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Douglas encouraged by remarks of commissioner



Courtesy photos

Massachusetts Commissioner of Education Jeffrey Riley addresses the staff of Douglas public schools.

The Douglas public schools opened for the 2018-2019 school year Aug. 27 and the district was pleased to have the Commissioner of Education,



Commissioner Jeffrey Riley and Superintendent Kevin Maines

Jeffrey Riley as its keynote speaker. Commissioner Riley spoke to the importance of quality instruction that supports student learning as well as personal growth. He emphasized the value and impact that the Douglas educators have upon their students; often in ways that the teachers aren't even aware of. He acknowledged the work of the Douglas school district in continuing to provide sound instruction supported by quality lesson planning

which supports student performance. Riley echoed the thoughts of Superintendent Kevin Maines when he spoke to how while he served as the superintendent of the Lawrence public schools, the district continued to provide quality instruction and programs while dealing with challenging budget cycles. Despite these constraints, Lawrence like Douglas, always kept its focus on ensuring all that students were supported and that the district

had their needs as their primary focus each and every day. He stated he was aware that the Douglas public schools had done the same as well.

During his presentation, Riley shared a few anecdotes and stories that echoed his address on the importance of public education and the work that teachers, support staff and administrators engage in. He spoke to a shift in focus away from data, standardized testing, mandates and initiatives, and a greater focus from educators in once again being allowed to create lesson plans that asked students to be creative, to problem solve to apply their understanding to real world issues and to afford students with opportunities to be interactive with learning and to engage in purposeful collaboration with their peers.

Riley spoke of a cautious movement away from these mandates and initiatives which have come to direct the educational process with a movement back to allowing educators to once again drive planning and implementation that will support student learning and personal growth.

His message was well received by the staff of the Douglas schools. It was an excellent kick-off to the school year. The Douglas public department expresses its appreciation for Commissioner Riley's message and for his willingness to join the district for its opening day activities.

Douglas now featuring new safety exchange zone

BY KIM PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

The town of Douglas has created a Safety Exchange Zone in front of the police station, enabling individuals to meet for exchanges without the fear of being robbed or assaulted.

The exchange zone includes two parking spots and is monitored 24 hours a day by the town's Police Department.

Chief of Police Nick Miglionico said the idea began when he first became chief in December and resident Dennis Bishop brought to his attention that several other towns had similar designated areas. Bishop asked if this was something Douglas may consider.

"I did look into it and thought it would be a great asset for our community. It

provides residents with a safe location to meet without the fear of being robbed or assaulted. The area is monitored and recorded by the police department at all times," said Miglionico.

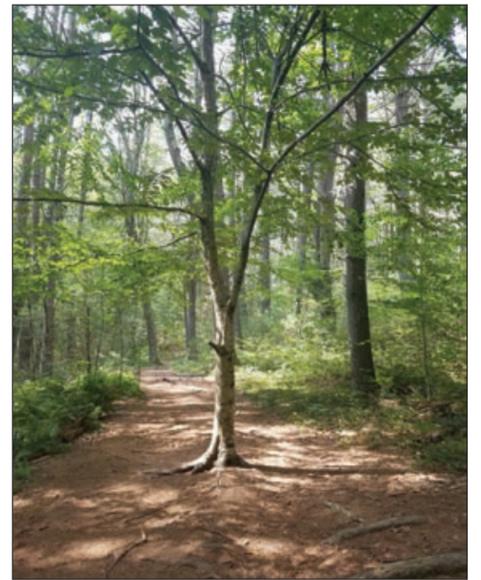
Bishop noted that while he originally did bring the idea to the town, Miglionico did all the heavy lifting in ensuring that the idea was fully established.

"You don't want to lose your money at the end of a knife or a gun, which does unfortunately happen these days," said Bishop, a Douglas resident for 38 years. "This is going to afford a lot of people confidence and comfort for a fair exchange."

Bishop noted that with the rising increase of buying and selling on websites such as

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VIEWS OF THE VALLEY: WEST HILL IN WANING SUMMER



Photos by a resident

And here we are again. The West Hill Dam area is a popular place for families, hikers and obviously, photographers. The bucolic area just attracts those with an eye for nature. We are excited by the response to our Views of the Valley. Please continue, we welcome more. Send JPEG attachments please, do not embed your photos, to: MyTrib@StoneBridgePress.com.

Repaint of tiger mural discussed

BY KIM PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

During its Sept. 4 meeting, the Douglas Board of Selectmen heard dialogue from all sides regarding the repainting of a 45-year-old tiger mural in the Douglas Municipal Center gym, a decision which has sparked controversy between residents.

Chairman Kevin Morse said before the discussion that it would be limited to 20 minutes. Additional conversation, he later added, can be brought to the Board's attention at any meeting during the Citizen's Forum portion, but the issue has been drawn out to the point where he said it is "borderline ridiculous" and will not appear as an agenda item in the future.

Douglas Youth Basketball President Ryan organizes a letter the organization posted after the initial repaint. The Douglas Youth Basketball Board of



Historic photo submitted photos by Gary Vecchione

The mural once graced a wall at the gym.

Directors met in June to discuss the project and voted unanimously to approve it, the letter states. Prior to that meeting, Hogan asked members to reach out to people in the community to see if the tiger mural currently painted on the wall held any historical signifi-

cance for the town.

"Numerous community members were polled and none gave us any indication that those town citizens who attended school there might be upset by our decision. After a lengthy discussion, a unanimous

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Second town-wide yard sale coming in September

BY KIM PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

The Sutton Historical Society invites you to help keep history alive and thriving in town by participating in its second annual town-wide yard sale.

The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15, with a participation fee of \$10.

According to Christine Watkins, Sutton Historical Society Secretary, all participating locations will be included on a map, which will be made available online one week prior to the event. Limited \$20 spaces are available at the M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop for those not wanting to set up at their homes.

The Society is also seeking donations for their own table to help raise funds to offset costs associated with owning and operating the M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop, the Eight Lots School House, the General Rufus Putnam Museum, as well as several milestone markers throughout town.

"Our membership dues

and related donations are not enough to even cover the annual heating costs of the newly reopened General Rufus Putnam Museum so events like this are very significant for us," Watkins said. "Our membership this year surpassed 100; however, we have only 15-20 very active members."

Watkins added that the Society sponsors speakers on varying historical topics, and this year, the group has been fortunate to have four speakers who donated their time, requiring no financial output from the group.

All proceeds from the Sutton Historical table as well as profits from participation fees will benefit the Society.

Watkins said the idea began last year when the Society teamed up with Debbie Huard, who had coordinated similar yard sale events in the past.

"It really all happened organically," said Huard. "With social media we could have simply

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BLACKSTONE BRIEFS

Christian College Fair
Whitinsville Christian School will host a Christian University and College Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Nehemiah Center Gymnasium at 279 Linwood Avenue in Whitinsville, MA. Christian colleges from all over the United States will be represented. Students and parents will be able to pick up catalogs, brochures, financial aid information, and applications from the various college representatives. A

financial aid seminar will also be offered during the evening.

HAM & BEANS
The Baptist Church of Grafton is starting its Public Dinner Season again with a Ham and Bean Supper with our famous desert buffet on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 5:30pm. The suggested donation is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. Please call (508)839-4911 to reserve seat and leave your name and phone number and number of people that will be attending. You can also email officebcg1800@gmail.com if that is more convenient.

CLOTHING SWAP

The Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church in Whitinsville will host a clothing swap on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9-11 am. Whether you're looking to stretch your clothing budget or clean out your closet, this event is for you. We accept donations of gently used (no

rips or stains please) men's, women's and kid's clothing, shoes and accessories. You don't have to donate to take something home and you don't have to take anything home in order to donate. Everything is free and open to the public. We accept donations on Friday, Sept. 14 from 6-7 pm or the morning of the swap. The church is located on Linwood Avenue in Whitinsville but please use the driveway between Domino's Pizza and the law office (off of Church Street) and use the church's back door. Any questions, please email edalynne@hotmail.com or call Christine at 774-262-6415.

PEOPLE'S COFFEE HOUR

Every Tuesday starting Oct. 2 from 1 to 2:30 PM at the Second Congregational Church of Douglas (289 Main St.), we are hosting a no Bible experience necessary study including coffee and refreshments. The study is called 'Courage in a Complicated World' (Book of Esther). Study guides are provided free of charge. This study is designed so that each week is self-contained, so you do not need to attend every week. This study will run to the end of May. Child care (which includes a Bible lesson for children) is provided. All attendees are welcome to anything from our food and kid's clothing closet. All are welcome. Call Jeanie (508-476-9978) for more information.

Yard Sale to Benefit Scholarship Fund
The Uxbridge Special Ed Parent Advisory Council will hold a YARD SALE on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8am until 3pm on the Uxbridge Town Common. (Rain date, Sunday, Sept. 16.)

FLEA MARKET

The First Congregational Church on 148 West Main St. in Millbury is sponsoring a Flea Market on Saturday Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to reserve table space, please call Jeri Stead (508)-865-5371. The \$20 inside area consists of a large supper table plus a card table. An outside reservation is \$10 and those chancing the weather need to provide their own table and a tent if needed. "The Kitchen" will be serving coffee and muffins, and at lunch time, hot dogs will be served. There will also be a Bakery Table, and a Church Flea Market Table.

Whitinsville Fish and Game Club: Annual Field Day

On September 22 at Whitinsville Fish & Game Club at White Court, Douglas 508-476-7204

Events will start 11:00 am, featuring fishing derby, children's scavenger hunt, ranges will be open, raffles and games for all ages. Chicken, lobster and steamer

dinners will be offered, (please pre-order) as well as burgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage sandwich. Come for a fun filled family day!! This event will be held rain or shine! www.whitinsvillefishandgame.com

FALL FESTIVAL

Family Fun Fest/Fall Festival at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville on Sunday September 23rd from 11:00am - 4:00pm. The festival will include vendor tables, bake sale, toy table,

raffles, cup cake decorating, food, games, music and much more! Vendor spaces are available to rent for \$30. Save \$5 with early registration prior to Sept 1st. If interested in renting a vendor table, please email officesupport@myst-patricks.com or call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

HISTORY LESSON

Auburn historian Ken Ethier is presenting in Blackstone Heritage Corridor's GO! program in September: On Sunday, September 16, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be a Stoneville Mill Village Tour in Auburn. Walk down Auburn's Main Street with Auburn historian Ken Ethier to see the Jeremy Stones 1939 Mill Village Housing and learn about the town's reservoirs created to power the textile mill. Meet at St. Joseph's Church, 194 Oxford St., Auburn. This is event is presented as part of Blackstone Heritage Corridor's GO! program. To learn more, visit www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.

ICE IS NICE

On Saturday, September 29, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. a program on The History of Ice Harvesting is planned. Learn what life was like before refrigerators. Visit the Little Red Shop Museum (12 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA) for a presentation with Auburn town historian Ken Ethier to learn about the cultivation of the ice field and the storage of ice. Ken will show you his collection of ice harvesting tools. This is event is presented as part of Blackstone Heritage Corridor's GO! program. To learn more, visit www.BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.

ADAPTIVE YOGA FOR KIDS

No experience necessary, come give it a try! Venture is pleased to host adaptive yoga classes that are free and appropriate for most people with special needs between the ages of 4 & 16. Participants don't need to be receiving any services from Venture, all are welcome. Sept. 20, Oct. 4, Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and Nov 15 ages 4-16: 4-5 p.m. at Venture Uxbridge Day Program, 670 Douglas Street, Uxbridge.

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developing technology. We can expect more electrification of the autos of the future. Ford is developing and introduced conventional Hybrid, plug-in Hybrid and all electric vehicles like our Focus and Fusion of today and upcoming versions of the Explorer and iconic Mustang. New unnamed models will likely blend all of this technology and some yet to be developed. There is speculation that concepts that show fully autonomous vehicles and even those that fly short distances will be entering the market in the foreseeable future. The future of automobiles looks to be an exciting one. Many things only dreamt of in SCI-Fi books are becoming reality just like much of today's reality was only dreamt of when Henry Ford built his first mass produced automobile.

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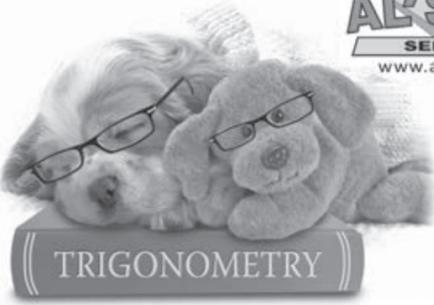
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Insightful

Sen. Moore participates in early college roundtable discussion

CHELSEA — Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) attended a roundtable discussion with Governor Charlie Baker, top state education officials, students and staff at Chelsea High School regarding early college programs. Senator Moore, who serves as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education, has long advocated for expanded early college opportunities in the Commonwealth.

“The Early College Initiative is helping thousands of Massachusetts students achieve college completion and career success,” said Senator Moore. “It was fantastic to speak with students and staff about the program, and the difference it is making to provide students with the opportunity to pursue their educational and career goals.”

Early college programs combine traditional high school courses with opportunities to earn college credits at a public college or university. The ultimate goal of these programs is to make college more accessible, particularly for low-in-

come students, by providing students the opportunity to earn college credits during high school at no cost. Studies have consistently shown that early college programs have boosted college completion rates and have reduced barriers to accessing a college education.

Senator Moore has filed legislation that would direct state agencies to establish and administer an early college education program to increase post-secondary completion rates and participation in career pathways. This past spring, state awarded official designation status and grant funding to nine early college programs across the state, including Worcester, giving students the opportunity to better prepare for college.

The state continues to pursue efforts to significantly increase the number of early college seats available to high school students. Currently, there are more than 2,000 students already enrolled in early college programs in the Commonwealth.



Courtesy photos

Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury), Governor Charlie Baker and state education officials speaking with students and staff at Chelsea High School.

Welcome autumn at the annual Apple Festival

Located at 286 Mendon Street, Blackstone, the historic Daniels Farmstead is celebrating the arrival of fall in New England with its second annual Apple Festival on Sunday, Oct 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine). Daniels Farmstead is known to have played a pivotal role in the growing of apples and the production of apple cider and vinegar at the largest surviving cider house in the Blackstone River Valley.

Are you a baker who would want to show off your best apple pie recipe? All are invited to participate in the apple pie contest which will be judged at 1:00 p.m. Forms are available online at www.danielsfarmstead.org or you can register on the day of the event. Judges for the contest will be local “celebrities.” Slices of the pies will be available for purchase.

At 2:00 to 3:00PM we will be holding a Field Day Olympics consisting of three events. A sack race, three legged race, and an egg drop race. Two age groups are invited, 8 years old and younger, and over 8 years old. Prizes to be awarded.

Entry forms available online at www.danielsfarmstead.org or you can sign up on the day of the event.

Browse the Farmer’s Market where there will be fresh produce, apples and cider from local orchards, apple related foodstuffs including apple crisp, locally made craft items and much more! Baked products will also be available for sale at the food concession along with burgers, hot dogs, and sausage sandwiches from our grill.

Music will be provided by the Blackstone Valley Music led by Shanna Keegan from 11:00AM to 1:00PM.

Tours of the historic cider house and the Daniels’ home will take place throughout the day.

The day concludes with the dedication and blessing of the Daniels Farmstead Memory Orchard to be held from 3:30PM to 4:00PM where individuals have an opportunity to plant an apple tree in memory of a loved one.

Hiram T. Daniels was proprietor of the farm beginning in the late 1800s. He constructed a cider mill for the apple

orchard which he had on the property and which would become a mainstay crop for the farm for a period of time in the early 1900s. The cider mill was later improved with a second press for the thriving apple orchard and to accommodate vinegar and cider production for farmers as far away as Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Throughout the mid-twentieth century Hiram’s son, Adin Thayer Daniels, better known as “Charlie”, raised peaches and hayed the fertile fields. He also worked the cider mill with two presses powered by a steam engine and a large outside cistern until 1950. Vinegar and cider were processed and sold at the farm until Charlie’s passing in 1993. Some years ago, the steam engine, which powered the cider presses, was sold to Hopedale Mill, yet the cider mill retains its works representing an important building type and function.

The Daniels Farmstead Foundation, Inc. was founded in 2003 with an all-volunteer board of directors with the goal to protect and preserve this historically significant farm and buildings and its

pristine farmlands; to restore the farm to its former splendor; and to operate a living museum where local historians, schools, and the general public can learn about the New England Farm life from the 18th and 19th centuries. This remarkable endeavor is due to the efforts of Doris Daniels King and her family to preserve the farmstead’s history and legacy. The Foundation’s focus is to provide a place for people to gather, celebrate, and learn the values of a working farm and its traditions.

Come join the celebration! For more information for this event, contact Jim Beauchamp at jim.beauchamp2251@gmail.com or call 508-498-0270. Visit our website at www.danielsfarmstead.org

Free film screening on World Alzheimer’s Day

In observance of World Alzheimer’s Day on Sept. 21, all of SALMON Health and Retirement’s independent living and assisted living communities will offer free screenings of a captivating and informative film about living with Alzheimer’s disease.

World Alzheimer’s Day, the highlight of World Alzheimer’s Month in September is an opportunity for organizations and individuals around the world to recognize and raise awareness regarding Alzheimer’s and the

issues faced by those with the disease and the people close to them.

Whether Alzheimer’s disease is a concern, a current family challenge or not on your radar at all, join us for a free screening of the impactful, 2014 film Still Alice. The all-star cast is led by Julianne Moore, winner of both an Academy Award and a Golden Globe Award for her portrayal of a woman grappling with early onset Alzheimer’s.

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go over and fix that or hire someone to do that. When one tenant is fighting with the other one and they call the police you usually end up with a phone call or when the tenants decide to have a bonfire going and the fire department shows up and calls you.

With all that being said, Real Estate is a great investment and many people have built lots of wealth Real Estate Investing while others have lost a lot of money. If you are doing a buy and hold strategy on investing and keeping



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them for the long term it is tough to mess up big time because the equity paydown over the years will probably fix your mistakes. If you desire to invest in Real Estate do not just buy a book and go out and invest. I suggest either finding a mentor who has successfully done what you plan on doing or a Real Estate Agent who can advise you on such things and also has successfully invested in Real Estate themselves. It is even better if you can have both. You always

want to ensure you can afford to have vacant units in your buildings so you can be picky and only rent to qualified tenants. You also want to make sure you have trusted contractors such as Electricians, Plumbers and a handyman and possibly even a property manager if you do not have time to do any work yourself before making your first purchase. Lastly, ensure you have a business plan with how many doors you want to own and what is your target location so when looking you will not make emotional decisions in your Real Estate investing business.

Christopher D. Foley promoted to Executive Vice President of Unibank

WHITINSVILLE, MA – Sam S. Pepper, Jr., President and CEO of UniBank recently announced that Christopher D. Foley has been promoted to Executive Vice President (EVP). In this role, Mr. Foley is responsible for Consumer Banking, Business Banking, Mortgage Lending, Consumer Lending, Marketing, Deposit Operations, Call Center, Investment Services, and Facilities.

“Chris Foley is a dedicated member of the UniBank leadership team and I am proud to elevate him to this role,” stated Sam S. Pepper, Jr., UniBank President and CEO. “His expertise paired with his commitment to helping UniBank achieve its strategic goals will

be integral as UniBank continues to grow and serve the community.”

Mr. Foley has served UniBank and the community since 2003 making his home in the Blackstone Valley Community for more than 18 years. Previously working at Citizens Bank, Mr. Foley has 32 years of experience in retail banking focusing on “doing the right thing” for customers. This mindset is embodied in his determination to grow UniBank’s presence in the community by expanding branch offerings, technology, small business development, and community engagement. Mr. Foley holds a Masters of Business Administration degree in Management from

Suffolk University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Bentley University.

UniBank is dedicated to giving back to the communities it serves and Mr. Foley embraces that mission. He is a Director for the Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation and he serves on the Investment Committee for Milford Regional Medical Center. He is also the Immediate Past President of the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation, Past Chair of the Retail Banking Committee for the Massachusetts Bankers Association, and Past Chair of the Program and Events Committee for the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

“I’m thrilled to continue to grow with UniBank and I look forward to working with the team to achieve the company’s

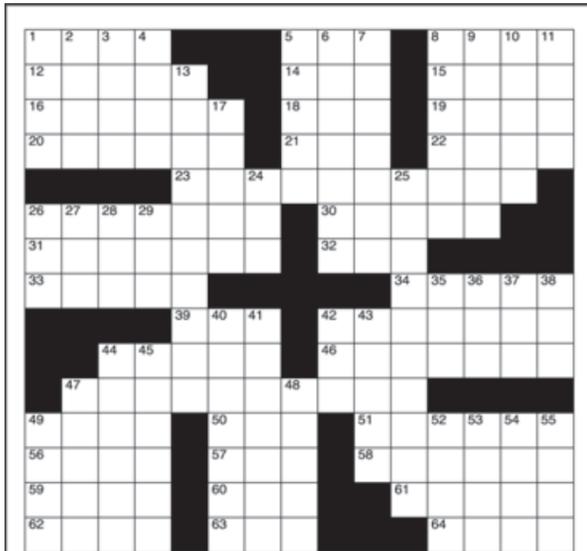
goals and uphold UniBank’s mission to serving the financial needs of individuals and businesses in the region,” commented Christopher D. Foley.

UniBank is rooted in the Blackstone Valley with assets of \$1.8 billion as of June 30, 2018. A full-service, mutually owned community bank, UniBank has branches in Central Massachusetts and the MetroWest region of Massachusetts. UniBank opened its newest full-service branch at 193 Boston Turnpike (Route 9) in Shrewsbury (at the former site of Spag’s) on September 20, 2017. UniBank is dedicated to contributing to the overall quality of life and economic health of the communities it serves, while maintaining a high level of financial soundness and integrity. UniBank is an Equal Housing



Christopher D. Foley

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Feel pain
- 5. Interest rate
- 8. Long narrative poem
- 12. Sedimentary rock
- 14. No (Scottish)
- 15. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 16. Sleep gear
- 18. One who buys and sells securities
- 19. Cincinnati ballplayers
- 20. Of the backbone
- 21. Car mechanics group
- 22. Iranian village
- 23. Canadian peninsula
- 26. For all ills or diseases
- 30. Known for his “razor”
- 31. One who plays the viola
- 32. Resinlike substance
- 33. Educational association
- 34. Inappropriate
- 39. A team’s best pitcher
- 42. The cost of bus travel
- 44. Badgerlike mammal
- 46. Popular sport in Ireland
- 47. Written works
- 49. Pop
- 50. Consumed
- 51. Something comparable to another
- 56. Wild goat
- 57. One-time space station
- 58. Outline of a plan
- 59. Actress Petty
- 60. An electrically charged atom
- 61. Chewed and swallowed
- 62. Bones (Latin)
- 63. Central nervous system
- 64. Type of pipe

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 2. Pal
- 3. One who has been to Mecca
- 4. Energy and enthusiasm
- 5. Leaf-footed bug genus
- 6. Southern belle accessory
- 7. ___ de Mornay, actress
- 8. Print errors
- 9. Preceding
- 10. Asian nation
- 11. The people in a movie
- 13. Liberate
- 17. Strong laxatives
- 24. Tub
- 25. Happening
- 26. Polyvinyl acetate
- 27. Small island (British)
- 28. Neither
- 29. The G.O.A.T.
- 35. What Goodell oversees
- 36. One who engages in Dawah
- 37. Tall, rounded vase
- 38. Electroencephalograph
- 40. Made of clay and hardened by heat
- 41. Great happiness
- 42. Chinese surname
- 43. Supposed emanations
- 44. Travelers
- 45. Loss of bodily movements
- 47. Los __, rock group
- 48. Seabirds
- 49. Used to store grain
- 52. Whale ship captain
- 53. “Joker” actor
- 54. Portends good or evil
- 55. Organized group of criminals

Douglas Cultural Council seeking grant proposals

The Douglas Cultural Council is currently accepting grant proposals from Massachusetts musicians, artists, and performers. Organizations, schools, and individuals are urged to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community. The deadline for grant applications is Monday, Oct. 15. This year, all applications must be completed online, through the Massachusetts Cultural Council website.

These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Douglas -- including concerts, field trips / per-

formances in schools, art workshops, and lectures. This year, the council is particularly interested in viewing applications from musicians or performance artists, due to the results of a public interest survey they recently held.

The Douglas Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities

every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

Previously funded projects include: a Summer Concert Series at the Douglas Farm and Orchard, programs for children at the Simon Fairfield Library, and musical entertainment at the Douglas Senior Center.

For local guidelines, information, and applications, please visit www.mass-culture.org.

SAFETY

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Craigslist, eBay, and Facebook markets, one often times does not know who they’re meeting or what that individual’s intentions are.

“The trick of it now is that both parties must be willing to come to that place...if they don’t want to make that journey, you have to ask yourself, ‘why is that?’” he said. “I think it’s an excellent idea and the adminis-

tration embracing it is a very positive step.”

Town Administrator Matthew Wojcik echoed the aforementioned sentiments, adding that residents are always encouraged to exercise caution in these circumstances.

“The exchange of goods via connections made on the Internet is an important part of modern life,” he said. “The town is pleased to offer people a safe place to finalize those transactions.”

The marked parking area and being in such close proximity to the Douglas Police station is enhanced by the 24/7 electronic surveillance, he noted.

“As always, residents are urged to exercise every caution when dealing with parties they do not know, and take every step available to protect their physical security and identity when using the marked safe zone and the Internet for these exchanges.”

YARD SALE

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put it on for the fun of it, but we felt that by charging a small fee we could partner with local organizations and raise a little money for them. It has been very

successful...We’re happy that we can help out for these community based programs that are mostly (if not all) volunteer based.”

“We hope the event continues to grow each year,” Watkins said, adding that the Society’s membership is always open.

The event has a rain date of Sunday, September 16. An informational flyer and participant registration form can be found online at www.suttonhistorical-societyinc.org; questions can be directed to the Society at Sutton1704@gmail.com.

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Baby boomer toys

In my last column, I discussed the history of toys and shared some valuable old toy prices. We often find toys from the 1950s and 1960s in the estates that we handle. Despite there being so many '50s and '60s toys produced for the Baby Boomer generation, some are still quite valuable.



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There are too many types of mid-century toys to cover them all, but I'll describe some of the most popular and valuable. Character toys are one type that remain very popular with collectors. Superhero toys command some of the highest prices. A 1958 tin Linemar tank that Superman halts and lifts sold for \$5,500 in a November 2017 auction. A similar tank, this one featuring Popeye rescuing Olive Oyl, fetched \$14,000. A 1967 mint in box Ideal Toys Captain Action Spiderman sold for over \$7,100. A Japanese Yanoman Batman car with the box brought \$8,500 at a May 2018 auction. A mint in box 1966 Batman playset sold for \$10,000 in 2016.

Barbies are some of the most popular dolls from the '50s and '60s. A 1959 #2 brunette doll in a Sweet Dreams silhouette box sold for \$5,500 in 2015 and a blonde #1 in near mint condition with the box brought \$9,000 in 2011.

Space toys and robots are another example of desirable toys. Masudaya's Gang of Five toy robots, from the late '50s and '60s, are some of the most highly collectible toys of the era. The five robots are: Radicon robot, Giant Sonic robot, Non Stop robot, Target robot and Machine Man robot. Masudaya Nonstop robot brought \$6,000 at a 2012 auction. A Giant Sonic robot sold for \$7,000 in a

2012 auction. A Target robot with the box sold at auction for \$20,500 April 2011. A Radicon robot with original box sold for \$25,000 in 2014. A Machine Man robot reached \$38,000 at auction in 2012.

Many other toys from the era have also brought great prices at auction. A rare Lesney Matchbox No.30 Magirus Deutz Crane recently sold for over \$4,600. A 1965 James Bond 007 Road Race set sold for \$5,100. A Frankenstein bobble head sold for \$5,150 in 2008. Four 1960s GI Joe military police figures and accessories sold for \$5,500 at auction. A PEZ store display box picturing Bozo, Bullwinkle, Popeye, Mickey Mouse and other characters recently sold for \$9,999. Mint condition toys from the '50s and '60s could earn you plenty of money to play with.

Our live toy and collectibles auction will be on Sept. 27 in Worcester. I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your antiques" class on Oct. 15 at the Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. We are planning a multi-estate antique auction on Oct. 25. I'll also be appraising items for the Winchendon Historical Society's appraisal event on Oct. 28 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See www.centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other upcoming events.

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LEARNING

Uxbridge teacher receives \$2,000 grant for innovative program



Christine Ahern

Voya Financial, Inc. (NYSE: VOYA), a leading provider of workplace retirement solutions, including savings plans for K-12 educators, announced Christine Ahern, a health/P.E. teacher at Uxbridge High School, has received a \$2,000 grant as part of the company's 2018 Voya Unsung Heroes awards competition.

Through the Voya Unsung Heroes program, Voya Financial awards grants to K-12 educators nationwide to

honor their innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects, and ability to positively influence their students. For more than 20 years, the program has awarded over \$5 million in grants to more than 2,000 educators across the United States.

"Our Unsung Heroes program continues to recognize teachers who go above and beyond to inspire today's students in the classroom," said Heather Lavallee, president of Tax-Exempt Markets at Voya Financial. "We are proud to honor teachers like Christine Ahern whose inspiring program is making a difference in the lives of young people. This commitment and passion for teaching closely aligns with our focus at Voya on helping all Americans prepare for their unique financial futures."

Ahern's innovative teaching idea, "Coping for Life," focuses on creating a directly usable and sustainable curriculum around stress management, in collaboration with the

Uxbridge High School health department. Recent surveys of the school's students show that they are overwhelmed from anxiety, depression, and stress. With support from the Voya grant, students will be provided a variety of tools, equipment, and hands-on activities to enable targeted mindfulness and stress management practices which take place in the classroom. Ahern envisions extending the Voya grant even further by having her students create their own stress management toolkit, share resources on their school website and collaborate on the school's bi-annual health and wellness fair so all students can hone their coping skills.

Selected from a group of more than 1,200 applicants, Ahern is one of only 100 winners across the country who will receive this award to help fund and bring her program to life. In addition, she will now compete with other finalists for one of the top three prizes — an additional \$5,000, \$10,000 or

\$25,000 from Voya Financial.

To learn more about this year's winning projects, as well as those from previous years, visit the Unsung Heroes website at Voya.com/UnsungHeroes. Applications for the 2019 Voya Unsung Heroes awards are currently being accepted through the website until April 30, 2019.

Unsung Heroes is part of Voya's broader efforts to empower teachers to become leaders by promoting their careers, recognizing high-achieving accomplishments, providing training opportunities and offering financial support to achieve their goals.

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KINDNESS MATTERS



Erica Chick photo

When you look at Whitin School the words "Choose Kind" have been posted across the front of the school since last school year, a large black letter in each of the school library windows. Inspired by the book *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, paraprofessional Terri Wallace and teacher Michelle St. Germain joined forces and came up with an idea to start out the 2018-19 school year with a strong message - "Choose Kind." They decided to have t-shirts made for the first day back to school on Sept. 4. It started out as a Whitin movement, but soon became a district-wide movement. Teachers at Taft Elementary, Whitin Elementary, and Uxbridge High School donned the shirts to promote kindness.

Craig Larsen, husband of a Whitin School teacher, Terri Larsen, printed the t-shirts through Rogue Wear, a printing company based in Maine.

NEW NHS OFFICERS ELECTED



Courtesy photo

The John T. Bajema Chapter of National Honor Society at Whitinsville Christian School is proud to announce its officers for 2018-19. National Honor Society recognizes students for their academic achievements, service to their school and community, leadership, and character.

Pictured left to right: Christian Swaim, Vice President; Sam Hearn, Publicity Manager; Tyler Gorman, President; Michael Xu, Treasurer; and Shirley Li, Secretary.

MURAL

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vote was taken to paint over the mural to give the gym a more updated look fitting in with the new floor, baskets, and team chairs," Hogan said in the letter.

Resident Scott Yacino expressed his frustration to the Board over the decision of a private group to repaint the

wall that previously held the tiger mural by Rose Minor.

"First, how a private group was able to receive permission to alter town property seems problematic to me," he said, adding that other residents told him that if he wants a voice in these matters, he should volunteer. "For someone to suggest that volunteering with a private group gives you the right to alter public property is arro-

gant and offensive."

The tiger mural had been there since the mid-1970s, he added, and was painted by a student to show pride in the school and the community. The mural brought back feelings of town and school spirit, and everyone who entered the gym was faced with a "tangible representation of Douglas Tiger pride." Yacino added that the explanation, for him, falls short.

"Removing the mural has not made the space any more modern or attractive to me...we must make sure that public spaces that hold special and significant meaning to people are not destroyed by people who do not understand the nuances."

The bell can't be unrung, he said, but the Board can take this as an opportunity to set policy and ensure something like this doesn't happen again.

Morse added that while he believes Hogan's heart was in the right place, a policy should be implemented moving forward regarding improvements or changes to the town in an effort to keep history from repeating itself.

"Any improvement to the town by any volunteer is greatly appreciated, as long as it's not at the detriment of anything else," Morse said.

Keith Menard, a member of the Douglas Oktoberfest Festival Planning Committee, weighed in and said that volunteers are few and far between these days.

"Our volunteers should be commended and not ridiculed and taken out to the woodshed in public," he said, adding that his testimony was not to say a mistake wasn't made or that things should not be different in the future, but that berating the people who take the time to try and make their vision of a better town a reality is not the right move.

A member of the Douglas Youth Basketball organization spoke next, and said she was shocked to hear of the decision on Facebook after being away on vacation, adding that as a

member of the group, she was not involved in the conversation or decision to repaint the wall.

"The biggest thing I take exception to is the term unanimous," said Amber Olivieri, the treasurer for the organization's Board of Directors, who said she was not able to make the meeting in which the decision was made and found out about it later on social media.

"Personally, I was in shock...to find out about the situation via Facebook of all things is inflammatory and that's exactly what it became to the community."

Olivieri said if she had the opportunity to vote, she would have voted to keep the mural — Hogan confirmed that when the repaint decision was made, only seven of ten board members were present at the meeting, however, Morse said that typically the term "unanimous" for a board vote implies that it is unanimous of the members who are present.

Resident Gary Vecchione also aired his concerns, saying he believes Hogan made a really big mistake and suggested that there be a fundraiser to repaint the tiger with a local artist or student. Morse said the Board is considering a repaint, having a local artist or student at the high school take that on as a senior project.

If Hogan wanted to donate funds toward that project, it would be a good faith gesture, said Morse, but can't be enforced. Moving forward, the Board encouraged anyone in the community who has suggestions, a proof, or concept of a future tiger mural painting to contact them.

Other residents who voiced concerns at the meeting suggested that not enough people from the community in different age ranges were polled about the decision, and also, that the decision should have been publicized in a better way as opposed to in a Facebook post.

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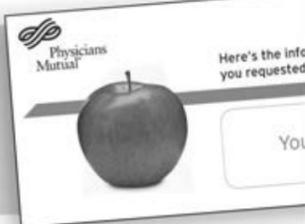


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Goose, goose, grouse....

The first segment of goose hunting opened in Massachusetts this past Tuesday, but it provided very little action for local hunters. Even if there were birds available to shoot at, the weather was too hot for this writer, and using a dog in this weather to retrieve them would have been a bit too much for them also. Gunners hunting on the water would at least provide some relief for the dog. I am sure some goose hunters did very well outside of the Valley area. Hunting private golf courses and fields still produce the best action during the early goose season!



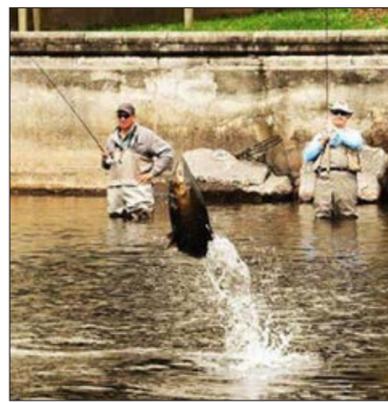
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ing licenses are down?? Hiring a new Fish & Wildlife biologist and other personnel to run the agencies need to require them to not only have degrees in their particular field, but they also need to make sure they have the sportsman that pay their salaries, are being represented. A little common sense would also be nice!! Too often brilliant minds lack any common sense. Making sure that new hires hunt or fish should be one of the requirements before being selected for the job.

The stocking of trout in local lakes and ponds by Mass Fish & Wildlife should start soon but the water temperature needs to drop a lot more before the fish are distributed in local waters. Rushing the stocking of trout could prove to be disastrous to the trout if the temperatures are too high at the time of stocking. It would sure be a waste of sportsmen's monies to lose the fish because the stocking of trout was too soon. The trout can also get infected with a fungus if they are placed in a stocking truck and bounced around prior to stocking. It is not a pretty sight and the trout will eventually die.

Eight local bear hunters from the Valley had a great time in Maine last week with six out of eight hunters harvesting a black bear. One bear weighed in at more than 500 pounds but was not harvested by their group. The extreme warm weather had the hunters hoping for cooler weather, and when it arrived it proved to be just what the bear hunters needed. Changes in the regulations to register their bear caught many hunters by surprise. Some of the regular Mom & Pop tackle shops had their big game registration license discontinued because they could not use the computers to compile the data that Maine Fish & Wildlife required under the new regulations. One particular check station was given only one week to comply. This put a very unusual burden on bear hunters that tried to register their harvested bear. A 40 minute ride to a licensed check station to comply with the new regulations, had many hunters upset with the last minute changes. Fish & Wildlife personnel wonder why hunt-

Last week this writer talked about the grouse population in the Valley and in neighboring states. It drew a lot of response from our readers an although some of the younger generation of bird hunters never experienced the great grouse hunting that we old timers enjoyed back in the '60s in the Valley, they do not miss it as much as we do. The heath hen was another game bird in the '50s that became extinct because of problems of mismanagement and



Photos courtesy Fat Nancy's Bait

King salmon season is roaring on the Salmon River

numerous other problems. We do not want to see this happen to the grouse. Hopefully Mass Fish & Wildlife will become more involved with reasons for the dramatic population drop in this once fast flying game bird. Loss of proper cover and West Nile are a couple of reasons that have been uncovered, but more needs to be done.

With the Massachusetts bird hunting season only weeks away, there is little for the average upland bird hunter to enjoy afild this fall, other than pheasant hunting. Woodcock have also hit an all time low in the Valley. With an annual limit of six pheasant per bird hunter, there is little reason for owning a dog like a setter or pointer unless you have deep pockets and can hunt a couple of hunting preserves once a week. It is the sign of the times! I guess I just miss the good old days!!!!

Fat Nancy's Tackle Shop in Pulaski NY reported fantastic fishing on Lake Ontario for king salmon this past week. A few salmon have entered the river but it will be a week or two longer before fishing explodes with action on the Salmon River. The water was run-

ning at 335 cfs as of last week. This week's two pictures were courtesy of Fat Nancy's last year on the Salmon River. You have not had a real fish on the end of your rod until you hook up with a king salmon!!

The Canal got hot for a few days last week with anglers catching numerous strippers daily. There were many fish that tipped the scales at 30 pounds but very few were considered monsters. Stay Tuned!

The Whitinsville fish & Game Club will hold their annual Field Day on Sept. 22 this year at the club grounds on White Court in Douglas. The event is open to the public. Grounds open at noon. Plenty of free parking is available. An old fashion clambake with all of the fixings will be only a portion of the great food available at the event. A chicken barbecue will also be available. Plenty of entertainment, and dancing to a DJ will also provide some great music for young and old. Don't Miss It. See You There.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Auxiliary offering boating safety certification

Our local United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla 1002 will be instructing a one day ABOUT BOATING SAFELY course developed to provide the skills and confidence needed to explore the coast and inland waters by boat on Saturday, Sept. 22 at Milford High School, 31 West Fountain St. The all day class will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Basic knowledge and skills are needed to have safe and enjoyable boating

experiences, and this course is perfect for families that have just purchased a boat or are planning to in the future; and also for the boater keeping up with changes to boating regulations and laws. Successful completion of the course will also certify a minor, from 12 to 16 years of age, to operate a powerboat, including a Personal Water Craft / Jet Ski for 16 & 17 year-old operators, on Massachusetts waters. Certification is in conjunction with the Mass. Environmental Police. Rhode Island residents born in/or after 1986 can also take the "Challenge Exam" for certification to operate motor vessels over 10 HP along with anyone, any

age, from any state, wanting to operate a PWC on RI waters. ABS also meets the requirements to operate a vessel in many other states & most countries where boating safety education is mandatory. Several of the boating insurance companies offer a discount on premiums on successful completion of this course.

Offered as part of the Milford Community School Use Program, course information and the registration process can be found in the Fall Milford Community Center catalog that is sent out by mail to the surrounding community.

Course information by calling 508-

478-1119, online at <http://mcs.milford.ma.us> (under: Adult Programs - Fall - Boating), The USCGAux. offers Public Education Courses given by certified, experienced, volunteer instructors at a cost that covers: a facility usage/registration fee to MCSU for this course; and the additional cost of the ABS Course textbook, certification, hand-out materials, including lunch for the day.

For additional USCGAux. information: phil.uscgaux@verizon.net or (508) 478-3778.

Course information and links: http://www.uscgaux.info/pe_class_flyer.php?unit=NAT&course=22604

Friday's Child

Shemar
Age: 6

Hi! My name is Shemar and I like to read and be read to.

Shemar is an adorable 6 year old boy of Caucasian and African American descent. Active and busy Shemar likes to play outside on his bike and his scooter. He also likes to read, play with Legos, play with his superhero figures, coloring and watching movies. He gets along well with all in his foster family including his foster dad, mom and 3 foster siblings. He needs clear expectations and limits and then he can easily follow a routine

Entering 1st grade in fall 2018 Shemar does well in school with the help of a sticker chart. He gets along well with his teachers and with his school peers.

Freed for adoption, Shemar would do well in any family constellation with or without other children in the home. The ideal family will need to keep him active, loved and provide him with a structured home with clear routines and limits. He has sibling with whom he would like to maintain contact with monthly. Right now, they visit with Shemar monthly.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

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The series kicks off **Tuesday, September 18 at 6:00pm** at Victoria Station's upstairs event space with the Heads of School from all three.

Tuesday, October 16, 6:00 - 8:00pm

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EDITORIAL

FYI – IMO

If you use Facebook, or your cell phone. If you message or Twitter, you probably know the new shorthand, or at least a bit of it.

It is frustrating to know, despite the very best efforts of English teachers everywhere, the new crop of students in school right now will eventually lose all knowledge of grammar, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure as they continue to communicate only in word bites of 140 characters or less.

We heard recently of someone who wrote a 'novel' using Twitter B/C, YOLO & they could.

If that is so, how small could the newspaper be, if we could CYE, dl, and Twitter the results directly with XOXO to our readers? YNT?

Of course, for most people, they wouldn't be getting the information they really needed; certainly never TMI.

W/E.

Well, OBS.

There are some problems, beyond being understood with this language barrier; and parents are being warned to learn this new shorthand quickly as their kids have found ways to communicate in code. Sometimes to their own detriment.

Kids will find another way, if their parents figure it out of course, they always do. It's part of the rebellion IIRC.

FWIW, and AFAIK, there are no plans in the works to change the usual way of doing business at our own level. We will continue to double check our facts, edit for grammar and punctuation NTN.

Some of this shorthand is quickly recognizable of course, like ETA, TLC, OMG, or even LOL; in use so long and by so many they are no longer a mystery.

And a few need a good foreign language translator: TTFN (ta ta for now); or GOMB (get off my back), apparently in general use by teens worldwide.

We're just SMH (shaking my head) and realizing IDKWTD (I don't know what to do) with this information.

A language made only of initials completely understood by those in the know reminds us of an old Star Trek episode in which the entire population spoke in well know parables. Speaking just the name of the parable described an entire situation; that for the citizens gave them context. For the crew of the Enterprise, it was an infallible mystery.

And that is where we are at this point in our language development, as our younger, more savvy and technologically advanced citizens do initial speak to one another; they have a POA that OBS leaves out an entire 90 percent of the older citizens in the entire world. IKR?

So while you are geeking out over there at the veiled threat contained by this situation, realize this; in less than 10 years since the messaging world was invented, we could have written this entire essay in almost entirely initials, and only people younger than 25 could have read it.

As it is, we may have to translate those enigmatic initials we DID give you, but we can end with one those youngsters may scratch their heads over.

It may be that this is entirely a SNAFU.

LETTERS

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

We think you're important enough to tell all our readers to turn to the Opinion pages and read your Letters to the Editor.

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Mail your letters to the Blackstone Valley Tribune, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.

Or e-mail your letters to the editor at ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

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

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

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

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

So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

Car care and tips

Summer will soon be a memory, but few simple pleasures compare to cruising down the highway with the fresh breeze blowing in the open window! While savoring late season joyrides are a summer tradition, do you really know how much that carefree cruise is costing you in gas?

And are you sure your tires are giving you your money's worth? For answers to these questions, along with some frugal car washing tips, read on!

Do you love highway driving with the wind whipping at your hair? If so, it's a pleasure you'll pay for. Did you know driving with your windows all the way down at higher speeds, will waste 10% more gallons of gas than driving with them closed? The drag will cost you more in fuel, so avoid cranking the windows completely until you're at a slower pace.

If your car has cruise control feature, use it. Not only will you give your accelerating foot a rest, you'll save money too! Using cruise control will save you 5% to 10% of a gallon of gas on long trips!

Want to conserve more gas? Just use the overdrive shift as soon as your speed is high enough. It also acts as a fuel saver.

Keeping tires properly inflated and aligned equals gas savings. Periodic wheel alignments and keeping tires inflated to the maximum recommended pressure really does improve your gas mileage, according to experts.

According to a major tire company approximately one third of all tires on the road are under inflated. These tires not only wear out quicker and but they are more at risk for a blowout. Since tires lose air at a rate of about a pound a month, it pays to periodically check your tires

Not sure how to rotate your tires? According to the experts, radial tires can be crossed from side to side in the rotation pattern. Bias ply tires should never be rotated from side to side, only front to back.

Confused when it comes to using your car air conditioner efficiently? Memorize this mantra: In town, turn it down; going fast, let it blast! According to cooling experts, when traveling 45 mph or less, you should open the windows or vents to create a steady airflow that'll give your car a cool boost. When going faster than 45 mph, you should crank up the a/c instead. This method avoids the drag generated when windows are left open during high-speed travel.

Believe it or not, tires driven at 70 m.p.h. wear out almost twice as fast as cars that go 55 mph. So it really does pay



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

to slow down!

Here are some tips for the do it yourself car washer:

Experts claim you should wash your car every ten days, and especially after it rains or snows. Waxing is recommended only every six

months.

From Consumer Reports: When rinsing, use a hose without a nozzle and let the water flow over the car from top to bottom. This creates a sheeting action that helps minimize pooling of water.

Did you know more frequent waxes are needed if your car is red, black or white? The reason for this is because these colors are more susceptible to acid rain and UV rays. And one of the most critical times to wash your vehicle is immediately after a rainfall. Even after the lightest rain shower, the water evaporates, but the acid remains on the vehicle's finish.

When you wash your car, be sure to use a separate sponge to clean the wheels and tires. They may be coated with sand, brake dust, and other debris that could mar the car's finish.

Never wash your car when the body is hot, such as immediately after driving it or after it has been parked in direct sunlight for a while. Heat speeds the drying of soap and water, making washing more difficult and increasing the chances that spots or deposits will form.

If you need to get all the water off the car, try using your leaf blower. It will blast water from even the tiniest crevices.

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!

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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 Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn

Consider financial gifts for your grandchildren



FINANCIAL FOCUS

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National Grandparents Day was observed on Sept. 9. If you're a grandparent, you may get some gifts or cards – or maybe even a phone call! But you might feel that it's better to give than to receive, especially when it comes to your grandchildren. And you can make a real difference in their lives by making a financial gift for their future.

For starters, think about your grandchildren's education. If college or some type of vocational school is in their future, you may want to help them meet some of the costs, which can be considerable. One common education-savings vehicle is a 529 savings plan. With this plan, earnings on withdrawals are tax free, provided they are used for qualified education expenses. (Keep in mind that 529 savings plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to ordinary income tax and a 10% IRS penalty on the earnings.) You also may be eligible for a state income tax incentive for contributing to a 529 savings plan. Check with your tax advisor about these incentives, as well as all tax-related issues pertaining to 529 savings plans.

A 529 savings plan's contribution limits are quite generous. And, as the owner of a 529 plan, you have flexibility in choosing where the money goes – if your grandchild decides against college or another type of advanced education, you can transfer the plan to another beneficiary. And due to recent tax law changes, the scope of 529 plans has been expanded to include qualified withdrawals of up to \$10,000 for tuition expenses per year per beneficiary at public, private or religious elementary or secondary schools. Be aware, though, that a 529 savings plan could affect any financial assistance your grandchild might receive. Although a 529 plan owned by a grandparent won't be reported as an asset on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), withdrawals from the plan are treated as untaxed income to the beneficiary (i.e., your grandchild) – and that has a big impact on financial aid. So, you may want to contact a financial aid professional about the potential effects of any gifts you're considering.

A 529 savings plan isn't the only financial gift you could give to your grandchildren. You also might consider giving them shares of stock, possibly held in a custodial account, usually known as an UTMA or UGMA account. However, you only control a custodial account until your grandchildren reach the age of majority as defined by state law, at which time they take it over. They then can use the money for whatever they want – and their plans may not have anything to do with books or classes.

Still, your grandchildren might be particularly interested in owning the stocks contained in the custodial account – many young people enjoy owning shares of companies that make familiar products. And your gift may even get your grandchildren interested in long-term investing.

No matter what type of financial gifts you give to your grandchildren, make sure your keep enough money to pay for your own needs. It's important to balance your personal savings needs with your desire to be generous.

Giving financial gifts can be rewarding – to you and your grandchildren. Consider exploring some possibilities soon.

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Old and new included in Oktoberfest

DOUGLAS — Oktoberfest incorporates old favorites, as well as new entertainment; and its own website.

On Saturday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Street, Douglas will once again host one of the largest events in the Blackstone Valley. Douglas Oktoberfest is very excited to announce this year's headlining act, Boombox: the '70s and '80s Experience. The seven-member band consists of seasoned veterans of the Worcester music scene, including three members from Pet Rock. Boombox will take you for a ride through the defining sounds of two of the most influential, and hilarious, decades in rock music. From AM Gold, classic rock, and disco to synth pop, big hair rock, and dance, Boombox will take you back.

Also new this year is the Larger than Life™ parade, an interactive musical parade of specially created characters the likes of which you have never seen. The Douglas Oktoberfest will be hosting two unforgettable performances of Larger than Life™. Be sure to check the program for show times as you won't want to miss either performance of Larger than Life™, an extraordinary show right on your very own Main Street!

Oktoberfest is also excited to announce the return of the popular beer garden, which will proudly serve Berkshire Brewing Company beer and feature German music from the Vagabonds.

Douglas Oktoberfest has also launched a new website! Patrons, vendors, and entertainers can find information about this year's event at www.douglasoktoberfest.com

As planning for the Douglas Oktoberfest ramps up, the festival committee is seeking vendors, volunteers, and entertainers.

Interested vendors can find vendor forms at www.douglasoktoberfest.com. Local retailers, antique dealers, and artists are encouraged submit vendor forms.

The committee is seeking volunteers for the day of the event. Jobs include setup, breakdown, and staffing of activities.

Entertainers interested in performing should contact Keith Menard.

The 2018 festival will mark the event's 27th year. The event typically sees attendance upwards of ten thousand people from around the Blackstone Valley.

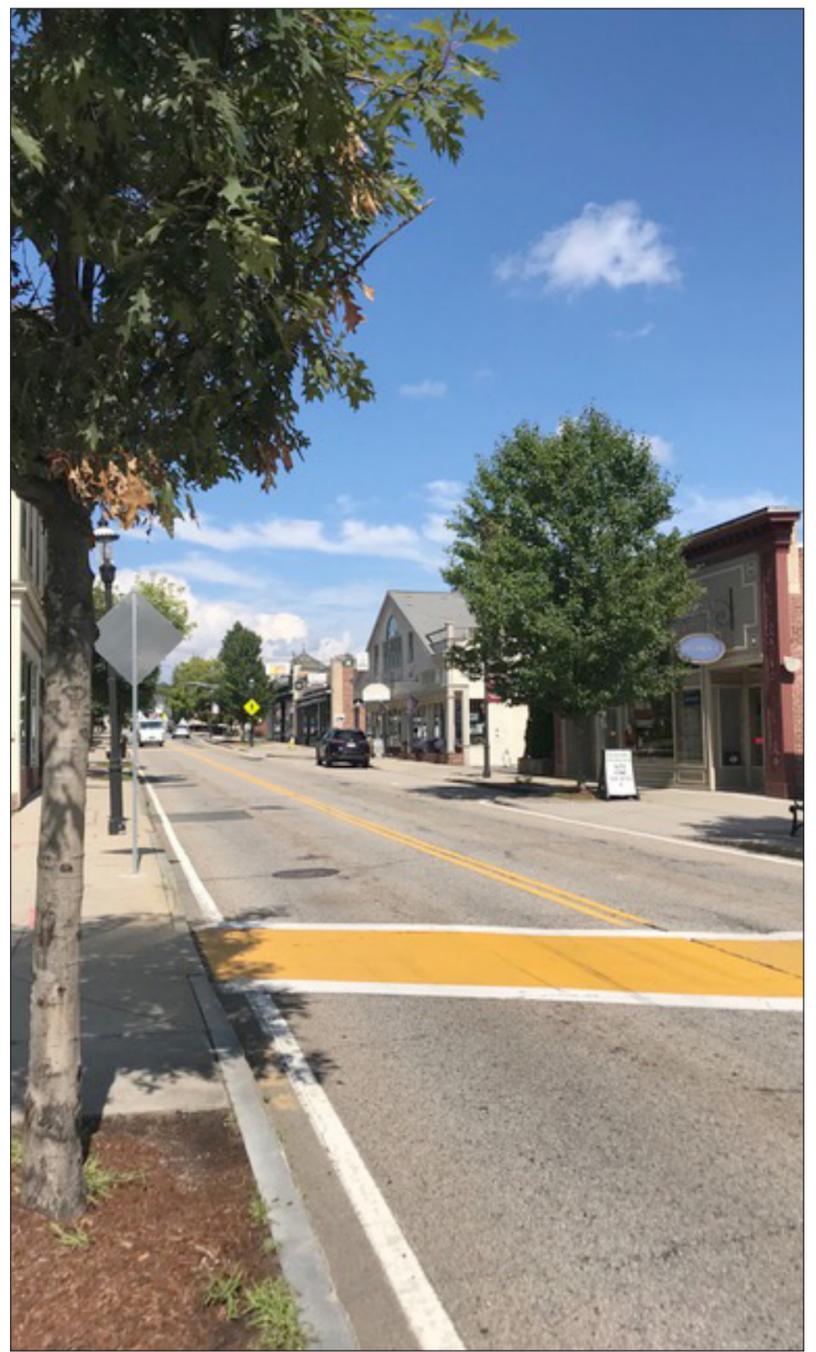
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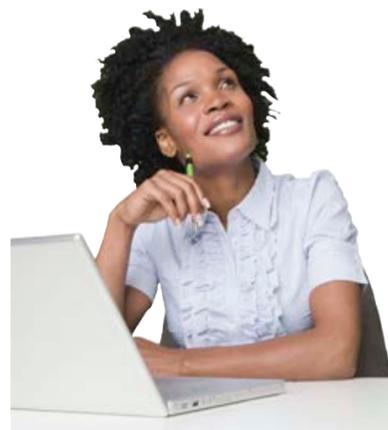
Entering into autumn

From murals to mill to clock towers; the Blackstone Valley is a sight indeed. As readers travel the highways and byways, we have been lucky to have them willing to share what they find. If you want to share your views of the Valley, send JPEG attachments please, do not embed your photos, to: ruth@stonebridgepress.news.



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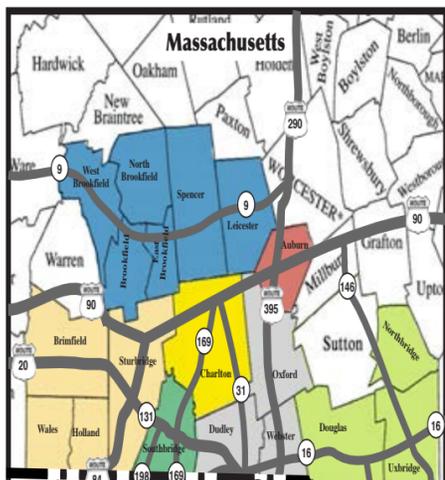
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BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — Perhaps the most interesting thing about the Whitinsville Christian School volleyball team's back-to-back appearances in the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament final the last two years is the fact that head coach Kelly Penning and this year's captains, Emily Schneider and Christina Leduc, good-naturedly disagree on which trip to the final was more surprising/rewarding.

In 2016 with six seniors on the team, the Crusaders finished 18-6, their final loss of the season being to Millbury High in the final. Last year, having lost those six seniors, who all played integral roles on the 2016 team, WCS again advanced to the Division 3 final, this time dropping a hard-fought 3-1 decision to Dual Valley Conference rival Hopedale.

Last year's Whitinsville Christian team had just one senior on the roster — captain Hanna VanderBaan. Despite that the Crusaders started quickly, winning their first 10 matches and 13 of their first 14. They finished the season with a 19-5 record. In the last three seasons Whitinsville Christian has won 51 of 69 matches.

"I thought last year's trip to the final was unexpected, shocking really, because of how young we were. I think [the 2017 tournament final appearance] speaks to the ability of the players that are now growing up through the program," said Penning, who is in her second year as the Crusaders' head coach after serving the previous two years as the junior varsity/varsity assistant coach. "Having lost that many seniors and coming in and getting to the finals was really exciting. As a head coach it was amazing. It was a really cool experience."

Leduc used the fact that the team graduated six players off the 2016 team last year as motivation.

"Because we had lost a lot going into last year no one really gave us a chance. I used that to fuel me," said Leduc, a right-side hitter on the team. "I think other schools saw that we were losing six seniors so last year would be a rebuilding year for us. I know players on other teams said, 'they're losing all their setters. There's no way they're going to be able to fill that spot easily.' The setter position is a crucial part of a team. But, we filled it pretty seamlessly."

Schneider, who plays a middle blocker position for the Crusaders, looks at last year's accomplishments as surprising and rewarding.

"I think last year's success was a little bit of a surprise to us, as well as to our fans," Schneider said. "We were motivated last year to show that the year before wasn't a fluke."

This year's Whitinsville Christian team is a mix of experience and newcomers with four seniors, one junior, four sophomores and two freshmen on the squad.

Seniors on the team in addition to Leduc and Schneider are Abby Upham, a setter, and Amiah Van Dyke, an opposite hitter. Anna May, a setter, is the lone junior. Sophomores on the team are: Lucy Bowler (a defensive specialist), Olivia Flemming (a setter), Maggie Rejmer (a middle blocker), and Fiona Shaw (Libero). Freshmen on the team are Hope Brookhouse, an outside hitter who was on the squad last year as an eighth-grader, and Ella Rejmer, who is a middle blocker.

Penning is well aware that the success of the Whitinsville program the last three years means that the Crusaders aren't going to be sneaking up on any-



Ken Powers photo

Whitinsville Christian School senior co-captains Christina Leduc, left, and Emily Schneider, right, stand with head coach Kelly Penning in front of the Crusaders' trophy case in the gymnasium lobby. Leduc, Schneider and Penning, after being to the Central Mass. final two years in a row, are hoping to add some hardware to the trophy case at the end of this season.

body, but she believes her senior leadership, led by Schneider, a four-year varsity player, and Leduc, a third-year varsity player, will be a calming influence during tense moment of not only matches, but the season.

"They both have a natural leadership style," Penning said. "Emily's understanding of each player's role on the team and the fact she's been in the shoes of each girl on the team is a really cool thing that she brings to the table. She has a great lightheartedness about her."

"Christina is very serious about vol-

leyball; she has that drive and motivation you like to see in a player and she is one of the best players we've had come through the program in a while. I think the two of them are a really nice pairing. They have a good mix of all the qualities you want in senior captains."

When asked about expectations for this season, Leduc's answer was concise.

"We're going to win the Dual Valley Conference title and then we're going to win Districts," she said issuing her answer as a statement, not as a goal or a hope.

Douglas tops Whitinsville Christian in season opener

NORTHBRIDGE — In the season opener played at Peter T. Koopman Athletic Complex on Tuesday, Sept. 4, the Douglas High boys' varsity soccer team topped the Whitinsville Christian School, 3-1.

Scoring

First Half

Douglas: Bryce Meizen (G) — 9th Minute

Douglas: Keegan Ferguson (G), Aidan Ferguson (A) — 20th Minute

Whitinsville Christian: Ben Johnson (G - PK) — 37th Minute

Second Half

Douglas: Keegan Ferguson (G), Connor Goncalves (A) — 67th Minute

Saves

Douglas: Leo Gualtieri — 6

Whitinsville Christian: Nathan Meininger — 3



Nick Ethier photos

Douglas' Connor Goncalves jumps in front of Whitinsville Christian's Mike MacGillivray in order to intercept the ball.



Douglas' Keegan Ferguson moves the ball to his left in an attempt to dribble around Whitinsville Christian defender Nate DeGregorio.



Aidan Ferguson of Douglas jumps up to get his head on the ball.



Andrew Defalco of Douglas sends the ball on its way during a free kick.



Whitinsville Christian's Rob Foley kicks the ball out of his team's defensive zone.



Using the inside of his left foot, Nate DeGregorio of Whitinsville Christian keeps the ball from rolling out of bounds.



Whitinsville Christian goalkeeper Nathan Meininger gets his hands on the ball before Douglas' Bryce Meizen can run up to it.

SPORTS

Uxbridge field hockey, boys' soccer open seasons under the lights at Auburn

AUBURN — The Uxbridge High varsity field hockey and boys' soccer teams opened their seasons up simultaneously under the lights, playing on the road against Auburn High on Wednesday night, Sept. 5.

And although things didn't go the Spartans' way — the Rockets won the field hockey game, 5-1, and the boys' soccer contest, 4-0 — everyone is surely excited to have the high school fall sports season underway.

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The Uxbridge High varsity field hockey and boys' soccer teams played simultaneously under the lights at Auburn High for the respective season openers.



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SPORTS

Rams' defense pitches shutout to get past pesky Quabbin squad, 14-0

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTHBRIDGE — When Northbridge High head football coach Ken LaChapelle said that you can give the win to his defense following their Opening Night victory over Quabbin Regional — played Thursday, Sept. 6 at Lasell Field — he wasn't kidding. The Rams' 'D' pitched a shutout while forcing three Panther punts, three turnover on downs, two fumble recoveries and a drive that ended as the final whistle blew.

The end result was a 14-0 decision.

"If you want to give someone a win, give it to the defense," said LaChapelle. "Our defense was put in good positions and then eventually our offense scrounged one out."

Quabbin ran 50 plays and netted 116 yards, which was good for only 2.32 yards a snap. But the Panthers' opening drive lasted most of the first quarter and they were able to move the ball down the field until Northbridge's Mat Remillard recovered a fumble.

"I've got to give it to Quabbin, they came and they played tough," said LaChapelle. "They sensed that they can move the ball. We let them think that they can play with us, and they did."

"But we plugged away. We challenged them at halftime to

pony up and we did," added LaChapelle.

The game remained scoreless at halftime and even after the third quarter, but the Rams were driving. They scored on the first play of the fourth quarter, a 2-yard plunge by Zack Roberts. Quarterback Jake Stuczynski then successfully converted the two-point conversion with a throw to Jed Wermuth.

Northbridge then added a second touchdown on its final drive with 1:06 to play. Roberts again found pay dirt, this time from 5 yards out. The point after try was no good to account for the 14-0 final.

LaChapelle mentioned that his team's running game got the job done in the second half, but he also called his current offense to be "too predictable. That's not my offense. That's not what I like to do."

The Rams only threw the ball 12 times on 42 snaps, or 29 percent of the time. Northbridge only completed four of those passes and were picked off twice.

"We had a couple guys open, we just have to get it to them," said LaChapelle. "Our offense is where one play can change the whole game, and we didn't have one of those."

The Rams' longest play from scrimmage was a 27-yard rush by Roberts, who finished with 36 yards on eight carries. Cullen MacNeil had three

carries for 40 yards, while Brennen Mahoney added four carries for another 24 yards.

But again, Northbridge's defense was the key to victory. Aidan Fair forced Quabbin's second fumble with a vicious open-field tackle, and as a whole the unit allowed just two plays of greater than 10 yards — both 13-yard runs.

The Rams will next play Tyngsborough High at Chelmsford Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.



Nick Ethier photos

A trio of Northbridge defenders converge on Quabbin's ball carrier to make a tackle.



Quarterback Jake Stuczynski of Northbridge launches a pass down the field.

Sutton-Douglas digs deep late to battle with Leicester

LEICESTER — They may have been defeated, but they never acted defeated.

That was the story of Opening Night for the Sutton-Douglas High co-op football team. The Sammies lost to Leicester High, 33-14, on Friday, Sept. 7, but they never quit battling, despite being down 20-0 after the first quarter and 33-0 at intermission.

Sutton took the second half kickoff and started a drive that didn't end until

the fourth quarter. The Sammies needed 17 plays and more than 12 minutes of playing time to travel the 75 yards to get on the board, with sophomore Casey Holland scoring from five yards out with 9:21 to play to make the score 33-8.

Holland would score a second touchdown, this one from three yards out, with 24 seconds to play, to account for the 33-14 final.

In addition to Holland's two touch-

downs, the Sammies were led by junior Jimmy Towle, who rushed for a game-

high 92 yards on 15 carries.

— Ken Powers, Sports Correspondent



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Sutton's David Place breaks a tackle and makes his way up the field.



Jonathan Altemus of Sutton carries two Leicester tacklers for extra yardage.

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SPORTS

Spartans spot Maynard 14 early points, then hang tough in defeat

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — Spotting a quality opponent 14 points early in the game is never a good thing, but unfortunately the Uxbridge High varsity football team did just that in the season opener versus Maynard High on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The Tigers didn't score again until 1:25 remained in the third quarter, but the damage had been done. Maynard eventually got the shutout against the Spartans, 27-0.

"They went right down the field on us. We get the ball and our first offensive play we turn it over. It's 14-0 three minutes into the game against a team that's as good as Maynard is — you can't do that," said Uxbridge head coach Bob Martellio.

Maynard received the opening kickoff and brought it out to its own 33-yard line. The first play from scrimmage netted 24 yards and, just five plays later, John Sforza ran into the end zone from 9 yards out. Quarterback turned kicker Tommy Smith booted the extra point to make it 7-0 less than 2:30 into the game.

The Spartans began their opening drive on their own 22-yard line and promptly fumbled the carry. Maynard scooped it up and had the ball on the 27. After a 9-yard run and an incomplete pass, the Tigers made it 14-0 when Smith called his own number for an 18-yard TD and then kicked another PAT.

With 7:44 to play in the opening quarter, the Spartans had already dug themselves into a big hole.

"I thought we buckled down nicely after that, we had a few opportunities, but we shot ourselves in the foot big-time today," said Martellio. "We had a lot of penalties [and] three turnovers, which hurt us."

Yes, Uxbridge's defense limited Maynard's offensive production for the rest of the first quarter, the entire second and most of the third (Matthew Colella had a second quarter interception), but the Spartans' offense saw drives stall on penalties, and they muffed a punt for a fumble/turnover and also threw an interception.

"There were times where we moved the ball. We were inside their 20 or 25 and there was a holding penalty.



C.J. Speight of Uxbridge turns the corner for a positive gain.

Instead of first-and-10 now you have first-and-22 from the 40," said Martellio. "We couldn't get any momentum. We'd get a good scramble for 15 yards, and then we get a block in the back. It's frustrating."

Uxbridge got the ball to open the second half, but the first two drives resulted in punts. Maynard finally made it 20-0 late in the third when Smith had a 5-yard QB keeper. The Tigers also scored with 3:35 to play when Connor Capone had a 3-yard TD run and Smith kicked his third extra point.

Uxbridge quarterback Matt Stark was at the epicenter of most of the plays, throwing 23 times and completing 11 passes for 101 yards and an interception. He also rushed the ball 12 times for 41 yards before being replaced by Andrew Goyette on the team's final possession due to injury.

No matter who is the quarterback next week for the Spartans, they must regroup before playing at St. Peter-Marian High on Saturday, Sept. 15 at



Josh Wilcox of Uxbridge catches and runs the ball up the field.



Uxbridge's Thomas Sawyer takes a pass and turns up field.

noon.

"We'll put our pants on, put a game plan together, but we've got to eliminate

the mental mistakes and the penalties," Martellio concluded.

Defense shines, but Beavers fall to Millbury in OT

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

UPTON — Blackstone Valley Tech's season-opening loss to Millbury High was the high school football equivalent to backing the old man's new car out of the driveway gingerly, hitting the gas pedal instead of the break and slamming into the fire hydrant across the street.

The Beavers were 100 seconds away from a 7-0 victory over the Woolies. Instead they lost, 13-7.

Valley Tech started the scoring in the first quarter, Aidan Fitzgerald bullying up the middle from two yards out to make it 6-0, and after Conner Christiansen tacked on the extra point the Beavers led, 7-0. Fitzgerald finished with 60 yards rushing on 10 carries.

The game stayed that way until very late in the fourth quarter when Millbury tied the game on a 15-yard scoring strike from Anthony Greenwicz to Jason Nadeau and Brandon Charbonneau adding the all-important point-after.

The Woolies then sent the BVT faithful home unhappy when, in overtime, Xzavier Robles scampered into the end zone from 10 yards out to win the game for Millbury.

"First of all, hats off to Millbury. They played us tough. They're very big and physical and they really took it to us," Valley Tech head coach Jim Archibald said. "They [Millbury] seemed to want it a little bit more. In big moments they seemed to outthrust us. That was very discouraging.

"We had plenty of opportunities. Our defense created four turnovers. We constantly had the ball in good field position, we just



Blackstone Valley Tech's Conner Christiansen collects a fumble on a Millbury turnover.

couldn't string anything together," Archibald continued. "It was a combination of the way Millbury played and our lack of execution. Any time we had a chance to make a play or something was open, it closed quickly. They tackled very well and just made us uncomfortable."

The loss overshadowed a solid all-around performance by the Beavers' defensive unit.

"For 40 minutes our defense was outstanding," Archibald said. "On defense we caused turnovers and gave the offense good field position. For 40 minutes we shut Millbury down."

Leading the way for the Valley Tech defense was senior linebacker Alex Tashjian, who made eight tackles and had an interception, and lineman Jordyn Amero, a senior captain who recorded seven tackles and forced a fumble.

"As a unit our defense was outstanding. Our defense let up one drive at the end of the game and then in overtime

Millbury started at the 10, so they went 10 yards so I can't really put that on them," Archibald said. "We had our chances, we just couldn't capitalize offensively. "The defense played outstanding. We've got to start pulling our weight on offense and help our defense out."

Archibald said he expected more out of his offense against the Woolies.

"We have a ton of experience up front," Archibald said. "We return four-fifths of our offensive line. We have a three-year starter at tight end back and we have a two-year starter back at split end. Both of our running backs are back, too.

"Our quarterback [senior Scott MacKay] is new and he struggled a little bit [9 of 24, 117 yards] but I think his struggles were more a product of the offensive line play. We didn't play very well as a unit. We had a lot of trouble pass protecting. Scott got hit and got flushed out of the pocket quite a bit. They made him uncom-

fortable."

Any loss for a school playing in Division 7 — let alone a loss in the season-opening game — creates a sense of urgency in regard to the playoffs.

"I would think anything less than 6-2 and you're going to be on the outside looking in," Archibald said. "In our division there is West Boylston, Assabet, Leicester and Oxford who are all pretty good. Oxford was 7-1 last year and didn't get in. We've got to take care of business the rest of the way. Our league schedule isn't great. We don't get a ton of points from some of the teams in our league. Every win we can get is big for us. We're treating it as do or die every week now so we don't have to rely on other teams in the points system.

"Hopefully [this loss] is a good thing if we play with a sense of urgency and play with the intensity Millbury played with against us," Archibald said. "It's the little things that we preach and we've done well over the years



Blackstone Valley Tech's Ethan Lynch takes a handoff from Scott MacKay on a running play.



Alex Tasgun of Blackstone Valley Tech finishes a tackle on a Millbury ball carrier.

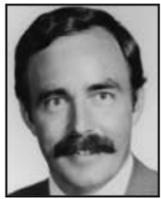
that we didn't do that well against Millbury. We're hoping that we can keep working at it and keep moving forward. We're going to have to light a fire

under the guys and have them come out and play every game like it's a must win, because now it is."

OBITUARIES

Dennis R. Armstrong, 70

NORTHBRIDGE- Dennis R. Armstrong, 70, died Tuesday, September 4, at home. He leaves his loving wife of 47 years, Jean (Wagner) Armstrong, and a son, Michael Armstrong, of Northbridge. In addition, he leaves two brothers; Robert Armstrong, of Danville, NH, and James Armstrong, and his wife Lisa, of E. Hampstead, NH; a sister, Maureen McNamara, and her husband Irving, also of E. Hampstead; nephews and neices. He was predeceased by his parents, Robert T. and Anna E. (Kelly) Armstrong, and a brother William. Born in Arlington, May 10, 1948, Dennis grew up in Burlington and graduated from Burlington High School. After graduating from Providence College, Dennis enjoyed a long successful career in the steel supply and distribution industry, most recently as a sales manager for Denman and Davis, in Smithfield, RI. Previously, he worked for Ryerson (formerly Joseph T. Ryerson Steel)



where he held many positions during his 33 year tenure, before ultimately serving as regional product manager for the grinding division. Over the years Dennis' job brought his family to live in Chicago, IL, Plainville, MA, Cumberland, RI and, 16 years ago, to Northbridge. Dennis took great pleasure in caring for his home and yard; fixing most everything and tending his lawn and landscape, and birdwatching. An avid reader and US History buff, he and Jean traveled throughout the United States visiting many historical sites. His focus was always on his family. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville is assisting with the arrangements. Dennis' Memorial Mass will be Tuesday, September 25 at 10:30AM, at Saint Mark's Church, Boston Road, Sutton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to UMMF, c/o UMASS/Memorial Transplant Clinic, 55 Lake Ave., Worcester, MA, 01605. Please indicate in the check memo, Transplant Patient Assistance Fund. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.carr-funeralhome.com

Norma B. (Ludvigson) McNelly, 84

DOUGLAS - Norma B. (Ludvigson) McNelly, 84, previously of Wixtead Ct., passed away on Mon. Sept. 3, 2018 following a period of declining health at Webster Manor Nursing Home, where she had been a resident the past 2+ years. Her husband of 64 years, Clyde D. McNelly, the love of her life, passed away this past April. She is survived by 6 children, Clyde "Duane" McNelly of Douglas, Ronald McNelly and his wife Nancy of Uxbridge, Timothy McNelly of Douglas, Karen McNelly of Douglas, Kimberly Carroll and her husband Stephen of Douglas, and Jaime McNelly also of Douglas; 6 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren, all of whom she loved dearly. She leaves her brother, Denis Ludvigson of Douglas; as well as nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son David McNelly in 2013; 2 brothers, Walter Ludvigson, and Edward Ludvigson; and 2 sisters, Jeanne Hart, and Nancy Stratton. Born in Whitinsville on October 7, 1933 she was the daughter of Harry and Loretta (Prince) Ludvigson and has been a resident of Douglas all her



life. Norma retired in 2002 from Future Electronics out of Bolton, MA. She had also worked for many years as a mender for both the former Bernat Mills in Uxbridge, and the former Hayward Schuster Woolen Mills in Douglas. She worked as a hand painter of Soaky Head cartoon characters at the Tupper Plastics Co. in S. Grafton, as well as The David Clark Company, Worc., MA. Norma's first love was her family. She enjoyed the simple things in life; going for breakfast and dinner as well as catching a movie now and then. She loved the company of her children, grand, and great-grandchildren. Some of her favorite hobbies were playing penny poker, knitting, reading, and most recently coloring. She was a fan of the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox. She was a longtime member of several local bowling leagues that played at Pythian Lanes and Sparetime Lanes in Northbridge. She was a longtime member of St. Denis Church. Her funeral was held in Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St., Douglas on Wed. Sept. 12 with a service beginning at 10AM, burial followed in St. Denis Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home were held prior from 9-10am. In lieu of flowers, donations in Norma's memory may be made to St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas MA 01516. To leave a condolence for her family please visit <http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com>.

John J Mckanas, 71a

John J Mckanas, 71, of Dudley died Sunday, September 9, 2018 at Overlook Masonic Health Center of Charlton. He was predeceased in 2016 by the love of his life his wife for 47 1/2 years Phyllis Ellis Mckanas. He is survived by two step-daughters: Bonnie J. and her husband Chye Khoo of Dudley, Kay Comptois wife of Late Kenneth of Douglas. Four brothers: Edward Mckanas and his wife Cindy of Lynn, Alfred Mckanas Jr and his wife Kathleen of Middleton, Michael Mckanas and his wife Sheryl of Melrose and William Mckanas of Lynn; Three sisters: Patricia Pierga and her husband Richard of Apopka, FLA, Mary Perry and her husband Dave of Saugus, Sandra Marston and her husband James of Lynn. Sister In-law, Leona wife of late Richard Mckanas of Saugus A proud god father to his god Son, Steven Mckanas of Middleton, John also leaves 6 step grand children and 6 great step-grandchildren



and many nieces and nephews. John was born in Lynn, MA. He is the son of the late Alfred and the late Margaret (Quigley) Mckanas He was employed by Capitol Market as a meat cutter lucky enough to find his true love Phyllis. He was a member of the Charlton Baptist Church. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved his dogs and the outdoors. He was affectionately known as "John the geese hunter" The funeral was held 11:00 am on Thursday, September 13 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, Burial followed in St. Joseph Garden of Peace Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours were Wednesday, September 12 from 5 to 8 PM at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA. Flowers may be sent or donations to Overlook Hospice 88 Masonic Home Rd. Charlton Ma 01507. John's family would like to thank Overlook Hospice for the love and support given to John. www.bartelfuneralhome.com.

Betty Jo Widner, 87

Betty Jo (Howard) Widner of Whitinsville, MA, died on August 31, 2018 at the age of 87. Betty was born on October 18, 1930 in Bendena, KS. Her parents were Joseph B. and Velma G. Howard. She had one younger sister, Patricia (Howard) Schuman who died in 2000. Betty was a talented pianist and singer who was accepted to The Conservatory of Music at the University of Missouri-Kansas City upon her graduation from Wathena High School in 1948. Instead, she married James Edward Widner of Pittsburg, Kansas in August 1948. They were married 37 years until his death in 1987. They did extensive, worldwide traveling together for his business, which she loved. They had two children and lived their married lives in Grandview, MO., Prairie Village, KS., Overland Park, KS., and Camdenton, MO. She was also very gifted artistically and was able to sketch and draw beautifully. After her husband's death, she lived with her son, Mark, and his



wife in Overland Park until 2011. At that time, she moved to Whitinsville, MA, to live with her daughter, Pam, and her husband. In more recent years, she enjoyed her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, reading - especially cookbooks, watching TV, computer games, and her beloved cats, Tess and Nikki. She is survived by her daughter, Pamela LaTour and her husband, Denis of Whitinsville, her son, Mark Widner and his wife Becca of Northbridge, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, a niece and two nephews. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is assisting the family during this time. At Betty's request, no services will be held. After cremation, she requested to be returned to Kansas for a private family service. A memorial service, in Whitinsville, will be arranged at a later time. The family declines flowers and donations, but condolences or memories of Betty would be gratefully accepted. These can be sent to: The Family of Betty Widner 88 Linwood Ave. Whitinsville, MA. 01588

Brian P. "Bonzy" Conrad, 57

Northbridge- Brian P. "Bonzy" Conrad, 57, a local contractor and framer, of Cooper Rd. died Tues. Sept. 4, 2018 after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his devoted wife of 20 years Deborah A. (Weldon) Conrad; his daughter Jennifer Conrad of Linwood; his mother Joan M. (Powers) Conrad; his siblings Mark D. Conrad of Saco, ME and Teresa A. Flagg of Douglas; his lovely white Labrador Retriever Muzzy; many nieces, nephews and good friends, including his "garage crew." He was predeceased by an aunt Mary Frances Powers. Born in Whitinsville, MA on Aug. 14, 1961 he was son of the late Roy E. Conrad and lived in Northbridge all his life. Bonzy worked as a contractor and framer, owning and operating B.C. Builders in the area many years. Educated in the Northbridge Public School system, he was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing, especially at the Cape Cod Canal. He loved to drag race his snowmobile and make his own maple syrup in his sugar shack. He also had a passion for music and a love of Blue's Guitar. Brian has chosen to be cremated. Per his wishes, there are no immediate funeral services or calling hours. A private memorial will be held at a future date. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the MSPCA, 350 S. Huntington Ave. Boston, MA 02130. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhome.com



Ann Marie Dumont, 76

DOUGLAS - Ann Marie (LeBel) Dumont, 76, of Douglas, passed away peacefully surrounded by her beloved family on September 6, 2018. Born in Worcester on April 30, 1942, she joins her son Richard B. Dumont and great-grandson Christian Richard Dumont in the afterlife. She is survived by her beloved husband of 54 years, Ronald Dumont, of Douglas; daughter René Brown of Charlton; son Randy Dumont and his wife Tina of N. Andover; and grandchildren Adam Labonte of Tampa, Fla., Michael McEleney of Worcester, Jena McEleney of Spencer, and Nicole Dumont of N. Andover. She was predeceased by her parents, Louis and Helen LeBel. While her main occupation was raising her children and later babysitting her grandchildren, she enjoyed stints of employment with Mr. Christmas in



Elizabeth A. "Betty" Kennedy, 83

UXBRIDGE- Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Demers) Kennedy, 83, formerly of Oak St. died Mon. Sept. 3, 2018 at Milford Hospital. Her husband of 43 years Francis M. "Mike" Kennedy died on Dec. 13, 2000. Mrs. Kennedy was born in Uxbridge, and was the youngest child of Charles Z. and Rose (Beaucage) Demers and resided in Uxbridge all her life. She is survived by a son, Michael J. Kennedy of League City, TX; 2 daughters, Kelly A. Bienkiewicz and Kathleen A. Kennedy both of Uxbridge; 7 grandchildren, Molly, Thomas, Jacob, Bailey, Kathryn, Sarah, and Meghan; 3 great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Charlie, and Hunter; a sister, Rita Montbleau of Arizona; and many nieces and nephews. She was sister of the late Richard "Hank"



Demers, Raymond Demers, Charles Demers, and Lillian Pasichny. Betty was a graduate of Uxbridge High School, Class of 1953, serving as Sr. Class President and continued to work there for several years as secretary to the principal. In later years, she returned as a teacher's aide. She loved swimming and reading, and was a member of the Whitin Community Center. She was a longtime member of St. Mary's Church. Her funeral was held Fri. Sept. 7 with a Mass at 11 am in St. Mary's Church, 71 Mendon St., Uxbridge. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. There were no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation, 1605 Goularte Place, Fremont, CA 94539-7241 or to United Cerebral Palsy: www.ucp.org/donate-to-ucp-national To leave a condolence message for the family please visit <http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com>



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OBITUARIES

Robert "Ray" Everett, 95

WHITINSVILLE- Robert "Ray" Everett died Thursday, August 30 peacefully in his sleep at the age of 95. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri August 21, 1923, a son of Sherman R. and Grace (Wilson) Everett, brother to Jean Everett. He grew up in Pasadena CA where he graduated from high school and Occidental College prior to serving in the US Navy during WWII, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. Mr. Everett lived in Maynard for many years while working at such companies as Data Terminal Systems, General Radio, Singer and ATF Davidson Corp. He was Vice President of International Sales for ATF Davidson before retiring in the mid 90's. During his career, Ray was fluent in Spanish, lived abroad,



and traveled extensively throughout the world before settling down in Whitinsville. He was an Eagle Scout. He enjoyed Jazz, Swing, Tango and Latin music as he would be found singing along at times. He also adored his five grandchildren and loved spending time with them. Ray is survived by a daughter Cynthia Joyce and her husband Glenn, of Pittsburgh, PA; a son, Bruce Everett and his wife Mary, of Bolton; two grandchildren, Kayla and Roberta Everett. In addition, he leaves his beloved companion of over 20 years, Valerie Conlin, of Whitinsville; her children, Leslie and her husband Al Sacko, Patrick Conlin and his wife Kim, and three grandchildren, Kyle, Ryan and Tyler Conlin.

Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St, Whitinsville assisted the family with arrangements. A graveside service was held Tuesday, September 4, at Saint Patrick's Cemetery, Whitinsville, MA. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Linda M. Nydam, 57

WHITINSVILLE - Linda M. Nydam, 57, of Whitinsville passed away Wednesday September 5, 2018 at Rose Monahan Hospice in Worcester.

She was employed at Spectrum Health Systems in Worcester for 8 years in various positions and also worked part time at the DCU Center in Worcester and the Hartford Civic Center in CT for concerts.

Linda was born August 12, 1961 in Northbridge, the daughter of Beatrice "Betty" (Vriesema) Nydam and the late Edward Nydam and was a graduate of Northbridge High School.

Ms. Nydam was the life of the party when she entered the room. She enjoyed getting her nails done and sailing with Pearl and Mike. She was meticulous about her cars and would refer to them as her babies. She enjoyed a good conversation and possessed a very quick wit. She shared a special bond with her mother and every Saturday she would



visit her at home with Dunkin Donuts coffee and a doughnut. She loved to shop for clothes and shoes and had an outfit for every hour of the day.

She is survived by her mother Beatrice "Betty" Nydam of Whitinsville; four siblings, Pearl and her husband Michael Largesse of Worcester, Jeanie and her husband Robert McKenney of Putnam, CT, Edward Nydam, Jr. of Ocala, FL and Heidi and her husband David Staruk of Millbury, and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were held Sunday September 9, 2018 from 2 - 5 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 480 Church St., Whitinsville.

Funeral Services were held Monday September 10, 2018 at 11 AM in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284, or to N.E.A.D.S., P.O. Box 1100, Princeton, MA 01541 or a charity of one's choice. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Christina M. Grassi, 70

NORTHBRIDGE - Christina M. (Gervais) Grassi, 70, of Linwood passed away Sunday Aug. 26, 2018 at home. She was the wife of the late John G. Grassi who died in 2004.

Mrs. Grassi was employed as an Opening Manager at McDonalds in Whitinsville for 10 years before retiring in 2006.

She was born August 20, 1948 in Whitinsville, the daughter of the late Real and Christina (O'Brien) Gervais and was a graduate of Uxbridge High

School, Class of 1966.

She was also a member of the Valley Chapel in Uxbridge.

Mrs. Grassi is survived by her beloved daughter Pamela S. Grassi of North Carolina and one sister Nancy M. Chicone of FL.

Funeral services will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of Buma Funeral Home, Whitinsville. www.bumafuneralhome.com

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CALENDAR

Saturday September 15

FLEA MARKET: The First Congregational Church on 148 West Main St. in Millbury is sponsoring a Flea Market on Saturday Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to reserve table space, please call Jeri Stead (508)-865-5371. The \$20 inside area consists of a large supper table plus a card table. An outside reservation is \$10 and those chancing the weather need to provide their own table and a tent if needed. "The Kitchen" will be serving coffee and muffins, and at lunch time, hot dogs will be served. There will also be a Bakery Table, and a Church Flea Market Table.

CLOTHING SWAP: The Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, Linwood Avenue in Whitinsville will host a clothing swap Saturday, Sept. 15 9-11 am. We accept donations of gently used (no rips or stains please) men's, women's and kid's clothing, shoes and accessories. You don't have to donate to take something home and you don't have to take anything home in order to donate. Everything is free and open to the public. We accept donations on Friday,

Sept. 14 from 6-7 pm or the morning of the swap. Use the driveway between Domino's Pizzeria and the law office (off of Church Street) and use the church's back door. Any questions email edalynne@hotmail.com or call Christine at 774-262-6415.

Yard Sale to Benefit Scholarship Fund: The Uxbridge Special Ed Parent Advisory Council will hold a YARD SALE on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 8am until 3pm on the Uxbridge Town Common. (Rain date, Sunday, Sept. 16.)

Saturday September 22

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? Hobby of Bee Keeping Program at Douglas Orchard. Learn even more interesting facts about the honey bees from our 6th generation bee keeper, Ken Warchol. Discussion about the Hobby of Bee Keeping. Honey mead and fruit honey wine tasting following presentation. Presentation starts at 1pm. Cost per adult 18 and older \$5.

Whitinsville Fish and Game Club: Annual Field Day: On September 22 at Whitinsville Fish & Game Club at White Court, Douglas 508-476-7204. Events will start 11:00 am, featuring fishing derby, children's

scavenger hunt, ranges will be open, raffles and games for all ages. Chicken, lobster and steamer dinners will be offered, (please preorder) as well as burgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage sandwich. Come for a fun filled family day!! This event will be held rain or shine! www.whitinsvillefishandgame.com.

CAR SHOW: Uxbridge Lions host their first ever car show! Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road in Uxbridge. Prizes awarded, all welcome, registration info by calling Mike Kaplan (508) 473-1161. Also vendors, food, DJ and more. To sponsor or be part of the event also call Kaplan. Public is free to attend. Come support the local Lions.

Sunday, September 23

FALL FESTIVAL: Family Fun Fest/Fall Festival at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville on Sunday September 23rd from 11:00am - 4:00pm. The festival will include vendor tables, bake sale, toy table, raffles, cup cake decorating, food, games, music and much more! Vendor spaces are available to rent for \$30. Save \$5 with early registration prior to Sept 1st. If interested in renting a vendor table, please email officesupport@mystpatricks.com or call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

Tuesday

September 25

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FAIR: Whitinsville Christian School will host a Christian University and College Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Nehemiah Center Gymnasium at 279 Linwood Avenue in Whitinsville. Christian colleges from all over the United States will be represented. Students and parents will be able to pick up catalogs, brochures, financial aid information, and applications from the various college representatives. A financial aid seminar will also be offered during the evening.

Thursday September 27

BOO! Halloween Event at Douglas Orchard. Get dressed up in costume! For all ages! We welcome back "Merlin" to talk about witches, witch craft (good of course) and Halloween related history and stories. Farm scavenger hunt for Halloween candy! Cost \$5. Children 12 and under free.

ONGOING EVENTS

PEOPLE'S COFFEE HOUR: Every Tuesday starting Oct. 2 from 1 to 2:30 PM at the Second Congregational Church of Douglas (289 Main St.), we are hosting a no Bible experience necessary study including coffee and refreshments. The study is called 'Courage in a

Complicated World' (Book of Esther). Study guides are provided free of charge. This study is designed so that each week is self-contained, so you do not need to attend every week. This study will run to the end of May. Child care (which includes a Bible lesson for children) is provided. All attendees are welcome to anything from our food and kid's clothing closet. All are welcome. Call Jeanie (508-476-9978) for more information.

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

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

SENIOR BREAKFAST: St. John's Episcopal Church Senior Breakfast held first Friday of the month 8-9 a.m. at the church, 3 Pleasant Street, off Route 122A, Sutton, and is handicapped accessible. Suggested donation is \$5. For information, call Cyndy

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PARENT SUPPORT: Parent Support Group in Millbury sponsored by Parent Professional Advocacy League. Free and confidential Parent Support Group on the second (workshop) and fourth (sharing) Friday of the month 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Millbury Public Library. Call PPAL (508) 767-9725 for information. PPAL is a statewide network of parents and professionals and adolescents with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs.

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

AL-ANON: A "Serenity on The Hill"

Al-Anon step meeting held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Rockdale Congregational Church, 42 Fowler Road, Northbridge. Support group for family and friends of problem drinkers. Newcomers welcome. For information: 508-366-0556.

YOGA GROUP: join the Sunshine Yoga Collaborative in our mission to bring community based yoga to Uxbridge and the surrounding communities! Classes are appropriate for just beginning to advanced student. Class is Sunday 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Alternatives, Unlimited, 50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville. Extra yoga mats, but most bring their own. \$5 donation per class, which given to local organization. Visit Facebook: Sunshine Yoga Collaborative.

RECOVERY: Every Monday, Celebrate Recovery, a Biblically based step program designed to heal a wide variety of habits and harmful behaviors, such as drug dependency, abuse, eating disorders, depression, anger, por-

nography, broken relationships. Group meets every week in two-part session, an open group followed by gender-specific small share groups. Starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 9. Come at 6:30 for coffee and conversation. Pleasant Street Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville, (508) 234-5268 x 14, or email howard@psrcr.org.

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

Patrick's rectory at 508-234-5656.

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

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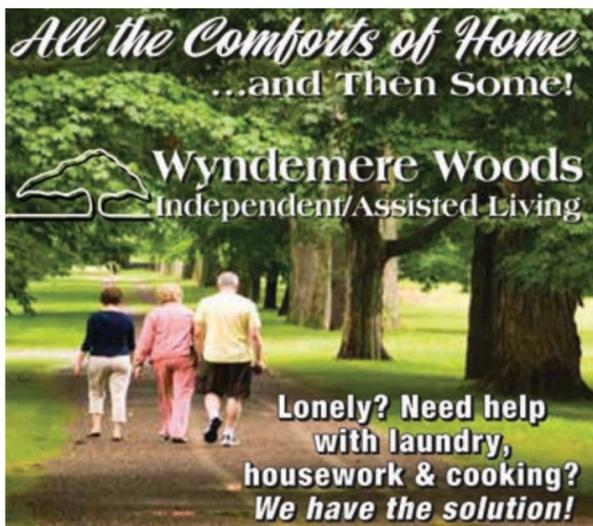
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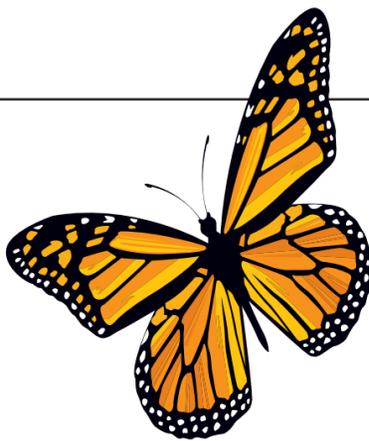
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Fun with the sun

The recent heat wave inspired this week's column that reminds us that the power of the sun is incredible, and never is that fact more evident than on a sizzling hot late summer's day! Today, as solar energy gains even more attention, harnessing the sun's rays via simple solar experiments can translate into fun and educational projects for kids and adults alike. Read on for a roundup of easy projects that are sure to bring new meaning to "fun in the sun" as we wind up the summer season:



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

the center, and close the box. Open the flap and turn the box so the foil is facing the sun. The shadow of the flap should go straight back from the back of the box. Move the flap up and down and note how it reflects the sunlight. Use a dowel, ruler, or stick to prop up the flap so that it bounces the sunlight into the box. Wait about a half hour for the box to warm up in the sun. Then it's time to relax and enjoy the warmed-up treat.

HOT DOG COOKER

Whether you call them hot dogs, frankfurters or wieners – there's no doubt about it, America has a love affair with franks. Using the sun's energy, this project is a fun summertime project (easier than the previous one) to heat up the sizzling sausages! The design of this simple solar cooker allows sunlight to reflect onto the center hot dog to heat it up faster.

You'll need: A cardboard (shoe or boot) box; heavy duty aluminum foil; poster board.

To do: Cut a curve in the sides of the box (see illustration). Cut poster board to fit flush onto the curved cut. Secure poster board to box with duct tape or other strong tape. Cover the curve with heavy duty tinfoil, shiny side out. Smooth foil over poster board, keeping foil as wrinkle free as possible. Attach two "tabs" to the center sides of the box (use cardboard from shoe box cover). Poke one hole in each tab to form a rotisserie type holder. Using a metal barbecue skewer (or straighten out a metal coat hanger section and twist one end), thread hot dog onto skewer and into side tabs. Place directly in sun, angling cooker to focus heat onto the center hot dog. Turn hot dog as it heats up.

SUN POWER PURIFIES WATER: FROM DIRTY TO DRINKABLE

This amazing demonstration spotlights the power of the sun to purify salt water and make contaminated water drinkable! Using common pantry materials, the project is a great "survival" experiment for all ages.

You'll need: A large clear glass bowl (Pyrex mixing bowl is ideal); a small drinking glass; Saran or other plastic food wrap; food coloring; table salt; a small rock, marble or pebble.

Instructions: Pour tap water into bowl and add a few tablespoons of salt. Add a few drops of food coloring. Stand up the empty drinking glass in the center of the bowl (water level should be about half way up outside of glass).

Cover the bowl with the plastic food covering. Place a pebble in the exact center of the plastic wrap so it is directly above the top of the glass and forms a dip in the plastic. (There needs to be plenty of space between the glass rim and the plastic wrap to allow for drippage). You might have to loosen wrap a little to allow for dip. Place bowl in direct sun and watch

what happens!

Note: The sun's heat is trapped in the bowl. The salty water will evaporate, rise and condense to form clean water that will drip into the glass!

SOLAR SCIENCE: SUN SATURATION

Did you ever wonder if it's true that dark colors absorb more heat? Here's an easy experiment from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) that shows sun saturations effect on temperatures.

To do: Cut a three inch circle from white construction paper, and a three inch circle from black construction paper. Place one of each in the bottom of two clear plastic cups or clear deli containers of equal size. Pour a quarter cup of cold water into each container and check the temperature. Cover each cup in clear plastic (Saran) wrap, taping down if necessary. Place in full sun and record how fast the temperature rises in each cup.

SUN DRIED TOMATOES

True "sun dried" tomatoes are a treat worth waiting for. The authentic recipe thanks the sun for its rich flavor and chewy texture.

Ingredients: Garden tomatoes (plum work well); sea salt; screen frame.

Directions: Slice tomatoes (thinner for firmer tomatoes, thicker for chewy). Place in a single layer atop a clean screen mesh frame. Sprinkle with coarse sea salt and/or herbs. Cover with a second layer of screen mesh; secure edges. Allow to dry in the sun for several days.

Tomatoes are done when they have the consistency of a plump raisin. Store in a zip lock plastic bags or pack in a jar with olive oil. May also be frozen.

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Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Public 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 E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Public House Inn.

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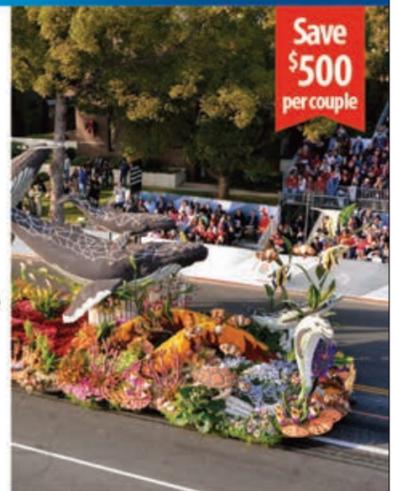
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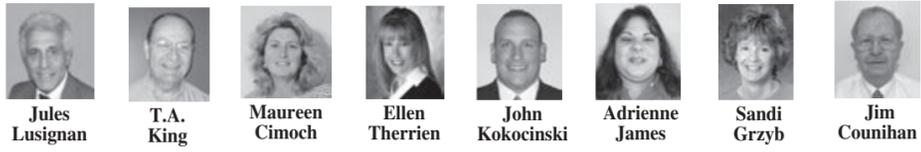
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<p>WEBSTER - 36 WEST AVE</p> <p>First Time Offered! Grand Custom Built Cape! 10+ Spacious Rooms, 4 BRs 3 Full Baths, 2 Full Kitchens, Dining Rm, 2 Lg Family Rms, Gorgeous Formal Living Rm w/ Fireplace, 2 - 3 Season Enclosed Patio Rooms! 3,235 SF +/- ONE LEVEL LIVING w/ 2 BRs, 2nd flr - 2 huge BRs & full bath! In-law setup w/ kitchen, family rm, full bath, garage.</p> <p>NEW PRICE \$269,900</p>	<p>DUDLEY - 32 DUDLEY HILL RD</p> <p>Expanded Cape! 3 bedroom 1.5 bath located in beautiful Dudley Town Water & Sewer! A little TLC will go far to making this your forever home. Extra large perennial packed park like yard is sure to help soothe and relax you</p> <p>NEW PRICE \$219,900</p>	<p>THOMPSON, CT - 653 QUINEBAUG RD</p> <p>Fantastic Ranch - One Floor Living with 3 Bedrooms / Hardwoods, 2 Full Baths! Eat-in Kitchen with Built-ins, Appliances Included, Fireplace! Family Room with Hardwoods, Lots of Natural Light, Ceiling Fans, French Doors, First Floor Laundry, Screened in Porch - walks right out to your own private patio. New Roof in 2014. Spacious Flat Level Lot with Circular Driveway. Two separate 1 Car Garages.</p> <p>\$279,900</p>	<p>PUTNAM, CT - 310 WALNUT ST</p> <p>NEW PRICE! Simply Move In & Enjoy! Spacious 1,868 SF, 3-4 BR Ranch Home! Finished Lower Level & 2 Car Garage Under. Park-like 3 Acres +/- parcel w/250' of road frontage! Quality built & meticulously maintained home! Cantina counters, updated appliances, ceramic tiled floors, and Central Island w/custom lighting and a ceiling pot rack. Formal Living room, bow window fireplace w/gas insert. Fully heated 4 season sun room! Entertain your guests in the private 20x16 3 season room! Finished lower level cozy family room w/fireplace! Central air conditioning, wiring for a generator, 2 outbuildings!</p> <p>\$289,900.</p>	<p>WEBSTER - 12 DEERFIELD DR</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>NEW ENGLAND COMMONS ADULT 55+ COMMUNITY! A Rare Find! Spacious 2 Bedroom, 2 Full Bath, Half Duplex offering 1567 SF +/- living area on One Level! It boasts a GREAT LOCATION in the complex with a VERY PRIVATE BACK YARD! OPEN FLOOR PLAN - living room w/wooded fireplace, Cabinet & appliance packed kitchen w/peninsula, dining room area w/Hrwd floors, 2 master sized bedrooms! Unfinished basement with workbench, 1 car attached garage, has walking paths, a covered bridge, quiet pond, gazebo & community center!</p> <p>\$252,000.</p>
<p>DUDLEY - 22 WILLIAMS ST</p> <p>Adorable Oversized 6 room, 4 bedroom Cape! 2200+ sq ft of Living area. Eat in kitchen! front to Back Living room! 2 baths! Game room, Hardwoods! Lovely landscaped level yard! Large detached 1-1/2 car garage!</p> <p>NEW PRICE \$238,900</p>	<p>PUTNAM, CT - 10 KNOLLWOOD LN</p> <p>NEW LISTING! Spacious Townhouse! 2 Large Bedrooms w/ plenty of closet space, 1-1/2 Baths, Open Floor Plan, Applianced Kitchen with Breakfast Bar & Pantry Closet, Living Room with Sliders to Private Deck, 1 Car Garage Under, Basement for Laundry/Storage. Convenient Location, near Interstate 395! Fabulous area amenities like restaurants, shopping, walking trails along the river, community events, and recreation!</p> <p>NEW PRICE \$129,900.</p>	<p>WEBSTER - 7 ARKWRIGHT RD</p> <p>First Time Offered! Beautiful & Spacious 1600+/- SF 3BR Ranch! Freshly painted! Updated Kitchen & Bath. Large Formal Living Rm w/ lighter bay window. Great RM w/cathedral ceilings, fireplace, ceiling fan, & skylights! 3 BRs. Whole house fan. Private back yard, & in-ground pool! 10' x 12' - 3 season porch! Patio w/wooded fireplace. Room in basement served as a large workshop. 15' x 20' Carport & 2 storage sheds!</p> <p>\$248,800.</p>	<p>WOODSTOCK, CT - 606 PROSPECT ST</p> <p>FIRST TIME OFFERED! Pristine Colonial on 2.54 Acre! Picturesque Setting! Magazine Quality Decor! Arched Openings, Balcony, Bonus Room above Garage! 9 rooms, 3 Bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, 2nd floor - Media Room - Game Room - Craft Room! Brick Patio with Attached Fire Pit! *2011 Updates: Roof, Furnace & Re-pointed Chimney! All This and More is Waiting for YOU</p> <p>NEW PRICE \$399,000.</p>	<p>WOODSTOCK, CT - 158 W. QUASSET RD</p> <p>Extraordinary Waterfront Retreat on Quasi Level! Unique, Transat. Quiet, Secluded & Private Long circular driveway! 5.5 acres of land! Patis, covered patios & balconies, stone faced 3 car deck garage w/ heated studio, Cape Cod shower, winding path to 265' +/- of shoreline! 5,000 sq ft w/ 1st story Colonial 2 story Cape! Custom impressive kitchen w/appliance every thing! Open floor plan! Living room, 2 family rooms, 2nd floor private office suite, sandy! mudroom, exercise studio, LL kitchenette, sauna, 2 fireplaces & most Master BRs w/private full baths</p> <p>\$1,299,000.</p>
<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 218 BREEZE RD</p> <p>Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,697+/- SF Lot, 53' Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers 996+/- SF of living area w/ 2 BRs & full bath. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/hemlock decking potential for additional living area. Main level features Open Floor Plan w/sliders to full front deck! Spectacular Western views across Middle Pond! Additional land & shore frontage available.</p> <p>\$345,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 54 KILLEDEER RD</p> <p>KILLEDEER ISLAND! A RARE OPPORTUNITY ON WEBSTER LAKE! ABSOLUTELY THE WATERFRONT PROPERTY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING! LOOKING FOR! 2.45+/- Acres! 345+/- road front, 336/364+/- depth, 275+/- Lakefront! Mature landscape provides unprecedented privacy, & a friendly level lot at water's edge - like very few waterfront properties! The possibilities for this property are only limited by your imagination. The 3700 SF +/- Mid-Century Modern Home is unique w/midwest modern windows that invite your eyes to venture outside to spectacular 180 panoramic views across the lake to stunning Western sunsets and beautiful natural shoreline beyond! Relax & entertain in the tiled, stone fireplace family rm, wet bar sliders to an enormous outdoor patio! The house features a 36' +/- open concept combination living/dining area with a stone fireplace, an open stairway, & interior 2nd flr balcony w/ access to 5 spacious BRs that overlook the rooms below. A 30x32+/- det'd garage w/summer kitchen, 1/2 bath & huge fireplaced patio! Family owned gen for 60+ years!</p> <p>\$1,495,000</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 93 BIRCH ISLAND RD</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>New listing! 2 Family on webster lake middle pond waterfront! Rare Opportunity! Great for the investor or home owner looking for additional income. Views with a sandy shoreline! First floor has one bedroom - second floor 2 bedrooms. Each unit has its own washer/dryer hook ups. Quick access to 1-95! Walkout basement & storage area. Paver patio! Taxes \$4,624 yr.</p> <p>\$412,900</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 22 LAURELWOOD DR</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>1st Time Offered in Reid Smith Cove, Spectacular 3700+/- SF, 13 Rm/4.5 Bath Lake Home, Uniquely Designed for Lake-Side Living! Private Setting, Ideal Location, .68 Acres, 92' of Natural Shoreline, Prof. Landscape, Multiple Decks, Lakeside Cabana, 3 Mstr BR Suites w/Elegant 1st Flr Mstr - all w/Private Baths, Finished Walkout LL w/Living & Billiard Rms & Summer Kitchen! Call Sharon at 508-954-7222 for More Information</p> <p>\$1,150,000</p>	

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Dudley: Charming Cape situated in quiet country setting! 8 rooms 4 bedrooms 2 baths. Front to back kitchen/dining area with brick fireplace. Three bedrooms up with full bath. First floor bedroom with full bath. Level backyard! Two car garage. **\$239,900.**

Southbridge: Desirable Townhouse at Riverview Place! Beautiful 5 room 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Condo. Pride of Ownership shines throughout! Sunken living room with cathedral ceilings and wood stove. Sliders to private deck. Spacious master bedroom w/cathedral ceilings & large closet. Washer & Dryer hook up on second floor. Complex has in ground pool. Complex set in country location surrounded by trees. **\$130,000.**

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26 River St ~ \$279,900



WEBSTER: Condo, first floor unit, 2 bedrooms, fully applianced kitchen, hardwood floors, garage, low fees

OPEN HOUSE SAT 10-NOON

17 Cutler St, unit 1~ \$104,900



DUDLEY: New Listing, Commercial Property 3 separate buildings, Interesting Investment includes commercial rentals and apartments. A total of 10 units. Call John for details

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OXFORD: Commercial Property, 2900 sq. ft. building, 3.6 acres, great highway access

498 Main St ~ \$485,000



WEBSTER: Motivated Seller, 3 bedroom, sided, easy highway access, garage

87 Worcester Rd ~ \$794,500



WEBSTER: Near Boat Ramp! Vinyl sided, garage, recent roof, 3 bedroom

81 Lakeside Ave ~ \$229,900

DUDLEY: RENTAL, 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, garage \$1400 Call Jo-Ann, Available Soon.

WEBSTER: RENTAL, Condo 3 bedroom, garage, 2.5 bath. Call Maureen



DUDLEY: 2 Family Duplex, Unit 1: 6 rooms/1.5 bath, Unit 2: 4 rooms/1 bath, 3rd level offers potential for additional living area, 2 car garage

1 Mill St ~ \$239,900



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7 Dudley Oxford Rd ~ \$499,900

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DUDLEY: Renovated Ranch, new kitchen, refinished floors, new roof, new driveway

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OXFORD: Split, central air, family room, garage

114 Old Webster Rd ~ \$310,000

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<p>OPEN HOUSE SAT 9/15 9:30-11:00</p>  <p>525 Dugg Hill Rd, Woodstock \$450,000 Ca. 1745 but completely new w/4000 SF, 4 BR 3 full BA on 1.17 acres w/lovely views! Chef's kitchen extraordinaire & gorgeous 3-car garage! The Gosselin Team: Stephanie 860-428-5960</p>	<p>OPEN HOUSE SAT 9/15 11:30-1:00</p>  <p>105 English Neighborhood Rd, Woodstock \$295,000 2 acres on 2 sides of the rd, this 2 BR 1890 home has loads of details, front porch & stonewalls. Generator, 1 car garage & private yard. The Gosselin Team: Stephanie 860-428-5960</p>	<p>OPEN HOUSE SAT 9/22 11:00-12:30</p>  <p>330 Paine District Rd, Woodstock \$375,000 Perfect 1 floor living in this beautiful custom ranch in Woodstock, CT. Just built in 2016. Beautiful pastoral views. John Downs 860-377-0754</p>	<p>Putnam \$499,900 NEW PRICE</p>  <p>Truly one of a kind architectural masterpiece. Amazing grounds, 3 BR 2.5 BA. Catherine Howard 860-234-2901</p>	<p>Thompson \$399,900 NEW PRICE</p>  <p>Elegant home with a two story glassed great room & fireplace. Corian kitchen, finished lower level and 1st floor master. John Downs 860-377-0754</p>	<p>Pomfret \$575,000</p>  <p>Over 4900 SF sprawled on 3 floors of living! 6 BR & 3.5 BA w/new kitchen, baths & a park-like back yard. Pool, pool house & barn/garage! The Gosselin Team: Stephanie 860-428-5960</p>	
<p>Canterbury \$449,000</p>  <p>Unique Contemporary, spacious, open, sunny, total privacy, 47 acres! 4 BR, 3 BA. Architect design, separate bldg lot. John Rich 860-315-2615</p>	<p>Tolland \$299,900</p>  <p>Pride of ownership shines in this 4 BR, 3 BA over-sized Raised Ranch in a private country setting. This is a must see! Vivian Kozey 860-455-5363</p>	<p>Congratulations Agents</p> <p>Top Listing Agents Top Selling Agent Top Buyers Agent</p>    <p>Gosselin Team 860-428-5960 Robert Viani 860-264-5921 Catherine Howard 860-234-2901</p>			<p>Eastford \$314,900</p>  <p>Pristine Eastford home, frontage on year-round babbling brook. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, granite kitchen, expand bonus room. John Rich 860-315-2615</p>	<p>Pomfret \$248,500</p>  <p>1,656 SF, 1.21 acres, 2 car detached garage, off street parking, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, partially finished basement w/ bonus room. Lauren Heidelberger 860-933-0735</p>
<p>Pomfret \$539,900</p>  <p>Custom Colonial built for entertaining. Cooks kitchen & great rm w/ fireplace & cathedral ceiling. Detached & attached garages. Mary Collins 860-336-6677</p>	<p>Brooklyn \$224,000</p>  <p>Private, 4 BR, 2 BA Cape with 3 bay garage, paved drive nestled in the woods, back deck overlooks a pond! Rachel Sposato 860-234-1343</p>	<p>Dayville \$230,000</p>  <p>Pristine Country Cape in cul-de-sac. Updated granite kitchen & hardwoods throughout. 4 BR, 2 updated BA. Close to 395. Mary Collins 860-336-6677</p>	<p>Woodstock \$1,490,000</p>  <p>Wonderful Antique Colonial with 182 acres, pastoral views w/ 4+ miles of wooded trails. Unique open concept, 3 story barn. White/Cook Team: Amy Archambault 860-377-2830</p>	<p>Pomfret \$275,000</p>  <p>Private 3 acres Custom Ranch 1,478 SF FP in living room, dining room, 3 BR, 2 BA, woodstove, 2 car garage. Mary Collins 860-336-6677</p>	<p>Pomfret \$475,000</p>  <p>Enjoy comfortable and spacious living in this bright, modern, 5 BR, 3.5 BA home. 3 beautiful floors of living space located on 5 acres. John Downs 860-377-0754</p>	
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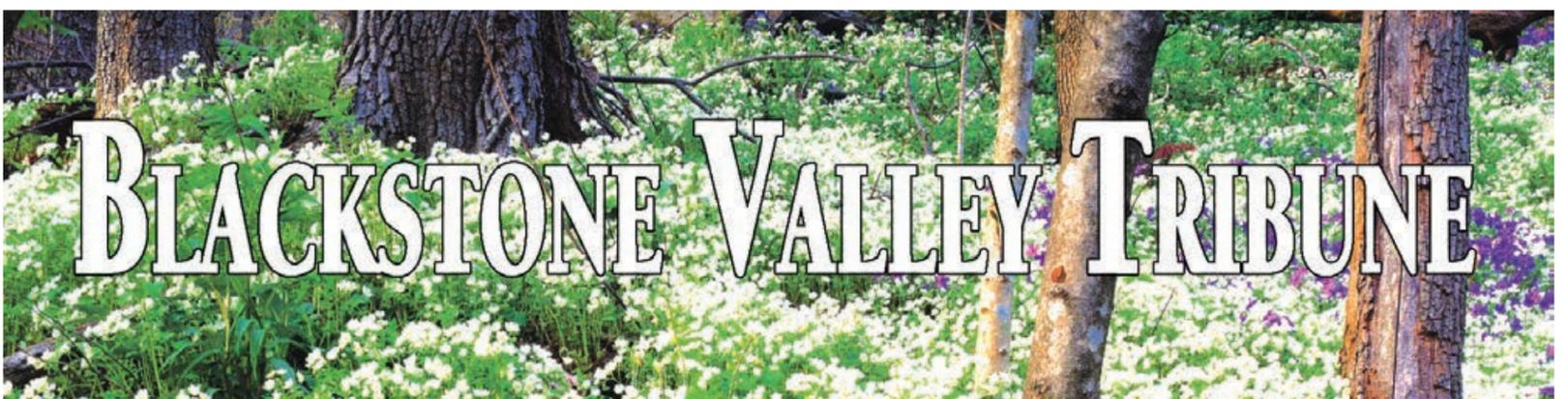
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010 FOR SALE

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230 EVENTS/ ENTERTAINMENT

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Seaport Flotilla 10-10 8 WEEK SAFE BOATING CLASSES - Boating Skills & Seamanship or Sailing Skills & Seamanship. \$35.00 materials fee (Certificates offered upon completion) Instruction is provided by volunteers from U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS STARTING SEPT. 12, 7:00pm - 9:00pm (6:30pm registration on first evening),** Worcester State College, Sullivan Building S-105, For info: Alice Caldwell at 508-754-7918.

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300 HELP WANTED

310 GENERAL HELP WANTED

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500 REAL ESTATE

505 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

DUDLEY-2BR Duplex. 1.5 Bathrooms, w/d hookups, large yard, own driveway. No pets, Available October 1st. \$850 plus utilities. Call Susan (860)942-6194

SPENCER: 2-bedroom townhouse, Gas heat w/ electric appliances, hookups, no smoking, no pets, first & last, security deposit \$500. \$835 per month. 508-886-4312

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575 VACATION RENTALS

CAPE COD TIME SHARE FOR SALE: Edgewater Beach Resort, 95 Chase Avenue, Dennisport, MA 02639 On the water, Studio (Unit 706). Permanent Week 33 (August). Deeded rights. You'll own it for a lifetime & can be passed down to your children and grandchildren. \$5,000. (508)347-3145



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LEGALS

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Ryan C. Murphy to Cornerstone Mortgage Corp., dated November 24, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 32302, Page 266 as affected by a Judgment recorded on March 12, 2018 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 58532, Page 153, subsequently assigned to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by Cornerstone Mortgage Corp. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45634, Page 185, subsequently assigned to GMAC Mortgage, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50049, Page 308, subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50817, Page 89, subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust by Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 54671, Page 80 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on September 28, 2018 at 184 Sutton Street, Northbridge, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in said Northbridge on the northerly side of Sutton Street, shown as Lot A on "Plan to show property in Rockdale, Northbridge, Mass. owned by Eva Dillaber ... " dated April, 1963, by Kenneth Shaw. Being the premises conveyed by deed of Chester Osterman et ux dated October 16, 1967 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 4806, Page 381. Subject to restrictions, conditions and reservations recited in said Book 4806, Page 381. Subject to 40' Right of Way described in Deed recorded in Book 4402, Page 261. A deed from Joseph L. Flamand and Lorraine Flamand to Ryan C. Murphy to be recorded. For Title see deed at Book 32302, page 264.

Judgment and Order recorded March 12, 2018 at Book 58532, Page 153 Worcester District Registry of Deeds, describes the legal description that this mortgage encumbers as follows: Lots A and B as shown on the plan entitled "Plan to Show Property in Rockdale, Northbridge, Mass., owned by Eva Dillahar (a/k/a Eva Dillabar)" dated April 1963, by Kenneth Shaw, recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 475, Plan 67, are merged as one lot. For informational purposes only, the subject premises is shown on Plan Book 475, Plan 67, Worcester County Registry of Deeds. The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

U.S. Bank Trust, N.A. as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
15-000994
September 7, 2018
September 14, 2018
September 21, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Paul Newman and Sandra Newman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC, dated May 14, 2013 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50941, Page 372 as affected by a modification agreement recorded with said records at Book 57102, Page 374, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for New Day Financial, LLC, its successors and assigns to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC dated December 1, 2017 and recorded with said registry on March 12, 2018 at Book 58531 Page 363, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on October 2, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 7 Crownshield Avenue, Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

Property Address: 7 CROWNSHIELD AVENUE UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01569

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN WORCESTER COUNTY, UXBRIDGE, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 47246, PAGE 243, MAP 30, BLOCK 2596. BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS: THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON, SITUATED AT 7 CROWNSHIELD AVENUE. UXBRIDGE WORCESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 44, CONTAINING 43,607 +/- SQUARE FEET OF LAND, AS SHOWN ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED:

PLAN OF LAND IN UXBRIDGE, MASS, PROPERTY OF MARINE CHARTER & STORAGE LTD., INC. SCALE 40 FEET TO AN INCH DATE: JUNE 27, 1988, GUERRIERE & HALNON, INC., ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING, 333 WEST STREET, RECORDED IN THE WORCESTER SOUTH REGISTRY OF DEEDS AS PLAN 109 IN PLAN BOOK 603.

LOT 44 IS CONVEYED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE RIGHT TO USE CROWNSHIELD AVENUE, AS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE REFERENCE PLAN IN COMMON WITH OTHERS' LAWFULLY ENTITLED THERETO FOR ALL PURPOSES AS STREET, ROAD AND WAYS ARE COMMONLY USED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRANTOR, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, RESERVES THE FEE INTEREST IN SAID CROWNSHIELD AVENUE. LOT 44 IS FURTHER CONVEYED SUBJECT TO A 20' WIDE SLOPE, CONSTRUCTION AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT, ALL AS SHOWN ON SAID PLAN ALL RESERVED FOR THE BENEFIT OF GRANTOR, ITS SUCCESSOR AND ASSIGNS. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM MARIA L. SMACHETTI, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 47246 PAGE 243 DATED 03/29/2011 AND RECORDED 03/31/2011, WORCESTER COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES - PROPERTY ADDRESS IS AS FOLLOWS: 7 CROWNSHIELD AVENUE, UXBRIDGE, MA 01569. ATTEST: WORC Anthony J. Vigliotti, Register

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47246, Page 243.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the

premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201710-0232 - PRP

September 7, 2018

September 14, 2018

September 21, 2018

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott L. Mullineaux and Heather L. Spavold to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated February 23, 2007 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40717, Page 173 as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement recorded with said records at Book 48928, Page 54 and as further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated August 1, 2013 and recorded with said Registry in Book 51379, Page 250, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated May 28, 2013 and recorded with said Registry on June 12, 2013 at Book 51035, Page 59 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Federal National Mortgage Association dated September 13, 2016 and recorded with said Registry on September 19, 2016 at Book 55985, Page 215 and by assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to Federal National Mortgage Association dated October 10, 2016 and recorded with said Registry on October 20, 2016 at Book 56165, Page 41 and by assignment from Federal National Mortgage Association to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. dated July 6, 2017 and recorded with said Registry on July 7, 2017 at Book 57379, Page 191, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on October 8, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 15 LARKIN AVENUE, UXBRIDGE, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Borrower(s): Scott Mullineaux & Heather Spavold

Property Address: 15 Larkin Avenue Uxbridge, Massachusetts 01569

The land with the buildings thereon in Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the southerly side of Larkin Avenue, and being Lots 4 and 5 on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots for Sale by Francis E. Larkin, Uxbridge, MA August 1950, Francis J. Brennan, Surveyor" recorded with Worcester District Deeds Plan Book 169, Plan 3, 'said lots together being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot #4 on the southerly side of Larkin Avenue;

Thence S. 17 degrees W. along land, now or formdrlly of Frank W. Lisalc, Jr. and Lots 1 and 2 on said plan, 237.57 feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Gertrude G. Larkin;

Thence S. 71 degrees 20' E., 79 feet, more or less, to a drill hole in wall;

Thence N. 56 degrees 08' E. 41.95 feet to a drill hole in said wall;

Thence N. 38 degrees 53' E. 59.20 feet to a drill hole in said wall;

Thence N. 17 degrees 16' E. 184.70 feet to a drill hole in said wall at the southerly side of said Larkin Avenue;

The last four courses being bounded by land now or formerly of Gertrude G. Larkin;

Thence westerly along said Larkin Avenue, 136.50 feet to the place of beginning.

Together with a right of way over said Larkin Avenue for all purposes for which a right of way may be used, 40 feet wide and extending 336.50 feet, more or less..

Containing 31,990 square feet, more or less.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book: 40717 Page :171

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40717, Page 171.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other munic-

ipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

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By its Attorneys,

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(617) 558-0500
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September 14, 2018

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(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
18SM004998
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Scott A. Balcom, Jr., Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Scott A. Balcom a/k/a Scott A. Balcom, Sr.

Matthew G. Balcom

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

Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Northbridge, numbered 111 Border Street, Unit B, of the 109-113 Border Street Condominium, given by Scott A. Balcom to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for GMAC Mortgage, LLC f/k/a GMAC Mortgage Corporation, dated October 5, 2007, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41901, Page 153, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on August 27, 2018.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

17-030382

September 14, 2018

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When you read plant tags and seed packets you'll find that the majority of plants prefer moist well-drained soil. Unfortunately, most gardeners aren't growing in plant-friendly soils. Heavy clay, sandy and droughty soils are much more common. Understanding what you have is the best place to start when creating a healthy soil foundation for new and existing gardens.

Start with a soil test. Contact the local office of your Extension Service or state certified soil testing lab for details. They can direct you on how to take a soil test and where to send the sample. The test results will tell you how much, if any, fertilizer, lime, or sulfur is needed. Following soil test recommendations can save you money spent on and time applying unnecessary soil additives. Plus, following the results will increase your gardening success.

While waiting for the results you can do a bit of analysis yourself. Soils are made of clay, sand, and silt particles. The feel and cohesive nature of this sample will tell you a bit about your soil. Take a handful of soil and create a ribbon by rubbing it through your thumb and index finger to get a feel for your soil type.

If the soil easily forms a ball or rolls into a sa-

sage shape, feels slippery when wet and smoother when dry, you have a high percent of clay in your soil. Soils with a high percent of the very small clay particles are often called heavy soils. They stay wet longer and hold onto soil nutrients. Clay soils are slow to dry out and warm up in the spring. Avoid working them when wet. This leads to compaction and clods you will be contending with all season long.

Soils with a larger percent of sand particles don't form a ball when moist and feel gritty to the touch. The much larger sand particles create bigger pores in the soil for water and nutrients to move through quickly. They tend to be nutrient deficient, fast draining and dry. But they warm up and dry quickly in the spring.

Silt feels smooth like flour when dry and soapy slick when wet. They are the middle-sized particles that hold water and nutrients longer than sand, but not as much as clay particles. Silty soils drain slower and stay colder longer than sandy soils in the spring. Overworking soils with a high percent of silt leads to crusting and compaction, decreasing drainage and water infiltration.

Consult your soil test report when preparing your new garden beds. Prior to planting is the easiest time to add organic matter to any of these soil types. It increases the water-holding abil-

ity, the infiltration rate so less water runs off the soil surface and builds plant-friendly soil structure. Incorporate several inches of compost, aged manure or other organic matter into the top eight to twelve inches of soil.

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So, as you plan your new landscape additions this fall, include testing and amending the existing soil into your plans. Understanding your soil can help you create a strong foundation important to the health, longevity and beauty of your gardens and landscapes.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including [Small Space Gardening](#). She hosts [The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone"](#) DVD set and the nationally syndicated [Melinda's Garden Moment](#) TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for [Birds & Blooms](#) magazine and was commissioned by [Milorganite](#) for her expertise to write this article. Myers' web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

LEGALS

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
18SM004954
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Matthew T. Curtis; Suzanne L. Curtis and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 et seq.: Federal National Mortgage Association claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Douglas, numbered 71 Locust Street, given by Matthew T. Curtis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Omega Mortgage Corp., dated December 8, 2009, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 45227, Page 77, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated December 3, 2015, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54867, Page 305, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of said Court on August 30, 2018.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

12450

September 14, 2018

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
18 SM 004937
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Joshua J. Tucker AKA Joshua T. Tucker and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.; 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq): **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Douglas, numbered **1 Robin Drive, Unit 40**, Villas at Eagles View given by **Joshua J. Tucker to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Regency Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, dated January 30, 2015 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53320, Page 112** and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

(18-009763 Orlans)

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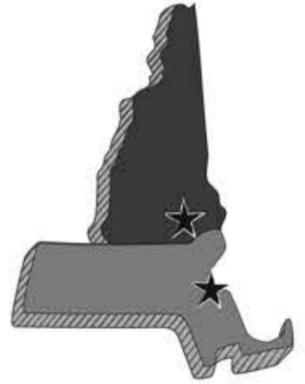
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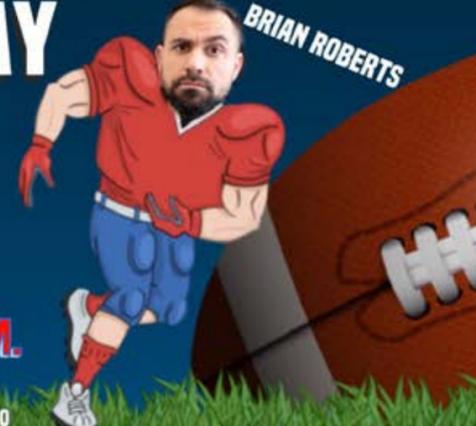


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Plan your fall foliage excursion

Autumn means different things to many people. Students may embrace the dawn of a new school year, while others might embrace the crisp weather after a season of heat. One of the more widely enjoyed aspects of autumn is the chance to take in the brilliant foliage.

Although New England may be renowned for its bright, orange, red and yellow panoramas, dazzling displays of foliage can be witnessed anywhere temperatures descend enough for deciduous trees to shed their leaves.

The first step to a successful fall foliage excursion is to find the right spot. The Catskill and Adirondack Mountains of New York, Amish Country in Pennsylvania, the Great Lakes from Michigan to Ohio, and many other areas can be great places to witness nature at its most colorful. To make the most of fall foliage road trips, drivers can keep the following suggestions in mind.

- Get off the highway. To see great fall vistas, take a detour from major thoroughfares and visit small towns and mountain passes. Invest in some maps, as cellular networks may be inaccessible in remote locales.

- Avoid tourist-heavy areas. Drivers may prefer less crowded roadways to accompany the great scenery. Such drivers should visit areas that are not tourist meccas. Any area that plays home to forests and sprawling landscapes will do.

- Go on foot. To get the best photos, head out at sunrise or sunset. Soft, golden light dappled by leaves will bring out the golden tones in photos. Going on foot will help you discover the nuances of the season



Fall is the time of year to take in colorful foliage and landscapes.

and slow down for a change.

- Don't overlook overcast days. Traveling in the rain may not be fun, but overcast days might be ideal. On such days, the sun won't be too warm and drown out the colors.

- Bring along binoculars. Wildlife is often mobile and abundant in the fall, as ani-

mals scurry to feed and gather supplies before the winter. As a result, autumn is a great time to spot wildlife that's normally hiding in thickets and woodland areas.

- Plan for stops along the way. Don't forget to bring some spending money in the form of cash so that you can enjoy the

small farm stands and shops that often dot rural landscapes. Pick up farm-fresh produce or choose a plump pumpkin. Yard sales also are abundant this time of year. Small shops may not take credit cards, so if you plan to buy, cash is king.

Trees begin shedding their leaves as early as the beginning

of September in Canada and the northern United States. As the days press on, the fall finery will gradually shift southward. For those who can afford to take a weekday off, do so, as weekends might be overcame with fellow nature enthusiasts.

Creative ways to recycle leaves



Leaves cascading down from trees indicate the arrival of autumn. However, colorful and awe-inspiring autumn leaves can be a hazard if left to lie on the ground too long.

Fallen leaves form a dense insulator to protect trees' roots and prevent competing plants from growing. Decomposing leaves also provide nutrients for the tree. But wet leaves can be a safety hazard and leaves left on the lawn through the winter can pose a threat to the grass. These are just a couple of reasons why so much effort is placed on leaf clean-up in the fall.

The following are some creative ways to recycle leaves that fall from your trees in the weeks to come.

- Mulch: Shredded leaves can make for a great amendment to fertilizer for garden beds and even the lawn. Leaves lying on the grass can be mulched into small pieces with a mulching mower so they don't choke the blades of grass. Leaves also can be broken down with a string trimmer, a leaf blower that has a vacuum function or a commercial shredder/chipper. Add the shredded leaves to a compost pile or use them

to fill container plants before adding regular potting soil.

- Insulation: Collect leaves to mound over delicate perennial plants and shrubs. The leaves will add more warmth to the soil and may help plants make it through harsh winters. Just remove the leaves slowly when spring arrives so that the soil underneath can get the sunlight and water it needs to thrive. Leave some leaves in the yard so that animals can use them as nesting material and line their dens for the winter.

- Stuffing: Create whimsical scarecrows as

part of your autumn decoration scheme. Gather older clothes that you no longer use and stuff the sleeves of shirts and the legs of pants with leaves, which are less expensive and easier to come by than straw. Use a few pieces of straw around the neck and hand areas of the scarecrow for visual effect. Tie off with twine and display your scarecrow.

- Bedding: Chicken owners can use fallen leaves as bedding in their chicken coops. Dry leaves also may create more comfortable and drier conditions for goats and other livestock. Goats

may look to recently fallen leaves as a nutritious food source. Gather the leaves and let the goats munch before you further rake and compost the leaves.

- Decorations: Natural leaves can be used as decorations both inside and outside a home. String freshly fallen leaves together and wrap them around a grapevine wreath for a rustic door decoration. Leaves can be placed in clear vases and put on display for a cheap way to showcase some autumn color. Preserve favorite leaves with a lamination machine or by sealing them between

heated sheets of waxed paper. Cut out the leaf shapes and use for hanging window decorations.

- Recreation: Leaves have long been favorite toys for children, who eagerly await jumping into large piles of fallen leaves. Fill paper bags with leaves and draw a target on the front. Let kids test their skill aiming for the targets. Children can camouflage their clothing with leaves and masking tape and have a more intense session of "hide and seek."

FALL

Leaf peeping planning guide



Millions of people each year look forward to the magnificent colors on display in autumn. Fall offers irreplaceable views, whether you're atop a mountain ridge or thick in the folds of a forest. In addition, the crackle of leaves underfoot and the earthy smell of the soil tempts the senses even more.

Some advance planning can help make fall foliage trips that much more enjoyable and awe-inspiring.

PEAK VIEWING TIMES

Areas of the north-

ern-most latitude will start to show color earlier than more southern areas. Generally speaking, the leaf-viewing season begins in late September and runs through early November for much of North America. Peak times for viewing depend on areas of travel and time of year. For large swaths of Canada and the United States, plan trips for late-September to mid-October. The Weather Channel offers maps and charts at www.weather.com/maps/fall-foliage for the peak times for many areas of

the U.S.

PICK YOUR DESTINATION

Anywhere with deciduous trees provides the opportunity to witness blazing autumn color. During leaf-peeping season, travelers can go coast to coast and see awesome vistas. Some regions are particularly known for their leaf displays. New York's Catskill and Adirondack regions are prime spots for visitors in the autumn. Those who live further north will find that leaves in Vermont are such an attraction that routes

are published indicating where to enjoy the best views. Further south, Central and Eastern Virginia peak in late October. And don't forget the shores of the Great Lakes, which are awash in reds, oranges and yellows by mid-September. The travel resource Frommer's offers more leaf-peeping locales to visit.

PACK THE RIGHT GEAR

While most people are not without a smartphone that can capture amazing high-resolution imagery, serious leaf

photographers may want to take out their prized camera equipment for leaf-peeping excursions. Also bring along a map or a GPS-enabled device so you can explore back roads and areas off the beaten path more readily.

There are plenty of apps that can help with foliage-finding adventures, so a phone is a handy tool. When packing, also bring along hiking boots, comfortable layered clothing and any equipment you'd normally take for an afternoon in the great outdoors.

Another idea is to hit the ATM machine prior

to the visit. Many smaller towns and their local shops may not take credit cards, so it's best to have cash on hand for food and souvenirs.

EXTEND THE DAY

Make leaf-peeping part of a larger series of events for the day. Scope out vineyards where you can sample local wines or plan trips around orchards, where you can come home with beautiful photos as well as fresh-picked apples and pumpkins. You may find a county fair or street festival while exploring.

Natural ways to fight fall allergies



Leaves are a known cause of fall allergies. Raking them can stir up mold and pollen.

As the days become shorter and the weather cools down, a new crop of allergy symptoms can arise, turning the autumn season into one marked by sneezing, scratchy throats and itchy eyes. Medications can alleviate such symptoms, but allergy sufferers may want to investigate some natural ways to beat allergies.

According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology,

ragweed is one of the more common triggers of autumnal allergies. Ragweed contributes to "hay fever," which is a term to describe allergic rhinitis that occurs as a symptom of ragweed pollen in the air. Ragweed releases pollen in mid-August, and it can continue to be problematic until a deep freeze arrives.

Other sources of fall allergies include leaf mold and pollen that is

present on fallen leaves. This gets circulated when people begin to rake or blow fallen leaves. Classroom pets and chalk dust in schools (although chalkboards are largely a thing of the past) are other autumn allergens.

The good news is that many natural remedies work just as effectively as over-the-counter medications in regard to combatting ragweed and pollen problems. Here's how to beat

the fall allergy blues.

- Stay away from pollen. Stay away from pollen and prevent it from being tracked indoors. Remove shoes when walking through the door. Take off clothes worn outside and launder them promptly, showering to wash pollen off of the body. Use an air conditioner or keep windows closed when the pollen count is high.

- Increase omega-3 fatty acids. It is well documented that fatty acids are good for brain health and cardiovascular well-being. But these acids also may help with allergies. A German study linked foods high in omega-3 fatty acids with the ability to fight inflammation, which is a hallmark of allergy suffering. Foods that are high in fatty acids include walnuts, flax, eggs, and cold-water fatty fish.

- Rinse off pollen. Use a mild cleanser to rinse the eyelids and eyelashes of pollen, as this is where it tends to congregate after being outdoors. Use saline spray to clear nasal passages of excess pollen as well.

- Take natural supplements. A study published in the journal *Clinical and Experimental Allergy* found participants who used tablets of the herb butterbar showed significant allergy relief after only one week. Select herbs from reputable manufacturers who certify them.

- Use eucalyptus oil. This oil is great to have in the house to help clear up sinuses and provide nasal congestion relief. Mix a small amount with coconut oil and rub onto the chest. There also is some evidence that adding a few drops of eucalyptus oil to cleansing products can help kill dust mites around the house.

- Wear a mask. When doing housework or yard work, wear a mask to reduce the inhalation of specific allergens.

Avoid seasonal allergies by exploring natural ways to find prevention or relief of symptoms.

Autumn is a prime time to tend lawns and gardens

Autumn is gardening season. That statement may not seem right to those who think of the spring as the peak time to care for lawns and gardens. However, autumn is an ideal time to get into the garden and ensure that flowers, trees and garden beds will over-winter successfully.

A number of things make autumn a prime gardening season. The cooler days of fall enable gardeners to spend ample time outdoors without the threat of blazing heat. In addition, soil harbors a lot of residual warmth in autumn. Also, the colder temperatures haven't yet arrived in autumn, nor have the leaves completely fallen, making fall a prime time to assess what's already in the landscape, what needs pruning back and where to address planting for next year.

Gardening enthusiasts can focus their attention on these areas this fall.

- Pamper perennials. As annuals and perennials start to fall back, mark the spots where perennials are located so they can be easily identified later on. This way, when planning spots for spring bulbs or other spring layouts for next year, perennials won't be overlooked or covered over.

- Prune shrubs. Look at shrubs and trees and cut out dead or diseased wood.

- Clean up borders. Weed and tidy up borders and lawn edging.

- Install pavers or rock wall. Embrace the cooler temperatures to work on labor-intensive projects, such as putting in a garden bed, retaining wall or walkway.

- Remove spent summer veggies. Take out vegetable garden plants that have already bloomed and borne fruit. Tidy up vegetable gardens and start to sow cooler weather plants, such as onions, garlic, beans, and sweet peas.

- Rake and compost. Rake the leaves and gather grass clippings to add to the compost pile.

- Plant spring bulbs. Get tulips and other spring bulbs ready for planting so they'll burst with color next year.

- Dig up herbs. Relocate herbs like parsley or basil to indoor gardens. Otherwise, strip all leaves and freeze for storage during winter.

- Consider mums. Chrysanthemum plants are perennials. While they look beautiful in pots, if planted, maintained and winterized, they can bloom every fall.

- Fertilize the lawn. Fertilizing in autumn helps ensure grass will stay healthy throughout the winter.

- Add mulch and compost to the garden. Replenish spent soil with mulch and compost so garden beds will be revitalized for spring planting.

- Prune hedges. Tidy up hedges, as they won't be growing much more this year.

- Clean and store equipment. Clean, sharpen and oil all equipment, storing lawn and garden tools properly so they are ready for spring and not lying out all winter.

Autumn may not seem like gardening season, but there are plenty of lawn and garden tasks to tend to during this time of year.



Mums are perennials. When properly planted and cared for, they can bloom every autumn.

10 FUN FACTS IN TIME FOR FALL

Autumn is a season of many changes, with some of the most notable including the dramatic multicolored displays that occur just prior to trees shedding their leaves. It's also a time of year when many people feel reenergized by cooler temperatures and spend many hours outdoors enjoying all that fall has to offer.

Whether one is collecting leaves, picking apples, exploring corn mazes, or driving the countryside enjoying the foliage, autumn is full of fun facts that can make the season that much more enjoyable.

1. Autumn begins on the autumnal equinox, which occurs on or near September 22 in the northern hemisphere. This year, September 22 is the day when the sun crosses the celestial equator moving southward. When the equinox occurs, there are an equal number of daylight and nighttime hours.

2. Since ancient times, autumn has been an important time of year for many civilizations. Autumn is a main harvesting time in many areas, and a successful harvest was once necessary for survival. Many steps are, and have long been, taken to ensure a bountiful autumn harvest.

3. Fall is a time when trees and other plants prepare for dormancy during winter. As autumn progresses and the hours of daylight gradually decrease, trees begin to close down their food production systems and reduce the amount of chlorophyll in leaves. Chlorophyll is the chemical that makes tree leaves green, and as it declines, other chemicals become more prominent and shine through in the leaves. That is why leaves change color.

4. Some scientists believe that global climate change can impact autumn colors, such as delaying the change in trees. Also, red pigments may start to decline as trees use sugary fuel to grow new twigs rather than to cause red leaf displays.

5. Americans more readily refer to this time of year as "fall," while the British use "autumn." Both terms date back to around the 16th century. Prior to this period, autumn was known as "harvest."

6. Much of the United States bids farewell to monarch butterflies in the fall. Each autumn, monarch butterflies migrate from the United States to Mexico and some parts of Southern California. They fly at

speeds ranging between 12 and 25 miles per hour.

7. A study of U.S. centenarians born between 1880 to 1895 published in the Journal of Aging Research, found that babies born during autumn months are more likely to live to age 100 than those born during the rest of the year. Thirty percent of the centenarians followed were born during the fall.

8. Squash, pumpkins and other gourds are prominent in the fall. The largest squash grown on record belonged to Joel Jarvis of Ontario, and his huge winner weighed in at 1,486.6 pounds in 2011.

9. The many-colored leaves are not the only display one might see during the fall. The autumn equinox signals the aurora borealis, also called the Northern Lights. Besides the lengthening of nights and cool evening weather, which are great for stargazers, autumn is "aurora season," according to NASA. That's because, during the fall, geomagnetic storms are about twice as frequent as the annual average.

10. Full moons are named for the month or season in which they rise. The Harvest Moon is the full moon closest to the autumnal equinox.



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