

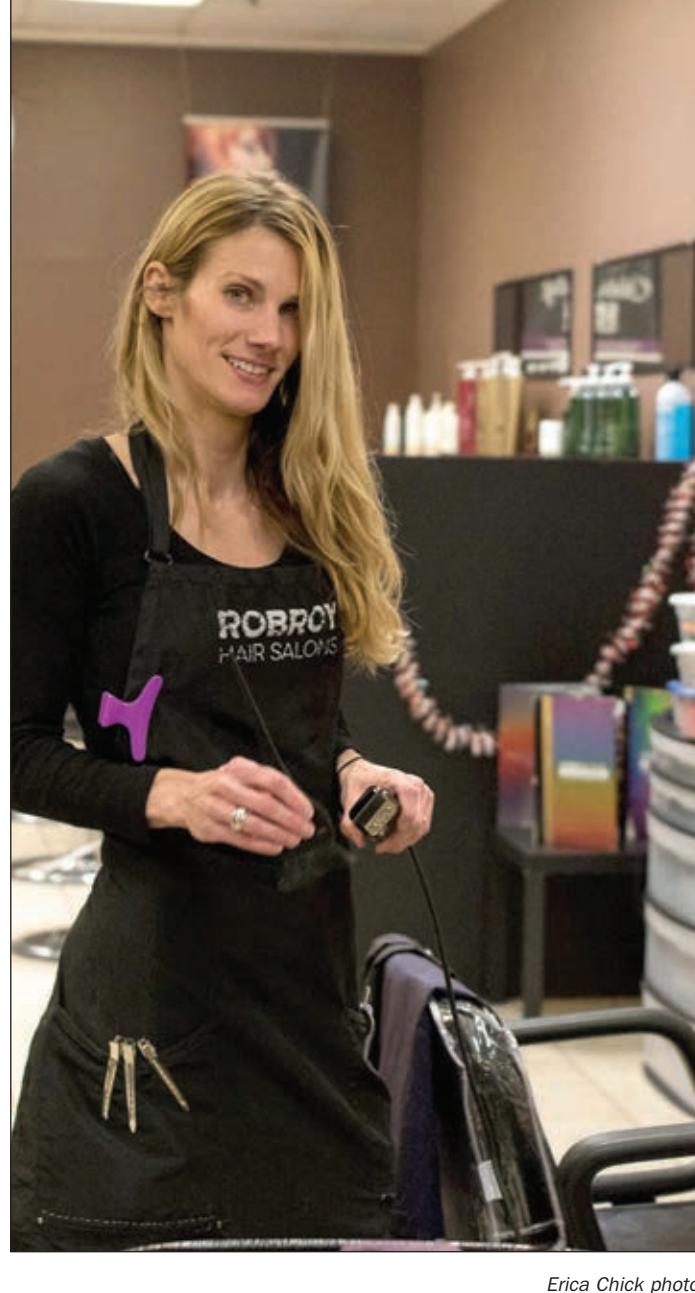
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Erica Chick photo

Courtney Milligan finds a way to work when others would not

Kindness finds a way

BY ERICA CHICK
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

It sounds simple enough, a good stylist, appreciated, and liked by those who go to the salon. But there is always a bit more to the story.

Courtney Milligan is a hairstylist at Rob Roy hair salon in Uxbridge. She has been a stylist for four and a half years. She came to the Uxbridge location three and a half years ago.

Kathy Conlee, of Whitinsville, has been a client of Courtney's for three years.

"Courtney is a perfectionist of sorts. She always makes sure that you like your hair before she is finished. I come here because all the girls here are so much fun and they make me happy. It's a great environment and so lighthearted

here. I've just fallen in love with them all," Conlee said.

Four months ago, a man brought his grandson, Aiden, to get his hair cut. This boy is special needs and sometimes refuses to get out of the car. On this day, back in September, Aiden did not want to get out of the car.

The man said to Courtney, "If I go and get my extension cord from home, will you cut his hair while he sits in the car?"

Fifteen minutes later he was back and Courtney cut Aiden's hair.

On Sunday, Dec. 10, in 30-degree weather, Courtney did the same thing. She took the time to cut his hair while he sat in the car.

When asked about her acts of kindness she responded, "I'm surprised that this is a

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Bringing the holiday home to Depot Street



Erica Chick photos

Santa waits for more visitors

BY ERICA CHICK
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

For 36 years Bob Coskey has decorated his home at 47 Depot St. in Douglas in festive lights for the holiday season. Every year he adds a little bit more, slowly but surely encroaching on his gracious neighbor's acreage. It's primarily a drive-by display, as the street is a well-traveled one.

He has everything from Elsa and Minnie to Will Ferrell as Elf and a singing, mounted bass. There are 30 lasers casting lights into the trees and 40 some odd inflatables.

Coskey begins every September and starts assembling the decorations and lights. Once it snows, he can no longer access the roof so he needs to make sure it's all done

in time. The lights get turned on Thanksgiving night. Each night he spends a half hour to get everything up and running.

This time of year can hold so much magic for children. Coskey remembers being four-years-old, looking up into the sky, and seeing a flying red light. His older siblings told him that Rudolph was flying.

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Concert features student musicians



Courtesy photos

The high school chorus did more serious music.

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Kenpo and Gifts join others at Depot Street space

BY ERICA CHICK
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

On Tuesday, Jan. 2, American Family Kenpo and Gifted Explorations will have a new home. They will be moving to 19 Depot St., Uxbridge.

Joy They Bring Yoga and Wellness, housed on the second floor, and The Sassy Fox, housed on the lowest level with its entrance around the back, are already at home in the building.

Shihan Matt Jacome, of American Family Kenpo, has been in his current location at 44 Depot St. for 11 years. It took six years of trial and error to figure out a setup that works the best for classes and his students. He anticipates the same sort of trial and error when it



Erica Chick photos

comes to finding the best way to set things up in the new location.

"I could map it all out on a piece of paper, but until I'm in a building I'm not going to know what will work. I could place the parent chairs against one wall, but will the sun be shining directly into their eyes? Will a setup actually make sense? It's all trial and error."

Shihan Matt is looking forward to developing a symbiotic relationship with the other businesses in the building.

"We have to work together. Parents can take fitness classes upstairs and shop downstairs. The kids can come here for karate and take classes with Vicki. There's something for

everyone. We need to support one another and not compete. Cross-promotion and being flexible is the only way a small, grassroots business can survive."

He has some experience with this as he has shared space with Vicki Warner of Gifted Explorations for two years.

Miss Vicki, as the kids call her, has provided a learning place for both adults and children for the past two years. Pam Landry, a mom of two children who attend Gifted Explorations, said, "My kids have been coming on Saturdays since she opened in 2015 and they love it. They are learning things they don't learn in school without even

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BLACKSTONE BRIEFS

BENEFIT TO SUPPORT TROOPS
On Jan. 27, Uxbridge Supports Our Troops (USOT), will be hosting a benefit to support troops serving overseas. USOT has been shipping care packages to troops since February 2003. The benefit will take place at the Uxbridge VFW post 1385 from 6:00 until 11:00 p.m. A patriotic evening of dinner, dancing, and raffles is planned. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be sold in advance only. This is often a sell-out event, so get your tickets early! To purchase tickets or contribute items for the raffle, please contact Diane at

(508) 278-5131 or Linda at lasimonds@charter.net.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

WHITINSVILLE — A new divorce recovery support group starts up on Tuesday, Jan. 9, and will meet weekly on Tuesdays. Called "Fresh Start – There is Life after Divorce," this program is for men and women who are separated or divorced and living single again. The group offers support, encouragement, friendship, and hope.

Each meeting includes a topical video followed by small group discussion, refreshments, and social time. The pro-

gram continues to April and is free and open to all.

Meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville. Contact the church office at 508-234-5268, e-mail howard@pscrc.org or visit www.pscrc.org for more information and to register.

A complementary program for kids ages 5-12, called DivorceCare for Kids, runs concurrently with the adult program.

CHICKEN DINNER

Whitinsville Fish and Game Club,

located on White Court, in Douglas will be hosting a family style chicken dinner on Saturday, January 20. Please join us for a great evening of delicious food prepared by Rick and his cooking team. We also have a fully stocked bar for your added enjoyment, doors open at 4:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Kick off 2018 with a nice evening out. Tickets are only \$10 and are an excellent value. Please contact Steve at spierangeli_1@charter.net for your tickets and more information.

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big deal. I'd think that anyone would do this. He needed a haircut. It doesn't matter if he's in the chair or in the car. I'm surprised that people are surprised that someone would make the effort. I come in, I do my job. It's not about the money. I want to do my job well and make people happy. Then I go home to

spend time with my little one. Time is time. If I need to go out to a car for 45 minutes because a child won't get out of the car, then that's what I'll do. Aiden is such a sweet boy. I don't hear him talk much, but today he was speaking a lot. It was great to hear."

Conlee was not surprised at all when she heard of Courtney's kindness. "That's who she is. She's just the kindest person."

of their lives. If they want to use glitter they can use as much glitter as they want."

The floor of Gifted Explorations shows two years' worth of free, creative play. You'll be hard-pressed to find many homes where this much freedom with paint and glitter happens.

The only foreseeable changes from the move, as far as scheduling, will be that Gifted Explorations will host classes and parties on Sundays now, instead of Saturdays, in order to accommodate a shared schedule with American Family Kenpo.

The last classes will be held on Dec. 22 before they begin their move. Classes will resume on Jan. 2.

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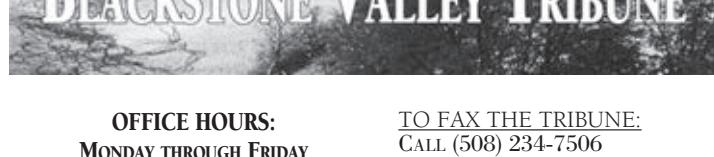
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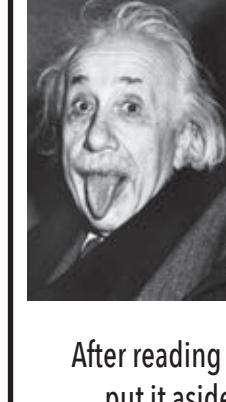
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With pheasant hunting and deer hunting coming to an end for most outdoorsmen and women, waterfowl hunting and ice fishing are the final two activities left for most sportsmen that enjoy the great outdoors during winter months. There are a lot of ducks and geese in the area, but hunters need to be extra careful with frozen waters that are being hunted. Extreme caution needs to be used when sending the hunting dogs out into frozen areas, to retrieve downed birds. Costal hunting for sea ducks at this time of year has caused the death of many duck hunters in the past. Fast moving tides can carry hunting dogs away from the hunting blind and too often hunters needed to retrieve duck and dogs because of the strong tides. Duck hunters hunting costal marshes also need to keep an eye on the incoming tides. Too often duck hunters have been stranded on sandbars after the tide comes in. Play it safe!!!

Although the final count of the deer harvest is not complete for this

year, MFW is predicting a record harvest for all three seasons in Massachusetts. The quality of the deer was great, with numerous young bucks sporting large antlers and weighing in at surprising numbers on the scales during the first week of shotgun season.

A huge black bear weighing in at 342 lbs. was hit and killed by two vehicles in Gardner on Rt. 2. A hunter also illegally shot a moose in the Gardner area during the shotgun season. The Environmental Police are investigating the incident. The controlled hunt at Blue Hills this year netted 67 deer of which 42 were females.

Some ponds have enough ice on them for some ice fishing, but extreme caution needs to be used. Striking the ice with a good ice chisel as you navigate the frozen waters, is the only safe way to go, as mentioned last week. Many first time anglers of the year start out jig fishing and it can be extremely productive for catching enough yellow perch for a good meal. When a good school of perch are located and they are feeding, a single angler can catch a dozen or more perch from one hole.

During a feeding frenzy, largemouth and small mouth bass will aggressively hit the jig, providing the angler with

some excitement as he or she tries to bring the fish to top, and through the hole. A Swedish pimple with a single hook, baited with a grub, can catch the first perch. Immediately remove one of the eyes of the perch, and affix it to the single hook, being careful not to break the eye. The fresh eye is the best bait to use when fishing with a jig stick for perch. A small fresh shiner is also great when jigging for larger fish like pickerel and bass. Be sure to test the depth of the water at each hole, as water depths can change quickly. Fishing a foot off of the bottom is normally best to catch yellow perch, but sometimes a few feet off of the bottom can make a difference.

Cleaning yellow perch is quick and simple by removing the top fin completely. Make a cut just in back of the head being careful not to completely cut off the head. Place your right index finger in back of the head and your left index finger and thumb also in back of the head, and pull down with the right hand. As the skin starts to peel off you will be left with only the fully cleaned fish. Lay the perch on their side one by one and cut off the bones along the cavity with one stroke of the knife on each end. Rinse the fish off and you are ready to start cooking.

A combination of 2/3



Courtesy photo

This northern pike was caught in Connecticut. Local waters haven't been stocked with the game fish for a while now.

yellow corn meal and 1/3 flour ground in a blender for a few seconds, will give you the consistency of a milled substance that is ideal for frying any kind of sea food and fish. A cast iron pan with a good frying oil and small amount of butter will cook up your perch to perfection. Cooking the fish for a couple of minutes on each side will give you some tasty eating at the table. Carefully peel the meat of the perch from the main bone, and eat them with some great fried rice from Food Works restaurant in

North Uxbridge, along with your favorite beverage. Great.

This week's picture shows a local angler with a large Northern Pike taken through the ice in Connecticut a few years back. If you want to catch a fish like this you need to go to a neighboring state, although a few fish still inhabit some local waters from stockings of pike a number of years ago. Local anglers are hoping that MFW will expand their pike program back to more than a few northern bodies of water. Manchaug

Reservoir had a huge success rate back in the '80s or '90s when the state was stocking local bodies of water in the state, as did Webster Lake.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun club will hold their annual Red Eye Shoot at the trap range January 1, starting at 10:00 a.m. The event is open to the public.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Safe Holiday Season

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

Programs planned during winter break

Nature Journals and Sun Prints: Dec 23, 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Slow down and enjoy reading the landscape, take time to observe the natural world and sketch or write your thoughts down. Supplies provided to make your own journal and sun print. Sun prints are made from placing objects on photo sensitive paper. A great way to celebrate the sunshine and preserve nature images! Meet at River Bend Farm Visitor Center.

Winter Wildlife: Dec. 28, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Discover tracks, scat and signs that wildlife leaves behind. Learn what wild things live at the park and what to look for before you head out on the trail. Followed by nature discovery walk up to one mile. Family friendly program for all ages. Meet at River Bend Farm Visitor Center.

Winter Story Time: Dec. 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Meet at River Bend Farm Visitor Center for winter themed nature stories followed by a craft. Then bundle little ones up for an optional short nature walk. Stories and craft geared for pre-

school and early elementary, all ages are welcome on this family friendly program. Please dress appropriately for the nature walk portion.

Boots Along the Blackstone First Day Hike: Jan 1 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Celebrate the New Year with a First Day Hike at Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park as we walk along the canal towpath, view the river, and find signs of winter wildlife along the waterways and forest. Warm up after at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center with hot cocoa and conversation. The Visitor Center, located at 287 Oak St., Uxbridge, will be open at noon. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. The hike meets at the visitor center and starts at 1 p.m. and is two and a quarter miles (2.25), about 90 minutes long. Be prepared for cold weather: dress in layers and wear winter boots. If conditions permit, bring snowshoes and hiking poles. Dogs allowed on leash.



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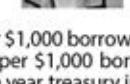


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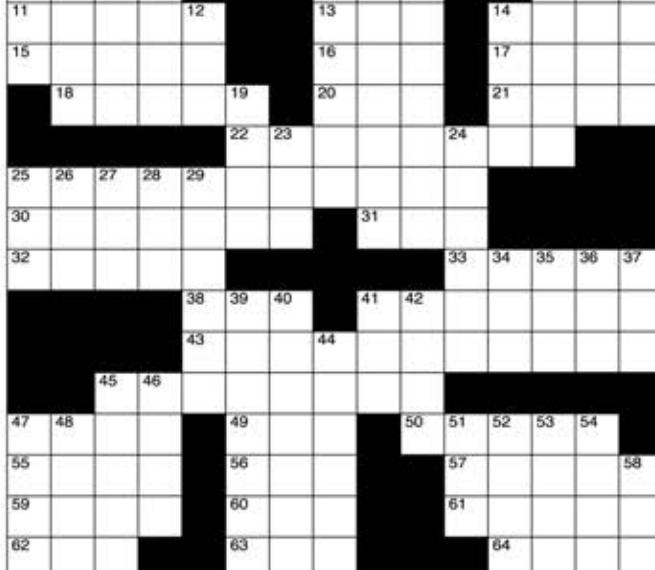
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5. Certified public accountant
8. Residue
11. Sayings attributed to Christ
13. The products of human creativity
14. Listen to
15. Longed
16. No (Scottish)
17. Descriptor
18. Yankees' sensation Judge
20. Zero
21. Comics legend Lee
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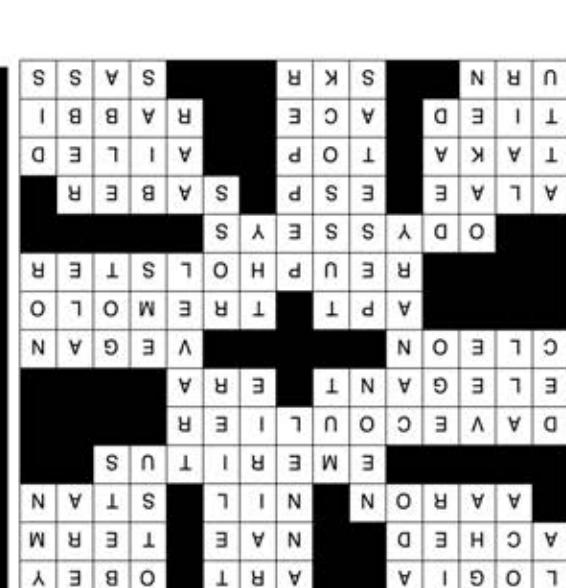
33. One who avoids animal products
38. Quick to learn
41. Mechanism in an organ
43. Redo with new materials
45. Epics
47. Wings
49. Extrasensory perception
50. Cavalry sword
55. Bangladeshi monetary unit
56. Not the bottom
57. Afflicted
59. Bound
60. One who is highly skilled
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Tall, rounded vase
63. Liturgical language of Hinduism (abbr.)
64. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

1. Pie ___ mode
2. Portuguese cape
3. Ottoman military title
4. Movable frame used in burials
5. Type of coal
6. A treeless grassy plain
7. Artist's workroom
8. Assists
9. Protein-rich liquids
10. A song of praise to God
12. Much ___ about nothing
14. Japanese city
19. Atomic number 10
23. Egyptian goddess
24. Go places
25. Having ten
26. Complete
27. Automotive belt
28. Psyche

29. Melodious bird
34. Medical personnel
35. Acquired
36. Type of beverage
37. Neither
39. Spanish monetary units
40. Small area of grass
41. Your
42. Diana ___, singer
44. Salt's partner
45. Made of wood
46. No longer alive
47. Alaskan island
48. Wild animal's resting place
51. Swiss river
52. Partiality
53. "Luther" actor Idris
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PUZZLE SOLUTION



The Myth of the Spring Market



REALTOR'S
REPORT

JAMES
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Many people this time of year will tell me they want to wait till the spring before selling their home. Sometimes it is because they don't want to deal with selling their home during the holidays or having to leave their house for showings when it's 10 degrees out or 10 inches of snow. The other major reason people make this decision is due to thinking that if they wait till spring then they will sell quicker and for a better price. That will sometimes be true but it will not be based on the time of year as much as market factors changing. I also hear people say that no homes sell in the winter which is also a myth.

If we look at 12/1/2015 through

11/30/2016 it was taking on average 57 days to get an offer, homes were selling at 98 percent of their listing price and the average sales price was \$290,361 in Worcester County. From 12/1/2016 through 2/1/2017, the average days to offer was slightly lower at 56 days, also homes were still selling at 98 percent

of listing price and the average sales price was up almost 1% to \$292,770. Approximately 14.3% of homes sold that year sold in those 3 months. This number is significantly lower than the other 3 quarters of the year. However, if less homes are selling that time of year then your chance of getting a higher price is much better.

I suggest consulting with a local Realtor to see how your specific market and town performs in the winter months as not every area has this same data. Your home may have limited off street parking, a steep driveway or a be a waterfront home which all can be affected more greatly by the winter.

Alternatives announces January events

Alternatives announces the following events are planned in January.

Alternatives is a non-profit human services agency currently serving over 1500 adults with developmental and psychiatric disabilities in 60 residential, employment and day programs throughout central Massachusetts. For more information about Alternatives visit the website at www.AlternativesNet.org or call (508) 234-6232.

Fridays with Friends
Claflin Hill Jazz at the Mill Series on Friday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a fabulous night of jazz with The Glenn Zaleski Trio, one of the most-in-demand trios on the New York City jazz scene! The second in a three-part jazz series presented by Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra. Save the date for part three on March 30. Tickets: \$19 per concert, \$50 per season. For tickets and information: (508) 478-5924 or ClaflinHill.org.

All that Remains: In connection with Bringing Light to the Darkness exhibit

org. This event takes place at the Singh Performance Center, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville.

Bringing Light to the Darkness: Explored Abandoned Asylums

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On the streets where they lived: riches in town records

The January meeting of the Worcester Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc. will be held the first Saturday, on Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. in the Banx Room at the Worcester Public Library. Contact: Reference Department at (508) 799-1655 or mywpl.org, located at 3 Salem Square in Worcester. You can arrive beginning at 9:30 a.m. to attend an earlier half hour of socialization time.

The day will begin with a short business meeting followed by the "On the Streets Where They Lived: Exploring the Riches Hidden in Massachusetts Town Records" presentation by Joy Hennig and Charlene Sokal.

Hennig is Worcester Public Library's local history and genealogy librarian. Sokal is the former Worcester Public Library's reference supervisor and genealogist.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in this presentation. Attendees are encouraged to bring along a friend(s), as well as your own non-alcoholic beverage, munchies will be provided. Anyone bringing goodies to share will receive an extra door prize ticket. Membership is encouraged for anyone pursuing the hobby, passion, or profession of genealogy. Yearly membership is only \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family living in the same household.

Questions? Contact: Nancy Schultzberg, publicity chairperson, at (774) 573-9529. For more information about the Worcester Chapter of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, visit: www.massachusettsocietyofgenealogists.org or www.msoginc.org.

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CALENDAR

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 5

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Friday, January 12

Fridays with Friends: Claflin Hill Jazz at the Mill Series on Friday, Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. Join us for a fabulous night of jazz with The Glenn Zaleski Trio, one of the most-in-demand trios on the New York City jazz scene! The second in a three-part jazz series presented by Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra. Save the date for part three on March 30. Tickets: \$19 per concert, \$50 per season. For tickets and information: (508) 478-5924 or ClaflinHill.org. This event takes place at the Singh Performance Center, 60 Douglas Road, Whitinsville.

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Saturday, January 20

CHICKEN DINNER: Whitinsville Fish and Game Club, located on White Court, in Douglas will be hosting a family style chicken dinner on Saturday, January 20. Please join us for a great evening of delicious food prepared by Rick and his cooking team. We also have a fully stocked bar for your added enjoyment, doors open at 4:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Kick off 2018 with a nice evening out. Tickets are only \$10 and are an excellent value. Please contact Steve at spierangeli_1@charter.net for your tickets and more information.

Friday, January 26

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.

Saturday, January 27

BENEFIT TO SUPPORT TROOPS: On Jan. 27, Uxbridge Supports Our Troops (USOT), will be hosting a benefit to support troops serving overseas.

USOT has been shipping care packages to troops since February 2003. The benefit will take place at the Uxbridge VFW post 1385 from 6:00 until 11:00 p.m. A patriotic evening of dinner, dancing, and raffles is planned. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be sold in advance only. This is often a sell-out event, so get your tickets early! To purchase tickets or contribute items for the raffle, please contact Diane at (508) 278-5131 or Linda at lasimonds@charter.net.

ONGOING EVENTS

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP:

A new divorce recovery support group starts up on Tuesday, Jan. 9, and will meet weekly on Tuesdays. Called "Fresh Start - There is Life after Divorce," this program is for

men and women who are separated or divorced and living single again. The group offers support, encouragement, friendship, and hope. Each meeting includes a topical video followed by small group discussion, refreshments, and social time. The program continues to April and is free and open to all. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville. Contact the church office at 508-234-5268, e-mail howard@pscrc.org or visit www.pscrc.org for more information and to register. A complementary program for kids ages 5-12, called DivorceCare for Kids, runs concurrently with the adult program.

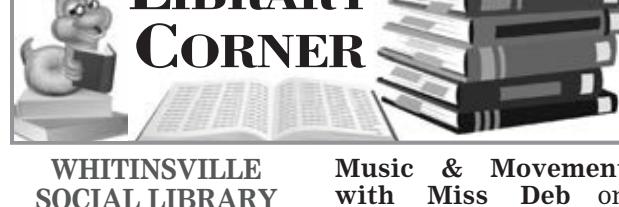
NOTHING BUT NET DAY CHANGE: Uxbridge Community volleyball every Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 130 Douglas St., Uxbridge Valley Chapel lower campus, the Precious Ones child care building. Pick up games, all levels welcomed. Bring a friend, make a friend, stay in shape and have fun. (\$1 a week). Call Jeannette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

PARENTSUPPORT: ParentSupport Group in Millbury sponsored by

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Special Evening with Miss Deb

Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 6:30 p.m. for ages 1-8 with their parents and grandparents; sing, dance and play with musical instruments. Fun for the whole family. Drop in program funded by Beginning Bridges CFCE.

Music & Movement with Miss Deb on Wednesday mornings @10:30 for ages 1 through preschool. Online registration www.tinyurl.com/BVEvents

Story & Craft time with Miss Marcia on Thursday mornings @10:30 for ages 2 through preschool. Drop in program.

My Pal & Me Art Club: Bird Feeders. For students in K-4 and one adult. Monday, January 22 @3:30- 4:15 Online registration www.tinyurl.com/BVEvents

STEAM: Math for children ages 3-5, and a caregiver. Tuesday, January, 23 @10. Online registration www.tinyurl.com/BVEvents

Tween & Teen Book Club & Brownies:

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate. For grades 5 and up, parents may attend on Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30. Join us for book discussion, brownies and a craft. Online registration is required. www.tinyurl.com/BVEvents

SAVE THE DATE: Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 10 from 10 until 12:30. Join us for some winter fun. Miss Deb's Music & Movement @10 for ages 1 through preschool. Funded by Beginning Bridges, CFCE Balloons by Ceil from 10:30 until 12:30 - choose an animal or character for Ceil to make for you to bring home. Come and meet the Tooth Fairy, and make tooth crafts with her. Play winter carnival games. Decorate a cookie, too!!!

Knitting Group meets Wednesday 6-8 p.m. Drop in.

Historical Room open 2-3 p.m.

Food for Fines at Whitinsville Social Library

During the months of November and December Whitinsville Social Library is participating in the Food for Fines program. Bring in one of the qualifying items

and you'll receive \$1 off your late fines. This does not apply to the fines acquired due to lost or damaged items. All donations are given to the Northbridge High School Food Pantry. Qualifying items include non-perishable canned food,

rice, pasta, cooking oil, frosting, flour, snacks like chips, granola bars, pop-tarts, baby squeeze fruit pouches. Toiletries like toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant are also accepted. Get those library fines down while helping your community!

Friday's Child



Kelsey is a loving sixteen year old girl of Caucasian descent. Kelsey's foster mother describes her as a "giggle puss". If you spend time with her you will quickly see why! She has the biggest smile and an infectious laugh. Kelsey likes to do karaoke, read, and listen to music. One of her favorite singers is "Pink"! Kelsey is in the high school where she receives support in school to help her succeed. Kelsey is diagnosed with Down Syndrome and is thriving in school! Kelsey enjoys horse back riding, swimming, cooking class, and doing art activities.

Legally freed for adoption, Kelsey has shared she is looking forward to having a mom and a dad. She may want contact in the future with an adult sibling so a family should be open to maintaining this connection. She also will need contact with her brother.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-54-ADOPT (617-542-3678) or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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Photo show deadline looms

Organizers of the Alternatives sponsored photo show in January are announcing the excitement is in the air as the deadline is weeks away and the opening reception immediately follows.

"Our sixth annual Anything Goes Photo Show is sure to be a success. Each year, submissions always surprise us. It is our most popular show of the year," said organizers.

Opening night reception will be Jan. 19 from 4-7 p.m., at the Alternatives Community Gallery, 5 South Main St., Uxbridge.

"Come meet and see the work of the talented photographers of the Valley area. There will be light refreshments and lots of community spirit to be had."

The Gallery will be open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m.-noon during the length of the show. Check the web page to see what mini workshop being held those days in which you would be interested. The Gallery is generally open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, the public is encouraged to come in and view the art. There is ample free parking.

Key note speakers for January Photo Month will be renowned Worcester photographers Scott Erb and Donna Dufault. Their presentation will be held Jan. 21 from 1-3 p.m., at the Alternatives Community Gallery. They will speak about project management, from concept idea to production, and mounting and marketing a show. This topic is appropriate for all visual artists. Please RSVP to info@bvaa.org for space anticipa-

tion. If we need to change location we can email you with details.

Submission to the Anything Goes Show is open to the public, deadline is Jan. 13. The submission form is on the web page www.bvaa.org, as well as all the information. The show will be judged for cash prizes.

With current technologies, photography is an art form accessible to all ages and skill levels. We are always amazed at the variety of styles and subject matter from portraits to nature to the abstract form.

Following this show we will hold a "Selfi" show open to all area high school Juniors and Seniors. Look for details and please encourage your teens to participate in this great self expression project.

We have had a great success with our POP-UP Gallery at 1 Grafton Common. We would like to thank the owners and staff of all the Grafton Common shops for their support. It was wonderful meeting you all and wish each of you continued success in your shops. There is a beautiful performance hall tucked away in the building as well, operated by Apple Tree Arts. Check out their schedule of events including performances by the Claflin Symphony.

The BVAA encourages area residents to stop by the picturesque area to while away an afternoon this winter and enjoy lunch at the Hunter's Tavern. We have lots of artwork at the Tavern for sale as well.

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TRIPS

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For more information call or come by the Senior Center for a flyer! (508) 865-9154

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.: Night Bingo!

RMV Transactions

EVERY WEDNESDAY 10 a.m.-2 p.m. including license renewals (drivers younger than 75); registration renewals, change of address, duplicate license or registration, reporting lost or stolen disability placard and how to request a replacement. Call for an appointment.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

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!

WEEKLY

MONDAY

BINGO Every Monday at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY

Tai Chi: Tuesdays from 10:45-11:45 a.m. This is an ancient art of medicine to improve health, energy, balance and muscle training. Beginners are most welcome! \$2 per class

THURSDAY

Technology Help: Every Thursday from 1-3 p.m. Call to sign up.

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The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 for New Year's Day. No Lunches will be served and there will not be any medical transportation.

Senior Center will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The cold weather is here, and if you need a warm place to come during the day, the Uxbridge Senior Center is a Warm-Up Center. We are open from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You are welcome to come in for hot cocoa or tea, watch television, work on our Community Puzzle, read or use the computers. We serve a delicious hot meal at noon each day. Be sure to call ahead to sign up if you would like to have a hot lunch with us.

EVENTS

LUNCH AND LEARN WITH POLICE CHIEF LOURIE

Friday, Jan. 5, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Police Chief Lourie will hold his monthly Community Policing Bureau Presentation. His guest speaker is Stephanie K. Fattman, Registrar of Probate, and will present the Fattman Family Forum on Estates. She will discuss the following topics: managing your assets by filing an estate and having a will, guardianships of incapacitated people; elderly spouse or grandchildren and grandparent visitation rights after divorce. If you are not able to attend the Lunch & Learn, Uxbridge Community Television will film this event and it will be aired on local cable access 192. It will also be on our Facebook page in the near future. We are thankful to be working closely with the Uxbridge Police Department and to have Uxbridge Community Television film these events.

THE FOOT DOCTOR

Monday, Jan. 8 the Foot Doctor will be at the Senior Center. Appointments are set up on a first come, first serve basis and run rather quickly. If you would like an appointment with Dr. Biancamano, please call to schedule an appointment. Also, please let us know if you require transportation to the podiatry clinic. Dr. B will be back on Monday, March 12.

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 1:00 p.m., Uxbridge

Free Public Library will hold its Book Club Meeting here with Zach Parrish. They will be discussing "The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen." A new book will also be chosen for the book club to read next and they are available in regular, large print or audio for your convenience. You are welcome to have lunch with us on this day and we will provide transportation home after if you ride in on the van. Please call to sign up. Page Turners with Chris Powloka will return on Tuesday, Feb. 13th at the senior center.

TAI CHI

Thursdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 15: Ron Allen from Lark Studio will hold a third session of Tai Chi classes at the senior center on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Sessions are free, but a suggested donation of \$2 per class is welcome. These classes will help you with balance and meditation and will be a fun way to keep you active during the winter months! If there is a storm and school is cancelled, there will not be a session. You are more than welcome to call 508-278-8622 if you have any questions. Cancelled classes will be made up.

ASK THE NURSE

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Salmon Health VNA will be available for the Free Blood Pressure Clinic. Janet Iocabelli will be at the senior center every fourth Tuesday. Feel free to join us for lunch and participate in this important free monthly clinic offered by the Salmon VNA. You are welcome to join us for lunch!

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

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

SHOPPING SCHEDULE

Hannaford grocery shopping every Tuesday. Pick up begins at 8:30 a.m. *Shaw's, Dollar Tree & Ocean State Job Lot shopping will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month instead of Walmart. Pick up begins at 12:30 p.m. Please sign up in advance by calling to reserve your seat on the van.

Games at the Senior Center will be played during our lunches! We will be playing the card game every Tuesday. BINGO will be played on Thursdays. Come join us for a delicious lunch, have fun playing games, socialize and keep warm!

RMV NEAR ME

The Registry of Motor Vehicles is partnering with area Councils on Aging to provide five of the most common transactions at COA sites to hopefully decrease wait times at registry branches. The Uxbridge Senior Center will be one of those sites. Transactions are: license renewals (for licensed drivers younger than age 75 and if you do not need an eye test), registration renewals, change of address, duplicate license or registration, and how to report a lost or stolen disability placard and how to request a replacement. If you need assistance with one of the above transactions, please call to schedule an appointment with Gail, Outreach Coordinator. You must have a valid checking account or credit card to process any transaction; no cash will be accepted.

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Please call the Senior Center at least 48 hours ahead to arrange for transportation for medical appointments. Van transportation begins at 10:30 am each day.

FOOD PANTRY

The Senior Center is a drop off site for the People First Food Pantry. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 8am-4pm.

SENIOR CENTER WISH LIST

We welcome and appreciate the support of anyone in a position to give. Your donations make a significant difference in the lives of our elders and help support our daily lunch program. All monetary gifts can be made out to the Town of Uxbridge with Senior center in the memo section of your check. Gift cards for Hannaford, Walmart and CVS also make nice gifts for senior citizens in need. We also continue to need in kind donations of tissues and paper towels. One can donate directly to the center at 36 S. Main Street or on-line via the town's web page. Every donation helps and comes enormously appreciated! Thank you to all who have already donated as well!

The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2018 March 17, 2018 - New Trip Added! The Regal Players Irish Show "A Little Bit of Ireland". \$84 with lunch at the 99 Restaurant

April 28, 2018: MAMA MIA -- SHOW (Manchester, NH) AND LUNCH - \$87 May 8, 2018: MYSTERY TRIP -- 1st ever!! Where will we go?? -- \$69.

May 29, 2018: Lobster Bake Cruise, Gloucester - \$78.

June 8th - 10, 2018: Bar Harbor (Blue Nose Inn) - \$469.

June 26th - 29, 2018: St. Andrews By the Sea & Campobello Island - \$839.

July 22nd - 27, 2018: Canadian Cities (Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa) - \$699.

Sept. 7th - 9, 2018: Boothbay Harbor (Boothbay Harbor Inn) - \$449.

Oct. 5th - 8, 2018: Washington, DC - \$699.

Oct. 17th - 19, 2018: Penn Dutch w/"Jesus" - great in the fall! - \$479.

Nov. 28, 2018: Newport Mansions - More info TBA

Dec. 7th & 8, 2018: Portland, ME "Christmas by the Sea" - \$319.

More day trips to follow. Also, White Mt. Hotel & Resort, N. Conway Call Sue at 508-476-5820 if you have any questions. 144 SE Main St, Douglas, MA 01516 suelheureux25@gmail.com

MENUS

Monday, Jan. 1: NEW YEARS DAY - Senior Center is closed. No lunch served.

Tuesday, Jan. 2: lasagna, garden salad, Italian bread & fresh fruit. 8:30am - Pick-up begins for grocery shopping at Hannaford's. Call to arrange for pick-up.

Wednesday, Jan. 3: chicken and rice casserole, mixed vegetables & sugar free pudding.

Thursday, Jan. 4: ham casserole, peas and carrots & sugar free ice cream.

Friday, Jan. 5: Lunch and Learn with Chief Lourie: baked fish, roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables & sugar free pie.

Monday, Jan. 8: corn chowder, sandwiches, garden salad & fresh fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 9: meatloaf w/gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli & sugar free pudding. 8:30 a.m. Pick-up begins for grocery shopping at Hannaford's. Call to arrange for pick-up.

Wednesday, Jan. 10: creamy chicken vegetable soup, buttermilk biscuit, garden salad & sugar free Jell-O.

Thursday, Jan. 11: beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, mixed vegetables & apple cake.

12:30 p.m. pick-up begins for Shaw's, Dollar Tree & Ocean State Job Lot shopping. Call to arrange for pick-up

LEARNING

BVT renews NEASC accreditation

UPTON — The Blackstone Valley Vocational School District is pleased to announce the Committee on Technical and Career Institutions voted to award Blackstone Valley Tech continued accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges at its October meeting.

Representatives from NEASC spent several days in June touring the school and speaking with students and staff as a part of the fifth-year focused follow up. The visit is an accountability step for schools and colleges accredited by NEASC that ensures schools are complying with planned and recommended changes identified in the decennial accreditation notice.

After reviewing the evaluation report of the fifth-year focused visiting team,

the Committee commended Valley Tech for its commitment to developing, refining and deploying a mission and vision for the school, its improvement distributing information about the school through its website, and the evolution of the Career Enrichment Program to support all students as they transition from career exploration to career navigation.

"We are so appreciative of the time and the valuable feedback provided to us by the NEASC visiting team. The faculty and staff worked diligently to prepare for this visit," said Rebecca Swasey, director of curriculum and instruction at BVT. "We are proud that these results have validated the hard work and commitment of our talented faculty and staff. We continue to look

forward for the betterment and evolution of our academic and vocational programs."

Blackstone Valley Tech received its original NEASC accreditation in 1968; the most recent decennial review was held in 2012 with the next decennial review scheduled to take place in 2022.

NEASC accreditation is an "ongoing, voluntary, and comprehensive" system of accountability. It is based on standards that define the characteristics of good schools and colleges. NEASC accreditation attests to "substantial compliance with established qualitative standards, integrity in statements to the public describing the institution's program, institutional commitment to improvement, and sufficiency of institutional resources," according to

the NEASC website.

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.

CALENDAR

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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 information. 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@pscrc.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.northbridgemass.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.

NORTHBRIDGE ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Courtesy photo

From left: Liliana Kotval, Michael Shorey, Guilherme Siqueira, and Devon Foster

The following students have been nominated and selected as the November 2017 Students of the Month for Northbridge High School.

Freshman – Michael Shorey
Sophomore – Guilherme Siqueira
Junior – Liliana Kotval

Senior – Devon Foster

The students were each nominated by individual teachers for outstanding achievements and were selected by the faculty and administration to receive the honor.

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Let there be peace...

We are here just three days before the biggest holiday in the Christian calendar, the birth. It is a joyous time, and meant as time for families to unite (or reunite), for good will toward one another, for charity, for hope, and also for meditation and prayer, for reflection and perhaps even repentance.

The end of the cyclical year, the dead of winter; the end of days for those who go by the seasonal year as the Solstice ends the solar calendar with the shortest day of the year and begins a slow climb toward more light.

Those who live in an even darker, colder climate than New England were the ones who lit a log in commemoration of this, the hope the light would come back, that the people would stay warm enough through the rest of the dark winter to survive.

Many traditions are based on even older traditions, adapted to new uses.

We don't mind at all, but we would like to see some revived.

The one that says for just a few days, we forgive one another our differences, no matter what they may be. We don't need to know what it is we fear about one another that makes it an "us" and a scary "them." We just need to be a people. A single entity. Just for now.

We need to erase imaginary lines drawn on maps and globes. We need to forget anyone actually "owns" dirt. Or air. Or water.

We don't. We borrow for a few years. It then reverts or moves on to another form and to another "owner." We carry more dust that belongs to us on the soles of our shoes that we can claim ownership to than the acres we fight over on man-drawn papyrus.

We need to learn to say...enough. We own enough, we have enough, we've had enough, that's enough...

The wealth of the world is skewed true, and no, we don't expect it ever to be equalized; nor should it be spread about without someone doing their fair share to earn a bit of it; work is rewarded not existence. But on the other hand, when the world is producing enough food to feed itself easily yet there are people starving, when there are people without housing or clothing in a world as rich as ours, there is something wrong with the economies of the countries.

Health care, education, food, basic needs, are not rights true, at least not now in our country at this time in history (and before you hit us with the education one, re-examine the criteria now being set for voc-tech schools, charter schools and public schools and tell us again how we all have a right to basic education).

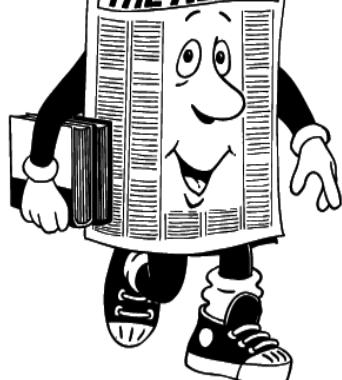
A lot of it has to do with the gap between the costs of goods and services and the wages that have not risen had the same rate as those costs. A person making \$1 an hour in 1957 was living better than his counterpart at \$10 an hour now.

Our expectations of having someone else do the hard stuff is skewed too. We have attempted to give our power to the politicians, the ones in charge, the Powers That Be, the bosses. We want to keep our heads down, do our thing and not take any responsibility. It's someone else's problem, so we can just complain, not be part of the solution.

Which brings us full circle.

If we aren't responsible, if we aren't the ones to reach out first, to say we will help, we will talk, we will ask, we will find out, we will fix, we will try... who will?

And if we want a bit of peace, we first need a bit of disturbance, of our own conscience.



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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

The Constitution deals with sexual abuse in Congress

According to the media members of Congress of both major political parties are dropping like flies to a fly-swatter in a barn: Senator Al Franken, Congressmen John Conyers, Ruben Kihuen, Blake Farenthold, Joe Barton, Trent Franks, Alcee Hastings, in the last 30 days. All are accused of sexually abusing women, some recent, some years ago. The Constitution deals with misbehaving members of Congress when followed fully.

Unfortunately, with the disclosure of these seven also came the exposure of the existence of a secret funding source for members of Congress accused of sexual harassment and other work-place indiscretions created under the Congressional Review Act of 1995. Since 1997, the fund has paid at least \$15 million to settle complaints. Congressman Blake Farenthold is the first member of Congress confirmed to have benefited from it receiving \$84,000 in taxpayer dollars in 2014 to settle a sexual harassment lawsuit with a former aide. We will have many other disclosures to rise to the expenditure of \$15 million. A fund to potentially hide immoral activities is completely unconstitutional. It also removes a deterrent to transgression.

So how does the Constitution deal with misbehaving members of Congress? It begins with the morality of the electorate. John Adams, a Founding Father and second president of the United States, identified the first principle of a republic where a king does not dictate good or evil, but the participants in that government bridle their "human passions" through "morality and religion," left unbridled, he said, they "would break the strongest cords of our Constitution." He ended a lengthy paragraph on the topic with, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

At least nine other Founders expressed similar opinions. George Washington in his "Farewell Address" wrote: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion."

In their time, none denied the relationship between morality, religion, God and justice. When morality is situational, as it seems to be for so many today, this link is broken and one depends upon his own wisdom alone. There is no "appealing to the Father of lights to illuminate our understanding," as expressed by Benjamin Franklin in the Constitutional Convention. As Washington once said, "Government is like fire, a dangerous servant and a fearful master." Unprincipled government can do much damage as it has to the Constitution for years.

We expect those we elect to govern to have strong moral fiber and to have their human passions fully bridled. If they are still struggling with the base, hedonistic, animalistic and adulterous elements of themselves, such as is reported of these



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members of Congress, how can we expect them to make laws for the people based upon righteousness and justice? How can they discern such?

So the first constitutional principle is the election of persons to govern who demonstrate moral fiber. Moral bankruptcy usually starts long before one is a member of Congress. Al Franken demonstrated this by his choice of material as a professional comedian. Women complained of the sexually abusive behavior of John Conyers decades ago. Once this is known and confirmed, he should not be reelected. When the people themselves are morally bankrupt and do not care about the philandering of their favorite, as in the second election of President Bill Clinton, then such, as Adams said, breaks "the strongest cords of our Constitution."

Returning to the principle of electing only those with strong moral fiber, and zero tolerance for those who do not, will eliminate most, if not all, predatory behavior in Congress.

Once manifested two parts of the Constitution come into play to isolate the damage. Each House is to be the judge "of the Elections, Returns and Qualification of its own Members" making certain that it is the will of voters and that will was fairly derived (Article I, Section 5, Clause 1). But neither House can constitutionally rejudge behavior that is known to voters addressed during the campaign after the expression of the people, should any of the seven run and win in 2018.

Also, each House may "punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member" (Article I, Section 5, Clause 2). In this they deal with behavior occurring after being seated such as sexual harassment. So let the Ethics Committee of both houses deal with the accused.

But the Constitution has one more check. At least six of the seven accused of sexual abuse face their constituents in eleven months to be judged by them and reelected or not. Their best behavior is likely pending that outcome. Let these two constitutional filters do their work not media trials that only serve the vengeful and are too politicized to be fair.

If the above does not end predatory sexual behavior in Congress the Constitution can be said to be broken, as Adams said, at least on curbing immorality of its leaders. The disclosures are serious; still, we need to be reminded that there are 535 members of Congress and most bridle their "human passions" but the seven, who presumably do not, are seven too many.

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CONCERT

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sang A Jubilant Song (Sally K. Albrecht), Take Me Home (Kevin Olusola arr. Roger Emerson), On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away (Paul Dresser, arr. Tim Cahalan), and It's My Party Medley (arr. Greg Gilpin).

Rounding out the hour was the sixth grade band, directed by Kevin Martins. The sixth graders performed Alien Invasion (David Gorham), Storm Chaser (Kevin Mixon), and Joyous! (Randall Standridge). Martins added a bit of comedy to the night by having three students introduce themselves as the directors of the sixth grade band and

introduce the next song.

Each performance held proof that these students worked hard to work

together. Some of them had never performed before and they were all a delight to see.



The Hartnett Middle School eighth grade chorus enjoyed light hearted music.



Hartnett Middle School sixth grade band filled the stage.

Are you a snowbird?

Protect your finances while you're gone



Winter is (just about) officially here – but you may soon be leaving it behind if you're a snowbird. When you go, though, you'll want to keep your financial situation from getting caught out in the cold. These are a few suggestions you may want to consider:

Protect your home. If you're like many people, your home is your biggest investment, so you'll want to protect it while you're away. You're probably already familiar with the steps you should take, such as informing your neighbors that you'll be gone, stopping your newspapers, forwarding your mail, using a timer to turn lights on and off, and so on. And these days, with smart phones and advanced security systems, you can look in on your home whenever you like.

Notify your bank. Recognizing the prevalence of identity theft, the fraud departments of many banks are getting more aggressive in spotting and denying unusual charges. Consequently, you'll want to give your bank your temporary address and contact information before you leave. By doing so, you can reduce the risk of your account being frozen temporarily if your financial institution can't reach you with questions about charges from an unexpected location. You might also find it useful to open a bank account at your snowbird site.

Gather your tax forms. If you're gone most of the winter, you may bump up against the tax-filing deadline, which, in 2018, is April 17. So, to allow yourself enough time to prepare your taxes, or to have them prepared by a professional, gather your tax information before you leave. Make sure you've got all your investment-related forms, such as your 1099-INT (for interest income) and your 1099-DIV (for taxable capital gains and dividends).

Track your investments. You can probably track the progress of your investments online, and it's a good idea to do so, just as you would at your permanent residence. Even if you're only gone a couple of months, you may need to make some investment moves, such as "maxing out" on your IRA, so stay on top of your accounts and contact your investment professional, as needed. As always, though, don't overreact to sudden market swings – ideally, you've got long-term strategies in place that can serve your needs in most investment environments. In any case, it also wouldn't hurt to notify your financial professional that you'll be away for a while, even if you typically only see him or her a couple of times a year.

Arrange for bill payments. If you handle most of your bills online or through auto-pay, you won't have to worry about missing a payment while you're gone. Still, if you take care of some bills the old-fashioned way, with checks, envelopes and stamps, you may want to give yourself some sort of reminder of when these payments are due.

Be careful on social media. To be on the safe side, you may not want to trumpet your extended time away from home on Facebook or other social media platforms. It's sad but true that identity thieves watch for information like this.

In all likelihood, you'll enjoy being a snowbird – and by making the above moves, you'll have less financial baggage to deal with when you take off.

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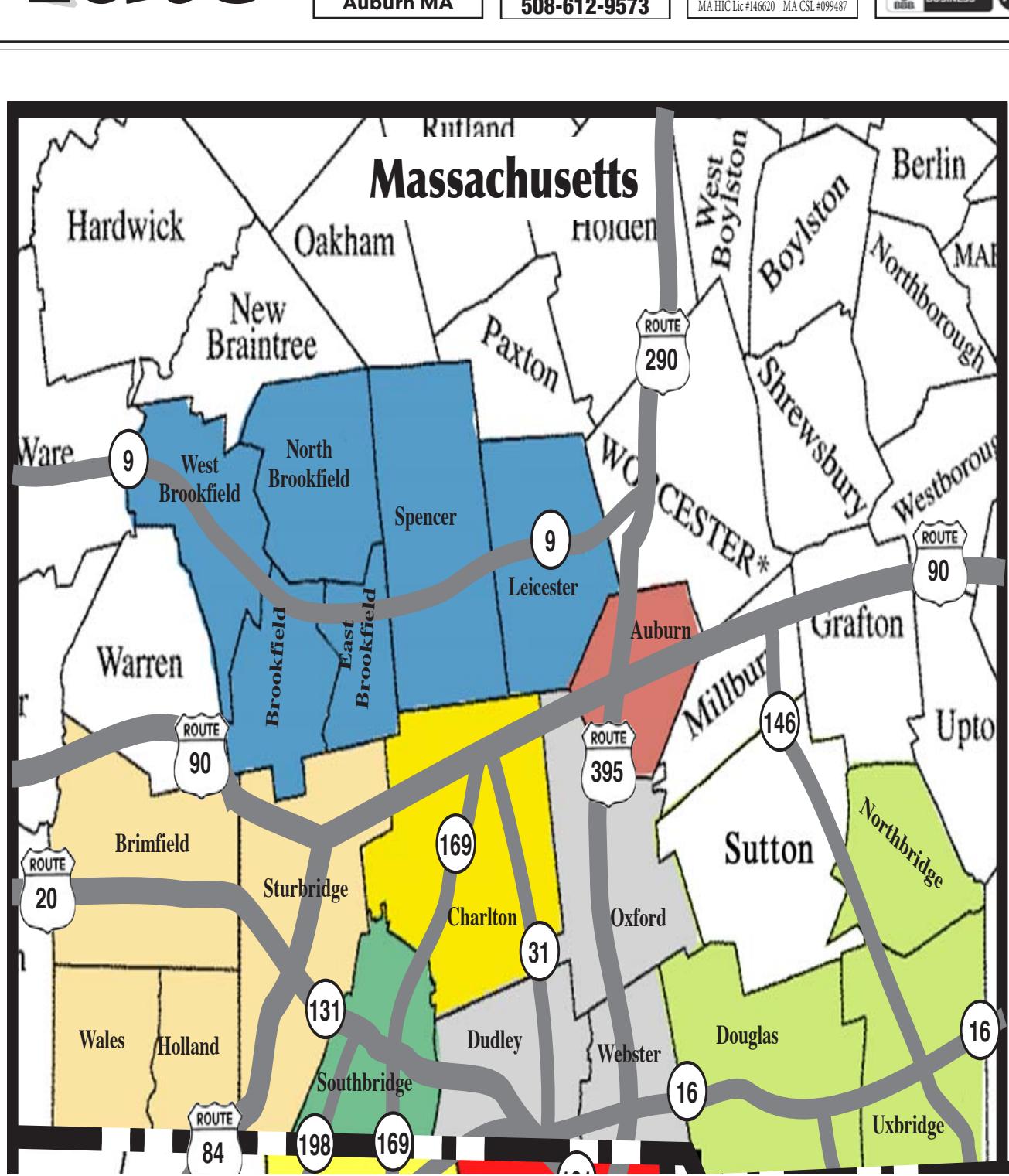




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OBITUARIES

Beatrice M. Maines, 90

UXBRIDGE – Beatrice M. (Forte) Maines, 90, of Uxbridge passed away on Thurs. Dec. 14, 2017 at Milford Center, Milford. She was the wife of the late Harold A. Maines, Sr. who died in 2007.

Mrs. Maines had been employed at Speroni's Restaurant in Medway from 1967-1987 and Market Basket in Bellingham from 1989-2004.

Beatrice was born Sept. 25, 1927 in Everett the daughter of the late Louis and Julia (Scopa) Forte and was a graduate of Everett High School. She had been a resident of Bellingham from 1965 until she moved to Uxbridge in 2003.

Our mother, grandmother and great grandmother was devoted to her family and their friends with her loving, caring and giving ways. It was always most important to her that she gave to others and made them feel special. She will be remembered as an outstanding cook and baker. She is known for her homemade lasagna, her homemade pasta with her meatballs and for her whoopee pies, cakes and trifles. In her

NORTHBRIDGE- Eunice L. "Eunny" (Reilly) Evers, 94, formerly of Hillview Lane died on Sat. Dec. 9, 2017 at Beaumont Nursing Home after a period of declining health. Her husband of 53 years Jack M. Evers passed away in 1997.

Eunice is survived by her son Thomas E. Evers and his wife Gail of Douglas; 2 grandchildren Tiffany L. and husband Jared Oullette, and Thomas J. and his wife Aimee Evers all of Douglas; 3 great-grandchildren Abigail Evers, Tia Oullette, and Jack Oullette; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 3 siblings Charles "Sonny" Reilly, Eileen Forsythe and Helen Adams.

Born in Northbridge, MA on Oct. 27, 1923, she was the daughter of Charles J. and Mary (Dorsey) Reilly, and lived here most of her life.

Eunice attended the Naval Hospital Corps School at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. A U.S. Navy WWII Veteran she served

later years, she devoted time preparing her baked goods for the faculty and students at Douglas High School and for the good people at Kenneth Crosby, a DXP Company in Hopkinton.

Mrs. Maines is survived by one daughter, Janet and her husband Raymond (Speed) Moore, Jr., of Uxbridge, two sons, George and his wife Kim Maines of Franklin, KY and Kevin and his wife Maureen Maines of Mendon, daughter-in-law, Michelle (Toni) Maines of Hawaii, son-in-law Duane Dube of Uxbridge, one sister, 13 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Harold A. Maines, Jr and her daughter, Terece A. Dube.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Fri. Dec. 22, 2017 at 5:30 PM in Good Shepherd Church, 121 Linwood St., Linwood.

There are no public visiting hours. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Uxbridge at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 1661 Worcester Rd. # 301, Framingham, MA 01701. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Eunice L. "Eunny" (Reilly) Evers, 94

as a Hospital Apprentice 1st Class, and a Pharmacist's Mate 3rd class. She worked as an office administrator at the former Whitin Machine Works in Whitinsville and Felter's Corp. in Millbury for many years. She then worked for Beaumont Nursing Center in Northbridge for 18 years.

A graduate of Northbridge High School, Class of 1941, Eunny was a longtime member of St. Patrick's Church. Well known in the area for always being sharp and well dressed, she will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her family would like to thank the Salmon family, and the staff at Beaumont for their outstanding care and support during Eunny's illness.

Her funeral was held on Fri. Dec. 15 at 11 am in St. Patrick's Church, 1 Cross St. Whitinsville. Internment followed at St. Patrick's Cemetery. Calling hours at Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St. Whitinsville were Thurs. Dec. 14 from 5 to 7 pm and Fri. Dec. 15 from 9:30 to 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Eunice's memory to Beaumont Activities Fund, 85 Beaumont Dr. Northbridge, MA 01534. To leave condolence messages for the family please visit: Jackman Funeral Home | Whitinsville MA, Uxbridge MA, Douglas MA funeral homes

John P. "Johnny" Kleya, 90

his life.

He served in the US. Navy during the WWII era as Seaman Second Class and was stationed in Texas. He worked as a Foreman for the State Highway Dept. for many years. Johnny was also an active member of the American Legion Charles A. Rice Post 33 in Uxbridge, and was a devout Catholic. He loved children, and especially his nieces and nephews. He will be remembered as a very kind and positive man, never with a complaint and always with a smile.

His funeral home service will take place on Fri. Dec 29 at 11 am in Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St., Whitinsville. Burial will follow in St. Denis Cemetery, Douglas. Calling hours at the funeral home will be held prior from 10-11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations in Johnny's memory may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Levita T. (Carrier) Rousseau, 81

DOUGLAS- Levita T. (Carrier) Rousseau, 81, of Riddlebrook Apartments died Tues. Dec. 12, 2017 after an illness. Her husband of over 40 years Real Rousseau died in 2003.

She is survived by her 3 children Claire T. Rousseau of Anson, ME, Jean L. Rousseau and his wife Sela of Douglas, and Mark L. Rousseau and his wife Patrice of Putnam, CT; 5 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren;

a brother Melchior "Mic" Carrier of Edmonds, OK; nephews, nieces, and

several cousins in Maine. She was sister of the late Patricia Marius, Rosalie Carrier, Rudolph Carrier, Valdor Carrier, and Michael Carrier. Born in Keegan, ME on Dec. 30, 1935 she was the daughter of Levite and Emily (Cote) Carrier and grew up in Maine where she helped raise her siblings. She lived in Douglas the past 20 years.

Mrs. Rousseau worked as a commercial baker for Stop and Shop Bakery in Marlborough, retiring when she was 65. An avid reader she enjoyed cooking, board games, puzzles and playing Nintendo. A was a retired board member of the Douglas Council on Aging, she liked bingo, her exercise group and playing cards. She was a member of St. Denis Church.

Her memorial funeral Mass will be held on her birthday, Sat. Dec. 30 at 11 am in St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St. Cremation burial will follow in St. Denis Cemetery. A calling hour will be held in St. Denis Church on Sat. Dec. 30 from 10 to 11 am. Memorial donations in Levita's memory may be made to the Douglas Senior Center, Box 1295, Douglas, MA 01516. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Edward H. DeVries, 92

his family and friends, and serving others.

Eddie was a member of the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville and was active in the lay leadership as both a Deacon and an Elder and a member of various committees. Over the years, he also served on the volunteer leadership boards of the Whitinsville Christian School, the Whitinsville Retirement Society, and the Fairwoods Christian Recreation Society (Uxbridge). He also was a member of the board of Uxbridge Savings Bank, a trustee of UniBank, and the Finance Committee of the Town of Uxbridge.

Eddie is survived by his wife of 71 years, Nellie N. DeVries, and their two children, Henry and Jan DeVries (Edward and Elisha, Sarah, Jill, Emma) and Douglas and Maribeth Kenbeek (Luke and Katie, Seth) and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his twin brother Marvin DeVries and sister Winifred Nydam.

Visiting hours will be held on Friday, December 15, 2017 from 4-7 PM at the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, 25 Cross St, Whitinsville. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pleasant Street Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville, MA 01588; the Whitinsville Retirement Society, 10 Chestnut St, Whitinsville, MA 01588 or the Whitinsville Christian School, 279 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA 01588. Arrangements by Buma Funeral Homes. www.bumafuneralhome.com

David Victor Gervais, 58

SPENCER: David Victor Gervais, 58, of Spencer, formerly of Uxbridge, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family after an illness, Saturday, Dec. 9.

He leaves his wife of 36 years; Susan R. (Beando) Gervais, daughters; Jessica R. (Gervais) Leonard and Ashley M. Gervais, grandchildren; Leah, Kolton and Jaxon Leonard, dogs; Maggi and Baxter, and many beloved friends and family.

Son of Victor E and Beatrice (Beaucage) Gervais, nephew of Bella Baker, David was born in Milford and graduated from Uxbridge High School

in 1977. He attended Framingham State and interned at MA State House. He made an impact on many lives, dedicating his own to helping people. He was the youngest elected official; to Uxbridge Board of Health at 18. He served Uxbridge Fire Department and was an EMT. In 1984, he received

Prior to her retirement, Pauline had been a home health aide in private home care throughout the Blackstone Valley.

She was born May 11, 1925 in Roxbury the daughter of the late Rev. Arthur B. and Winifred V. (Ayres) Clarke and was a graduate of Northbridge High School.

Pauline loved to knit. She also enjoyed word searches and puzzles. She was a longtime member of the United Presbyterian Church and was a 50-year member of the choir and a beautiful soloist. She was also a member of the Kathryn Huston Mission Circle.

Pauline is survived by her children, Laurie A. and her husband Michael Sabourin of Northbridge and Stephen

the John O. Tate Community Service Award for saving a woman's life. He was a Special State Police Officer at Saint Vincent Hospital for 34 years. He was an adored Meals on Wheels site manager at Howe Village in Spencer and a case worker for Tri-Valley Elder Services for many years. He was a coach for his daughters' sports teams. He belonged to Knights of Columbus, Council 118.

He enjoyed spending time with his beloved grandchildren, family and friends, boating, fishing, antiques and camp fires.

The funeral will be held Thursday, Dec. 21 from J. HENRI MORIN & SON FUNERAL HOME, 23 Maple Terr., Spencer with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 7 Church Street, Spencer. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Uxbridge. Calling hours are Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory may be made to Tri Valley Inc., c/o The Nutrition Program, 10 Mill St., Dudley, MA, 01571 www.trivalleyinc.org/donation, or Spencer Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 147, Spencer, MA 01562.

www.morinfuneralhomes.com

Pauline G. Reynolds, 92

NORTHBRIDGE- Pauline G. (Clarke) Reynolds, 92, of Northbridge passed away Wed. Dec. 13, 2017 in Beaumont Rehab. and Skilled Nursing Ctr. in Northbridge where she had been a resident for the past year. She was the wife of the late Cleveland R. Reynolds who died in 2005.

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SPORTS

Defense, rebounding the key for Northbridge over Southbridge

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SOUTHBRIDGE — Scoring isn't the main priority for the Northbridge High girls' varsity basketball team this season. Instead, the Rams will rely on the other facets of the game to guide them to victories.

"The No. 1 thing we have to do is play great defense," explained Northbridge head coach Matt Gauthier following the Rams' 53-20 win against Southbridge High on Thursday, Dec. 14. "The No. 2 thing we always talk about is we've got to rebound the ball."

Northbridge held the Pioneers to single-digit point totals in all four quarters (10-2, 13-5, 9-6, 21-7) and corralled 50 rebounds in total as they hit their goal.

"Our goal was to keep any team under 30 points," said Gauthier.

And the Rams did so in their season-opener as well, versus Quabbin Regional three days prior, as the game was at 29-29 following the end of regulation. But the Panthers edged Northbridge in overtime, 34-31, as the Rams now stand at 1-1.

Southbridge, meanwhile, starts its season at 0-3.

"They were very patient on the offensive end," head coach Elvin Rodriguez said of the Rams. "They had great ball movement and were able to beat our 3-2 defense."

As far as the rebounding disadvantage is concerned, Rodriguez is afraid that similar results could happen during the course of the season since he only has senior Mya Torres as a legitimate power forward/center.

"Everybody else is basically a small forward or a guard," said Rodriguez.

Northbridge's Kelly Moran took advantage of the height advantage, as she pulled down a game-high 20 rebounds.

"She's coming along," Gauthier said of Moran, a junior. "She's 6-foot-1 and now she's really aggressive. Now I'm just working on her footwork."

Gauthier was pleased with the play of senior Maria Cray and junior Jackie Puda, both captains. Cray had a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Puda also scored 15 points.

"Maria and Jackie had five points apiece in Quabbin and I said to those two after the game, 'you two have to shoulder more of the load.'"



Nick Ethier photos
Avery Senosk of Northbridge dribbles down the court on a fast break opportunity.



Northbridge's Meg Lindgren defends the baseline as Southbridge's Julitza Delgado inbounds the ball.



Jackie Puda of Northbridge works the baseline to inch closer to the hoop on her drive.



Justyce Bell of Southbridge begins her move to the basket versus Northbridge.



Northbridge's Hannah Lomonaco enters the paint with the ball on a drive to the basket.



BELOW: Julitza Delgado of Southbridge pulls up for a shot in front of Northbridge defender Madison Boermeester.



Southbridge's Ashanti Morales stops on a dime to attempt a jump shot.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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 wellness 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 for more information on these clinics and other happenings throughout 2018. You can also call (508) 929-8852, (774) 230-3872 or email dbaker1@worcester.edu.

SPORTS

Kaeller, Tedford lead Uxbridge past defending CMass. D3 champ Bartlett, 52-49

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Scott Kaeller scored a game-high 19 points — including the go-ahead basket with 39 seconds to play — and Tyler Tedford preserved the lead by hitting four free throws in the final 13 seconds as the Uxbridge High boys' varsity basketball team beat Bartlett High, the defending Central Mass. Division 3 champions, 52-49, on Friday, Dec. 15.

The win was the Spartans' first of the year after a pair of road defeats. The loss was the Indians' first after starting the season with two victories.

Tedford's second set of free throws, with three-tenths of a second to play, sealed the win for Uxbridge and accounted for the 52-49 final.

"Before I went out to take the last two coach [Ryan Hippert] came over to me and said, 'these are the moments we live for in basketball,'" Tedford said. "So, to be able to step up and do that as a junior means a lot to me. I'm really happy for my teammates that we got the win. We needed it."

The game against Bartlett was Tedford's season debut. He missed the first two games with a leg injury.

"We didn't have Tyler the first two games, which means we didn't have a true point guard the first two games," Hippert said. "When you watch Tyler you can just tell he's a difference maker out there, especially in terms of handling the ball."

Less than two seconds before Tedford scored the final points of the game, Bartlett's Logan Paranto (13 points) had pulled the Indians to within a point, 50-49, when he drained a 3-pointer from the left corner with 1.9 seconds to play. Corey Harrington made Paranto's shot a possibility by hitting him with a perfectly accurate three-quarter-court inbound pass coming out of a timeout.

Tedford (10 points) had



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Uxbridge's Tom Sawyer finds himself with possession of the ball underneath the basket.



Uxbridge's Scott Kaeller dribbles the ball down the court versus Bartlett.

extended Uxbridge's lead to 50-46 with 13.7 seconds to play when he hit a pair of free throws. Tedford's free throws came two possessions and 25 seconds after Kaeller had broken a 46-46 tie with a layup off a crisp pass from Josh Wilcox and put the Spartans ahead, 48-46, with 39 seconds to go.

Harrington tied the game for Bartlett at 46-46 when he hit one of two free throws with 1:28 to play.

In a tightly contested game throughout — the largest lead for either team was eight points — Uxbridge led 26-22 at half-time and 37-32 after three quarters.

"We've been preaching to the players the importance of playing four quarters — our first two games we played two quarters in one game and three quarters in the other," Hippert said.

"Until tonight we hadn't put together a full four quarters. Playing a full four quarters couldn't

come at a better time; this was our home opener and our first league game, too.

"I thought this was a total team win," Hippert said. "I thought everyone on the team showed a lot of heart. I thought a lot of guys stepped up. Jack Hughes came in and hit two big shots late and Scott Kaeller hustled his butt off the whole game. Everybody chipped in. The bench was loud; the crowd was great. It was a whole team and program effort. Everybody has a role. I'm very excited for the guys. Sometimes getting the first win of the year is the toughest. We're fully healthy now and tonight was the beginning of us starting to hit our stride."

Uxbridge used a 7-4 run to open the fourth quarter and extend their lead to eight, 44-36, with 5:02 to play. Bartlett, however,

scored the next nine points, seven coming from Paranto on a drive, a bank, and a right-side

3-pointer, which gave the Indians a 45-44 lead with 3:06 to play.

The Spartans' Tom Sawyer (10 points) put Uxbridge back in front, 46-45, with 2:45 to play when he scored on a drive through the lane. Harrington then tied the game, 46-46, with his free throw with 1:28 to play, setting the stage for the wild finish.

"We're very young and

inexperienced," Bartlett head coach Tony Paranto said. "We didn't make the plays we needed to down the stretch and they did."

Coach Paranto said his team's inexperience played into the Indians' inability to make the plays they needed to down the stretch.

"We had guys taking shots that shouldn't have been taking shots at the end of the game," Paranto

said. "It's the inexperience that leads them to think there is an open shot there for the taking, but it's really not an open shot."

In addition to Logan Paranto's 13 points, Indians' senior Johnny Torres also scored 13 points. Sophomore Wilson Aybar added eight and freshman Brandon Boucher chipped in with six.



Tom Sawyer of Uxbridge fights for possession of a rebound versus Bartlett.

Uxbridge's Scott Kaeller drives the baseline toward the basket for an inside shot.

Jack Hughes of Uxbridge launches an uncontested 3-point shot.

SPORTS

Tigers fall just short versus Burncoat

DOUGLAS—In a game played Friday evening, Dec. 15, the Douglas High girls' varsity basketball team played a close contest with Burncoat High but came

up just short. The Patriots ended up defeating the Tigers, 44-31. Douglas now sports a record of 1-2 three games into the regular season.



Douglas' Jen Walker blows past a Burncoat defender en route to an uncontested layup.



Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Allie Benedict of Douglas attempts a deep jump shot just inside the 3-point arc.



A pair of Douglas defenders attack the ball possessed by a Burncoat player down low.



Douglas' Melina Schilling fires a 3-pointer from the left elbow.



Jen Walker of Douglas swings the ball over to her left from the top of the key.



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Triniti Sughrue of Douglas eyes the basket while attempting an inside shot.



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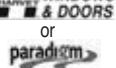
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There are many local charities that accept donations in our area. Many larger charities have locations where you can drop items off or arrange to have items picked up. The Salvation Army has several donation centers throughout the area that the Stonebridge Press newspapers reach.

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135 Providence Rd, Northbridge, MA 01534 Phone: (508) 234-4439

53 Grove St, Putnam, CT 06260 Phone: (860) 963-7602

8 Union Square, Gardner, MA 01440 Phone: (978) 632-9854

72 Cambridge St, Worcester, MA 01603 Phone: (508) 799-0520

Goodwill also has a Worcester location:

25 Park Ave, Worcester, MA 01605 Phone: (508) 752-4042

Habitat for Humanity website states that they make pickups of many types of furniture. You can find additional information at www.habitat.org. There are many other smaller local charities that operate thrift shops or make donations directly to those in need. Please email me if you have any that you'd like me to share with readers in a future column.

Along with helping local charities, you may get an additional benefit from your donation. Many of these charities will provide you with a donation slip. Goodwill and Bankrate.com are two of many sites that offer suggested prices that can be used when you donate items. Some examples from Goodwill's website are \$7 for dresses, \$6 for jeans, \$10 for microwaves and \$75 for a dining room set, assuming they are in good condition. These are estimated prices and it is



best to consult with your tax preparer on prices. If you are dropping items off at the donation center now, expect long lines. Many people drop off items near the end of the year to get donation slips for their taxes.

Our next live auction will take place in Worcester on Jan. 25th. I'll be teaching my Evaluating your Antiques class for the Bay Path Evening School on March 3rd. Other

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Along with the joys of preparing for the most merry time of year, come holiday hassles that prove the festive "hustle and bustle" isn't always that of Christmas carol fame. With so much to do and so little time, it's more important than ever to tap into available holiday resources. And when it comes to helpful ideas and festive fun, there's no place like the internet.

From organizing pre-holiday chores to printing out a letter to Santa, this week's column offers its annual pick of tried and true websites to help you celebrate the season with less holiday hassle.

Holiday Hustle Buster: OrganizedChristmas.com is like having your own holiday life coach. From designating particular weeks for each pre-holiday chore (cooking, cleaning, wrapping, etc.) to offering tools for each task (recipes, printable gift tags, etc.), this site just might help you pull off your yuletide preparations on time this year!

Note: List writers will love the site's printable holiday planner forms.

Name that Tune: You'll never flub up the lyrics to Good King Wenceslas again if you log onto Christmas-carols.net. The site features the words to many classic Christmas Carols and holiday tunes.

Note: Some hard-to-find old fashioned carols are listed here.

Fun with St. Nick: EmailSanta.com is a treasure trove of fun for kids. From writing a letter to Santa to sending your pet's email to Rudolf, this site is pure holiday joy! Some other free offerings; play Rudolf's Christmas trivia; get Santa's autograph; send Christmas cards; count down to Christmas; laugh at silly elf jokes and more.

Note: This site is educational and fun. Plus it keeps the kids busy for quite a while

Recipe for Success: Can't find a recipe for that cookie you recall from childhood? Searching for a special recipe for a cookie exchange? Whether

you're seeking a particular cookie recipe or just want to roll out a tried and true favorite, Christmas-Cookies.com has recipes for everything from Mexican Wedding Cake cookies to classic butter spritz. Plus, the site has reviews and blogs from users, and some great baking tips.

Note: Recipes include ethnic recipes and low carb cookies.

Holiday Heroine: Among the array of activities at www.northpole.com, is the opportunity to print out a personalized holiday storybook for youngsters. You create the book by filling in personalized names, etc., then use step by step instructions to print out and assemble the pages, including cover and back. Choose from: Elf for a Day; Christmas Eve Clean-up; or North Pole Christmas Party.

Note: Check out their Good Deal Calendar to keep kids on track.

Where's Santa?: OK, so this one makes the list every year. But it's one not to miss! Want to know exactly when Santa Claus is coming to town? Log onto www.noradsanta.org. Fabulous graphics make it festive. Tracking Santa across the globe begins on December 1.

Note: High tech tracking of Kris Kringle might appear a modern marvel, but the premise has been a tradition for more than half a century. Here's the story: Since 1955, NORAD and its predecessor, the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) have tracked Santa each year.

The tradition began after a Sears Roebuck & Co. store advertisement for children to call Santa on a special "hotline" included an inadvertently misprinted telephone number. Instead of Santa, the phone number put

kids through to the CONAD Commander-in-Chief's operations "hotline." Thus, a tradition was born.

Not a Creature was Stirring: From eggnog to Wassail, you'll be able to whip up the best yuletide drinks in style if you log onto the free Online Bartending School at www.cocktailsonline.tv/. Over 170 free cocktail recipes and mixed drinks are offered; many with instructional preparation videos from professional bartenders.

Note: The site also offers interesting cocktail trivia and some entertaining tips.

Crafty Christmas: Want to whip up a homemade hostess gift? Need a craft project to keep the kids occupied? Look no further than www.aboutchristmas-crafts.com. This site features an array of interesting crafts which include edible crafts, Christmas gift crafts, kids crafts and much more.

Note: Instructions are easy and projects are impressive. Some have free patterns.

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 kdr@ao.com.

Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

EIGHTH GRADER TAKES GEOGRAPHY HONORS



Ethan Connolly

Congratulations to eighth grader, Ethan Connolly for winning the Northbridge Middle School Geography Bee.

He battled some tough opponents in our school level bee including fifth graders Johann Banaqid, Gianna Hayes, Caitlin Walker; sixth graders Marcus Reilly, Emma Vaughan, and seventh grader, James Otis.

Ethan has now has the opportunity to take the qualifying test to move on to the Massachusetts State Geography Bee on April 6. If he wins the state bee, he will move on to the national bee in Washington D C in May. Good luck Ethan! We are rooting for you!

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DEPOT

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That memory has stuck with him over the years and he wants to help bring that magic to other children.

Last year was the first year Coskey decided to include Santa into the mix. Santa stands in the driveway and waves to cars as they drive by. If you pause for a moment and roll down your window, Santa may have a lollipop or candy cane for you. Coskey does all of this out of sheer kindness and from his own pocket. He has never asked for donations and never will. However, one year a woman gifted him \$100 and he did not refuse it. After all, powering all those

lights, purchasing new yard décor, and filling Santa's sack with candy comes with a price.

For those interested in stopping to look around there is ample parking at the Municipal Center. Coskey asks that people refrain from walking on the lawn as there are hundreds of tethers and electrical cords everywhere, many which cannot be seen when covered in snow.

The lights go on at 5 p.m. Sunday through Thursday they're on until 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday they stay on until 11 p.m. Coskey has a Facebook page entitled Christmas Depot where he posts the goings on of his display. If you want to see video clips or more images, feel free to check out his page.

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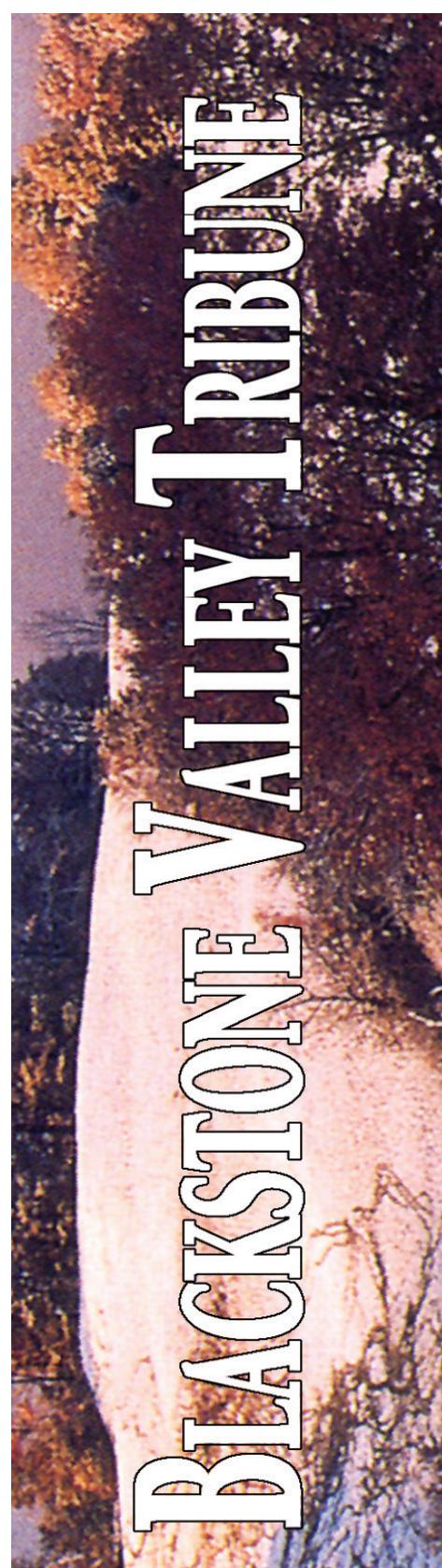
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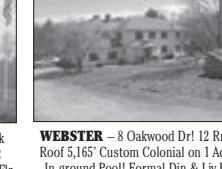
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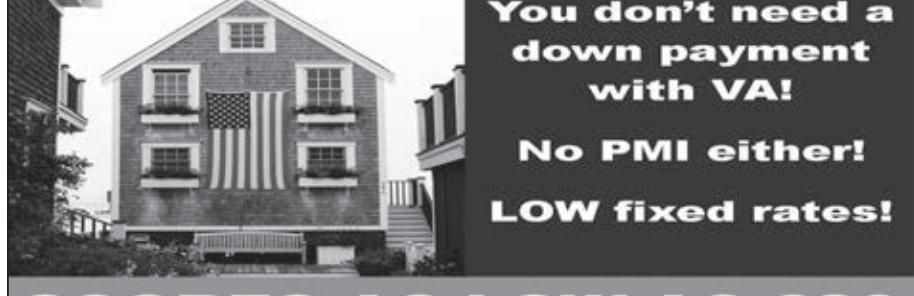
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CHARITY

How to start a charity

People give to charity for various reasons. Some may donate in honor of a deceased loved one, while others do so to support a cause that resonates with them.

According to the National Center for Charitable Statistics, more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations are registered in the United States. That includes public charities, private foundations and other types of nonprofit organizations, including chambers of commerce, fraternal organizations and civic leagues. Canada is home to more than 170,000 charitable and nonprofit organizations. Of those, 85,000 are registered charities recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency.

In spite of the existence of so many charitable entities, sometimes people or groups feel compelled to start their own nonprofit endeavors. Creating a charitable organization can be a rewarding experience, but one that requires a lot of work and dedication. The tools necessary and the legal requirements to starting a nonprofit will vary depending on where the charity will be located. The following tips offer some general guidance with regard to starting a nonprofit organization, but it's recommended that those interested in founding a charitable organization consult with financial and legal



CAPTION: After starting a charitable organization and establishing a mission, founders can begin to solicit funding.

professionals prior to beginning the process.

- Decide on the type of charity. In the United States, a nonprofit is known as a 501(c)(3) organization. A nonprofit may be a public charity or a private foundation. The first step to starting a charitable group is determining which type of nonprofit you'd like to start.

Public charities have a diverse board of directors. According to the Foundation Group, a nonprofit resource, more than 50 percent of the board must be unrelated by blood, marriage or outside business co-ownership. Private foundations are largely funded and operated by a relatively small group and can be familial

in nature.

- Start researching the market. Figure out if the nonprofit you hope to start already exists or if there is a group nearby doing similar work. It can be challenging to solicit support if your mission mirrors that of a nearby group. In addition, research the demographics of people in your area to see if

there is a need for the services of the nonprofit you hope to start.

- Decide if a nonprofit is right for you. Nonprofit organizations are not moneymakers. Founders can apply for grants to pay their salaries. However, many startup nonprofits may not be eligible to apply for grants until they have established themselves.

- Write a mission statement and business plan. If you decide a nonprofit is right for you, then you'll have to spell out your plan. This will be the foundation of the organization and will communicate its purpose. The business plan also can be used to solicit support, including investments.

- Incorporate the charity. By incorporating, you can reduce the liability of the nonprofit, especially as it pertains to protecting it against litigation.

- Establish a board of directors. This board is a group of volunteers who will help make decisions concerning the nonprofit. A board of directors will also help guide the charity and make decisions.

- Establish a fundraising plan. Raising funds will be key to keeping the nonprofit in operation. Establish a fundraising plan and map out who will help advertise and request funds. Expect setbacks, but forge ahead to establish a core donor base.

Donate smart and avoid charity scams

Nonprofit organizations and charities do extensive work to help people and fulfill their missions.

When commercials, emails or direct mail pamphlets tug at the heartstrings, it's understandable to want to help as quickly as possible. But just as there are scores of legitimate organizations banking on the generosity of willing donors, so, too, are there scam artists hoping to exploit that generosity. These crooks not only prey on innocent donors, they indirectly steal from people affected by disasters poaching donations meant for relief organizations.

The American Grandparents Organization says Americans donate upwards of \$300 billion to charities each year. These include well-known and well-established charitable groups and crowdfunding sites like GoFundMe. Statistics Canada says Canadians make roughly \$11 billion in charitable donations each year.

While the majority of donations end up in the right hands, charity scammers still manage to victimize unsuspecting individuals. Follow these tips to make sure hard-earned money is going to reputable groups and not to criminals preying on your generosity.

- Start by doing research. Charity Watch and Charity Navigator, each of which is recommended by the Federal Trade Commission, have carefully researched many different charities. This can be the first stop in verifying the legitimacy of a particular charity. Check for a charity's registration number and see if it's registered on the Better Business Bureau website at www.bbb.org/us/charity.

• Don't give to cold calls or emails. It's



CAPTION: Conduct research before giving to any charity to confirm that organization's authenticity.

best to take your time with charitable requests and confirm their authenticity. This may require visiting the website of a particular group or contacting them directly to see how you can help. You never know who is on the end of a phone call or who sent an email soliciting donations. What's more, according to Charity Navigator, cold calls are usually conducted by for-profit telemarketers that have contracted with charities. These contracts are not favorable to the charities — with up to 95 cents of every donated dollar going to the telemarketers.

- Don't give cash donations. Cash is difficult to trace, making it a preferred method of donation collection among scam artists. If a charity is insisting on cash or wants you to make a decision immediately, this should raise red flags.

- Protect your privacy. Only work with charities that respect your privacy and will not sell your name or information to other groups.

- Request information. Reputable charities will tell you how they will spend your money and if your gift is tax-deductible.

- Be aware of sound-alike groups.

Some scam artists create sound-alike organizations to trick donors. In such instances, donors believe they are donating to legitimate charities but are really giving to another organization. In 2016, the Federal Trade Commission brought charges against four sound-alike cancer groups, highlighting just how prevalent such faulty organizations are.

Charity scams are prevalent. But by being diligent about researching and gaining information, donors can avoid parting with their money unnecessarily.

Make this the year to budget for charitable giving



Budgets are an important component of personal financing. Without a thorough understanding of the rate of money going in and out of their bank accounts, people cannot accurately assess their potential for spending and saving. Budgets are also handy for paying off debt and planning for the future. Those who budget may find they have more money

to devote to leisure or other worthwhile endeavors, such as donating to charity.

Establishing a charity budget makes it possible for people to focus on doing good and helping others. Charitable giving also comes with the beneficial side effect of establishing extra tax deductions for some individuals.

Many people only think of

charitable giving at the end of the year, when the holiday season tends to inspire philanthropy. However, many people's end-of-year finances are already stretched thin thanks to holiday shopping and entertaining. As a result, men and women who wait until the end of the year to donate may not be able to be as charitable as they would like. That's why focusing

on charity as part of a yearly budget can stretch dollars even further.

Establish a giving level

By examining their finances, people can get a better picture of how much money they have for discretionary spending, including charitable giving. However, income alone may not dictate just how charitable a person can be. For example, according to a McClatchy analysis of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the poorest Americans often donate larger percentages of their incomes than their wealthier counterparts. Generally speaking, the typical amount most people aspire to donate to charity ranges from 3 to 10 percent of taxed income.

To make a charitable giving budget work, consider these tips.

- Make a list of charities that have meaning to you. If you do not have specific choices, select categories, such as politics, education and community,

and then go from there.

- Assess your giving ability in dollar value. Be sure charitable giving does not come at the expense of necessary daily living.

- Divide the available funds against the charities selected.

- Set aside specific times of year that you will make the donations so as not to feel burdened at any one time of year.

- Leave an emergency fund for donations that cannot be planned, such as disaster relief or to help someone with medical bills.

- Sign up for recurring payments for yearly giving to take the work out of remembering to give. Other organizations can distribute donations to the kinds of charities you prefer, making giving even more automatic.

Budgeting for charitable giving enables greater year-round control of funds for beneficial purposes.

LEGALS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO08P0328EP1

Estate of:

Agnes A. Whipple

Date Of Death: December 20, 2007

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

Shirley A. Whipple of Burlington MA

Shirley A. Whipple of Burlington MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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December 22, 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 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 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, Mechanic, 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,

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December 8, 2017

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December 22, 2017

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 47 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:15P.M.** at the **Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA** to consider the application of Paul Bagley of 1997 Hill Street, Northbridge, MA 01534 for a Special Permit 17-SP-17 pursuant to Article V, Section 173-18.1 (Table of Use Regulations) of the Town of Northbridge Zoning By-laws in order to create a retreat lot for a single family home at the property located at 1923 & 1997 Hill Street, Northbridge, MA 01534. The property is shown on Assessor's Map 13 as Parcels 58 & 90. The property is located in a Residential-1 zoning district and is owned by Paul Bagley.

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

Thomas Hansson, Chairman
Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals
December 22, 2017
December 29, 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
(860) 677-2868

December 15, 2017
December 22, 2017
December 29, 2017

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF
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DEPARTMENT OF THE
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17SM009477
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Joseph B. Dunphy
Karla L. Dunphy

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

PHH Mortgage Corporation
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Douglas, numbered 15 Perry Street, given by Joseph B. Dunphy and Karla L. Dunphy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Century 21 (R) Mortgage (SM), dated June 30, 2005, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36699, Page 93, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 14, 2011 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 47257, Page 144, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 4, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 51531, Page 192, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated May 22, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 52277, Page 206, 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 22, 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 11, 2017.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
10-002340
December 22, 2017

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
17SM009481
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Robert E. Jordan

Mary Lou Jordan

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

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, doing business as Christiana trust, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for BCAT 2014-4TT claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Uxbridge, numbered 395 High Street, given by Robert E. Jordan and Mary Lou Jordan to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for Florida Capital Bank, NA dba Florida Capital Bank Mortgage, dated April 16, 2009, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44115, Page 208 (the "Mortgage"), 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 22, 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 11, 2017.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
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December 22, 2017

December 22, 2017

LEGALS

(SEAL)
 COMMONWEALTH OF
 MASSACHUSETTS
 LAND COURT
 DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
 COURT
 17 SM 009309
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Anthony R. Bartlett; Kathleen M. Bartlett
 and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act; 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
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 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Northbridge, numbered 273 Olivia Drive, given by **Anthony R. Bartlett** and **Kathleen M. Bartlett** to **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.** as nominee for **Fremont Investment & Loan**, its successors and assigns, dated **November 30, 2005**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **37925**, Page **222**,

as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement, dated August 19, 2008, and recorded in said Registry in Book 43294, Page 222, 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 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 this Court on December 4, 2017
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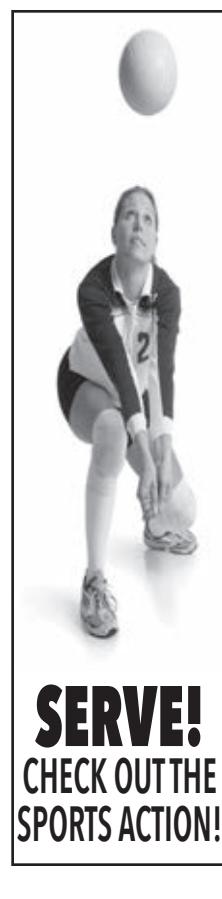
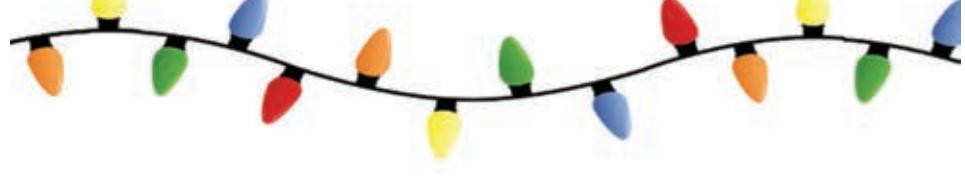
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