and our community will be split into small cohorts. As educators, we are committed to making this start as fun and as safe as possible.”

Teachers also added that planning for this year was much more strategic, and that teachers received “extensive training” to support the planning and implementation of the hybrid and remote learning models.

“This is history in the making. Teachers are doing the best they can at the moment,” a middle school teacher added. “There are going to be glitches and technical difficulties, and we will work through it all together. Don’t be afraid to reach out and ask for help. We are going to look back on this and be amazed at what we accomplished, but getting there is going to take patience, compassion, and hard work.”

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Veterans Association was “honored to be able to retire the flag of Henry Camosse from Camosse Masonry in Worcester.”

“This is the first flag retired in our new firepit,” he added. “The Blackstone Valley Veterans Association are humbled and grateful to be the beneficiary of Camosse Masonry’s generosity and Kevin McGowan’s Eagle project.”

The firepit, wood storage shed, and landscaping around the firepit were completed by Kevin McGowan as a Whitinsville Boy Scout Troop 155 Eagle project.

The vigil concluded Saturday evening with opening remarks, prayer, a brief history of POW/MIA Recognition Day, a Remembrance Ceremony/Missing Man Table reading, and a reading of the names of the 39 Massachusetts Vietnam Veterans Missing in Action.

The Missing Man Table reading included a small table in a place of honor set for one.

“This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst,” said McGowan. “They are commonly called POWs or MIAs; we call them ‘Brothers.’ They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them.”

The Blackstone Valley Veterans Association was established in 1985 and serves all veterans in the Blackstone Valley. For more information, visit bvveterans.org.

MEETING

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be used for community preservation purposes, including: acquisition, creation, and preservation of open space; acquisition, creation, and preservation of land for recreational use, including community gardens, trails, parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields; acquisition, creation, and support of affordable housing; and the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic resources, including buildings, structures, and other real properties.

“CPA Funds may not be spent as a replacement or substitute for operating funds, payment for routine main-

tenance, and projects without a public purpose or public benefit,” Bechtholdt added.

The Northbridge Community Preservation Committee is currently preparing the town’s first Community Preservation Plan in accordance with CPA statute and the town’s local bylaw adopted in October 2018. The plan will serve as a guidance document for the allocation and spending of future CPA Funds, and will include goals based on community needs and priorities identified.

The meeting, which was originally scheduled for April 14 and postponed, will be a virtual public information meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, Oct. 13

at 7 p.m. A copy of the initial draft of the Community Preservation Plan is currently available for review on the Community Preservation Committee’s webpage (www.northbridgemass.org/community-preservation-committee). The committee seeks the public to participate at this meeting or provide comments directly via email to CPC@northbridgemass.org. Those interested in filling the member vacancy are also encouraged to fill-out a Talent Bank Form and submit it to the Town Manager’s Office/Board of Selectmen.

For more information regarding the Community Preservation Act and other town initiatives, residents are invited to contact Bechtholdt at 508-234-2447 or planning@northbridgemass.org.

Cyber safety is important for every grade



People rely on the internet every day. In recent months, reliance on digital technology was pushed even further as social distancing measures had the world going online for school and work and to maintain relationships with friends and family.

A 2018 report from Pew Research Center indicated that nearly 25 percent of young adults in America reported being online almost constantly. Common Sense Media says teens spend an average of nine hours a day online, compared to roughly six hours for those between the ages eight and 12 and 50 minutes for kids younger than eight.

Students must exercise caution when spending time online. Connectivity can be empowering, but it also puts students at risk from others and even their own, sometimes irresponsible behaviors. Staying safe online should remain a priority for students who must spend more time on the internet and using digital education tools. These are some tips for maintaining cyber safety.

- Exercise caution when sharing information like your name, address, phone number, and other personal data online. Check with a trusted parent or teacher before sharing private data.
- Report any online activity that makes you feel

uncomfortable, scared or confused, whether it is directed at you or a classmate.

- Think carefully before you post comments online. Data remains online indefinitely, and your words and actions today can greatly affect your future.
- Respect others online by refraining from demeaning or bullying comments.
- Do not try to get around firewalls and blocked websites set up by school administrators. These limitations are there for your protection.
- Stick to school-sanctioned assignments and internet browsing when using school-issued devices. Administrators may have the right to monitor student activity without students’ knowledge and you can easily get yourself in trouble.

- It is easy to hide or fake one’s identity on the internet, so never take someone you meet or speak with online at face value. Never meet up with someone you do not know or only met online.

• Talk to your parents or educators about extortion and ransomware that tries to trick you into providing payment in some shape or form to prevent a perpetrator from releasing private information about you, advises the Readiness and Emergency for Schools Technical Assistance Center.

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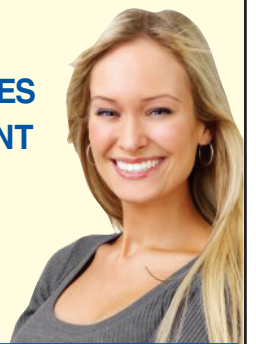
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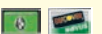
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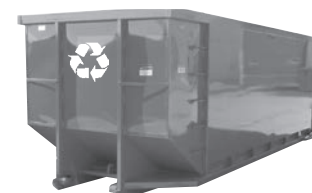


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I was originally a math teacher and always had an interest in real estate. When I acquired a license I approached a local broker and began my real estate career. I am still actively involved in teaching. I do teach real estate licensing and conduct numerous real estate education classes in buying foreclosures and landlord/tenant classes in Night-life programs at Bay Path Vocational and Assabet Valley Technical School.

The business has changed because of techology and the information network making it easier for buyers to obtain much of their needed information through the internet. For sellers, environmental issues and more informed consumers has made it critical that sellers get professional assistance early to sell their home. Buyers are all watching HGTV and have very specific expectations. Sellers need guidance in staging and making sure they have prepared their house for home inspections. Professionals are able to make it a more

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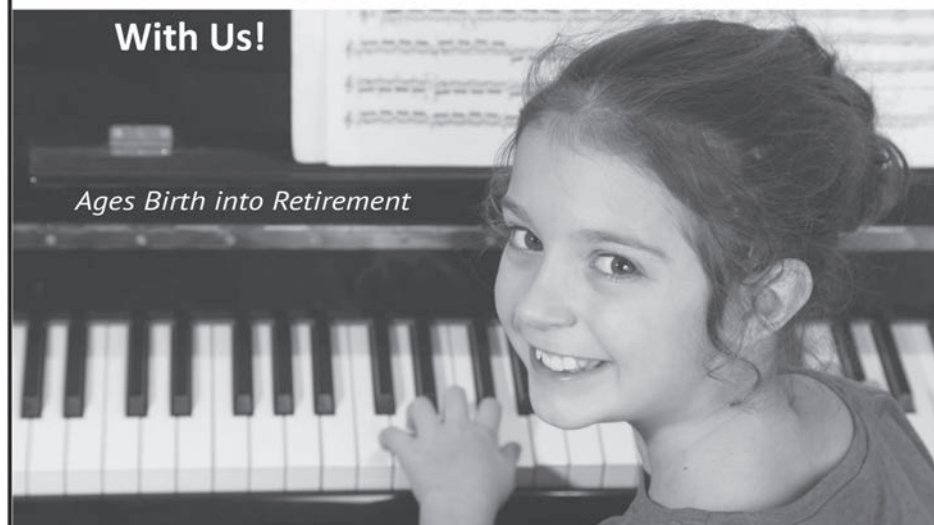


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Chicken Wings	6 - 6.99 • 12 - 10.99
	20 - 17.99 • 50 - 43.99 • 100 - 79.99

Chicken Tenders	
6 - 8.29 • 10 - 12.29 • 20 - 22.29 • 30 - 33.99	
4 Chicken Tenders w/French Fries	8.29
5 Chicken Wings w/French Fries	8.29
Chilli Cheese Bites	8 - 5.79 • 16 - 8.79
Broccoli Cheese Bites	6 - 5.79 • 12 - 8.79
Garlic Cheeze Toast	3.99
Cheezee Bread Sticks	6.99 • 10.99
Quesadillas	8.29
Mac & Cheese Bites	6 - 5.79 • 12 - 8.79

Dessert

Brownie/Blondie	2.49	Baklava	3.99
Fried Dough Balls		8 - 3.99 • 16 - 5.99	

Beverages

2 Liter Bottle	2.99	All 20 Oz. Bottled Drinks	2.19
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Party Platters

Salads	1/2 Pan	Full Pan
Garden or Caesar Salad	14.99	34.49
Pasta		
Spaghetti or Penne	19.99	49.99
Lasagna	24.99	69.99
Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo	24.99	75.99

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w/ house made corned beef hash\$10.50
Side: Home fries or hash browns.....\$1.75
Side: House made corned beef hash.....\$6.50

Breakfast Bundle Wrap

Scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon & American cheese w/
salsa & sour cream\$9.95

Porky's Pride

Served w/ home fries or hash browns & toast

2 eggs w/ ham, 2 strips bacon, & 2 sausage links\$9.95

California Scramble

Served w/ home fries or hash browns & toast

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Served w/ home fries or hash browns

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Vegetarian: Spinach, tomato, mushrooms, onion,
peppers, & American cheese\$10.25
Greek: Spinach, tomato, feta cheese, & kalamata olives
.....\$10.95
Meat Lovers: Bacon, sausage & ham.....\$10.95

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Garden: Tomatoes, cukes & red onion.....\$4.95
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salad\$6.95

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Bacon & Cheese.....\$8.50
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Bacon,
let & tom, mayo.....\$7.50
Ham, American cheese,
let & tom\$8.50
Grilled bologna
w/ American cheese\$8.50
Roast beef
let & tom, American cheese.....\$9.50
Pastrami, Swiss cheese.....\$9.50
Grilled chicken breast,
let & tom, mayo.....\$9.50
Chicken salad, let & tom\$8.50
Tuna salad, let & tom\$8.50
Italian hard salami, capicola, pepperoni, provolone
cheese, red onion, let & tom w/ house Italian dress-
ing.....\$10.50

LUNCH COMBOS 11:30-2:00

(includes chips & can of soda or bottled water & tax)

Honey BBQ burger,
Swiss cheese, bacon on roll.....\$9.50
2 Coney Island grilled hot dogs.....\$6.00
Cheeseburger on roll\$8.50
Double cheeseburger
w/ bacon on roll\$11.50
Ball park sausage
w/ peppers & onions.....\$10.00

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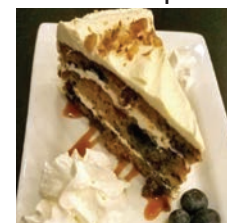
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Fried Clam Plate



Baked Stuffed Shrimp



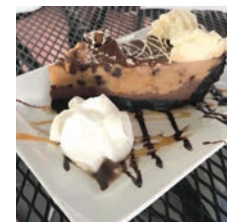
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