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Veterans' Day ceremony resurrected



VFW Commander and Town Councillor David Adams kicks off the event.

SOUTHBRIDGE — A small crowd of all ages gathered at Dresser Park's Honor Roll Monument to commemorate Veterans' Day for the first time in a few years. It featured short talks from State Rep Peter Durant, Council Chair Jack Jovan, Trinity student Kalie Norris, and VFW Chaplain Curt Litchfield.

Citing debates over the current election season that's not quite over in some states, Durant observed, "This is what we do as a nation, as a free nation." The armed services, he added, "have defended that right to argue."

Peter Durant and Kalie Norris look at the Honor Roll Monument.

Noting she has two relatives on the monument, Norris termed military service "a lifelong journey that unfortunately not everyone comes home from."

According to event organizer and VFW Commander David Adams, the Veterans' Council is looking to raise

Phil Harting of Oxford brought his daughter Addison.

donations to renovate the park's monuments and redesign it. That plan should be done in about a month, when it will be presented to the Town Council and people.

More photos on page 6.

Harrington named Center of Excellence for lung cancer screening

SOUTHBRIDGE — Harrington HealthCare System has been named a Screening Center of Excellence by the GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer for its ongoing commitment to responsible lung cancer screening. Low dose CT screening for lung cancer carried out safely, efficiently and equitably can save tens of thousands of lives a year by finding lung cancer early when it is most treatable and even curable.

"We are proud and honored to be working with Harrington HealthCare System as a GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer Screening Center of Excellence. Their commitment to practice responsible lung cancer screening will lead to advancements in research and many lives saved. They are an example to follow," says GO2 Foundation Co-Founder, President and CEO, Laurie Fenton Ambrose.

Designated Screening Centers of

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TCA holds first mass of 2020-21 school year

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Nov. 4, Trinity Catholic Academy was able to hold their first school wide mass for this academic year. Usually, this is held within the first days of returning in September, but current pandemic situations postponed this ritual till recently. All students were social distanced throughout Notre Dame Church to make this a safe event for teachers, students, parents, and grandparents alike to be present for the annual occasion.

It was a noteworthy opportunity for all, to celebrate the safe school year that they have been able to experience thus far during the pandemic. The celebration of Saints by Grade 3 and the blessing of the sweatshirts for our graduating eighth graders were added experiences at this Mass.

Grade 3 students dressed representing over a dozen Saints; Saint Rose of Lima, Mother Theresa, Peter Simon, St. and Francis of Assisi to name a few. Each "saint" had the opportunity to tell their saint's story for a great interactive experience with Fr. Ken Cardinale and enjoyed by all who attended on Nov. 4. Fr. Ken shared the realization that we have all had to sacrifice many meaningful activities this year, much like sports figures do to reach the Hall of Fame through practices, activities,



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and development. Saints do much the same to get to Sainthood. We are all saints in progress with the ultimate Hall of Fame of Sainthood! Included photos include some of the Sainted honored on this day, as well as a look back at a class (in 1944-45?) that celebrated All Saints Day at Saint Joan of Arc School. A true tradition of

Southbridge Catholic Schools. (You may share names of those you identify at: (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SBDGECATHALUMNI>))

Grade 8 Students very successfully carried out all the reading and prayers of the faithful and were able to

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Green Meadows Farm appoints Robert H. Patton to CEO

SOUTHBRIDGE — Green Meadows Farm (Green Meadows), a cannabis company based in the heart of Southbridge, has announced the appointment of Robert H. Patton to Manager and CEO. Patton will lead the establishment of a new family tradition: to grow and sell cannabis



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with the same dedication to veterans, community service, and organic agriculture that the family is known for.

"My grandfather, General George S. Patton, Jr., dedicated himself to fighting for his country and my father, George S. Patton IV, did the same, while my mother has given lifelong support to special-needs charities, the arts, the environment, schools, museums, and churches," said Patton. "Building on that example, our family seeks to contribute to the economic development of the Southbridge community, while making a positive impact on the cannabis industry, and more importantly, on the people who live and work in the

communities we serve."

Patton is leading the company through its final stage of licensing to open as an adult-use retailer in a restored 19th Century mill building in downtown Southbridge, a commercial hub located at the intersection of I-90 and I-84 just north of the Connecticut border. In a rarity for Massachusetts cannabis, Green Meadows will launch its cultivation and processing facility under the same roof as its retail dispensary, ensuring a seamless integration of customer-facing retail and premium organic production. Once vertically integrated from seed to sale, Green Meadows will activate its

pending medical cannabis license and serve registered patients along with adult-use customers.

Patton brings rich, diverse experience to his CEO role, working as a Capitol Hill reporter, a commercial fisherman, and a real estate developer before launching his career as an author with the publication of his family memoir, "The Pattons: A Personal History of an American Family" in 1994. Since then, he has published three novels and two histories.

In addition to heading up the Green

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Now more than ever, it's important to Shop Local!

Find the time to shop for holiday gifts

The holiday season is a busy time of year. So many activities are packed into a relatively short period of time, and it is easy to become a tad overwhelmed by it all. Once Black Friday arrives on November 27 (or Thanksgiving evening for those who can't wait until Friday), holiday shoppers have less than a month to get all of their shopping done.

Planning, decorating, entertaining, and socializing takes time away from shopping. To find the time to get everything done — es-

pecially shopping—consider these time management tips and tricks.

- Shop during off-peak hours. The busiest times of the day for holiday shopping will be lunch hour during a business day and right before or after supper time. Wading through crowds can be time-consuming. Try to shop when the stores are more sparsely populated so you can get in and out faster.

- Shop local. Think about patronizing small, independent retailers. Not only will you enjoy customized, exempla-

ry customer service, but the stores probably will not be able to fit as many customers as large chains. That means you can browse more readily and shop faster and more safely.

- Schedule online shopping blocks. Pepper your calendar with blocks of time devoted to online shopping. This way you can handle it without distraction and easily check people off of your list.

- Delegate some tasks. Pool your resources with friends or family members and divide up your

shopping lists. Each person can be in charge of a different category of shopping. For example, if you are in charge of gaming gifts, buy all of these and then distribute them to whoever needed them. Delegating saves time and lets shoppers avoid rushing from store to store.

- Take a day off. While it may not be ideal to use vacation time for holiday shopping, sometimes it can be an effective way to check off a good portion of your list. Start in the early morning when the children



are at school and visit as many stores as possible. Stow away those gifts until you have the opportunity to wrap them. Make the day off a little more special by treating yourself to a solo lunch or a midday meal with a

friend.

The holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year. Finding the time to finish shopping and complete other tasks is challenging, but possible.

Tips for successfully gifting teens

Giving gifts during the holiday season may be rewarding, but certain people on your shopping list may leave you scratching your head wondering what to buy.

Teenagers often fall into that confusing category. As trends and interests change at a moment's notice, adults may not know what to get the teenagers on their list. These suggestions can set you on the right course.

Gadgets

Teens like staying abreast of the latest technology, and what better way to do so than with hot-off-the-assem-

by-line products? Modern teens use multiple mobile devices — from tablets to smartphones to notebook computers — so an outlet multiplier with surge protection could be the way to go. A charging caddy that keeps all of their devices organized and within reach while replenishing the batteries can make for another go-to gift.

While shopping for gadgets, think about investing in Bluetooth-enabled earbuds or over-the-ear headphones. This way teens can enjoy their favorite streaming music stations or binge Netflix series without

disturbing others.

Gym equipment

Adolescents are conscious of their personal health and body image. To foster positive experiences, gift givers can encourage healthy physical activity. A gym membership or personal fitness equipment can help teens get on track with a weekly regimen.

Luggage/travel gear

A thirst for exploration may inspire teens to travel the country or the world. A high-quality piece of luggage can be a building block for teens' travel gear. Other travel items to consid-

er are RFID blocker ID and credit card holders, money toward a passport or an overnight toiletries bag.

Gaming

Many teens immerse themselves in gameplay, whether solo or online multiplayer. Games can be enjoyed while using various consoles, computers and even smartphones. Find out which platform teens are using and then purchase gift

cards, points or e-codes so that they can get new games or enjoy in-app purchases and upgrades.

School funding

Some gifts can focus on the future, including teens' education.

Consider donating to or opening up an account to help fund college costs. Different plans have different annual contribution limits and tax deferments, so it's a good idea to speak with a financial professional to figure out which avenue is right for you and your gift recipient.

Retailer gift cards

Teenagers always enjoy some extra purchasing power, so gift

cards to their favorite retailers are likely to be a hit. If you're not sure where the teen on your list shops, consider a gift card good for any store in a local mall.

Shopping for gifts for teens can be a little easier if shoppers get a nudge in the right direction.

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Bay Path students raise funds with “Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF”



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CHARLTON — Officers and members of the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's UNICEF Club raised \$308.40 from club dues, T-shirt sales, and “Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF”

The club, which boasts an all-female leadership and membership for the academic year 2020-2021, is primarily organized to educate, advocate and fundraise to support UNICEF's lifesaving work. The Bay Path PN UNICEF Club program is a Practical Nursing

student-led initiative that partners with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. It is a movement rooted in a belief that students have a vital role to play in helping the world's children survive. Club Advisor is Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN, RN.

UNICEF Club Co-chair Meghan Reidy of Auburn reported that “Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF” was established by UNICEF 70 years ago in 1950 and is the longest running youth

engagement campaign in America. Campaign funds go to providing children with education, safe water, sanitation, nutrition, emergency relief, and immunizations. The funds provide children in 190 countries and territories with the relief they desperately need.

Reidy said, “Small contributions can provide great resources for children; for example, \$20 can buy 100 bars of soap, \$40 can buy a round of vaccines

is funded by the Massachusetts legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For additional information for the 2021 grant cycle, call Michelle LeBoeuf, (508) 764-4803 or Ted Bartlett, (508) 764-7909.

sion as it applies to the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Southbridge Cultural Council are also online. It is required that both be reviewed and understood before applying. No applications will be accepted after the official deadline established by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The Southbridge Cultural Council, a local agency, is part of the overall grant program of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, providing allocations to each of the 351 cities and towns of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in support of cultural activities in their respective areas. The Massachusetts Cultural Council

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Southbridge Cultural Council accepting grant applications

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Southbridge Cultural Council announces that application forms for the 2021 grant funding cycle are available only online at www.massculturalcouncil.org. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the application process has been extended again for 2021. The new dates for funding are Oct. 1 to Monday, Dec. Dec. 14.

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Holiday magic, memories & traditions celebrated at Christmas by Candlelight

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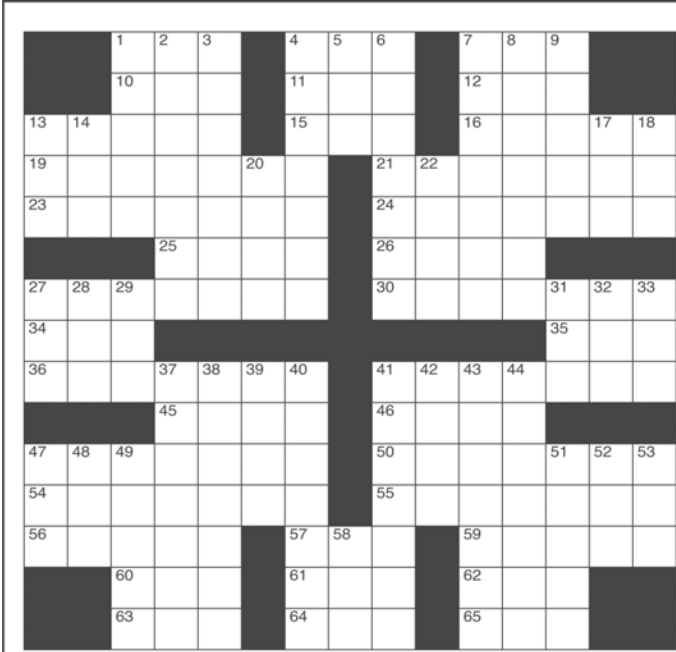


STURBRIDGE — Christmas by Candlelight will return to Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) this December, as a time-honored tradition of the season celebrating New England Christmases of the 19th century and today. On select dates in December, from 3 to 8 p.m., the Village will open special for guests to take in the holiday cheer. Tickets are on sale now

for members and will go on sale to the general public on Nov. 17. This annual event has been re-imagined in 2020 with safety in mind, taking many favorite activities outdoors. Guests can see demonstrations of classic Christmas projects like knitting stockings, wreath-making, natural ornament-making and more, and watch as costumed

interpreters create a traditional Christmas meal or work on special projects such as making ice skates or a sled from scratch. A horse-drawn carry-all (a large wagon) will run throughout the Village offering rides and several bonfires will be lit throughout the night to warm up beside. A returning favorite of the event, visitors are invited to stroll the Christmas Tree Trail – new in 2019 – featuring dozens of sparkling, decorated trees. Tucked away from the hustle and bustle of the Common, the trail welcomes wanderers in to enjoy the sights, ending at the special Christmas Wish Bridge. Several dates during December offer additional activities for guests – including Members’ Shopping Nights on Dec. 4-6 and the firing of OSV’s 24-foot kiln for the second time this year, on Dec. 18-20. The 15,000-brick kiln found outside of OSV’s Pottery Shop can fit approximately 1,000 pieces of pottery stacked 10-feet high within its walls. It is a fan favorite among many visitors who come to the Village. Also, a feature of the holiday event, the annual Gingerbread House Contest is going virtual! Participants from near and far can register to compete in one of four categories (adult non-professional, adult professional, youth and family) by Nov. 30. Photos of the

Gingerbread House entries will be judged in each category, awarding a winner and runner-up, with “Best in Show House” voted on by the general public. Winners will receive a gift certificate to Old Sturbridge Village. Christmas by Candlelight is an evening of traditions, memories, and holiday cheer at Old Sturbridge Village, with families and visitors returning year after year to enjoy the experience. Tickets for the event are on sale now to members at the discounted rate of \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth (ages 4-17). Tickets go on sale to the general public on Nov. 17 at \$22 for adults and \$11 for youth (ages 4-17). Admission is free for children ages three and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance for the date and time of attendance. Visit <https://www.osv.org/event/christmas-by-candlelight-2020/> for available dates and time blocks, along with current Massachusetts and visitor guidelines around COVID-19. MEDIA For b-roll, images, and interview requests, please contact Daniel Friel, Director of Public Relations at dfriel@osv.org. About Old Sturbridge Village Old Sturbridge Village, first opened to the public in 1946, is one of the country’s oldest and largest living history museums, celebrating life in early New England from 1790-1840. It is the largest living history museum in the Northeast. Each year, more than 250,000 visitors interact with costumed historians, experience up-close demonstrations of early American trades, and meet heritage breed farm animals. Situated on 200 scenic acres, the Village is a collection of more than 40 historic buildings - including homes, meetinghouses, trade shops, working farms, restaurants, shops and three water-powered mills. Located just off the Massachusetts Turnpike and Routes I-84 and 20 in Sturbridge, Mass., Old Sturbridge Village is open year-round, but days and hours vary seasonally. Daily admission is: \$28 for adults, \$26 for seniors, \$14 for College Students, \$14 for children ages 4-17, with children 3 and under admitted free. Up to three kids age 17 and under will be admitted FREE into the village this fall through Nov. 28, when accompanied by a paying adult. Admission includes free parking. Village Members and Season Pass holders receive free standard daytime admission. For details, visit <https://www.osv.org/plan-your-visit/>. Old Sturbridge Village is the managing partner of Coggeshall Farm Museum in Bristol, R.I. Members at OSV receive reciprocal membership at Coggeshall Farm Museum.

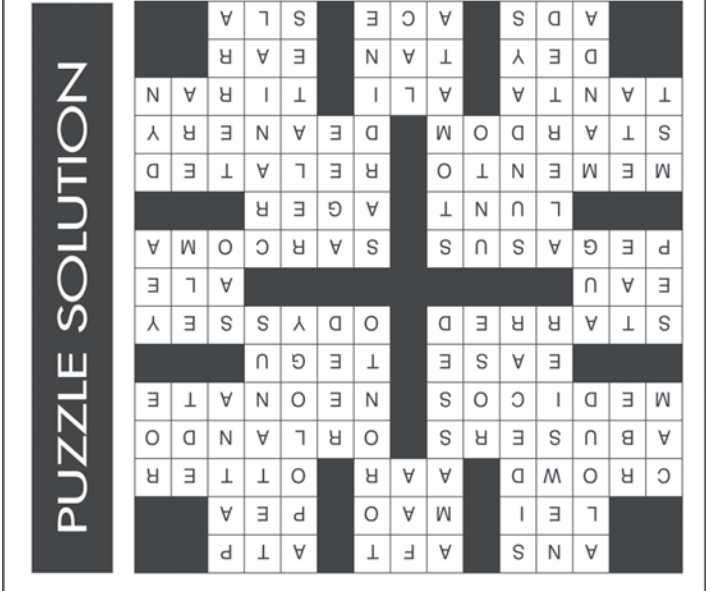


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- 10. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 11. Chinese revolutionary
- 12. Green veggie
- 13. Large group
- 15. Swiss river
- 16. Semiaquatic mammal
- 19. Wrongdoers
- 21. Home to Disney World
- 23. Spanish doctors
- 24. Newborn child
- 25. Absence of difficulty
- 26. Large, stocky lizard
- 27. Earned top billing
- 30. A long wandering and eventful journey
- 34. Water (French)
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- 56. Egyptian city
- 57. Boxing’s GOAT
- 59. Straits along the Red Sea
- 60. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan
- 61. Get some color
- 62. Facilitates hearing
- 63. Commercial
- 64. A team’s best pitcher
- 65. Patti Hearst’s captors

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Speak up
- 2. More informative
- 3. Where passengers sit
- 4. Gathered
- 5. Supervises flying
- 6. Home of the Blue Jays
- 7. Public statement of regret
- 8. Lockjaw
- 9. Indian city
- 13. Patriots’ Newton
- 14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 17. Sun up in New York
- 18. Eggs in female fish
- 20. Stood up
- 22. NBA legend Willis
- 27. Calendar month (abbr.)
- 28. Exercise regimen __-bo
- 29. The 8th month (abbr.)
- 31. __ Paulo, city
- 32. Tall deciduous tree
- 33. Affirmative
- 37. Notified of danger
- 38. NFL game days
- 39. Archaic term for “to”
- 40. Plant pores
- 41. Canned fish
- 42. Phil __, former CIA
- 43. Connects with
- 44. Of the skull
- 47. Time zone (abbr.)
- 48. When you hope to get there
- 49. Hindu goddess
- 51. Land
- 52. Pitching stat
- 53. Field force unit
- 58. Lakers’ crosstown rivals



Charlton adds DPW exploration to list of goals

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – As the Charlton Board of Selectmen prepares to examine its goals

for the foreseeable future, one item that will be on the table for consideration is creating a Department of Public Works to replace the current system in town.

While briefly discussing the next steps for the Board of Selectmen goals during a meeting in late October, Selectman Patricia Rydlak requested that the idea of creating DPW be added to the list with the initial intent to be researching the benefits of creating the department and weighing the pros and cons of embracing such a shift. “It’s really a big project,” Rydlak said. “There’s many different options. All towns do it different ways. I’ve been doing some reading up and a little bit of research and whether it’s right for us or not we could get all the people who can be part of that discussion to see if it’s something we should think about or if it could save us some money or if it’s right for our town.” Rydlak wasn’t the only selectman who supported adding a DPW exploration initiative to the goals list. Her fellow freshman selectman Stephen Koronis also felt it was worth at least considering. “I’d like to at least explore it and see. There are slight differences between a DPW and a water & sewer commission, but there are also a lot of commonalities,” Koronis said. Selectman Rydlak indicated that embracing a DPW could result in dissolving the Water & Sewer Commission and creating new oversight of both the highway and water & sewer departments that would serve under the town administrator. Similar changes have been explored in surrounding communities with differing results. Some towns have embraced the change, others have denounced the concept and now it appears Charlton residents will have their chance to discuss the matter in the months and years to come. Discussion was paused for a later meeting as Selectman Bill Borowski, who had initially requested an update on the selectmen’s list of goals during the meeting, felt that a more extensive discussion was more appropriate for a different meeting rather than the informal back and forth. His fellow selectman agreed and had the DPW idea added to the goals list for future debate.

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Old Sturbridge Village, Country Bank partner to give back to community

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) and Country Bank have partnered together for over a decade. In that time, Country Bank has sponsored numerous seasonal programs at the Village such as, the Education Center, Visitor Center, Bump in the Night, Sleepy Hollow, Phantoms & Fire and the beloved Christmas by Candlelight. In addition to program sponsorships, Country Bank has also sponsored Old Sturbridge Village's Annual Gala over the years as well.

Perhaps one of the greatest sponsorships that Country Bank is supporting, particularly in this year of COVID, is the Kids Free Program. This has enabled families to enjoy the activities, history, programming, traditions and opportunities that Old Sturbridge Village has to offer making it a great value for families. This year, Country Bank extended its Kids Free Sponsorship from June through the end of November. Both organizations wanted to ensure that all families had every opportunity this year to participate in the outdoor experience the Village offers.

"Country Bank has a long-standing commitment to Old Sturbridge Village and its historical place within our communities. As New England's largest outdoor living history museum, the



Paul Scully (left) and Jim Donahue (right).

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Village welcomes thousands of visitors annually where they offer authentic hands-on history and seasonal programming for all ages," stated Paul Scully, President and CEO of Country

Bank. "As a community partner, we care deeply about the sustainability of the Village. As such, and in recognizing the burdens that our communities have experienced throughout this

year, we wanted to offer our support in sponsoring the fall and winter season events at the Village. It is our hope that visitors will enjoy an afternoon or evening stepping back in time and making memories with their friends and families during what has been the most stressful time in our history. Supporting and enriching our communities is not only a part of our mission, it's simply who we are."

"We are extremely grateful for the support of Paul Scully and his strong team at Country Bank," stated Jim Donahue, President and CEO of Old Sturbridge Village. "The partnership, over the years, has enabled us to make significant contributions to the community while building dynamic programming throughout the year for our visitors. We continue to find ways of collaborating and giving back to the community which is a core priority with both our organizations."

Old Sturbridge Village and Country Bank will be collaborating this upcoming Thanksgiving to serve families in the community with more than 700 meals. Old Sturbridge Village will be cooking and assembling the meals, while Country Bank will be distributing the meals out to food pantries, senior housing, churches and alike.



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EDITORIAL

A story of inspiration for a sunny morning

Twenty-one-year-old Chris Nikic of Maitland, Fla. made history last Saturday when he became the first person in history with Down Syndrome to complete a full distance Ironman triathlon. Watching the video of Nikic crossing the finish line in Panama City, Fla., did not leave this writer with dry eyes. This was good news, in an otherwise chaotic news cycle.

As most people know, a full Ironman consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run. The race, has a time cap of 17 hours. Nikic completed the race in 16:46:09.

Nikic had a few setbacks throughout the race, including two falls from his bike.

Special Olympics Florida President and CEO Sherry Wheelock released a statement. In it she said, “He’s become a hero to athletes, fans, and people across Florida and around the world. He’s an inspiration to all of us.”

Nikic is no stranger to triathlons and has been training since he was a teenager. Looking ahead he will strive to qualify for the 2022 Special Olympics USA Games.

In an Instagram post, Nikic wrote “Goal set and achieved. Time to set a new and bigger goal for 2021. Whatever it is, the strategy is the same. One percent better every day. Yes, I did the work, but I had angels helping me. God surrounded me with angels. Best part of all. New family and friends. All about awareness and inclusion. Awareness for Down Syndrome and Special Olympics. Inclusion for all of us with all of you.”

His proud father, Nik Nikic, released his own statement: “To Chris, this race was more than just a finish line and celebration of victory. Ironman has served as his platform to become one step closer to his goal of living a life of inclusion, normalcy, and leadership. It’s about being an example to other kids and families that face similar barriers, proving no dream or goal is too high,” he said.

Nikic completed the 2.4 mile swim (along with his coach Dan Grieb) in just under two hours. Just prior to getting on his bike to attack the 112 miles, he was bitten by fire ants. He forged ahead and finished the bike portion in 8:12:37. He then went on to finish the 26.2 mile run in 6:18:48.

Nikic’s father says that the mantra is to improve one percent each day. His coach, Grieb said in a statement, “I’m no longer surprised by what Chris can accomplish because I recognize who Chris is; a human being that has goals and dreams just like everyone else. He wants to make the path easier for those just like him and can follow his lead.”

He is now a Guinness World Record holder.

This is a story of inspiration, hope and positivity, and now, more than ever, the world needs more of it.

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OPINION

Viewpoints and commentary from the Tri-Community and beyond

Common Sense Tips to Save Fuel Costs

The bad news is, heating your house will likely cost you a bit more this winter. The good news is, a few common sense tips can cut your losses down to size. According to a Nov 10, 2020 report from the EIA, oil, gas and electricity prices are set to bump up in 2021. With the uncertainty of COVID restrictions looming, even the slightest increase can upset a household budget. Instead of digging deeper into your pockets this winter, you can offset the expected modest increase by making some common sense changes around the house. And lest you think a little energy loss here and there won’t add up, ponder this: Heat loss from a one quarter inch gap in a door threshold is as great as that from a four inch hole in the wall! The following practical ideas (some of which were previously featured in this column) reveal how a little compromise and effort can add up to impressive energy savings.

Families typically use more hot water in winter months and heating up the water can account for nearly 15 percent of total household energy costs. Lowering the temperature on the hot water heater to 120 degrees can add up to substantial savings throughout the winter. Here’s a simple test to check if you’re heating water hotter than necessary: Place the back of your hand under a stream of running hot water. If you cannot comfortably keep your hand under the water, your water temperature is too high and you’re wasting money.

Think lowering the thermostat temperature slightly won’t make a dent in your fuel savings? Think again. Did you know turning down the thermostat just one degree can save three percent on your fuel bill? Better yet, lowering it five degrees for four hours a day can add up to a ten percent savings! Lower your thermostat at night and use an extra wool blanket or quilt. And if the house is empty for more than four hours per day turn the thermostat down five or more degrees when you leave for work and crank it back up when you return.

Another easy money saving tip is to opt for showers instead of baths during winter months. While a long, hot bath is tempting, remember, it will almost triple your cost over a shower as more water is used and must be heated. To save even more on hot water costs, replace shower heads with low flow models. New ones are so improved, you’ll hardly notice the reduction in water flow.

If you have an older hot water heater, check with your utility company to find out if it would benefit from an insulation jacket. This cost effective tip can add up to over \$100 a year in energy cost savings. Here’s another quick tip: If you are going on vacation, be sure to turn the hot water thermostat down a bit. You’ll save money even while you’re gone!

Doing laundry takes its toll on water usage and hot and warm water cycles use more fuel than you might think. Save money by buying a cold water detergent and doing all your laundry in cold water. Typical savings realized by a family of five is up to \$250 annually.

During the winter months, use your stove and bathroom fans sparingly, as they remove precious warm air from the room. Obviously, you’ll want to use a vent to dispel moisture in the bathroom, but there’s usually no need to switch on the vent fan every time you put on the bathroom light. Ditto for a kitchen fan vent. Use it periodically while cooking; do not leave it on constantly unless smoke is an issue.

If you have an electric heating element in a small bathroom, consider disconnecting it. Supply plenty of thick towels to dry off fast, place a fuzzy scatter rug on a tile floor and



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

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Use good old fashioned solar power to cut down on heating costs. On sunny winter days, open curtains or blinds on the south side of the house. Just be sure to close the curtains or drapes at night to block out drafts.

Check your furnace filter frequently. A clogged filter greatly decreases the furnace’s efficiency and makes it work harder. Some energy efficient advisors suggest automatically replacing filters each month. They claim the savings realized in efficiency more than make up for the cost of the new filters.

Dust is a powerful insulator and dusty baseboard vents and radiators use more energy than necessary to heat up a room, so keep surfaces clean. If you have a coil thermostat, be sure to clean it each season to ensure accurate readings. Just take off the cover and wipe or blow away dust.

Do a vent check. If you have baseboards, make sure they are fully open and operable. Move any furniture or drapes that could be blocking warm air flow. Vents or baseboards that are even partially blocked result in an unnecessary hike in heating costs.

Automatic timers are very affordable and they make adjusting thermostats a no brainer. Typically they will keep the temperature steady during the day and automatically reduce it at night, resulting in substantial savings.

Take full advantage of heat created from cooking. Warm up the house while you cook by planning slow cooking stove top dishes such as stews and simmering soups. When you are done using the oven for cooking and shut it off, keep the door open to release the remaining hot air into the kitchen. When you heat water, use a tea kettle or pot instead of the microwave oven, etc.

Generations before us took frugal advantage of the fact moist air retains heat. Stoves of yesteryear often had a pan of water to add moisture to the air. Today, a humidifier is often the choice to boost the effect of heating, which translates into lower fuel costs.

If you run a dishwasher you can add moist heat to the kitchen simply by shutting off the washer before the heated dry cycle and opening the door. As a bonus you’ll save energy and money by air drying the dishes.

Are you doing absolutely everything you can to save energy? For an instant energy assessment, visit www.energystar.gov The government sponsored site has lots of valuable advice and recommendations to help you cut down on heating costs.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Ideas for thanking your family



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JEFF BURDICK

It’s almost Thanksgiving. And although 2020 may have been a difficult year for you, as it has been for many people, you can probably still find things for which you can be thankful – such as your family. How can you show your appreciation for your loved ones?

Here are a few suggestions:

Invest in your children’s future. If you have young children – or even grandchildren – one of the greatest gifts you can give them is the gift of education. You may want to consider contributing to a higher education funding vehicle.

Be generous. Do you have older children, just starting out in life? If so, they could well use a financial gift to help pay off student loans, buy a car or even make a down payment on a home. You can give up to \$15,000 per year, per recipient, without incurring gift taxes. Of course, you don’t have to give cash – you might want to consider presenting your children with shares of stock in companies they like.

Review your insurance coverage. If you weren’t around, it would leave some gaping holes – financial and otherwise – in the lives of your family members. That’s why it’s essential you maintain adequate life insurance. Your employer might offer a group plan, but it may not be sufficient to meet your needs. There’s no magic formula for determining the right amount of coverage, so you’ll have to consider a variety of factors: your age, spouse’s income, number of children and so on. Also, you may want to consider disability insurance – if you were unable to work for a while, it could cause a real problem for your family’s finances.

Preserve your financial independence. When your children are young, you take care of them. But you certainly don’t want them to have to do the same for you – so it’s essential you maintain your financial independence throughout your life. You can do this in at least a couple of ways. First, consider investing regularly in your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts. The greater your resources during your retirement years, the less you may ever need to count on your family. And second, you may want to protect yourself from the devastating costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. A financial professional can suggest a strategy to help you cope with these expenses.

Create an estate plan. To leave a legacy to your family, you don’t have to be wealthy – but you do need a comprehensive estate plan. You’ll have to think through a lot of questions, such as: Have I named beneficiaries for all my assets? How much do I want to leave to each person? Do I need to go beyond a simple will to establish an arrangement such as a living trust? For help in answering all these issues, you’ll want to work with an attorney.

By making these moves, you can show your loved ones, in a tangible way, how much you value them – and that can help you keep the spirit of Thanksgiving alive all year long.

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A well trained dog makes for easier hunting



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A change in the warm weather to a bit more normal for this time of year has made all outdoor activities more comfortable, especially for hunters. Bird hunters have been doing very well in the valley. Watching a well trained dog point or flush a bird in a field is something only a hunter can appreciate. For the hunter that owns a good bird dog, he or she can get the most satisfaction from a hunt. A lot of hours training the dog has made the four legged family member enjoying the hunt as well.

This past week, this writer hunted the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club and brought along a young hunter hoping he could get a shot at a bird. Young Aiden loves dogs and was overjoyed when I asked him to handle my nine year old Lab “Twig” on the leash, as we walked along a road leading to some decent pheasant cover. Aiden is the grandson of Steve Rondeau who walked along with us as we followed Twig through the heavy cover. He was allowed to carry a 410 single shot shotgun and was kept in front of us as we navigated the underbrush. It was not long before “Twig” flushed a Cock Pheasant from the cover, and we told Aiden to shoot. As the young hunter put the sites of the 410 gun on the flushed bird, the shotgun discharged and the pheasant folded to



the ground. «Twig» was on the bird in seconds and did a great retrieve bringing the bird back to me. That was the highlight of the day for us. We headed back to the club to order breakfast and sat under the Pavilion at the club, to discuss the hunt and enjoy our food. This week’s second picture shows Aiden with his pheasant and this writers Lab, Twig! The club host youth hunts annually prior to the hunting season!

The hunt brought back many memories of my childhood, with a Daisy Red Rider BB gun my parents put under the Christmas tree for me when I was around 10 years old. It was the best Christmas present I received that year. I was allowed to take the gun outdoors on my own, after my dad told me about the dangers of the gun, and to never ever point the gun at anyone. “It is not a toy,” my dad stated numerous times. Fortunately, I never got into trouble with the gun. My dad was more of a fisherman than a hunter,

so we got to enjoy fishing on the Meadow Pond and numerous brooks, catching brook trout. Every year, he took time for us to go fishing for trout on opening day, at Prentice Brook and Johnsons Brook in Whitinsville.

When I became 15 years old, my Uncle the late Paul Hale purchased a H & R 12 gauge shotgun from Harrington & Richardson. Paul was employed at the H & R factory and was able to purchase the gun for very little money. The gun was a bolt action shotgun, with a clip to hold additional shotgun shells. It had a Polly choke that could change the discharged load from open to full. I had a lot of fun shooting ducks back then. As I got older, I purchased a new Browning 20 gauge automatic, from a gun shop in Douglas. I later purchased an Ithaca light weight 12 gauge shotgun, with two barrels. One for deer hunting and one for bird hunting. The 12 gauge Ithaca I now own was purchased at Sparky’s gun



shop in Webster which is now closed after his passing. It is a great gun and is used by my Granddaughter Andrea, for trap shooting on occasions.

As I was growing up, I can fondly remember all the good times I had hunting with our two sons David and Ralph, Jr.! It was a time that leaving a gun in my car or truck was permitted, without a trigger lock on. Pickup trucks often had a gun rack in the rear window with two guns left in the unlocked truck as hunters stopped to have breakfast or some other chores. It was a time when youngsters respected someone else’s property and were taught right from wrong. There are still a lot of great kids out there today.

Archers are harvesting some impressive deer locally and in neighboring states, as this week’s first picture shows. Numerous 10 and 12 point bucks weighing in at

over 200 lbs. dressed are being reported. It is hard to believe that Mass. is producing such impressive deer. It is normally a deer that comes from Maine or Canada, but they are being harvested here in new England. Shotgun season in Massachusetts starts Nov. 30. Are you ready?

We are in for a rough ride this winter because of the pandemic, and it will require all family members to use common sense, and to wear masks and practice social distancing. This is serious stuff!

Just a reminder that Wallum lake is open to fishing until the last day of February, as it is governed by Rhode Island regulations. Hopefully, there will be some ice this winter to do some ice fishing for some of the recently stocked trout.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending.

Midcentury glassware

Regular readers of this column know that “brown furniture,” glassware and china prices have dropped over the years. There are a few notable exceptions though, including many midcentury (1940s to 1960s or 1970s) glassware pieces.

Some kitchenware from the midcentury is collectible. Green “Jadeite” Fire King prices may have peaked when Martha Stewart displayed pieces in a cabinet behind her on her cooking show, but it still sells fairly well today. Five Fire King mixing bowls recently sold for \$70 at auction. A large 87-piece group of mixed dinnerware brought \$550. Pyrex kitchenware is also in demand. A pink one and a half quart divided covered casserole cooking dish recently sold for \$54. A set of nesting Pyrex mixing bowls in yellow, green, red and blue went for \$120 this month.

Midcentury modern art glass is also quite popular with collectors. When thinking of glass from this era, most people think of Murano (Venetian glass). It was popular in the 1960s but has a much longer history, dating all the way back to the 1200s. Venetian glass was in high production during the 15th and 16th centuries. Glassmaking in Murano declined in the 17th century, but it came back in the 19th century. During the 1920s, Murano produced art nouveau design glass. World War II saw production drop, but it came back strong again after the war.

Prices have increased for midcentury Murano glass. Glassware that may have sold at estate sales for anywhere from two bucks to \$10 in the 1990s may now bring 10 times those prices. For example, a Murano cockatoo recently sold for \$50 and two Murano “Aquarium bowls” by Alfredo Barbini, with fish designs on the bottom, sold for \$200 and \$250 this month.

Nordic countries also produced some quality art glass during this time. Gerda and Asta Stromberg made tall cylindrical “Sputnik” vases, along with other patterns for Strombergshyttan of Sweden. The well-known Swedish glassmaker Orrefors purchased Strombergshyttan in 1976. Riihimäki glass of Finland made colorful vases and other art glass objects during the 1960s. Many had a clear base with curves, creating the effect of multiple levels.

America also produced some quality midcentury art glass. Higgins glass designed what was called a “glass sandwich.” According to higginsglass.com: “on one piece of enamel-coated glass, a design is created, either drawn with colored enamels, or pieced with glass segments.” Another piece of enameled glass is placed on top of that. Blenko Glass created amberina glass (red and



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yellow colors merging) among many other patterns during the 1960s. Other companies like Heisey offered some modern design glassware as well.

Some midcentury glassware can fetch high prices at auction. A large 1940s-1950s Asta Stromberg Diamant (Diamond pattern) glass vase by Strombergshyttan sold for \$735 in a 2013 online auction. A “peacock” Blenko floor bottle brought \$2,100 at auction in 2016. A set of four Riihimäki glasses made by the artist Nanny Stil for the Riiimaen Lasi Oy company went for £4,000 (\$5,278 U.S.) in 2011. A 1960 Michael and Frances Higgins Rondelay screen with five rows each with five round pieces of glass and brass sold for \$13,000 in 2014. A 1960 Murano “Dorico Corniola” vase by Ercole Barovier, described in one auction catalog as “colourless glass with inclusions in carnelian, white, violet and colourless,” was auctioned for \$29,000 in 2013. Art glass has still been selling well more recently. A pair of Murano glass chandeliers sold for \$2,750 in late October. Despite the pandemic, there is still bottled up demand for high quality art glass.

We will be offering a large collection of antique and newer toys from one estate in several online auctions over the next few months, beginning with some die-cast cars. We also will be offering paintings by Fay Moore from her estate. Moore is well known for sporting scenes and horse racing paintings. I’ll provide additional updates in future columns.

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



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Friday's Child

Zayalani
Age 11

Hi! My name is Zayalani and I am very kind.

Zayalani, who likes to be called Zaya, is an affectionate and easy-going girl of Puerto Rican descent. She can be shy with new people, but once she opens up, she can connect well with others. Zaya is said to possess a caring heart and has a strong desire to help others. Some of her favorite activities include arts and crafts, listening to music, spending time outdoors, and spending time with her foster family.

At school, Zaya is receiving extra support, both academically and emotionally. She does very well with one-on-one attention and also gets along with her peers.

Legally freed for adoption, Zaya has the potential to thrive in a family that can provide her with nurturance and support. Her social worker believes that she will do well in a family with at least one mother and where she can be the only or youngest child in the home. Prospective families must be willing to help Zaya maintain her relationship with her sister and her biological father.

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 617-6273 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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Christmas is coming



Maureen Doyle and Jillian Ciapocha look over the last two planes that still need touch-ups.

SOUTHBRIDGE – With temperatures in the 70s, the last week or so has looked like anything but winter. But the town’s annual Holiday Visions effort to prepare for the coming of Santa was in full swing last weekend. Multiple volunteers came out with hammers and screw guns to set up the elves, trees, wreaths, dancers, candles and countless other creations that decorate Main Street and other parts of town Saturday and Sunday. While some observers didn’t quite get why it was happening so early (because to do it later risks running into cold and lousy weather), others expressed their appreciation as the “elves” did their work. As of now, the normal Tree Lighting parade and event, usually slated for the weekend after Thanksgiving, is still in limbo. Organizer and “Boss Elf Mom” (as her shirt on Saturday stated) Denise Clemence said it’s looking unlikely because of Covid-19. Either way, the decorations will be up until mid-January, at least.

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Kelly Spinelli, right, and Jillian Ciapocha stand up a couple of the figures at Town Hall late on Saturday.



Bob Clemence and Patrick Spinelli await their trees’ turn for placement at Dresser Park.

Dan Grabowski shows the spirit of those involved during a moment on the Town Hall lawn Saturday.



Jillian Ciapocha, left, selects a tree for use on Sunday morning.



Bill May orients an airplane at the Arts Center.



Patrick Spinelli and Bob Clemence eyeball how to attach “peace” to a big wreath.



Denise Clemence, Bill May and Patrick Spinelli team up to attach a star to a tree at Dresser Park.



Denise Clemence strings the “Happy holidays Southbridge” banner between airplanes on the Arts Center lawn.



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OBITUARIES

Joseph J. Bonnette, 103

WEBSTER - Joseph J. Bonnette, 103, of Webster; and formerly of Southbridge, passed away peacefully on November 9, 2020 following a brief period of declining health. He would have been 104 in April.



He was born in Southbridge, the son of Joseph H. and Georgianne (Castonguay) Bonnette. His wife, Rita, predeceased him in 1985, and his long-time companion, Claire Bazinet, in 2008. He was also predeceased by a granddaughter; Lisa Louise Caouette; 3 brothers, Paul, Armand, and Larry; and 4 sisters, Gertrude, Loretta,

Helen, and Yvonne. He leaves 2 daughters, Louise, and her husband, Richard Caouette, of Southbridge, and Lucille, and her husband, David Carter, of Smyrna, DE; 5 grandchildren, James Caouette and his companion, Kirstin Powers, of Southbridge, Daniel Caouette and his wife, Erica, of Sturbridge, Stephen J. Feige and his companion, Katherine Dahl, of Cambridge, Christine Denaker of Dayville, CT, and Matthew Carter of Seattle, WA. He also leaves 3 step-grandchildren, Cherie Carter and her fiancé, Jonathan Sweadner; of Walkinville, MD, David Carter and his wife, Lisette, of Oxford, MA, and Carrie Stacie and her husband, Eric, of Lugoff, SC; and 7 great-grandchil-

dren, Teagan, Carson, and Leeanna Caouette, Olivia, Colin, and Austin Denaker, and Adisyn Makara. He also leaves several step great-grandchildren. To all of them, he was affectionally called “PEP”. He also leaves one Godchild, Alice Ravenelle, of Southbridge; and several nieces and nephews; and many friends. Mr. Bonnette retired in 1981 as an export supervisor at American Optical Co. in Southbridge, where he worked for 48 years. He was a Quarter Century member; and at age 100, was the oldest active member of the Southbridge Senior Bowling League. In younger years, he enjoyed sailing,

water and snow skiing, hunting, fishing, playing pool, and golf. Most of all, he enjoyed time spent with his family. He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish in Webster. A calling hour was held on November 14, 2020, at Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA, from 8:30-9:30AM. A Graveside Funeral Service followed at 10AM at New Notre Dame Cemetery, N. Woodstock Road, Southbridge. Donations in his memory can be made to Sacred Heart Parish, 14 E. Main Street, Webster, MA 01570, or St. John Paul II Parish, 279 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Select the right tool for the pruning task

Deadheading, trimming, and pruning are part of growing and maintaining a beautiful and productive garden and landscape. Make sure you are outfitted with the right tool for the job. Matching the tool to the pruning task will help ensure a proper cut, reduce hand fatigue, and allow you to work longer.



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the tip of your middle finger. A pruner rated for half inch cuts is a good match for those with small hands less than 3 1/2” wide and 6 ¼” high. If your hands measure three and a half to four inches wide six and a half to eight inches high, you may want to purchase a three-quarter-inch pruner. Those with larger hands should do fine with a one-inch hand-held pruner.

Since most pruning cuts in the garden and landscape are between a quarter and three quarters of an inch, a bypass hand pruner is a must. These pruners have two sharp blades like scissors, making a clean cut that closes quickly. This helps reduce the risk of insects and disease moving in and harming your plants.

Avoid hand-held pruners that are too heavy or open too wide for your hand size. Those with a spring action return help reduce hand fatigue as long as the opening matches the size of your hand. Make sure the pruner does not open wider than your hand can easily grip. Select a tool that fits in your hand, is comfortable, has an ergonomic grip and is easy to control.

Matching your pruner to your hand size is as important as matching it to the cutting job. Opting for an oversized pruner to make larger cuts can lead to hand fatigue, frustration, and improper cuts. Measure the width across the palm of your hand at the base of your fingers. Next, measure the height from the middle of the base of your hand to

But size is just one factor to consider. Hand strength also influences the diameter of the stems you will be able to cut. Just because a tool is rated for three quarters of an inch doesn’t mean everyone will be able to apply the needed pressure to make such a large cut. Invest in tools with compound levers or ratchets when you need a mechanical advantage to make cutting easier. When the job is too big for you or the tool, select one better suited to the task. Employ a bypass lopper like Corona Tool’s ComfortGel SL 3164D with tactile handles. Loppers have long handles that give you greater leverage and extend your reach. This extra reach makes it easier to prune all parts of small trees, shrubs, and roses. Invest in a foldable pruning RazorTOOTH Saw (coronatoolsusa.com) with a pull stroke cutting action and ergonomic handle. You’ll be able to make cuts fast and easy and minimize hand fatigue. Foldable saws allow



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The FlexDial bypass pruner allows you to adjust the grip to fit the size of your hand, reducing fatigue when making repetitive cuts.

you to tuck the blade into the handle for safekeeping and reduce storage space. Saws are useful tools for cutting larger branches on trees and shrubs that you can safely prune. Although I am a certified arborist, I only prune small trees and shrubs. I save big tree work for my colleagues that climb, have the equipment and training to do the job safely.

Melinda Myers has written numerous books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything”* DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise to write this article. Myers’ Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Bay Path PN student is new Nursing Administrative Coordinator

WORCESTER — Brianna Laforest of Webster, has been promoted to Nursing Administrative Coordinator at the UMass Memorial Medical Center. Laforest completed her first week of training and states “the new job is going well!” She is at a new department and relishes getting things up and running. She stated, “Last week, I rounded with the nursing supervisors at University Campus and will round with the nursing supervisors at the memorial campus this week.” Part of her job is seeing what the needs are for staff depending on patient acuity level. Laforest adds “Although I have worked there forever it is nice to go around and see how all the different units run and what each floor’s specialty

is, and how that affects their staffing numbers.” Laforest is a member of the PN Class of 2021 at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy where she was voted one of the Class Representatives. She is praised for her ability to build strong relationships quickly, which is key in her role as class representative and in her new position as the Nursing Administrative Coordinator. She has been with UMass Memorial since 2004 initially as a Food Service Worker then Patient Care Attendant (PCA, 2006-2014), and advanced to PCA1, PCA2 further into being the medical secretary. She worked closely with physicians and nurses to ensure patients tests are processed and completed in a timely manner. She stated, “I have been working in the medical field

since I was 17-years old. Through working at UMass for the past 15 years I have learned how to work with people in (all) different types of mental and physical states in a safe and proficient manner. . I have taken strides . . . trying to find a balance between my love for healthcare. . . I love to work with people and help them in any means possible.” Laforest received an associate degree in science major in criminal justice from Quinsigamond Community College, graduating with honors in 2014. She is on track to complete her practical nursing education at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy on June 18, 2021. She holds a law enforcement certificate, is Dementia Care Certified, and BLS/HCP CPR Certified.



Brianna Laforest

Snow days becoming remote learning days

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – Winter is upon us, and with that, school districts are planning for the possibility of poor weather and snow days that could further complicate a school year altered by the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to be proactive, the Dudley Charlton Regional School District has implemented a plan of action that will see snow days become at-home learning days. During a meeting in late October, Superintendent Steven Lamarche discussed the district’s plan of action for snow and weather-related closures

revealing that the board had made the decision to voluntarily adjust its protocols to call for at-home learning rather than taking the customary snow days when students are unable to be at the building in person due to weather. This approach will allow the district to fulfill its commitments to a certain number of learning days per year preventing the district from extending the year further into June in 2021. “Our current plan is to call a remote learning day for a weather-related closure unless we have a declared state of emergency or widespread power outages. Those are things we would have to monitor,” said Lamarche. School Committee chair Kenneth

Laferriere agreed with the approach saying it would help the district remain committed to its obligation to the students by utilizing a format already employed to help work under the COVID-19 pandemic. “I think it makes sense to do a remote day rather than having to make up a day. That’s just my opinion. I think if we’ve got the ability to do it let’s just keep the day and keep the school year moving along,” Laferriere said. “I think it makes sense the way the administration is doing it.” Snow day closures are decided in the early morning hours through discussions with district personnel, law enforcement and local public works.

Once a closure is determined the district reaches out to as many outlets as possible including news channels and on social media to inform parents of the situation. Lamarche said they also want to think ahead and if a snow day or weather situation is anticipated they plan to work with teachers to keep them informed and prepared. “I think any day that we would contemplate some type of a closure for a weather event there needs to be some type of communication for what that day may look like,” said Lamarche.

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Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Southwest, N.A. f/k/a Wachovia Mortgage, F.S.B. f/k/a World Savings Bank, F.S.B. to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust, recorded on October 3, 2019, in Book No. 61174, at Page 64 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on December 4, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 51 Fiske Hill Road, Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
The land in Sturbridge with buildings thereon lying on the westerly side of Fiske Hill Road, described as follows: Beginning at an Iron pipe at the northwesterly corner of the land to be conveyed at the intersection of the southeasterly corner of the land now or formerly of Stanley C. Knight, and the westerly line of said road as laid out in 1938 by the county Engineers; THENCE S. 63 degrees W. by said Knight land, two hundred twelve (212) feet more or less to an iron pin in the ground: THENCE S. 27 degrees E. by land now or formerly of A. Turner Wells passing through an iron pipe to a second iron pipe in the ground two hundred eight and 7/10 (208.7) feet; THENCE N. 63 degrees E. by land now or formerly of John Crawford approximately two hundred twelve (212) feet passing through an iron pipe to said westerly line of said road; THENCE along the westerly line of said road two hundred eight and 7/10 (208.7) feet to the point of beginning. Containing approximately one acre of land. more or less, and being that same parcel described as Tract I in a deed to Phyllis E. Williams by Worcester County National Bank, Executor of the Will of Edward E. Williams, date March 26, 1970 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 5021, Page 172. Being the same parcel conveyed to Robert Ohlund and Susan Ohlund from Robert J. Whippie Executor of the Estate of Phillis E. Williams, by virtue of a deed 02/28/1993, recorded date 3/30/1993, Deed Book 16165, Page 225 in the county of Worcester, Massachusetts.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16165, Page 225.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage

shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458

(617)558-0500

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November 5, 2020

November 19, 2020

November 19, 2020

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE PUBLIC HEARING TAX CLASSIFICATION

A public hearing will be held by the Town Council on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. by Remote Access only. Please refer to the Town's website page for remote participation information and log in.

This public hearing will be held pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 56 on the adoption of a residential factor for tax purposes and the adoption of percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

Any person wishing to speak will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Please see the GoToMeeting ID below and call in information to participate, Remote Participation - Tax Rate Classification Public Hearing

Mon, Nov 30, 2020 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM (EST)

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TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

Michael McCall

Town Manager

November 12, 2020

November 19, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING

Notification is hereby given that an application has been filed by Brush it Off, LLC for an On-Premise Wine & Malt License and a Location Change for the premises located at 559 Main Street, Suite 206-207, Fiskdale, MA 01518 to 559 Main Street, Suite 104, Fiskdale, MA 01518 with the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen. In accordance with MGL Ch. 138, a public hearing will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This hearing will be held virtually. The Sturbridge Board of Selectmen elect, consistent with Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, 20", to hold the Public Hearing virtually. Details regarding how to virtually access a meeting can be found here: <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>

November 19, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608

(508) 831-2200

Docket No. WO20P318EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Estate of:

Mary T. Campbell

Date of Death: 08/24/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph C. Campbell of Danielson CT**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Joseph C. Campbell of Danielson CT**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/05/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

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

Date: November 03, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

November 19, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Worcester Probate and Family Court

225 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608

Docket No. WO20P3105GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF

PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF

GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED

PERSON PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of:

David L Laliberte

Of: Sturbridge, MA

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Megan Lyons of Worcester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **David L Laliberte** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that a suitable person be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **12/01/2020.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Date: November 03, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

November 19, 2019

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

The Sturbridge Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40, and the Town of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaws, will hold the following

virtual Public Hearing relating to work within a wetland, waterbody, or resource area and/or within the 200-foot buffer zone to a wetland, waterbody, or resource area on November 17, 2020 at 6:15 PM.

This Public Hearing is in regards to a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by K. St. Laurent, Applicant; for a retaining wall repair located at 118 Paradise Lane, Sturbridge, MA. The Sturbridge Conservation Commission elect, consistent with Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20", to hold the public hearing virtually. Details regarding how to virtually access a meeting can be found here: <https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>. For those unable to participate virtually, written comments will be accepted in advance of the public hearing.

A copy of the site plan and application can be inspected on the Sturbridge Town Website at

<https://www.sturbridge.gov/conservation-commission/pages/recent-filings> or arrangements can be made to view the application packet by contacting the Sturbridge Conservation Department at (508)347-2506 or by email at ecarson@sturbridge.gov. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this petition should appear virtually at the time and place designated. Submitted by: Ed Goodwin, Chairman STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 19, 2020

TOWN OF STURBRIDGE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

The Sturbridge Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40, and the Town of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaws, will hold the following virtual Public Hearing relating to work within a wetland, waterbody, or resource area and/or within the 200-foot buffer zone to a wetland, waterbody, or resource area on December 1, 2020 at 6:15 PM.

This Public Hearing is in regards to a Request for Determination of Applicability submitted by S. Morrison, Applicant; for determination that no jurisdictional wetland exists within 200 feet of 195, 197, 201, 201A Charlton Road Sturbridge, MA.

The Sturbridge Conservation Commission elect, consistent with Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20", to hold the public hearing virtually. Details regarding how to virtually access a meeting can be found here:

<https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>. For those unable to participate virtually, written comments will be accepted in advance of the public hearing.

A copy of the site plan and application can be inspected on the Sturbridge Town Website at

<https://www.sturbridge.gov/conservation-commission/pages/recent-filings> or arrangements can be made to view the application packet by contacting the Sturbridge Conservation Department at (508)347-2506 or by email at ecarson@sturbridge.gov. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this petition should appear virtually at the time and place designated.

Submitted by: Ed Goodwin, Chairman STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

November 19, 2020

TOWN OF HOLLAND

HOLLAND ZONING

BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Town of Holland Regulations of the Zoning Bylaws, a public hearing will be held by the Holland Zoning Board of Appeals for review of a Special Permit Application filed by Green Hill Engineering on behalf of Timothy & Carole Hanlon for the project located at 26 Craig Road, Holland, MA for demolishing and rebuilding an existing structure.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 27 Sturbridge Road.

November 19, 2020





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WEBSTER – 9 Lake Parkway! Newly Remodeled 6 Rm Cape Conveniently Located! 3 Bdrms & 1.5 Baths! New Granite Kit w/SS Appliances, Siding, Gutters, Windows, Ext Doors, Oil Tank, 1/2 Bath, Plumbing, Electrical, Lighting! Oak Hrdwds! Recent Steam Boiler & Roof! Enclosed Porch! Deck! Garage w/ Opener! Private Back Yard! **\$279,900.00**

DOUGLAS – 102 SE Main St! Start Packing! Spacious 9 Rm Colonial! 2.23 Acres! Center Island Granite Kit w/Soft Close Cabs, SS Appliances! Slider to 24' Deck! Open Floor Plan! Hickory Wood Floors throughout the Kit, Din & Liv Rms, all w/Recessed Lighting! 1st Flr Office or Possible 4th Bdrm w/Oak Hrdwd Flr! Full Bath in the Hall! 2nd Flr w/Full Dble Vanity Bthrm & 3 Comfortable Bdrms, all w/Beautiful Wood Laminate! 1st Master w/Cathedral Ceiling, Skylight, Ceiling Fan, Bay Window overlooking the Back Yard and a Master Bath! Lower Level w/2 Finished Rms, Utility Rm w/Laundry and Half Bath! 3.5 Baths Total! Recent C/Air, Heat & Roof! 24x26 2 Car Detached Garage! Huge Shed! Nearby Nature Trails & Walum Lake Beach! **\$379,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 112 Gore Rd! **NORTH POND!** Sucker Brook Cove! 8 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath Ranch is Ready for You! Southwestern Exposure! Gorgeous Sunsets! Unique Waterfront! An Open Floor Plan! Lake Views from Nearly All Rooms! 2x6 Construction! Energy Efficient Blinds in Every Room! 4 Oil Tanks - Fill Up Once a Year! C/Air! Gas Fireplace! Whole House Fan! Meticulously Cared For! Large workshop! 3 Car Garage! Carport! 2 Sheds w/Electric! Back Yard is Perfect for Family Gatherings! Plenty of Off Street Parking! Summer is Here! **\$539,900.00**

HOLDEN – 315 Holden St! 6 Rm Ranch! Meticulously Maintained! 2 Spacious Bdrms, Full Tiled Bath & 1 Car Garage! Move In Ready! Granite Oak Cabinet Kit w/Tiled Back Splash & JennAir Stove! Frplc Liv Rm! Fam Rm! Gleaming Hrdwds! Perfect Yard w/Major Landscaping this Year! New Roof 2019! **\$344,900.00**

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GRAFTON – 168 Brigham Hill Rd! 8 Rm Garrison Colonial set on 1.3Acres! 4 Comfortable Bdrms & 2 Full Bthrms! Freshly Painted, Floors Recently Refinished! Spacious Kit w/Lunch Counter! SS Appliances w/Gas Cook-Top! Grand Dining Rm for Family Gatherings! 19x26 Living Rm w/Pellet Stove! Master Bdrm w/Dble Closets & Hot Tub! Bright & Airy Mudroom out to the 2 Car Garage! Furnace & Hot Water Tank 5 Years Young! Radon tested at 2.5! Newer Roof on Garage & Breezeway! New Well Water Tank Installed! Title V in-hand! Property Abuts Grafton Land Trust - Hiking Trails Right Out Your Back Door! Convenient to Routes 90, 9 & 20! Immediate Occupancy! **\$449,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE – 62 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 51' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic Panoramic Lake Views! 11 Rms, 6 Bdrms, 4 Bathrooms, 3,269' AC'd Colonial! Custom SS Appliance Granite Kit! Formal Din Rm w/ Cherry Hrdwds! Lake Facing Liv Rm w/Cathedrals, Cherry Hrdwds! Slider to Waterfront Deck! Spacious 1st Flr Master Bdrm w/Full Bath, Cherry Hrdwds & Walk-in Closet! Frplcd Lower Level Fam Rm! 1st & 2nd Flr Laundries! 2 Car Garage! **\$949,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 11 Bay View Rd! One of the Lake's Premier Properties! 9,822' of Nice! .68 Acres of Park Like Grounds! 297' Waterfront! \$4 Million Spent, Nothing Spared! 17 Rms! 5 Water View Bdrms, 5.5 Bathrms! Brazilian Cherry Hrdwd Flrs, Grand & Spiral Stairways! Elevator, Ground Flr to Master Suite! In-door Resistance Swimming Pool, Hot Tub & Bthrm w/Steam Shower off Exercise Rm! Billiard Rm! Media Rm! Center Isl Granite Kit w/Viking Gas Range, Sub-Zero Frig, Pantry & Breakfast Bar! Open Flr Plan! Din Area, Fam Rm w/Entertainment Center w/Wet Bar! Formal Din Rm, Frplc Liv Rm & Atrium! Library w/Deck! Waterfront Master Suite w/Office, Bdrm w/Triple Glass Dr to Private Deck w/Lake Views, 3 Walk-in Closets, Bathrm w/Multi-Head Shower, Whirlpool, Dble Vanity, Separate Commode/Bidet/Sink Area! 16 Z's of Upated Geothermal Heat/A/C! Recessed Lights & Fire Sprinklers Through Out! 3 Car Garage! Generator! Slate Roof! Reward Yourself! **\$2,499,900.00**



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DUDLEY - 22 ROBERTS ROAD



Lovely 3 bedroom Ranch! Single door 2 car garage with storage! Eat-in kitchen. Fieldstone Fireplaced Living Room! 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors, Remodeled bathroom! Lower Level fieldstone walls/ fireplace! In-ground pool! Recent Boiler, NEWPRO windows, roof, leaf gutters, pool liner! land - 3.58 ACRES includes extra Lot **\$312,000.**

June Cazeault * Laurie Sullivan * Matthew Ross * Lori Johnson-Chausse * William Gilmore II * Brian Bohenko

WOODSTOCK CT - 110 JOY RD



Quisential Woodstock Farmhouse w/Spectacular views of Pond. Detached Studio Building! 2.5 Acres. Prof. Landscaped. 5 Bedrooms. Fireplaced Dining, library/Music room. Master Bedroom, 2 Full Baths! Renovated Kitchen. Upstairs, 4 Bedrooms w/Full Bath. **New Price \$399,900.**

WEBSTER - 21 3RD STREET UNIT: B



ON DEPOSIT

Condominium - Living leisurely! 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath (including master suite) home. Freshly painted! Recessed lighting, gas fireplace, and sliding doors, to beautiful balcony. Walkout basement! built-in outdoor grilling spot. Easy access to 1395. **\$224,900**

WEBSTER - 195-199 THOMPSON RD



3 ACRE COMMERCIAL SITE! APPROX. 550 FT ROAD FRONT-AGE ON STATE HIGHWAY RTE 193 AKA THOMPSON ROAD. STRATEGICALLY NESTLED BETWEEN TWO (2) I-395 (NORTH & SOUTH) ON-RAMPS & TWO (2) I-395 (NORTH & SOUTH) OFF-RAMPS! PROPERTY DIRECTLY ABUTS I-395! 48'X80' CONCRETE BLOCK BUILDING, 7,680 SF TOTAL! FULL LOWER LEVEL USE & DRIVE IN GARAGE DOOR! HIGH TRAFFIC - HIGH EXPOSURE! WHAT DO YOU HAVE PLANNED?! **\$600,000.**

WEBSTER - 103 UPPER GORE RD



ON DEPOSIT

Lake! Main level has 3 Bedrooms, Kitchen, Dining Rm, Common Bathrm, Master Bedroom & Master Bath - Fireplaced Living Room! Finished Lower Level, 1/2 Bath, Laundry, Large room w/Pellet Stove & Direct Garage Access! Tiered deck, w/Screened porch, leads directly to your "Salt water" Inground Pool! **\$319,900.**

LAND WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

Oxford - 4 Leisester St - Approx. 8.47 ACRES! River Frontage Possible to be Subdivided! **\$99,900**

Webster - Upper Gore w/View of the Lake! 1+ Acre! Artesian Well, Septic Design & Conservation - DONE. **NEW PRICE \$115,000.**

Webster - Cooper Road 2 Buildable Lots! Water & Sewer Access. Zoned Lake Res! **Each \$24,500.**

Douglas-Mount Daniels 2.5 Acres abuts Douglas State Forest! **ON DEPOSIT! \$132,900**

Dudley - Marshall Terrace 12,000+- Sq Ft Lot! Potential for a 2 Family! **SORRY SOLD! \$70,000.**

Dudley - Packard Dr. 2 Lots! Very Private! off Ridge Dr. Will not last! **SORRY SOLD! \$50,000**

OXFORD - 4 SPICEBUSH LANE



SORRY, SOLD!

One level living with added 35 x 18 finished walk-out lower level. Cathedral ceilings, skylight dining, hard-wood flooring and central air. Stainless appliances w/large double oven. Over-sized 30 x 14 deck, quiet cul-de-sac! **New Price \$314,900.**

SOUTHBIDGE - 14 SERVANT WAY



SORRY, SOLD!

Young ranch with heated 2 car garage, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Efficient Propane heat, central air! Open floor plan! gas fireplace! Master Suite w/bathroom, Master California Closet! assisted sale **\$279,900.**

OXFORD - 115 CHARLTON ROAD



SORRY, SOLD!

Beautiful home set back off road providing privacy and oversized yard. Kitchen w/granite counters & abundance of cabinets. Cathedral ceilings kitchen, dining and living room. Open floor plan! large deck with large backyard through sliders in dining room. Hardwood floors! Tile baths. Master bedroom/master bath! Finished walkout lower level w/br! 2 car garage. Extras: above ground pool! **\$369,900.**

WEBSTER - 20 KINGSBURY



SORRY, SOLD!

NEW TO THE MARKET! Custom Sprawling Split 2800+ SF! Central Air! Kitchen, Dining Room, Cathedral Ceiling Living Room, 3 Bedrooms! Granite Counters & New Flooring! New Boiler - Hot Water Tank - Oil Tank! FULL finished Lower Level w/ Full Bath & Laundry! THERE'S MORE! 2 Car Garage, **new to include Hydro Heat, AC & 1/2 Bath!** Great for Fitness Studio, Game Room or Home School! Over 1.4 Acres! **\$360,000.**

WEBSTER - 52 CUDWORTH ROAD



SORRY, SOLD!

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WEBSTER LAKE - 100 LAKESIDE AVE



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WEBSTER LAKE! PANORAMIC VIEWS! BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS! Extraordinary Waterfront Contemporary! Architect designed with Lake Living in mind. Custom Built with Attention to High Quality & Detail. Outstanding open concept, water view from almost every room. Nicely situated on a .25 acre level peninsula, 180'+- prime lake frontage! Enhanced by a all natural shoreline! All you need to live is located on the 1st floor. Grand 2 story foyer, cozy fireplace living room, gourmet kitchen, lake facing dining , formal dining room, media room & spacious 1st floor guest BR Suite w/ private bath. Incredible 2nd floor fireplace lake-facing corner master suite w/luxurious private bath, 3 more 2nd floor BRs & full bath! Something Special! Remember, Timing Is Everything **\$1,075,000.**

LAKE SHIRLEY - 647 RESERVOIR RD



SORRY, SOLD!

Lakefront! Lake Shirley! Modern Flare on a Lakefront Colonial! 1st level Formal large entry foyer, living room, gas fireplace, chef kitchen, Impala black granite, center island, 3 season porch, overlooking the lake. 1st FL bedroom suite w/ shower and jacuzzi tub. 2nd floor Master Suite! Lower level Summer kitchen, full bath, game room. Crown molding & hardwood floors throughout, wired sound system, radiant floors. oversize 2 car garage. Additional Guest House! assisted sale **\$1,040,000.**

TCA

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PATTON

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Meadows management team, he is an advisor to the Patton Veterans Project, founded in 2012 by his brother Benjamin Patton to help veterans and their families cope with post-deployment issues of PTSD and social isolation.

Patton co-founded the Fairfield County Youth Football League in Connecticut in 2003 and spearheaded a \$1.2 million project to build multi-use turf athletic fields for youth sports programs in Darien, Conn. in 2008. Patton holds degrees in literature and journalism from Brown University and Northwestern University.

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Masons honor service of longtime Deputy Grand Master

AUBURN — On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) of the 24th Masonic District, Right Worshipful (RW) James J. Gonyea, had his last official meeting at the Joel H. Prouty Masonic Lodge in Auburn. Due to the new Covid-19 restrictions recently enacted by our Gov. Charlie Baker and rising infection cases in Massachusetts, there is a gathering limitation of who could attend inside the lodge.

The new DDGM holds this position for two years. A new DDGM is then elected from the Grand Masonic Lodge, located in Boston. RW. Gonyea was responsible for seven lodges in his district which included Auburn, Charlton, Douglas, Oxford, Southbridge, Webster, and Uxbridge. There are

hundreds of Brethren that he gets to meet and know very well. Usually at these last official visits of his term, the Lodge holding this meeting are filled of Master Masons who want to show their respect and gratitude for his service.

Wor. Chris Kanz, from the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge located in Southbridge, wanted to give DDGM Gonyea a proper send off. His last official visit are a highlight of the 2 years of personal sacrifice and dedication given to his district. Wor. Kanz sent out an email to all the lodges in the district. Whoever could attend to meet at 8pm, in the rear parking lot of the lodge, all were invited to cheer on DDGM Gonyea as he left the building for the last time. All Covid-19 mask wearing, and social distancing guide-

lines was observed while waiting in the parking lot. The meeting ended at 9pm and DDGM Gonyea exited the building. He was stunned, shocked, surprised, and amazed to see about 20 brethren waiting outside, representatives of all 7 lodges waiting in the parking lot clapping and cheering him on. The look on his face was priceless. He had a hard time speaking at first and was all choked up and very emotional.

This is what Freemasonry is all about. The comradery and friendships you build as a Master Mason will last the rest of your life. If you would like additional information about what we are all about go to askafreemason.org and read about Freemasonry. You can also find a Masonic Lodge located near you.



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24th District Deputy Grand Master RW. James J. Gonyea, all choked up, composing himself after he was giving a little homemade wooden box with the masonic symbol on it filled with thank you cards written out from all the brethren waiting for him in the parking lot.

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