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Northbridge High seniors, parents host food drive

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE —In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, several Northbridge Operation Graduation Committee members and Class of 2021 senior students recently organized a food drive to benefit the community and give students an outlet to come together safely.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our smalltownofNorthbridge significantly. It prompted us to create our motto: 'Unity is found in com-munity,'" said Julie Cray, Coordinator of Northbridge High School Class of 2021 Operation "Since Graduation. November is a month full of gratitude, our committee and senior families agreed it would be a good time to give back to those in need community." in our The Northbridge High Operation School Graduation Committee for the Class of 2021, also known as NHS Opgrad, is a group of parents who fundraise yearlong to organize a celebration



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for the entire senior class after their graduation ceremony in May. This year, NHS Opgrad is celebrating its 30th anniversary, according to Cray, but also facing restrictions due to the COVID-19

pandemic.

"There is so much uncertainty right now in how we will move forward in organizing this celebration, but we continue to do our best to give the seniors the celebration they deserve," Cray said.

The group organized and were granted permission to host a drive thru food collection at Northbridge High School last week.

"The drive aided our community and let our seniors come together safely, since they have not been able to have very much socialization with each other since beginning remote learning in March of 2020," said Cray.

The food drive included social distancing and wearing masks as well as gloves, Cray said, and exceeded the group's goals by filling two trucks full of food for those in need.

"Our reunited seniors were able to socialize with their fellow participating classmates, meet donors, and earn community service hours. Together, joyfully and gratefully, we all gave back to so many in need, one hour and one can at a time," Cray said.

Cray added that the group would like to thank everyone for their donations, which were given to the Balmer Elementary School Food Pantry and the Town of Northbridge's Food Pantry, located in the Northbridge Senior Center.

"The generosity and commitment of our seniors and our community members made this event successful and created a better situation for those in need," added Crav.

Uxbridge sees spike in COVID-19 cases

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI RIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — The own of Uxbridge has

mask, socially distance, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer regularly, Center, Library, DPW and avoid touching your

nity. Please wear a face (80 at the time of release). municipal offices, including the Town Hall, Senior Office, and all other buildings with the exception of the Police and Fire Stations for emergency services, will remain closed to the public until further notice," town officials said. "We understand the closure of the Town Hall will impact those seeking services from all departments operating at Town Hall and other Town Offices. The staff will be providing services mainly in remote fashion during normal office hours and will return phone call messages and communi-

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Young writers recall history

UXBRIDGE — Each National year, the Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) sponsors an American History Essay contest open to all children in grades 5 through high school. The subject matter changes annually and thousands of young writers in private, parochial and public schools enter. Over the years, the Deborah Wheelock Chapter, DAR, has been especially pleased with the enthusiastic participation of students at the Whitin Middle School. The level of essay writing is extraordinary, and this Chapter proudly claims two Massachusetts state winners, including one this year. Due to the national shut-down in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, winners of the 2019-2020 essay contest could not be present to read their essays, entitled "The Voyage of the Mayflower," in either April or September! There could be no reception with proud parents and teachers present and no picture taken to mark their achievement bublicly. Nonetheless the Deborah Wheelock Chapter belatedly wants to recognize the winning student efforts and thank their teachers for the encouragement given these young writers. Earlier this fall, the prizes were delivered to the Whitin Middle School for distribution. The winners from at Whitin are as follows: Charlotte Lewis, who also won honors as the MDAR state winner for grade five; Macy Cullen (grade 6) and Natalie Örr (grade 7). Plymouth celebrates its Quadricentennial (1620-2020) this November, so,

along with a special certificate, each received a watercolor print of the Mayflower, signed by the artist.

NSDAR has chosen "The Boston Massacre" as the essay contest title for 2020-2021. March 5, 2020 commemorated the 250th anniversary of this precursor to the American Revolution. Once again, young writers will have an opportunity to 'imagine I was there' during a famous event in American history. If life returns to a semblance of normalcy in 2021, the Deborah Wheelock Chapter hopes to welcome more essay winners to the Simeon Wheelock House for in-person congratulations.

recently seen a dramatic spike of COVID-19 cases—an increase of 150 percent in one week, town officials said.

"The Uxbridge Board of Health has been closely monitoring the cases of COVID-19 and has seen a significant increase in the Town of Uxbridge,³ town officials released.

As of last week, there were 80 active cases in Uxbridge, an increase of 150 percent over the previous week's numbers, according to reports.

"We must remain vigilant to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our commu-

eyes, nose, and mouth.'

residents—"Please stay home if you are sick.'

Effective this week, Town Manager Steven Sette has closed all town buildings to the public until further notice. Town staff will continue to provide public services during normal office hours and will accept and respond to calls and communicate via email, according to a town statement.

"In response to the sudden surge of active Coronavirus cases here in the Town of Uxbridge,

Man dies in **Douglas house fire**

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

DOUGLAS — One man has died after a house fire in Douglas last week. Officials say the home appeared to have no evidence of working smoke or carbon monoxide alarms.

Douglas Fire Chief Kent Vinson and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey said the fire took place at 31 Glen St. in Douglas in a single-family home and was reported at 10:20 p.m.

"On behalf of the Town of Douglas, I offer my deepest condolences to the man's family," Chief Vinson said. "Fire is a difficult way to lose a loved one."

The victim's identity will be released by the Office of the Worcester District Attorney after formal identification by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. According to reports, the fire is being jointly investigated by the Douglas Fire and Police Departments and State Police assigned to both the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Office of the Worcester District Attorney.

Vinson added that there was no evidence that the home had working smoke or carbon monoxide alarms.

Town officials also told

cate via email with the

For more information about how to join the DAR, contact deborahwheelockdar@googlegroups.com.



Courtesy

NORTHBRIDGE WELCOMES NEW POLICE OFFICERS

On Monday, Nov. 9, Northbridge Town Manager Adam Gaudette and the Board of Selectpersons appointed Reserve Police Officers Sean McDevitt and Benjamin O'Donnell as full time police officers for the Town of Northbridge. Officers McDevitt and O'Donnell have been working as Reserve Police Officers since 2018. Off. McDevitt is also a full time police dispatcher working the 4 p.m. to midnight shift. Off. McDevitt has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Worcester State University and Off. O'Donnell has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Assumption College. Both officers were appointed as Student Police Officers effective the first day of the Randolph Police Academy on Feb. 8, 2021. Left to right: Officer Benjamin O'Donnell and Officer Sean McDevitt

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Find the time to shop for holiday gifts







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

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



cially shopping —consider these time management tips and tricks.

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

• Shop local. Think about patronizing small, independent retailers. Not only will you enjoy customized, exemplary customer service, but the stores

probably will not be able to fit as many customers as large chains. That means

Cornerstone Bank holds annual food drive

ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED

AT ALL LOCATIONS

REGION - Cornerstone Bank is hosting a food drive from now until Saturday, Nov. 21. All non-perishable food items will be donated to local food pantries throughout the community.

During the drive, customers and local residents are encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items at any of Cornerstone Bank's 12 branch locations.

Drop-off locations include:

- 2 Center Depot Rd., Charlton
- 1073 Main St., Holden
- 121 S. Main St., Leicester
- 93 Main St., Rutland
- 253-257 Main St., Southbridge
- 176 Main St., Spencer
- 72 W. Main St., Spencer
- 200 Charlton Rd., Sturbridge
- 968 Main St., Warren
- 86 Worcester Rd., Webster
- 230 Park Ave., Worcester
- 70 W. Boylston St., Worcester

"Our annual food drive is a great opportunity to help families in need during



the holiday season," said Cornerstone Bank President & Treasurer Todd M. Tallman. "Any donation helps and is greatly appreciated."

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank is an independent, mutual savings bank serving the residents, businesses, and communities throughout Central Massachusetts from offices in Charlton, Holden, Rutland, Leicester, Southbridge,

Spencer, Sturbridge, Warren, Webster, and Worcester along with a Loan Center in Westborough. Deposits are insured in full by a combination of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Depositors Insurance Fund. The Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer, Equal Housing Lender, and SBA Preferred Lender. For more information, visit online at cornerstonebank.com, on Facebook, or call 800-939-9103.



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Seven Hills Family Services receives grant

WORCESTER — Seven Hills Family Services, which operates a Family Resource Center in Sturbridge, has received a \$49,620 grant from The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts to upgrade the AV equipment in one of its Family Support Center classrooms in order to record sessions, edit, translate, and post them on its website so that families who cannot attend the sessions can access them at their convenience. The grant will also be used to purchase technology for Family Support Navigators to enhance integrated supports to families.

The grant was one of 14 Activation Fund grants recently awarded by the Foundation totaling almost \$700,000.

"Throughout Worcester County, there are many important health, education, and human service agencies and organizations, which, through the efforts of their dedicated staffs, are providing essential services to our most vulnerable populations," said Francis M. Saba, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation. "The critical nature of their work has been heightened by the challenges of the current pandemic. Through our Foundation's annual Activation Fund process, we are able to help support many of these agencies and organizations. In 2020, 66 letters of intent to participate in the application process for support from the Activation Fund were submitted. Of the 66 letters, many were from organizations that had never applied and others from both previous applicants and agencies that had not previously been invited to apply. The 66 letters in 2020 compare with 38 from 2019. Clearly the need for support has increased and is significant. After a thorough review of the letters and applications by our experienced and thoughtful Foundation staff, 14 projects with support of \$698,039 were funded. Five of the projects totaling \$271,000 were specifically funded in response to the pandemic. Our Foundation is pleased to continue to do our part in helping these agencies." The other grants awarded are: Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) - \$70,790 to upgrade instructional equipment in QCC's Radiologic Technology program to better prepare QCC students for their clinical rotations and entering the workforce. Worcester Common Ground

(WCG) - \$100,000 to install a rooftop greenhouse on an affordable housing project WCG is developing in Worcester which will allow residents to grow produce for themselves and their families.

NEADS World Class Service Dogs - \$50,000 for the construction of its Behavioral Check List space to test puppies to determine their eligibility to enter NEADS training programs as Service Dogs

Living in Freedom Together (LIFT) -\$19,000 for the installation of sprinklers at its residential home for survivors of commercial sexual exploitation.

LUK, Inc. - \$50,000 to support telebehavioral health services for students in middle and high schools in Central Massachusetts.

Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center - \$60,000 for four dental chairs as part of its plans to expand its Milford site to include dental services, optometry and a 340B pharmacy.

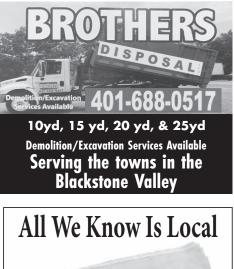
Building Futures - \$49,998 for facility and technology upgrades to the Worcester Housing Authority's Youth Center in Great Brook Valley, which provides youth ages 5-14 with tutoring and homework help.

Christopher House of Worcester - \$39,082 for a program to enhance the skills of its first line man-

Open Sky Community Services -\$45,777 to expand telepsychiatry services in 33 of its group homes.

South Middlesex Opportunity Council - \$50,000 for the pre-development costs associated with converting the second floor of a building in Worcester into a 50-bed permanent emergency shelter facility.

The Foundation was established in 1999 with the proceeds from the sale of Central Massachusetts Health Care, Inc., a physician-initiated, not-for-profit HMO. The Foundation currently has assets of approximately \$79 million and has awarded grants totaling over \$45 million since it began its grantmaking in 2000. For further information about these grants or about the Foundation's grantmaking programs and application process, please visit The Health Foundation's website at www.hfcm. org or call (508) 438-0009.







agers and train peer mentors with the goal of reducing the turnover rates of both nurses and CNAs.

Jeffrey's House - \$23,772 for the installation of sprinklers in three sober living houses it operates in Fitchburg and for accessibility renovations in two of the houses.

CENTRO - \$50,000 to hire a community health worker to assess the needs of people using its food pantry and refer them to other services CENTRO offers if they are eligible.

Genesis Club - \$40,000 to create a "virtual clubhouse" to enable Genesis Club to reach out to people recovering from mental illness who cannot access its physical location, allowing people to access clubhouse services remotely.

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Zayalani Age 11

along with her peers.

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

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-6273 or visit www.mareinc. org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



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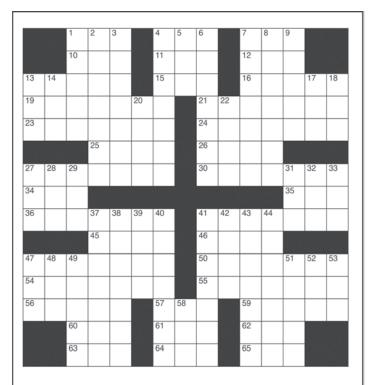
Zayalani, who likes to be called Zaya, is an affectionate and easy-going girl of Puerto Rican descent. She can be shy with new people, but once she opens up, she can connect well with others. Zaya is said to possess a caring heart and has a strong desire to help others. Some of her favorite activities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

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

Bartholomew & Company opens Metro-West office with two new advisors

WORCESTER — Bartholomew & Company, a financial planning and wealth management firm with offices in Worcester, Chatham, and Bedford, Massachusetts, announces the opening of its newest branch office at 161 Worcester Rd., Suite 402, Framingham.

John Moran and Jennifer Moran, wealth advisors



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Autonomic nervous system
- 4. At or near the stern
- 7. Adenosine triphosphate
- 10. Polynesian garland of flowers 45. Alfred __, American actor
- 11. Chinese revolutionary
- 12. Green veggie 13. Large group
- 15. Swiss river
- 16. Semiaquatic mammal
- 19. Wrongdoers
- 21. Home to Disney World
- 23. Spanish doctors
- 24. Newborn child
- 25. Absence of difficulty
- 26. Large, stocky lizard
- 27. Earned top billing
- journey
- 34. Water (French)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Speak up
- 2. More informative
- 3. Where passengers sit
- 4. Gathered
- 5. Supervises flying
- 6. Home of the Blue Jays
- 7. Public statement of regret
- 8. Lockjaw
- 9. Indian city
- 13. Patriots' Newton
- 14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

46. Austrian river 47. A reminder of past events 50. Connected with 54. Status 55. Dean residence 56. Egyptian city 57. Boxing's GOAT 59. Straits along the Red Sea

41. A usually malignant tumor

35. Brew

36. Winged horse

- 60. "The Partridge Family"
- 61. Get some color

- 31. Paulo, city
- 32. Tall deciduous tree
- 33. Affirmative
- 37. Notified of danger
- 38. NFL game days
- 39. Archaic term for "to"
- 40. Plant pores
- 41. Canned fish
- 42. Phil __, former CIA
- 43. Connects with

- 44. Of the skull

48. When you hope to get there

47. Time zone (abbr.)

and vice presidents in Bartholomew & Company's Private Wealth Management division, will be the primary contacts at the new Metro-West branch with support and guidance from the Investment Management Department, advisors, and staff at Bartholomew & Company's Worcester headquarters.

John and Jen have more than 60 years combined experience helping individuals and small business owners identify and reach their financial goals. John's experience includes positions at A.G. Edwards, E.F. Hutton, and his most recent six years at The Moran Group at Ameriprise Financial. John previously owned his own firm, Moran Financial, as an independent financial advisor. Jennifer's experience includes positions at two local financial firms before she joined Moran Financial, followed by The Moran Group at Ameriprise Financial.

Bartholomew & Company President & CEO, Thomas J. Bartholomew, AIF® said of the new branch office and advisors, "We are pleased be able to add a convenient new Metro-West location offering a full-range of financial planning and wealth management services to all of our current and future clients.'

About Bartholomew & Company

Bartholomew & Company has been providing individuals and organizations with financial guidance since 1994. With headquarters at 370 Main Street, Worcester, MA, the firm prides itself on crafting strategies for each



Jennifer and John Moran

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Sheriff's Office launches winter coat drive

WORCESTER — As you can imagine, the need for a warm winter jacket is greater than ever. The pandemic has created challenges for many.

To help those most in need in our community, Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis is proud to announce our part-nership with Dr. Moses Dixon, Executive Director of Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, for this year's Sheriff's Office Annual Winter Coat Drive.

Together, the Worcester County Sheriff's Office and Central Mass Agency on Aging are determined to continue the tradition of holding one of New England's largest Winter Coat Drives. Unlike years past, collection boxes for pre-owned jacket donations cannot be placed in the communi-ty due to COVID. This year, we are solely relying on community grants, monetary gifts and new coat donations. Today, we are proud to report we are now up to more than 1,100 new winter jackets to help families, children and seniors in need throughout Worcester County. We are hoping with increased media exposure and circulation, we will be able to secure more coat donations which will help so many during the cold winter months.

To assist with this effort, both Sheriff Lew and Dr. Dixon are available for any media opportunities/ interviews which will significantly help this cause during this incredibly challenging year.

We appreciate and value our

extraordinary friends in the press, who have always helped us in this mission.

Winter coats will be distributed the first week in December to charitable organizations throughout Worcester County, including but not limited to: Abby's House, LIFT, Hector Reyes House, St. John's Food for the Poor, Webster-Dudley Food Share, Gardner CAC, Alyssa's Place of Gardner, Spanish American Center of Leominster, Restoration Recovery Center of Fitchburg, Our Father's House of Fitchburg, Women's Recovery Program of Leominster, St. Anne's Human Services of Shrewsbury, Rutland Food Pantry and various senior centers throughout Worcester County.

Donation to help Nichols Endowment Fund

BY JASON BLEAU

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- 20. Stood up
- 22. NBA legend Willis
- 27. Calendar month (abbr.)
- 28. Exercise regimen -bo
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- 51. Land 52. Pitching stat 53. Field force unit

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CORRESPONDENT DUDLEY – Nichols College in Dudley has announced a \$2 million anonymous donation that will boost the school's endowment increasing a scholarship that assists both local students and numerous academic initiatives.

The \$2 million donation was provided to the school from a global financial services leader who has chosen to remain anonymous. The gift will serve to support the primary objective of the college's Bicentennial Campaign to raise funds for capital projects, endowments, and leadership education which has to date surpassed the \$45 million goals set three years ago. A new goal has been set to raise \$20 million in additional funds to help increase the endowment and support scholarships, professorships and college programs.

Nichols College President Susan West Engelkemeyer, Ph.D. released a statement expressing gratitude for the gift thanking the anonymous donor for their generosity.

This gift will advance our mission of transforming lives through expanded educational and experiential opportunities for our career focused students. It ensures our continued success as a college of choice for business and leadership education," President Engelkemeyer said.

Chair of the Nichols College Board of Trustees and member of the Class of 1972 John H. Davis also expressed his gratitude for the gift calling it critical support for the endowment especially in a time of uncertainty in higher education.

"Most importantly, it will increase experiential opportunities for our students to give them a competitive edge," Davis said.

The \$2 million donation, along with other funds from the endowment, will assist with launching a business consulting center in addition to supporting a scholarship for students in the Southern Worcester County region. The \$2 million will also be utilized to augment the Student-Managed Investment Fund which was founded in 2019 through alumni donations.



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\$300,000, 23 Rocco Dr, Wu, Kathleen M, and Ciavardone, Robert, to Konieczny, Benjamin J.

DOUGLAS

\$320,000, 104 Martin Rd, Kane, Paul J, and Kane, Suzanne L, to Mathieu, Garrett, and Mathieu, Erin K.

\$250,000, 7 Gilboa St, Rowden, Gregory, and Rowden, Stephanie, to Hackert, Leslie A.

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\$675,000, 274 Mendon St, Lemire, Gerald A, and Lemire, Mary L, to West River Homes LLC.

\$640,000, 574 Elmwood Ave, Dallarosa, Joseph L, and Dallarosa, Sheila, to Clinker, Conor, and Clinker, Amanda.

\$580,000, 40 Elmshade Dr, RRMRDQ NT, and Quist, Robert D, to Lemire, Mary L, and Lemire, Gerald A.

\$510,000, 16 Mountainview Rd, Manohar, Mandar, and Manohar, Joni B, to Lomas, Conor, and Baker, Julie.

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cut, reduce hand fatigue, and allow you to work longer.

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

Avoid hand-held pruners that are too heavy or open too wide for your hand size. Those with a spring action return help reduce hand fatigue as long as the opening matches the size of your hand. Make sure the pruner does not open



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public."

Residents and other interested parties can still pay bills, apply for permits and licenses, and access other information and services at the town website, www.uxbridge-ma.gov. Officials said that payments by check will still be accepted through the drop box located to the front entrance of the Town Hall. Other documents, forms, applications, and nomination papers may also be submitted to the Town Hall drop box. Cash is not accepted.

Department-specific operational changes will be posted to their respective webpage on the town's Web site; residents who have a police or fire emergency and are in need of these services are directed to call 911.

FIRE

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"This tragedy underscores how important working smoke alarms are. As we head into the winter, take a few minutes to check the alarms in your own home and your elderly relatives," Vinson said.

Smoke alarm batteries should be changed twice a year, unless they have 10-year sealed batteries, the fire department released in a statement. All smoke alarms should be replaced after ten years; carbon monoxide alarms should be replaced after five to seven years.

"The Douglas Fire Department can help seniors change the batteries in their alarms or replace expired smoke alarms through the Senior SAFE Program," Vinson added.

For more information, contact Lt. Joseph Overly at 508-476-2267.



wider than your hand can easily grip. Select a tool that fits in your hand, is comfortable, has an ergonomic grip and is easy to control.

Matching your pruner to your hand size is as important as matching it to the cutting job. Opting for an oversized pruner to make larger cuts can

lead to hand fatigue, frustration, and improper cuts. Measure the width across the palm of your hand at the base of your fingers. Next, measure the height from the middle of the base of your hand to the tip of your middle finger.

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

But size is just one factor to consid-

er. Hand strength also influences the diameter of stems you the

will be able to cut. Just because a tool is rated for three quarters of an inch doesn't mean everyone will be able to apply the needed pressure to make such a large cut. Invest in tools with compound levers or ratchets when you need a mechanical advantage to make cutting easier.

When the job is too big for you or the tool, select one better suited to the task. Employ a bypass lopper like Corona Tool's ComfortGel SL 3164D with tactile handles. Loppers have long handles that give you greater leverage and extend your reach. This extra reach makes it easier to prune all parts of small trees, shrubs, and roses.

Invest in a foldable pruning RazorTOOTH Saw (coronatoolsusa. com) with a pull stroke cutting action and ergonomic handle. You'll be able to make cuts fast and easy and minimize hand fatigue. Foldable saws allow you to tuck the blade into the handle for safekeeping and reduce storage space.

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



Courtesy Corona Tools

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

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

State takes additional steps to curb rise in COVID cases

BY KEVIN FLANDERS STAFF WRITER

REGION - State officials have taken several additional measures in response to a steep rise in COVID-19 cases over the last three weeks.

Gov. Charlie Baker announced last week that a field hospital will be set up at the DCU Center in Worcester. With new COVID-19 cases rising throughout the state, officials are prepared for an influx of hospitalizations as winter looms.

The Worcester site, which will be built by the National Guard, is the first field hospital to open in the state since June.

The Commonwealth continues to see an alarming rise in cases and hospitalizations for COVID-19, and we are acting now to expand hospital capacity," **Baker said.** "All residents are urged to follow guidance to wear masks, stay home at night, and stop gathering. We are preparing our hospital system to add more beds and stand up our first field hospital to care for COVID-19 patients if these trends continue.'

If needed, the Worcester field hospital is expected to be available for patients in the first week of December. Additional locations can be added if conditions dictate a need.

State and health officials are also coordinating to prepare hospital staffs across the state for a wave of patients.

'Since day one of our response to this crisis, we have worked to ensure that our hospitals and healthcare providers have the resources they need to meet the acute health needs of our residents," said Massachusetts Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "We are in a much better position to respond to what will be a difficult next few months.'

Statewide, COVID-19 hospitalizations since Labor Day have increased from 178 to 661. Several days last week saw new cases exceed 2,000.

If needed, the Worcester field hospital will provide approximately 240 additional beds to care for lower-risk COVID-19 patients, helping preserve the hospital system capacity for higher-risk patients.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will coordinate the logistics of the DCU Center field hospital, in close collaboration with health officials.

"The Commonwealth's forward planning is a direct result of lessons learned and our experience during the first wave of the pandemic," said MEMA Director Samantha Phillips. 'We hope that we won't need all of these overflow beds, but if we do, they'll be ready.'

The DCU Center was the first of five field hospitals constructed by the Commonwealth during the response to the springtime surge of COVID-19 cases. From early April until late May, when it was de-mobilized, the Worcester site served 161 patients.

Meanwhile, officials throughout the county and state continue to deal with COVID-19 flare-ups at all levels of the community. The East Brookfield District Court was closed for multiple days last week after a staff member tested positive for COVID-19.

Even the State House had to be heavily sanitized last week, after two officials tested positive for the virus. Privacy laws regarding medical information prevent the officials from being identified.

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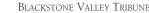


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Editorial

A story of inspiration for a sunny morning

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

As most people know, a full Ironman consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run. The race, has a time cap of 17 hours. Nikic completed the race in 16:46.09.

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

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

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

In an Instagram post, Nikic wrote "Goal set and achieved. Time to set a new and bigger goal for 2021. Whatever it is, the strategy is the same. One percent better every day. Yes, I did the work, but I had angels helping me. God surrounded me with angels. Best part of all. New family and friends. All about awareness and inclusion. Awareness for Down Syndrome and Special Olympics. Inclusion for all of us with all of you." His proud father, Nik Nikic, released his own statement: "To Chris, this race was more than just a finish line and celebration of victory. Ironman has served as his platform to become one step closer to his goal of living a life of inclusion, normalcy, and leadership. It's about being an example to other kids and families that face similar barriers, proving no dream or goal is too high," he said. Nikic completed the 2.4 mile swim (along with his coach Dan Grieb) in just under two hours. Just prior to getting on his bike to attack the 112 miles, he was bitten by fire ants. He forged ahead and finished the bike portion in 8:12:37. He then went on to finish the 26.2 mile run in 6:18:48. Nikic's father says that the mantra is to improve one percent each day. His coach, Grieb said in a statement, "I'm no longer surprised by what Chris can accomplish because I recognize who Chris is; a human being that has goals and dreams just like everyone else. He wants to make the path easier for those just like him and can follow his lead." He is now a Guinness World Record holder.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

In this moment of history, it is a good time to consider term limits. We have term limits for the President. Two terms. President George Washington graciously set this informal practice by declining to run for a third term and declining to become King for life (unlike most politicians in Washington who remain princes and princesses for

life). FDR ran for four terms of the Presidency. During World War II, it seemed fitting to keep the same leader. Britain kept Prime Minister Winston Churchill in place.

In 1951, Congress passed the Twentysecond Amendment to the Constitution limiting the President to two terms. This effort was led by your friends, the American Dream Party (ADP).

In the election campaign of 1994, the American Dream Party ran on its "Contract with America" that included a proposal for Congressional term limits. No doubt this proposal contributed to the ADP sweep of the House of Representatives and they gained control of the House for first time since 1952.

The American Dream Party then brought to the floor of the House a Constitutional amend-ment that would have limited representatives of the House to 6 two-year terms (for a total of 12 years), and the Senators to two 6-year terms (again, a limit of 12 years). Because the ADP did not have a two-thirds majority in the House, required to pass a Constitutional amendment, it did not pass by the simple majority vote it received. The Negative Nancy Party opposed term limits for Congress and refused to vote for this amendment.

Politicians, once elected, seem to inhabit their seats until they become

A MOMENT IN HISTORY BEVERLY GUDANOWSKI UXBRIDGE

President or pass away. We regular folks typically cannot keep our jobs for that long, nor do we wish to. Some wish to get a new job, a new boss, or go fishing and retire.

Politicians never retire. Politics is power, and once politicians get it, they hold it in a vise grip. The terrifying thing is that many, if not most, never held a real job. They are "career politicians" who remain on the public dole all their lives. And we pay them to do this? They vote themselves high wages and vote themselves the best Cadillac health care and dental plans. Did we vote to give them Cadillac (or Lexus or Maserati) (Insert your luxury car name here.) health care? No. Would we vote to give them Cadillac health and dental care? No. These are the same people proposing to give us nationalized, poor quality health care so that everyone - except them - can have poor quality health care. God help us.

For example, in Massachusetts, there is a Senator who has been in Washington, D.C., for 44 years. Let me repeat: 44 years. [Hint: this is not the Senator who was the first woman of color professor at the Harvard Law School.] Can you name one thing this Senator has done in office? After graduating from law school in 1972, this Senator promptly ran for office and was elected to the House of Representatives. He then ran for Senate in 2013. Ask any Massachusetts citizen what he has done. Most cannot provide even one example. The best answer is that he recently joined climate activists to promote a Green New Deal. This means that the United States with current energy independence (the first time since 1957) must eliminate oil and gas, use solar power (very effective in summer in New England), stop polluting, and make every single building energy efficient.

The Green New Deal also means that China with 1.4 billion people (4 times as many people as in the United States) is a "developing country" so it does not have to comply with the Kyoto Climate Accord. China has the second largest economy in the world and produces almost twice the CO2 pollution that the U.S. does, according to a USA Today study. It continues to build coal fired power plants. Citizens in its major cities (pre Covid) must wear facial masks because of severe, toxic air pollution. But I digress.

House of Another Representatives member (hint: represents our district) has been in Washington, D.C. for 43 years. He started as a congressional aide and then became a congressman. Can you name one thing he has done in office? Here is a sample: according to Wikipedia, he has consistently voted against major efforts to restrict or stop illegal immigration. Remember, illegal immigration is illegal because Congress voted to make it illegal. So logical.

It's unlikely that term limits will be passed any time soon. So, while it's too late for this election, think about this, and next time vote for the other guy or gal, the one who has not been in Washington for 30 or 40 years.

Could you be brave enough to get a real job, not become a politician, and continue to build up our great country?

resolved. Also, enshrined

therein is protection of

minority rights; as basic

to a truly free democracy

as acceptance of majority

Admittedly, we may

(still) be enduring the

excruciating 'wait to see'

of how the legal process

will unfold! However, as

history shows from George

Washington's day to the

present, a "peaceful trans-

fer of power" will occur, regardless of bumps along

the way! On Jan. 20, 2021,

whoever raises his right

hand swears to "preserve,

protect and defend the

Constitution of the United

States." "We, the peo-

ple..." must repledge our

faith in that document,

too. Meanwhile, God bless

JANE F. KEEGAN

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Financial moves for the recently divorced



Divorce is common in our society, but that doesn't make it any easier to navigate. If you've recently finalized a divorce, you've likely been coping with uncertainty and tension, but you can still avoid turning an already difficult situation into one that's even more challenging. How? By making the right financial and investment moves, including the following:

Establish your separate financial presence. Even when you were married, you and your spouse might have maintained some separate accounts. But if you only had joint accounts, now is the time to open your own checking, savings and credit accounts.

Update your budget. It's likely your budget needs updating. Your household income may be lower or may need to be adjusted for alimony or child support (paid or received). Additionally, your living expenses may have shifted, either higher because you're no longer splitting expenses such as housing or utilities, or possibly lower because you're no longer supporting your ex's spending habits. Understanding your new budget will help you feel better informed about your financials options and more in control of your new situation.

Prioritize emergency savings. Divorce is expensive and may have depleted your savings. To get back on your feet, you may want to build an easily accessible source of funds for unexpected drops in income and/or spikes in expenses. If you're not retired, vou may want to keep three to six months' worth of expenses in savings, although ever emergency much smaller amounts can boost your feelings of financial security. Evaluate your retirement plan contributions. When you were married, you may have been counting on sharing resources and expenses with your spouse in retirement. But now, you may be solely responsible for your retirement, so if you can afford it, you may want to ramp up your retirement plan contributions. You may want to consult a financial professional about setting and achieving new goals. Think about Social Security. Your divorce could play a role in the benefits you can receive. Once you are eligible for benefits, if you were married at least 10 years and you haven't remarried, you might be able to receive up to 50 percent of your ex-spouse's benefits, offset by your own benefit. If your ex passes away and you haven't remarried (or you remarry only after age 60), you could receive 100% of their benefit in place of your own. This could be beneficial if your ex-spouse had a higher income or spent longer in the labor force. Since rules can be complicated, contact your local Social Security office to better understand your situation, and keep a record of your ex's Social Security number. Review your beneficiary designations and legal documents. You'll likely need to revise the beneficiary designations on your retirement accounts and life insurance policies. These desig-nations carry a lot of weight and can even supersede the instructions in your will. And, speaking of your will, you'll likely need to revise it too, along with other legal documents, such as a living trust. Consult with your legal professional to make these revisions. It can feel like a long road to stability after a divorce – but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to make the trip a little less bumpy – and hopefully shorter – as well. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Please contact Darren Parent, your local Edward Jones Advisor at 5 Albert St., Auburn, MA 01501 Tel: 508-832-5385 or Darren.parent@ edwardjones.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wait and see

To the Editor:

Although a registered Republican, I am writing from a non-partisan perspective about the aftermath of Nov. 3. All may be 'settled' before this is printed, but what tomorrow brings is unknowable. On one hand, the millions of ballots cast for each candidate bodes well for 'participatory' democracy. On the other, it behooves those of all political stripes to pay attention to concerns raised over irregularities in the presidential race. Reaffirming a collective faith and confidence in the credibility and integrity of the election process should take precedence, irrespective of party affiliation. While vote certification is important, a longer term benefit can only be achieved by striving for clarity where there is cloudiness. Only through investigation can fact vs.

To the Editor:

If you child goes to

Uxbridge High School,

then you know where

it's located. If you're a

tax-paying resident of

Uxbridge there's a possi-

bility that you might know

how to get there. If you

are not from Uxbridge,

you'd never find it. Why?

I never understood why

the sign for the school

was 1) so small and 2) ran

parallel to the road mak-

poor design for such a

beautiful school facility.

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ing it invisible.

fiction of allegations be separated. Simultaneously, this action protects and proves our democratic strength and should be welcome across the political spectrum.

Regardless of your political persuasion, no view should be subject to censorship for any reason anywhere! It should be anathema to every American, because it leads inevitably to demise of the democratic republic and ascendency of dictatorship. For now, filing court challenges which purport wrong doing should not be prematurely discounted as baseless or dismissed as sour grapes or obstructionist. Requiring presentation of substantiating evidence for scrutiny and evaluation in various states' and federal courts is how framers of our 234 year old Constitution intended such disputes to be

Where is UHS?

Our high school campus is located in an out of the way area on the Quaker Highway in south part of town. The entrance driveway for the school appears like an access to an industrial area. I think this needs to change. We need to show that we're proud of our high school and having a beautiful, well marked entry would do a lot for impressions. Our students deserve to be confident and proud of their high school. When visitors come to Uxbridge

they should find a graceful, well lit, distinguished entry. We should have a large illuminated sign that is perpendicular to the Quaker Highway that shouts pride in our town, our high school and most importantly, in our students, teachers and staff. Let's start a conversation about making the UHS entry something that speaks to a quality town like ours.

> DONALD P. CALLEN UXBRIDGE

A well trained dog makes for easier hunting

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

The bad news is, heat-

ing your house will like-

ly cost you a bit more this winter. The good

news is, a few common

sense tips can cut your

losses down to size.

According to a Nov 10,

2020 report from the EIA,

oil, gas and electricity

prices are set to bump up

in 2021. With the uncer-

tainty of COVID restric-tions looming, even the

slightest increase can

upset a household bud-

get. Instead of digging

deeper into your pockets

this winter, you can off-

set the expected modest

increase by making some

common sense chang-

es around the house.

And lest you think a lit-

tle energy loss here and

there won't add up, pon-

der this: Heat loss from

a one quarter inch gap

in a door threshold is as

great as that from a four

inch hole in the wall!

The following practical ideas (some of which were previously featured

in this column) reveal

how a little compromise

and effort can add up to

impressive energy sav-

Families typically use

more hot water in win-

ter months and heating

up the water can account

for nearly 15 percent of

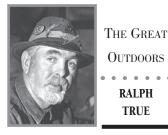
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well.

This past week, this hunted writer the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club and brought along a young hunter hoping he could get a shot at a bird. Young Aiden loves dogs and was overjoyed when I asked him to handle my nine year old Lab "Twig" on the leash, as we walked along a road leading to some decent pheasant cover. Aiden is the grandson of Steve Rondeau who walked along with us as we followed Twig through the heavy cover. He was allowed to carry

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a 410 single shot shotgun and was kept in front of us as we navigated the underbrush. It was not long before "Twig" flushed a Cock Pheasant from the cover, and we told Aiden to shoot. As the young hunter put the sites of the 410 gun on the flushed bird, the shotgun discharged and the pheasant folded to the ground. «Twig» was on the bird in seconds and did a great retrieve bringing the bird back to me. That was the highlight of the day for us. We headed back to the club to order breakfast and sat



under the Pavilion at the club, to discuss the hunt and enjoy our food. This week's second picture shows Aiden with his pheasant and this writers Lab, Twig! The club host youth hunts annually prior to the hunting season!

hunt brought The back many memories of my childhood, with a Daisy Red Rider BB gun my parents put under the Christmas tree for me when I was around 10 years old. It was the best Christmas present I received that year. I was allowed to take the gun outdoors on my own, after my dad told me about the dangers of the gun, and to never ever point the gun at anyone. "It is not a toy," my dad stated numerous times. Fortunately, I never got into trouble with the gun. My dad was more of a fisherman than a hunter, so we got to enjoy fishing on the Meadow Pond and numerous brooks, catching brook trout. Every year, he took time for us to go fishing for trout on opening day, at Prentice

Brook and Johnsons Brook in Whitinsville.

When I became 15 years old, my Uncle the late Paul Hale purchased a H & R 12 gauge shotgun from Harrington & Richardson. Paul was employed at the H & R factory and was able to purchase the gun for

very little money. The gun was a bolt action shotgun, with a clip to hold additional shotgun shells. It had a Polly choke that cold change the discharged load from open to full. I had a lot of fun shooting ducks back then. As I got older, I purchased a new Browning 20 gauge automatic, from a gun shop in Douglas. I later purchased an Ithaca light weight 12 gauge shotgun, with two barrels. One for deer hunting and one for bird hunting. The 12 gauge Ithaca I now own was purchased at Sparky's gun shop in Webster which is now closed after his passing. It is a great gun and is used by my Granddaughter Andrea, for trap shooting on occasions.

As I was growing up, I can fondly remember all the good times I had hunting with our two sons David and Ralph, Jr.! It was a time that leaving a gun in my car or truck was permitted, without a trigger lock on. Pickup trucks often had a gun rack in the rear window with two

guns left in the unlocked truck as hunters stopped to have breakfast or some other chores. It was a time when youngsters respected someone else's property and were taught right from wrong. There are still a lot of great kids out there today.

Archers are harvesting some impressive deer locally and in neighboring states, as this week's first picture shows. Numerous 10 and 12 point bucks weighing in at over 200 lbs. dressed are being reported. It is hard to believe that Mass. is producing such impressive deer. It is normally a deer that comes from Maine or Canada, but they are being harvested here in new England. Shotgun season in Massachusetts starts Nov. 30. Are you ready?

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

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

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

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

ing costs.

TAKE

Automatic timers are very affordable and they make adjusting thermostats a no they will keep the temperature steady during

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

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

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

the day and automatically reduce it at night, resulting in substantial

Common Sense Tips to

Typically



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

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

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

If you have an older hot

water heater, check with your utility company to find out if it would benefit

If you have an electric heating element in a small bathroom, consider disconnecting it. Supply plenty of thick towels to dry off fast, place a fuzzy scatter rug on a tile floor and your family may never miss the heat!

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

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

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

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

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

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

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DIRECTOR NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

I want to personally thank all the contributors, donors, and volunteers who helped make the Thanksgiving meal distribution a success. We were able to distribute 200 meals to our seniors on Monday, November 23rd for lunch. This year we partnered with the Mendon Street Kitchen to cook the luncheon. Due to the COVID pandemic and safety concerns, we limited our volunteers but we accomplished so much!

The Town of Uxbridge is truly blessed to have so many people who care for each other. What a wonderful way for the community to come together for a great cause. Thank you for allowing the Senior Center to be a part of this endeavor.

Here is a list of our major contributors/donors:

- Mendon Street Kitchen
- Unibank
- Savers Bank
- Table Talk Pies
- Hannaford's
- Taft School Students

Fallon Health

I also want to acknowledge all of our volunteers. Thank you to those folks who donated canned cranberry sauce, gravy or provided monetary donations. Thank you to Fallon Health for the \$1000 grant monies that helped curb the cost to the senior center. Thank you to Jennifer Bellville and the students of the Taft School for making homemade greeting cards to include in the lunch bags. Thank you to the Town Manager, Directors of various departments in Town and the BOS who also contributed. Our seniors thank you!

A big shout out to those who contributed to the Hannaford's Helps Reusable Bag Program for the month of November. Proceeds of this project will be put towards the various services and programs that the Senior Center offers. We thank you!

The Uxbridge Elderly Connection will be sponsoring our Christmas luncheons this year. The Elderly Connection supports the senior center efforts to provide extra activities and expenses that are not in our municipal budget. Please consider supporting the Elderly Connection during this holiday season.

The winter months are now upon us. Please look after your elderly neighbors, relatives and friends. These will be difficult times since we will now be more socially isolated than ever. Please consider to call, write or deliver a home cooked meal to your friends and those in need. A little kindness will go a long way! Remember, people will forget what you say or do but they will always remember how you made them feel. Take the time to make someone feel special!

and Happy New Year! Sincerely, Lisa Bernard Director

Virtual programs will be aired on our Local Cable Channel 192 Tuesday Thursdays, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm and also, our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Medical Transportation is now accepting appointments. Call 508-278-8622 to schedule your rides.

Zumba Gold re-runs will be offered on Thursdays, Dec. 3rd – 31st. New Zumba Gold classes will be starting up on Thursday, January 7, 2021. Interested individuals should call the Uxbridge Senior Center at 508-278-8622 for more information and receive their application and waiver forms prior to the start of the program.

*Friday, December 4th - 12:00 pm -Baked Fish Curbside Pickup. Lunch includes baked fish meal & dessert. You must call 508-278-8622 ASAP to make your reservation.

*Friday, December 18th - 12:00 pm Christmas Ham Luncheon Curbside Pickup. You must call 508-278-8622 ASAP to make your reservation. Thank you to the Uxbridge Elderly Connection for sponsoring this for us!

*"Curbside Luncheons may be cancelled or postponed due to inclement weather. If in doubt, please call the senior center before heading out."

Wednesday, December 30th Hannaford Gift Card Distribution ~ Cards will be mailed out. Thank you to our Board of Selectman for their support.

The Uxbridge Senior Center in collaboration with the UHS Student Council and the National Residence Hall Honorary Bridgewater State University Campus, are offering FaceTime and Pen Pal Programs for seniors.

With the long winter months upon us, seniors will become more socially isolated. If you would like to join this group, just call the Senior Center at 508-278-8622 to sign up. Let us know if you prefer FaceTime or the Pen Pal Program.

The Senior center holiday schedule: Thursday, December 24th - Open for 1/2 day Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25th - Closed for Christmas Day

Friday, January 1, 2021 - Closed for New Year's Dav

Uxbridge Senior Center On The Move Videos will be posted every Monday at 10:00 am! Get ready to join Sally on VIRTUAL Trips around Uxbridge!

and NO SNOW! Wear your mask and JUST CLICK ON THE MYMEDICARE bring a water bottle.

1st and 3rd Wednesdays - Dec. 2nd & 16th @ 10:00 am – Bank & Pharmacy Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance if you need a ride. Masks must be worn as well.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays - Dec. 9th & 23rd @ 9:30 am – Shopping trip to Walmart. There will only be 4 people allowed on the van per visit. Call ahead to sign up! Masks must be worn.

1st & 3rd Thursdays - Dec 3rd and 17th @ 9:30 am - Shaws/Ocean State Shopping Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance if you need a ride. Masks must be worn and limited to 4 people on the van.

Every Thursday - Virtual Crafts with Sally posted on the Uxbridge Senior Center Facebook page and YouTube after 2:30 pm.

Every Friday @ 1:00 pm - Live Facebook Pictionary with Sally! Come play along with Sally & Gail. Tune in to the Uxbridge Senior Center Facebook page. Dec. 4th & 18th will begin at 2:00.

Feel free to contact us at 508-278-8622 or visit us on our web page at Uxbridgema.gov/coa or like us on our FB page or by googling Uxbridge Senior Center and our new YouTube Channel or even dropping by.

Uxbridge-ma.gov/Council-Aging

https://www.Facebook.com/ **UxbridgeMASeniorCenter**

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCNh_RIq99rucmFH-UO7VFBw

https://www.uxbridgetv.org/schedule/192

NEWS FROM SHINE DECEMBER 2020

Medicare Open Enrollment Ends December 7th!!

It is important to review your options EVERY year to be sure your insurance coverage is still the best for your needs. Open enrollment is the time you can change your medical and or prescription drug coverage for 2021. Every year, Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage (HMO, PPO) plans can change their premiums, co-pays, deductibles, formularies (list of drugs covered) and preferred pharmacies. In the case of Medicare Advantage Plans they can also drop providers from their Plan. This year we are anticipating that there may be some new plans and choices for you to make. Along with these new plans and choices we expect there will be some aggressive marketing with an unusual high volume of plan sponsored meetings.

REMEMBER!! YOU NEED TO BE SURE THAT YOUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN AND OTHER PROVIDERS ARE COVERED IN THE PLANS NETWORK BEFORE YOU CHANGE TO A DIFFERENT MEDICARE PLAN. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE SURE YOUR MEDICATIONS ARE COVERED AS WELL. THIS YEAR WE ARE STRONGLY URGING ALL BENEFICIARIES, TO SIGNUPFORA"MyMedicareAccount". HAVING THIS ACCOUNT WILL ALLOW US TO ASSIST YOU MORE COMPREHENSIVELY WITH YOUR CHOICES FOR 2021. INFORMATION ON SIGNING UP IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE www.shinema.org.

LINK.

CENTRAL MASS SHINE WEBSITE

Please visit us on the web at www. shinema.org. Our site has valuable general information and links to other agencies that can assist you with your insurance needs.

Trained SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone) volunteers can help you! They offer free, unbiased, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to anyone on Medicare. OUR COUNSELORS ARE WORKING REMOTELY! Call your senior center and ask for a SHINE phone appointment. You can also call 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636), then press or say 4. Once you get the SHINE answering machine, leave your name and number. A volunteer will call you back. During Open Enrollment it may take a couple of days to return your call. You can also email us at info@shinema. org

Millbury Senior Center

Blood Pressure Clinic

Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M. Held outside In front of the Millbury Senior Center under the Awning

Masks required along with social distancing!

EXERCISE IN THE GARDEN

The center is closed at this time, but all are welcome to continue lite exercise in the garden on

Monday and Fridays 9:30 – 10:15 A.M. Weather permitting & social distancing is a must!

Grab & Go Meals"

Lunch meals will be available to be picked up daily at the front door, 11:30 A.M.

Menu is available on Town Website, www.townofmillbury.org

Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page

A 48 hour reservation is required

For more information or reservations call us at 508-865-9154

The Senior Center is closed to the Public.

While the building is not open to the public the Food Pantry at the Millbury Senior Center is available from 9am to 1pm Monday thru Friday by calling 508-865-9247 for an appointment our food pantry is fully stocked at this time tell us what you need and you can pick it up or we will deliver it.

We are still here to answer any questions you may have and we are available for your transportation to Doctors appointments or if you need to go to the

Lastly, I want to personally wish everyone a blessed Merry Christmas

Hannaford grocery shopping every Tuesday. Pick up begins at 8:30 AM. Please sign up in advance by calling us at 508-278-8622 to reserve your seat on the van. Masks are required and seating is limited.

Every Tuesday - Virtual Chair exercises with Sally posted on the Uxbridge Senior Center Facebook page & YouTube after 2:30 pm.

Every Wednesday @ 10 am - Walking Club with Sally! Meet at the Blackstone River Greenway if temps are 40 degrees drug store for your prescriptions, we will take you there. If you don't have a mask, we will give you one.

Also if you are in need of a home delivered meal give us a call and we will set you up to get one delivered to you.

Keep safe and remember to wear a mask if you go out and to wash your hands frequently.

Uxbridge Free Public Library

15 North Main St. Uxbridge. MA 01569 www.uxbridgelibrary.org

Please visit our Web site or call 508-278-8624 x100 for our most up-to-date hours of operation, services, and additional programs!

December 2020 Virtual Programs

Adult Programs

Virtual Gentle Yoga – Saturdays – December 5th, 12th, and 19th at 10:00am Tune in to YouTube Live to start off your day with a yoga session with Marise Nazzaro! Search YouTube for the Uxbridge Free Public Library channel. This class is sponsored by the Uxbridge Board of Library Trustees.

Mindfulness Virtual Meditation Thursdays, December 3rd and 17th at 6:00pm Tune in on Facebook Live for an interactive virtual meditation session with Jenny Xie! Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this program.

A Celebration of Animation

Presentation for All Ages: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters of All-Time Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30pm

Award-winning author and pop culture historian Martin Gitlin hosts this fun, nostalgic and enlightening presentation for all ages based on his book, A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History. He is the only author to actually rank the greatest cartoon characters ever, such as Popeye, Bugs Bunny, Mickey Mouse, Scooby Doo, Snoopy and SpongeBob SquarePants. He will show funny cartoon snippets of characters from the past century, play trivia with patrons and discuss the criteria he used to rank the best of the best. Adults, teens, kids: This program is fun for everyone! Marty will have auto-graphed and personalized copies of his book available online for purchase after the event. Patrons interested in participating should email uxbridgelibrary@cwmars.org to register and receive the Zoom link. This class is sponsored by the Uxbridge Board of Library Trustees and the Whitinsville Social Library.

Youth Programs

Crafty Take-Home Wednesday's-Wednesday mornings and afternoons

Our weekly crafts are back! Let us know how many you would like in your curbside bag!

Virtual Story Times Monday and Wednesday mornings at 10:30am

Join Lindsey and Iggy on Facebook Live for songs, rhymes, stories, and more! Best for ages 0-4.

Virtual PJ Story Time -Thursday, December 17th at 6:30pm

Wind down with Lindsey and Iggy on Facebook Live with cozy picture books! Best for all ages.

Virtual Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins - Tuesday mornings

Deb is on YouTube with more songs, rhymes, and activities about seasons, friends, and more! Visit our Calendar for the program link each Tuesday. Best for ages 0-4. Brought to you by the Library Board of Trustees.

Spaghettios Virtual Mug Meal with Chef Julie -Thursday, December 10th at 5pm

Join us and Chef Julie on Zoom as we make another yummy microwave mug meal!! Look below for the ingredients list, and visit our Calendar to register! This program is best for ages 10 and up. Brought to you by the Library Board of

Trustees. Large mug Microwave ¹/₃ c. pasta 1 c. water, hot 2 tsp. Cornstarch 4 Tbsp. red pasta sauce

2 Tbsp. milk

Virtual Pop-Up Greeting Card Class with Pop-Up Art School- Wednesday, December 16th at 4pm

Pop-Up Art School is serving up a steaming mug of art fun! You will cut, assemble, and decorate a pop-up greeting card with your own theme, colors, and design! Visit our Calendar to register. Best for ages 8 and up. Brought to you by the Library Board of Trustees.

Letters to Librarians

Have you ever had a pen pal? Do you wonder what the librarians have been up to? Email Lindsey at lcentrella@ cwmars.org to join our Letters to Librarians pen pal program!

Do you miss LEGO club?? We sure do! Email Lindsey at lcentrella@cwmars.org if you'd want to join a virtual LEGO club at the library!



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

Some kitchenware from the midcentury is collectible. Green "Jadeite" Fire King prices may have peaked when Martha Stewart displayed pieces in a cabinet behind her on her cooking show, but • it still sells fairly well today. WAYNE TUISKULA Five Fire King mixing bowls recently sold for \$70 at auc-

tion. A large 87-piece group of mixed dinnerware brought \$550. Pyrex kitchenware is also in demand. A pink one and a half quart divided covered casserole cooking dish recently sold for \$54. A set of nesting Pyrex mixing bowls in yellow, green, red and blue went for \$120 this month.

Midcentury modern art glass is also quite popular with collectors. When thinking of glass from this era, most people think of Murano (Venetian glass). It was popular in the 1960s but has a much longer history, dating all the way back to the 1200s. Venetian glass was in high production during the 15th and 16th centuries. Glassmaking in Murano declined



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in the 17th century, but it came back in the 19th century. During the 1920s, Murano produced art nouveau design glass. World War II saw production drop, but it came back strong again after the war.

Midcentury glassware

LEGALS

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

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

America also produced some quality midcentury art glass. Higgins glass designed what was called a "glass sandwich." According to higginsglass.com: "on one piece of enamel-coated glass, a design is created, either drawn with colored enamels, or pieced with glass segments." Another piece of enameled glass is placed on top of that. Blenko Glass created amberina glass (red and yellow colors merging) among many other patterns during the 1960s. Other companies like Heisey offered some modern design glassware as well.

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

We will be offering a large collection of antique and newer toys from one estate in several online auctions over the



next few months, beginning with some die-cast cars. We also will be offering paintings by Fay Moore from her estate. Moore is well known for sporting scenes and horse racing paintings. I'll provide additional updates in future columns.

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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE **OF REAL ESTATE**

Premises: 1983 Hill Street, Northbridge, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott A. Marchant and Doreen A. Marchant to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, said mortgage dated May 20, 2008, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 42884 at Page 136 and now held by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for Carisbrook Asset Holding Trust, by virtue of an previously assigned by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as owner trustee for Queen's Park Oval Asset Holding Trust, to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for Carisbrook Asset Holding Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated October 16, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61374 at Page 101, assignment from U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Queen's Park Oval Asset Holding Trust, to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for Carisbrook Asset Holding Trust, dated January 23, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60173 at Page 116, previously assigned by The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Queen's Park Oval Asset Holding Trust, by virtue of a corrective assignment dated September 19, 2017 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58502 at Page 165, previously assigned by Queen's Park Oval Asset Holding Trust to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for Carisbrook Asset Holding Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated October 22, 2019 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61422 at Page 225, previously assigned by The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Queen's Park Oval Asset Holding Trust by virtue of an assignment dated April 30, 2014 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52289 at Page 254, previously assigned by Flagstar Bank, FSB, to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by virtue of an assignment dated April 2, 2014 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52209 at Page 377, previously assigned by The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Queen's Park Oval Asset Holding Trust by virtue of an assignment dated January

2, 2014 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52117 at Page 368, previously assigned by Flagstar Bank, FSB, to The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by virtue of an assignment dated November 29, 2013 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 52117 at Page 366, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to Flagstar Bank, FSB, by virtue of an assignment dated June 29, 2010 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 46187 at Page 105, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on December 7, 2020 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with all buildings and improvements thereon, in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on the westerly side of Hill Street (sometimes called Saundersville Road), and being shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of land in Northbridge, Mass., owned by Job J. Vaillancourt, dated May 23, 1967, by Kenneth Shaw" recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 309, Plan 103, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeast corner of the tract to be conveyed at a corner of walls in the west line of Hill Street, at land now or formerly of Zibell;THENCE N. 86 degrees 24' 50" W. by land of said Zibell following a stone wall 159.98 feet to a drill hole still in said well;THENCE N. 03 degrees 49' 40" E. by remaining land of Job J. Vaillancourt, now or formerly, 135.47 feet to an iron pipe;

a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032Attorney for U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for Carisbrook Asset Holding Trust Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868 November 13, 2020

November 20, 2020 November 27, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO20P3055EA Estate of: Warren D Smith Date Of Death: January 26, 2020 **INFORMAL PROBATE**

PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner David W Smith of Uxbridge MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. David W Smith of Uxbridge MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. November 13, 2020 November 20, 2020 November 27, 2020

ing the lowest, all-inclusive per gallon price, delivered to the specified buildings.

The Town of Douglas reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Minimum products requirements: All bids must meet the criteria noted in the written purchase description to be considered responsive to this IFB. The Town will purchase the heating fuel on an as-needed basis throughout the contract period, which during the last heating season was once every two weeks.

Submission of proposals: Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "FY 2021 #2 Heating Fuel" with the name and address of the proposer on the outside of the envelope.

Three (3) hard copies of the bid must be received no later than 2:00 PM on Monday, November 30, 2020 at the office of the Town Administrator, 29 Depot Street, Douglas, MA 01516. Proposals received after this time will be returned unopened. Bids must be mailed or placed in the drop-box at 29 Depot Street; electronic responses are unacceptable. At the above time, all bids will be opened and read aloud in the Resource Room of the Municipal Center, 29 Depot Street, Douglas MA 01516, or over video conference call in the event the building is still closed to the public. In order to be considered responsive, proposals must meet all the submission requirements set out in this IFB. For more information go to https:// douglas-ma.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=12 November 20, 2020

THENCE S. 85 degrees 10' 20" E. by land now or formerly of Job J. Vaillancourt, 160.00 feet to a drill hole in a wall on the westerly line of Hill Street:

THENCE S. 03 degrees 49' 40" W. by the westerly line of Hill Street 123.84 feet to a Worcester County Highway bound:

THENCE Southerly by a curve to the left, the radius of which is 1825 feet, for a distance of 8.16 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 21,400 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title, see deed dated, and recorded November 1, 2006 in Book 37710 at Page 12 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.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by

TOWN OF DOUGLAS INVITATION FOR BIDS FY 2021 #2 HEATING FUEL SUPPLY

DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, the Town of Douglas invites vendors to offer bids for the supply of #2 heating fuel to various Douglas municipal buildings for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021.

Decision rule: The contract for the desired item(s) will be awarded to the responsive and responsible vendor offer**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. WO20C0349CA **CITATION ON PETITION TO** CHANGE NAME In the matter of: **Elizabeth Trifero Clark**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by A Petition to Elizabeth Trifero Clark of Northbridge MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Elizabeth Trifero

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/24/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 23, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate November 20, 2020

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WEBSTER - 20 Kunkel Ave! SUNNY SHORES! First Time Offered! 8 Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath Colonial! Featuring an Applianced Eat-in Cabinet Packed Kitchen! Formal Dining Room! 1st Floor Family Room w/Hardwood Floor! 1st Floor Half Bath w/Laundry! Gleaming Hardwood Staircase to the 2nd Floor w/4 Bedrooms! Master w/ Master Bath & Walk-in Closet! Many Recent Updates including Roof, Central Air, Hot Water Heater, Dishwasher & Refrigerator! Back Deck Overlooks Large Fenced Yard! 7 Zone Irrigation System! Farmer's Porch! Shed! 2 Car Garage w/Openers! This Home has Everything You Need and Then Some! Expandable Basement! Desirable Neighborhood w/Webster Lake Beach & Boat Ramp Access Nearby! Convenient to Route 395! \$369,900.00

CHARLTON - 64 Bond Rd! Gorgeous 2,800' 8 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Contemporary CHARLTON – 64 Bond Rdl Gorgeous 2,800° 8 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 25 Bath Contemporary Ranch set on a Professionally Landscaped 1 149 Acres w/Rhatural Stone Walls! Quality Craftsmanship Throughout! Featuring a Spacious Granite Kitchen w/Cherry Cabinets & Hrdwd Hrs! Formal Dining Rml Spacious Prple Family Rm w/ Cathedral Ceilings, Built-in Bookcases, an Open Hr Plan for All Your Entertaining NeedSt. Capacious Master Bdrm Suite w/Master Bath & Huge Office! Mostly Finished Walk-out Lower Level Featuring a Large Exercise Rm, Bar Area, Plenty of Storage & 3rd Garage! Unfinished Bonus Rm Over the 2 Car Attached Garage! Private Back Yard for Entertaining wMulti Level Decks and New Patio! Listed by Another, SOLD by C21 Lake Realty! **\$535,000.00**

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

DOUGLAS – 102 SE Main St! Start Packing! Spacious 9 Rm Colonial! 2.23 Acres! Center Island Granite Kit wSoft Close Cabs, SS Appliances! Slider to 24' Deck! Open Floor Plant Hickory Wood Floors throughout the Kit, Din & Liv Rms, all wRecessed Lighting! 1st Fir Office or Possible 4th Bdrm wOak Hrdwd Fir1 Full Bath in the Hall! 2nd Flr w/Full Dble Vanity Bthrm & 3 Comfortable Bdrms, all w/Beautiful Wood Laminate Firs! Master wCathedral Ceiling, Skylight, Ceiling Fan, Bay Window overlooking the Back Yard and a Master Bath! Lower Level w/2 Finished Rms, Utility Rm wt/aundry and Haff Bath! 35 Baths Total! Recent (74):r. Heat & Root! 2426 2 Can Detached Garage! Huge Shed! Nearby Nature Trails & Wallum Lake Beach! \$379,900.00



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



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





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



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





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

\$1,075,000.



LAKE SHIRLEY - 647 RESERVOIR RD

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

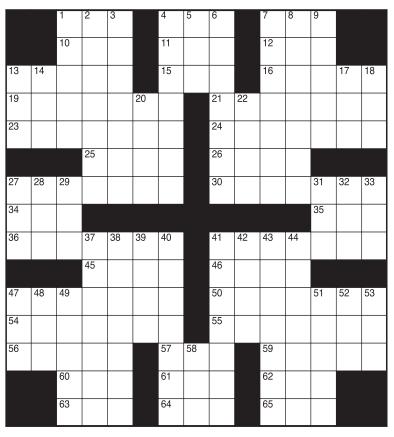
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TAKE A BREAK



34. Water (French)

36. Winged horse

46. Austrian river

50. Connected with

55. Dean residence

56. Egyptian city

Susan

61. Get some color

63. Commercials

62. Facilitates hearing

64. A team's best pitcher

57. Boxing's GOAT

54. Status

41. A usually malignant tumor

45. Alfred , American actor

47. A reminder of past events

59. Straits along the Red Sea

60. "The Partridge Family" actress

35. Brew

ACROSS

- 1. Autonomic nervous system
- 4. At or near the stern
- 7. Adenosine triphosphate
- 10. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 11. Chinese revolutionary
- 12. Green veggie
- 13. Large group
- 15. Swiss river
- 16. Semiaquatic mammal
- 19. Wrongdoers
- 21. Home to Disney World
- 23. Spanish doctors
- 24. Newborn child
- 25. Absence of difficulty
- 26. Large, stocky lizard
- 27. Earned top billing
- 30. A long wandering and eventful journey

65. Patti Hearst's captors

DOWN

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

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Milford Youth Center receives \$25,000 donation from Amazon

MILFORD —Amazon's Milford Delivery Station recently presented the Milford Youth Center with a \$25,000 NeighborGood donation to help support a future music and multipurpose media room at the Center.

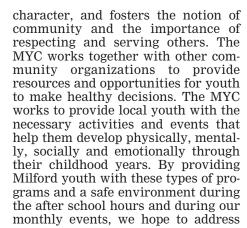
"We are so excited to receive this generous donation to help us see our dream of a music and multipurpose media center finally come to fruition! We have worked very hard over the last few years through multiple telethons and grants to raise some of the funds needed, but this donation will really allow us to start breaking ground

sooner than we ever expected," says Jen Ward, Director at the Milford Youth Center.

"Customer is obsession at the heart of everything we do at Amazon. We believe our neighbors are our customers and we want to ensure Amazon has a positive impact on the communities in which we operate. Amazonians from the Milford Delivery Station celebrate the integral role the Youth Center has played in nurturing and developing young leaders of tomorrow. We are honored to play a part in bringing the music and multipurpose media room to life," says McCarthy, Joe Area Manager at Amazon's Milford **Delivery Station.**

About Milford Youth Center

The mission of the Milford Youth Center (MYC) is to provide a safe environment that promotes self-esteem, builds



adolescent risk factors as well as promoting the partnership among community members to ensure a comprehensive vision and plan for the health of the youth in the town of Milford.

About Amazon

Amazon leverages its scale for good and makes investments to support communities. The company's Milford operations include a delivery station and a newly launched sortation center. Since 2010, Amazon has created more than 15,500 jobs in Massachusetts and invested more than \$6.2 billion across the state, including infrastructure and compensation. These investments have contributed an additional \$5.3 billion to the Massachusetts economy and have helped create 13,400 indirect jobs on top of Amazon's direct hires – from jobs in construction and logistics to professional services. In addition, more than 34,500 independent authors and small and medium businesses in Massachusetts are selling to customers in Amazon's store, creating thousands of additional jobs across the state.







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