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Academy gives students a chance to learn about system



Courtesy photo
MA State Police Detective Captain Dowd Addresses Northbridge Law and Justice Academy Students

To make Northbridge students college and career ready, the Justice Academy has continued to offer real-life experiences and access to working professionals in our criminal justice system. This year, Law and Justice Academy students have already observed the proceedings at the Uxbridge Courthouse on Nov. 7, as they've done on field trips for the last four years. And, Lieutenant Labrie of the Northbridge Police Department gave a talk on criminal law and policing on Nov. 3 to the law classes, as he's done for every law class for the last eight years or so.

Massachusetts State Police Captain Dowd addressed Mr. Finkel's law classes, as well as Justice Academy students. Captain Dowd told students what is required to become a state police officer, outlined his career path, and relayed several exciting anecdotes about his

job.

To become a Massachusetts State Police officer, of which there are currently about 2,100 active troopers, Captain Dowd indicated that you must take a civil service test, pass a psychological exam, pass a background check, complete a physical, and then complete 25 weeks of training at the academy. The academy courses include training in driving, self-defense, firearms, commanding a situation, handling stress, developing a command presence, drill and ceremony, and so on. Dowd stated that the state police is a paramilitary organization, and the training is done with a drill sergeant often in your face, yelling at you, inducing stress, just to teach you how to react with composure.

After that, students learned that state troop-

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Animal Disaster Team helps hurricane relief effort in 2017

The Central Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team, Inc. participated in the 2017 relief effort to aid animals, pet owners, and rescue organizations during a most unprecedented year of hurricanes and other animal-related incidents.

The 2017 hurricane season was powerful, destructive, unforgiving, and widely impactful. From strong winds to heavy rain, powerful storm surge, and tornadoes; hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria totaled damage costs in the order of hundreds of billions of dollars and will leave scars in the places they impacted for decades. Many animals perished in the hurricanes. Some were wandering strays with no owners, some separated from their owners, and unfortunately some were for varied reasons left behind without proper safety or care.

Over a period from June through December, CMDART

team members were aiding the response and recovery effort from New Hampshire to Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico. From June into the fall, several team members assisted the Humane Society of the United States with emergency animal sheltering in the care of several Great Danes in New Hampshire. In September, team members responded with various organizations, including the American Red Cross and others to aid human and animal hurricane relief efforts in Texas following Hurricane Harvey.

"While it was hard to find the beauty in such destruction, there was a blessing that came from the response efforts," said JoAnn Griffin, president of the Central Mass Disaster Animal Response team. "While we have helped with emergency animal sheltering for hurricanes, tornadoes, and ice storms in Central Mass, the



Courtesy photos
Rescued pets in a safe zone during the Houston hurricane.

Dog Training of Franklin to send tractor trailer loads of pet goods to needy pet owners in the rural areas of Houston and elsewhere. Many of the animal organizations present at Pet Rock contributed to the collection of goods.

"This year, animal advocates everywhere were largely concerned and focused on the series of natural disasters that were occurring, and putting our animals in harm's way," said Charlene Arsenault and Jeannie Hebert, co-founders of Pet Rock Fest, Inc. "The timing of the annual festival was opportune to provide a platform to gather donations to be sent to Puerto Rico, Texas and others affected by disas-

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UDTC poised with exciting 2018 candidates

The Uxbridge Democratic Town Committee will hold its first of the year monthly meeting at Uxbridge Lower Town Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17. The Committee will be greeted by Jimmy Tingle who has announced his 2018

candidacy for LT. Governor of Massachusetts.

He might be more well known as a comedian, but he is no stranger to politics. As stated by the Boston Globe, "Though Jimmy Tingle has long made biting political humor a staple of his stand-up routines, he insists his dive

into Massachusetts politics is anything but comic relief. The Cambridge-born comedian and social activist, who returned to school and earned a master's degree from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, raised eyebrows with his recent announcement that he would

run for lieutenant governor, a job with limited visibility and few official responsibilities."

"Initially a lot of people might think it's a joke or whatever, but I'm serious," Tingle, a Democrat, said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Tingle, age 62, said running

for office was a decision long in the making and not an effort to start a trend with other comics.

"I've been doing social and political humor for 30 years," he explained. "I'd like to go to the next level and see if I can actually be involved and

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Deborah Wheelock DAR honors Good Citizens



Courtesy photo
Pictured (L-R) are: Diane McKeon, DAR Good Citizen Chairman, Cassandra Lobe, Owen Lucas, Sarah Douglas, and Jane F. Keegan, Regent, Deborah Wheelock Chapter, DAR.

Bedecked for the holiday season on Friday, Dec. 15 the Deborah Wheelock Chapter DAR welcomed three area high school seniors as the Class of 2018 Good Citizens. Elected by their peers, only one student in each graduating class can be named a 'good citizen'. This pres-

tigious national award dates to 1934, and each recipient personifies the qualities of dependability, leadership, service and patriotism.

Chapter members and student family mem-

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THIS K9 IS A KEEPER

Courtesy photo

The Uxbridge K9 unit, Officer Thomas B. Stockwell Jr. and K9 Bear, joined the Blessing of the Animals ceremony at St. Gabriel's Church in Upton. Bear was blessed by Father Larry, as they both seem quite intent on one another.

BLACKSTONE BRIEFS

PORK ROAST DINNER

St. Peter’s Parish in Northbridge will be hosting a Pork Roast dinner that will help fund the Mission Trips for our High School & Middle School kids in July 2018. The dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th starting at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10 adults/\$8.50 seniors and kids ages 4-12/ \$35 per family. Bring your family for a wonderful meal and meet some new friends! Tickets for the dinner must be purchased in advanced. Please call 508-234-6355 to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.

NEW TRIP ADDED

Saturday, March 17, The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center is taking a trip to Waltham to the Reagle Players Irish Show. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon with lunch at the 99 Restaurant and the show “ A Little Bit of Ireland”! There will be a choice of baked scrod or broiled sirloin. All the meals include salad, vegetable, potato, coffee, tea, and dessert. Then it’s off to the Waltham High School’s beautiful auditorium for the fabulous Irish show! This is the same theatre where they do the Christmas show and the seats are all good! The impressive revue of uniquely Irish entertainment offers something for everyone, from classic step dancing to pub music, lullabies, standards, reels, jigs, comedy and a magnificent troupe of harpists. Come and enjoy the music and dance of Ireland on St. Patrick’s Day itself! You’ll be singing all the way home! \$84 per person, leaves from the Whitinsville Walmart at 9:30 a.m. Call Sue at (508) 476-5820 for more information.



Car Buying Tips

Customers ask place: When is the best time to buy a Car or Truck?
The RIGHT answer: (Part 2) There are some times of the year that seem better than others. I already spoke about the end of the year. Another good time is toward the end of winter going into spring. We all know about the Presidents Day sales in February. Customers, dealers and manufacturers all are beginning to feel a little stir crazy from the long cold days of January and early February. As this holiday comes along there is a bit more excitement and a strong desire on the dealer and manufacturer to get selling for the spring and summer markets. Usually this is also a time in which the

manufacturers step up their advertising and incentives to support this goal. The model year changeover is a good time to buy. This is normally the September, October time frame. Incentives on the current model year are usually strong and inventories are still pretty good as the new model year is beginning to show up. Dealers will be making room for the next years vehicles and starting to trim inventories approaching the year end and holiday seasons. At Place Motor we will always do our best to save our customers as much as possible whenever you decide to buy. We will lay out all your options for you to see and make your best decision. We want the time you choose to be the right time to buy your new car or truck.

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United States Coast Guard Machinery Technician 3rd Class Cody Thomast Stockwell was recognized by Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Steven S. Giordano for earning the honor of Sailor of the Quarter. While at Unitas, Peru the Master Chief boarded the Coast Guard cutter Escanaba and presented Stockwell with a commemorative coin. Stockwell is stationed at Coast Guard base Boston and is the son of Thomas and Crystal Stockwell of Uxbridge.

McNamee complete certificate training

BELMONT — The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions announced it has awarded Barbara McNamee, associated with the Northbridge Conservation Commission, a certificate of achievement for successfully completing eight units of MACC’s Fundamentals for Conservation Commissioners certificate training program.
The fundamentals program provides conservation commissioners and others with the basic knowledge and practical tools essential to carrying out many responsibilities of administering the Wetlands Protection Act and for open space planning and protection. Such training promotes sound, consistent, fact based decision making, and builds respect for commission determinations. The MACC training program is the only comprehensive program offered to those involed with the Wetlands Protection Act and open space planning.
By earning her certificate, McNamee has shown dedication to the good work of the conservation commission to protect our natural resources for current, and future, generations.
MACC is a nonprofit environmental organization founded in 1961 to support, educate, and advocate on behalf of conservation commissions. MACC works for strong, workable, science based laws and regulations regarding wetlands, other water resources, open space, and biological resources. MACC offers educational programs throughout the state. For information call (617) 489-3930 or visit www.maccweb.org.

Women’s Bible Study begins work with 1 John

Coffee Break, a non-denominational community Bible study for women, will begin its winter-spring season with a study of 1 John.
The apostle John wrote this letter to the early churches in Asia (present day Turkey). If you’re the type of person who longs for the assurance of salvation, this study is for you! If you want to know God more intimately, and learn about putting love into action, 1 John speaks to that as well.
Refreshments and quality child care are provided — with a loving nursery for infants up to age 2 and a story hour that your 3- to 5-year olds won’t want to miss!
Coffee Break’s winter-spring season began on Thursday, Jan. 4, at Fairlawn Church and is held each Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break offers women in the Blackstone Valley an opportunity to read and discuss the Bible, share questions and concerns, and develop new friendships. Each lesson is independent, so if you can’t attend every week, you won’t feel “lost.” There’s no “homework” required, and no previous Bible knowledge is necessary. Study guides are provided free of charge.
Fairlawn Church is located at 305 Goldthwaite Road (off Hill Street) in Whitinsville. For directions, questions, or to get more information, call Ginette at (508) 234-4806 or the church secretary at (508) 234-2838.

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Superior service and customer satisfaction earn Lamoureux Ford of East Brookfield Ford's highest award: The President's Award

EAST BROOKFIELD — Lamoureux Ford was among a select group of Ford Dealerships, less than 10% of all dealers nationwide, to be recognized with the 2016 President's Award by Ford Motor Company. The prestigious award honors dealerships that have excelled in automotive retailing in 2016 by providing exceptional customer sales and service satisfaction.

“Earning this award is a reflection of our entire staff's commitment to delivering the best customer experience possible,” say Lamoureux Ford's owners Marc and Lionel Lamoureux. “We couldn't be more proud to receive this recognition, especially since it comes from the people we value most – our customers. They're the reason we were able to achieve this award.”

The President's Award was established in 1998. Dealers become eligible through survey responses from the customers related to their sales and service satisfaction.

Lamoureux Ford has won the President's Award for the 20th year in a row and 23 times overall.

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Pictured from left: Mark Rogowski (Boston Regional Manager- Ford), Lionel Lamoureux, Marc Lamoureux, and Vince Talia (Regional Manager- Ford Credit).



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ers typically ride alone, but they receive a 3-month break-in training period (after graduating from the academy). In this phase, they ride with a veteran trooper who progressively puts them through more difficult real-life policing scenarios.

Dowd stated that being a police officer “is a tremendous responsibility. You have a lot of power. When you arrest someone, you have taken their freedom away.” From this, students could see the value in all of that training.

Much of that police power is limited by the 4th Amendment to the Constitution: Protection Against Unlawful Search and Seizure, which Mr. Finkel's Law students cover in class. In the questionnaires they completed about the presentation, students reported that they learned a great deal about how police detect lies, look for indicators of criminal behavior, and determine when they have reasonable suspicion or probable cause to effect a search of a person or his/her car.

Captain Dowd stated that the “4th Amendment must be respected.” Before searching a car, a state trooper would look for indicators of suspicious behavior. For example, if a trooper pulls over a driver and tells the driver that he/she was pulled over for a broken tail-light, the expected response is a show of relief. The driver whom doesn't look relieved is still likely nervous because the car may contain contraband: illegal drugs or guns, stolen items, etc. “He was expecting to get popped for the kilo in the trunk.” Dowd stated that officers

don't need a warrant to search a car because the driver could drive away before the warrant is obtained.

Captain Dowd outlined his career path from trooper to Detective Captain, including undercover work in inner cities, wearing t-shirts and shorts doing drug buys; responding to and securing crime scenes; investigating murders and testifying against the accused; all the way to his current post: running the Homeland Security Division of the Massachusetts State Police.

He stressed the multitude of job opportunities at the state police. For example, when officers respond to a crime scene, many experts get involved: ballistics (gunshot analysis), crime scene (photos), chemist (blood splatter, hair, fiber analysis), and canvas (door-to-door interviews of potential witnesses and gathering available video evidence). In essence, many scientists can work with or for the state police. Other troopers are helicopter pilots and boat pilots too.

By the time Captain Dowd was done talking about his work, the students were still riveted. Many reported in the questionnaires that it was a “cool job,” that they didn't realize there was “so much to breaking down a crime,” and that there “were many opportunities at the state police.” They appreciated Detective Captain Dowd sharing his time and expertise with them.

The Northbridge High School Justice Academy provides interested students with a schedule tailored to their interests and opportunities to learn about their field. In return, students are expected to take certain courses and to complete a capstone project with a Social Studies teacher that has expertise in their field.

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Questions to ask when interviewing Real Estate Agents

Most people are not selling homes on a regular basis. It is scary to think of how important it is to make the right decision when hiring a Real Estate Agent. Think of what is important to you and make sure to ask questions around that to each person you interview. I would first suggest asking friends and family who they have used and had a good experience. Also, if you see the agents sign all around your town then I would interview them as well. I would suggest you interview 3 agents to ensure you are making the right decision. This is probably the largest financial transaction you will ever be involved in. The most important thing is trust, so you want to hire someone you can trust to truly put your needs in front of their own. You also want to make sure they have a track record of selling home that is better than the average agent. For the past year, the average sales price in Worcester County for single family homes was \$308,196 which means you will be spending around \$15,000-\$20,000 on the services of a Real Estate Agent. Below are some questions to ask the agent to help you discover if you are hiring the right person for the job.

How many homes have you sold this year? This will let you know if they have recently been selling homes and

have experience in the current Real Estate Market, since it is ever-changing.

How many homes have you sold in the last 5 years? This will show you that they have consistently been helping people in this area sell homes over a period of time and their marketing plan must be working.

Do you have a written marketing plan to get homes sold? It is important that the agent have a plan in place to sell your home rather than just “winging it”. Some agents may have a plan they use for every home or customize the plan for each home they sell, but make sure they do have a plan.

Do you have a full-time staff working together to get my home under agreement and sold? This is important to know if when your agent is meeting with another seller that they are not missing valuable phone calls from buyers interested in your home. In addition, what if your agent goes on vacation? Is your home sale going on vacation too or is there a plan in place for coverage while they are gone.

On average how many days does it take you to get an offer on your listings? This is especially important if you need



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to move by a specific timeframe and need to know you are selecting an agent that will get you moved in the timeframe that you need. I would also ask them to show the date for what the

average agents takes to see how it compares.

What is your list price to sales price ratio on homes you have sold? This will give you a good idea on how well the agents negotiate to get you the best price for the home they sell and will get you the best price for yours. I would ask here for them to show you date on the average agent in you area to ensure their ratios are above average.

How quickly will you respond to buyers that call or email you about my home? This is important, knowing that it is crucial for an internet lead to be contacted within 5 minutes of the inquiry and hopefully while they are still searching the agents website. After 5 minutes the odds of them responding back diminishes greatly. People who are calling it is not as urgent but still best if they can have a live conversation

with them or at least call back within an hour of them leaving a message.

How quickly will you respond to other agents who have interested buyers in my home? It is important to respond quickly to questions as that will keep the buyers interest in the home. If they ask questions and it takes a few days to get a response, most likely the buyer will have moved on to another home.

What type of regular training do you attend to keep you at the top of your game? The Real Estate Market is constantly changing and in order to help someone to sell their home quickly and for the most money then agents need to constantly be learning new techniques for marketing and skills for negotiating. There have been studies done that the most successful agents on average spends 40% of their days in some sort of training to increase their skills.

What percentage of your listings sell vs. expiring? When you decide to sell your home, you want to actually have it sell. This will help you see if the agents marketing strategy is effective to get homes sold. Just because an agent has lots of signs in yards in your area does not mean the homes are actually selling.

Milford Federal hosts free home buyer's seminar

Are you ready to purchase your first home but don't know where to start? Save the date for Milford Federal's free home buyer's seminar on Saturday, Jan. 27, and learn the basics on how to prepare for homeownership. The seminar will feature Milford Federal mortgage loan specialist Beth Caico, who has been ranked the number

one loan originator by number of loans and loan volume in Central Massachusetts by the Warren Group the last two years. Learn what product is best for you, the benefits and drawbacks of fixed versus adjustable rate loans, and how you can buy with as little as 3 percent down. (Offer subject to credit approval and property

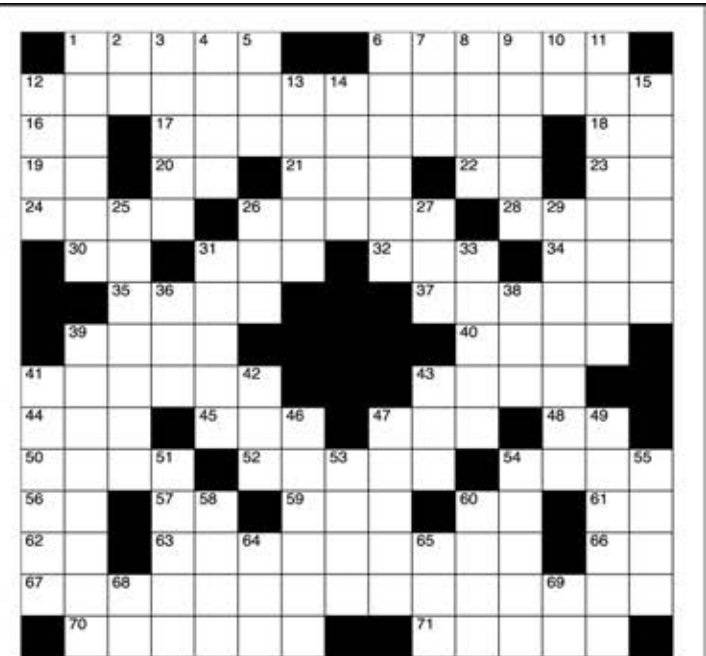
eligibility. PMI required.)

Also present at the event will be local Attorney Jennifer Daniel, residential title services, and Keith Seymour, sales associate from Keller Williams. Each presenter will discuss their role in the home buying process and answer any questions you may have. All attendees will receive free pre-approvals and a \$150 closing cost credit coupon.

The seminar will be held at Milford Federal Savings and Loan, 1271 Providence Road Whitinsville, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. RSVP today by calling 508-234-2450 or by emailing Beth.Caico@MilfordFederal.com.

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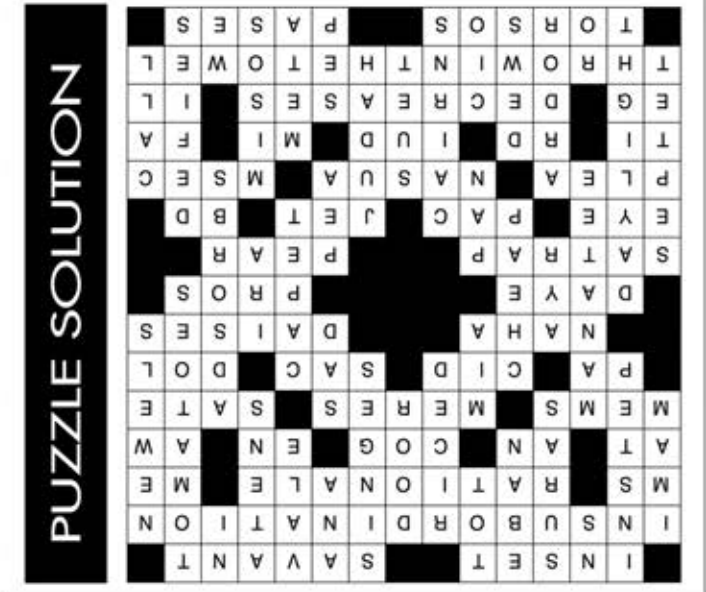


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Put within
- 6. Learned person
- 12. Resistance
- 16. Female title
- 17. Logical basis for a belief
- 18. Of I
- 19. Indicates position
- 20. Article
- 21. Insignificant organizational member
- 22. __ route
- 23. Expression of disapproval
- 24. Microelectromechanical systems
- 26. Ponds
- 28. Satisfy
- 30. Dad
- 31. Spanish soldier "El __"
- 32. Pouch-like structure
- 34. Obscure unit of measurement
- 35. Okinawa prefecture capital
- 37. Platforms
- 39. Jazz singer Irene
- 40. Benefits
- 41. Hellenistic governors
- 43. Brownish-green fruit
- 44. Needed to see
- 45. Political action committee
- 47. Fast plane
- 48. Bahrain dinar
- 50. Urgent request
- 52. Raccoon genus
- 54. Millisecond
- 56. Atlanta rapper
- 57. Rural delivery
- 59. Intrauterine device
- 60. The Wolverine State
- 61. Free agent
- 62. For instance
- 63. Reduces
- 66. Lincoln's state
- 67. Quit
- 70. Midsections
- 71. Bullfighting maneuvers

CLUES DOWN

- 1. The arch of the foot
- 2. Canadian peninsula
- 3. Koran chapters
- 4. Abba __, Israeli politician
- 5. Youngster
- 6. Burns
- 7. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 8. Valley
- 9. Belongs to sun god
- 10. Nickel
- 11. Great in salads
- 12. Leader
- 13. Forced through a sieve
- 14. Entryway
- 15. Support pillars
- 25. Aquatic mammal
- 26. __ Farrow, actress
- 27. Unhappy
- 29. Holds molecules
- 31. Thrifty
- 33. French dynasty
- 36. Scottish port
- 38. Irish militant organization
- 39. Dawn
- 41. Musical group of seven
- 42. Used to fry things
- 43. Carrot's companion
- 46. Rough stone landmarks
- 47. Fourth son of Jacob and Leah
- 49. Goes against
- 51. Passion
- 53. Hard white animal fat
- 54. Soybean pastes
- 55. Beckon
- 58. Mountain and morning are two
- 60. Self-referential
- 64. Data executive
- 65. Retirement plan
- 68. Star Trek character Laren
- 69. You and I



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\$175,000 15 Haringa Ave #15, Grazulis, Jill A, to Carrillo, Juan M, and Maqui, Luz G.
\$110,000 13 Lovelace Ln, US Bank NA Tr, to Wahlston, Justin.

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\$540,000 992 Aldrich St, Billington, Ralph D, and Billington, Diana, to Craig, William A, and Cardiff, Kimberly A.

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Friday's Child



Olivia and Aleah are friendly sisters looking to find their forever family together! Olivia is an artistic 9-year-old girl of African American descent. Some of Olivia's favorite activities include crafts projects and reading. In school, her favorite subjects are science and music. Olivia is an accelerated reader and has received high grades on her

reading tests at school.

Aleah is a 6-year-old girl of African American/Hispanic descent. Those who know Aleah say she has a bold personality. Aleah enjoys activities such as arts and crafts and playing with her bouncy ball. She also likes to play outdoors.

Legally freed for adoption, Olivia and Aleah thrive in structured environments with a consistent routine. They could be successful in any type of family, with or without other children in the home. Any interested family should be strong advocates for the girls, and be open to engaging in ongoing services with them.

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.

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Safety first when it comes to the ice

Ice Thickness and Strength	
Ice Thickness (inches)	Permissible Load (clear, blue, lake ice)
2" or less	STAY OFF!
4"	Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5"	Snowmobile or ATV
8" - 12"	Car or small pickup truck
12" - 15"	Medium truck

The ice on the lakes has formed, and Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee thought the following information is important to share.

Winter provides an excellent opportunity to participate on many of Massachusetts more than 3,000 lakes and ponds including fishing, skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and more. Unfortunately, every year people are injured or killed as a direct result of falling through thin or weak ice. The Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee is providing this article on ice safety to help ensure all Sturbridge residents can safely enjoy winter activities.

The reality is, there is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice. It is generally recommended that no one should venture out on any ice less than four inches thick. New, clear blue ice is usually the strongest ice. Partially thawed, white ice embedded with slush or snow and honeycombed ice are significantly lower in strength than clear blue ice. As a general guideline, if it is not clear blue ice you should double the thickness recommendations for each activity.

The figures in the table are general guidelines for clear blue ice on lakes and ponds. Always use caution, and don't venture out onto unfamiliar waters without checking ice thickness frequently.

Note: vehicles may be banned from some lakes. It's best to check with the local lake association.

Temperature, snow cover, currents, weeds and springs all affect the relative safety of the ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water, it can be one foot thick in one place, and a few inches thick in a short distance away. Check the ice at least every 150 feet.

Ice thickness can easily be checked using an ice chisel, ice auger, axe, hatchet or cordless drill to penetrate the ice and then using a simple tape measure to determine the ice thickness. Be aware ice tends to be thinner on lakes and ponds where there are spring holes, inlets or outlets. Don't venture onto icebound rivers or streams, as the currents make ice thickness unpredictable. Similarly, ice near the shoreline is highly variable, so be particularly careful of where you gain access and your first few steps.

Also, you want to make certain you do not overload the weight bearing capacity of a particular area of the ice by maintaining a good spacing between gear, snowmobiles, ATVs, and cars or trucks.

It is good practice when venturing out on the ice to have a safety plan. Always wear a flotation device such as boating life jacket especially if you are testing the ice or snowmobiling or on an ATV. Employ the buddy system maintaining good spacing and always carry ice picks. Bringing along a toboggan with an adequate length of rope not only provides a handy means of packing and transporting your equipment, but provides an excellent safety device for reaching and retrieving those who have fallen through. It's a good idea to have a spare set of dry clothes and an emergency kit.

Lastly do not leave any debris on the ice. Log and branch remains from campfires can be a safety hazard for spring fishermen and animal feces and other debris will contaminate the lake.

ANIMAL

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ter. With CMDART, the area's leaders in animal emergency response, pushing for help, we were more than happy to provide an assist, with donations exceeding expectations."

Pet Rock Fest is held each year in early September, now at their new location, the Wyman Gordon Field in Grafton. CMDART

is grateful to have received an annual donation from Pet Rock Fest for team efforts this year and in the past.

Daisy's Animal Rescue League Director and founder, Melissa Prescott and their team, provided needed manpower for the effort.

"It was DARL's pleasure to collaborate with such an organized and experienced group of people. We all worked very hard to get donations to help the people and pets in need during such a tragic time."

Locally, CMDART team members also helped at local Central Mass shelters like Second Chance of Brookfield, when dogs and cats were shipped up from hurricane-ravaged states.

"This is one of the blessings that came from the hurricanes. Thousands of sheltered animals got rescued from a long-term sheltering including some scheduled for euthanasia. They were given an option for new life as a result of the hurricanes," Griffin said.

She said animal shelters located in the devastated areas found resources to ship animals out of their local shelters to make room for owned animals that have to be temporarily sheltered or missing animals that will hopefully be reunited with owners.

"At Second Chance, we took in an overwhelming 99 pets from Hurricane Irma in just 48 hours. This meant that our need for care of these pets increased dramatically. We reached out to CMDART and they sent several amazing volunteers to help with all the tasks of caring for these pets", said Sheryl



This too shall pass

Blancato, executive director of Second Chance Animal Services with headquarters in Brookfield. "It helped to get these pets the care they needed during this emergency. We sincerely appreciated the volunteer help of CMDART to with these pets. These were pets that were already in shelters in Florida that had to be evacuated to make room for pets coming in from the community. Therefore, it was urgent to move as many of these pets as possible during this critical time. The help of CMDART was extremely important in the accomplishment of this mission."

While the team heeded the call to help out of state, duties and training needed to continue here at home in Central Mass. Fifty-three new volunteers were trained and added to the team in 2016 and 2017. Together with local emergency management and animal control, volunteers participated in local trainings, practice exercises, and continued their mission to educate the public on their personal responsibility for preparedness.

January 3 will start the 15th year of service for CMDART. The Board of Directors is currently seeking additional board members to aid the administration of our non-profit. These directors will help to support our forward progress, assist a manageable distribution of tasks, and assist the establishment of strategic short and long-range goals. Central Mass residency preferred. For more information, contact president@cmdart.org, go to our website www.cmdart.org or call 508-476-2873.



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Gail Boutiette – Outreach Coordinator
Omer Boucher – Van Driver

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 Reagle 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.

Friday, Jan. 12: baked fish, mashed potatoes, green beans & sugar free ice cream.

Monday, Jan. 15: SENIOR CENTER CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY. NO

LUNCH OR TRANSPORTATION.

Tuesday, Jan. 16: vegetable quiche, garden salad & peach cake. 8:30 a.m. Pick-up begins for grocery shopping at Hannaford’s. Call to arrange for pick-up.

Wednesday, Jan. 17: chicken cordon bleu, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables & sugar free pudding.

Thursday, Jan. 18: meatballs w/marinara and penne, garden salad, Italian bread & sugar free Jell-O.

Friday, Jan. 19: baked fish, roasted sweet potato, broccoli & strawberry shortcake.

Monday, Jan. 22: stuffed shells, spinach, Italian bread and sugar free pudding.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: beef and cornbread pie, garden salad & fresh fruit. 8:30 a.m.: pick-up begins for grocery shopping at Hannaford’s. Call to arrange for pick-up.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: chicken Marsala, mashed potatoes, green beans & apple crisp.

Thursday, Jan. 25: hot dog w/roll, baked beans, coleslaw & sugar free Jell-O. 12:30 p.m.: pick-up begins for Shaw’s, Dollar Tree & Ocean State Job Lot shopping. Call to arrange for pick-up.

Friday, Jan. 26: Birthday Celebration Luncheon, baked fish, rice pilaf, Italian mixed vegetables & birthday cake!

Monday, Jan. 29: Minestrone soup, grilled cheese, garden salad and peaches & cream.

Tuesday, Jan. 30: shepherd’s pie, mixed vegetables & sugar free pudding. 8:30 a.m.: pick-up begins for grocery shopping at Hannaford’s. Call to arrange for pick-up.

Wednesday, Jan. 31: roast chicken, mashed potatoes, butternut squash & sugar free pudding.

ALL MEALS ARE SERVED WITH MILK OR WATER. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Lunch is served at noon each day. Please call 24 hours in advance to order your meal or if you need to cancel. If you need transportation to the meal program, please let us know. A suggested voluntary donation of \$3-\$5 per meal. Our program is open to all ages and geared towards the nutritional needs of senior citizens ages 55+. Our meals are heart healthy with reduced sodium.

Northbridge Senior Center

(508) 234-2002
www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging
Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Upcoming Special Events and Announcements

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 Northbridge Senior Center is looking for Seniors to participate in a mentoring program at the Rockdale Youth Center located at St. Peter’s Church in Rockdale. Help with homework, reading, playing games or cards, cooking or baking are some of the ways you can mentor. Or maybe you have special skills or hobbies you would like to share. This would be once a week from 3:00-6:00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Call Michelle at the Center for more information.

WEEKLY:
Coloring Club
Every Monday 1:00

Tai Chi
Tuesdays from 10:45–11:45 \$2/class

Billiard League
Every Wednesday @ 9:00

Technology Help
Every Thursday from 1:00-3:00

Painting Class
Every Friday @ 9:00

Exercise Daily:
A great New Year’s Resolution is to start exercising at the Center! We offer Chair Yoga, Low Impact Aerobics, Stretch and Strengthening and Tai Chi. Call us for days and times. \$2/class

Book Club Starting at the Senior Center

Beginning Wednesday, January 17th we will start our new Senior Center Book Club. We will meet at the Senior Center at 10:30. We have picked the first book for you to read: “Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet” by Jamie Ford. It is a bestselling novel about the love and friendship between a Chinese-American boy and a Japanese American girl during World War II. Snacks and tea will be served! Hope to see many of you there! Please bring ideas for future books we can read for the club.

Senior Center Store-SALE!
25% off all items in our 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.

Millbury Council on Aging

1 River St., Millbury
(508) 865-9154
Lunch is served daily at noon, call to reserve your place 48 hours in advance.

EVENTS

TRIPS

RESORTS ATLANTIC CITY TRIP
March 11-13, 3 Days, 2 Nights; Trip includes overnight accommodation at resorts, transportation, along with 2 dinner vouchers and a show ticket plus \$25 free slot play!!

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.

Tri-Valley, Inc. January 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
NEW YEAR'S DAY NO MEAL SERVED	Hoppin' John w/ Corn Muffin Steamed White Rice Cabbage & Carrots Fresh Fruit	American Chop Suey Broccoli & Red Peppers Baked Apples Corn Chowder	Chicken Pesto Pasta Succotash Mandarin Oranges	Beef Burgundy Brown Rice Brussel Sprouts Brownie Diet = Plain Cake
8	9	10	11	12
Ranch Chicken Red Bliss Potatoes Green Peas Peaches	Beef w/ Onions & Peppers on Sandwich Roll Mashed Potatoes Honey Glazed Carrots Yogurt	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Coleslaw Fresh Fruit Mustard	Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Green Beans Vanilla Mousse	Macaroni & Cheese Spinach Stewed Tomatoes Mixed Fruit
15	16	17	18	19
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY NO MEAL SERVED	Greek Chicken Rice Pilaf Broccoli Fresh Fruit Chicken Vegetable Soup	Meatloaf & Gravy Garlic Mashed Potato Chuck Wagon Corn Vanilla Pudding & Diet	Chicken Pot Pie Mashed Potato Country Blend Vegetables Fruit Cocktail	Fish Victor On Bun Sour Cream & Chive Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Peaches Tartar Sauce
22	23	24	25	26
Beef Stew Steamed White Rice Corn Niblets Strawberries & Whip. Top.	Vegetable Cheese Bake Country Blend Vegetables Baked Cinnamon Pears	Chicken Milano Seasoned Potatoes Beets Fresh Fruit	Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Birthday Cake Diet = Plain Birthday Cake	Catch of the Day Delmonico Potatoes Carrots Fruited Ambrosia
29	30	31		
Chicken Sausage Jambalya Rice Pilaf Green Peas Pineapple	Meatballs w/ Onion Gravy Bowtie Pasta Spinach Apple Cinnamon Grahams	Marinated Pork Loin Cranberry Stuffing Oriental Blend Vegetables Mandarin Oranges	Dudley 508-949-6640, Franklin 508-520-1422, Milford 508-478-8102, Northbridge 508-234-2002, Oxford 508-987-6000, Southbridge 508-764-1469, Spencer 508-885-3904, Sturbridge 508-347-5063, Sutton 508-234-0703, Upton 508-529-9094, Uxbridge 774-482-6174, West Brookfield 508-867-1411 Tri-Valley receives federal financial support under the Older Americans Act furnished by the Central Mass Agency on Aging and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.	

LEARNING



DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NOVEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Courtesy photo

Erin Theroux has been chosen as Douglas High School's November Student of the Month. Erin, a junior, is a member of the National Honor Society. She is motivated, focused and goes above and beyond in the classroom. Erin is an active member of the Douglas community, teaching CCD at her church. Congratulations Erin!

MCCLOSKEY MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCE HONOR ROLL

UXBRIDGE — The following students have earned a place on the first trimester honor roll at McCloskey Middle School

GRADE 8

High Honors: Madison Arsenault, Peyton Bly, Daniel Buteyn, Joseph Duntun, Katelyn Fairhurst, Zachary Goddard, Ryan Hallfelder, Nolan Holt, Riley Holt, Abigail Lane, Maria Lowandy, Macarious Mansour, Robert Mellen, Adam Pratt, Anthony Quesada, Kaitlyn Robertson, Cecilia Schleinitz, Emily Warner, Alexandra Wojciechowski

Honors: Allison Arnold, Brian Babin, Sydney Baca, Sydney Boudreau, Brooklyn Chludenski, Christian Core, Riley Darnell, Madison Departie, James Donnelly, Hunter Fabri, Zachary Feeney, Quentin Garille, Amelia Germain, Maia Harris, Matthew Healey, Xavier Hicks, Jeremie Hodgson, Trey Howe, Zoe Jones, Alison Langemo, Benjamin Laverdiere, Luke Little, Aisha Lutwama, Alexsandra Mach, Thomas McCarthy, Cristian Oliveira, Jessie Paxton, Keomany Phianesin, Jack Polando, Ryan Robertson, Rhiannon Smith, Andon Tufts-Russo, Ava Turner, Keku Wheelock, Lia Zajas, Liam Zuffoletti

GRADE 7

High Honors: Maren Anderson, Mackenzie Barnicle, Kelsey Brooks, Isabel Cahill, Joshua Cristina, William Crosby, Carl Nathan Gallawan, Evan Grube, Avery Guillette, Maxwell Guyton, Eleanor Kimball, Samuel Mason, Isaac Murray, Matthew O'Neill, Grace Orr, Alexandria Patterson, Kylie Paul, Julia Philbrook, Zachary Roerden, Meghan Smith, Troy Spencer, Sabrina Tibedo, Madison Tousignant

Honors: Dominick Alicea, Kamryn Brodeur, Nathan Cole, Myah DeLang, Dylan Donahue, Logan Donnelly, Tyler Erickson, Tanner Gauthier, Drew

Gniadek, Briana Hawes, Isaac Heim, Samantha Hinchcliffe, Paige Irving, Colleen Kenny, Ethan Linsley, Lex Lovell, Alan Mages, Timothy Makynen, Marissa Manning, Maximus Martone, Trevor Masnyk, Isabella Nolan, Morgan Ouellette, Joshua Pelletier, Laela Pendleton, Casey Prior, Tyler Richardson, Isabella Ristaino, Abigail Sanches, Sadie Schultzberg, Micah Scott, Sarah Snyder, Jack Trask, Lindsey Vario, Braeden Watt, Victoria Williams Huth, Megan Wingfield, Coral Young

GRADE 6

High Honors: Yara Alomar, Evan Arsenault, Jillian Baker, Rylie Beland, Luke Boisvert, Benjamin Bourgeois, Savannah Brodeur, Kathryn Cahill, Noah Cahill, Cameron Coll, Matthew DiLibero, Brynn Doherty, Syrianna Douangsavanh, Luke Esposito, Braden Gauthier, Dominick Genoa, Madelyn Germain, Celsie Gicheru, Olivia Holden, MaKaylah Holzman, Catherine Hughes, Kyle Lincoln, Grace Mathieu, Luke McCuin, Brianna Moss, Jack Nummela, Marissa Osimo, Mikayla Ouellette, Phetmany Phianesin, Lukas Ritacco, Payson Roy, Olivia Stefanick, Christopher Szajna, Joshua Thompson, Zoe Wojnowski

Honors: Kaden Bernard, Dylan Bibeault Aidan Blood, Kali Bly, Braden Cammuso, Cameron Caso, Victoria Cieply, Caterina Corapi, Thomas Costa, Lucas DeFreitas, Caitlyn DeLuca, Dominick DiMarco, Madison Fairweather, Tyler Fairweather, Carter Gilmore, Olivia Gray, Gavin Hallfelder, Kyle Knox, Kahlea LaChapelle, Kellen LaChapelle, Andrew Lemovitz, Jessica Lutton, Jillian Lutton, Sophia Mone, Samuel Noel, Nathan Noyes, Shane Okenquist, Frank Osimo, Avari Powers, Madison Quinn, Liam Rigney, Benjamin Roerden, Lincoln Schiller, Matthew Thayer, Emma Walker.

Quinsigamond Community College awarded \$84K state grant

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has received an \$84,100 Performance Incentive Fund grant from the state to provide accelerated English classes to students eligible for remediation in English. The college will use the grant to increase its Accelerated Learning Program, which focuses on improving the success of developmental education students by working to accelerate these students into college-level English courses.

QCC has already piloted this program with noteworthy results. Between 2014 and 2016, 75 percent of QCC students who completed an accelerated English course by taking both remedial and college level English, received a "C" or higher, compared to 66 percent of QCC students who only

completed the traditional college level English course.

"This innovative model is particularly beneficial to those from underserved populations such as low English language learners," said QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja. "This PIF grant will help us to increase the number of high quality English reading, writing and critical thinking courses we offer to these students to help them succeed in college."

The funding will be used to train additional QCC faculty in order to scale up its current ALP, in addition to creating a new, integrated reading/writing course; three accelerated writing English workshops, and developing a new bridge English as a second language course. The new bridge ESL English course will enable ELL

students to more rapidly transition from ESL to developmental and college level English.

"This grant will enable us to expand access to educational opportunities for residents of Central Massachusetts, which in turn will lead to increased job opportunities for QCC students," Dr. Pedraja said. "This is a win for the college and for the community."

The Performance Incentive Fund is a competitive grant program that supports public campuses in creating or strengthening programs that advance the goals of producing the best educated citizenry and workforce in the nation.

For more information, contact Josh Martin, director of institutional communications at (508) 854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu

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Everything old is new again...

As in, new year of course. Why the Gregorian calendar chose to turn the year in the dead of winter is mysterious; perhaps to give people a reason to celebrate a mite. Most likely to adapt to the solstice holidays and continue that vein of thinking.

Janus, the god for whom January is named, is the one looking both backward and forward; two faces and neither of them looking terribly happy. So that too plays into the mythology. Let's put the year change right...here...where we can say Janus is watching over the change and decrying what happened the last few months and is upset about what might happen coming up.

Yeah, that makes sense. January isn't much fun. It's usually dark, and dreary and cold and snowy. There are no holidays in January. It's a full 31 days long, no slack there.

Bears and several other smaller mammals hunker down and just sleep through it. Smart.

We don't have any comedy relief this year with politics either.

It's the same old, same old there too. We do have government still paying its bills for a few more weeks at least, the highly lauded tax cuts included all kinds of hidden agendas that got approved as well with no debate and no one the wiser.

Those who approve and think the government is going great are happy.

Those who don't are grumbling and trying to figure out how to change it.

This was part of why 200+ years ago the debating founders attempted to put safeguards in place for the republic. Making certain there would always be debate, no one would ever have complete control, and despite the present climate of big money controlling the vote, no, ultimately the people will still eventually take it all back because they will realize their VOTES are what have the power. The candidates put up by the machines and the money get the publicity of course, but if the people truly wanted to vote their minds, they could easily defeat any of them; starting locally and working their way through the milieu.

They just haven't figured out that power yet.

They did in Alabama earlier. It worked right there. The people voted. And their choice is now in the Senate.

See, we have all been fed the pabulum a long, long time. We don't realize what we are capable of at all. There are ways to get what we want, locally, state and federal levels. But it takes attention and work.

And we can't wait for someone else to take the lead on it. We have to do it ourselves. In small groups, in local Democratic or Republican town committees; local grassroots organizations for local causes, independent ventures. Don't wait for someone else, and don't decry what happened already; don't be Janus. He is only a talking head, talking out of both sides of his double mouths and never accomplishing a thing.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

Candle Tips

Even with the popularity of flameless candles, nothing sets the holiday mood like the real deal. Conventional candles are a valuable decorating tool, and the fragrant luminaries are never more popular than during this time of year. Whether you use candles to create ambiance or to simply fill the air with a pleasant scent, the following tips will help you enjoy the magic of candles during the yuletide season and throughout the year. Happy Holidays!

Did you know candles don't just cover up odors? They actually eliminate them by burning off the tiny odor particles that permeate the air!

Here's a trick from the swinging sixties: Before a dinner or party, light and then extinguish new candles as they will light more quickly and easily when you are ready to use them.

If you are grouping two or more candles together, be sure they are a few inches apart when burning. If candles are placed too close to one another, they can each create their own draft, causing the flames to flare.

Here's another excuse for burning candles: studies show candlelight induces quiet! Light a few after dinner to help the kids settle down.

Believe it or not, lighting a votive candle on the bathroom vanity prevents steam from fogging up your mirror when you get out of the shower. Try it, it works!

Here's another vintage tip from the cocktail party generation: Extend the life of wax candles by refrigerating them first. Chill candles in airtight plastic bags to prevent wicks from absorbing moisture.

Don't have a long match and need to light several candles? A piece of uncooked spaghetti will do the job!

The next time you light floating candles, place them in warm water instead of cold. This method extends the burn time of floaters.

It's important to trim candle wick to ¼" before burning wax candles. Doing so not only limits soot, but the short wick allows for proper heat of the wax for efficient burning.

Burning candles properly is essential for getting the most burn time and to provide even burning throughout the lifetime of the candle. For example, jar candles should be allowed to burn until the liquefied wax reaches the full diameter of the candle surface. When you blow out the candle too soon, you limit the wax pool to that diameter and shorten the life of the candle. This is important to prevent tunneling down the center of the candle. (As always, burn candles in appropriate vessel and on a safe surface).

If you are burning cone or bell topped candles, burn for about five to ten minutes



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the first time. Gradually increase the time with each subsequent burning until the candle is level, then burn as for pillars.

Votive candles should always be burned in a snug fitting, safe holder. Because the candles melt as they burn, the tighter

the fit the longer the life of the candle.

Black soot on the glass of a burning votive means the wick is too long. Extinguish the candle, trim the wick and relight.

Always put out a flame when it burns to ½" of the bottom of the candle. I found out the hard way that even tempered glass can shatter and spill hot wax onto a surface if allowed to burn too low to the bottom!

Did you know many candles (even top shelf brands) can fade in color if displayed in windows or exposed to bright lights for an extended period of time?

Burning the candle at both ends Burning lots of candles means plenty of leftover candle stubs. Before you toss the stubs out, check out these creative ideas to recycle and reuse them.

* Simply place a disk of scented candle wax in a drawer, gym bag or under the seat of your car for an easy instant freshener.

*Or use the leftover stubs as tart wax. Just pop the leftover wax out of the votive holder and place in a tart burner. Light a tea light candle underneath it and it releases a nice scent for many hours.

*Toss a few stubs in a jar to use in the workshop. The wax can help a stubborn drawer slide smoothly, protect a saw blade from rusting, and lubricate a squeaky door hinge.

*You can even make new candle medley by re-melting assorted stubs in a double boiler. Then pour into votive glass with a wick and cool. Freeze and tap out to use freestanding.

Win Dinner for Two

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

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

New Year's - time for New Year's financial resolutions

We've reached the end of another year - which means it's just about time for some New Year's resolutions. Would you like to study a new language, take up a musical instrument or visit the gym more often? All these are worthy goals, of course, but why not also add some financial resolutions?

Here are some ideas to think about:



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Increase contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. For 2018, you can contribute up to \$18,500 (or \$24,500 if you're 50 or older) to your 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 103(b), for employees of public schools and some nonprofit groups, or a 457(b)

plan, for employees of local governments. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while your earnings can grow tax-deferred. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Try to "max out" on your IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2018, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs.) Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and your earnings can grow tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings can grow tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59-1/2 and you've have had your account at least five years. You can put virtually any investment in an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

Build an emergency fund. Try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

Control your debts. It's never easy, but do what you can to keep your debts under control. The less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

Don't overreact to changes in the financial markets. We've had a long run of rising stock prices - but it won't last forever. If we experience a sharp market downturn in 2018, don't overreact by taking a "time out" from investing. Market drops are a normal feature of the investment landscape, and you may ultimately gain an advantage by buying new shares when their prices are down.

Review your goals and risk tolerance. At least once in 2018, take some time to review your short- and long-term financial goals and try to determine, possibly with the help of a financial professional, if your investment portfolio is still appropriate for these goals. At the same time, you'll want to re-evaluate your risk tolerance to ensure you're not taking too much risk - or possibly too little risk - with your investments.

Do your best to stick with these resolutions throughout the coming year. At a minimum, they can help you improve your investment habits - and they may improve your financial picture far beyond 2018.

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UXBRIDGE LIBRARY DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Adult Programs

Keeping Kids Safe: a Training for Parents and Caregivers - Thursday, January 18 at 6pm

Learn how to keep children safe from sexual abuse without scaring them. Located at the Uxbridge Free Public Library, this training will provide parents with skills, language and tools to help keep children safe in all situations. For parents/grand-

parents/loved ones of children birth to pre-adolescent. PLEASE REGISTER for this presentation by Liz Harris.

Essential Oils 101 - Monday, January 22 at 6pm

Check out this workshop about essential oils and the natural solutions they can offer you and your family. You may register or simply show up to this presentation by Samantha Patterson at the Uxbridge Free Public

Library.

Children's Programs

Baby & Me - Mondays at 10:30am. Ages 0-2.5 Registration required.

Storytime - Thursdays at 11am. Ages 2.5-5. Registration required.

Block Party - Tuesdays at 3:30pm

Bring your imagination and build to the ceilings!

Crafty Wednesday - Wednesdays between 10am-4pm

One craft per child, please. This is a free drop in program.

Lego Club - Thursdays at 3:30pm

Bring your own base and all other Legos are provided for your building creations. Ages 5 & up.

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Closed on January 16th Martin Luther King Day

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/BVLevents

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/BVLevents

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

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/BVLevents

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.

A BIT OF FUN FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Courtesy photo

A Holiday Party at the Douglas Senior Center included enjoying a delicious Ham Dinner cooked by the culinary students at Blackstone Valley Tech, and holiday cupcakes made by the Douglas High school life skills class while we sang and danced to the musical styling of Paul Bonneau.



Farm Service Agency: a vital source of assistance to America’s farmers

WASHINGTON DC — Through the work of dedicated staff in over 2,100 county and state offices, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency provides vital farm safety-net assistance to agricultural producers across America.

“We’ve seen recent challenges in farm income and commodity prices,” said Dr. Robert Johansson, acting Deputy Under Secretary for the Farm Production and Conservation mission area. “The ‘safety net’ provided in the 2014 Farm Bill has helped producers withstand economic losses as well as losses resulting from natural disasters. Loans for operating expenses, farm purchases and other purposes help current producers stay in business and allow a new generation of farmers and ranchers get their start.”

Agriculture demands working capital. According to Johansson, FSA provided credit, either directly or guaranteed through commercial lenders, to 120,000 family farmers across the country.

In fiscal year 2017, USDA Farm Loan programs pumped \$6 billion in support to a diverse group of producers across America. That was the second highest total in FSA history. Over \$2.5 billion of that total was direct and guaranteed operating loans, and another \$3.5 billion was allocated for direct and guaranteed farm ownership loans. This additional financing enabled farmers and ranchers across the country to access capital to start their operations, or to expand their existing operations. The new lending continued the recent growth in FSA’s farm loan portfolio.

FSA highlights from the year include:

Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage and Conservation Reserve Program

USDA is issuing approximately \$8 billion in payments under the ARC and PLC programs to agricultural producers who suffered market downturns in 2016.

In 2017, FSA distributed \$1.6 billion in CRP payments to over 375,000 Americans for doing their part in improving water quality, reducing soil erosion and increasing wildlife habitat.

Disaster Assistance

In response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, USDA announced special procedures to assist producers in states and territories who lost crops or livestock or had other damage to their farms or ranches. Also, because of the severe and widespread damage caused by the hurricanes, USDA provided flexibility to assist farm loan borrowers. FSA dispatched additional staff to the affected areas and, in response to a request for assistance, rolled out a special program providing vouchers to dairy herd owners in Puerto Rico who used the assistance to purchase feed.

USDA also provided extensive assistance for a variety of other disasters throughout the country, including drought in the northern high plains, wildfires in the west and central plains, floods, tornados, freezes and other storms. For example, in July, USDA authorized the use of additional CRP lands for emergency grazing and haying in and around portions of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota affected by severe drought. USDA also added the ability for farmers and ranchers in those areas to hay and graze CRP wet-

land and buffer practices. This followed a previous action in April and June to assist the area and provided livestock producers with an additional feed source. In October, FSA teamed with other USDA agencies to provide assistance to wildfire-damaged areas of northern California, including loans and other disaster assistance programs.

New Farmers

In August, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue signed a Memorandum of Understanding with officials from SCORE, the nation’s largest volunteer network of expert business mentors, to support new and beginning farmers. The agreement provides new help and resources for beginning ranchers, veterans, women, socially disadvantaged Americans and others, providing new tools to help them both grow and thrive in agri-business.

Johansson said these accomplishments are in line with Secretary Perdue’s goals of maximizing the ability of the men and women of America’s agriculture and agribusiness sector to create jobs, prioritizing customer service every day for American taxpayers and consumers and ensuring the food we produce meets the strict safety standards we’ve established while always remembering that America’s agricultural bounty comes directly from the land.

To access programs, contact Dawn S. Pindell, Outreach Specialist for Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island USDA Farm Service Agency at the Connecticut State Office, 344 Merrow Road, Suite B, Tolland, CT 06084; (860) 871-4097 or Dawn. Pindell@ct.usda.gov.

DAR

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bers proudly listened to the hopes and dreams expressed by each winner. Sarah Douglas from Blackstone-Millville Regional is the daughter of John and Sharon Douglas of Blackstone; Owen Lucas from Nipmuc Regional is the son of Jeffrey and Lauren Lucas of Mendon. Cassandra Lobe from Uxbridge, daughter of John and Jessica Lobe, was selected as the Chapter’s entry into the state DAR scholarship contest. Each received an official NSDAR Good Citizen certificate and pin, \$500 check, engraved Jefferson cup, and a hand-folded Christmas ornament from Joyful Things in Uxbridge.

Speaker for the evening Joy Demers described how she left the corporate world behind to become the proprietor of Joyful Things, a unique antique and gift shop in which she takes delight in ‘repurposing’ items in creative ways. Her journey to self-employed business

woman was fascinating, and items she displayed found new homes before evening’s end.

The Simeon Wheelock House started the Christmas season earlier with a very successful open house during Uxbridge First Night celebrations on Saturday, Dec. 2. Over 60 holiday cards, with messages ranging from ‘thanks for your service’ from adults to cheery drawings by the youngest, were written by those touring the house. These were delivered to the town’s veterans’ agent who also distributed twenty-four \$20 Hannaford gift cards to local vets in need this holiday. Funds for the gift cards were raised at the DAR yard sale held on Uniquely Uxbridge Day in September.

The Deborah Wheelock Chapter is devoted to the DAR mission to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism in large measure through its community service efforts. Inquiries about DAR membership are welcomed by Jane F. Keegan, Regent, at 508) 278-6064.

Quit tobacco in the New Year!

With the new year here, make a resolution for a healthier life for you and your family. If you use tobacco, quitting is the most important step you can take to protect your health and decrease the risk of lung disease, cancer, and even early death.

If you want to quit and tried in the past, don’t give up. Many smokers say quitting is the hardest thing they’ve ever done. It often takes several tries before you can quit for good. However, with planning and support, you can become tobacco free.

Fortunately, most health insurance plans cover nicotine replacement and other quit-smoking medicines.

The Massachusetts Smokers’ Helpline at 1-800-QUIT NOW (1-800-784-8669) is also available for free coaching 24 hours each day, seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) to support you through quitting tobacco. In addition, now you can enroll online through KeepTryingMA.org. Online supports include quit planning tools, peer support and motivational text messages.

You can get four weeks of FREE nicotine replacement help from patches, gum or lozenges at the

Helpline (with medical eligibility). The combination of free coaching and cessation medication can make you three times as likely to quit for good as those who try to quit on their own!

Quitting can be hard—here are five ways to make it easier:

1. Set a quit date. Choose a quit day in the new year, give yourself about two weeks to prepare.

2. Tell your family and friends you plan to quit. Share your quit date with important people and ask for their support. Daily encouragement and planned activities can help you stay on track. For example, a smoke-free lunch date or game night could help distract you.

3. Anticipate and plan for challenges. The urge to smoke is short — usually only three to five minutes. Those moments can feel intense. Before your quit date, write down healthy ways to cope with cravings so you can get past them.

Healthy choices include:

- o Drinking water
- o Taking a walk or climbing the stairs
- o Calling or texting a friend

4. Remove cigarettes and other tobacco from your daily routine.

Throw away your cigarettes, lighters, and ashtrays. Clean your car and home. Old cigarette odors can cause cravings.

5. Talk to your doctor about quit-smoking medications. Over-the-counter or prescription medicines can help you quit for good. Your quit coach and pharmacist can also provide support.

For more information, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit: KeepTryingMA.org.

Make the choice to quit today, making the holidays and New Year tobacco free and healthier than ever.

The Central MA Tobacco-Free Community Partnership supports communities’ efforts to lower smoking prevalence and exposure to secondhand smoke; enhance state and local tobacco control efforts by exposing tobacco industry tactics, mobilizing the community to support and adopt evidence-based policies, and changing social norms. Funded by the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program, Community Partnerships serve as a resource for local coalitions, health and human service agencies, municipalities, and workplaces on tobacco intervention efforts.

UDTC

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affect social change on a personal level.” Tingle has focused his campaign on a range of issues, but none more so than his passion for improving services for people struggling with substance use and mental health issues.

“For over 30 years I’ve been incredibly blessed.”

The meeting will also hear updates from Massachusetts State Senator candidate Tom Merolli, and State Representative candidates Pat Malone and Kevin Tagliaferri on their campaigns.

For those curious about VoterChoice, they will be doing a presentation on Ranked Choice Voting at the meeting. A vote will be taken at the conclusion of this presentation by members of UDTC for endorsement of their cause.

There will be an update regarding the upcoming Caucus. The 2018 Caucus to elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention in June will be held on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at Lower Town Hall, 21 South Main St. This location is handicap accessible.

These are exciting times in Massachusetts and Blackstone Valley, so please don’t miss this opportunity to get involved. See you on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m., at Uxbridge Lower Town Hall.

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

DON'T MISS A BEAT

CHECK OUT THE SPORTS ACTION!

Cold isn't keeping the diehards indoors

Start those engines. You will be glad that you purchased a gas ice auger for this year's ice fishing. As we fell into some serious cold weather this week, ice thickness has increased dramatically, but still unsafe ice remains on some lakes and ponds. A couple of residents found out last week as they fell through thin ice on a lake in Shrewsbury. Fortunately, they were both rescued by a local bystander when he heard their cries for help. Snow covered ice is extremely dangerous, as it hides thin ice. Snowmobilers are the most vulnerable to thin ice.

This week's pictures show ice fishing legend Dan Southwick with couple of impressive fish taken in the western part of Massachusetts last week. The largemouth bass was caught on a jig stick, with 4 lb. test line. The 19 lb. 12 oz. pike was caught last week on a shiner, and was quickly released to fight another day, as was the largemouth bass. Nice fish. Dan was sure dressed for the cold weather as this week's picture shows. He has been known to camp out on the ice during numerous fishing expeditions.

The Island Current fishing vessel operating out of Snug Harbor Marina in Rhode Island, has his patrons catching some nice cod even under

the extreme cold weather fishing conditions. Cod fishing at Cox Ledge has improved dramatically over the last few years, and during the following weeks it will only get better. This week's picture shows a couple of anglers, with a pair of nice cod aboard the Island Current. Check him out on his web site at www.islandcurrent.com.

Local ice fishing anglers are catching some nice trout at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. Ice fishing on local pond's like Manchaug was slow before New Year's day, with only a few catches of white perch, and a few largemouth bass. Wallum Lake and Webster Lake are safe in some areas for ice fishing, but caution needs to be used. Local Rod & Gun Clubs are planning their annual ice fishing derbies in the next few weeks. It looks as though they will not be canceled again this year due to poor ice conditions.

Now that the Massachusetts deer hunting season is over, some hunters are still deer hunting Connecticut and Rhode Island. The last day of the black powder season a local hunter harvested a nice 10 point buck in the Douglas state forest with his black powder gun. The Douglas state forest annually gives up some very



Courtesy photos

Western Massachusetts is still coughing up nice fish despite the onset of winter. Dan Southwick caught and released the largemouth bass and pike after a good fight from both. The third picture is a group of anglers aboard the Island Current with their catch of cod.

nice deer, and this year was no different. It will be nice to see the preliminary numbers of the Mass. deer harvest, which should be available this month. The final count should be available in March.

The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual Game Dinner on Feb. 24, & their ice derby is planned for January 28. Tickets go on sale this month for the game dinner.

Goose hunting in the Central District closes Jan 11 . The late goose season opens on January 20, with a five bird daily bag limit.

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SPORTS

Richardson, Padula help Rams beat Hudson to win Rocket Classic



Northbridge's James Cannon dribbles the ball along the baseline versus Hudson.



Rocket Classic MVP Jared Richardson of Northbridge makes a move away from a Hudson defender and toward the basket.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

AUBURN — Sure, the Northbridge High boys' varsity basketball team hasn't qualified for either the Clark or Central Mass. Division 3 tournament since the 2013-14 season. But, in this 2017-18 campaign, the Rams have their sights set on the postseason — and a mini-tournament victory to end 2017 might be the proper spark to get the job done.

Northbridge defeated Auburn High (52-50) and Hudson High (57-48) on consecutive nights (Dec. 27 and 28) at Auburn High to claim the Rocket Classic championship. The Rams are now an impressive 4-1 heading into the New Year after seasons of just eight, five and three victories from 2014-15 through 2016-17.

"This crew is a unit," explained Northbridge head coach Aaron Katz. "We went through some rough times last year together. They worked, and you can see that. They didn't just say, 'let's hope it gets better this year.' It's early, but it's good to see success early."

Although the Rocket Classic is a quick, in-season tournament, Katz believes that the game with the Hawks had a big-game feel to it, similar to that of a Clark or Central Mass. tournament game.

"You've got to play in games that mean something, so today had a win-or-go-home kind of thing and now we have a trophy, so that says a lot," he said.

Jared Richardson, the Rams' lone senior, was the Rocket Classic MVP after scoring the winning basket at the buzzer versus Auburn and then pouring in 20 points on eight baskets and four free throws on five attempts against Hudson.

"He's sort of an X-factor," Katz said of Richardson, who is an undersized forward at 6-feet but doesn't mind playing in the paint.

"That's definitely my game, I love the inside game," added Richardson. "I love finishing layups and I'll do the

dirty work. That's definitely where my game peaks."

In the tournament final, Richardson was helped by junior Dillon Padula, who knocked down five first half 3-pointers and finished with a game-high 23 points.

"They knew about him, but he was still getting open so he worked for it," Katz said of Padula finding a way to get his shot off.

"Once you see one go in the other ones feel easier," Padula added of his 3-point shooting prowess.

Behind a combined 13 points from Richardson and Padula, the Rams led the Hawks, 14-5, after the opening eight-minute first quarter. Northbridge then won second quarter scoring, 17-16, where Richardson and Padula scored all of their team's points as they led by 10 at the half, 31-21.

Hudson began its comeback in the third quarter, where they outscored the Rams, 17-9, to close the gap to 40-38. The Hawks then tied the game early in the final frame, 41-41, but from there Northbridge outscored Hudson, 16-7, to win the game by nine points.

Padula and Richardson have been around for the many losses over the past couple of years, but they're excited for the four early wins this season and with it a potential program turnaround.

"We got our third win on the last game of the season last year, so it feels good to get off to a good start," said Padula. "We were mainly sophomores, so we had a lot on us being so young."

"It's definitely been a rebuilding process," added Richardson. "Having a lot of juniors [10 in total] and them stepping up, it's fantastic to see that. We already have more wins this year than we did last year."

Six more wins to equal 10 will qualify the Rams for the Central Mass. tournament, a similar win total should get Northbridge into the Clark, and Katz hopes that his players get to experience both this season.

"These guys deserve a postseason," Katz concluded.



Dillon Padula of Northbridge takes to the air before dishing out a pass.



Northbridge's Dillon Padula looks for an open play to develop versus Hudson.



Northbridge's Zach Pryor shoots a 3-pointer from the left side corner.



Brad Richer of Northbridge takes the ball to the basket versus Hudson for an attempted layup.

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.

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SPORTS

Northbridge’s signature defense the reason for victory over Rockets



Nick Ethier photos
Meg Lindgren of Northbridge defends against the 3-pointer versus Auburn.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — Defense is the motto for the Northbridge High girls’ varsity basketball team. Continuing their dominance on the defensive end, the Rams secured their fourth straight win with a 39-26 slugfest victory against Auburn High on Friday, Dec. 29.

Northbridge has now held its last three opponents to under 30 points and is a huge reason for

the successful winning streak. “Our number one priority is defense,” head coach Matt Gauthier expressed. “We are a team that wants to play great defense and always hold a team fewer than 30 points and if we can do that we will be in any game that we are in and today that is what we did.”

Out of the gate it was obvious that offense was going to be hard to come by for both teams because of both teams’ energy on the defensive side of the ball. Battling back and forth throughout the first half, the Rams and Rockets took turns swapping points.

Auburn had the edge in the first quarter. Leading the charge was Molly Cutting and Tori Murphy, who each hit a 3-pointer to propel the Rockets to an early 8-5 lead.

“We knew that they were going to come in and play very strong man-to-man, so we have been practicing our man plays and I was very proud of us first half, but in the third quarter we were walking in cement and that killed us,” explained Auburn head coach Nicole LePrevost.

Fighting back, Northbridge

found some offense that was led by six second quarter points by Maria Cray. Cray had a team-high 13 points for the Rams, making her presence known in the paint.

“The way that they were playing in our zone, they were stretching out our 3-point shooters and we weren’t hitting the 3-point shot today so I said to the girls that the thing that we wanted to do was attack the middle,” explained Gauthier. “Maria [Cray] and Kelly [Moran] did a great job with that, especially Maria, she is a senior captain and that is what I would expect out of her.”

Going into the half the Rams had a slight 18-17 edge over the Rockets and never trailed again.

“We talk about it at halftime, that coming out in the third quarter is one of the most important times in games,” Gauthier stated. “I give credit to Auburn, they were scrambling us and making us play all over the place, so I told them we needed to come out and play a better brand of basketball in the second half and I think that is what we did. I think we held them to two points in that third quarter.”

The Rams took their coach’s halftime message positively and came out in the third quarter looking to put the game out of reach. Being so dominant defensively finally started to turn into offense for Northbridge. They outscored Auburn 16-2, extending their lead to 15 points. The Rams’ freshmen duo of Jill Labrie (9 points) and Avery Senosk (8 points) each had five points in the quarter to propel the run.

Despite being down 15 entering the fourth quarter, Auburn didn’t give up without a fight and showed fire, starting the frame with a 7-0 run to cut the deficit down to eight. Cutting added a three-point play and finished with a team-high eight points for the Rockets, but in the end it wasn’t enough to complete the comeback.

“I think that we are really striving as a team to put all four

quarters together,” explained LePrevost. “This is not the first game this season that we had a great half or a great two quar-

ters, then we let one quarter get us in a hole and then we come out with fire, but by then it just is a little bit too late.”



Maria Cray of Auburn gets fouled by Auburn’s Alexis McGrail on her way to the basket.



Kelly Moran of Northbridge flips a pass out to the 3-point arc after securing a rebound.



Northbridge’s Avery Senosk pushes a pass down the floor against Auburn.

Young, but more experienced Douglas edges Indians



Nick Ethier photos
Douglas’ Devin Haire fires a pass down the court as the Tigers push the ball on the fast break.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Douglas High’s Trinita Sughrue picked a great time to score her only basket of the Tigers’ 36-30 win over host Bartlett High on Friday, Dec. 29.

Sughrue, an eighth-grader, scored on a layup off a crisp pass from Alexa Gresian to give Douglas a 32-30 lead with 2:25 to play. Sughrue was fouled on the play and while she missed the free throw, Tigers’ sophomore teammate Jen Walker (six points) scored five seconds later on a put-back after grabbing the rebound of Sughrue’s miss to extend the Douglas lead to 34-30.

With five seconds to play sophomore Allie Benedict (six points) scored on a breakaway layup for the Tigers to account for the 36-30 final.

Douglas improved to 3-3 with the win while Bartlett fell to 1-5 with the loss.

The game was tight throughout with the lead changing hands in all four quarters. Bartlett led, 12-11, after the first quarter and 19-17 at halftime. The game was tied, 26-26, after three quarters.

Behind the shooting of senior Kyara

Binienda, who poured in a game-high 17 points and hit a pair of 3-pointers, Bartlett tied the game, 30-30, with 4:19 to play on a baseline drive by Binienda. The Indians had a chance to take the lead on its next four possessions, but missed three shots and committed a turnover.

The two teams met in the season-opening game with Douglas winning, 40-22.

“We’re a young team and we don’t have tons of experience yet,” Bartlett head coach Julie Silva said. “But, the more we’re in these close games the easier it’s going to be for us. We were able to pull the last one out, against Auburn, but unfortunately we weren’t able to do it in this game. The more close games we have, the more we’re forced to battle, the better off we’re going to be, long term.”

Silva said she was encouraged at how competitive the second game between the teams was given Douglas’ margin of victory in the first game.

“It shows the growth that we’ve made so far this season,” Silva said. “The season is so young. We have a lot of work to do, but we can explain the progress to the girls by telling them the first time

against this team we lost by 20, this time it was a six-point game. The effort is there, we just got to get a ‘W.’”

Also scoring for Bartlett was Alyssa Ward (four points), Brittany Ward (three), Allison Grzembksi (two), Julia Podedworny (two) and Breanna Ward (two).

For Douglas, junior Melina Schilling — no relation to the former Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling — led the way with 14 points, while classmate Devin Haire added four and Gresian, Katie Peloquin and the aforementioned Sughrue added two each.

“It was a tighter game this time, but to be honest we expected it would be,” Douglas head coach Ralph Quinn said. “We knew they’d be better. We had them the first game of the year and I think we were more ready to go than they were.”

The Tigers, who played for the Central Mass. Division 4 Championship the last two years — losing to Millis High both times — have no seniors and three eighth-graders on their 10-player roster.

“I thought we had an advantage in the first game because we had some girls who played roles for us last year that are on this team,” Quinn said. “This is kind of what I expected. We’re pretty evenly matched teams. They’ve got some good young players and so do we.”

“I think the difference in the game is that we got some good play from a couple of young players,” Quinn continued. “Katie Peloquin came off the bench and had a good game for us. She did some phenomenal defending; we were giving up some outside shots and she came in and shut them down. She competed; the girl was out there hitting shots and she went in there and completely shut her down in the second quarter and I brought her back in the fourth quarter and she did the same thing. And she grabbed some rebounds, too. We got a real positive contribution from her.”

Quinn said he was also pleased with the play of Haire, who is a junior captain.

“Devin had a real good game. She had eight rebounds, which is a testament to what a competitor she is because she is undersized,” Quinn said. “I have her defending up at a forward position and she is really a guard. She competes. I think she had a real nice game.”



Jen Walker of Douglas looks to her left before passing the ball into the corner of the court.

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OBITUARIES

Arthur W. “Bo” Jones



Arthur W. “Bo” Jones, 85 Douglas – Arthur W. “Bo” Jones of 13 West Street, died Wednesday, December 13, at the age of 85. His wife of 52 years, Barbara A. (Cassista) Jones, died December 15, 2004.

Born in Whitinsville on August 5, 1932 to Winford L. “Casey” Jones and Emma M. Hodgerney, and raised by his beloved grandparents Winford W. “Sally” Jones and Bertha E. (Wood) Jones. He leaves three daughters: Janet L. and her husband Tony Kuchinski of Whitinsville, June A. and her husband Tom Stefancyk of Uxbridge, and Laurie J. Jones and her husband Joseph Glowka of Franklin; five grandchildren: Stephanie (Kuchinski) Mawn, Tracy (Kuchinski) Lachapelle, Kerry Stefancyk, Bryan Stefancyk, and Courtney Stefancyk Clemence; and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sisters Beverly Kurtyka of Oxford and Patricia Hansbrough of Las Vegas, Nevada.

Bo grew up in Whitinsville and graduated from Northbridge High School in 1950. He excelled at baseball and was a standout pitcher for both NHS and American Legion Baseball, and was scouted by and tried out for the Philadelphia Phillies. Instilled in him at an early age by his grandfather, Sally, and his uncle, George A. Jones, was the importance of service to community and country. Bo enlisted in the US Air Force in 1951 and served during the Korean War with the 7th Air Postal Squadron in North Africa. On February 23, 1952 prior to deploying overseas he married his wife, Barbara. He served on active duty in the USAF from 1951 to 1955. He was a firefighter for the Northbridge Fire Department

from 1955 to 1972. For many years he was active in the former Whitinsville Blood Donors Club (founded by his grandfather) which provided more than 7,000 pints of emergency blood to the community in its 26 years of service. Beginning in 2006 he oversaw the Barbara Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund which over the years has awarded ten scholarships to college-bound students in the Blackstone Valley. Throughout his life he was a contributor to various charities.

Bo had a long career as a Material Control Manager at companies in MA, NH, and VT. He was an active member of the American Production & Inventory Control Society from 1971 to 1998, belonging to the Worcester and Monadnock chapters. He lived in Whitinsville for most of his life, but also Keene, NH and Douglas. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, and gardening. Bo loved golf (both playing and following the sport), animals and nature, but being with his wife and family was most important to him. With his late wife Barbara he enjoyed attending his grandchildren’s sporting events and dance recitals, travelling, dining-out, golf tournaments, music and going to concerts (particularly Jerry Vale).

Calling Hours will be 10AM-12PM with a Memorial Service at 12PM, Saturday, January 27, at Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill Street, Whitinsville, MA. Burial will follow in St. Denis Cemetery, Douglas. In lieu of flowers, in celebration of Bo conduct a simple act of kindness. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org) or the Cancer Research Institute (www.cancerresearch.org).



WHITINSVILLE - Bernard E. “Bunny” Howard, 96, died Saturday, November 25, in the Saint Camillus Health Center. His wife, Jeannette (Courtemanche) Howard, died in 2015.

He is survived by two sons, Stephen E. Howard, and his wife, Pamela, of Charlotte, NC, and Kenneth F. Howard, and his wife, Jayne, of Douglas; a daughter, Donna Lange, and her husband, Kurt, of Whitinsville; eight grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren; and a sister, Florence Adams, of Ware. He was predeceased by brothers Leonard and Donald Howard, and his sister, Doris Shugrue.

Mr. Howard was born in Whitinsville, January 23, 1921, a son of Frank and Edith (Greaves) Howard, and lived here most of his life. He was a 1939 graduate of Northbridge High School. He worked at the former Whitin Machine Works, as a gear cutter, for many years.



Mr. Howard served in the Army Air Corps, during World War II. A Technical Sergeant, he earned three battle stars, in Europe, at the Rhineland and Normandy.

He was a member of Saint Patrick’s Church in Whitinsville, and the Mumford Council, Knights of Columbus. An outstanding baseball player in his youth, Bunny was a member of the Northbridge High School Athletic Hall Of Fame.

Mr. Howard’s Calling Hours were Tuesday, November 28, in the Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill Street, Whitinsville. Funeral Services will be private. Memorial donations are requested to the Memory Care Unit at the Saint Camillus Health Center, 447 Hill Street, Whitinsville, MA, 01588. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Robert J. Pelletier, 86



SOUTH GRAFTON- Robert J. Pelletier, 86, died Saturday, November 25, in the Lydia Taft House, Uxbridge. He is survived by his wife, Monica “Pat” (Such) Pelletier; two sons, Robert N. Pelletier, of Uxbridge, and Lee W. Pelletier; and a grandson, Kyle Pelletier, of South Grafton; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brother, Joseph Armand, and Alderic “Dick” Pelletier, and a sister, Lucille Warburton.

Mr. Pelletier was born in Grafton, a son of Noe and Marie Flora (Legere) Pelletier, and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Saint John’s High School in Worcester, in 1949. He was United States Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, serving with the 1st Marine Air Wing in Korea.



He was an owner/operator of Holland’s Express in Uxbridge for many years, and previously, drove for Voutour’s Express of South Grafton.

Mr. Pelletier was a life member of American Legion Post #37, and VFW Post #1472 in South Grafton, and the Marine Corps League, Blackstone Valley Detachment.

At Mr. Pelletier’s request, no funeral services will be held, and there are no calling hours. Memorial donations are requested to “Toys for Tots”. Carr Funeral Home is assisting the family during this time. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Beverly J. (Hanscom) DeYoung, 81



U X B R I D G E - Beverly J. (Hanscom) DeYoung, 81, died Saturday, December 9, in the Saint Camillus Health Center. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Gordon DeYoung; two sons, David DeYoung, of Uxbridge, and Kenneth DeYoung, and his wife, Teresa, of Sutton; two daughters, Susan Smith, and her husband, Steve, of Northbridge, and Lori Degre, and her husband, Dan, of Pinehurst, NC; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Mrs. DeYoung was born in Lewiston, Maine, April 7, 1936, the daughter of William and Maria (Cothran) Hanscom. She grew up in Milford, where she graduated from Milford High School, and she lived in Northbridge for 50 years, before moving to Uxbridge 12 years ago.

She assisted her husband with the management of his construction busi-

ness, and she enjoyed wintering in Jupiter, Florida with Gordon for more than 20 years,

She was a faithful member of the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville for more than 60 years where she was active in Bible study with her many church friends. Mrs. DeYoung’s many interests included gardening, bowling, boating, tennis, reading, and travel.

A Funeral Service was held at 11 AM, Friday, December 15, in the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, followed by burial in Pine Grove Cemetery. Carr Funeral Home is assisting the DeYoung family during this time.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations are requested to either the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, 25 Cross Street, Whitinsville, or the Whitinsville Christian School, 279 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA, 01588. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Jonathan Albro



On November 18, 2017, Jon lost his hard fought battle against the disease of addiction.

Jonathan grew up in Millbury and Holliston, graduating from Keefe Technical High School and later becoming an accomplished optician. He worked for Cambridge Eye for 14 years and recently for Warby Parker of Boston.

Jon was known for his amazing sense of humor and gregarious personality. Fishing was Jon’s passion throughout his life. He loved his metal rock and guitarist Alex Skolnick and the New England Patriots.

He leaves his mom, Barbara Wade, his dad David Albro and step-mother,

Laura Albro; brothers Mike and Jessie and sister Olivia. He also leaves behind the love of his life, Laurie Lingenfelter.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Jon’s life will be held at the Dudley Gendron Post, 156 Boston Rd., Sutton, MA on January 6, at 7:00PM. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is assisting the family during this time.

To honor Jon’s memory, memorial donations may be made to the Trinity Episcopal Church, #2069 Project, PO Box 55, Wrentham, MA 02093. Founded by the Wrentham Trinity Episcopal Church, #2069 is a campaign to raise awareness of the opiod crisis in Massachusetts. The number 2069 represents those who were reported to have died from opiod use in the state of Massachusetts last year. To leave a condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Bernard E. “Bunny” Howard, 96

Margaret J. (Picasso) Villatoro, 71



WORCESTER- Margaret J. (Picasso) Villatoro, 71, died Sunday, December 10, in Saint Vincent’s Hospital, Worcester. She is survived by her husband, Leo Villatoro; a son, Claudio Pawlowicz, of Worcester; a daughter, Veronica Morrisette, and her husband, Keith, of Whitinsville; a brother, Juan Picasso, and his wife, Mariela, in Tennessee; two sisters, Ana Scalise and Estella Rios, in Argentina; and seven grandchildren, Gabby, Izzy, Sebastian, Ana, Marcos, Mateo, and Gisel, the loves and joys of her life; and several nieces and nephews.

up in the area. She attended the Good Shepherd School in Linwood, and Hopedale High School. She lived in Arizona more than 20 years before returning to Northbridge three years ago. While living in Arizona, she worked as a medical assistant at a walk-in clinic in Tempe.

Mrs. Letondress was a member of Saint Peter’s Church in Northbridge. She loved animals and took in many stray cats and dogs. She enjoyed playing Bingo, and generally loved life. She was especially proud of, and loved spending time with, her grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 1pm, Saturday, January 6, in Saint Peter’s Church. Memorial Calling Hours will be 6-8pm, Friday, January 5, in the Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill Street, Whitinsville. Please omit flowers. Donations are requested to the COPD Foundation, 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd., Miami, FL., 33134. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Mrs. Villatoro was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, April 2, 1946, a daughter of Juan Picasso, where she lived until moving here in 1979. She was a lab technician at Micronetworks and Raytheon prior to retiring, following which she worked as a nanny for several years.

A talented seamstress, Mrs. Villatoro also enjoyed knitting, needlepoint, and playing the piano.

Funeral services will be private, and there are no Calling Hours. Memorial donations may be made to Friendly House, 87 Elm Street, Worcester, Ma. (www.Friendlyhousema.org). Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is assisting the family. To leave a condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Ruth H. (Schneider) Gauthier, 91

WHITINSVILLE- Ruth H. (Schneider) Gauthier, 91, passed away on Thurs. Dec. 21 at Beaumont Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center after a period of declining Health. She was predeceased by her husband of 55 years Roland G. Gauthier who died in 2002.

She is survived by a daughter Debra L. Smith of Sutton, 2 sisters; Irene Duquette of Pascoag, RI and Barbara Bacon of Whitinsville, and several nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by her daughter Pamela Killian who died in 2007, and a brother Irving “Sid” Schneider. Born in Uxbridge on Aug. 21, 1926 she was the daughter of George and Nelly (Hewett) Schneider and grew up and lived all her life in the Whitinsville area.

Ruth worked many years as a Librarian for the Northbridge school systems, and was the book keeper for her and her husbands business: Gauthier’s Heating Co., out of

Whitinsville. She was the former president and longtime member of the Blackstone Valley Art Assoc., she was a Girl Scouts Troop Leader for many years, and was very involved in many local charities including the March of Dimes. She was an avid reader, a great homemaker, and a very loving and affectionate mother. She was very strong willed and feisty, but also had a great sense of humor.

Her memorial funeral service will be held on Fri. Jan 5, 2018 at 10am in Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St., Whitinsville. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville. There are NO Calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth’s memory may be made to: The American Heart Association, 300 5th Avenue Waltham, MA 02451. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com



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Frederick R. Palmer, Sr., 81



UXBRIDGE - Frederick R. Palmer, Sr., 81, of Uxbridge passed away Sat. Dec. 23, 2017 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. He was the husband of Frances L. (Shimkus) Palmer.

He served and protected the Town of Uxbridge for 25 years as a member of the Uxbridge Police Department, retiring as Sergeant. Previously, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a member of the Air Police Division. He also drove bus for the Town of Uxbridge for many years.

He was born in Upton in 1936, the son of the late Raymond and Gladys (Perry) Palmer of Uxbridge.

He enjoyed model building, rebuilding old cars and trucks, attending car shows, collecting Texaco memorabilia, adventures on his Honda motorcycle with his wife and friends, spending time with his family, children and grandchildren, daily visits to the coffee shop with “Tex” and his friends, weekly card nights with his buddies, reading books and watching the Patriot’s football games.

In addition to his wife Frances of 54 years, he is survived by a son Frederick R. Palmer, Jr. of Uxbridge, two daughters Faye Lee and her husband Mark Baker of Worcester and Francine and her husband Michael Ricard of Hudson; grandsons Timothy Tessier of Uxbridge and Collin Baker of Northbridge; granddaughters Kelly Tessier of Worcester, Rachel Baker of Northbridge and April Ricard of Hudson; two sisters Beatrice Burgess of Cumberland, RI and Joyce and her husband James Britt of Uxbridge; an aunt; many nieces and nephews, and his dog “Tex” which was always by his side - everywhere. He was predeceased by a brother-in-law Ellis Burgess.

Visiting hours were Thursday Dec. 28, 2017 from 9 – 11 AM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N .Main St., Rte. 122, Uxbridge followed by a funeral service at 11:30 AM in the funeral home. Burial followed in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Mendon St., Uxbridge. www.bumafuneralhome.com



Normand G. “Moe” Trudeau, 76,



U X B R I D G E - - Normand G. “Moe” Trudeau, 76, of Pond St. Died Sat. Dec. 30, 2017 after an illness.

He is survived by the Zuidema family with whom he lived, Lorraine Zuidema and her children, Lori and her husband Michael and daughter Michaela, Nancy and her husband Herb, Cheryl, Robin, Alan and his wife Linda, and Steven; his brothers Arthur Trudeau of Woonsocket and Richard Trudeau and his wife Julie of Northport FL; and several nephews and nieces. Born in Warwick, Rhode Island on March 20, 1941 he was the son of Andre and Blanche (St. Pierre) Trudeau, was raised in Blackstone and lived in Uxbridge 50 years.

Mr. Trudeau worked in maintenance at Guilford of Maine in Douglas. Previously he worked at

Hayward-Schuster Woolen Mill and as a truck driver for Hebert Hauling Co. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving in Germany. Always on the go, Moe loved to laugh. He enjoyed cutting wood, NASCAR, motorcycles and dune buggies. He enjoyed traveling to Key West for the powerboat races. A sentimental gentleman, Moe will be deeply missed especially for his easy going nature. The family would like to thank the staff at Milford Regional Medical Center and Beaumont in Northbridge for the excellent care provided.

His funeral service will be held Fri. Jan. 5, 2018 at 7pm in Tancrell Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd. Uxbridge. Calling hours at the funeral home are Fri. Jan. 5 from 5 to 7pm. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.jackman-funeralhomes.com

Kevin L. Lloyd, 64



WHITINSVILLE- Kevin L. Lloyd, 64, died Wednesday December 20, in the UMASS Memorial Medical Center. He leaves his wife of 37 years, Lisa (Olson) Lloyd; a son, Randy Lloyd and his wife

Kimberly; a brother, Richard Lloyd and his wife Monica, his sister, Sandy Carlson, of W. Boylston; three brothers-in-law; Mark Olson and his wife Cathy, David Olson and his wife Lori, and Steven Olson; two grandsons, Weston and Calvin and many nieces and nephews. Kevin was predeceased by his parents Harold R. and Ethel (Armstrong) Lloyd and his brother George Lloyd. Kevin was Born September 12, 1953 in Holden, and grew up in West Boylston. He was a graduate of West Boylston High School and attended Fisher College. He

worked as a printer pressman at Flex-O-Graphic in Worcester, the former Omni Resources in Millbury and Data General. Kevin was very mechanically inclined and could fix just about anything. As an entrepreneur, for many years he ran his own company repairing and rebuilding computers.

He will be remembered for his love of life, his compassion and his incredible humor. Kevin’s grandchildren, family and friends gave him pride and joy that he always cherished. Calling hours were Tuesday, December 26, from 5-7PM, at the Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville. A Memorial Service was on Wednesday, December 27 at 11AM at the Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Rd., Uxbridge, MA 01569. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either the Valley Chapel or to an organization of one’s choice. To leave a condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com



UXBRIDGE-John J. “Johnny” Heron, 28, of Gertrude St. died Wed Dec 27, 2017 at Milford Hospital after a brief illness.

He is survived by his mother Amy J. (Gresian) Heron and her fiancé (step-dad) Sean Aylward with whom he lived; his father John Heron of Phoenix, AZ; his sister Jamie L. Heron of Uxbridge; his maternal grandparents Joseph H. II and Eileen Beane-Gresian of Sutton; paternal grandparents Doreen Riggs of Florida and John Heron of Hopedale; maternal great-grandmother Cora (Jones) Gresian of N. Carolina; his girlfriend Gillian Hutt of Medway; aunts Bonnie Kapitanyan and Jackie Heron; uncles Joseph Gresian and James Heron; beloved cousins and many friends including Jennifer Walsh, Director of Milford Special Olympics, Ashley Aldrich, the staff at Seven Hills Milford and his many Special Olympics coaches and fellow athletes. He was predeceased by his maternal grand-

mother Linda (Durant) Gresian. Born in Worcester on Jan. 9, 1989 he lived in Whitinsville, Hopkinton and Uxbridge many years.

A 2008 Graduate of Uxbridge High School, Johnny was involved with the Seven Hills Aspire Program in Milford and Alternatives in Uxbridge. He worked at Hannaford’s Grocery Store and Milestones Ultimate Hotdogs in Uxbridge. He loved sports and participated in basketball, soccer, bowling, and softball for the Special Olympics. He also attended their dances and events. He liked cooking and his local Red Sox, Bruins and Patriots Teams. Known for having a big heart he loved his entire family and will be deeply missed.

His Memorial Funeral Service was held Sun. Jan 7, 2018 at 4 pm in Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd. Uxbridge. Memorial calling hours at the funeral home are Sun. Jan 7 from 1 to 4 pm. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Milford Special Olympics, 31 W. Fountain St., Milford MA 01757.

Eleanor M. (Cochrane) Lloyd, 98



U X B R I D G E - Eleanor M. (Cochrane) Lloyd, 98, died Saturday, December 30, in the Lydia Taft House, Uxbridge, MA. Her husband, Jerrold D. Lloyd, died in 2000. She is survived by a

daughter, Cynthia S. Lloyd, of Lincoln, NH; two sons, George D. Lloyd, of Shrewsbury, and Robert D. Lloyd, of Boynton Beach, Florida; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren; a niece, Laura Hanny, of Whitinsville, and a nephew, Mark Hanny, of Wilton, CT.

Mrs. Lloyd was born in Whitinsville, August 13, 1919, the daughter of George and Margaret (Hamilton) Cochrane. She grew up in Whitinsville, and was a 1937 graduate of Northbridge High School, and also the former Hill College in Woonsocket, RI. She was an elementary school secretary for the Town of

Northbridge for 13 years before moving to the Cape in 1980. She returned to Whitinsville in 2001.

Mrs. Lloyd was a member of the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church in Whitinsville. She was a charter member of the Northbridge Historical Society, and while living on the Cape, belonged to the Dennis Historical Society, the Dennis Union Church, and she volunteered at the Dennis Council on Aging for 19 years.

Mrs.Lloyd’s Funeral Service will be held at 11am, Friday, January 5, in the Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill Street, Whitinsville, preceded by a Calling Hour from 10-11am in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Please omit flowers. Memorial donations may be made to the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, MA, 01588. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com



UXBRIDGE - Edward C. Cahill, 80, of Uxbridge passed away on Dec. 24, 2017 at Soldier’s Home in Holyoke. He was the husband of Judene C. (Carroll) Cahill.

Mr. Cahill was employed as a machinist at the Wyman-Gordon Co. in North Grafton for 38 years before his retirement.

Edward was born Oct. 19, 1937 in Worcester the son of the late Brendan J. and Margaret (Louney) Cahill. He was a graduate of Classical High School in Worcester, Class of 1958 and William & Mary College in Williamsburg, VA.

Eddy was a US Navy Veteran serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He loved old cars, especially Austin Healeys and MGs.

In addition to his wife Judene of 53 years, he is survived by three sons, Michael P. and his wife Maria

of Providence, RI., Brendan J. and his wife Amy of Louisville, KY and Sean C. and his wife Terry of Burlington, CT, one brother, Joseph Cahill of Medway. 7 grandchildren, Meghan and Quinn Cahill, Nardia Morrell, Joseph, James Harvey, Edward and Kathleen Cahill. He was predeceased by his brother James Cahill and his sister Brenda Cahill.

Visiting hours will be held on Mon. Jan. 8, 2018 from 4-7 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 North Main St., (Rt. 122), Uxbridge.

Funeral services will be held Tues. Jan. 9, 2018 at 10 AM from the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM in St. Mary’s Church, 77 Mendon St. Uxbridge.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ASPCA, 350 S. Huntington, Ave., Boston, MA 02130. www.bumafuneralhome.com



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Valuable collectibles for 2018

As we start a new year, I thought it might be a good time to take another look at which collectibles have been selling well and may continue to sell well during the new year. Some of these items were in my top 10 antiques and collectibles list in 2015. There are additional items in this article though.

Mid-century collectibles and furnishings continue to fetch strong prices at auction. Baby boomers who grew up in the 1940s through 1970s remember many of these collectibles from their youth. Younger collectors also appreciate the sleek lines and simplistic design of mid-century design.

There are many mid-century “baby boomer” collectibles that are selling well. We’ve auctioned comic books from the 1960s that have brought over \$100 an issue. Older ones can bring even higher prices. A baseball card collection from the 1950s and ‘60s brought five figures at a recent auction. Older sports memorabilia remains popular too. We sold a baseball with a drawing by George Sossnak that brought \$3,500



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at auction in 2017. One card of a star player in pristine condition can bring a figure in that range by itself. Toys remain popular. A toy robot from the 1960s brought a figure over \$500 at one of our auctions a few years ago.

Bicycles are also popular with collectors. Early high wheeled and turn of the century bicycles can bring five figure sums at auction. Many more modern bicycles also realize strong auction prices. Schwinn Sting-Ray “Krate” bikes from the late 1960s and 1970s featured high handle bars and banana seats. Some of these bicycles can bring figures in the thousands. Benjamin Bowden designed the Spacelander bicycle in 1946. The futuristic bicycles were then produced in 1960. There are believed to be only 522 that were produced. They typically sell for five figure sums at auction.

Military items remain popular with collectors. There has always been considerable interest in Civil War memorabilia. I’ve also seen increased interest in World War II artifacts in recent years.

For example, we sold a diary of a captured American soldier in a German prison. The diary contained information on daily life in the camp and drawings. It brought several hundred dollars at auction.

Coins remain a very popular collectible. Dollar coins, half dollars, quarters and dimes from 1964 and earlier are made with 90% silver. They are worth at least their weight in silver. Coins with rare dates can be worth much more than the silver value though. For example, we sold a silver dollar with a CC (Carson City, Nevada) mint mark that brought around \$500 at auction in 2017. Many old gold coins are worth well over their scrap value as well.

Other collectibles continue to bring strong prices at auction. Old movie, travel, advertising, Rock and Roll, circus, sports and other posters are very desirable. The market is still great for old advertising signs and displays.

Historical memorabilia still commands strong prices at auction. In 2017, we auctioned some postcards written by Alexander Graham Bell to his attorney. They rang up \$1,000.

We continue to pick up some great items for our January 25th live auction.



My Evaluating your Antiques class at Bay Path Evening School is scheduled for March 5. We are scheduling some estate sales for after the holidays. Keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for details.

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LEICESTER – 2 Logan St! Beautifully Updated 6 Rm Split Entry Set on Nicely Landscaped 1/2 Acre! Stainless Appliances! Kit w/Granite Tile Counter Opening to Dining Area & Liv Rm! Fam Rm plus 2 Bdrms or 3 Bdrms! Full Tile Bath! Sunroom w/Wall AC! Hrdwd Flrs Throughout! **\$239,900.00**



CHARLTON – 2 Pennack Hill Rd! Nice Updated 7 Rm Split! 92Acre Corner Lot! SS Appliances! Kit w/Center Isl, Cathedral & Skylight! Din Rm w/Slider to 12x16 Deck! Cathedral Liv Rm w/Brick Frpl & Pellet Stove! 3 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths, Whirlpool Tub! Frpld Fam Rm! Garage! **\$289,900.00**



EAST BROOKFIELD – 654 Podunk Rd! 6 Rm Cape! 1.5 Acres! 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! New & Recent Features! Open Flr Plan! Granite Kit! SS Appliances! 1st Flr Hrdwds! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! Natural Woodwork! Patio w/Hot Tub! Fruit Trees! Recent Roof & Windows! New Garage Door! **\$247,900.00**



WEBSTER – 8 Oakwood Dr! 12 Rm Hip Roof 5,165' Custom Colonial on 1 Acre w/In-ground Pool! Formal Din & Liv Rms! Frpld Fam Rm & Frpld Den! Master Suite! Master Bath! 6 Bdrms! 3 Full & 2 Half Baths! Hrdwds & Wall to Wall! C/Air! In-law Potential! 2 Car Garage! **\$499,900.00**



STURBRIDGE – 13 Main St! Work & Live Here! Completely Remodeled! “Turn Key” 1st Flr Beauty Salon w/Cair, Handicapped Bthrm, Kt, Gas Heat! 2nd Flr - Appliances! Kit, Liv Rm, 2 Baths, 1.5 Bath, New Oil Furnace! 13 Parking Spaces! 2 Car Garage! Sep Utilities! Town Services! Rte 26, 84 & 90! **\$329,900.00**



AUBURN – 5 Pinedale Rd! Updated 7 Rm, 4 Bdrm Cape! Appliance Cabinet! Kit! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwds! NEW 20x22 Liv Rm out to 14x20 Deck! 1st Flr 2 Bdrms w/Laminate Flrs! Recent Full Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Bdrms w/Laminate Flrs! Laundry w/Washer & Dryer! 2 Sheds! Town Services! **\$222,900.00**



DUDLEY – 36 Fish Rd! 7 Rm Raised Ranch w/Huge Split Level! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm w/Skylights! Open Cathedral Ceiling Kit/Din & Living Rms w/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath! 3 Full Baths! Huge Steel I Beam Clear Span 2 Car Garage! 1.1 Acres! Oil Heat! Shed! **\$299,900.00**



DUDLEY – 20 Williams St! Nice 7 Rm Cape w/3 Car Garage! SS Appliances! Kit w/Oak Cabinets & Corian Counters! Frpld Liv Rm & Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Sunroom w/Hot Tub/Skylights! 3 Bdrms! Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! 2 Tile Bathrooms! Buders Furnace! Town Services! Fenced Backyard! **\$244,900.00**



LEICESTER – 36 Boyd St! Spacious 3 Fam! 6/6 Rms! 3/3 Bdrms! Investment or Owner Occupied! Quiet Residential Neighborhood! Corner Lot! Open Din/Liv Rms, Eat-in Kits w/Pantries & Laundry! Sep Utilities! Rools, Gutters & Downspouts 2017 Garage & Shed! Off St Parking! Well Maintained! **\$330,000.00**



DOUGLAS – 93 Monroe St! 10.97 ACRES! Updated 1887 8 Rm Farmhouse! Flexible Floor Plan! Loads of Charm! Frpld Liv Rm! Fam Rm w/Cathedral! Slider to Deck! Din Rm! 4 Bdrms! 2 Baths! 2 Car Attached Garage! Additional 3 BAY, 50x85, GARAGE BUILDING! **\$594,500.00**



DUDLEY – 7 Kayla Lane! 8 Rm Colonial Set on 1.84 Acres! Appliances! Granite Kit! Frpld Dining Rm! Living Rm w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling Family Rm! 3 Bedrooms! Spacious Master, Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! 1st Floor Laundry! Farmers Porch! Deck! Attached 2 Car Garage! **\$359,900.00**



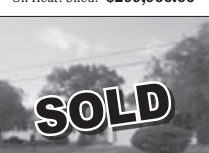
WEBSTER – 9-11 Lyndale Ave! 8 Rm Colonial w/Greenhouses! Eat-in Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm Open to Living Rm w/Wood Floors! Full Bath! Den w/Built-ins! 4 Large Bedrooms on 2nd Floor! Nice Level Lot! Walking Distance to Center of Webster! Town Services! Rte. 395 Near Walk to Schools & Churches! **\$114,900.00**



CHARLTON – 44 Oxford Rd! 8 Rm Colonial w/Farmers Porch! 1.38 Acres! New Quartz Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Hrdwds! Frpld Fam Rm w/Hrdwds! Spacious Liv Rm! 4 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths Total! 16x30 Deck! 2 Car Garage! Shed! 2016 Roof! Many Updates! **\$344,900.00**



OXFORD – 74 Walnut St! 5 Rm Ranch! Central Location w/Good Size Level Yard! 2 Bdrms! 3rd Possible! Full Bath! Hrdwds Liv Rm & Bdrms! Cedar Closet! Basement w/2 Finished Rms! Vinyl Siding! Older Replacement Windows! Deck! AG Pool! Shed! Cosmetics Needed! **\$179,900.00**



WEBSTER – 42 Cushing Rd! 7 Rm Ranch! Cabinet Kit w/SS Appliances & Tile Flr! Dining Area w/Corner Hutch! Frpld Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Full Bath w/Tile Flr! Den w/New Carpet! New Electrical Service! Partially Finished Basement! Garage! Screened Porch! Shed! Town Services! **\$239,900.00**



WEBSTER – 141 Gore Rd! Rte 16! 1.68 Acres! Prime Exposure! Business Opportunities! Zoned Commercial! 165' Road Frontage! 183x2' 4 Car Garage! 12x20' Workshop! 7 Rm Colonial! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwds! Din/Liv Rm w/Hrdwds! Sided! NEW FURNACE! Needs Roof! Updates to Electrical & Cosmetics! **\$109,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 294 Kildeer Island! North Pond! 62' Waterfront! Panoramic Views! 8 Rm Colonial! Kit w/Double Oven! GLEAMING Hrdwd Flrs! 4 Bdrms! 2 Full Baths! 14x20 Trex Deck! Newly Painted! Prof Landscaped! Fenced Yard! Plenty of Docks Included! **\$524,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 10 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! Sandy Shoreline! 9 Rm Contemporary! 3 Bdrms! 3 Baths! Lake Views from Main Room! Hrdwd & Tile Flrs Throughout! Brunarhan Custom Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets! 1st Flr Office! Master w/New Bath! Frpld Fam Rm! Deck w/Custom Bar! 2 Car Garage! **\$639,900.00**



WEBSTER – 56 Chase Ave! Well Maintained 2 Fam! 64 Rms! 32 Bdrms! Appliances! Eat-in Kit! Formal Din Rm! Carpeted Liv Rm! Large Bdrms! Updated Full Bath! Skylight! Hrdwds! 6 Panel Din! 22 Oil Heat! Furnaces 1 Yr Old! Newer Plumbing & Electric! Fenced Yard w/Patio! **\$219,900.00**



WEBSTER – 47 Harris St! Custom Built 6 Rm Ranch! 43 Acre Lot! Eat-in Kit w/Oversized Pantry! Frpld Liv Rm w/Bay Window! 3 Large Bdrms w/Wall to Wall Carpets & Large Closets! Den! Full Bath w/Linen Closet! Semi-Finished Lower Level w/Full Bath! 10yr Young Roof! Newer Gas Furnace! **\$229,900.00**



WEBSTER – 10 Foster St! 3 Family! 6/6 Rms! 3/3 Bdrms! Excellent Investment or Owner Occupied! Quiet Side Street! Easy Access! Off Street Parking! Large Eat-in Kits w/Galley/Pantry, Formal Dining & Liv Rms! Hrdwds Throughout! Coin Operated in Basement! **\$289,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – Access! 124 Gore Rd! 440' Waterfront! Great Location! Direct Highway Access! 3.4 Acres! UNDEVELOPED LAND w/EXQUISITE VIEWS! Explore the Opps! Build a Restaurant, Hotel, Condominiums! Cozy 4 Rm, 2 Bdrm Home! Oversize 2 Car Garage w/2nd Floor! **\$399,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 60 Bates Pond Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Appliances! Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frpld Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdwds! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frpld Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$749,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 82 Lakeside Ave! South Pond! Prime 157' Waterfront w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 10+ Rm, 4 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath, A/C'd, 3,832' Custom Colonial! Lake Facing Quartz Kit w/Heated Flr! Din Area w/Custom Wall Unit & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Elect Awning! Frpld Liv Rm! Din Rm w/Tray Ceiling! Lake Facing Master w/Master Bath! Upstairs 3 Bdrms, 2 Lake Facing! Lower Level Fam Rm w/2nd Kit, Sauna & Full Bath! 3 Car Attached, 1 Car Detached! Security! Generator! Boat House! **\$1,195,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – Reid Smith Cove WATERFRONT LOT! South Shore Rd! Build Your Dream Home or Summer Retreat! Set on Quiet Road, Surrounded by Woods! Sloping Lot Down to Level Waterfront! 7,200' Lot! 57' on the Water & Road! Town Water & Sewer Available! **\$229,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 30 S. Point Rd! 91' Waterfront! Yr Rd 7 Rm Colonial! Ideal 2nd Home! Panoramic Views of South Pond! NEW Kit w/Dish! Frpld Din & Liv Rm w/Lake Facing Picture Window! 3 Bdrms! Walkout Lower Level w/Fam Rm w/Summer Kit! NEW Int. Paint! Recent Roof & Siding! **\$349,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 55 Colonial Rd! South Pond! 105' Level Waterfront! Western Expo! Awesome Sunsets! 10 Rm Colonial! Pano Lake Views! Most Rm! Open Flr Plan! Frpld Liv Rm! 4 2nd Flr Bdrms, 3 Lake Facing! Master Bath! 2.5 Remodeled Bath! 2 Car Garage! Deck! Add Lot Across St! Recent Roof! **\$599,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 33 Beacon Rd! 6 Rm Ranch! 2 Baths! 141' Waterfront! 12,458' Lot w/Plenty of Privacy! Kit, Master Bdrm, Master Bath, Roof & Windows New in 2013! Enjoy Sunsets from Wrap-around Porch! Beautiful Lake Views! Frpld Liv Rm! SS Appliances C/Air! 2 Car Garage! **\$519,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 334 Kildeer Island! Middle Pond! South Facing! Well Maintained 7 Rm Colonial! Appliances! Oak Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdwds! Cathedral Ceiling 3 Season Sunroom! Overlooking Lake! Lake Facing Master Suite, Master Bath! 3 Bdrms! 2 Baths! Sandy Beach! **\$469,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 60 Lakeside Ave! 100' Waterfront! Huge Views of South Pond! Western Exposure = Fantastic Sunsets! In Time for Summer! 5 Rooms of Rustic Charm! Real Log Summer Cottage! 10,924' Lot! Allows for Room to Expand! Remodel! Tear it Down! Build New! **\$359,900.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 48 Laurelwood Dr! Reid Smith Cove! One of the Lake's Best Lots! Beautiful 10 Rm, 3,686' Contem! Private Rd w/Woods Across Street! Location, Slope to Water, View & Exposure, Things You Can't Change, After that it's One's Imagination! Front, Back, & Side Yards, Slope to Room, Entertain, Park & Expand! Main Level, White & Black Granite Kit, Center Isl w/Gas Range & Sink, Wall Ovens! Din Area! Lake Facing Din Rm! Frpld Liv Rm w/Cathedral Open to Sun Rm w/Water View! Lake Facing Office/Possible 4th Bdrm! Half Bath! Upstairs, 3 Bdrms, 2 Bathrooms! Amazing Lake Facing Master, Bath w/Whirlpool, Steam Shower, Dble Vanity, Cathedral w/Skylight & Laundry! Walk-out Lower Level w/Frpld Fam Rm, Summer Kit & 3rd Full Bath, 3.5 Total! C/Air! Gas Heat! 2 Car Garage & More! **\$1,100,000.00**



WEBSTER LAKE – 18 Bates Crossing! South Pond! Beautiful Sunrises! Huge Eastern Exposure! 8 Rm 3,100' Custom Contemporary! 2.43 Acres! Substantial Privacy! Home Features Endless Possibilities! Open Flr Plan w/Magnificent Views from Every Rm! 3 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Cathedral Ceilings w/Skylights! European Kit w/Center Isl! Modern Frpld Liv Rm w/Glass Sliders Open to Waterfront Balcony! Master Bdrm w/en-suite Bath, Separate Shower, Jacuzzi Tub, Walk-in Closet & Attached Laundry! Lower Level Bdrms Share Private Bath! C/Air! Attached Garage w/Work Space! Detached 2 Car Heated Garage w/Workshop! Greenhouse! Panoramic Lake & Estuary Views! **\$950,000.00**



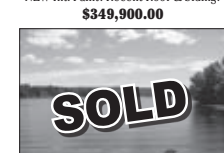
WEBSTER LAKE – 901 Treasure Isl! Prime Beachfront! Townhouse! 6 Rms! 1.874! Open Flr Plan! Appliances! Granite Kit w/Hrdwds! Din & Liv Rms w/Hrdwds! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Frpld Fam Rm w/Tile Flr! Recent Cair, Gas Heat & Windows! Trex Deck! Garage! BOAT SLIP! Heated Pool! **\$424,900.00**



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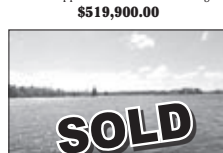
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WEBSTER- 13 MORRIS



SORRY, SOLD!

Beautiful home offers easy one level living. Many upgrades! Eat-in kitchen, granite counters, Recent stainless appliances! Nice level 1/3 acre level yard. Skylight providing loads of natural light! Full bath with double vanity. Hardwood floors in main level. Garage! Generous in sized 3 season room w/ slider! assisted sale **\$249,900.**

WEBSTER- 12 ERNEST ST



Welcome home to this Huge, Sprawling, Custom Built, Very Attractive, Ranch Style Home! No Kidding - there is 2,848 SF +/- of Living Area on One Level! Meander on up the curved brick walkway and open the door to a very unique and private property! Half acre +/- level full in-ground pool, built-in hot tub, a possible cabana w/ kitchen & full bath, Gated driveway! Huge carport/pavilion for entertaining! The interior is incredible w/separate wings for private family living & entertainment, separate BR suites, 10 rooms total! Currently has a long time established, successful in-home hair salon business! You Will Be Amazed! **\$349,900.**

DUDLEY - 67 WEST MAIN ST



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BROOKFIELD - 14 WELLS RD



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POMFRET CT - 132 FOX HILL RD.



SORRY, SOLD!

live in privacy! Beautiful contemporary home! Many updates asphalt roof, boiler! Fresh refinished wood floors! Vaulted ceilings, field stone fireplace! Double ovens! First floor master suite! Second floor bedroom, W/ upgraded bath! 3 car garage! assisted sale **\$299,900.**

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NEW LISTING

WEBSTER- 24 STEPHEN DR

Marvelously maintained 3 bedroom raised ranch! In desirable neighborhood! Open entry invites you into the spacious kitchen and dining rooms all with cathedral ceilings! Sliders lead to a huge 4 season room! Large sunny living room with bow window. Master suite, two bedrooms and main bathroom complete the upper level. ***Bonus*** an in law apartment with full kitchen! dining area, bedroom, living room, full bath, and a private walkout on lower level. Two car garage. Backyard perfect for parties, gardening and family fun! **\$279,900.**

EAST LYME CT - 27 HOLMES RD.



SORRY, SOLD!

Just enjoy! Granite and stainless kitchen! Four bedrooms upstairs! Master w/vaulted ceiling! Upgraded bath! Hardwoods! Porcelain tile! New baths upstairs. Large deck overlooking beautiful level yard and professional landscape, blue stone patio W/ fire pit. Buders heating system and hot water heater! assisted sale **\$289,900.**

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Webster Lake - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Buildable w/Town Water & Sewer. **\$59,900**
Webster Lake - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **\$229,900**
Oxford - 4 Leicester St., 8.47 acres, mostly cleared **\$149,900**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BREEZE RD

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HEALTH

Combating The Opioid Epidemic In Appalachia

(NAPS)

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of fatal opioid overdoses has quadrupled since 1999. A 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health found that every day, more than 1,600 young adults and about 3,100 adults aged 26 or older misuse a pain medication for the first time.

It is not too late, however, to change this trajectory. Individuals, government agencies, and businesses are taking steps to reduce the problem—and you can be part of the solution.

What You Can Do

Nearly 54 percent of those who misused prescription painkillers obtained them from a friend or relative and only about 11 percent of unused medication is disposed of correctly. Public health experts say it's vital you manage all prescription medications appropriately by:

- Never using another person's prescription, and never giving your prescription medications to others.
- Storing prescription stimulants, sedatives and opioids safely.
- Properly discarding unused or expired medications according to FDA guidelines or at U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration collection sites.

What Others Are Doing

A pharmaceutical wholesaler distributor that safely and securely delivers medications and medical supplies of all kinds, from the hundreds of manufacturers who make them to the thousands of licensed pharmacies that give them to patients, Cardinal Health, launched its Opioid Action Program, a pilot initiative that will deliver much-needed frontline tools to help prevent opioid abuse and support first responders in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia.

As part of this effort, the company will:

1. Purchase approximately 80,000 doses of the life-saving, overdose-reversing drug Narcan (naloxone HCl) Nasal Spray 4mg, and distribute them, free, for first responders and law enforcement officials.
2. Significantly ramp up existing support for successful drug "takeback" and education programs. This initiative continues the work done, for several years, through the Cardinal Health Foundation's partnership with The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy.
3. Invest \$3 million to expand grants focused on youth prevention education, prescriber opioid awareness and reduction efforts, and community responses to the epidemic. The grants fund community collabo-



Community workers, individuals and businesses can all work together to address the opioid epidemic.

rationes among health care, law enforcement, education, business, service providers, government, funding organizations and volunteer organizations.

4. Partner with the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University to share curricula that address opioid misuse and treatment with other medical schools. One goal is to expand the number of physicians who get Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) waivers to prescribe treatments for opioid use disorder.

Explains Dr. Nick Hagemeier, Associate Professor at the Gatton College of Pharmacy, East Tennessee State University, and Research Director of ETSU's Center for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment: "Combining multiple evidence-based approaches, and using them simultaneously, can help

turn the tide of the opioid epidemic."

This initiative is rooted in Cardinal Health's goal of preventing the diversion of controlled substances to illegitimate use and investing in programs that provide communities with necessary tools to fight this epidemic. The company operates a state-of-the-art system using advanced analytics, technology, and on-the-ground deployment of investigators to evaluate all pharmacies, scrutinize all pharmaceutical shipments, and identify, block and report suspicious orders of pain medications.

Learn More

For further information about the Opioid Action Program, visit www.CardinalHealth.com/OpioidActionProgram.

How to find the right fitness facility



Joining a gym can be a great way to get healthy. Monthly gym membership fees may provide the motivation sedentary men and women need to get off the couch and pursue their fitness goals, and the right gym can foster a love of exercise that lasts a lifetime.

Finding the right fitness facility is not necessarily as simple as signing up at the one nearest your home or office. Finding a facility that best suits you and your goals may require consideration of a host of factors.

PERSONAL GOALS

Fitness facilities are not all one and the same. Before shopping around for a facility, men and women should make a list of their fitness goals and what they're looking for in a gym. Aspiring bodybuilders may want a facility with an array of free weights and strength training machines, while men and women whose ultimate goal is to lose weight may prefer facilities geared more toward cardiovascular training. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends adults participate in both strength and cardiovascular training, so facilities should provide both options. But some

gyms may focus more heavily on strength training, while others may offer an extensive selection of cardiovascular equipment. Choose the facility that best aligns with your workout.

AMENITIES

Amenities are another important factor to consider when choosing a fitness facility. Facilities that offer a host of amenities like steam rooms, hot tubs and saunas might provide more motivation to visit the gym for adults accustomed to inactive lifestyles. In addition, such amenities might aid in adults' recoveries.

WORKOUT ALTERNATIVES

Men and women who have never been very enthusiastic about traditional workouts may want to look for facilities that offer more options than weightlifting and cardiovascular training. Many gyms host classes like yoga, Zumba® and Pilates. Each of these are effective alternatives to more traditional workouts. When shopping around, look for facilities that offer classes for people of various skill levels, as

exercises such as yoga can be very difficult for novices.

Swimming is another effective alternative to traditional workouts, and many facilities have their own pools. Adults are more likely to exercise if they enjoy their workouts, so people who love to swim may want to limit their searches to facilities with swimming pools.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Hours of operation is another important factor that should not be overlooked. Working adults, especially those with families, may have very small windows of free time in which to exercise. Even if the most pristine and inviting facility won't do men and women much good if it's not open when they're available to workout. Before shopping for a facility, men and women should write out a weekly schedule, making note of when they'll be working out and making sure to find a facility that accommodates that schedule.

Adults looking for a new fitness facility should consider a host of factors to ensure they find one that best suits their needs. HM181669

Older People Improve Life For Others And Themselves



(NAPS)

Many older Americans have discovered that sharing their accumulated wisdom with others who need help can be a big win all around.

Here's a look at two ways you can stretch your mind and show your heart:

Experience Corps

AARP Foundation Experience Corps unites teachers, schools and older adults to improve children's academic and social outcomes. This benefits the children, the schools and the volunteers.

The program has been proven to help children who aren't reading at grade level become better readers by the end of third grade. Last school year, 76 percent of students who were below grade level at the beginning of the year raised their reading and literacy performance by one or more proficiency levels with the help of Experience Corps volunteers.

The goal is to improve children's literacy, strengthen communities, develop cultures of inspiration in schools and support hardworking teachers. It's already changed the lives of thousands of children in schools across America.

Volunteers should be age 50 or older; have at least a high school diploma or GED; pass a criminal background check; pass a basic literacy screening; attend 25 hours of annual training; and have five to 15 hours a week to offer during the school year.

Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation also runs Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service, giving special attention to those 50 and older. It offers free tax-filing help to those who need it most. You do not need to be a member of AARP or even a retiree to use this free service.

IRS tax-certified volunteer preparers in libraries, malls, banks, community centers and senior centers answer questions and prepare tax returns. In addition to earned and retirement income reporting, they can also help with investment income (interest, dividends, and capital gains for Schedule D), Schedule C for individuals with small businesses that have less than \$25,000 in annual expenses, and various health care, education, child and earned income credits.

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Learn More

For facts about Tax-Aide, including requirements for volunteers, go to www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2006/volunteer_aarp_tax_aide.html. For factson Experience Corps, visit www.aarpfoundation.org/experiencecorps. For information about AARP Foundation, visit www.aarpfoundation.org.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Premises: 15 Gilboa Court, Douglas, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Richard G. Hvizdos and Constance T. Hvizdos to Bank of America, N.A. and now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company, said mortgage dated November 21, 2008, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 43545 at Page 32, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated November 8, 2012, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 49967 at Page 330, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on January 19, 2018, at 3:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon of every nature and description and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in Town of Douglas, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, further bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a drill hole in the stone wall on the southerly side of Gilboa Court at land now or formerly of Valliere, said point being the northwesterly corner of the parcel to be conveyed; THENCE N 87-41-10 E. three hundred thirty-six and seventy-three hundredths (336.73) feet by stone wall on the southerly line of Gilboa Court to a drill hole; THENCE N 88-10-00 E. three hundred fifty and 00/100ths (350.00) feet by the southerly line of Gilboa Court to a point at land n/f of Martinsen; THENCE S. 3-00-00 E. three hundred fifty and 00/100ths (350.00) feet by land or Martinsen to a point; THENCE S. 88-10-00 W. three hundred fifty awl 00/100ths (350.00) feet by land of Martinsen to a point in the stone wall at land n/f of Wheeler, THENCE N. 3-00-00 W. two hundred twenty-five and ninety-six hundredths (225.96) feet by stone wall and land of Wheeler to an iron pipe in stone wall,

THENCE S. 80-07-30 W. three hundred forty-eight and thirty-two hundredths (348.32) feet by land n/f of Wheelerto a point at land n/f of Valliere; THENCE N. 00-04-30 E. one hundred seventy and 00/100ths (170.00) feet by land n/f of Valliere to the point of beginning. Said parcel contains 3.94 acres, more or less. The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagor’s Title see deed dated June 28, 1985, and recorded in Book 8787 at Page 99 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) 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 forty five (45) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Marinosci Law Group, P.C. 275 West Natick Road, Suite 500 Warwick, RI 02886 Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company Present Holder of the Mortgage Telephone: (401) 234-9200 MLG File No.: 17-02895 December 29, 2017 January 5, 2018 January 12, 2018

**PUBLIC HEARING
ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET**
The Uxbridge School Committee will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 School Budget on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Library at the Uxbridge High School as required by Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Mass. General Laws (MGL). Public input is encouraged and will be

accepted at the hearing. A copy of the proposed budget may be obtained at the Business Office, 9 North Main St, beginning Wednesday, January 3, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will also be available online at <https://studenttech2017.wixsite.com/uxbridgepublicschool> under District Administration. January 5, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David A. Lynch and Jennifer A. Lynch to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated April 3, 2009 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44041, Page 161, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Franklin American Mortgage Company to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated December 10, 2012 and recorded with said registry on December 12, 2012 at Book 50109 Page 232, 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 February 14, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 32-34 Elm Street, Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The land with buildings and improvements thereon on the westerly side of Elm Street in the Town of Uxbridge, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, shown as Lot 2 on a plan entitled “Plan of Property in the town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts for Zois Tsimogiannis and Catherine Tsimogiannis” dated May 28, 2008 prepared by Heritage Design Group, 1 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA, Scale 1” = 30’ owned by Zois Tsimogiannis and Catherine Tsimogiannis and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds,

Plan Book 874, Page 33. Said lot contains 20,968 square feet, more or less, according to said plan. For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 44041, Page 159 and Book 55477, Page 384. 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 Street, 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. WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201510-0139 - YEL January 5, 2018 January 12, 2018 January 19, 2018

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MORTGAGEE’S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by William P. Laren and Tina M. Laren to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Solstice Capital Group Inc., its successors and assigns, dated January 26, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 38362, Page 332, as affected by Loan Modification recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 47852, Page 340 subsequently assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE4 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 46257, Page 43 and subsequently assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-HE4, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE4 by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. AS NOMINEE FOR SOLSTICE CAPITAL GROUP, INCORPORATED, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53643, Page 125; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 PM on January 19, 2018 at 11 A Street, Douglas, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, located on the northerly side of “A” Street and on the westerly side of Manchaug Road in the Town of Douglas, in said Worcester County, and being Lot 8 as shown and designated on a plan of land entitled “Plan of Land in Douglas, Mass., owned by Joseph I. Romeiro, Jr. et ux” dated 9/2/1980 by David L. Lavallee, Registered Land Surveyor and filed with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 482, P age 53 said parcel of land being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southwesterly corner thereof at a point on the northerly line of said “A” Street and at the southeasterly corner of Lot A shown on said plan of land; THENCE N. 2 degrees 59’ 37” E. by said Lot A 165.42 feet to a point of land now or formerly of Richard J. McLaughlin et ux: THENCE S. 89 degrees 04’ 10” E. by said land now or formerly of Richard J. McLaughlin et ux, 83.86 feet to a point on the westerly side of said Manchaug Road; THENCE southeasterly by said Manchaug Road by a curve to the right having a radius of 300.18 feet, 81.84 feet to a Mass. Highway Bound; THENCE S. 9 degrees 00’ 10” E. still continuing by said Manchaug Road, 93.08 feet to an iron pipe at the intersection of the northerly line of said “A” Street with the westerly line of said Manchaug Road; THENCE N. 85 degrees 54’10” W. by said “A” Street, 131.16 feet to the point of beginning. The above designated Manchaug Road is also known as Manchaug Street Being the same property conveyed to William P. Laren and Tina M. Chevalier by deed from Paul J. Romeiro and Maryanna Romeiro, husband and wife recorded 08/02/1993 in Deed Book 15429 Page 82, in the Registry of Deeds Plan for Worcester County, Massachusetts.

“Upon information and belief there is a Scrivener error in the legal description attached to subject Mortgage recorded at Book 38362 Page 332 wherein it should have referenced being shown as Lot B in Plan Book 482, Page 53.”

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer’s check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee’s attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside

for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee’s attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE4 Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, ORLANS PC PO Box 540540 Waltham, MA 02454 Phone: (781) 790-7800 16-011265 December 29, 2017 January 5, 2018 January 12, 2018

MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

51 Harvest Road, Unit 51 aka Unit B aka Unit I, Thirty-Two Harvest Run Condominium, Uxbridge, MA 01569

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael S. Bucchino, Sr. to EquiFirst Corporation by and through its nominee Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated February 22, 2007, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40788, Page 129, as affected by Affidavit dated April 5, 2007 and recorded at Book 40959, Page 354, and assigned through assignments recorded with said Registry of Deeds at Book 57461, Page 224, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on January 19, 2018 at 10:00AM, at or upon the mortgaged premises more particularly described below, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The premises in the Thirty-Two Harvest Run Road Condominium, Worcester County, Massachusetts, created by Master Deed dated June 19, 1990 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 12846, Page 144, as amended and record, Being Unit B together with one half percent undivided interest appertaining to said Unit I the Common Areas and Facilities of said Condominium, all as shown on a plan recorded in Book 12866, Page 163 and subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of said Master Deed. Said premises are mortgaged with the benefit of and subject to (a) provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 183A, as the same may now or hereafter be amended (b) the Master Deed, (c) Thirty-Two Harvest Run Condominium Trust, dated June 19, 1990 and recorded with said Registry in Book 12846, Page 161 and any by-laws and rules and regulations from time to time adopted thereunder and all matters of record stated or referred to in said Master Deed, as completely as if each were fully set forth herein, (d) further subject to real estate taxes attributable to said Unit for the Current year now due and payable. Together with the exclusive right and easement to use those portions of the common areas appurtenant to the Unit as provided in the Master Deed above-referred to and in the Unit Deed. Together with easement for all usual streets purposes over proposed Harvest Road as on Plan Book 379, Plan 96 and a general utility easement 5’ in width as shown on Plan Book 580, Plan 28. For title see deed recorded at Book 40699, Page 232.

Subject to a mortgage to EquiFirst Corporation by and through its nominee Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated February 22, 2007 in the original principal amount of \$208,800, recorded at Book 40788, Page 105.

The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this notice.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public announcement at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

The premises will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all rights, restrictions, easements, improvements, orders of condition, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, betterments, liens or claims in the nature of liens and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, or entitled to precedence over the mortgage, if any, insofar as the same are still in force and applicable to the premises.

The premises will be sold without representation or warranty as to its condition or fitness for habitation, or

whether it conforms to any applicable state or local building, zoning, health, or sanitary codes, or compliance with any federal, state, or local environmental statutes, regulations, ordinances, or by-laws.

If the premises is a condominium unit, then the premises will also be sold subject to Massachusetts General Laws chapter 183A, as amended, the applicable Master Deed and any and all amounts as may be due, following such sale, to the applicable condominium trust.

If the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale defaults in purchasing the property according to the terms of this notice of sale or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to, among other things, resell the property under the power of sale contained in such mortgage or sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder (or other successive bidders, in the order of their bid) provided that such other bidder deposits with Mortgagee’s attorneys, Michienzie & Sawin LLC, the amount of the required deposit as set forth below within ten (10) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to such other bidder within thirty (30) days of the default, which time periods may be reasonably extended by the Mortgagee in its sole discretion.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) is to be paid in certified check and/or bank cashier’s check (dated no more than ninety days before the date of sale) to be paid by the Purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by the Purchaser by certified check and/or bank cashier’s check (dated no more than ninety days before the date of closing) within thirty (30) days thereafter, which time period may be reasonably extended by the Mortgagee in its sole discretion, at the offices of Harry Castleman, Esquire, Michienzie & Sawin LLC, 745 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

NP154 LLC present holder of said mortgage by its attorney, Harry Castleman, Esquire MICHIENZIE & SAWIN LLC 745 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02116 December 29, 2017 January 5, 2018 January 12, 2018

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 17 SM 003386 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Autumn Lees

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

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Douglas, numbered 81 Eagle Drive, Unit 14, The Villas at Eagles View Condominium**, given by **Autumn Lees to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Lendia, Inc., its successors and assigns**, dated **December 20, 2006**, and recorded with the **Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds** in Book **40380**, Page **103**, 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 29, 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 14, 2017 Attest: **Deborah J. Patterson Recorder** (16-006131 Orlans) January 5, 2018

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. WO17P3413EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Stephen Dennis Kiely, Jr. Date of Death: 08/29/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Karra Ann Kiely of Quincy MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Karra Ann Kiely of Quincy MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/30/2018**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: December 21, 2017

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

January 5, 2018

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 2017SM007903 ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Lisa M. Mahoney a/k/a Lisa Mahoney; Craig F. Mahoney

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

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in NORTHBRIDGE, numbered 31 CLOVER HILL ROAD, given by Lisa M. Mahoney also known as Lisa Mahoney and Craig F. Mahoney to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated March 17, 2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 35945, Page 1, 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 29, 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 18, 2017.

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