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The Bean comes to the Valley



Jennifer and Eric Visbeek

Erica Chick photos

BY ERICA CHICK
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

Jennifer and Eric Visbeek are thrilled to be bringing The Valley Bean to Uxbridge. The Valley Bean, located at 336 N. Main St., next to Chevere – The Place to Bead, is a coffee and sandwich shop. They will be open from 5 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Longtime Northbridge residents, the Visbeeks owned and operated The Little Coffee Bean for 18 years before selling it five years ago, in the hope of moving to a warmer climate. However, once the grandchildren started being born, their plans changed. They are now residents of Uxbridge and are finally opening another shop. They couldn't have done this without the help of their friends and family, especially Eric's father, George Visbeek, who did all the carpentry and construction.

The shop will be counter service with a few tables and counter seating. A big-screen TV is installed in one corner. There is a rack of coloring books available for

the little ones. They soon hope to have a large chalkboard painted onto a low wall for the kids to draw on as well.

Almost all of the foods are made in-house. The bagels are sourced from a bakery in Westborough. Jennifer makes the muffins, the soups, and the salads.

For those who have food allergies, Jennifer, who has food allergies herself, knows the severity of having such problems. All of her employees are trained to understand allergies and the effects of cross-contamination. Please make sure to let employees know of your allergies before ordering.

There is ample parking in the rear of the building and a couple of spots out front. WiFi will be available. They'll be accepting cash as well as credit/debit.

The grand-opening is slated for Saturday, Dec. 16, but with the weather and how things sometimes go in the world, if it does not happen on the 16th their nephew, Mark Clark, will be posting on the Uxbridge Facebook pages with the new opening date.

Northbridge reaping benefits of 'Green Community' status

BY RAYANNE COOMBS
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE – After achieving the status of “green community” as part of the state's Green Community and Grant Program, Northbridge is benefitting from financial support from the state of Massachusetts to help improve municipal energy use and undertake additional energy-related initiatives.

Gary Bechtholdt, Northbridge town planner, explained the five criteria the town had to meet in order to achieve Green Community status, “In February 2017, Northbridge was designated a Green Community after satis-

fying five criteria set forth by the state's DOER: as-of-right siting of renewable/alternative energy facilities; adoption of expedited permitting process for clean-energy facilities; establishment of an energy use baseline and Energy Reduction Plan (to reduce municipal energy use by 20 percent after five years); adopting a policy to purchase fuel efficient vehicles; and the adoption of the Stretch Code for new construction (set of requirements to minimize life-cycle energy costs for new construction).”

As a newly designated Green Community, Northbridge

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Two local residents awarded 'Firefighter of the Year'

BY RAYANNE COOMBS
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — Governor Charlie Baker and Public Safety Secretary Daniel Bennett joined State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey to honor firefighters from 22 Massachusetts fire departments for heroic acts of bravery at the 28th annual “Firefighter of the Year” awards ceremony, held at Worcester's Mechanics Hall.

Steven Tancrell, deputy fire chief for the Uxbridge Fire Department, and Lieutenant Gerard Connell of the Douglas Fire Department were both

honored for their acts of bravery and commitment to public safety. “The Commonwealth's firefighters make tremendous sacrifices and risk their lives on a regular basis to protect the members of their communities,” said Governor Baker. “We are proud to salute this year's award recipients, who drew upon their training and experience to perform remarkable acts that saved lives.”

“Our firefighters deserve our thanks and praise every day of the year, and it is important to

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Miglionico takes next step in career

BY ERICA CHICK
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

Twenty years ago, Nick Miglionico was heading out to take his exam for the Douglas Police Department when his wife, Becky Miglionico, went into labor. Since he had taken several police exams over the past three years with no callbacks, he just said to her, “Okay, let's go.”

His wife had other plans. She had “a good feeling about this one.” She told him to go and take the test and his mother could take her to the hospital.

He took the test, and six hours later he arrived at the hospital, just in time to see his daughter, Jordan, being born.

Little did he know that his wife was right. Nick Miglionico was sworn into the Douglas Police Department by former Douglas Police Chief Patrick T. Foley almost 21 years ago. Nine years ago, he made lieutenant and on Dec. 6, 2017, Nick Miglionico was sworn in as chief of the Douglas Police Department.

Chief Foley was sworn in as the next Williston Police Chief in Williston, VT on Oct. 16, 2017.

Miglionico was surprised by the turnout at his swearing-in ceremony. There were officers from many surrounding towns including Uxbridge, Oxford, Berlin, and Auburn. His mother, Donna Miglionico; his wife,

Becky; his daughters Jordan and Jamie were all present to support him.

Uxbridge District Court Judge Gerald A. Lemire was there to swear in Miglionico. Senator Ryan Fattman presented Miglionico a citation from the Massachusetts State Senate recognizing the appointment to Chief of Police. Massachusetts State Representative Joseph McKenna of the 18th Worcester District (Webster, Douglas, Sutton, and precincts 1 & 4 of Oxford) presented a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives recognizing Miglionico as Chief of Police, as well.

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Gerald Lemire swearing in Douglas Chief of Police Nick Miglionico

Toy 'Battle of the 'Bridges' continues

BY ERICA CHICK
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What is better than a friendly competition between two rival town's police departments in order to fill police cars with toys for children? Not a lot.

In good-hearted fun, the Northbridge Police Department challenged the Uxbridge Police Department in a “Toy Battle of the Bridges,” held on Saturday, Dec. 9. Each department was stationed locally: UPD in the Hannaford Supermarket Plaza and NPD at Walmart.

They each collected toys for Toys for Kids and Teens.

Police Chief Jeff Lourie and Fire Chief Bill Kessler, in an act of mutual aid, arrived at the Northbridge Walmart and donated to the Northbridge Police Department's efforts.

When asked if they were actually keeping count, Chief Lourie responded with, “I'm not, in my eyes we're all winners.

There are no losers.”

However, Dan Foley of the Marine Corps, a volunteer for the drive, said, “Oh, yeah! I'm keeping count over here and they're keeping count over there.”

The folks from Hershaw Paving and Brodeur Pump Co, Inc. arrived with two truck loads of toys for the cause. BJs Wholesale, Nor'Easter Roofing and many community members came by and dropped off gifts in Uxbridge.

All of the toys donated go to local families in the Blackstone Valley area.

For those who have a little competitive streak, the final tally was 926 toys for Uxbridge and 684 plus two bikes for Northbridge: 1612 items all together. As Chief Lourie said, there certainly aren't any losers. photo 9145 –

Two bears donated for the drive seemed to be in a hurry to get to their new homes.

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Gabriel Andino and his sister, Aubrey Andino, give Officer Tom Dejorj a bag of toys for the drive. Mr. Andino, Odin Tripp and his brother, Silas Tripp look on.

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p.m. at Douglas Primary School, 17 Gleason Court.
Applications are available on the Douglas public schools' website or by calling the Douglas Primary School at (508) 476-2154. Children must be three years of age by Sept. 1, 2018. Deadline for applications is Feb. 9, 2018.
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What can be more fun than a little friendly competition among friends to earn bragging rights as the smartest people while raising money for graduating seniors to have a fun, safe environment after graduation? Uxbridge Parents for Safe Graduation is holding its annual trivia night fundraiser with Wise Guys Trivia on Friday Jan. 26, 2018 at the Progressive Club in Uxbridge from 7-10 p.m. First hour is social hour with two hours of trivia. Cost is \$20 per person for 1-3 people. Team pricing is as follows. Team of 4 is \$75, team of 5 is \$95, team of 6 is \$115, team of 7 is \$135 and team of 8 (whole table) is \$150. Teams of 2-8 are welcome. Individuals will be placed on teams. Cash prizes for the top two teams. We'll have some great raffle baskets to bid on plus a 50/50 raffle. Light Appetizers and cash bar available. Space is limited so please pre-register at our Eventbrite link at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uxbridge-psg-trivia-night-fundraiser-tickets-41025593655> or contact us at uxbridgepsg2018@gmail.com for registration information.

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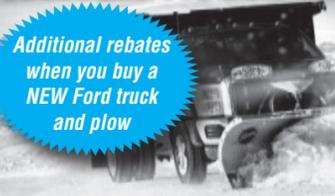
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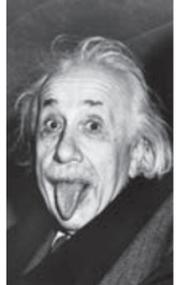
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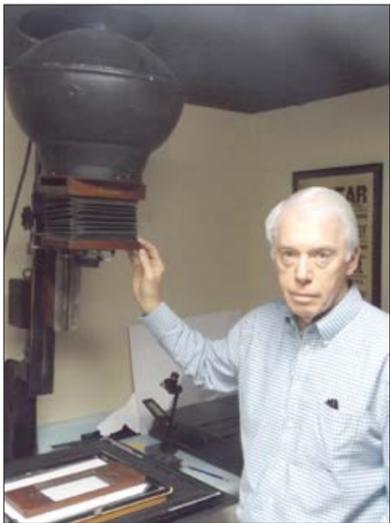
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Accident makes photographic history

BULLARD ARCHIVE A TREASURE TROVE OF BLACK, NATIVE HISTORY



Morrill with his 80-year-old Elwood Enlarger, which he uses to create usable images of the Bullard plates.



Gus Steeves photos

BY GUS STEEVES
STAFF WRITER

Morrill shows an enlargement of one of Bullard's images.

Back in 2003, local historian Frank Morrill came across a collection of glass photographic plates from around the turn of the 20th century, and he bought them. For him, that wasn't unusual except for the collection's size -- about 5400 plates.

For nearly a decade, he slowly went through them identifying local buildings, businesses and general activity, categorizing them by town and other factors, talking about them to local historical societies, and making prints of some of them to sell. Sometimes, his granddaughter Hannah came over to help, and on one of those days, Frank gave her three randomly chosen boxes of building shots to categorize for one of their book projects.

Mistakenly included in one box of the Beaver Brook section of Worcester was a single portrait of an African American woman. "We were not looking for that; it was accidental. Had she just put that aside as I told her, we wouldn't be here today," Morrill said. "Instead, she held it up and asked me 'Who is this?'"

In response, Morrill looked at it, noticing a number on the back. Since he had photographer William Bullard's log book, he looked it up and learned the woman was Celia Perkins.

Morrill knew he had many boxes of portraits, but had simply put them aside, thinking, "No one looks at old portraits, because nobody knows who they are."

Besides being black, Perkins caught his interest for another reason: the address Bullard gave for her no longer exists.

"The whole neighborhood is gone. There's one house left," he added. "The city tore them all down in the 1960s, '70s and '80s to expand businesses and they never did. That area's still sitting there, abandoned fields with trash in them."

Curiosity stoked, Morrill and Hannah started looking at the portrait boxes, and quickly realized they had an unusually high percentage of black people in them. About 40 percent of the named ones were blacks (some later identified as Native American, too) in a city whose population then was just one percent black.

Not sure what to do with them, he called the American Antiquarian Society, who recommended photo expert Maureen Taylor of Providence. When she saw them, she said, "You have something rather incredible here. You need to do something with this," and encouraged him to contact Clark University history professor Janette Greenwood, he recalled.

Greenwood's research focus for years has been the migration of slaves to the North after the Civil War, and she'd written a book on Worcester's role in that a few years earlier.

"I was amazed. They were incredibly beautiful and revealing about their era and the people," Greenwood recalled. Looking at the log book, she was "astounded. There were names I recognized. Some of them were people I'd written about."

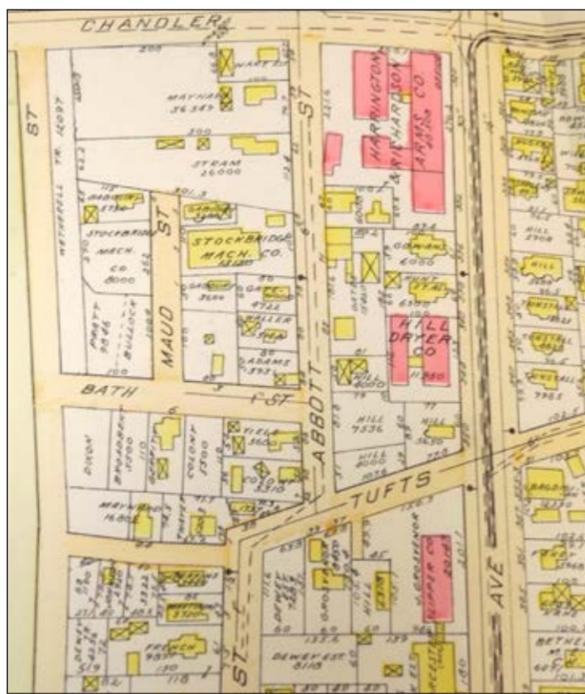
That began a three-year collaboration, which rapidly grew into a much larger team effort involving Greenwood's students, a lot of travel to interview descendants, reams of documents, a website (www.bullardphotos.org) that's still growing, and a Worcester Art Museum exhibit that has attracted worldwide attention. That show opened Oct. 14 and runs through Feb. 25, 2018; afterward, Greenwood said she hopes it will go on the road.

In WAM's "Access" magazine description of the exhibit, Greenwood wrote that Bullard's photos "are especially valuable for two reasons. First, due to the fortunate survival of Bullard's log book, most of his sitters can be identified, allowing us to uncover the histories that contextualize the portraits. Second, as an itinerant photographer, Bullard typically photographed men, women and children in their own settings...in ways they chose to represent themselves," rather than in a studio.

"Above all," she added in print, "Bullard's subjects presented themselves as upstanding, respectable members of society, using the camera to reimagine and represent themselves as they wished, in ways that subverted racial stereotypes."

As a case in point, Bullard shot quite a few scenes of the Perkins clan. When Morrill and Greenwood tracked descendants down, they found that Celia had been a slave on the James Chestnut Plantation in Camden, SC, which still exists, now called the Mulberry Plantation. Chestnut had been a state senator and aide to Confederate President Jefferson Davis who owned more than 500 slaves. One of them, Celia's father, came to be known as "King Perkins" because he fathered 23 children and lived to be 110; when he died in 1912, "he was so well known in the South they had a big article on him," Morrill said, adding that Chestnut's records include many of the families Bullard photographed.

"It has become a mission for me to bring this information to the descendants of these people," he added, noting he's found quite a few who didn't even know what their ancestor looked like. Many traveled long distance to attend the art show's opening in October, including a musical trio who commemorated their ancestor David Oswell, while many others still live in the Worcester area.



A section from a 1911 Worcester atlas page shows the neighborhood where most of Bullard's photo subjects (and Bullard himself) lived. Almost all of those homes have since been demolished and the streets abandoned.

Morrill noted photography experts have told him Bullard's images are surprisingly good quality, even though all available evidence seems to show the man was entirely self-taught. Before this archive's discovery, his skill was almost entirely unknown outside his family. He'd never married, always lived with kin, and hanged himself shortly after his mother's death in 1918.

Local residents recalled him strapping his camera to the back of his bicycle and pedaling around the Brookfields after he moved out of Worcester, and Bullard traveled fairly widely to shoot whatever interested him. Besides the large number of blacks from his former neighborhood (Morrill noted the collection also has many whites, but not concentrated from any one area), Bullard also shot 350 photos of ice wagons, hundreds of soldiers, and images in "45 communities from as far away as Buffalo, NY," Morrill said.

"We're at the edge of whenever this could have been done with great success, because we've lost a 97-year-old and two 94-year-olds in the last year," he added.

Ultimately, their goal is to get the collection into the Smithsonian's African-American History Museum, but Greenwood said the Smithsonian has "not been terribly responsive."



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Interest rates are steady compared to where they were last month. According to Bankrate.com as of 12/10/17 the rate on a 30 year fixed loan was 3.80% which is the same if was when I wrote the November market update about 4 weeks ago. The Option of refinancing your home is still a great idea to explore. Always keep in mind if you did take out your loan several years ago that your effective interest rate would be lower than the rate you received because you have advanced in the amortization schedule. So just comparing rates will not necessarily answer if refinancing is a good option or you.

Today we have 1582 single family homes for sale in Worcester County compared to 6 months ago where we had 1823 homes for sale or about a 15% decrease

in homes for sale over that 6 month period. If we look back to 12 months ago we had 1837 homes for sale in Worcester County which shows a 13.9% decrease in inventory year over year. The average days on market is currently 132 days while it was 113 days in June which tells me we are continuing to cycle through the inventory but slightly slower than last month. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is an almost 1.5% increase in sales and a 6.0% increase in sales price while it is taking over 21.1% faster to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. This shows that prices are still rising and homes are still selling quicker than a year ago. The increase in sales was higher than the previous month



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as well as the decrease in time to get an offer. This shows the market is still strong going into the winter months.

These numbers are continuing to stay strong and if anything they keep getting stronger. We will look at these numbers every month to ensure we see early signs of the market changing. As always hire a Realtor that knows your market and can tell you how this data directly affects you and your home buying or selling decisions.

'Wonder' brings kindness front and center

Local tweens/teens convened at the Whitinsville Social Library on Wednesday, Nov. 29th and discussed how they could each be a little more kind and a bit more caring towards others as they talked about R.J. Palacio's bestselling young adult novel entitled "Wonder."

"Wonder" is about a 10-year-old boy named Auggie Pullman who has an amazing inner strength and beauty and a craniofacial deformity. Like many young adults today, Auggie faces numerous challenges such as starting middle school and dealing with changing friendships.

Following the book discussion, the group participated in an activity where they wrote positive words and messages derived from the book on miniature chalkboards. Participants were able to keep the chalkboards as a reminder that, while we all have obstacles to overcome in our lives, we need to be more kind, caring, and accepting of ourselves and others.

The book club was co-facilitated by Marcia Nichols, children's librarian, and Amy Cowen, parent volunteer. For more information on the Tween/Teen book club please contact the Whitinsville Social Library at (508) 234-2151.



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Local library users are part of the movement to make 'wonder' a part of their lives.

Moore announces 80th Citizens' Legislative Seminar

BOSTON — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) announced that the 80th Citizens' Legislative Seminar (CLS) will be held next spring on Tuesday, March 27th and Wednesday, March 28th at the Massachusetts State House.

CLS is a program that aims to better educate the public on the Commonwealth's legislative process. Established in 1976 through a collaborative effort of the Massachusetts Senate and the University of Massachusetts, this two-day seminar features presentations by Senators and staff on aspects of the day-to-

day experience of legislators in the Commonwealth. Topics will include the history and process of the Legislature, and the parliamentary role of the Clerk of the Senate.

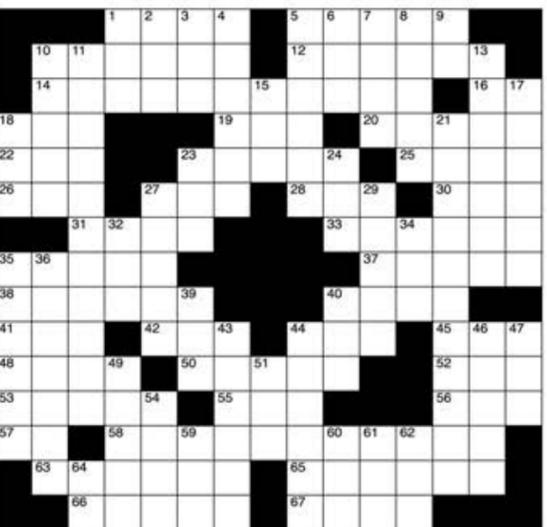
"This program provides an exciting opportunity for residents to gain a firsthand perspective about what it's like to serve in the Senate," said Senator Moore. "Participants debate legislation and meet with Senators and staff to learn more about the legislative process and day-to-day life on Beacon Hill. Past participants from our area have found the program to be both

informative and enjoyable."

The CLS culminates in a simulated legislative hearing and Senate session where participants are invited to use what they have learned and participate as "Senators" in a live debate.

All residents of the Second Worcester District are invited to contact Senator Moore's Office via telephone at (617) 722-1485 or online at www.SenatorMikeMoore.com no later than Friday, January 5, 2018 in order to be nominated by Senator Moore. Participation is on a first come, first served basis.

The Second Worcester District includes the towns of Auburn, Grafton, Leicester, Millbury, Shrewsbury, Precincts 2 and 4 in Northbridge, Upton, and Wards 5-7 and Precincts 1 and 5 in Ward 8 of the city of Worcester.

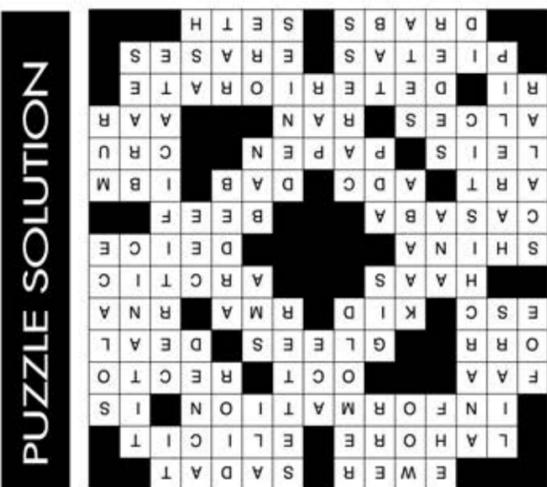


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Large jug
- 5. Anwar __, Egyptian statesman
- 10. Punjab province capital
- 12. Evoke
- 14. Data
- 16. Exists
- 18. Supervises flying
- 19. Having eight
- 20. Right-handed page
- 22. NHL great Bobby
- 23. German municipality
- 25. Negotiate
- 26. Keyboard key
- 27. Youngster
- 28. Medical decision (abbr.)
- 30. Ribonucleic acid
- 31. One-time Levi's chairman Walter
- 33. Cold region
- 35. Type of plywood
- 37. A way to unfreeze
- 38. Winter melon
- 40. Dispute
- 41. An expression of imagination
- 42. Human gene
- 44. Touch lightly
- 45. Computer giant
- 48. Garlands
- 50. Franz van __, German diplomat
- 52. Vineyard
- 53. Elk or moose
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Swiss river
- 57. Rhode Island
- 58. Fall into disrepair
- 63. Ancient Roman virtue
- 65. Removes
- 66. Slovenly women
- 67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Extremely high frequency
- 2. Court
- 3. Make a mistake
- 4. Change the appearance of
- 5. Long-haired dog
- 6. The Greatest of All Time
- 7. Designer Christian
- 8. Blemished
- 9. Atlanta-based rapper
- 10. Deceivers
- 11. One who supports disorder
- 13. Colossal
- 15. A team's best pitcher
- 17. Comfort in a time of sadness
- 18. Opponent
- 21. Professionals might need one
- 23. Captures geographical data (abbr.)
- 24. Senior officer
- 27. Sacred Islamic site
- 29. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 32. Comedienne Gaster
- 34. Performer __ Lo Green
- 35. Having only magnitude, not direction
- 36. Cleft lip
- 39. Payroll company
- 40. Prohibit
- 43. Stroke
- 44. Does not acknowledge
- 46. Hillsides
- 47. Austrian river
- 49. Passover feast and ceremony
- 51. Golf score
- 54. Hair-like structure
- 59. Check
- 60. Extract metal from this
- 61. Tell on
- 62. Powdery residue
- 64. A part of the mind



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Trifecta: Beaumont at Northbridge granted deficiency-free survey

NORTHBRIDGE — For the third year in a row, Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center at Northbridge has accomplished the tremendous feat of receiving a deficiency-free rating from the state Department of Public Health.

Beaumont at Northbridge Executive Director Carol Kapolka says the achievement is a direct result of “the effort the Northbridge team puts forth

day in and day out compassionately and skillfully caring for our residents.”

“With the support of our company-wide clinical staff,” she said, “the Northbridge group managed the lengthy process wonderfully and was able to secure a perfect survey for three years running, which is no small accomplishment!”

In the required annual inspection, state officials analyze several detailed

factors including resident care, building environment, dietary procedures, cleanliness, medicine policy and safety, in addition to interviewing residents, family members and employees. After this year’s examination, officials found no flaws in the operations of the community.

The annual survey is one of many factors determining Beaumont’s 5-star national rating from the Centers for

Medicare & Medicaid Services, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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UDTC shows strength in numbers

The Uxbridge Democratic Town Committee held its monthly meeting at Uxbridge Lower Town Hall at 7 p.m. Nov. 15. The meeting started with Uxbridge High School Democrats providing an update on how their committee has already grown to 20 members and had a successful sign up of 35 students for voter registration. They have many activities on tap for this winter, which includes a mock election where they will be conducting a debate with two candidates. It is nice to see this continued civil engagement on our local public high school level.

The highlight of the meeting was a visit from Paul DePalo, who is the Democratic candidate for the District 7 Governor’s Council seat. Paul has shown a willingness and desire to do the work this seat needs along with much experience. We look forward to his successful campaign. His campaign manager, Michelle Keane, submitted the following press release:

“Paul DePalo, attorney and former public school teacher, has announced his

candidacy for the District 7 Governor’s Council seat. Paul, a Democrat, will be a fresh, progressive voice on the Governor’s Council. Learn more at www.pauldepalo.com.

DePalo is passionate about criminal and social justice.

“So-called ‘tough on crime’ policies like mandatory minimum sentences have wasted money, produced sky-high recidivism rates, and insidiously impacted communities of color,” DePalo says.

“Plus, incarceration correlates with negative health outcomes and increased school discipline feeding into further court involvement and perpetuating the school-to-prison pipeline. It’s shameful. As Governor’s Councilor I will support judges who fully understand how their decisions intersect with our communities and seek alternatives to costly and ineffective incarceration whenever possible.” (The Governor’s Council approves or rejects the Governor’s judicial nominees.)

“Beyond compromising our values,” DePalo says, “we are spending about \$60,000 per

year to incarcerate someone, whereas diversion to mental health treatment, education, job training, and similar programs would save money in both the short- and long-terms.”

Paul lives with his family in Worcester, where his oldest daughter attends public school. He received a BA in English from Wesleyan University, a JD from Northeastern University, and an MEd from Fitchburg State University. He is co-founder of the local affiliate of the Bernie Sanders group Our Revolution. He is admitted to practice law in Massachusetts state and Federal courts and is licensed as a principal and special education teacher.

Governor’s Council consists of eight district-based councilors and the Lieutenant Governor, who serves ex officio. The council’s primary job is to approve or reject the Governor’s judicial nominees. District 7 contains the 1st Worcester, 2nd Worcester, Worcester-Middlesex, Worcester-Hampden-Hampshire-Middlesex, and Worcester-Norfolk State

Senate Districts.

Kevin Tagliaferri was also in attendance. He is one of our State Committee members and the chairman of the Bellingham Democrat Town Committee. He announced at the last month’s meeting that he is seriously considering running for the State Representative seat in 2018 for the 8th Worcester District, which includes the towns of Uxbridge, Millville, Blackstone and Bellingham. He stated at this meeting that he will be making his final decision on in January.

He also informed us there was training scheduled on Dec. 2nd on how to host a Caucus at the Framingham Public Library. Caucuses are typically held in the Spring to elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention in June. For 2018, the Caucus will be held on Feb. 21st at 7pm at Lower Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge. This location is handicap accessible.

Next on the agenda, was discussion about Uxbridge’s First Night, schedule on Dec. 2. A motion was made and

second to have Brett Belanger, our treasurer, purchase a banner for the UDTC to be used at First Night at the table. UDTC would also be hosting a voter registration table to be presented by Nancy O’Sullivan and Lisa Bertonazzi. Invitations were extended to any candidates running to join us at our table, so they were given an opportunity to meet with their constituents.

To wrap up the meeting, the review of UDTC’s bylaws were discussed and Tim Bonci continues to make necessary edits. The final draft will be voted on at our next meeting, which was scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Lower Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge.

UDTC is actively seeking new members and associate members and encourages persons who may be interested to attend a meeting. For more information, please contact Gregg Bertonazzi, Chairman of Uxbridge Democratic Town Committee, at (508) 278-0022 or at uxbridgedemtowncommittee@gmail.com.



S.C.M. Elderbus will be closed on
Monday, December 25th
for Christmas
and
Monday, January 1st
for New Years



Friday's Child



Braydon “Brady” is a polite and caring nine-year old boy of Caucasian descent. Braydon is an active child and has enjoyed activities such as flag football, riding his bike and rock climbing. Braydon has many talents and interests including dancing, music, sports, drawing and playing games. Braydon is described by those who know him as enthusiastic and fun loving. He is currently in the third grade, and shares that he loves going to school and looks forward to attending. Braydon can be a

good advocate for himself and has shared he is looking forward to having his own family. Legally freed for adoption, it will be important to Braydon that he continues to maintain contact with his two older siblings. Braydon sees them at least monthly and has a positive relationship with them and their families. He enjoys being with them both at his placement and in the community. Braydon would also do well in a home that has a dog as he loves animals! It will be important for a future family to be able to visit with him frequently at his current placement in order to build a relationship and establish trust prior to Braydon moving into a family’s home.

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LEARNING

Blackstone Valley Tech Announces First Trimester Commendation List

UPTON — Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick has released the following Commendation List for the first trimester of the 2017-18 academic school year at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. Students named to the Commendation List have met rigorous standards including maintaining a grade point average of 80 percent or above in each technical, related, and academic course for the trimester. Students are listed alphabetically by last name and are grouped according to grade and hometown.

SENIORS (Class of 2018)

Douglas

Jared Ayotte, health services; Kirsten Ballou, cosmetology; Owen Christian, plumbing; Sydney Connor, drafting; Dominic Corso, electronics; Josephine Garland, painting & design technologies; Margaret Gurney, health services; Kelsey LaFleur, painting & design technologies; Kiley LaFortune, business technology; Anna LaPolt, culinary arts; Benjamin Mussulli, construction technology; Kelsey Nolen, health services; Priya Patel, health services; Olivia Setzer, health services.

Northbridge

Forrest Amtmann, information technology; Haley Andrews-Tognazzi, electrical; Sarah Arnold, culinary arts; Hailey Baldwin, health services; Brenna Cofske, drafting; Cameron Dolson, information technology; Trevor Gallagher, HVAC/R; Casey Gosselin, drafting; Gibran Kafal, culinary arts; Vanessa Karagosian, business technology; Alyssa Mahoney, cosmetology; Shane O'Bannon, electronics; Stephen Oncay, electronics; Zachary Poirier, electronics; Donovan Tames, electrical; Vanessa Trapasso, engineering; Lauren Vaughan, dental assisting; Emily Whittaker-Smith, dental assisting; Sophia Zechello, multimedia communications.

Uxbridge

Ethan Borjeson-Troupe, manufacturing technology; Austin Brodeur, electrical; Jared Creighton, electrical; Benjamin Fox, information technology; Madison Hey, cosmetology; Katherine Jordan, construction technology; Ava Lawyer, engineering; James Lutton, information technology; Karni Murray,

dental assisting; Morgan O'Brien, auto technology; Meaghan Remillard, business technology; Katelyn Silveira, dental assisting; Justin Thayer, engineering; Katarina Whitney, dental assisting; Angela Young, culinary arts; Tabitha Young, auto collision.

JUNIORS (Class of 2019)

Douglas

Noah Boudreau, electronics; David Brown, electronics; Christian Fenoff, construction technology; Natalie Fenoff, painting & design technologies; Ashley Ferrick, cosmetology; Emma Heintz, culinary arts; Theron Howe, drafting; Hanna Kearney, cosmetology; Aaron King, construction technology; Payton Linnehan, business technology; Alec Patnaude, electrical; Natalia Podstawka, multimedia communications; Connor Zisk, multimedia communications.

Northbridge

Isabella Biamonte, electrical; Elizabeth Bisailon, health services; Corey Burke, HVAC/R; Victoria Byrne, dental assisting; Anthony Carneiro, electronics; Skylar Chase, multimedia communications; Andrew Cleary, HVAC/R; Connor Loando, multimedia communications; Madison Malone, health services; Hannah Nicoletti, dental assisting; Jessica Nordquist, multimedia communications; Andrew Regan, engineering; Vella Ross, health services; Braelyn Sessa, dental assisting; Kimberly Shorey, health services; Jonathan Whittaker-Smith, electronics; Kayla Wittenberg, dental assisting.

Uxbridge

Heather Barrows, painting & design technologies; Jaylin Bodell, culinary arts; Joseph Boisvert, plumbing; Matthew Brook, information technology; Kelly Buteyn, plumbing; Thomas Campanelli, information technology; Felicia D'Ambra, electrical; Jenna Dagle, painting & design technologies; Mara Eisenhardt, drafting; Lena Flynn-Moscaritolo, business technology; Wesli Goates, painting & design technologies; Lindsey Guyton, business technology; Ava Howe, health services; Galina Jaros, cosmetology; Rebecca Lauze, multimedia communications; Bailey Leavitt, auto technology; Derek Lucciarini, electrical; Steven Makynen, construction technology; Jennifer McLaughlin, health services; Megan Metzger, business technology;

Shayla Seymour, health services; Alex Tashjian, HVAC/R; Christian Verla, multimedia communications.

SOPHOMORES (Class of 2020)

Douglas

Christina Aube, drafting; Isabel Briggs, drafting; Eric Buchanan, information technology; Jason Dansereau, HVAC/R; Massimo Fontaine, information technology; Richard Forget, multimedia communications; Benjamin Garland, electrical; Sage Hurteau, painting & design technologies; Kaylee Ide, business technology; Megan Jacene, engineering; Emily Losiewicz, engineering; Skylar Manyak, dental assisting; Brooke Mazzuchelli, culinary arts; Gabrielle Muscatelli, health services; Madeline Rivard, electrical; Hannah Rosenkrantz, engineering; Patricia Soltan, health services; Alison Stienstra, culinary arts.

Northbridge

Lily Allen, culinary arts; Shane Andrews, construction technology; Taevy Augusto, cosmetology; Brianna Brothers, business technology; Max Brueggemann, drafting; Isabel Carroll, culinary arts; Alexia Coates, multimedia communications; Grace Doan, multimedia communications; Caroline Gallant, engineering; Robert Garrigan, construction technology; Mackenzie Gifford, culinary arts; Jacob Gray, information technology; Benjamin Hazerjian, HVAC/R; Christopher Hollenbeck, information technology; Alana Johnson, culinary arts; Stephanie Massey, dental assisting; Kevin McGowan, electrical; Mica McLaurin, health services; Ashley Minor, health services; Braden Murray, electronics; Sean Naughton, information technology; Emily O'Bannon, business technology; Joshua Pinoos, electronics; Eleni Polymeros, cosmetology; Sara Trenholm, HVAC/R; Abigail White, dental assisting.

Uxbridge

Conner Bucchino, drafting; Charlotte Doubleday, engineering; Jacob Eames, electrical; Elizabeth Fox, electronics; Jake Garille, electrical; Meaghan Haley, engineering; Lauren Lachapelle, manufacturing technology; Kieler Langemo, multimedia communications; Zachary Laverdiere, electrical; Jeremy Lutton, manufacturing technology; Connor Smith, manufacturing technology;

Brendan St. Andre, information technology; Samantha Tennaro, health services; Keegan Tonry, drafting.

FRESHMEN (Class of 2021)

Douglas

Mya Ackerman; Andrew Benoit; Lily Courtemanche; Giannah Downen; Kayla Drew; Shea Finnegan; Ryleigh Flansburg; Kyle Fleming; Joshua Gremour; Daria Hamelin; Krista Helstrom; Gabriella Hisoire; Brooke Hooper; Abigail Horne; Ryan Masoud; Madison Mathieu; Kaitlyn McPherson; Aysia Parent; Joshua Patnaude; Dakota Rowe; Olivia Salmon; Anna Thompson; Kaitlyn Zisk.

Northbridge

Jonathan Alvarez; Emery Amtmann; ShyAnn Baillargeon; Jacob Barber; Haley Berkowitz; Melanie Bisbee; Jack Ceconi; Anna Cook; Kevin Downing; Trinity Gibbs; Meghan Griggs; Kayleigh Labrecque; Christian Lamberson; Hailey Lisak; Abigail MacKay; Michael Maietta Jr; Luke Malkasian; Kaitlyn Manzi; Lillian McLaughlin; Luke Morrison; Nathan Nackman; Thomas Puda; Richard Randall; Ian Reed; Donna Ross; Matthew Scholl; Morgan Stanick; Evelyn Williams.

Uxbridge

Connor Barnicle; Gianna Bassignani; Madeleine Bleyhl; Nicholas Boisvert; Thomas Breau; Isabella Caccavelli; Jacob Constable; Isaac Curley; Molly Curley; Connor Donahue; Madison Gannon; Casey Goyette; Alyson Greene; Katherine Kloczkowski; Victoria Lopez; John Lowrey; Marissa Manganelli; Andrew O'Toole; Khushi Patel; Valasi Petri; Isabella Pimentel; Cullen Ryan; Caroline Sanford; Owen Silvestro; Ella Yaroshefski.

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Walk raises funds for research



Alese Cone and Allyson Charpentier are students in the HVAC/R department at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. In their Junior year, their teacher Mr. Yancik was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He missed more than half of the school year, and came back for two weeks at the beginning of this year but had to leave again because the cancer had spread.

When they found out this news, the

seniors did research about the cancer. They found out that pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer related deaths, and it only has a nine percent survival rate. Realizing how serious this cancer is, they wanted to do something in honor of Mr. Yancik.

The HVAC seniors found the Purple Stride Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Walk that took place on Nov. 5, 2017. They created the team "Yancik Strong" and made shirts and bracelets for the



Courtesy photos

team to support him. In total, they sold over 200 T-Shirts and sweatshirts, and raised over \$11,500 for Cancer Treatments Centers of America.

After this amazing accomplishment Alese Cone, daughter of Cathi and

David Cone of Uxbridge, and Allyson Charpentier, daughter of Christine and Noel Charpentier of Sutton plan on starting earlier and bringing the team back next year.

Valley Tech annual report now available

UPTON — Blackstone Valley Tech is proud to announce copies of its annual report are now available to residents of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District.

Spanning fiscal year 2017, the report covers Valley Tech's finances and business operations, as well as student accomplishments and major developments. According to Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, the document plays an important role in keeping the community informed of its vocational technical education

system.

"The annual report provides district taxpayers with a detailed account of how their investment was utilized and the return it yielded over the prior fiscal year," stated Fitzpatrick. "The report highlights the 'strategic wizardry' of our students and staff."

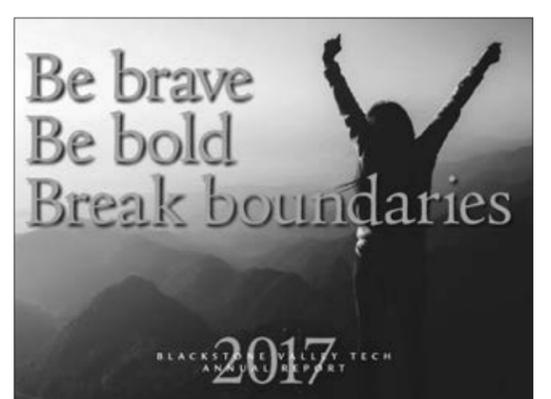
The annual report also includes a profile of Jennifer Lannon, a 2013 graduate of the business technology program. After graduating from BVT, Jennifer combined her BVT education with a passion for plumbing and began Jen's Plumbing &

Heating with her father who is also a BVT graduate. Jennifer is building a lucrative career in the plumbing industry as a member of a very small demographic of female plumbers.

The Blackstone Valley Tech FY17 annual report is available for download on the BVT website (www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/district). Requests for a hardcopy of the report can be made by contacting the Superintendent-Director's office at (508) 529-7758 ext. 3037.

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LEARNING

Sheriff's coat drive provides warmth ahead of winter

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THROUGHOUT WORCESTER COUNTY

WEST BOYLSTON — Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis spent Monday, Dec. 4 and Tuesday, Dec. 5 visiting a number of greater Worcester area charities to distribute much needed warm winter jackets. The Sheriff's Coat Drive is an annual event that provides new or lightly used winter coats to families in need throughout Worcester County and is a collaborative effort between the Sheriff's Office of Community Corrections, Wachusett Mountain Ski Area, the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association, Warmer Winters of Leominster, Twin City Cleaners of Dudley as well as many other local businesses and community partners including this year Clark Mailing Service of Worcester who donated over 3,000 new shirts to add to the coat drive distribution.

This year's coat drive also received a huge boost with a special donation from the Krock Family of Worcester as well as Workers Credit Union of Fitchburg with both donations totaling \$2,500.

"Thanks to this tremendous donation we were able to supplement our coat drive with more new winter jackets which will help so many families in our community. We cannot thank the Krock Family and the folks at Workers Credit Union enough for their overwhelming generosity," said Evangelidis.

During the distribution week, the Sheriff paid a special visit to numerous local chari-



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Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis with representatives from the Sheriff's office and Tradewinds Clubhouse of Southbridge gathered around a table of hundreds of coats donated by the Sheriff from his annual Winter Coat Drive. The Sheriff has been delivering new and lightly used winter jackets for the past seven years for the members of Tradewinds Clubhouse.

table organizations to personally hand deliver thousands of winter jackets including the Gardner Community Action Center, Spanish American Center of Leominster, St. Anne's Human Services of Shrewsbury, TradeWinds Clubhouse & Catholic Charities of Southbridge as well as St. John's Food for the Poor Program and Abby's House of Worcester.

"During the holiday season, the Sheriff's annual Winter Coat Drive helps to ensure that local families who may be in need are provided with an adequate winter coat. With thousands of winter jackets collected during this year's coat drive, we were able to help more families and children in need than in year's past," Evangelidis continued.

"As the cold weather months

approach and especially during this difficult economic time, it is extremely important to do all we can to help those in our community who may be less fortunate," said Sheriff Evangelidis.

"Sadly, we have many families who struggle to make ends meet, especially during the long winter months. The Sheriff's Winter Coat Drive is a wonderful resource that we truly depend on each year to help keep our families warm," said Marie Kudron, director of Catholic Charities of Southbridge.

"We are extremely fortunate to have had so many wonderful community partners assist us with this year's coat drive by donating and dry cleaning thousands of winter jackets. This program would not be possible without their



Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis with representatives from the Sheriff's office and Catholic Charities of Southbridge hold up some of the hundreds of coats donated by the Sheriff from his annual Winter Coat Drive. The Sheriff has been delivering new and lightly used winter jackets for the past seven years for families who rely on Catholic Charities each year for their winter jacket.

overwhelming compassion and generosity," said Evangelidis.

2017 Sheriff's Annual Winter Coat Drive Community Partners

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Worcester Probate and Family Court adoptions flourishing

Worcester — This month, Registrar Stephanie K. Fattman from the Worcester Probate and Family Court, in conjunction with the Worcester Juvenile Court, celebrated National Adoption Day. Through this program, 48 children from the Massachusetts foster program were placed through the Department of Children and Families in permanent homes across Worcester County.

Probate and Family Court Judge Geoffrey German finalized the adoptions for nine children in the Probate and Family Court. Fattman read the decree for each child declaring that the adoption was "final and irrevocable."

German signed each order as official, and the children received a bag of goodies and a Forever Build-A-Bear.

"National Adoption Day is a

wonderful day in the Probate and Family Court where we are able to bring families together and celebrate with them," said German.

The Build-A-Bears were gifted to each of the 48 adoptees from the Sutton Lion's Club and law firm of Callahan, Baracco & Inman as part of Fattman's adoption expansion program. The program aims to collect donations that can be gifted to adoptees so each child leaves the court with a special present to remember their adoption day.

"We are thankful to participate in this positive, life changing celebration with each family and we are committed to making each adoption as special as possible for the adoptive families," Fattman said.

Since being elected as Registrar of Probate in 2014, Fattman has

been dedicated to bringing awareness to the Probate and Family Court's Adoption Program. Previously, Fattman and adoption director Lisa Delgado received a grant to secure several thousand dollars to purchase age appropriate gifts and toys to give to adoptees. Additionally, Fattman has partnered with the CASA Project, a non-profit group committed to aiding abused and neglected children, to receive donations of more than 100 items including backpacks with school supplies, books for children, stuffed animals, toys, and puzzles.

National Adoption Day finalized the adoptions of more than 130 children across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts this year.

Child Find screening

It is the responsibility of the Uxbridge Public Schools Department to identify any child who is a resident of Uxbridge, who may have a disability, regardless of the severity of the disability. It is also the responsibility of Uxbridge public schools to evaluate those students to determine which are eligible for special education or related services under the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) or 603 CMR 28 (Massachusetts Special Education Regulations).

The Uxbridge public schools are committed to locating children before their third birthday in order to provide early intervention services for three and four year olds.

Screenings will be conducted on **Jan. 25, 2018 from noon-2:00 p.m.**

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's development and would like to have him or her screened, please contact Mariana Ravenales at the Taft Early Learning Center at (508) 278-8643 to schedule an appointment.

If you, or your pediatrician, believes that your child should be evaluated to determine eligibility for special education services, please request this in writing. Include your child's name, address, and date of birth, and telephone number with a brief description of your concerns to the principal of your child's school.

STEP

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Miglionico thanked all the good people who were behind him, including his family, his fellow chiefs, and those serving in the Douglas Police Department.

He gave special thanks to Suzanne, Jeanne, and Christine - employees of the town.

Lastly, Miglionico thanked Chief Foley for leaving a solid foundation to build upon.



Miglionico's daughter, Jordan, pinning on his badge

Chief Miglionico giving thanks to all those who have supported him.



LR: Jamie Miglionico, Donna Miglionico, Chief Miglionico, Becky Miglionico, Jordan Miglionico





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Snowballs in H E double toothpicks

We watch with fascination the continuing saga of politicians tap dancing around being men in powerful positions and using those positions in very childish ways.

Because let's face it, in the real world of adults, it is the child-men who have a need for the attention of others...especially women. They are insecure for the most part, and attempting to feel better about themselves by boosting their egos, notching their guns so to speak.

It's a sad correlation. And it says something about our world that for the most part, we've all shrugged it off as "boys will be boys" and "men will be men." Not really expecting better of them.

How sad. We should expect more. We as mothers of boys should teach better. We as wives and girlfriends should demand more. And we should point out bad behavior with equally strident response.

Will we be called bitchy? Of course. Strong women always are. But most strong women are the ones with the higher expectations too. They are the ones who grab a groping hand, hold it high above their heads and shout in a crowded bus or subway, "Who does this belong to?"

They stare down a crude, rude colleague without stooping to his level, and when he turns away because his ploy doesn't work with her, he mutters, "bitch" under his breath.

They do not wait patiently for their turn to talk in a business meeting because, as we well know, they wouldn't be given a chance if they wait; they demand recognition and take the floor without asking, making sure their ideas are heard...how dare they?

They ignore catcalls on the street, wolf whistles and smooching lips of those who think ANY woman must truly appreciate being noticed that way. The response, if there is one at all, should always be, "does your mama appreciate that talk, and would your mama like to be talked to like that? How about your sister?"

No, it won't change the situation, but maybe, just maybe, one of them will realize what he is doing.

It is rampant, it is everywhere, every town, every city, every rural area in the world has these child-men who think women want this. Who think somehow this is the way men should act.

Where did they learn it? And how do we teach them otherwise?

Because it really will be that snowball's chance before women will once again succumb to the 1950s "be nice" mindset.

My mama always said, "Don't be nice, nice is a scary, self limiting thing. Be kind, but don't be nice. Because if you are nice you are afraid to say what you should say."

Women, you need to stop being nice.

LETTERS

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

But first, you have to write us! Mail your letters to the Blackstone Valley Tribune, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail your letters to the editor at ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

You'll need to provide your name and place of residence, along with a phone number, so we can verify the letter is yours.

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

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

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

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BVT raising scores

To the Editor:

Parents recognize the impact of quality teaching. For greater than 20 years Blackstone Valley Tech's instructional staff have worked tirelessly to demonstrate how the system's unique blend of integrated academic and vocational technical curriculum can make a difference. The value added, empirical results are indisputable.

Valley Tech values the viewpoints of the citizens from the 13 communities it has the honor of serving. Whether completing cost effective municipal projects, community improvements, or collaborative endeavors with districtwide sister school systems, BVT promotes shared success.

As highlighted within multiple research documents and external assessment instruments, including the recent "Pathways to Prosperity" findings conducted by Harvard University researchers, BVT's applied learning methodology and pedagogy unlocks learning concepts.

Given faulty assumptions which have been advanced by some who have never walked in our hallways, it may prove insightful to examine a live case study. During May 2017, 24 BVT sophomores from Northbridge took the rigorous, high stakes Massachusetts MCAS exam. As recognized and highlighted by the Commissioner of Education, 100 percent of those students successfully passed or

earned higher distinction in that state accountability measure.

One would think that such stellar results would be a cause for celebration, but sadly at least one critic attempted to tarnish the hard work, preparation, and perseverance of those students, their parents, and the BVT instructional team. This uninformed view falsely alleged that all 24 candidates arrived at the BVT doorstep with stellar skill sets. Data compiled from the DESE website tells a very different story.

Forty-two per cent (10 of 24) of those students scored "Needs Improvement" when they took the May 2015 eighth grade MCAS while at their sending school system. Given the criticism, let's probe further: 100 percent of those 24 Northbridge enrollees at BVT demonstrated improvement in at least one of the three MCAS subject test areas; 71 percent of those students demonstrated improvement in all three subject test areas; and 80 percent of the subgroup identified for the advanced science track showed tangible improvement in the period between the MCAS assessments. No critic should attempt to discredit or disregard the hard work by these students.

DR. MICHAEL F. FITZPATRICK
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Crafty holiday ideas

The holidays will soon be here, and what better way to "get back to basics" than to share a homemade project? As a bonus, these crafty projects serve as easy, creative ways to keep little ones from underfoot. The following fun and easy ideas (some old, some new) not only keep kids busy, but also serve to remind adults the best gifts are often the simplest.

Magic Snowflake Ornament: This amazing scientific project takes a little time, but it is educational as well as interesting. Kids really get a kick out of gifting teachers with this sparkly ornament. (Adult supervision required.)

Materials: String, wide mouth jar (such as a mason canning jar); white pipe cleaners; boiling water; borax (such as 20 Mule Team Borax booster, available at grocery stores); pencil; blue food coloring (optional).

Directions: Cut a white pipe cleaner into three equal sections. Twist the sections together in the center so that you have a six sided star shape. If your points are not even, trim the pipe cleaner sections to the same length. Attach string along the outer edges to form a snowflake pattern. Attach a piece of string to the top of one of the pipe cleaners and tie the other end to a pencil (this is to hang it from). Fill a wide mouth jar with boiling water. Mix borax into the water one tablespoon at a time. Use three tablespoons of borax per cup of water. Stir until dissolved, (don't worry if there is powder settling on the bottom of the jar). If you want you can add a little blue food coloring now to give the snowflake a bluish hue. Insert your pipe cleaner snowflake into the jar so that the pencil is resting on the lip of the jar and the snowflake is freely suspended in the borax solution. Wait overnight and by morning the snowflake will be covered with shiny crystals. Hang in a window as a sun-catcher or use to trim the tree!

Heirloom Garland: String tiny or small metallic balls to create an heirloom garland that can be used year after year. To make "Grandma's Garland," paint names and dates of birth of grandchildren on balls with permanent marker. Or have each child write their name (or scribble) on the ball. Thread top loop through a fancy ribbon or other garland material. Use as is to decorate the tree, or better yet, attach it to real or artificial greenery and string across a mantle. Best of all, you can add on more balls as more children are added to the family!

Pleasures of Pine: Did you know balsam pillows and sachets have long been given as a gesture of friendship? If falling pine needles are driving you crazy, stop cursing and start collecting! Balsam pine needles are the stuff pricy pine pillows are made of. To whip up a festive balsam "pouch," cut two rectangles of fabric from wool or flannel (old flannel shirt material is ideal). Depending upon how many needles you have, you can stuff small sachet pillows nice and tight with ground up needles, adding a drop of balsam essential oil for good measure. Then use an elastic band to tie off the top. Wrap a festive ribbon around it and glue on a tiny pinecone or two.

Note: For finely ground needles, you will need a net or double flannel lining to prevent the grindings from escaping.

If you don't have an abundance of fallen needles, you can still capture the scent of

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balsam. Fill a cheesecloth or net pouch with the tips of Christmas tree branches. Add some polyfill stuffing, and sprinkle in a few drops of pine or balsam essential oil. Secure open end shut. Stuff the cheesecloth filled pouch into a travel size zippered pillowcase. Add polyfill as well as a few more drops of essential oil. Be sure to use enough stuffing so pillow is stuffed solid, yet still soft.

Since this project has several steps, kids of all ages can participate whether it's collecting pine needles or stuffing the pouches.

Spice Scented Pinecones: A bowl of these spicy cones are not only decorative, they act as an aromatic air freshener! Tossed in the fireplace, they fill the air with a welcoming spicy scent. Dip pinecones in white glue, then roll in a mixture of ground cinnamon and cloves. For some holiday sparkle, add glitter to the spice mix. For gift giving, package in a cello bag and tie closed with a bright holiday ribbon. A few pinholes in the cellophane allow a bit of the fragrance to escape.

Pine Potpourri: Wish you could retain that delightful pine scent of your Christmas tree? This homemade Pine Potpourri offers a fresh, evergreen scent any time of year!

Mix together: ½ cup bayberry leaves; ½ cup snipped balsam needles; ½ cup miniature pine cones; ½ cup rose hips; 2 tsp orrisroot (available at health food stores); two drops pine-scented fixative (at craft stores).

Mix the bayberry, balsam, pine cones and rose hips in a large bowl. Add the orrisroot and fixative and stir gently. Store in a jar with a tight fitting lid.

Christmas Garden: The gardener on your child's gift list will truly appreciate this creative tree ornament. Perfect for a grandparent, teacher or special adult, the gift can be opened for use in the spring, or hung on the tree year after year.

Materials: Flower or vegetable seed packets; white glue; glitter; metallic tree garland; fishing line.

Instructions: Fold seed packet into pleats. Spread white glue along the outside edges of the fan. Dip the pleated packets into glitter and let dry. Hang the ornaments by wrapping them at center point with metallic garland. Thread fishing line or ribbon through the garland and tie in a loop for hanging on tree.

Win Dinner for Two
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 dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

Time to review your investment strategy for the year



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As the year draws to a close, it's a good time to review your progress toward your financial goals. But on what areas should you focus your attention?

Of course, you may immediately think about whether your investments have done well. When

evaluating the performance of their investments for a given year, many people mistakenly think their portfolios should have done just as well as a common market index, such as the Standard & Poor's 500. But the S&P 500 is essentially a measure of large-company, domestic stocks, and your portfolio probably doesn't look like that – nor should it, because it's important to own an investment mix that aligns with your goals, risk tolerance and return objectives. It's this return objective that you should evaluate over time – not the return of an arbitrary benchmark that isn't personalized to your goals and risk tolerance.

Your return objective will likely evolve. If you are starting out in your career, you may need your portfolio to be oriented primarily toward growth, which means it may need to be more heavily weighted toward stocks. But if you are retiring in a few years, you may need a more balanced allocation between stocks and bonds, which can address your needs for growth and income.

So, assuming you have created a long-term investment strategy that has a target rate of return for each year, you can review your progress accordingly. If you matched or exceeded that rate this past year, you're staying on track, but if your return fell short of your desired target, you may need to make some changes. Before doing so, though, you need to understand just why your return was lower than anticipated.

For example, if you owned some stocks that underperformed due to unusual circumstances – and even events such as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma can affect the stock prices of some companies – you may not need to be overly concerned, especially if the fundamentals of the stocks are still sound. On the other hand, if you own some investments that have underperformed for several years, you may need to consider selling them and using the proceeds to explore new investment opportunities.

Investment performance isn't the only thing you should consider when looking at your financial picture over this past year. What changed in your life? Did you welcome a new child to your family? If so, you may need to respond by increasing your life insurance coverage or opening a college savings account. Did you or your spouse change jobs? You may now have access to a new employer-sponsored retirement account, such as a 401(k), so you'll need to decide how much money to put into the various investments within this plan. And one change certainly happened this past year: You moved one year closer to retirement. By itself, this may cause you to re-evaluate how much risk you're willing to tolerate in your investment portfolio, especially if you are within a few years of your planned retirement.

Whether it is the performance of your portfolio or changes in your life, you will find that you always have some reasons to look back at your investment and financial strategies for one year – and to look ahead at moves you can make for the next.

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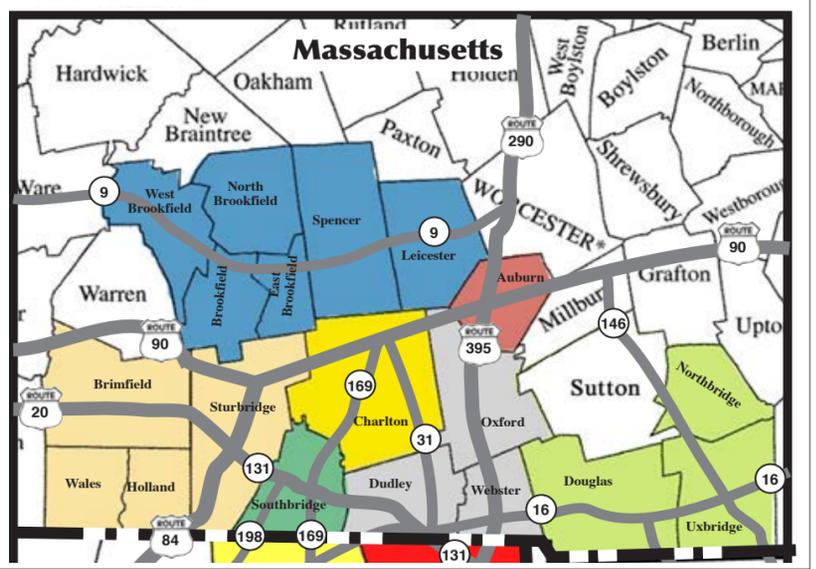
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WEEKLY EVENTS

Craft Classes
Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Plan what you would like to make & pay for the materials you use! For more information call.

MONDAY

8:30a.m.: walking club; 9:30 a.m. light exercise; 12:30 p.m.: Wii bowling; 1p.m.: cribbage, game day, Scrabble, Chinese checkers, scat and Wii bowling.

TUESDAY

9-10 a.m.: blood pressure; 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Tai Chi; 10:45-11:30 a.m.: Zumba Gold; 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Yoga (No Zumba, Yoga and Tai Chi classes will resume on August 29th)

11 a.m.: Sing-A-Long; 1 p.m.: cribbage & Scat.

WEDNESDAY

Craft Classes, 9:30-11 a.m. Plan what you would like to make & pay for the materials you use! For more information call us. 1 p.m. Social bingo 6 p.m.:

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THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

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The Center will be closed on Monday and Tuesday December 25th and 26th and again on Friday December 29th for the holidays.

SPECIAL THIS WEEK:

Pizza & Movie Party
Saturday December 9th from 3:00-6:00pm - \$5/person, we will be showing the movie "La La Land" starring Emma Stone followed by a pizza dinner. Please call to sign up.

Senator Moore Office Hour
Monday 11th from 12-1:00

VNA Blood Pressure Clinic
Tuesday 12th from 11-1:00

Floral Make and Take

Tuesday 12th 1:00 - \$15/person - Make a beautiful fresh flower arrangement for the holidays and take it home! Please call to sign up.

RMV Near Me

Thursday 14th from 10-12:00 Why wait in line at the registry? Call Michelle or Adele to make an appointment.

Senior Center Store

'Tis the season to come in and shop! We are open Monday through Friday during our regular business hours. Shop for unique Holiday gifts, hostess gifts, birthday presents or something for yourself. We have holiday wreaths, handmade mittens and scarves, baby blankets and bibs, holiday décor, jewelry, dog jackets, cat blankets, and so much more. Stop in and see us to support the Center!

TRIPS

Tower Hill Botanical Garden Christmas
Wednesday Dec. 13 - Wonderful trip to see beautifully decorated trees, ornaments and everything Christmas to get you in the holiday spirit! Ruby Tuesdays for lunch on your own. \$17/person.

The Danversport Yacht Club Holiday Luncheon and Show

Wednesday December 6th - The Yacht Club is known not only for its scenic location, but also its delicious food and service. We will first enjoy a

luncheon before seeing a terrific show sure to get you in the holiday mood! The show features award-winning jazz and cabaret singer Krisanthi Pappas and her band. \$81/person, call Jeannine for more details.

ONGOING

Billiards
Billiard League Players Needed
Every Wednesday morning from 8:30-11:00. If you would like to join, give us a call and we can give you more information. Experience is not required, we have a great teacher here that will show you the ropes!

Book Club starting at the Senior Center

We are currently looking for people who are interested in joining our book club. We would meet on Wednesday mornings at the Senior Center once a month. At this time, if you are interested, call Michelle at the Center to be put on our list. We were thinking of starting in January. We welcome any of your ideas for making this a successful book club!

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Buying antiques online

If you need to purchase last minute holiday gifts or want something for yourself, there are plenty of websites where you can find antiques and collectibles. Most people are aware of eBay, but there are many other options for antique shopping.

A great number of websites offer online bidding for antiques and collectibles. Many are geared toward providing bidders another method to bid on items from auction houses. Proxibid.com states that their auctioneers sell "heavy equipment, farm, commercial trucks, industrial machinery, collector cars, collectibles, coins, firearms and more." Liveauctioneers.com and auctionzip.com are two other sites that offer online auction bidding.

Virtual antique shops allow you to shop from your computer. The Internet Antique Shop (tias.com) touts "over a half-million vintage antiques and collectible items for sale on-line." RubyLane.com invites consumers to virtually "stroll down Ruby Lane's cobble-



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stone streets to buy and sell quality Antique & Art, Doll, Vintage, and Jewelry items..." Etsy.com is a popular site offering vintage and handmade items.

If you like to be able to see and touch items before purchasing them, many local antique shops offer holiday discounts. The website antiquecommon.com lists many antique shops in Massachusetts, Connecticut and other states. You will find phone numbers and websites for many of the shops.

It may not be the right season for the Brimfield Antique Show or other outdoor flea markets, but there are plenty of indoor flea markets in the area. Many of the websites listing flea markets that I found on the web are out of date. I was able to find more up to date listings on Yelp.com. You can enter "flea markets" at the "Find" prompt and then enter your town in the "Near" section to find flea markets near you. You can check hours and find phone numbers to make sure they are open before you drop in.

Local auction houses do run sales during the holiday season. Auctionzip.com will help you locate them. You can use search options to find auctions throughout the country or narrow the search down to your state. The search option also accepts your zip code and allows you to view auctions within a 30 mile radius, or expand the radius even further.

Many people think of estate sales only in warm weather, but they continue to take place all winter. You can find local sales on estatesales.net, estatesales.org or estatesale.com. Make sure to dress warmly if you are waiting outside for the doors to open!

Please email me with any other websites that you know that may be helpful for readers of this column. Also email me if you have any suggestions for column topics of interest to you.

Our next live auction will take place in Worcester on Jan. 25. I'll be teaching my Evaluating your Antiques class for the Bay Path Evening School on March 3. Other events are being planned. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details.



Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111), info@centralmassauctions.com

Keep orchids beautiful and blooming



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Lift your spirits, enliven your indoor décor or give the gift of beautiful blooming orchids. You'll enjoy these exotic blossoms for months with just minimal care - once you know what to do.

Start with a healthy flowering plant. The phalaenopsis or moth orchid is the most widely available and easiest to grow. It's similar to caring for an African violet. When you provide the proper growing conditions, maintenance is a breeze.

The challenge comes with less-than-ideal indoor growing conditions of low light and dry air. Fortunately, there are a few things you can do to create a better environment for your orchid.

Keep in mind that most orchids are epiphytes. In nature, they grow on other plants and obtain water and nutrients from the air, water and plant debris that accumulates in their environment. This is why they are grown in an orchid mix made of organic material such as peat, fir bark and perlite. This or a similar combination retains water while providing needed drainage.

Give your orchid a good soaking once a week. Pour

off any excess water that collects in the saucer. Don't allow orchids to sit in water and don't water them too often. This can lead to root rot and death of your plant.

Further improve the environment by increasing the humidity around the plant. Group them with other orchids and indoor plants. As one plant loses moisture, or "transpires", the others will benefit from the increase in humidity. Plus, you'll create a beautiful display while improving the growing conditions.

Alternatively, you can create humidity trays. Place pebbles in the saucer and the pot on top of the pebbles. Allow excess water to collect in the pebbles below the pot. As this evaporates it increases the humidity around your plant. This also eliminates the need to pour off the excess water that collects in the saucer.

For larger plant collections use rubber humidity plant tray grids. These save space by allowing you to place several plants on one tray. These are perfect for growing on tables or light stands.

Place your plant in a bright location. Orchids do best with 12 to 14 hours of sunlight. Unobstructed south- or east-facing windows are usually the best. Or give plants a boost with artificial lights. Newer full spectrum LED lights provide needed light while using less energy.

And there's no reason to hide your orchid and light setup in the basement. Check out the



Courtesy photo

Keeping orchids healthy isn't the mystery most believe.

attractive, new indoor grow light systems like the [Coltura LED Grow Frame](#). It can be mounted on the wall or set on a table. Either way, your orchids will be in full view for all to enjoy.

Fertilize actively growing plants with an orchid fertilizer. Michigan State University developed a fertilizer that efficiently provides the nutrients orchids need. They have "Orchid Tap Water" and "Orchid Pure Water Fertilizer" formulations. Just follow label directions for best results.

Once the plants are done flowering, you can keep them growing indoors. If you like

a challenge, try reblooming. On phalaenopsis orchids, just cut back the flowering stem between the second or third node from the bottom. Or give the plant a rest and cut the flower stem back to the leaves. Continue to provide proper care and wait to see if you were successful.

You can also simply treat an orchid plant like a long-lasting bouquet. That way there's no guilt if you decide to toss it. And if the guilt is too much, just look for an avid gardener. There's always someone who would be happy to adopt and try to rebloom your non-flowering plant.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone."* DVD set and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and spokesperson for *Milorganite*. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

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received \$176,515 in grant award funds to perform three major projects to increase energy efficiency and conserve costs for the town. Bechtholdt explained the first project, which involved an overhaul to the lighting in the Whitinsville Social Library, "LED lighting was installed throughout interior and exterior of the Social Library. This included new wrap-style systems were installed at the reception desk, children and teen sections and nook areas; the upper and lower stacks and office areas were retrofitted with hard-wired LED systems and drives; new occupancy sensed fixtures were

installed in the stairways. As a result, the light output was improved throughout the building with increased visual acuity resulting from the LED technology installed."

Bechtholdt added, "The library lighting project is estimated to have an annual cost savings of approximately \$6,000.00 where over 200 lighting fixtures were replaced."

The second major project involved the heating system at the Northbridge Memorial Town Hall, where all existing steam traps in the heating system were replaced.

Bechtholdt explained, "Steam traps are automatic valves which regulate the flow of steam through the system. As the valves age, they become prone to failure which can either result in

overheating of the building or steam leaks, which can result in significant steam loss from the system. Replacing the steam valves will help ensure that the existing system functions effectively and efficiently."

Approximately 30 steam traps were replaced, resulting in an energy cost savings of \$1,100 annually to the town.

The third project will be happening within the next month at the Northbridge Middle School. Bechtholdt said all existing thermostats within the school will be replaced with a new wireless pneumatic thermostat system.

In addition to Green Community grant-funded projects the town approved the appropriation of \$190,000 of municipal funds at the 2017 spring annual town meeting. These projects include HVAC

improvements at the town hall and the Northbridge Police Station, interior lighting updates at the Northbridge Town Hall and the Northbridge Senior Center, and hot water upgrades at the town hall annex-Aldrich School.

Bechtholdt explained that the town will continue to look for ways to reduce energy costs and implement clean energy projects, and will apply for the next round of Green Community grant funds from the DOER beginning in February 2018.

For more information about the Green Community Grant Program and the DOER Green Community Division, visit <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/green-communities-division>.

AWARD

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recognize the incredible acts of bravery performed by these public servants in cities and towns across Massachusetts," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Whether battling house fires or educating children and seniors on fire prevention and safety, we are grateful for their selfless acts."

Tancrell, a veteran of 32 years on the Uxbridge Fire Department, and a lifelong resident of the town, comes from a long line of firefighters.

He explained, "My grandfather was an Uxbridge firefighter from 1936 to 1970, and 11 of his brothers and brother's sons were Uxbridge firefighters."

Tancrell went on to say, "The most rewarding part of my job is helping people and teaching children about fire safety."

He added, "Uxbridge Fire's vision statement is 'service with compassion', I like to think I live up to that."

A press release from the state of Massachusetts described Tancrell's nomination for the Firefighter of the Year award: "After a few of the combination carbon monoxide/smoke alarms had failed inspection during real estate transactions he conducted, Deputy Tancrell looked closely and found that the faulty detectors were all the same model. This started an investigation several months long where he

contacted the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission and the manufacturer Kidde to get to the root of the problem. At issue was a "single chirp," that most owners took to mean it was time to replace the battery, which they did and then tested the device once before putting it back up. Kidde said the chirp was indication that the detector was at the end of life; however, people were continuing to use it because it tested correctly for them after the battery was changed. Deputy Tancrell kept pursuing this issue and in total found 13 faulty detectors. Kidde issued a nationwide recall in the United States and Canada. Deputy Tancrell's persistence prevented untold tragedies nationwide. He uses this to educate residents about smoke and CO alarm safety and maintenance."

CConnell, a member of the Douglas Fire Department for the last three years, and a longtime resident of Douglas, also received the Firefighter of the Year award for his quick response in a perilous situation.

CConnell explained, "In May of this year, a call came in to the fire department for a young woman that had been missing in the water in a section of the state forest here in town. The location of this call was a short drive from my house, and I made the decision to head directly to the scene rather

than to muster at the station. As a diver, I have access to a personal cold-water suit that I took with me in the hopes that I would be able to quickly enter the water and find this missing person and perhaps extract her before the rescue became a recovery operation. Typically, we would assemble a dive team and begin a methodical search, but I felt that this person could have a fighting chance at life if I were able to find her quickly."

He continued, "I was able to make contact with the responding PD units and the caller and establish a search area in the reservoir, and don my suit and began swimming alone in the cold water looking for any signs of the victim. As I was doing this, EMS personnel were arriving, and other fire and dive rescue assets were assembling. After some time, I was able to find the missing swimmer, and assisted the fire and police staff that quickly arrived with a boat in extracting her from the water. We removed her in enough time to allow paramedics to begin providing care, and she was transported to the hospital. She unfortunately did not survive her ordeal, but we were able to give her the best chance at survival given the time, surroundings, and events that led up to the event. For my efforts during this call, I was selected to receive a 'Citation for Meritorious Conduct' and to be recognized during this year's

firefighter of the year awards ceremony."

CConnell went on to say, "Receiving this award along with the other firefighters who were honored that day was an experience I will never forget, and I was very honored to be able to represent my department in the proceedings. I'd also like to stress that the actions we took that day in May were a team effort, and our success was largely due to the department functioning as a well-trained unit. It's a privilege to be a part of this department and work alongside so many talented people."

CConnell described his inspiration to become a firefighter, "My inspiration to become a firefighter has largely come from the people in my life. First and foremost is my father. All through my life he has always demonstrated a willingness to step up and help others, even if the help he was giving was going to require a personal sacrifice. That willingness to help others has influenced my life in many ways, and I think it has partly manifested itself in my desire to join the fire dept. I also took inspiration from my uncle. My uncle was a firefighter in Boston as a career firefighter, and often told stories of his time in the dept. As children, my brother and I would spend time with him at his fire house in the city, and spent a bit of time climbing around the apparatus bay. In addition to my family, I have several

friends in town who I have met while doing volunteer rescue-diving work who have also been very inspirational in my journey to becoming a call firefighter. Officer Mark Dunleavy of the Douglas Police Department was instrumental in my finding a path towards becoming a rescue diver and supporting my volunteer efforts. Capt. Kelly Manning, who was a member of the rescue-diving team as well as a firefighter in town, has always supported my efforts and has played a pivotal role in my training and growth as a firefighter. I am also inspired by my desire to instill in my children the values that my father gave me and that I think the fire service embodies."

CConnell believes that being part of a team is one of the best parts of his job as a firefighter. He said, "There is so much that is rewarding about being a firefighter, but if I had to boil it down to the 'most' rewarding part, I'd have to say it would be the strong sense of being part of and belonging to a team. There really is nothing like heading out on a fire call with a group of people and doing a somewhat dirty, sometimes dangerous job, all the time knowing that we all have each other's back, and that everyone is ready to give 100% to the task. I wish everyone could experience the sense of teamwork and camaraderie that we experience as firefighters."

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Retired police officer and Marine, Bill Audette



Officer PJ Stuckzynski and a very full cruiser



LR: Uxbridge Fire Chief Bill Kessler, Marine Corp volunteer Dan Foley, Chaplain Pastor Bob Howard, and Uxbridge Police Chief Jeff Lourie



The team transferring all the toys into the ambulance for a drop off at the Marine's storage area

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SPORTS

Whitinsville Christian opens Nehemiah Center with win over Spartans



Whitinsville Christian's Makenzie Gorman releases a shot up and over the outstretched reach of Uxbridge defender Maggie Streichert.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — It was the perfect opening for the Whitinsville Christian School's girls' varsity basketball team inside the new Nehemiah Center Gymnasium, as they hosted and defeated Uxbridge High, 44-11, on Friday, Dec. 8.

"We got our first win in the new Nehemiah Center; it doesn't get any better than that. I am really excited," head coach Kris VandenAkker said excitedly.

From the opening jump ball until the final buzzer, the Lady Crusaders were full of energy and it showed on both sides of the floor. Backed by the excited home crowd, Whitinsville Christian played smothering defense that resulted in easy offense.

The Crusaders held the Spartans scoreless for the first six minutes of the game and surrendered just five first half points. Whitinsville Christian went into halftime with a commanding 21-5 lead and came out of the break with the same energy.

Led by senior point guard Cam Richey, the Crusaders spread the ball around and extended their lead, outscoring Uxbridge 23-6 in the second half.

Richey was Whitinsville Christian's leading scorer with 13 points, but the other four seniors contributed in the scoring column and they all did the little things on the court to prove successful in the season-opener.

"We were trying to get everyone in the book because they all can, it is a team sport and they all need to be a part of that. Tonight was a fun way to start off the season," explained VandenAkker.

Being the first game of the season, Whitinsville Christian has a lot of games to go and isn't settled, but they can check their first win off their to-do list.

"We just needed to get a game under our belts and start the season with a



Whitinsville Christian's Anna May races for a ball about to bounce out of bounds just in front of Uxbridge's MarthaAnn Rolandelli.



Erin Jones of Uxbridge gets a shot off in front of Whitinsville Christian's Hanna VanderBaan.



Hanna VanderBaan of Whitinsville Christian fights through multiple players to grab possession of a rebound.



Uxbridge's Maggie Streichert fights her way to the basket against Whitinsville Christian's Sarah Moschini.



Sarah Johnston of Uxbridge is able to take a shot in between the defensive efforts of, from left, Makenzie Gorman and Sarah Moschini of Whitinsville Christian.

"W". We have a lot of work to do to get better, Uxbridge came out and worked really hard, I give those kids credit," said VandenAkker. "We are going to face some really good teams this season, so our jobs are to get better every time we play."

The Spartans struggled offensively, but their effort wasn't in question. From start to finish they played hard and never gave up.

"We have few students on our team and our goal this season is to not quit and give all the effort we can and to play the best we can and to never give up," explained first-year head coach Tracy Larkin. "I have one senior, Morgan

McCarty, and she played hard. Erin Jones is a junior guard, she didn't give up and never quit. We have good attitudes and that has to get us through the season."

Another bright spot for the Spartans who showed immense effort was Maggie Streichert. She protected the rim, crashed the boards and gave 100 percent effort.

"She is very aggressive, she is actually our varsity field hockey goalie and she is very aggressive underneath the boards, she stays up straight like we coach her and she is in the right position at the right time," explained Larkin.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Northbridge Youth Lacrosse 2017 registration for girls and boys in grades 1-8

NORTHBRIDGE — Come play the fastest sport on two feet. Northbridge Youth Lacrosse (NYL) recently opened registration for its ninth season. Girls and boys in grades 1-8 are invited to register for the 2018 season. Additionally, children in neighboring towns are welcome to register, as long as they don't have an existing program in their town. Registration will be online at ramslacrosse.uslaxteams.com and will close on Dec. 19.

The cost to register a player for the 2018 season is \$135, which includes league fees, Northbridge Parks and

Recreation fee, and player fee with U.S. Lacrosse. Instruction, practice and game play will be provided. NYL practices will begin in March and games are held weekly on Sundays from mid-April through mid-June with a year-end Jamboree.

Northbridge Youth Lacrosse is committed to growing the exciting sports of girls and boys lacrosse in Northbridge and surrounding towns. Established in 2009, NYLL now offers programs for over 180 boys and girls in the U9, U11, U13, and U15 leagues. NYLL is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Youth Lacrosse League (MBYLL) and the Massachusetts Bay Girls Lacrosse League (MBGLL). The MBYLL believes, "The sport of lacrosse continues its explosive growth in Massachusetts and across the country. Our mission is to

teach, grow and honor the game of lacrosse throughout Massachusetts by providing leadership, guidance, training and structure to all town programs."

For more information and to register, visit ramslacrosse.uslaxteams.com or check out NYL on Facebook at [facebook.com/pages/NorthbridgeYouthLacrosseLeague](https://www.facebook.com/NorthbridgeYouthLacrosseLeague).

Worcester State University to host catcher, youth baseball coaches clinics

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, Jan. 15), the Worcester State University baseball program will host two clinics at the new \$52 million well-

ness center.

The catcher's clinic is from 9 a.m. to noon and is for ages 8-18 with a cost of \$50. It is designed for both the serious catcher plus beginners new to the position.

A free youth baseball coaches clinic follows later that night from 6-8 p.m. This is a lecture-style clinic for adults who coach ages 7-12. The focus is to talk baseball and present drills for coaches to use with their own teams along with how to run a successful practice inside or outdoors.

Please visit wsulancers.com/camps-clinics and [facebook.com/WSUbaseballclinics](https://www.facebook.com/WSUbaseballclinics) for more information on these clinics and other happening throughout 2018. You can also call (508) 929-8852, (774) 230-3872 or email dbaker1@worchester.edu.

SPORTS

Backed by Brookhouse and VanderBaan, Crusaders top Uxbridge

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — Junior sharpshooter Gabe Brookhouse and towering sophomore Justin VanderBaan helped lift the Whitinsville Christian School's boys' varsity basketball team past Uxbridge High, 51-36, in the season opener for both teams on Friday, Dec. 8. It was a clean sweep for the Crusaders, as the girls' team topped the Spartans, 44-11, earlier in the evening at the Nehemiah Center Gymnasium.

"Justin is much improved from last year. He has gotten stronger, his hands have improved and that is a guy we want to get some touches by the basket and I thought we did that tonight," expressed head coach Brady Bajema. "[Brookhouse] has improved a lot as well; I give him the credit for putting

the work in during the offseason. He really became a good, good shooter."

Brookhouse (17) and VanderBaan (11) combined for 28 points, but it was a total team effort. The Crusaders played with a bunch of energy and it was noticeable from the beginning when they got out to an early 7-0 lead and never looked back.

"I liked the energy our guys came out with tonight, that is the big thing we talked about, going into the first game there is a lot of unknowns, but something you can control is your effort and how hard you play," expressed Bajema.

Whitinsville Christian stayed ahead for the duration of the game and it was because of their ability to look forward to the next play. When Uxbridge gained any sort of momentum, the Crusaders always came back with a big 3-pointer or an important defensive stop that led to an easy bucket.

"Next play, we preach that all the time and we executed very well tonight," said Bajema.

Coming into the game the Spartans were already down one of their playmakers and when the team's strength is to drive to the hoop, facing an opposing presence like VanderBaan makes things difficult.

"Right now our point guard is hurt, so that should help when he comes back because you can tell there isn't a true point guard out there right now, but when he comes back he will be able to settle us down and get us into an offense," head coach Ryan Hippert expressed. "Our game plan was to front [VanderBaan] but he made it tough; he is very big and on offense our biggest strength is taking it to the hoop and all night he made it tough on us. He is a good player."

The Spartans will expect better free throw shooting performances as the season rolls on, as Uxbridge couldn't find their shot from the charity stripe.

"In the first half we were 3 for 16 at the free throw line, we were down 13 at half and there is the 13," explained Hippert.

Despite their shooting woes, the Spartans kept on fighting on both sides of the court, especially in the fourth quarter when they outscored the Crusaders, 16-9.

"The effort was there and they didn't quit and that's what I want to see, especially in the fourth quarter," said Hippert. "I don't think they laid down at all and that is at least what I can ask for right now. We just need to keep getting better."

Junior Crusaders learn life lessons, play hockey at Union College



Courtesy photos

From left, Derek Lewis, Mikey Cary and Collin Marino, all of Whitinsville, get ready for a morning of hockey at Union College.



The Junior Crusaders AAA Elite '05 youth hockey team had the opportunity to visit with the Union College hockey coach and step foot in the locker room.

Over the weekend of Dec. 2-3, members of the Junior Crusaders AAA Elite '05 youth hockey team visited Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. to have the opportunity to play on the ice, meet with the college coach and get to experience the feeling of being a student-ath-

lete for the day.

The team, which consists of youth from Northbridge, Douglas and many other surrounding towns, traveled with their coaches and parents to Schenectady, where they played against the Schenectady Chargers in

two scrimmages. The Crusaders won, 10-2, on Saturday night and were defeated on Sunday, 6-4. Before the game, the Union College hockey coach invited the Crusaders into the locker room where they learned about the importance of studying hard and that schoolwork

comes first. He talked about what it takes to become a college level hockey player and taught the players about some of the techniques that Union players use that have contributed to their success.

Uxbridge's Rett commits to rowing at College of the Holy Cross

THOMPSON, Conn. — Senior Grace Rett of Uxbridge has committed to row for Division 1 College of the Holy Cross, becoming the first Marianapolis Prep student to row at the collegiate level.

Rett began rowing in her freshman year and had not previously rowed before Marianapolis. She has been on the varsity crew team during the fall and spring seasons each year. The crew program at Marianapolis is relatively young, having been established in 2014.

"My freshman year we only had two boats, one girls and one boys," Rett said. "Now we have six. Watching the program grow throughout my time here has been really cool. Being the first rower from Marianapolis to row at the collegiate level is real-

ly special for me because I can help promote the Marianapolis crew program for those who come after me and give back to the program that has given me so much."

Rett set and continues to hold the girls' program 2k and 6k erg time records (7:37.5 and 25:18.5, respectively) and was integral in the program's first wins in her sophomore year. She was a member of the first Marianapolis boat to race at the Head of the Charles and participated in the race again this year. In her freshman year, she was named the Top Newcomer for the team and was awarded Outstanding Achievement Awards twice last year. She is captain of the girls' varsity crew team this year and will be graduating a 12-season varsity athlete.

"Grace has become one of the strongest assets of our program," noted Sean Murphy, varsity crew head coach. "She has an undeniable and tenacious passion for rowing. She challenges her fellow oarsmen to push themselves to faster times and sounder technique every day. Grace is the strongest girls' rower we have ever had at Marianapolis, and this is predominantly the result of her own personal drive."

At this time, Rett is uncertain of her college major but hopes to be on a pre-health track, most likely studying biology, English or psychology. She calls Holy Cross her "dream school" and believes that it will "allow me to continue my Catholic education while being challenged with strong academics."



Courtesy photo

Uxbridge's Grace Rett (front, right) with mother Mary Jo, father Christopher and sister Brianne '21 will be the first Marianapolis student-athlete to row collegiately, as Rett is set to attend the College of the Holy Cross.

AREA BAZAARS AND FESTIVALS

As the fall festivals and winter bazaars go into full swing, many people travel from town to town, scooping up the sales and gathering in the handicraft items for gifts. In addition, the ethnic foods and mouthwatering baked goods add just the right touch for holiday entertaining. With that in mind, the Stonebridge Press newspapers are adding this listing of area events just for the upcoming couple of months so you can find the nearby festivals on a crisp weekend adventure.

Enjoy!

Saturday, December 16

HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL: Grace Episcopal Church will hold a Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 16 in Hodges Hall, 270 Main St, Oxford. The event will run 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a variety of baskets as well as small, affordable gifts, a bake sale table and a delicious lunch avail-

able. This will be a great event for those last minute gifts and for an opportunity to recharge your holiday spirit "battery."

CRAFT FAIR: Toys for Tots vendor craft fair is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 16 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer. Pictures with Santa, many crafters and vendors for Christmas shopping. Baked goods available.



TOUCH DOWN!
CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

OBITUARIES

Brendan J. "Johnny Bones" Ellis, 28

WHITINSVILLE - Brendan J. "Johnny Bones" Ellis, 28, of Whitinsville passed away suddenly.



Brendan was born on March 19, 1989 in Milford the son of Tammie (Mastro) Tessier and her husband James of Orange City, FL, and Brendan Ellis of Whitinsville. He attended Northbridge High School and was a noted Tattoo Artist in the area.

Johnny Bones loved to draw and teach his young cousins how to do it like him. He was very creative. He had a gift of being able to make anything he set his mind to such as pants made out of duct tape and a tattoo gun out of Legos. He was an animal lover, especially reptiles. Brendan enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, and his

step-father, he is survived by his brother, Nikolas Nadeau of Orange City, FL., step-sister Kelly Tessier of Worcester, step-brother, Tim Tessier of Uxbridge, maternal grandmother, Laurie Mastro of Uxbridge and his paternal grandfather Lesley Ellis of Burrville, RI. He was predeceased by his maternal grandfather, John Mastro and his paternal grandmother, Rosemary Ellis and several Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Visiting hours will be held on Thurs. Dec. 14, 2017 from 3-5 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 North Main St. (Rt. 122), Uxbridge followed by a funeral service at 5 PM in the funeral home.

Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Humane Animal Rescue, Attn: Donations Department, 6926 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15208, <https://www.humaneanimalrescue.org/> www.bumafuneralhome.com

Genevieve A. Cummings, 90

UXBRIDGE- Genevieve A. (Hurley) Cummings, 90, of Uxbridge, formerly of Natick and Harwichport passed away Sat. Dec. 9,



2017 in the Oak Knoll Healthcare Center in Framingham. She was the wife of the late Thomas M. Cummings, Jr. for 63 loving years before his passing in 2014.

Genevieve was born August 30, 1927 in Schenectady, NY the daughter of that late Joseph and Ella (Mullin) Hurley. She graduated from Nott Terrace High School in NY and received her associates degree from Lasell Junior College in Newton.

She loved being a mother and grandmother, enjoyed time on Cape Cod with family, trips to Florida and reading.

She is survived by her three daughters, Michele and her husband Sabato DeRosa of Holliston, Christine M.

and her husband Joseph Bamforth of Hampton, NH and Kathleen and her husband Michael Berardi of Northborough; five grandchildren, Nicholas DeRosa, Jameson and Jillian Bamforth, and Allison and Lauren Berardi, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Mary Cook.

Visiting hours were held Thursday Dec. 14, 2017 from 8:30 - 9:30 AM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St., Rte. 122, Uxbridge.

A Mass of Christian Burial followed at 10 AM in St. Mary's Church, 71 Mendon St., Rte. 16, Uxbridge.

Burial in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne was held at 2 PM.

In lieu of flowers, due to flower restrictions at the National Cemetery, memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Austin Miles Caswell, 22

UXBRIDGE- Austin Miles Caswell, 22, of Uxbridge, formerly N. Smithfield, RI passed away Wed. Nov. 29, 2017.



He was born June 2, 1995 in Providence, RI, the son of Miles L. and Donna L. (Welch) Caswell and graduated from Whitinsville Christian School, class of 2013. Austin was attending Dallas Baptist University in Dallas, TX, majoring in Marketing. Previously, he was attending Christ for The Nations, Dallas, TX and Palm Beach Atlantic University, Palm Beach, FL. During his summers he had worked for the family business, Compass Appraisal Network Inc., of Uxbridge.

Soccer was Austin's passion and had been playing since the age of 5. When he wasn't playing soccer, he enjoyed snowboarding, annual family trips to Camden, ME and praising the Lord at the Life Song Christian Fellowship Church in Gloucester, RI. He was an avid Patriots, Red Sox and Manchester United fan.

In addition to his parents, Miles and Donna of Uxbridge he is survived by two sisters, Ashley E. Caswell and Tori M. Caswell both of Uxbridge; his maternal grandparents, Lawrence J. and his wife Penny (Baxter) Welch of FL/RI and paternal grandmother, Joanne (Webb) Caswell of East Greenwich, RI; his aunts and uncles, David and Holly (Welch) Redding, Bonnie (Welch) Chung, Thomas and Christine (Emery) Caswell, Phillip and Sheryl (Caswell) Green, as well as several cousins. Austin also leaves his most loved dogs, "Oliver" and "Sophie", and many close special friends. He was predeceased by his grandfather, Thomas W. Caswell.

A memorial service, celebrating the life of Austin will be held Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 11 AM in Valley Chapel, A Church of the Nazarene, 14 Hunter Rd., Uxbridge.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Whitinsville Christian School, 279 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588 or to the Austin Caswell Memorial Fund at www.gofundme.com/austin-caswell-memorial-fund. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Beth M. (Gould) Macomber, 75

UXBRIDGE- Beth M. (Gould) Macomber, 75, of Douglas St. died Sun. Dec. 10, 2017 after an illness. Her husband of 32 years Kenneth H. Macomber Jr. died Feb. 11, 1995.

She is survived by a daughter Donna J. Macomber-Cassidy of Uxbridge; 3 grandchildren Patrick T. Cassidy, Sean F. Cassidy, and Deanna E.L. Souza; 3 great-grandchildren Matthew Cassidy, David Cassidy, and Arthur Souza; 5 siblings Bonnie M. Coro of Uxbridge, Sharon J. Seid of Williamsburg, VA, Brian V. Gould of Cumming, GA, Sandra A. Zimler of Gainesville, GA, and Benson R. Gould of Woodstock, CT; and several nephews and nieces. She was also predeceased by a daughter Deanna J. Macomber who died Jan. 24, 1986, and a sister Sylvia L. Silva. Born in Milford on July 25, 1942 she was the daughter of Alfred

W. and Lillian O. (Shumway) Gould and lived in Uxbridge many years.

Mrs. Macomber worked in the Craft Dept. at Walmart in Northbridge for many years. Beth loved her family and especially loved being around her grand and great grandchildren. She was an avid antique collector, and loved to find estate sales and look for unique pieces. She also enjoyed playing dice, card, and video games. She was very independent and could be found every morning at the Depot Café in town. She will be sorely missed by her family.

Her Funeral Home Service will be held on Thurs. Dec. 14 at 11 am. in Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd., Uxbridge. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville. Calling hours at the Funeral Home will be held from 9-11 am prior to the service. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com

Joseph A. 'Joe' DiCicco, 89

WHITINSVILLE- Joseph A. 'Joe' DiCicco, 89, passed away Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at Beaumont Rehab. and Skilled Nursing Center in Northbridge. Joe's beloved wife of 53 years, Carol A. (Malbouef) DiCicco died February 7, 2016.



He leaves behind three daughters; Carla J. Anderson and her husband Dennis of Grafton, Cheryl D. Prout and her husband Phillip of Grafton and Rodna M. DiCicco of Douglas, 8 grandchildren and a sister, Rita Cosma-Demers of Uxbridge, and his beloved cat Maximillian.

Joe was born in Uxbridge, April 28,

1928, son of the late Achille and Theresa Maria (Rossi) DiCicco. After graduating High School he entered the U.S. Navy and served from January 1946 to December 1947 and was honorably discharged.

He then opened Elite Coiffures in Whitinsville and was a hairstylist for 51 years before retiring in 2014.

At Joe's request, there are no calling hours.

A Graveside Service will be Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 11 AM in St. Mary's Cemetery, Granite St., Uxbridge. (Kindly meet at the cemetery)

The ROBERT J. MILLER FUNERAL HOME and LAKE CHAPEL, 366 School St., Webster is honored to be assisting Joe's family with funeral arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence or to share a memory, please visit our on line guest book: RJMillerfunerals.net

Jacklin M. (Tanner) Murch, 67,

HOPEDALE- Jacklin M. (Tanner) Murch, 67, of Hopedale passed away Friday Dec. 1, 2017 in Milford Regional Medical Center, Milford. She was the wife of Loren "Butch" Murch.

Jacklin had been the admissions coordinator at Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Home in Northbridge for more than 30 years before her retirement.

She was born, January 21, 1950 in Worcester the daughter of the late, Paul and Helen (Cote) Tanner and was a graduate of Sutton High School.

Jacklin loved traveling, especially to York Beach, ME.

She enjoyed shopping and possessed a flair for fashion. She also enjoyed walks on the beach, holidays and spe-

cial events with her family, and an occasional dinner out.

In addition to her husband of 49 years, Butch, she is survived by her son, Michael Murch and his companion Darrah Gangemi of Franklin; a grandson, Jack Murch; a brother, Bobby and his wife Rhonda Tanner of Charlton; a niece with a special bond Yvette M. Frieswyk of Whitinsville, and additional nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister Carol Vaudreuil.

Visiting hours will be held Thursday Dec. 14, 2017 from 5-7 PM in the BUMA-SARGEANT FUNERAL HOME, 42 Congress Street, Milford. Graveside funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 60 East 56th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10022. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Edmund C. Wray, 71

Woonsocket, RI- Edmund C. Wray, 71, formerly of Uxbridge, MA passed away November 10, 2017.



He was born September 25, 1946 to the late Edmund C. Wray and May (Hamilton) Wray in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Edmund served in the Vietnam War and received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Army. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Franklin, MA and a member of the Teamsters Union of Boston.

Previously employed at Benjamin Moore Paints in Milford and H.A Johnson and Sons. He worked at George Weston Bakeries in Franklin and Bimbo Bakeries in Millbury as a senior shipper until his retirement in 2013.

Ed's passions included music, movies, talk radio and current affairs. An avid sports fan he enjoyed following the

New England sports teams and trips to Twin Rivers Casino.

Ed will be remembered for his kind soul and generous heart and the compassion he showed to all creatures great and small.

He is survived by his son Ned C. Wray, Jr. and his wife Barbara of Manchaug; his step children, Ronald J. Blackler of NE, Julianna Valentina of Uxbridge, Linda M. Baker of Ashland and Sharon Blackler of Worcester; a sister, Barbara W. Murphy of Hopkinton; three grandchildren, Dylan Wray, Colleen Wray and Nicole Angers; two great-grandchildren, Emilia and Brooklyn; a nephew, Chris Tarjan, and a great nephew, Christopher. He was predeceased by a niece, Lisa Collins.

A memorial service with full Military Honors will be held Sat. December 16, 2017 at 4 PM the First Congregational Church of Uxbridge, 8 Court St., Uxbridge, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Massachusetts Humane Society Inc., 445 North Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343 or to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 www.bumafuneralhome.com

Francis (Frank) E. Kaczynski, 80

UXBRIDGE- Loving husband, father and grandfather, Frank Kaczynski, 80, of Uxbridge passed away Monday,

December 4, 2017 at home with family by his side. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Marian (Sellig) Kaczynski, his son Robert A. Kaczynski and daughter-in-law Marie Kaczynski of Raleigh, NC, daughter Jill (Kaczynski) Elliott and son-in-law Alastair Elliott of Duxbury and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son, Francis Kaczynski and his



brother Robert L. Kaczynski.

He was born September 22, 1937 in Webster, the son of the late Frank Kaczynski and Helen (Pinski) Gabor. He was a graduate of Bartlett High School and Peterson's School of Steam Engineering. Frank served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Henley.

Frank was employed as a fireman and boiler tender at the former Draper Corporation for over 15 years. He then worked as a stationary engineer in the power plant of Cranston Print Works until his retirement in 1998.

A lover of adventure and the great outdoors, Frank hiked the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail from Springer Mountain, GA to Mt Katahdin, ME at age 65, completing the solo journey in 6 months. In retirement, he and his beloved wife Marian took several trips to the US National Parks and destinations around the world to learn more about the environment, animals

and native peoples. In his later years, the only medicine Frank needed was biking the backroads of Maine, hiking the hills of Camden, and walking the beaches of Ogunquit and Drake's Island. He was a steadfast conservationist who was composting, recycling and growing his own organic vegetables for over 50 years. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and archery throughout his life. Frank was a life member of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club, the NRA and a member of the New England Wood Carvers. He enjoyed life's simple pleasures of a cold beer and peanuts after a hot summer day tending his vegetable garden, and long walks in the woods. His family treasures the values that Frank lived by and the memories he left behind.

The family is deeply grateful for the compassionate care provided by nurses Erin and Katrina of the Salmon VNA and Hospice during the last week of Frank's life.

Visiting hours will be held Friday, December 15, 2017 from 2-5 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St., Rte. 122, Uxbridge.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 10 AM in St. Mary's Parish, 77 Mendon St., Uxbridge. Burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts/New Hampshire, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452

or Appalachian Trail Conservancy, 799 Washington Street, PO Box 807, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0807, or Dana-Farber Cancer Center, Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation, 14 Prospect Street, Milford, MA 01757 www.bumafuneralhome.com

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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17

TRADITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT: Armenian Village Child Life: traditional puppet show with puppeteer Dora Kalajian Teven, Sunday, Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m. at Alternatives' Singh Performance Center, Whitin Mill, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville. Fellowship begins at 12:30. (snow date Sunday, January 28)

Take part in everyday life in the village of Kharpert, Western Armenia. An enjoyable afternoon for all ages as you learn about Armenian heritage. Admission is free and open to the public. Non-perishable items and donations are gratefully accepted by the Northbridge Association of Churches' Food Pantry. For more information: Susan Baghdasarian at (508) 278-3810 or SusanBaghdasarian@yahoo.com.

Monday, December 25

FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER: The Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church at 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville welcomes you and your family, friends, and relatives to a free Christmas dinner on Dec. 25th from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Friday, January 16

TRIVIA NIGHT: Uxbridge Parents for Safe Graduation is holding its annual trivia night fundraiser with Wise Guys Trivia Friday, Jan. 26 at the Progressive Club in Uxbridge from 7-10 p.m. First hour is social hour with two hours of trivia. Cost is \$20 per person for 1-3 people. Team pricing is as follows: Team of 4: \$75, team of 5: \$95, team of 6: \$115, team of 7: \$135 and team of 8 (whole table): \$150. Teams of 2-8 are welcome. Individuals will be

placed on teams. Cash prizes for top two teams. Raffle baskets plus 50/50 raffle. Light appetizers and cash bar available. Space limited, pre-register at Eventbrite link at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uxbridge-psg-trivia-night-fundraiser-tickets-41025593655> or contact us at uxbridgepsg2018@gmail.com for registration information.

ONGOING EVENTS

NOTHING BUT NET DAY CHANGE: Uxbridge Community volleyball every Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 130 Douglas St., Uxbridge Valley Chapel lower campus, the Precious Ones child care building. Pick up games, all levels welcomed. Bring a friend, make a friend, stay in shape and have fun. (\$1 a week). Call Jeannette Gokey at (508) 735-0067 for more info.

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

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

PARENT SUPPORT: Parent Support Group in Millbury sponsored by Parent Professional Advocacy League (PPAL). Join us for our free and confidential Parent Support Group on the second (workshop) and fourth (sharing) Friday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Millbury Public Library. Call PPAL at (508) 767-9725 for further infor-

mation. Parent Professional Advocacy League is a statewide network of parents and professionals and adolescents with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs.

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

AL-ANON: A "Serenity on The Hill" Al-Anon step meeting will be held at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the Rockdale Congregational Church, 42 Fowler Road, Northbridge. This is a support group for family and friends of problem drinkers. Newcomers always welcome. For more information, call 508-366-0556.

YOGA GROUP: Come join the Sunshine Yoga Collaborative in our mission to bring community based yoga to Uxbridge and the surrounding communities! These classes are appropriate for those just beginning to the advanced student. Our class is every Sunday morning from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Alternatives, Unlimited at 50 Douglas Road in Whitinsville. We have extra yoga mats, but most folks bring their own. We ask for a \$5 donation per class, which is passed on to a local organization doing good work in our community. Visit us on Facebook: Sunshine Yoga Collaborative.

RECOVERY: Every Monday — Celebrate Recovery is a Biblically based step program designed to heal a wide variety of habits and harmful behaviors, such as drug dependency, abuse, eating disorders, depression, anger, pornography, broken relationships. The group meets every week in a two-part session, an open group followed by gender-specific small share groups. Starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 9. Come at 6:30 for coffee and conversation. Pleasant Street Church,

25 Cross St., Whitinsville, 508-234-5268, ext. 14, or email howard@pscr.org.

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

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

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

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

Celebrate 60 years with Whitinsville Fish & Game next month



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The recent snow storm sure came at a good time for deer hunters. Tracking conditions were just great for the start of the Massachusetts muzzle loader season that started this past Monday. A few hunters were absent from their place of employment to take advantage of the opening day tracking conditions. More big bucks were harvested during the last week of the shotgun deer season. Final deer harvest figures will not be available until the first of the year. This week's picture shows Dan Cutter with his 10 point 203 lb. buck taken in Massachusetts! Nice buck.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club will be celebrating there 60 year anniversary with a prime rib dinner at the club house on White Court in Douglas on Jan. 6, 2018! The event is open to the public. A 52 inch television will be raffled off, and a free chance to win a \$50 door prize will be given to holders of the first 50 tickets sold. Hope to see you there.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club was a big

part of this writer's life in my early years. The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club originated at a piece of property in Whitinsville on the shores of the Meadow Pond. The land and club house was in control of the former Whitin Machine Works, and the club's trout pond was at Castle Hill. I served as president for a year, and secretary for a number of years, also serving on the board of directors back then. We had great times working with the late Horace Bassett, Richard Bosma, Robert Campo, Jack Cunningham, Ben Green, to mention a few. When the opportunity to purchase a piece of land at White Court for a few thousand dollars was brought to our attention for land taxes by the late Jack Cunningham, some members strongly opposed the purchase.

After numerous meetings, we voted to purchase the property and the Whitinsville Club is now located at their new headquarters for many years now. There was an old house on the property that was in need of repair, but the club was reluctant to move there. The club house was offered to the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club to use until the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club decided to move to the new headquarters. When the Beagle Club found a new

club house a mile down the road, the Whitinsville Club moved into the old building. Lucky we had bought the property, as we were forced out of the old building by the new owners of the property at Prentice Corner.

We had great times at the old building on the new property for many years. Coon and ham suppers were sold out quickly, and drew 60 or more patrons to the club at least once a month, to enjoy the tasty raccoon meal. We were soon approached by the Blackstone Fish & Game Club to join the Whitinsville Club, and they offered to bring all of their assets with them, as they were liquidating their club. There is always a few that hate to see change, but the vote of the members overwhelming passed the acceptance of the Blackstone Club. With their assets and hard working members from both clubs, a new club house was built. The club now has an indoor archery range, pistol range, trap range that is open every Saturday to the public, trout pond, and acres of open land to hunt on. A pheasant program is also part of the annual hunting agenda.

Raccoon water dog races became so big at the club, dog owners from around the country brought their dogs to enter them into the races. Anti-hunting groups got together to stop the

events, but they continued for many years after, until they finally succeeded to stop the races. The club annually stocked snowshoe hare on the property until the anti-hunting groups stopped it all, state wide. Listening to the hounds trail the elusive hare is pretty much gone today, although a couple of beagle clubs still run their dogs on cottontail rabbits.

Ice fishing cannot be far away. The extremely cold temperatures predicted for this week should start the process to make a few inches of ice. Anglers and residents are warned about dangerous ice conditions in the coming days and weeks. Only anglers with deep respect and knowledge of frozen lakes and ponds should attempt to fish first ice. Snow covered ice is the most dangerous. Navigating first ice should be done with a good ice chisel and struck ahead of every step the angler is taking. Four inches of good black ice is safe for one angler to navigate. Always carry a good piece of rope to use if someone falls through the ice. Try to fish with a friend or family member. It is more fun and a lot safer.

This past Monday members of the coffee club at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club, watched a pair of otters frolicking across the ice. After a few



Courtesy photo

Dan Cutter took down a 10 point buck in Massachusetts

minutes the pair disappeared under the ice to do a little bit of fishing. They are nice to watch.

Note: Last week's column incorrectly identified "Hunter's" dad as Ralph Salvas, which should have said Kurt Salvas. I must have had a senior moment.

Local Rod & Gun Clubs are planning their annual game dinners. To insure you have a seat at these dinners, you need

to purchase your tickets early. Next week I will publish the dates and times, but you can also check them out on their web sites. Singletary Rod & Gun, Uxbridge Rod & Gun, Wallum Lake Rod & Gun, Whitinsville fish & Game, are only a few of clubs that annually hold game dinners.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

BVT announces spring 2018 Charity Dinner schedule

SKILLSUSA CHAPTER TAKES OVER MONTHLY FRIENDS OF RACHEL DINNERS

UPTON — For the past seven years, the Blackstone Valley Tech Friends of Rachel Club and culinary arts program teamed up to host monthly fundraising dinners to benefit several charitable organizations and causes. Beginning in January, the culinary arts program will have a new partner in the BVT SkillsUSA chapter as the Friends of Rachel Club steps away from the monthly charity dinners.

"We've developed a familial relationship with many of the community members who attend our monthly dinners over the past few years," said Dawn Dubois, culinary arts instructor and Friends of Rachel advisor. "I've really enjoyed hosting the dinners, but I wanted to pass the baton to the members of the SkillsUSA chapter who are eager to make their mark on the event and serve the community."

The December dinner acted as the end of one era and the beginning of the next as the Friends of Rachel Club distributed gift boxes of holiday cookies to guests to thank them for their support, and the members of the SkillsUSA chapter introduced themselves to the nearly 70 regular monthly dinner guests.

"The great thing about these dinners is it gives the kids an opportunity to do community service, share their talents, and bond with members of the community," Dubois said.

The dinners will continue to be held at the Three Seasons Restaurant, located on the BVT campus at 65 Pleasant St. in Upton, and serve as charity fundraising events and opportunities for students to give back to the community and causes near to their heart.

Each all-you-can-eat dinner is held on a Thursday evening and consists of

a themed buffet, dessert, and beverage. The following dates and themes have been selected for the spring 2018 series:

January 25: roast pork
February 15: roasted chicken
March 15: meatloaf
April 15: baked fish
May 10: porketta

Proceeds will benefit the Be Like Brit Foundation, the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, and the BVT SkillsUSA Chapter.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Dinner seatings are scheduled for 5 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. Seats are limited and reservations are required. Contact Kathleen Manooogian at (508) 529-7758 ext. 3109 or via email to kmanooogian@valleytech.k12.ma.us to book your reservation.

Originally known as Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA),

SkillsUSA was founded in 1965. It is a national organization that supports career and technical education. Students compete at the district state, and national level in their technical areas and leadership events.

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

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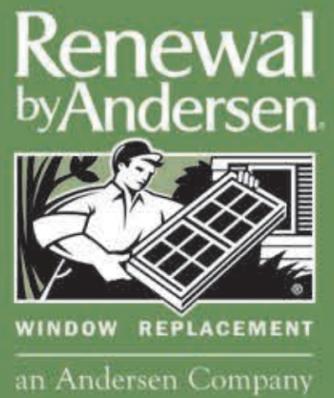
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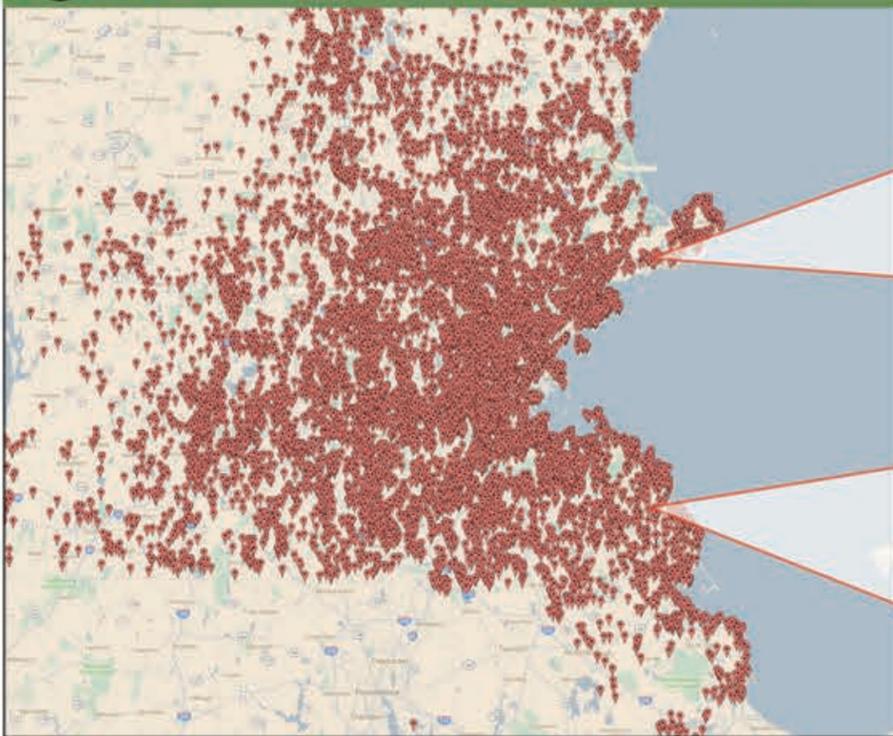
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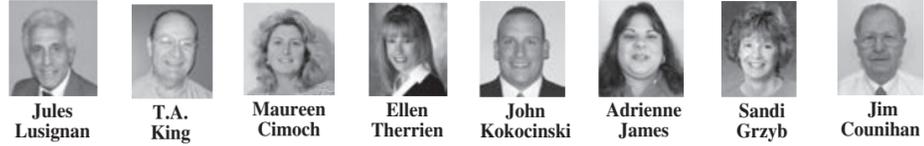


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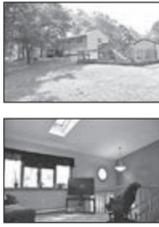


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LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Dorothea L. Lane to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated July 25, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 39480, Page 289 subsequently assigned to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 57875, Page 335; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on December 22, 2017 at 1132 Hill Street, Northbridge (Whitinsville), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land on the easterly side of Hill Street, in the Northbridge Center Section of the Town of Northbridge, in said Worcester County and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southwesterly corner thereof at a drill hole in stone wall in the Easterly line of said Hill Street at land now or formerly of one Gjeltema; Thence N. 21° 38' 50" W. by the Easterly line of said Hill Street, two hundred ninety-three and 16/100 (293.16) feet to a point; said point being one and 41/100 (1.41) feet Easterly of a stone post; Thence N. 86° 06' 1 0" E. by the Southerly line of an old lane leading Easterly to a cemetery. seventy-eight and 59/100 (78.59) feet to a corner of a wall at a stone post; Thence S. 8° 01' 50" E. by a wall, eight (8) feet to a point at the corner of walls; Thence N. 84° 55' 10" E. still continuing by the Southerly line of an old lane leading Easterly to a cemetery, one hundred seventy-two and 25/100 (172.25) feet to a stone bound in wall; Thence S. 5° 38' 50" E. by land now or formerly of the Town of Northbridge, two hundred seventy-eight and 14/100 (278.14) feet to a point; Thence S. 80° 55' 1 0" W. by said land now or formerly of one Gjeltema. sixty-nine and 24/100 (69.24) feet to a stone bound in wall; Thence N. 88° 25' 50" W. still continuing by said land now or formerly on one Gjeltema, one hundred one and 68/100 (101.68) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 58,240 square feet of land, more or less. For title see Deed recorded with Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 3895, Page 501.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 17-002210 December 1, 2017 December 8, 2017 December 15, 2017

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 19 Concord Lane, Liberty Estates Condominium, Uxbridge, MA By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert Vazquez and Zoraida Camacho to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., and now held by Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, said mortgage dated April 7, 2005, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36065, Page 50 as affected by a Mortgage Modification Agreement dated December 18, 2013 and recorded in said Registry in Book 51952, Page 124, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bank of America, N.A. to Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency by assignment dated November 16, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 48582, Page 322,; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on January 4, 2018 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, directly in front of the building in which the unit is located, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

All that certain premises and proportionate interest in Liberty Estates condominium situated in Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts more particularly described as follows:

19 Concord Lane, Uxbridge, Massachusetts of Liberty Estates Condominium created by Master Deed recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds on June 14, 2004 in Book 33864, Page 335.

The address of the Unit is 19 Concord Lane, Uxbridge, MA.

The unit conveyed is laid out as shown on a plan filed immediately prior here to which plan is a copy of a portion of the plans filed in Plan Book 822, Plan 6-7 and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided in M.G.L. Ch., 183A, Section 9. It is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liability contained in General Laws Chapter 183A, the Master Deed and the Declaration of Trust filed therewith. The Condominium and each of the units is intended for residential purposes and other uses permitted by the applicable Zoning Ordinances and as set forth in the Master Deed.

The Condominium and each of the units is intended for residential purposes and other uses permitted by the applicable Zoning Ordinances and as set forth in the Master Deed.

The undivided percentage interest of the unit conveyed hereunder in the common areas and facilities is 2.16% subject to reduction, if, as and when future phases are created.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated March 29, 2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 36065, Page 33.

Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

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 in cash, 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 thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP 1080 Main Street Pawtucket, RI 02860 Attorney for Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency Present Holder of the Mortgage (401) 272-1400

December 8, 2017
December 15, 2017
December 22, 2017

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 17 SM 008982 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Jeffrey R. Oliveri

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae)

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Douglas**, numbered **30 South Street**, given by **Jeffrey R. Oliveri** to **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns**, dated **March 20, 2006**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **38618**, Page **230**, as affected by a **Loan Modification Agreement, dated January 1, 2012, and recorded in said Registry in Book 48413, Page 211**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 8, 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on November 24, 2017

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

(17-007446 Orleans)

December 15, 2017

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. WO17P3808EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Mary A Stefanick

Date of Death: 11/14/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Katherine Desjardin of Uxbridge MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Katherine Desjardin of Uxbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an 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 01/09/2018**. 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 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: November 27, 2017

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate December 15, 2017

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 17 SM 003453 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Jesse A. Doyon III

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act., 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of August 1, 2006, GSAMP Trust 2006-HE5, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE5

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Uxbridge, numbered **1070 Quaker Highway**, given by **Jesse A. Doyon III** to **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns**, dated **May 12, 2006**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **39933**, Page **275**, as affected by a **Loan Modification Agreement recorded in said Registry in Book 46823, Page 21**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 8, 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on November 27, 2017

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

(17-001469 Orleans)

December 15, 2017

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 17SM009318 ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Peter J. Sharawara

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.:

Amerus Bank FSB FKA Midland Bank FKA Midland Savings Bank FSB FKA Midland Federal Savings Bank FKA Midland Financial Savings Bank FKA Midland Financial Savings & Loan Associations NKA Bank of the West successor by merger to Commercial Federal Bank, FSB

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Whitinsville (Northbridge), numbered 34-36 Spring Street, given by Peter J. Sharawara to Peoples Heritage Bank, dated September 4, 1998, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20402, Page 205, as affected by a Partial Release made December 3, 2008 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 43825, Page 111, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 15, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on December 4, 2017.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

15-020594

December 15, 2017

LEGALS

LEGALS

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage dated July 20, 2012 given by Paul R. Marcotte and Heidi A. Richardson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Citibank, N.A. recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49370, Page 277, the undersigned CitiMortgage, Inc. being the present holder of said mortgage by Assignment of Mortgage from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Citibank, N.A., its successors and assigns, to CitiMortgage, Inc. recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51925, Page 331, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at:

**10:00 A.M. on
Friday, January 5, 2018**

upon the hereinafter-described premises, known as and numbered as 788 Church Street, Whitinsville (Northbridge), Worcester County (Worcester District), Massachusetts, all and singularly the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts and is described as follows:

All that parcel of land in the Village of Whitinsville, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as more fully described in Deed Book 36205, Page 35, ID#23A-47, being known and designated as:

Recorded Land being more fully described in Deed Book 36205-35 in metes and bounds.

Commonly known as: 788 Church St., Whitinsville, MA 01588

By fee simple deed from David F. Conlee as set forth in Book 36205 Page 35 dated 04/26/2005 and recorded 04/28/2005, Worcester County Records, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The above-described premises shall be subject to all easements, restrictions, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, outstanding tax titles, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits and approvals issued pursuant thereto, including, without limitation, orders of conditions, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to said Mortgage, if there be any. Said premises are to be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

TERMS OF SALE: The highest bidder shall be required to make a deposit of \$10,000.00 to the holder of said Mortgage, in cash or by certified or bank cashier's check at the time and place of said sale of said premises. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid to said holder in cash, by certified check or bank cashier's check, and thereupon the deed shall be delivered, in thirty (30) days from the date of sale at the firm of Cunningham, Machanic, Cetlin, Johnson, Harney & Tenney, LLP, Attorneys for said holder, 220 North Main Street, Suite 301, Natick, Massachusetts. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale. The description of the premises contained in said Mortgage shall control in the event of an error in publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Present Holder of Said Mortgage,
By its Attorneys,

CUNNINGHAM, MACHANIC,
CETLIN,
JOHNSON, HARNEY & TENNEY,
LLP
220 North Main Street, Suite 301
Natick, MA 01760
(508) 651-7524

December 8, 2017
December 15, 2017
December 22, 2017

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 17 SM 008906 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: The Heirs, Devisees or Legal Representatives of the Estate of Jean H. Johnson, Donald F. Johnson, Jr., Sandy Charette, Lorna Edgar, Leah Gordon and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. §§ 3901 et seq.: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Northbridge, numbered 180 Heritage Drive, Unit #180, Heritage Park Estates Condominium, given by Jean H. Johnson to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated May 22, 2006, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39024, Page 379, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your

attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 8, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of this Court on November 22, 2017 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
December 15, 2017

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 17 SM 008800 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Mark Wilcon aka Mark J. Wilcon and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 §3901 (et seq):

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Uxbridge**, numbered **173 East Hartford Avenue**, 173 - 175 East Hartford Avenue Condominium, given by **Mark J. Wilcon to Key Home Mortgage Corporation**, dated **July 6, 2004**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **34077**, Page **42**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **January 8, 2018** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on November 21, 2017

Attest: **Deborah J. Patterson**

Recorder

(17-009258 Orlans)

December 15, 2017

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO17P3756EA
Estate of:
Dale Allen Patterson
Date Of Death: October 07, 2017
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner

Deborah A. Patterson of Upton MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Deborah A. Patterson of Upton MA

have 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. Inter-

ested parties are entitled to petition

the Court to institute formal proceedings

and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
December 15, 2017

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 17SM009246 ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Betsy-Anne Gosselin and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. 50 §3901 et seq.:

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for registered Holders of Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1, Asset-Backed

Certificates, Series 2006-1 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Northbridge, 153 Cooper Road, given by Brian Dodge and Betsy-Anne Gosselin to Long Beach Mortgage

Company dated December 20, 2005, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38068, Page 232 as affected by a modification agreement dated April 12, 2012, and recorded with said Registry in Book 48864, Page 367, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 15, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on November 29, 2017.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
201609-0600-TEA
December 15, 2017

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(508) 278-8648**

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Bids will be received up to **2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2018**, and will be publicly opened and available for viewing at the address listed above.

The **Awarding Authority** reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids submitted and to accept any bid or part thereof, and to reject any and all bids, or any part of any bid, if it be in the best interest of the Town of Uxbridge to do so.

Matthew Keane
Chair, Uxbridge School Committee
December 15, 2017

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO17C0256CA**

**In the matter of:
Jennifer Jeanne Cacciola
Of: Northbridge, MA
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described: A petition has been presented by Jennifer J Cacciola requesting that: Jennifer Jeanne Cacciola be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: Cameron Ryan Cacciola.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT

THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT WORCESTER ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 12/26/2017 WITNESS, Hon. Leila A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 07, 2017

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
November 07, 2017

December 15, 2017

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 2 B Street, Unit A of the 2-12 B Street Condominium, Northbridge, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Johnathan R. Lund to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Maverick Funding Corp., said mortgage dated May 25, 2013, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds, in Book 51035 at Page 142 and now held by Fidelity Bank by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Maverick Funding Corp., its successors and/or assigns to Fidelity Bank, dated September 6, 2016 and recorded September 20, 2016 in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55997, Page 116 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at **Public Auction on January 8, 2018 at 12:00PM Local Time** upon the premises directly in front of the building containing said unit, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Legal Description:
The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, and is described as follows:

Unit A in the Condominium known as 2-12 B Street Condominium which Condominium was created by Master Deed dated October 2, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 41970 at Page 224, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A as amended.

Subject to easements, restrictions, provisions and all other matters set forth in the Master Deed of the 2-12 B Street Condominium dated 10/2/2007 in Book 41970, Page 224 as amended.

Subject to easements, restrictions, provisions and all other matters set forth in the Unit Deed Book 51035 Page 135.

**Parcel Id:
6A-265
Commonly Known As:
2 B Street #A, NORTHBRIDGE, MA, 01534**

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 May 25, 2013, and recorded June 13, 2013 in Book 51035 at Page 135 with the Worcester County (Worcester) Registry of Deeds.

Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

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 thirty (30) 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 Fidelity Bank
Present Holder of the Mortgage
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\$26,377 BUY FOR: **\$288/mo.**

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#H0159R • SE TRIM, GREAT ON GAS, IPOD INPUT, PWR PKG

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#17346A • SUPERCREW CAB, ALLOYS, TOW HITCH, BEDLINER

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As the fall festivals and winter bazaars go into full swing, many people travel from town to town, scooping up the sales and gathering in the handcrafted items for gifts. In addition, the ethnic foods and mouthwatering baked goods add just the right touch for holiday entertaining. With that in mind, the Stonebridge Press newspapers are adding this listing of area events just for the

upcoming couple of months so you can find the nearby festivals on a crisp weekend adventure. Enjoy!

Saturday, December 16

HOLIDAY BASKET FESTIVAL: Grace Episcopal Church will hold a Holiday Basket Festival on Saturday, Dec. 16 in Hodges Hall, 270 Main St, Oxford. The event will run 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a variety of baskets as well as small, affordable gifts, a bake sale table and a delicious lunch available. This will be a great event for those last minute gifts and for an opportunity to recharge your holiday spirit "battery."

CRAFT FAIR: Toys for Tots vendor craft fair is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 16 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 10 Meadow Road, Spencer. Pictures with Santa, many crafters and vendors for Christmas shopping. Baked goods available.



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