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# Dynamic Douglas Day brings community together

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The inaugural Dynamic Douglas day brought a dunk tank, vendors, and a watermelon eating contest in the rain, but more importantly, it brought the community together after a discordant override vote in May.

“My reasoning for wanting to do this event was simple — to help change the world and bring happiness to others,” said Dynamic Douglas Day vendor chair Donna Hardy.

To change the world, Hardy said, one must begin with each small community at a time, thus Dynamic Douglas Day was born to help spark positive change in the Douglas community.

The event was held Aug. 18 at Soldier’s Field. The organizers wanted to do more than just an end-of-summer fun day for kids and parents; the day was also meant to combat tension that accompanied the town’s May override vote.

The \$1.5 million override, which narrowly passed, was divisive. Town Clerk Christine Furno said the narrow margins were 1,333 yes votes to 1,319 no votes. This was the town’s third override attempt, and this



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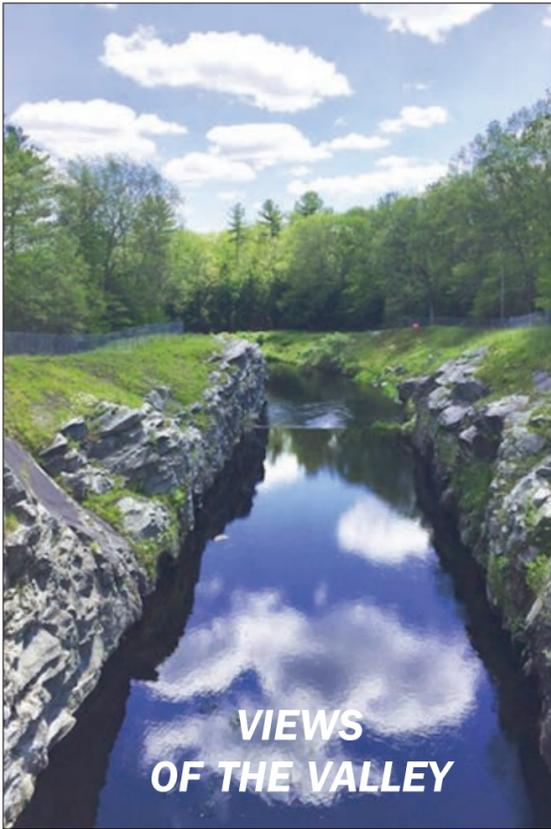
Lori Colbert (left) and Donna Hardy, aka Sunshine the Clown, (right) organized the event.

year, the additional funds were used to keep the library open and benefit the town’s school system, among other uses. After the override, Hardy described the entire town as having a very “down in the dumps” vibe. She said both supporters and non-supporters of the override could feel the negative tension in the air, and she wanted to do

something constructive to bring back a positive spirit.

“The override was so important to us as a community. I believe that a town loses its identity when you strip away something like a library,” said resident Chris Bilodeau. “In this age of texting and emailing rather than handshakes and

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IEWS OF THE VALLEY

Photo by Joanna Howard

Joanna Howard submitted the above view from the West Hill Dam for this week’s Tribune. We have talent in the Valley, and a lot of beauty as well so capturing both is a rare event. Thank you. If you would like to be part of the Views, send JPEG attachments please, do not embed your photos, to: ruth@stonebridgepress.news.

# ConCom member removed following complaints

BY KIM PALMUCCI  
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What started as a dock dispute between neighbors has resulted in the removal of a Douglas Conservation Commission member.

During its Aug. 21 meeting, the Douglas Board of Selectmen heard from one local family, who alleged Conservation Commission member Gary Vecchione conducted an unannounced, individual site visit to their property and behaved in a way

that they felt was unsuitable of a town representative.

Carol Bagdis, who was at her summer home with her husband and grandchildren at the time of the alleged incident, heard someone yelling to the children, “Go get your parents.”

“Of course the kids all got scared...I went around the back of the property and this gentleman was there,” she said of Vecchione, who confirmed later in the meeting that he was conducting a site

visit on the property to investigate a dock which the family had installed and was working with the commission to obtain a permit.

Bagdis continued that Vecchione identified himself as a member of the Conservation Commission and then asked if she was going to call the police on him, she said. He also later asked whether Bagdis’ husband, Steve, was going to punch him, the family claimed.

Bagdis, who said he had

been in the house until this point because he was sick, then came outside. He first alleged that Vecchione told him he looked like an expletive s-word, but later changed his testimony to include Vecchione told him he looked like “crap.”

Bagdis said when he attended a conservation meeting about the dock, Vecchione focused on the property line, not what the dock was made of or what damage it did to the lake, which inherently

was with what he assumed the Conservation Commission should be concerned.

Bagdis said due to his lack of a permit, he had to pay a \$100 fine. He alleges that Vecchione told him he should be fined \$100 daily until it’s fixed. Vecchione further went on to say “be nice to him and he could be your best friend,” according to the family.

“I should be treated fair. This wasn’t fair, what happened,” Bagdis added.

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Steve and Hailey Thompson

Courtesy photos from Nancy Thompson

# Northbridge Cub Scout pack now welcoming girls

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Hailey Thompson, age 7, has six Eagle Scouts in her family over three generations, including her father and grandfather. The second-grader aspires to be the seventh Eagle Scout in the family — and thanks to a recent policy change from the Boy Scouts of America, she now has the opportunity to accomplish her dreams.

“Girls and boys can do the same things... everybody is equal,” said Thompson, a second-grader at Bryn Mawr in Auburn.

Northbridge Cub Scout Pack 150 has announced it will be registering girls as official members of the organization for the first time in history. The Boy Scouts voted in 2017

to broaden its membership to include girls on a national level; girls entering kindergarten through fifth grade are now invited to sign up to share in the same scouting adventure that boys have enjoyed for years.

“I feel happy...I really, really want to be the first girl Eagle Scout in my family! I want to be able to sell popcorn. I want to learn about camping in the woods and making campfires,” Thompson said, adding that it is important for her to carry on family tradition and set a good example for her little brother, three-year-old Henry.

According to the Family Scouting website, www.scouting.org/familyscouting, the

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# Uxbridge seeking input on hazard mitigation plan

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Uxbridge is seeking public input on the update of the town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will help guide local efforts to reduce damage from future natural disasters.

“As we have seen during recent storms in Puerto Rico, Texas and elsewhere, the best time to protect the community is before a disaster,” said Adam Menard, a planner with the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. “Public participation in the survey will help Uxbridge develop appropriate strategies to mitigate the impacts of future natural disasters.”

The town is inviting residents, business operators, property owners, and other interested parties to add their insight and local knowledge to the planning process by completing a brief online survey, which is available on the town’s website, www.uxbridge-ma.gov, under News and Announcements.

This is the public’s chance to help make the community more resilient to floods, droughts, winter storms, and other natural hazards, said Menard. Public participation in the online survey will help the town to better identify hazards, prioritize mitigation strategies, and communicate with local residents and busi-

nesses, he said.

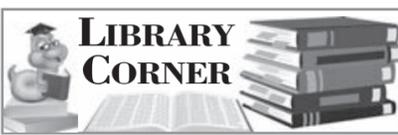
“If we have resident input, we know how to better service and manage the plan to meet the needs of the community,” said Town Manager Angeline Ellison. “The more input we have, the better we can tailor to meet these needs.”

The mitigation plan is being developed by a team of local officials and staff with technical assistance from CMRPC. Similar plans are being developed for other central Massachusetts towns as well. Hazard mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property from natural hazards, said Menard.

As the planning process proceeds over the next several months, at least two events will be held to present the draft and final plans to the public. Final adoption of the plan is contingent on approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, and requires acceptance by the Board of Selectmen.

This planning process is funded by a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grant from FEMA through MEMA to CMRPC. The purpose of the grant program is to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures following a Presidential major

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 Sick of buying cards at the store? Learn how to make your own! If you own a pair of small embroidery scissors, please bring them with you. Registration is required.  
 Bookies Book Club - Monday, September 17 at 6:30pm  
 Check in at the Library to see what we're reading next!  
 Uxbridge Senior Center Book Club - Tuesday, September 18 at 1:30pm  
 We will be discussing I Let You Go by Claire Mackintosh.  
 Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale - Saturday, September 22 from 9am-1pm  
 Swing by for some great deals and delicious baked goods to support the Friends of the Library!

Not All Those Who Wander Are Lost: An Appalachian Trail Hiker - Thursday, September 27 at 6pm  
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 Music & Movement: Down on the Farm - Tuesday, September 11 at 11am  
 Join us for a drop in music and movement class geared toward little ones!  
 Animal Adventures - Saturday, September 15 at 11am  
 Meet and learn about different creatures at this live animal show! Registration is required as we have limited space.  
 PJ Story Time - Thursday, September 27 at 6:30pm

Kids come dressed in pajamas and enjoy a night time story. Leave one of your stuffed animals to sleep over at the Library!  
 Kosmic Kelly - Saturday, September 29 at 11am  
 One full hour of exciting, educational, and interactive science featuring all of the best experiments: fizzy rainbow volcanos, elephant toothpaste, flying things, and more!  
 Baby & Me - Mondays at 10:30am beginning September 17.  
 Story Time - Thursdays at 11am beginning September 20.  
 Registration for the Fall session of Baby & Me and Story Time runs from September 10-15.  
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disaster declaration. Mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.  
 Ellison added that adoption of the final plan will help Uxbridge and its residents eligible for enhanced pre- and post-disaster funding from state and federal agencies.

# Senior Center honors Eagle Scout

The Uxbridge Senior Center recently honored Eagle Scout Stephen Oncay for his commitment to building a storage shed for the Center.

The 10 x10 shed was part of Oncay's Eagle Scout service project for Whitinsville Scout Troop 155. Through this requirement, he learned and gained valuable project management and leadership experience. He submitted plot plans and permits to build the shed, in addition to laying the blocks and constructing the building.

"He worked hard for seven years to complete the requirements, learn the skills that he needed, and to help bring the younger group he calls 'his' scouts along with him up the ranks," said Bill Oncay, Stephen's father and assistant Scoutmaster of the Troop. "The project at the Senior Center was natural for him because they had a problem to solve...I think the fact that his project helped not only the seniors, but also the fine folks that work at the center, made it a very personally fulfilling project for him."

The Senior Center will benefit from Oncay's service as the space provides extra storage for the center to house their snow blower, grill, and other various large items. Service to others is an important part of the Scout Oath; young Scouts strive to achieve the coveted

Eagle Scout rank by applying character, citizenship, and Scouting values in their daily lives.

Howard Carlson, Scoutmaster of Troop 155, said Oncay is one of the best Scouts he has ever had in the Troop.

"He's an exceptional kid," he said. "Eagle Scouts are typically very motivated, very dependable, and excel in a lot of different aspects of their lives."

Carlson, who has been involved with the Scouts for 15 years and has known Oncay since the beginning of his scouting journey, said watching him achieve the rank of Eagle made him proud. He added that to even attempt to become an Eagle Scout, one must advance through several ranks and earn 21 merit badges, including citizenship in the community and the world, first aid, swimming, emergency prep, personal fitness and management, and more, in addition to their project.

"Kids have access to so much more than we did in our formative years. Happily for us, he's taken advantage of many of them," said Oncay's grandfather William. "He's won all kinds of awards at school, he's flown an airplane. He's spoken at the podium at the United Nations, and he worked all the way up to Eagle Scout."

"He saw the need and campaigned to get donors and approval from town



Courtesy photos

Stephen Oncay receiving his Eagle badge.

management," he added.

Carlson noted that Scouts Chad Lamont and Nathan Lamberson also received their Eagle badges in 2018 with Oncay. Over 65 years, Troop 155 has had 102 Eagle Scouts.

The Uxbridge Senior Center added

they would like to personally thank Oncay for his contribution and wish him good luck on his college pursuit. Oncay will be studying aerospace engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

## Lions preparing for car show

What better way to usher in the fall than to spend the day admiring amazing autos at a super local location? The Uxbridge Lions will try its hand at hosting a car show on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road in Uxbridge.

All car classes are welcome from antique to muscle to foreign cars and trucks. Hopefully, motorcycles will stop by, too. Registration fee for every category is only \$10. Admission to the public is free. Registration for convenience can be made in advance (but not required) by making checks payable to Uxbridge Lions, c/o Mike Kaplan, 291 Main St., Milford, MA 01757 with pertinent information like name, phone number, vehicle make and model. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories by a panel of judges includ-

ing People's Choice.

Also on hand will be food by First Night and treats by Sweetwise. With a disc jockey for entertainment and announcements, awards, prizes and drawings, the day should be a grand event. A variety of other vendors will be offering their goods as well. If the weather doesn't cooperate, a rain date is set for Saturday, Sept. 29.

In addition to auto competitors, local businesses and organizations can participate by being a Bronze \$50, Silver \$100 or \$200 sponsor. Sponsors will be prominently displayed and announced throughout the day and acknowledged in print and radio advertisement. For information contact Mike Kaplan at 508-473-1161.

The Uxbridge Lions Club is a member of Lions International which has orga-

nizations in 205 countries with more than 1.4 million members. It is known mostly for its dedication to sight and hearing research, but also contributes time and resources to community projects, disaster relief and diabetes awareness. Locally, the Uxbridge Lions have supported many organizations including schools and students, First Night, Uxbridge Senior Center, Alternatives, Food Pantry and more.

"Support for our first car show to enable us to do the good work of the Lions would be fantastic. We hope we can spread enthusiasm for volunteering and doing good things for our community," says Diane Seely, Uxbridge Lions president. "Put that date on your calendar: September 22. Welcome Fall!"

## Third open house connects local authors

By Kim Palmucci  
Tribune Correspondent  
Whether you have written a book or are yearning to write one, the Uxbridge Free Public Library is hosting its third Author Open House event on Saturday, Sept. 8.

The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. and act as a venue for authors to meet, support, celebrate, and encourage one another. All Blackstone Valley residents who love words, stories, or non-fiction are welcome, including agents, publishers, literary editors, and those who write for their own enjoyment.

Library Director Deb Hinkle said the event is a casual meet and greet for all interested in writing. Several published authors plan to attend, including Orlando Corona and Gail Van Kleeck.

"The Uxbridge Public Library is providing an important service to those of us who write and aspire to publish," said Van Kleeck, a Northbridge resident and author who writes motivational books for both adults and children. "What we do is often lonely. There are so many people who write and aspire to share their thoughts and stories and so few who find publishers."

Van Kleeck added that publishers today do very little to market their authors, unless they are already well known and therefore a good place to spend their marketing dollars. It is both challenging and discouraging to be a dreamer, she said, when there are so few opportunities to do more than just dream.

"Coming together in community gives writers the opportunity to talk with people who have similar dreams."

The idea of hosting a network opportunity for local authors came from a local writing group that meets at the library on a weekly basis, said Hinkle. "The idea is to make and create connections throughout the Blackstone Valley."

"The role of the library within the community is quickly changing. We host programs such as this in order to provide community members with a neutral meeting ground," she added.

For more information or to view additional upcom-

ing events at the library, visit [www.uxbridgelibrary.org](http://www.uxbridgelibrary.org).

## Whitin Community Center selected as beneficiary of fundraiser

WHITINSVILLE — The Whitin Community Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to enhancing the health and well-being of individuals and families and to building a strong community in the Blackstone Valley, has been selected as a benefiting non-profit of the "fresh Cookbook" fundraiser at Uxbridge Hannaford for the month of September.

The fresh Cookbook was released in July 2018 and contains the best fresh Magazine recipes that Hannaford customers have enjoyed for years. These recipes are perfect for everyday cooking and special occasions. The cookbook contains delicious recipes and a little "frosting on the cake" for local communities. Every fresh Cookbook purchased in September generates a \$5 donation to support the critical work of the Whitin Community Center. Also, each cookbook contains \$15 in coupons for products shoppers can find at Hannaford stores!

The Whitin Community Center has a goal of raising \$250 during the month of September, which is equivalent to 50 cookbooks bought in support. The Whitin Community Center plans to use the projected funds to benefit our Rockdale Youth Center after school program, that is FREE to children in our community ages 8-13 who need financial assistance. The program strives to inspire youth by establishing a true commitment to character, positive atti-

tude, and a sense of purpose through 5 primary ideals: Education, Personal Well-being, Recreation, Creativity, and Meaningful Relationships.

For more information on the "fresh Cookbook" fundraiser at Hannaford, visit [hannafordcookbook.com](http://hannafordcookbook.com). Books can be purchased in store at the Uxbridge Hannaford for \$10.

The Whitin Community Center is committed to enhancing the health and well-being of individuals and families and building a strong community in the Blackstone Valley. We offer social, recreational, educational, and outreach programs that bring community members of all ages and backgrounds together. The Whitin Community Center is the Blackstone Valley's most complete family and recreation center with two swimming pools, a gym, fitness center, early learning programs, summer camps and a seven and a half acre park. For more information call 508.234.8184 or visit [www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com](http://www.WhitinCommunityCenter.com).



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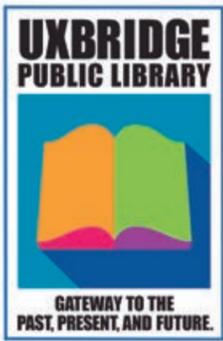
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# Survey will set course 'for our future'



Uxbridge Free Public Library is planning ahead, and beginning with a survey asking the public to be part of the process.

"On Sept. 1st we'll go live with a survey that we hope will tell us exactly what our library community wants us to be in the future," said Deb Hinkle, director of the Uxbridge Free Public Library. "We'd like everyone who

has an opinion about what a library should be to take the survey so that we can make each part of our program the very best that it can be."

The survey is an integral component of the long range plan effort now under way at the Uxbridge Library. Take the survey on line at [www.uxbridgelibrary.org](http://www.uxbridgelibrary.org) or in person at the Uxbridge Library or

Uxbridge Senior Center during the month of September.

The process is completely anonymous, so there is no way to tie a survey answer to an individual.

"We hope people will be brutally honest if they feel there is something we need to know," quipped Hinkle.

In addition to the survey, a volunteer Long

Range Plan Committee will meet several times over the coming months to examine all phases of the library's operation. A consultant with the Massachusetts Library System will assist with the process as well.

"We know that there are challenges for public libraries in the 21st century," said Barbara Hall, a library trustee and member of the Long

Range Plan Committee. "But there are also tremendous opportunities. Our job is to focus on what is right for Uxbridge and to find ways to make it happen. We hope everyone who uses the library — and even more importantly those who don't use it — will take the short survey so we can move ahead FOR OUR FUTURE."

## Moore to host shortcake social

BY KIM PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

Senator Michael O. Moore (D-Millbury) is hosting a strawberry shortcake social for senior residents of Northbridge on Monday, Sept. 10. The event is free and open to senior citizens in the community.

"I always enjoy sponsoring these types of events each year," said Moore. "It's great to sit down with folks to get the scoop about what issues are most important to them."

As a state senator, Moore said many of his responsibilities relate to crafting policy and representing the views of local residents on Beacon Hill. However, a less-known function of the job, he said, involves assisting constituents every day — hundreds each year — with issues related to state-level government agencies and other entities.

"As a public servant, I have the opportunity to help members of the community with navigating through red tape in government, and to spread

information about resources and programs available to residents."

Senior Center Director Kelly Bol said Senator Moore has hosted several events at the Center and because of that, the seniors are very comfortable with him.

"It is also a wonderful opportunity for our folks to share what might be on their minds whether it be good or not so good," she added. "At the Northbridge Senior Center we strive to offer many special events in addition to our regular activities, however with a very limited

budget it is just wonderful to have programs such as this sponsored."

The event will be held at the Northbridge Senior Center in Whitinsville at noon.

"While I may not have the ability to resolve every issue, I take pride in knowing that my office works hard to advocate on behalf of local residents. Engaging with constituents at these types of events is a great way to learn more about problems faced by those in our community," Moore added.

## Senior Center celebrating with porketta dinner

UXBRIDGE — With lots of reasons to celebrate, the Uxbridge Elderly Connection, the friends of the Uxbridge Senior Center fundraising arm, is throwing a shindig on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 4 pm, at the VFW Post on Route 16 in

Uxbridge.

On the menu is the local favorite porketta with all the trimmings. Vegetarian alternative will be available. Tickets for the dinner priced at \$20, will go on sale Sept. 1, and will be available at the senior center at 36 S. Main St. and from Uxbridge Elderly Connection members. Tables seat eight so it would be a good idea to reserve that table

for friends and family to ensure that you can enjoy the festivities together. For information call 508-278-8622.

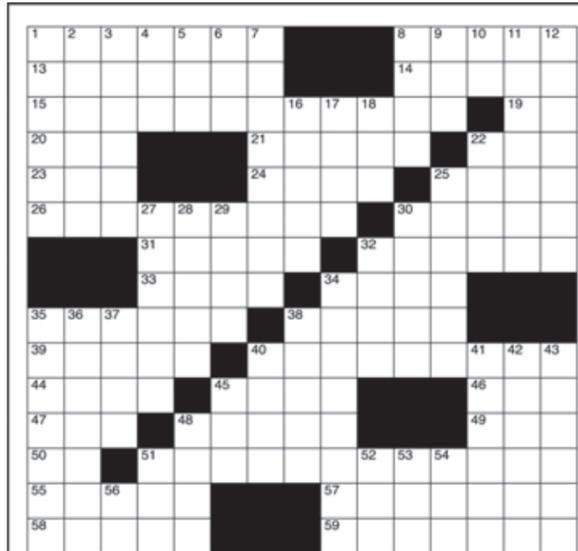
The celebration element will focus on the service of past senior center directors Mary Rice and Marsha Petrillo recognizing their years of dedication and innovation and to welcome and offer support to newly appointed Director of Counsel on Aging Lisa Bernard.

Also to be honored will be Lorraine Nedoroscik, one of the moving forces to establish senior center in our town.

No fundraising festivity can be complete without door prizes to delight and

gift basket sales to fill the coffers.

The Uxbridge Elderly Connection supports the senior center's mission in many ways by providing improvements to the facility, promoting social events, supplementing transportation needs and more. The UEC has relied on the generosity of local businesses and community members all these years to make it possible to serve the needs of our seniors. Donations are welcomed year round from one and all. Send to Uxbridge Elderly Connection, PO Box 215, Uxbridge, MA 01569. UEC is a non-profit 501 c 3 organization.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One-time money in Spain
- 8. "Got \_\_\_ of one"
- 13. Set a framework for
- 14. Cover with drops of water
- 15. One who does something for a living
- 19. Germanium
- 20. An enclosure for confining livestock
- 21. Locks a door
- 22. Buddy
- 23. Supplement with difficulty
- 24. Not moving
- 25. Islamic unit of weight
- 26. Warmers
- 30. Hindu queen
- 31. Border river near Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 32. Analyzed
- 33. Caps
- 34. Pastime
- 35. Contrary belief
- 38. Walking devices
- 39. Accustom to something unpleasant
- 40. Singing methods
- 44. Shouts of farewell
- 45. Hand (Spanish)
- 46. Small constellation
- 47. Cardinals are this
- 48. Gives a hoot
- 49. Chatter incessantly
- 50. Thallium
- 51. Making very hot
- 55. Hours (Spanish)
- 57. Remove completely
- 58. Eyeglasses
- 59. Rubbed clean

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Blues Traveler frontman
- 2. Found it!
- 3. Killed
- 4. A helper to Santa
- 5. Male fashion accessory
- 6. Autonomic nervous system
- 7. US Attorney General
- 8. Greek sophist
- 9. The world of the dead (Norse myth.)
- 10. Excessive and dangerous dose
- 11. One who receives a legacy
- 12. Brooded
- 16. Hindu warrior king
- 17. Used to anoint
- 18. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 22. Connecting part of the brain stem
- 25. Most uncommon
- 27. Do-nothings
- 28. Emerge
- 29. Neat
- 30. Herb of tropical Asia
- 32. Reviews poorly
- 34. Waterproof overshoes
- 35. Fireplace floors
- 36. Surround
- 37. Regretted
- 38. One who whips
- 40. Ticket price
- 41. Calming
- 42. Citrus fruit
- 43. Drooped
- 45. An explorer's necessity
- 48. Speak profanely
- 51. Pouch
- 52. A type of date (abbr.)
- 53. Away from
- 54. Large beer
- 56. Once more

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# A few spoil it for others: Canal fishing in jeopardy

er fishing has been fantastic for anglers fishing at Block Island and the Canal with striped bass being the number one target for most anglers. The canal has been so good that anglers are finding it very uncomfortable to fish because of the number of anglers fishing. Also, many anglers have left the canal to fish because of very inconsiderate fishermen that have been stealing fishing equipment from vehicles and causing problems while fishing. Some anglers find it so bad that they claim they had heard the area may be closed for a while to fishing?? Complaints from recreational anglers that fishing alongside commercial anglers during the commercial season, has also made the once enjoyable fishing time spent at the canal, one they no longer enjoy. Left behind trash is also causing a problem. It would be a shame to lose the area to fishing, and hopefully anglers will clean up their act before it is too late.



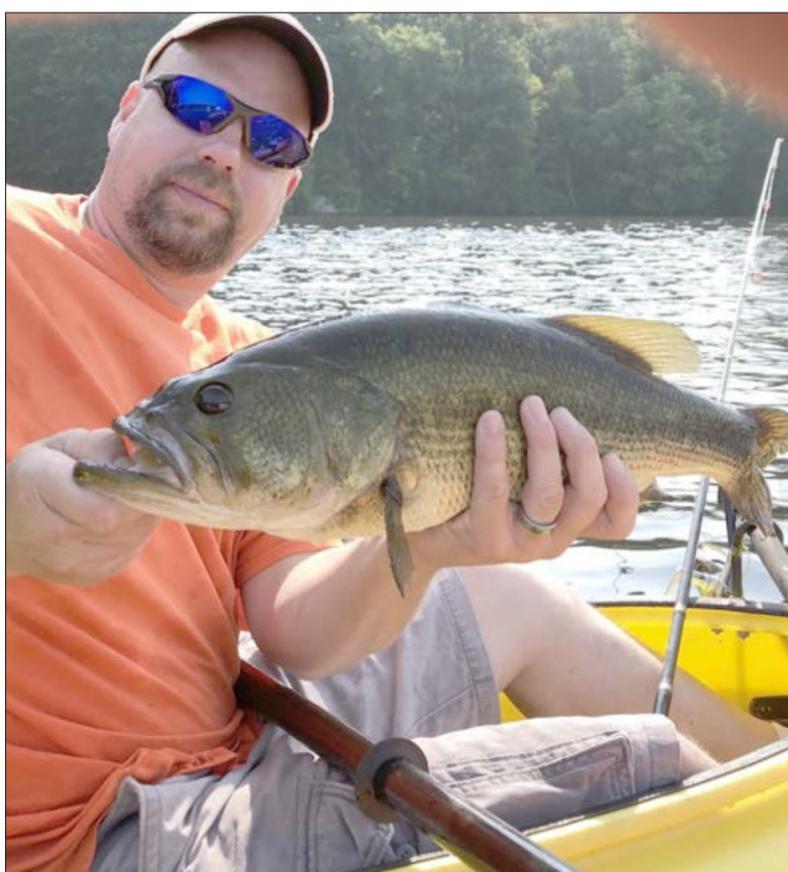
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house area. This week's second picture shows Mike Daniels with his 40 pound striper caught at the canal a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, the picture was absent in last week's column. My apologies.

Freshwater bass fishing has been hot for many anglers that are chasing freshwater bass. This week's picture shows Mark True with another impressive bass taken at the Meadow Pond in Whitinsville a couple of weeks ago. He and his dad release all of the fish they catch. This ensures another angler to catch him again and enjoy the thrill of catching such a great fish. It takes a long time for a bass to reach this size, so practicing catch and release is a very important factor in keeping the species available for another angler to catch. I urge our readers to send along photos of their prize fish and I will try to get them into this column. Dog owners were alerted to an outbreak of dog flu last week in Massachusetts. The flu is very contagious and can cause a lot of health problems for any dog. Taking your dog to a dog park or other public place that has other dogs should be canceled for a while or until you take your dog to the vet for a vaccine. The Wallum Lake Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual field day on Sept. 9 this year. The public is welcomed to attend the fun filled day of activities. A chicken barbecue, chowder, and numerous other food will be available throughout the day. The event is held rain or shine!! The event draws a large number of local residents annually to enjoy the day's activities. Check the club's website for more information: [www.wallumlakerodgunclub.com](http://www.wallumlakerodgunclub.com).

Block Island has been red hot this past week with everything from bluefish to bonito, stripers, and sea bass providing plenty of action for anglers. A report of a 74 pound striper being caught last week at the island is still being checked out for its authenticity. This writer fished for sea bass and fluke this past week but found out that an invasion of sea robins had moved into the area. Trying to keep the bait on the bottom for more than a minute had sea robins inhaling it two at a time. Numerous fluke were still caught but failed to meet the minimum size limit of 19 inches. A fast moving school of bonito or false albacore surfaced chasing a school of bait, but it was short lived as one of the Block Island ferries plowed through them sending them down. It was still a great day on the water!! Bluefish still seem to be in short supply along the coastal waters of Matunic and the Narragansett Light

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Mark True with another bass taken out of the Meadow Pond right in Whitinsville.

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Vecchione then had a chance to speak and address the complaints filed against him.

"I guess I'd like some understanding and explanations," said Board Chairman Kevin Morse. "If what these folks said are true, I'm gonna have absolutely no problem recommending removing you from the board."

In response, Vecchione defended his actions, adding that many of the comments he said were not meant to be offensive, however, a very tongue in cheek style of humor.

"Why these people are coming against me now should be really obvious to you," he said, addressing the board. "They have a decision that went against them and that decision was one that they're not happy with."

Vecchione said he was conducting a site walk and said his original comment regarding the police was sparked from a previous site walk he completed that prompted a call to the police.

One board member stated to Vecchione that his task on the Conservation Commission is to protect wetlands, not structural defects. The Bagdis family questioned why one would conduct another unannounced site visit if a previous one prompted a call to police.

"I'm just trying to be an engaging member of the Conservation; I love the town, I love the wetlands and how they function, I have experience, so I finally decided to get out of my shell and say what can I do to help?" Vecchione added.

Town counsel Richard Bowen said the board had the option to listen to complaints and decide whether, based on the complaints, they felt a full hearing should be called, they could issue a warning, or vote to remove Vecchione.

If the complaints warranted, in the board's opinion, a vote for removal,

the board would vote and such removal becomes effective. Vecchione would then have the right to request a public hearing, said Bowen.

The board took a five minute recess to digest after hearing nearly two hours of testimony and returned with a discussion about a possible suspension for Vecchione to learn more of the rules and guidelines. However, board member Timothy Bonin stated he does not believe the Conservation Commission is the right post for Vecchione.

"The demeanor, the threat of 100 dollars a day...shows poor judgment to me," he said. "I would like your energy and excitement to continue...but I don't know if it's on Conservation."

A motion was made to remove and approved by all members.

Vecchione said he will be filing a claim to have a public hearing scheduled, as is his right when a removal vote happens. At that point, pending the results of the public hearing, Vecchione will be reinstated to the Commission.

Vecchione confirmed that he had been on the Commission for less than two months and stated that he was not on the Bagdis property for nefarious reasons.

"If there is a material defect on a property, you have to disclose it. It's punitive to try to hurt me after the fact," he said, adding that he is passionate and cares deeply for the town.

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# LEARNING

## Valuable toys

Toys have been made for thousands of years. Stone and clay marbles or marbles from 4,000 BC were found in Egypt, according to the Brighton (United Kingdom) Museum's website. Objects shaped like humans and animals believed to be toys from 2,600 were found in Mesopotamia, according to Britannica. Kites were flown in China as early as 1,000 BC.

During the 18th century wooden dolls were being made. Hobby horses and puzzles were also among the other toys from this era. Toys including dominoes, tops and playing cards were also made in the first half of the 19th century. Toy trains were introduced in the 1840s, coinciding with the growth of railroads. The abacus was one of the educational toys made in the 1870s. Cast metal toys started to be mass produced in the late 1800s.

Some early 20th century toys have ties to historical events. When cars were produced, toy cars followed. After Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot bear on a hunting trip, Steiff created Teddy Bears.

Some of these old toys remain in museums and collections today. Many toy collectors want antique toys and nostalgic items that bring back pleasant memories of their youth. Others may want to buy things that were out of their price range when they were younger. Some may buy them as an investment and others to resell them. Whatever



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES  
WAYNE TUISKULA

the reason for collecting them, some antique, vintage and even more recent retro toys can be very valuable.

Some of the same factors that make other antiques and collectibles valuable apply to toys. Age is an important factor, but a toy doesn't need to be antique to be desirable. Condition is also very important. Serious collectors want the best example that they can find. Any damage will devalue a piece while having the original box will increase value. Some toys had variations that were produced in smaller numbers and they can command a premium. For example, a red 1960s Cragstan Mr. Robot with box recently was offered for \$1,000 in an online auction, but the buyer accepted even less. A white version sold for \$2,675.

There are many types of toys sought after by collectors. A popular online auction site lists 24 different sub-categories of toys. Some of the subcategories are: classic toys, electronic, battery & windup toys, robot, monster & space toys, and action figures.

While there are a wide variety of toys from many eras that are collectible, older toys command some of the highest prices. A 1930s tin lithograph toy of Mickey and Minnie Mouse sold for \$56,000. The German toy maker, Marklin, produced high quality toys that command huge auction prices. A rare Marklin roadster sold for \$50,000



and a hand painted train station brought \$55,000. Clockwork Marklin ships have brought some amazing prices. A consignor's ship came in when one sold for nearly a quarter million dollars at auction. I'll discuss mid-century and newer toys in an upcoming column.

We will be holding an all toy auction on Sept. 27. The majority are from a Western Massachusetts estate. There are also mid-century toys from a stockroom of an Arlington, MA five and dime store that recently closed. My "Evaluating your antiques" class

will take place on October 15th for the Bay Path Evening School. I'll be at the Winchendon Historical Society's appraisal event on October 28th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. See [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details on these and other upcoming events.

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### BVT SkillsUSA Chapter announces charity dinner schedule

UPTON — Students from the Blackstone Valley Tech SkillsUSA Chapter and culinary arts program are once again hosting a series of fundraising dinners to benefit several charitable organizations and causes. The monthly dinners are held in the student-run Three Seasons Restaurant located on the BVT campus at 65 Pleasant St. in Upton.

Each all-you-can-eat dinner is held on a Thursday evening and consists of

a themed buffet, dessert, and beverage. The following dates and themes have been selected for the fall 2018 series:

- September 6: ham
- October 4: Italian
- November 1: roast turkey
- December 6: pot roast

Proceeds will benefit the Be Like Brit Foundation, the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, and the BVT SkillsUSA Chapter.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Dinner seatings are scheduled for 5:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. Seats are limited and reservations are required. Contact Kathleen Manoogian at 508-529-7758 x 3019 or via email to [kmanoogian@valleytech.k12.ma.us](mailto:kmanoogian@valleytech.k12.ma.us)

ma.us to book your reservation. The SkillsUSA Chapter encourages diners to make reservations early as seatings times are quickly filled.

Originally known as Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), SkillsUSA was founded in 1965. It is a national organization that supports career and technical education. Students compete at the district, state, and national level in their technical areas and leadership events.

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, Blackstone Valley Tech creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. The school's website is [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us).

described last year's participation in the first-time collaborative outreach project with the Uxbridge DAR chapter as 'a huge success'. Budding young artists are invited once again to come to the children's room from Sept. 10 to 29 to draw or color scenes depicting colonial life in 18<sup>th</sup> century America.

Specifically, on Sept. 17, as decreed by Congress in 2004, the US Constitution has been studied in all public schools. A drawing-coloring contest is a creative, fun way to introduce our youngest citizens to the document that underpins American democracy and its unique system of government so revered around the world. Winning art entries will be prominently displayed in several places around town, including the library, from October until Veterans' Day.

Since 1955, when declared by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Constitution Week has been celebrated nation-wide from September 17 to 23. It is a great time for all who enjoy the benefits of living in America to recall sacrifices made by our Founding Fathers (and Mothers) and reflect on those priceless gifts inherited from them.

The mission of the Daughters of the American Revolution is to promote education, historic preservation and patriotism. We welcome any woman age 18 or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. Contact Jane F. Keegan, Regent, Deborah Wheelock Chapter for more information.

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# New art season begins



Courtesy photos

## Examples of art on display

BY KIM PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

A new season is rapidly approaching, and with it, the Blackstone Valley Art Association is boasting a new lineup of exhibitions, classes, lectures, and more.

"It is a community-based gallery; creativity is a one-of-a-kind thing, everyone creates differently and sees color differently. There are no two pieces alike and that's what makes it fun," said Association Treasurer Carol Frieswick.

Over the summer, creativity may have taken a back seat to other activities, such as lawn work and family vacations, said Frieswick. But when fall comes, the weather cools off, and artists spend more time indoors — that is when imagination is at its best.

Since its inception in 1957, the Association has been dedicated to the advancement of the arts and preservation of the finest artistic traditions. For the 2018-19 season, Frieswick said the Alternatives Community Gallery in Uxbridge will host its second annual open painting show. The opening reception is slated for Friday, Sept. 7, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the event will host an eclectic mix of styles as well as wine, food, and the company of friends, she said.

This show will be followed by the Annual Fall show, the annual Tapestry Show, and a Holiday Marketplace for one of a kind gift giving. Currently, there is already a large selection of cards available as low as \$1.50 apiece.

The Association's monthly meetings are open to the public and will provide plenty of inspiration, Frieswick noted. September will feature JoAnne Naugher for a class on alcohol inks. No experience is necessary, and these inks do as they please to provide vivid abstract patterns.

In October, Adria Arch from the Golden Paint and Medium Company will demo and give samples of their products.

Carolyn Letvin will provide a hands on demonstration on palm press printing in November, and a members only Christmas Party will fill the December slot.

The Association's annual photo show will be hosted in January, and Frieswick said they plan to keep the Gallery open on Saturdays for public viewing.

"There is always some form of art activity to participate in. Come by and meet us and have some creative fun," she said. There will also be plein air, or outdoor, events and other field trips.

Outside the gallery, there will be Hopedale Day in the Park, September 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Association will have its second annual Sunflower Show at the Booklover's Gourmet in Webster. The opening reception for this show is Sept. 8 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"We have continuous shows at the Milford Local Access TV Studio, and The Hunter's Grill in Grafton Center. We are partners in the Small Stones Art Festival to be held in November at Apple Tree Arts," added Frieswick. The submission deadline for this show is Sept. 11; it is open to all fine art painters and photographers.

For more information, visit the Association's website at [www.BVAA.ORG](http://www.BVAA.ORG).



An art class at work



The Alternatives Center



A lecture in progress

## Friday's Child



**Matthew**  
Age: 13

**I am looking for a family that gives good hugs!**

Matthew, who likes to be called Matty, is a kind and caring boy of Caucasian and Native American descent. Matty is very chatty and charming, and if someone appears sad or angry, he will give them a hug and ask if they would like to talk. Matty loves to read and likes to visit the library as often as possible. He is very curious and has a fondness for ocean life and reptiles, and plans on becoming a marine biologist when he gets older. He would like to learn to swim so that he is prepared for his future career. Matty also loves to play video games.

Matty recently started middle school and is doing well. He started an author's club at his school and looks forward to editing stories for other students. Matty is an excellent reader and is reading well above grade-level. He also has a great imagination and loves to hear stories. Matty is on the high functioning end of the Autism Spectrum.

Ready for adoption, Matty is longing to be adopted by a family who will keep him forever and give him hugs. According to Matty, he has a lot of dreams that he hopes his new family will listen to. Matty's social worker is open to exploring a family of any constellation, with either no children in the home or with children older than Matty.

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**EDITORIAL**

**R-E-S-P-E-C-T**

There may not be any more disparate people in the world than the two we lost so recently.

Aretha Franklin was the daughter of a minister, raised in a straitlaced environment with high expectations; and honored for her achievements. Her voice, that glorious voice, was an instrument for the glory of God. And she believed it too.

But she also loved other, secular music and when the opportunities arose for her, despite some opposition from well meaning family and friends, she branched out into the dangerous world.

She once said her music was still sung for the glory of God, it just also sanctified the rest of the world too.

Then there was the man who was raised in the military tradition dating back generations. What were the expectations there if your father, your uncles, your grandfather, were all, ALL not only in the military, but Admirals.

He too was disciplined, raised in an environment with very high expectations, and told he was absolutely capable.

He was taught honor, and responsibility.

And took that to heart. So much so that, after being critically injured, and offered a way to go home after being held prisoner; he refused to leave his fellow inmates in the prison who were not offered the same early release and chance to go home.

He stayed. He said later he felt it wouldn't have been right to leave. He didn't have that right. It wasn't a responsible thing to do.

He felt responsibility keenly. John McCain didn't always take the easy way once he became involved in politics either. But he owned up to mistakes, and tried to find compromise when he could.

Something happened this week that brought this very much home in this age of anonymous troll bashing.

In a week of honoring the Queen of Soul; there were rude remarks; and as the country mourned a statesman like McCain there were more. Really?

It isn't like they could defend themselves, give reasons for decisions; nor should they need to. If you didn't agree with the politics, mourn the loss of a decorated veteran.

If you couldn't grasp the soul of an artist, mourn the fact no longer will that voice be available, or the song writing talent, or the soaring gift to God.

At the time of a death, there should no longer be barbs and needles. It is time if not to heal, at least not to create diatribe.

It isn't just tasteless, it is beyond obnoxious and insensitive.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



**OPINION**

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Gallant: Northbridge new Balmer/NES school funding**

To the Editor:  
I, like many other town residents, support the new proposed Balmer/NES school, but what I may not support is the suggestive one sided suggestive funding of the new school. It is my understanding the town may be advocating an approximate \$54 million debt exclusion, a 30 year term 'Bond Note' as part of a town meeting warrant article, for registered voters, property owners, & renters at the fall town meeting, and the November ballot box.

If it passes muster at the fall town meeting? In a 'nutshell' one's property tax with value suggestively assessed at \$300,000, will be paying approximately \$550 a year for 30 years, equating to almost \$17,000 in total.

This would be on top of the yearly 2.5% traditional property tax increase., plus the new 1% Community Preservation Fund Tax, assessment. Plus another potential 'unknown tax increase' if a desperately needed new fire station should be passed by the registered voters, in the near future. Thus adding to this precarious 'financial complexity' to the taxpayers.

It is my opinion, and many others, that the potential major inaction, band aid approach, on these two 'town owned' defi-

cient school buildings, over the last 15-20 years by the town suggestively equates to many in town agreeing this should be a complete total 'shared expense,' for this proposed new school. Maybe the town also hold some accountability, responsibility, for the present situation the town may find itself in? With these now two deficient school buildings?

Hopefully our excellent town manager, BOS, town's financial team, school building committee, FinCom, may come up with qualified and quantitative 'financial offsets,' for the Northbridge taxpayers. Hopefully it may not be business as usual with the entire \$54 million bill, suggestively delivered to the Northbridge property owners, and renters mailboxes?

If so, my confidence level is not that high that the new school may pass at the town's ballot box in November of 2018.

When you may see your town officials around town, ask that the town may 'step up to the plate' with 'town financial offsets' to help fund the much needed new school. Plus this sharing of cost may help in its passing at the fall town meeting and ballot box.

BARRY GALLANT  
WHITINSVILLE

**Financial tips for Alzheimer's caregivers**



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If you are, or will be, a caregiver for elderly parents or another close family member living with Alzheimer's disease, you may experience some emotional stress – but you also need to be aware of the financial issues involved and what actions you can take to help address them.

You will find few "off the rack" solutions for dealing with the financial challenges associated with Alzheimer's. For one thing, family situations can vary greatly, both in terms of the financial resources available and in the availability and capabilities of potential caregivers. Furthermore, depending on the stage of the disease, people living with Alzheimer's may have a range of cognitive abilities, which will affect the level of care needed.

Here are some general suggestions that may be useful to you in your role as caregiver:

Consult with family members and close friends. It's extremely hard to be a solo caregiver. By consulting with other family members or close friends, you may find that some of them have the time and ability to help.

Consider obtaining durable power of attorney. If you possess a durable power of attorney for finances, you can make financial decisions for the person with Alzheimer's when he or she is no longer able. With this authority, you can help the individual living with the disease – and your entire family – avoid court actions that can take away control of financial affairs. And on a short-term basis, having durable power of attorney can help you take additional steps if needed. You'll find it much easier to acquire durable power of attorney when the individual living with Alzheimer's is still in the early stage of the disease and can willingly and knowingly grant you this authority.

Gather all necessary documents. You'll be in a better position to help the individual living with Alzheimer's if you have all the important financial documents – bank statements, insurance policies, wills, Social Security payment information, deeds, etc. – in one place.

Get professional help. You may want to consult with an attorney, who can advise you on establishing appropriate arrangements, such as a living trust, which provides instructions about the estate of the person for whom you're providing care and names a trustee to hold title to property and funds for the beneficiaries. You also might want to meet with a financial advisor, who can help identify potential resources and money-saving services. And a tax professional may be able to help you find tax deductions connected to your role as caregiver.

Finally, use your experience as a caregiver to remind yourself of the importance of planning for your own needs. For example, a financial professional can suggest ways of preparing for the potentially huge costs of long-term care, such as those arising from an extended stay in a nursing home.

Caring for an individual living with Alzheimer's has its challenges. But by taking the appropriate steps, you can reduce uncertainties – and possibly give yourself and your family members a greater sense of security and control.

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**Dublin (Pt. 1)**

*I ran a group home in Baltimore once, with boys aged 8-13 who had been adjudicated or sent to the home for a variety of reasons from the Department of Social Services. It became one of those experiences that changed me in profound ways. I'm not sure I could have done it without Dublin.*



IN THAT GREAT TIME PATRICK MOON

a bright sunny morning trying to decide my next move,

when I heard a voice calling for help. I saw a woman holding an arm and tugging on a submerged body, so I charged into the ocean and helped her drag

the man to shore. He was at least six four, 200 pounds, bald, and lifeless. I turned him over, cleared the goo from his mouth, and began artificial respiration. He looked dead to me, but training kicked in. From Shepard Pratt hospital, I remembered that if you got sick, you turned your head, puked, and got back to work. And I did just that.

A vacationing nurse ran over and we shared heart massage and ventilating until an ambulance arrived. She told the ambulance driver to continue the heart massage. They slapped an oxygen mask on the victim's face, strapped him on the gurney, and drove off.

The nurse and I hugged, and then I walked up to the boardwalk and into a bar. I ordered a bourbon and ginger and sat trying to make sense of what had just happened. I washed away the bitter taste of puke. The juke box blared: "Hot town, summer in the city; back of my neck gettin' dirt and gritty..." After a while, I told the bartender what had happened, and as I was leaving he told me that he had bad news: he had checked...the victim had been declared DOA at the hospital.

Perfect. No, this was not my first encounter with death. I worked in some pretty tough neighborhoods in Baltimore, and I had to step over a fresh body in a doorway once, but I had never had my lips on death. That was a first.

I was on my way to Virginia with Dublin that afternoon.

There was a huge parking lot at the campground just off Skyline Drive. The Park Ranger was friendly and reminded me to keep Dublin on a leash especially when near the campground itself. She told me that people brought pets to the camp, they went into the woods, the pets ran away, and the pets were never found. They had 60 reports of missing dogs from just that summer.

"Most of them starve to death," she said, "They have forgotten how to hunt and survive."

I paid for parking, filled my canteen, and headed for the trail with Dublin straining to run free. When nightfall came, I lay down, rolled out the sleeping bag, and stared up through the dull fall foliage. It was a restful space: trees above and around...behemoth trunks, muscled limbs, whispered stretching...the endless lean and sway.

I slept fitfully. I kept seeing the victim's face: the sand in the lifeless eyes, the spot where he had missed shaving that morning. Dublin sat in silhouette at my feet. I could not get comfortable.

In the late summer, Baltimore was hot and muggy, a greenhouse without the green. Narrow streets became ovens. Only the call of a seagull broke the gloom, a reminder that somewhere there was a harbor, a bay, perhaps a breeze...but the promise of relief lay broken at the oven door. A walk in the neighborhood was a gloomy trudge between islands of shade in a blacktop sea. Radio patter and the cries of children mixed with sirens. Sometimes the smash of glass merged with the muted laughter. At night, the stoops within a block became littered with flesh while bottles made the rounds. In the morning, among the shards of glass and mucous, spots of blood cooked in the sultry heat. To leave this bleak landscape was the secret desire of every living thing. Baltimore.

Into this caldron, Boys Town Homes seemed an island of sanity. The former brick mansion fronted Park Street in Bolton Hill. There was an air of subtle difference on our block. One of the Berrigan brothers lived up the street, close to Leon Fleischer, the pianist, and this section of the neighborhood was the once desired address of the rich and genteel. It was making a comeback. The police patrolled regularly, and they often stopped by to shoot hoops with the boys in our brick walled courtyard. They were young cops, many just back from Viet Nam; they had seen enough carnage to last a lifetime. They genuinely enjoyed community policing. They noticed everything.

Once the officers took me aside and asked if I knew the women who lived up the street on the other side of Park.

"Sure," I said, "We walk our dogs together."

"Ask them to move the marijuana plants from the front window," they said, with a wink.

The summer schedule of day trips and fun switched to school preparation in late August.

I started meeting teachers and principals, helping the counselors organize homework time, and getting everyone back into the routines of the school year. By October, I needed a short break. I planned some time at Ocean City for myself. A college buddy was coming down from Delaware. Then I would swing back, check on the staff and boys, pick up my dog, Dublin, and drive to Virginia and the Appalachian Trail. I wanted to spend time in the woods, with no city anywhere.

Nothing seemed to go as planned. My buddy cancelled at the last minute. I was walking along the Ocean City beach on

# Readers submit tips & tricks

As we face the dog days of a New England summer, this week we take time out to peek into the mailbag. A big "thanks" to readers who shared an array of impressive tips and tricks to make life (even under the hot summer sun) a little easier. Read on for the latest submissions from your friends and neighbors:



**TAKE THE HINT**

**KAREN TRAINOR**

Merging culinary herbs with eye appealing blooms equals a winning combination:

When planting your window flower boxes or deck boxes, mix in herbs along with the flowers. You will be rewarded with beautify and functionality. Good

choices include sage, oregano, thyme and chives. At the end of the season simply pop the plant out of the box and into a garden to winter over.

Terri Blanchard  
North Grafton

Strategic litter box maintenance saves time and money for this proud cat mama:

I have one three year old cat I got as a kitten. I have a litter hint that works well for me. When changing the box and replacing new litter, I push half to one end of the pan, the other half at opposite end of the pan so you have none in the center. Both ends are at least four inches deep. When you see a disturbance as one or both ends are spread out "it's time to pick litter! Some days one pan is the same, piles intact. He has a second box in the garage which he uses also. After picking, be sure and push litter back to both ends for next use. This really saves time of searching litter that's all flat and finding nothing. I only have to pick once a day.

I completely change litter every seven to ten days as it gets scented from leaving the mess too long before picking - rarely happens.

Barbary Scerra  
Auburn

Prize Winner  
Congratulations to Terri Blanchard of North Grafton, whose name was drawn for dinner for two at the Publick House. She submitted the creative planting above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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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 Publick House Inn.*

This long-time reader shares not only her home cooked goods, but the secrets to her sweet success:

I am still making my home-made pies. When I have served only a few pieces I cut the remaining and spread apart before freezing. It is so easy to remove just one piece!!!!

When making blueberry pancakes pour the batter on the skillet first, THEN put the same number of blueberries on each before flipping them over. Everyone gets the same amount of berries!

Have a great summer...I am enjoying my veggie garden.

Claire Horvath  
Sturbridge

Modern technology makes archiving family recipes and faded clippings a snap (literally)!

My mom gave me a tremendous amount of recipes that came from pages she had taken from newspapers and magazines, etc. I thought that instead of just keeping them in this format, that at least for now, I have been going through them, and the recipes that I have decided to keep, I have taken a picture of it with my smartphone and once I finish doing that, I will create some albums by category based on the type recipes they are (main course, dessert, etc.). I may also choose to put these on my computer and then also on a flash drive. This takes up less space and the recipes will never get lost or ruined because I will always have a backup on my flash drive. This could also be a good idea for anyone who would like to borrow cookbooks and magazines from the library to get recipes.

Debbie Gregoire-Lefebvre  
Southbridge

The trick to a truly stainless, stainless steel sink? This reader shares her simple trick to spray instead of scrub:

Here is a cleaning tips for stainless steel sinks: I tried to refurbish a stainless steel sink with Babo, vinegar and stainless steel cleaner but to no avail. I finally used Oxi-Clean spray and wow! It is clean and it shines.

Carroline Santospago  
East Douglas

Cooking a classic meal just got a "hole" lot tastier and less messy with this clever kitchen tip:

When I make a meatloaf, I use a loaf pan. In the middle of the pan I make a hole with my finger and put wax paper in the hole. This absorbs the grease and works great.

Phillip Maiorana  
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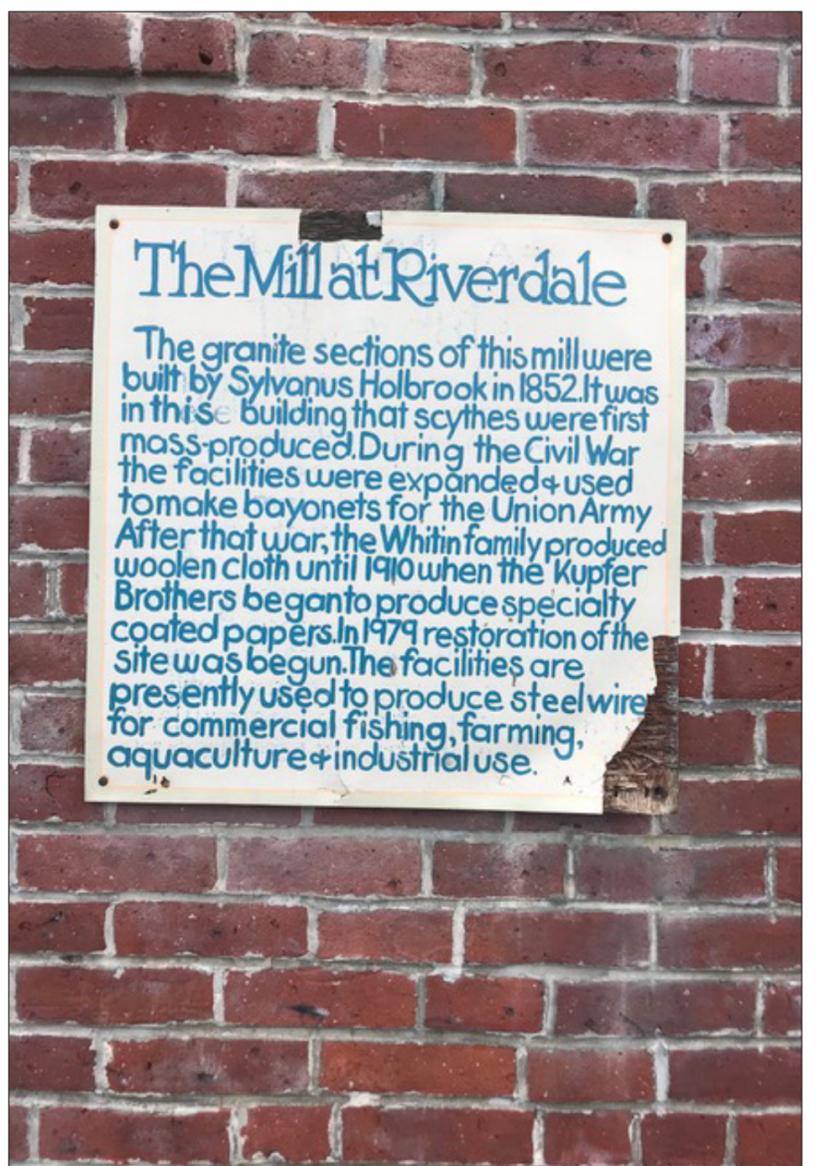
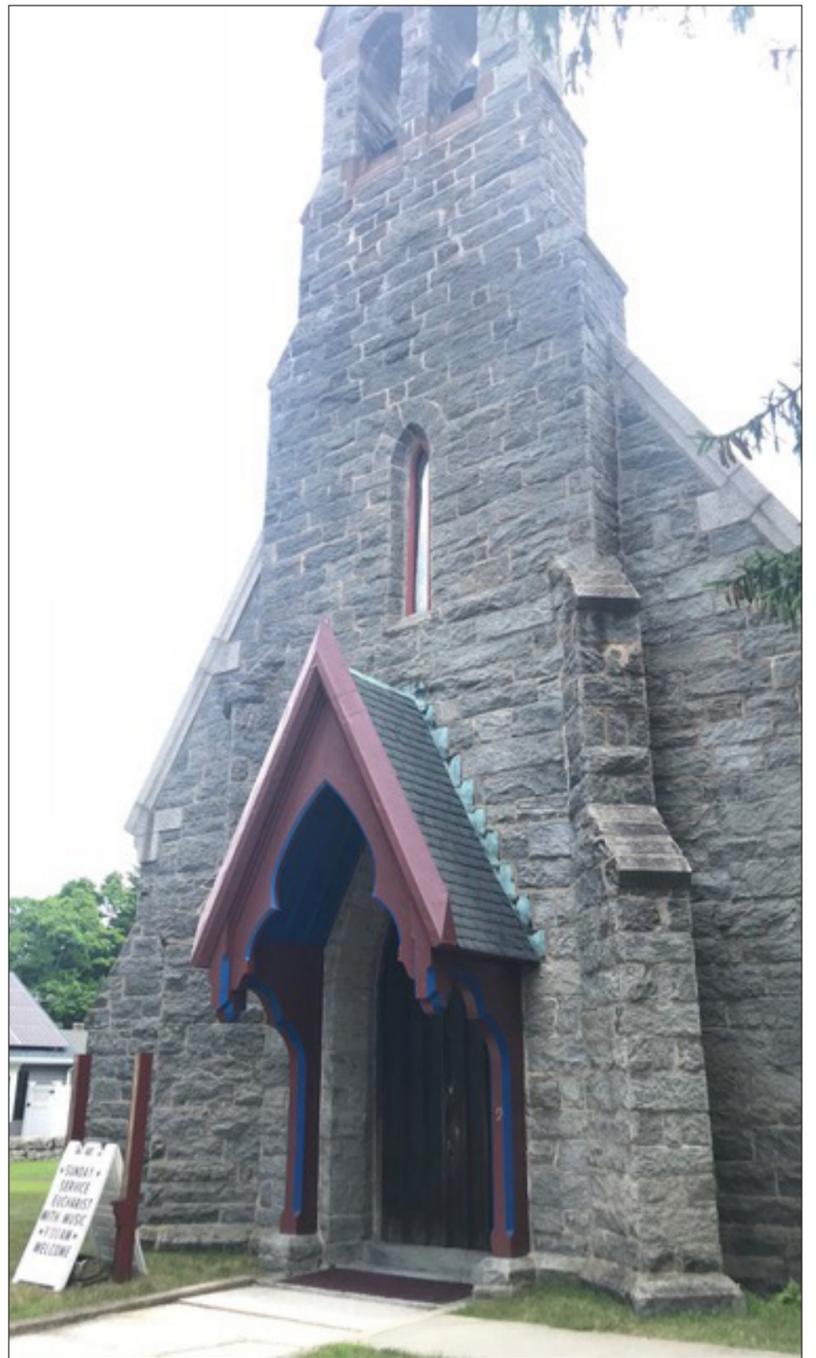
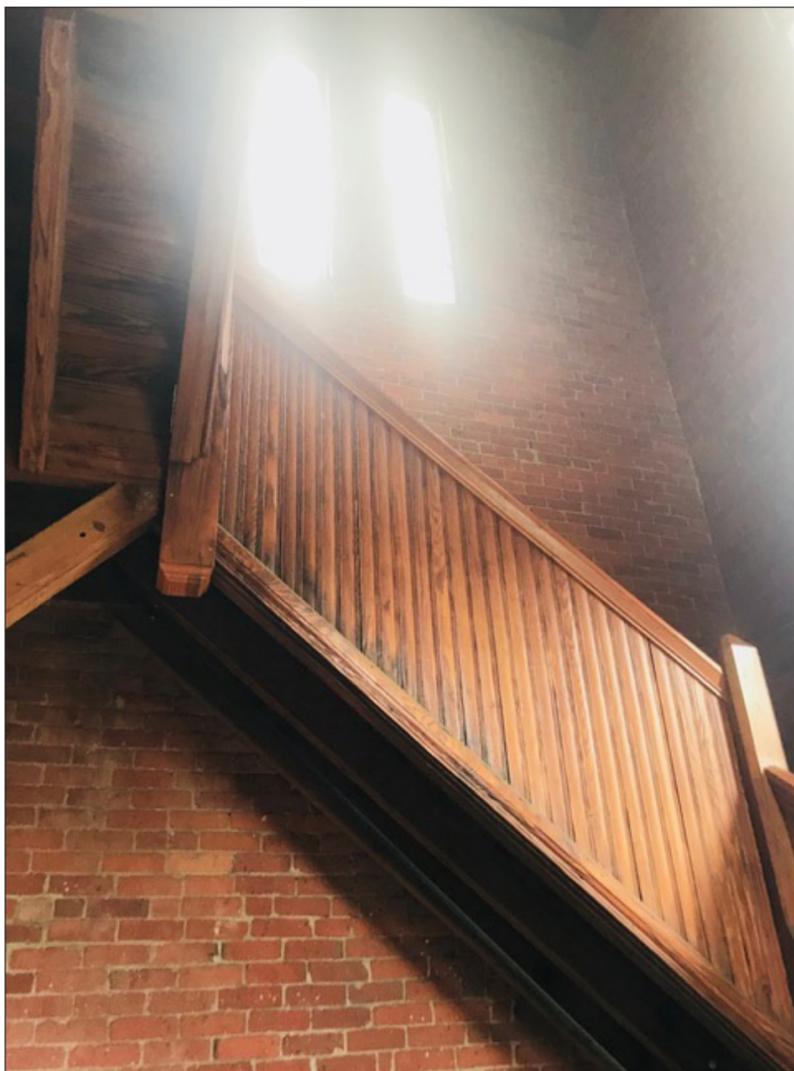
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### The Mill at Riverdale

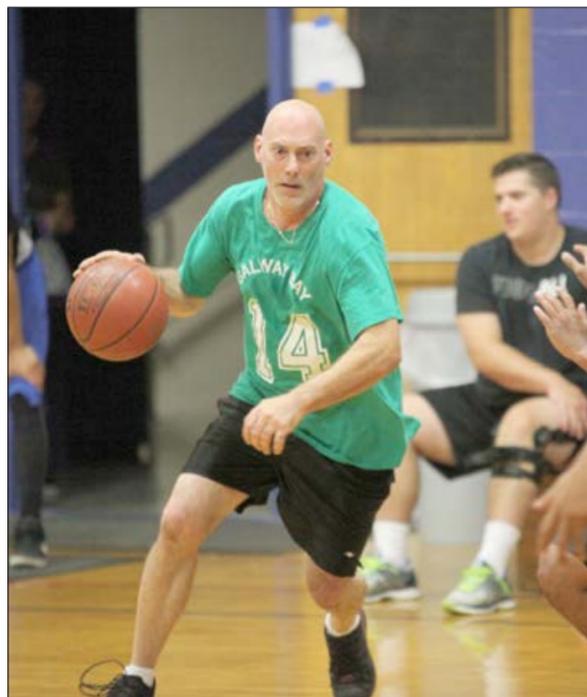
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# SPORTS

## Trinity Basketball Association wraps up summer league

SOUTHBRIDGE — The Trinity Basketball Association, with games played inside at Trinity Catholic Academy, saw its summer league come to a close on Tuesday evening, Aug. 21. The eight-team league of high-caliber basketball featuring talent from all over Central Mass. had a pair of championship games.

The top four teams from the regular season comprised the East Division, while the bottom four competed in the West Division. The East Division final saw Barbale's Roofing top Friday Nights, 64-61. In the West Division final, Goonz Entertainment beat Galway, 63-58.



Nick Ethier photos

A pair of championship games were contested in the Trinity Basketball Association on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

## Home Run Derby, All-Star Game end Laid Back Competitive Baseball League season in style

OXFORD — After a grueling regular season and playoff run that spanned two months, the players and fans of the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League were treated to some fun on Saturday evening, Aug. 25 when Home Run Derby and All-Star Game festivities were held at Greenbriar Park.

Tim Santilli won the Home Run Derby and Team Dan Coomey topped Team Santilli in the All-Star Game, 6-5. The All-Star co-MVP's were Travis Dinsdale and Patrick Lyons. Dinsdale pitched a complete game, while Lyons went 3 for 3 on a trio of bunt singles.

Please check out <https://www.league-lineup.com/welcome.asp?url=laidback-competitivebaseballleague> if you would like to join the Laid Back Competitive Baseball League in 2019.

Nick Ethier photos

The Laid Back Competitive Baseball League Home Run Derby and All-Star Game festivities were held at Greenbriar Park on Saturday, Aug. 25.



### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Charlton Old Home Day Road Race fast approaching

The 52nd annual Charlton Old Home Day Road Race will take place on Monday, Sept. 3. The race will start at 9 a.m. with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. in front of the Town Hall across from the Library at 37 Main Street (Route 31). The entry fee is \$20. Be one of the first 300 pre-registered participants and receive a Tree House Brewing Co. pour! Walkers are welcome! Get race applications at the Charlton Town Hall, Charlton Optical or on [www.CharltonOldHomeDayRoadRace.com](http://www.CharltonOldHomeDayRoadRace.com). See website for link to online registration and mail-in forms.





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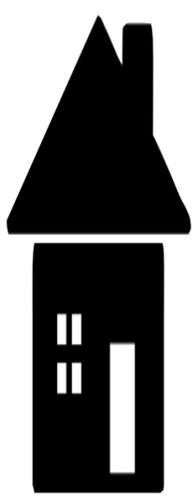
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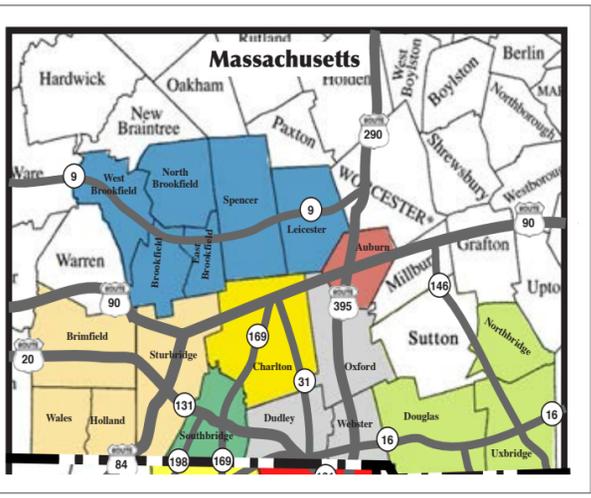
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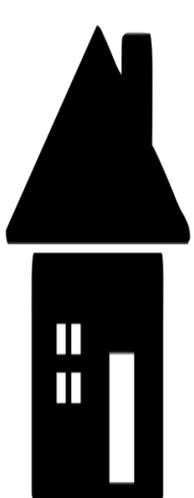
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# OBITUARIES

## James "Jim" R. Brodeur, 60

UXBRIDGE- James "Jim" R. Brodeur, 60, passed away on Fri. Aug. 24, 2018 at Milford Hospital after along courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 38 years, Elizabeth A. (Briand) Brodeur.

He is also survived by 4 siblings, Richard Brodeur and his wife Wendy of Columbia, TN, Robert Brodeur and his wife Betty of Uxbridge, Cheryl Legere of Brookfield, and Susan Brodeur of Sutton; 13 nieces and nephews, and many, many great friends.

Born in Milford on March 27, 1958 he was son of the late Raoul and Shirley (Lamoureux) Brodeur and grew up in Whitinsville. Jim was a graduate of Northbridge High school class of 1976. He worked as a tool grinder for the Fenwell Co. out of Ashland for 32 years. In 1985 he began working with the Northbridge Fire Dept. and in 1988 became an EMT and worked there for 4 years. Jim enjoyed bass and ice fishing, and tinkering with lawn mowers

and snow blowers. He greatly enjoyed spending time with his siblings, and beloved nieces and nephews. Jim will be remembered for his amazing sense of humor, which he kept until the very end, his positive spirit, and his want to put everyone else's needs before his own. He was a great husband, brother, uncle, and friend, who will be sorely missed.

His funeral Mass was held on Tues. Aug. 28th in St. Patrick's Church, 1 Cross St., Whitinsville at 11am. Calling hours at Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St. were held on Mon. Aug. 27th from 4-7pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory may be made to either St. Patrick's Church, PO Box 60, Whitinsville MA 01588, or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com>

## Patricia J. Remillard

Patricia was a wonderful role model as loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a devoted parishioner of The United Presbyterian Church in Whitinsville for more than 70 years. She served as one of the first female Elders in the United Presbyterian Church in Whitinsville and also was a dedicated member of the Church's Katherine Houston Mission Circle. Patricia was also a choir member for many years.

Patricia loved to travel and had taken many cruises with her husband, James, to Hawaii, Panama Canal, a Transatlantic voyage to Norway/Iceland and multiple cruise excursions to the Caribbean. Foxy Travel trips and domestic mystery tours were a memorable part of her life as well. Patricia had a great smile and witty sense of humor. She always had a passion for sports and enjoyed cheering on her favorite players. Back in the days of the Big Bad Boston Bruins it was Bobby Orr. More recently it was the Boston Red Sox and Dustin Pedroia. Patricia passed down her passion for sports to her children but Patricia's greatest enjoyment came from her family and the time spent at many family gatherings. Patricia will be lovingly missed

by her beloved husband, James J. Remillard; her 4 children, Gary and his wife Barbara of Millbury, Kenneth and his wife Barbara of Millbury, Robert and his wife Alicia of Rutland and Debra and her husband Marc of York, ME; 10 grandchildren including Lynne (and her husband Scott), Andrew (and his wife Kyla), Courtney, Matthew (and his wife Jennifer), William, Kaylee, Ian, Ella, Cassidy, and Halle; 1 great-grandchild, Wesley, and many nieces, nephews and cherished friends. She is predeceased by her sister, Nancy (Small) Arguin. The family would like to thank St. Camillus Nursing Home and the Deacons of the United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville for their kind and compassionate care provided to Pat over the past several months. Calling hours were on Thursday, August 30, 2018 from 5-8 PM in the Buma Funeral Home, 101 N. Main St, Rte. 122, Uxbridge.

Patricia's Life Journey was celebrated at 11 AM on Friday, August 31, 2018 at the United Presbyterian Church, 51 Cottage St, Whitinsville.

Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Granite St., Uxbridge.

In lieu of flowers, charitable memorial donations may be made to The United Presbyterian Church, Whitinsville, MA with special intentions directed to the Peace of Bread, Food Pantry, Deacon Program, or Homeless Shelter Program. [www.bumafuneralhome.com](http://www.bumafuneralhome.com)



## Kristen L. Marsh, 31

UXBRIDGE- Kristen L. (LeBlanc) Marsh, 31, passed away tragically on August 10, 2018 in Adelaide, South Australia where she lived, after a sudden brain aneurysm.



She is survived by her husband Mathew Marsh whom she married on June 24, 2017; her loving parents, Susan (Bartlett) LeBlanc of Uxbridge and her companion Mark "Hank" Pasieczniak, and Kevin LeBlanc of Uxbridge and his companion Amy Adam; her two siblings, Sarah E. LeBlanc and her fiancé Tom Joyce of Chicago, IL, Adam P. LeBlanc and his wife Kelly of Milford, and her grandmother Ruth LeBlanc of Milford and her companion John Birri of Hopkinton. She also leaves many aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear personal friends.

Kristen was born in Worcester on Dec. 23, 1986, and was raised in Uxbridge. She attended Our Lady of the Valley School in Uxbridge, and graduated from Holy Name High School in Worcester. She attended Quinsigamond College and became a Registered Dental Hygienist. She worked as a Hygienist in several dental practices and also as an orthodontic dental assistant for Dr. Carrie Webb in Whitinsville before

her marriage to Mathew, and move to Australia. There, she was working as an assistant and office administrator while she pursued her Australian Hygiene License.

Kristen had a love for music, especially attending concerts, which led her to meet her husband, Mathew, at a music festival in Atlanta, Georgia. She also had a passion for the outdoors, including hiking, fishing camping and being at the beach. She and Mathew bought a house within walking distance of the ocean in South Australia. Kristen was also very giving of herself, a Camp Sunshine Volunteer, involved in the Young Neighbors in Action Mission group, and an advocate for animal rescue and adoption. She was a longtime cheerleader with a positive spirit and enthusiasm for life. She was a loving wife, daughter, sister, and friend and will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

A Celebration of Kristen's life was held in both Australia and Uxbridge. Her ashes will be spread in many of her favorite places, among them Zealand Falls in the White Mountains, and Rapid Bay in South Australia. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to: the MSPCA, 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: <http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com>

## Rachel Bourdon, 89

WHITINSVILLE - Rachel (Blouin) Bourdon, 89, passed away on Wed. Aug. 22, 2018 at Beaumont Nursing Home in Northbridge, following a long struggle with dementia and declining health. Her husband of 30 years, Paul E. Bourdon, passed away in 1983.

She is survived by her daughters, Chrycinda A. Bourdon of Minneapolis, MN, and Paula E. Warner of Whitinsville, MA, and their families; her brother, Robert E.M. Blouin and wife Georgianna of Vienna, VA; a sister, Doris Bouvier of Whitinsville; and many nieces and nephews. Rachel was predeceased by 3 brothers, Vice Admiral Francis J. "Champ" Blouin, Clarence "Pent" Blouin, and Raymond Blouin.

Born in Whitinsville on Dec. 1, 1928, Rachel was the daughter of Lucien R. and Agnes (Cournoyer) Blouin. She grew up in Whitinsville and lived there for many years. She attended Northbridge High School, receiving the Gold Medal Scholar award upon her graduation in 1946, then continued her education at UMass Amherst, graduating with honors and a B.A. degree in 1950. She was a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority, and president of that sorority in her senior year. After grad-

uation, she taught school Ashfield, MA, until her marriage in 1953. Rachel and Paul relocated to Warwick, RI in 1960, where she was a homemaker for many years. Beginning in 1981, she was employed by the former Cherry Semiconductor Company in East Greenwich, RI, as an electrical test inspector, and learned to use computers and microscopes to evaluate tiny silicone chip devices.

Following retirement in 1994, Rachel enjoyed making jigsaw puzzles, and had great interest in dollhouses and their furnishings. She was also an avid reader, and passed her love of books to her children. As a resident of Whitney Place in Northbridge, she took particular pleasure in oil painting classes, quilt-making, and some knitting, until health issues necessitated her move to Beaumont in 2012.

Her burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Whitinsville was privately held by her family, and a Mass in her memory will be held in October, 2018, on a date yet to be announced, in Holy Family Parish at St. Joseph's Church, 35 Hamilton St., Worcester. All will be welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rachel's memory may be made to: Salmon VNA & Hospice, 37 Birch St., Milford MA 01757. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: [www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com](http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com)

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**AUTHOR OPEN HOUSE:** Whether you have written a book or are yearning to write one, the best place to meet, support, celebrate and encourage one another is at the Uxbridge Free Public Library Author Open House on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 11am. All Blackstone Valley residents who loves words, stories or nonfiction are welcome, including agents, publishers, literary editors and those who write for their own enjoyment. Light refreshments will be served while we meet and greet.

### Sunday, September 9

Harvest Fair - Vendors Wanted: St Gabriel's will be holding its annual Harvest Fair on Sunday, Sept. 9. The fair will be held on the church grounds located at 151 Mendon St. Upton and will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Fair will include a bake sale, vendors, crafters, plant sale, food tent and music. Vendor spaces are available for \$25. If interested in participating contact Brian Gallagher at [gallaghb1@gmail.com](mailto:gallaghb1@gmail.com) for more information.

### 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.

### 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](http://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@mystpatrick.com](mailto:officesupport@mystpatrick.com) or call the rectory at 508-234-5656.

### 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

**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 Rogers, (508) 529-4437.

**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.

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talking, losing a place that preserves real books would be a very dark moment for such an old town rich in history. More importantly, the override meant that our children did not have to worry about class size getting larger again."

Resident Amy Phelps also weighed in, agreeing that the vote was a difficult time for the town.

"The vote was very close and there was a lot of animosity. It was nice to see the townspeople smiling and enjoying themselves."

Dunk tank stars, said Hardy, included Senator Ryan Fattman, Simon Fairfield Library Librarian Justin Snook, Douglas Board of Selectmen members Tim Bonin and Hal Davis, Chief of Police Nick Miglionico, Uxbridge Board of Selectmen member Jeffrey Shaw, and more.

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"It's an amazing good feeling to see the day come together and see smiles on all the kids!" said Hardy. "To quote Nelson Mandela, 'A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.' I try every day to follow my heart and be compassionate to others."

One local business owner echoed Hardy's sentiment and said it was a great opportunity to be part of an event that has potential to grow with time.

"Owning a small business in the area can be difficult. It's all about marketing and getting your name out there," said Katie Sansoucy, owner of local business Athena's. "Seeing the community come together for an event like this is always plentiful. There were vendors from all walks of life. Those who make products in their own homes with amazing crafting skills and those of us who own their own businesses making their way into the community."

**SCOUTS**

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precedence is to bring the benefits of Scouting to more youth while remaining true to their mission.

"The BSA's mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law," the website reads. "By welcoming both girls and boys into the program, even more youth will have access to the character development and values-based leadership that Scouting promises."

Hailey's father Steve Thompson, a 2001 Eagle Scout with Troop 155, said this change will allow his daughter and her younger brother to have the same scouting opportunities.

"It levels the playing field for them," he said. "Girls can get as involved as their brothers now! It also allows boys and girls to approach the same

challenges from different perspectives."

Thompson added that he plans to become re-involved with scouting and take an active role for Hailey, and later his son, as his parents did for him.

"Many people have wanted to see girls involved in scouting for a long time...the merger is long overdue!"

Jack, Hailey's grandfather and a 1967 Eagle Scout with Troop 155, echoed his family's sentiments. "The leadership development structure of Cubs and Scouts has always offered boys with a path to assume more and more responsibility in the organization as they go through the ranks. Now, girls will have the same opportunities, in addition to being able to try their hand at lots of different activities."

In the past, Cub Scout programs were open to boys ages 5-10. Now, as of June 2018, they are open to girls and boys, ages 5-10, as part of separate "dens." Dens are smaller groups within the larger pack that meet

several times a month between pack meetings. The new BSA rules will have girls and boys in separate dens, with girls joining the larger pack for hikes, pack meetings, and an array of other activities. Likewise, the Boy Scouts used to be open to boys ages 11-17; starting in February 2019, the organization will be open to boys and girls ages 11-17 in separate Troops. BSA programs Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring will all stay the same, as they currently are open to both boys and girls. The organization name will not change.

"I think it's terrific," said Howard Carlson, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 155 in Whitinsville. "In Scouts, my job is to try and teach the kids independence, self-sufficiency, and the ability to make good, ethical decisions—that's what we do with Scouts. If we can do that same thing for young girls, I think that's terrific."

For more information, contact cubscoutpack150northbridge@gmail.com.

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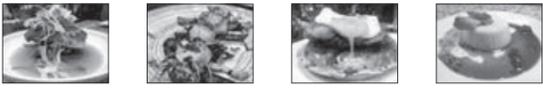
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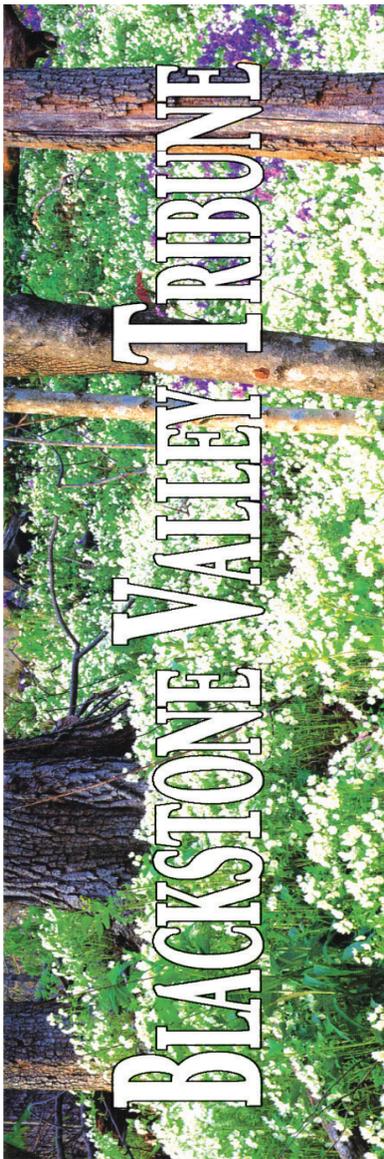


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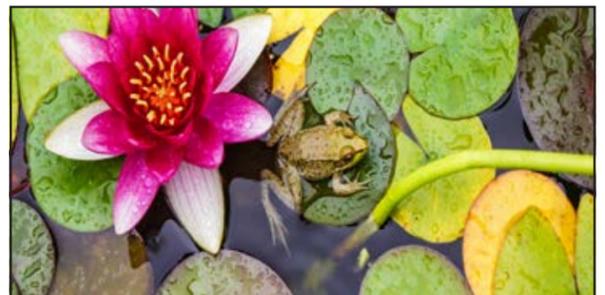


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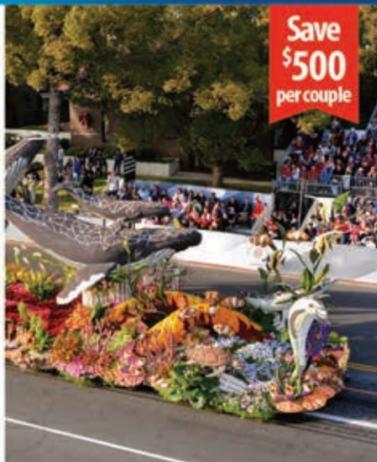
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9:00am Draft Horse and Oxen Obstacle Course (Grandstand Area)  
 1:00pm Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off (Show Tent)  
 3:00pm Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull (Pulling Area)  
 6:30pm Chicken Flop/Poop Bingo (Agricultural Center)  
 7:00pm Demolition Derby (Grandstand Area)

**FRIDAY MAIN STAGE:**

12:00pm National Anthem  
 2:30pm - 3:30 Ross McGinnes (Main Stage)  
 4:30pm - 6:30 Tequila Bonfire (Main Stage)  
 8:00pm Leaf Jumpers (Main Stage)

**SATURDAY SEPT. 1ST. ON THE GROUNDS**

7:30am Tractor Pulls on Concrete (Pull Area)  
 10:00am Beef Cattle Show (Show Tent)  
 1:00pm Open Poultry Show (Agricultural Center)  
 6:00pm Truck Pull (Grandstands)

**SATURDAY MAIN STAGE:**

12:00pm National Anthem (Main Stage)  
 12:30pm Bad Tickers (Main Stage)  
 2:30pm Sold Under Sin (Main Stage)  
 5:00pm Annie Brobst (Main Stage)  
 8:00pm Dan Candell (Main Stage)

**SUNDAY - SEP. 2ND. ON THE GROUNDS**

10:00am Draft Horse Pulls (Pull Arena)  
 10:00am Dairy Cattle Show (Show Tent)  
 1:00pm Youth Poultry Showmanship (Agricultural Center)  
 1:30pm Youth Rabbit Showmanship (Agricultural Center)  
 5:00pm Demolition Derby (Grandstands)  
 6:30pm Chicken Flop/Poop Bingo (Agricultural Center)

**SUNDAY MAIN STAGE:**

12:00pm National Anthem  
 2:30pm Dennis Polisky & Maestro's Men (Main Stage)  
 6:00pm Ashley Jordan (Main Stage)  
 8:00pm Coconuts (Main Stage)

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| <p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>ROSS MCGINNES</b><br/>2:30-3:30pm</p> <p><b>TEQUILA BONFIRE</b><br/>4:30-6:30pm</p> <p><b>LEAF JUMPERS</b><br/>8:00pm</p> | <p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p><b>BAD TICKERS</b><br/>12:30-1:30pm</p> <p><b>SOLD UNDER SIN</b><br/>2:30-3:30pm</p> <p><b>ANNIE BROBST</b><br/>5:00-7:00pm</p> <p><b>DAN CANDELL</b><br/>8:00pm</p> | <p><b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>DENNIS POLSKY &amp; THE MAESTRO'S MEN</b><br/>2:30-3:30pm</p> <p><b>ASHLEY JORDAN</b><br/>6:00-7:00pm</p> <p><b>COCONUTS</b><br/>8:00pm - Close</p> | <p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p><b>ROSS MCGINNES</b><br/>1:30pm</p> <p><b>MARK WILLS</b><br/>3:00-4:30pm</p> <p><b>DAN CANDELL</b><br/>6:30pm</p> |
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**MONDAY - SEPT. 3RD. ON THE GROUNDS**

10:00am Lawn and Garden Dirt Pull (Grandstands)  
 10:00am Oxen Pull (Pull Area)  
 1:00pm Rabbit and Poultry Costume Class (Agricultural Center)  
 2:00pm Lumberjack Contest (Show Tent)

**MONDAY MAIN STAGE:**

12:00pm National Anthem (Main Stage)  
 1:30pm Ross McGinnes (Main Stage)  
 3:00pm Mark Wills (Main Stage)  
 6:30pm Dan Candell (Main Stage)

**ALL 4 DAYS: ON THE GROUNDS**

- Buddy the Clown - Walk-around
- Jolley Clown Family - Walk-around/Kiddie Tent
- Boots & Britches: The Singing Cowboys (Dream Camper Show & Exhibit) - Pull Alley
- Josh Landry: Master Chainsaw Carver - Grandstand Field
- Two by Two Zoo - Grandstand Field
- Rosaire's Racing Pigs - Grandstand Field
- Live Stingray Encounter - Between Agricultural Center and Exhibit Hall
- Wolves of the World - Between Exhibit Hall and Midway
- Andy Rice Sheep Dog Demonstration/Sheep Shearing - Agricultural Center
- Antique Tractor Display - Between Rest Tent and Agricultural Center
- Farmyard Animal Displays and Demonstrations/Rabbit Hopping - Agricultural Center

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Doors open at 5 p.m.  
GIANT MEAT RAFFLE  
Sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Post 138  
175 Main St., Spencer, MA  
6 tables to be raffled totaling over \$2000 in high quality meats.  
50/50, door prize  
Kitchen open for dogs & burgers



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL  
IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT  
Theme: Scandinavian-American heritage  
Live music! Food! Vendors!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
KLEM'S 13th ANNUAL DOG COSTUME CONTEST  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Awards for scariest, most original & funniest  
KLEM'S  
117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)  
[www.klemsonline.com](http://www.klemsonline.com)



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**  
PICTURES WITH SANTA AT KLEM'S  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Children and pets welcome!  
With a \$5.00 donation  
KLEM'S  
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**ONGOING**  
JUNE 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 20  
KLEM'S FARMERS MARKET  
Every Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Visit many local crafters, artisans & more!  
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117 West Main St., Spencer, MA  
508-885-2708 (Ext. 104)

ROADHOUSE BLUES JAM  
Every Sunday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
CADY'S TAVERN  
2168 Putnam Pike,  
Chepachet, RI  
401-568-4102

TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS  
7:00 p.m. register  
7:30 p.m. start up  
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB  
325 Pleasant St., Leicester, MA  
508-892-9822



WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA  
Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
CADY'S TAVERN  
2168 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44)  
Chepachet, RI  
401-568-4102

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT  
HEXMARK TAVERN  
AT SALEM CROSS INN  
260 West Main St., West Brookfield, MA  
508-867-2345  
[www.salemcrossinn.com](http://www.salemcrossinn.com) <<http://www.salemcrossinn.com>>

TRIVIA TUESDAYS  
at 7:00 p.m.  
Cash prizes  
308 LAKESIDE  
308 East main St.  
East Brookfield, MA



# 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 Richard D. Dixon, III and Melinda Dixon a/k/a Melinda J. Dixon to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns, dated November 3, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40120, Page 215, subsequently assigned to GMAC Mortgage, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for USAA Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 49774, Page 227, subsequently assigned to Green Tree Servicing, LLC by GMAC Mortgage, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51625, Page 326, subsequently assigned to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by Ditech Financial, LLC, successor by merger to Green Tree Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 55856, Page 226 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on September 14, 2018 at 215 Aldrich Street, Uxbridge, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon, situated in Uxbridge, Worcester, County, Massachusetts, on the southeasterly side of Aldrich Street and on the southwesterly side of Chestnut Street, shown as Lot 6 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Uxbridge, Mass., surveyed for Thomas Hutnak & Carol Hutnak Gogolinski", scale 1"=50' dated August 19, 1985 by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., Uxbridge, MA and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 541, Plan 60, and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the southeasterly side of Aldrich Street and the Southwesterly side of Chestnut Street as shown on said plan at the northerly corner of the herein described premises; THENCE S. 35 degrees 02' 37" E. by said Chestnut Street, 141.14 feet to a drill hole set; THENCE S. 35 degrees 02' 37" E. by said Chestnut Street, 8.38 feet to a point on Aldrich Street as shown on said plan; THENCE S. 60 degrees 59' 30" W. by said Aldrich Street, 449.85 feet to a point; THENCE N. 28 degrees 44' 17" E. by said Aldrich Street, 134.35 feet to a point; THENCE N. 35 degrees 34' 21" E. by said Aldrich Street, 101.71 feet to a point; THENCE N. 46 degrees 49' 58" E. by said Aldrich Street, 70.37 feet to a drill hole set; THENCE N. 55 degrees 18' 57" E. by said Aldrich Street, 160.87 feet to the point of beginning. CONTAINING 1.0 acres of land, more or less, according to said plan. Being all and the same premises conveyed in Book 39867 and Page 189. Subject to any conditions, covenants, easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same are in force and applicable. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 215 ALDRICH STREET, UXBRIDGE, MA 01534

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.

MTGLQ Investors, LP

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,  
ORLANS PC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
18-004041  
August 24, 2018  
August 31, 2018  
September 7, 2018

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

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Mary Lou Mortlock to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as a nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc., dated May 31, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39080, Page 353 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc., its successors and/or assigns to Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated June 9, 2016 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55485, Page 357 and assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT dated May 17, 2018 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58814, Page 15, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at Unit No. 35, of the Thurston Place Condominium, 35 Thurston Avenue, Northbridge, MA 01534 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on October 2, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The Unit No. 35 of the THURSTON PLACE CONDOMINIUM, situated on Thurston Avenue in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, a Condominium established, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated April 13, 2006 and recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, ("Master Deed"), in Book 38822, Page 384 which Unit is shown on the floor plan of the Building plan recorded simultaneously with said Master Deed. Said Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 25% interest in the Common Elements described in the Master Deed.

Said unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of:

a.) Provisions of said Chapter 183A.

b.) The provisions of the Master Deed and floor plan of the Condominium recorded simultaneously with and as a part of the Master Deed, and the Declaration of Trust recorded with the said Registry of Deeds (the "Trust"), in each case as the same may be amended from time to time by instruments recorded with said Registry of Deeds, which provisions, together with any amendments thereto, shall constitute covenants running with the land or estate in the Unit owner, his family, servants, tenants, invitees and visitors, as though such provisions were recited and stipulated at length herein.

c.) Such taxes attributable to the Unit and Common Elements for the current fiscal year as are now due and payable on the date of delivery hereof, which taxes the Grantee assumes and agrees to pay.

d.) Provisions of existing building and zoning laws.

e.) The encumbrances, if any, listed in Exhibit "A" of the Master Deed.

f.) One parking space marked Unit 35 exclusive and one garage marked Unit 35 exclusive on the condominium plan recorded simultaneously with and as part of the Master Deed.

The street address of the Unit is 35 Thurston Avenue Northbridge, MA. The Unit may be used only for residential purposes permitted by the zoning laws of the Town of Northbridge, subject in all events to restrictions, set forth in said Master Deed.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39080, Page 348.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify

as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT  
Korde & Associates, P.C.  
900 Chelmsford Street  
Suite 3102  
Lowell, MA 01851  
(978) 256-1500  
Mortlock, Mary Lou, 16-025921  
August 17, 2018  
August 24, 2018  
August 31, 2018

## **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 Donald R. Lee, II and Deborah M. Lee to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Ally Bank Corp. f/k/a GMAC Bank, its successors and assigns, dated January 12, 2010 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 45491, Page 81, subsequently assigned to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Ally Bank Corp. f/k/a GMAC Bank, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 51629, Page 340, subsequently assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53719, Page 81, subsequently assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 56339, Page 100 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 14, 2018 at 547 Benson Road, Northbridge, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

Real property in the City of Northbridge, County of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, described as follows: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LOCUS AND ON THE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF BENSON ROAD, SO-CALLED, AT AN INTERSECTION OF STONE WALLS; THENCE BY ONE OF THESE STONE WALLS NORTHERLY 81/2° W. SIXTEEN AND SIXTY-EIGHT ONE-HUNDREDTHS (16.68) RODS TO CORNER OF SAID WALL AND ANOTHER WALL; THENCE BY THE OTHER STONE WALL AND LAND OF NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY NORTHERLY 77° 40" E. NINE (9) RODS TO AN IRON PIN SET IN SAID WALL; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY IN A STRAIGHT LINE A DISTANCE OF FIFTEEN AND THREE TENTHS (15.3) RODS TO AN IRON PIN SET IN WALL ON THE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF SAID BENSON ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID BENSON ROAD SOUTHERLY 63° W. TEN AND FIVE TENTHS (10.5) RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Being all of that certain property conveyed to DONALD R. LEE, II, AND DEBORAH M. CARLEY, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP from STEPHEN R. STROM AND BOZENA U. STROM, by deed dated 05/19/2005 and recorded 06/27/2005, Book 36646, Page 57 of official records. APN #: NBRI-000021-00002

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.

Bayview Loan Servicing LLC  
Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
ORLANS PC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
14-010511  
August 24, 2018  
August 31, 2018  
September 7, 2018

## **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 Daniel E. Podolsky to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Sovereign Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns, dated February 14, 2013 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 50463, Page 165, subsequently assigned to Santander Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS), its successors and assigns, as nominee for Santander Bank, N.A., formerly known as Sovereign Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 52001, Page 111 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on September 14, 2018 at 46 Conservation Drive, Douglas, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

All that certain parcel of land situated in Douglas, County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts being known and designated as Lot 16 on a plan of land entitled, "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Preservation Park in Douglas, Massachusetts, prepared for Eveningside Realty Trust", Scale: 1" = 200', dated 11/6/1995, prepared for Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc., 104 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569, recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 706 Plan- 95. For title see Deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 25124, Page 402.

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.

Santander Bank, N.A.  
Present Holder of said Mortgage,  
By Its Attorneys,  
ORLANS PC  
PO Box 540540  
Waltham, MA 02454  
Phone: (781) 790-7800  
17-001570  
August 24, 2018  
August 31, 2018  
September 7, 2018

# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11 and Chapter 173, Section 47 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:12 P.M.** at the **Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA** to consider the applications of Robert Anderson, 20 Brant Beach Ave., Mattapoisett, MA for a Special Permit 09-SP-18-Lot 1 and 10-SP-18 Lot 2 pursuant to Article V, Section 173-12, Table of Use Regulations, in order to allow the applicant to subdivide a parcel into two conforming lots and construct a duplex home on each lot that is located on Plummer Ave, Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property shown on Assessor's Map 23A as Parcel 130 is located in a Residential-3 zoning district and is owned by Robert Anderson.

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

Thomas Hansson, Chairman  
Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals  
August 24, 2018  
August 31, 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 Susan E. Wheeler to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc., dated November 1, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 40126, Page 171, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Acting solely as Nominee for CitiMortgage, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc., recorded on May 3, 2012, in Book No. 48918, at Page 142

CitiMortgage, Inc. to US Bank National Association as Trustee for CMALT REMIC Series 2006-A7-REMIC Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-A7, recorded on February 19, 2016, in Book No. 54959, at Page 110

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on September 17, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 106 South East Main Street, Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe on the Easterly line of Southeast Main Street at land now or formerly of Peter A. Coppola, said point of beginning being 704.27 feet Southeasterly measured along the Easterly line of Southeast Main Street from the end of a stone wall at land now or formerly of Furno; THENCE N. 62 degrees 38' 40" E., by said land now or formerly of Coppola, 702.05 feet to an iron pin; THENCE S. 40 degrees 11' 26" continuing by land now or formerly of Coppola, 124.23 feet to an iron pin; THENCE S. 60 degrees 23' 48" W., continuing by said Coppola land, 686.87 feet to an iron pin in the Easterly line of Southeast Main Street; THENCE N. 43 degrees 39' 26" W. by the Easterly line of Southeast Main Street, 154.27 feet to the point of beginning. CONTAINING 93,914 square feet of land, more or less. Deed Reference: Book 37566 Page 347.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19505, Page 76.

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

### TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

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

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CMALT REMIC SERIES 2006-A7-REMIC PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-A7

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458

(617)558-0500

11542

August 17, 2018

August 24, 2018

August 31, 2018

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate  
and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200**

**Docket No. WO18C0354CA**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO**

**CHANGE NAME**

**In the matter of:**

Jennie Lynn Dalmaso

**A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Jennie Lynn Dalmaso of Millville MA**

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

**Jennie Lynn**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/10/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: August 13, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

August 31, 2018

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family  
Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200**

**Docket No. WO18P2780EA**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR**

**FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**

John E Allega

**Also known as: John Allega**

**Date of Death: 07/26/2018**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **June Bergeron of Uxbridge MA** and **Patricia Drenzo of Uxbridge MA**

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

**June Bergeron of Uxbridge MA** and **Patricia Drenzo of Uxbridge MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to object a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/25/2018.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

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

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

Date: August 21, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

August 31, 2018

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family  
Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200**

**Docket No. WO18P2617EA**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR**

**FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

**Estate of:**

Casonya L King

**Date of Death: 06/28/2018**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

**Angela King of Whitinsville MA**

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

**Angela King of Whitinsville MA**

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to object a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/18/2018.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: August 08, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

August 31, 2018

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate  
and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200**

**Docket No. WO18C0372CA**

**CITATION ON PETITION TO**

**CHANGE NAME**

**In the matter of:**

Rose Ann Engbers

**A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Rose Ann Engbers of Whitinsville MA**

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

**RoseAnn Engbers**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/02/2018. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

Date: August 23, 2018

Stephanie K. Fattman

Register of Probate

August 31, 2018

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
Docket No. WO18P1576EA**

**Estate of:**

**Deborah M. Chapman**

**Also Known As: Deborah Marie Chapman**

**Date of Death: 4/21/2016**

**INFORMAL PROBATE**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

Petitioner **Kenneth Dolph of Hoosick Falls NY**

**Kenneth Dolph of Hoosick Falls NY** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court

in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
August 31, 2018

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
Estate of:**

**Judy H LeBouef**

**Also Known As: Judy P. LeBouef**

**Date of Death: May 22, 2014**

**INFORMAL PROBATE**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

Petitioner

**Raymond S LeBouef of Uxbridge MA**

a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Raymond S LeBouef of Uxbridge MA**

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

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

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August 31, 2018

SEAL

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

WORCESTER, SS.

CASE NO. 18 MISC 000208(HPS)

Robert D. MacKinnon and Joan L. MacKinnon

VS.

Moses Chapin, et al

TO: Moses Chapin, deceased, formerly of Uxbridge, Worcester County and said Commonwealth, or his heirs, devisees, or legal representatives

You are hereby notified that a complaint has been filed by the above named plaintiffs in which you are named as an interested party. This complaint concerns a certain parcel of land in Uxbridge, Worcester County, and said Commonwealth being a 4760 square foot parcel located at the corner of the property known as and numbered 30 Brown Terrace at the intersection of Brown Terrace and Beausoleil Road and being a portion of the property more particularly described in a deed to Moses Chapin dated April 30, 1807 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 198, Page 481, plaintiffs allege that they have established their title by adverse possession against the defendants and seek a judgment to that effect.

This complaint may be examined at the Land Court, Boston, Massachusetts, or a copy obtained from plaintiffs' attorney.

CASE No. 18 MISC 000208(HPS)

If you intend to make any defense, you are hereby required to serve upon the plaintiff's attorney, Henry J. Lane, Esq., Lane & Hamer, P.C., whose address is 100 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588, an answer to the complaint on or before the first day of October next, the return day, hereof, and a copy thereof must be filed in this court on or before said day.

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you my have against the plaintiffs which arise out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiffs' claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any other action.

It is ORDERED that notice be given by publishing a copy of this notice once in the Blackstone Valley Tribune, a newspaper published in Blackstone in the county of Worcester and said Commonwealth at least thirty days before the first day of October.

Witness, Judith C. Cutler, Chief Justice, of the Land Court, the seventeenth day of August, 2018.

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

August 31, 2018

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2 LAZY BOY LEATHER-swivel rocker recliners, beautiful rich mahogany color. Less than 1 year old, perfect condition. \$500 each. 774-280-2639

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24 FOOT POOL, ABOVE-GROUND, 4 years old, filter, motor, all supplies included (except liner) Ready to go \$950 or best offer 508-498-0166 leave message

4 SNOW TIRES -235/60 R18 101T used 2 months- paid \$800, asking best offer. 508-414-2474

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6-PIECE TWIN BEDROOM SET FOR SALE: Matching headboard, footboard, 5-drawer chest, 6-drawer dresser with mirror, and night stand in dark oak. In very good condition. Asking \$500.00 or best offer. Call 508-846-5486  
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ABOVE-GROUND SWIMMING POOL, 24' x 54', filter system, 1 season. \$1,000 or best offer. 508-943-8769

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FLY RODS - 2 ALBRIGHT A/5 490 9 FT. #4 RODS. 2 Orvis reels Battenkill BBS II. Asking \$200 each set or best offer. 508-347-3145

FOR SALE 8' POOL TABLE: Red Felt/White. Excellent Condition! \$400. CALL (508) 988-0698

FOR SALE WOOD AND/OR COAL LEAN STOVE: \$500 or best offer. WOOD PELLET STOVE \$500 or best offer. Call 508-471-0959

**010 FOR SALE**

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FULL LENGTH MINK COAT: Size 12. New \$2,400. Asking \$300. 508-612-9263  
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GARAGE CLEARANCE: ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE, bush trimmer, glass top table, etc. 508-728-5559 (Spencer)

GARDEN MANURE, delivered. 4 yards, \$130. Call Prindle Hill Farm 508-320-3273 or 508-248-7335

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MEC 650 PROGRESSIVE LOADER: w/ extras \$250. 400 ANDERSON WINDOW 51x32 RO \$200. THERMATRU DOOR 36-80 Left Hand Inswing Full View with Grill \$185 or best offer. (508) 892-9595

MOTORS: 1/2HP 230/460V 1725RPM, 56 Frame \$30. 5HP, 230/460V 1740RPM, 184T Frame/TEFC \$100. 5HP, 230/460V 3495RPM, 184T Frame/TEFC \$100. 4 Motor Speed Controls Hitachi J100, 400/460V Best Offer. Call 5pm-8:30pm 508-867-6546

MOVING - MUST SELL. 3 piece electric reclining living room set, brown. \$300 free-pedestal table w/4 chairs 508-612-6485

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NORDIC TRACK TRL625: Recumbent cycle w/stabilizing floor bar for secure balance. TREADMILL - for therapeutic fitness (walking & jogging) (for up to 400 lbs.) \$250 each both in excellent condition. 508-892-3998, 508-723-4452  
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SMALL BUREAU \$75. Printer's Antique Drawers \$20 Per. Fake Brick Fireplace With Heater \$140 Kitchen Chairs. Spare Tire P225/60r16 Eagle GA With Rim \$45 Vanity Table & Chair \$135. Car Sunroofs \$100. Per. Homemade Pine Coffee Table & 2 End Tables \$100. Antique Lamp Jug \$40. Antique Croquet Set \$40. Wood Truck Ramps 8 Foot \$100.00. Drop Leaf Cart \$50. End Table W/Drawer \$50. End Table W/Drawer \$60. Elvis Presley Silhouette \$50 (he talks!). Indian carvases painting \$80, 9 golf clubs \$100. Call 1-508-764-4458 or 1-774-452-3514

SNOW TIRES: Like new (4) Firestone Winter Force 215/60-15. \$240. BECKETT BURNER, CONTROL AND AQUASTAT; Runs great, Instruction, wiring and owners manual \$250. ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE WITH STAND : 6 FT. Storage box included. Excellent condition \$50. CAST IRON CHRISTMAS TREE STAND: Beautiful \$20. SUNBEAM WHOLE HOUSE HUMIDIFIER: Used, works great, 6-7 gallon, faux wood cabinet on casters. \$50. 14" SNOW CHAINS: Used, very good condition \$25. 15" CABLE SNOW CHAINS: New \$45. Call Ed. 508-479-9752

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TWO DRESSERS best offer. Custom made parlor cabinet, \$1,500. Glass door hutch - best offer. John Deere snowblower (like new) \$700 - must be seen! Call for appt. 774-507-6315

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SAT 9/1 & SUN 9/2  
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TWO SOFA TABLES: ONE DARK OAK w/ Shelf Underneath \$125. ONE MAHOGANY COLORED \$100. Both Very Good Condition. Can email Pictures. (774) 239-3006

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**100 GENERAL**

**110 NOVENAS**

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved & preserved throughout the World Now and Forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pray for us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, Pray for Us. St. Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, Pray for Us. This novena must be said nine times a day for nine days, by the ninth day, your prayer will be answered, even if you don't believe. Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude. Haydee BB.

Prayer to St. Jude May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Adored, Glorified, loved and preserved throughout the World Now and Forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day for 9 days, by the 9th day, your prayer will be answered even if you don't believe. This Novena has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank You, St. Jude. KHB

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300 HELP WANTED

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310 GENERAL HELP WANTED

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500 REAL ESTATE

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505 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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546 CEMETERY LOTS

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565 ROOMS FOR RENT

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575 VACATION RENTALS

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284 LOST & FOUND PETS

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287 FEED

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298 WANTED TO BUY

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**265 FUEL/WOOD**

**CARD WOOD**

**FIREWOOD**

**WAR RELICS & WAR SOUVENIRS WANTED**

**442 LICENSED DAY CARE**

**300 HELP WANTED**

**310 GENERAL HELP WANTED**

**500 REAL ESTATE**

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**NICE, CLEAN 1-bedroom apt.**

**SPENCER: 2-bedroom townhouse**

**VERY NICE 3-room large apartment**

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**Room for Rent on Prindle Hill Farm**

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The Town of Charlton seeks to fill a FT Information Technology (IT) Technician position to support all departments. Under the general direction of the Town Administrator or his/her designee, the IT Technician performs first and second level skilled technical and administrative duties in support of the technology operations for the Town of Charlton; including but not limited to the support, execution, and maintenance of the Town's server, network, desktops, camera system and phone system operations; including hardware, software and systems support for town departments as assigned; and all other work that is logical to the position. Qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in computer science or related field or five years of proven related experience, or a combination of education and experience that enables performance of all aspects of the position. Experience in assisting users remotely and onsite is required. Municipal experience is a plus. Must possess a valid Class D driver's license. Subject to a high level background check. Hourly pay is \$25+/- DOQ. This position will remain open until filled with review of applications as of September 10, 2018.

Send completed applications, resumes and cover letters to Jessica.Lewerenz@townofcharlton.net. See more details at www.townofcharlton.net/opportunities.htm

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**705 AUTO ACCESSORIES**

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2009 KAWASAKI  
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**\$137**  
PER MONTH

2007 HARLEY FATBOY  
LAW 618



**\$9,925**

14k Miles, Fuel Injected Fully serviced and ready for years of trouble-free driving.

**\$147**  
PER MONTH

2009 HARLEY  
FLSTSB BIKE  
LAW1484



**\$10,925**

8k Miles, Fully serviced and ready for years of trouble free driving.

**\$105**  
PER MONTH

2014 FORD FOCUS SE  
LAW1563B



**\$7,925**

2.0L I-4 Cyl, Automatic, FWD, Remote Keyless Entry, Alloy Wheels, 88,189 Miles

**\$129**  
PER MONTH

2007 INFINITI G35  
LAW 1287



**\$9,525**

3.5L V-6 Cyl Automatic, Rear-Wheel Drive, 115,594 Miles, Leather, Remote Keyless Entry

**\$139**  
PER MONTH

2010 MERCEDES-BENZ  
C-CLASS C300 LAW1157A



**\$9,925**

3.0L V-6 Cyl, 4MATIC/Automatic, All-Wheel Drive, 106,292 Miles, Premium Audio System, Remote Keyless Entry

**\$155**  
PER MONTH

2011 HYUNDAI SONATA  
LIMITED 2.0T LAW906A



**\$10,925**

2.0L I-4 Cyl, Automatic, Front-Wheel Drive, Leather, 118,073 Miles, Power Moonroof, Keyless Ignition, Heated Rear Seats

**\$169**  
PER MONTH

2015 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA  
1.8T SE W/PZEV LAW1565A



**\$11,925**

1.8L I-4 Cyl, Automatic, Front-Wheel Drive, 61,770 Miles, Remote Keyless Entry, Heated Front Seats

**\$169**  
PER MONTH

2010 HONDA  
ODYSSEY LX VAN LAW1573



**\$11,925**

3.5L V-6 Cyl, Automatic, Front-Wheel Drive, 87,562 Miles, Remote Keyless Entry, Rear A/C, 3rd Row Seats

**\$185**  
PER MONTH

2013 FORD FOCUS SE  
LAW1338A



**\$12,925**

2.0L I-4 Cyl, Automatic, Front-Wheel Drive, 59,556 Miles, Wireless Phone Connectivity, Remote Keyless Entry

**\$185**  
PER MONTH

2011 BMW 328I  
XDRIVE LAW1430



**\$12,925**

3.0L I-6 Cyl, 6 Speed Auto W/ Auto-Shift, All-Wheel Drive, 74,618 Miles, Leather

**\$249**  
PER MONTH

2013 HONDA  
CR-V EX-L LAW1485



**\$16,925**

SUV, All Wheel Drive! 2.4L I-4 Cyl, Automatic, 51,876 Miles, Leather, Power Moonroof, Heated Front Seats

**\$266**  
PER MONTH

2017 HYUNDAI  
SANTA FE SPORT LAW1383



**\$17,925**

2.4L I-4 Cyl, Automatic, AWD, Remote Keyless Entry, Rear Parking Camera, Wireless Phone Connectivity, 37,162 Mi.

**\$298**  
PER MONTH

2009 GMC YUKON  
DENALI LAW1476



**\$19,925**

SUV, Emergency Communication System, Navigation System, 6.2L V-8 Cyl, Automatic, AWD, Leather, 99,262 Miles

**\$298**  
PER MONTH

2012 CHRYSLER 300 S  
LAW1586A



**\$19,925**

Sedan, Nav System, Leather, Wireless Phone Connectivity, 5.7L V-8 Cyl, Automatic, AWD, 47,513 Miles

**\$314**  
PER MONTH

2011 CHEVROLET  
SILVERADO 2500HD LAW1634



**\$20,925**

6.0L V-8 Cyl, Automatic, 4X4, Work Truck, Regular Cab, Trailer Hitch Receiver, Remote Keyless Entry, 50,842 Miles

**\$329**  
PER MONTH

2015 DODGE  
CHALLENGER SXT PLUS  
LAW1536



**\$21,825**

PRICES SLASHED! OUR LOSS IS YOUR GAIN., 3.6L V-6 Cyl, Automatic, Rear-Wheel Drive, 52,523 Miles  
**2 TO CHOOSE FROM**

**\$394**  
PER MONTH

2014 TOYOTA TUNDRA  
4X4 SR LAW1576



**\$25,925**

4.6L V-8 Cyl, Automatic, 4X4, Double Cab, Rear Parking Camera, Remote Keyless Entry, 36,773 Miles

**\$475**  
PER MONTH

2015 CHEVROLET  
SILVERADO 1500 LTZ LAW1372



**\$30,925**

LTZ Plus Package, Bose Speaker System, CREW CAB, 5.3L V-8 Cyl, Automatic, 4X4, 44,852 Miles

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# EXPRESS

Friday, August 31, 2018

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WEBSTER TIMES

## Labor Day SALE!

We are in the process of selling out some of our current stock to make room for new Fall Models. Because of this, we are offering savings throughout the store!

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## Tech to take along on your next road trip

Road trips hold a special place in many people's hearts. The open road and the freedoms it represents have been romanticized by writers and travelers since automobiles became accessible to the masses.

While many drivers still take to the road looking for adventure, road trips have changed considerably since Jack Kerouac penned his seminal novel "On the Road" in the 1950s. The spirit of the open road is still there, but the way travelers approach road trips has changed considerably, most notably with regard to the technology that motorists now take along for the ride. Drivers about to embark on a road trip, whether it's their first such venture or their fiftieth, can make trips even more enjoyable by taking along the right tech.

• **Navigation system:** Many vehicles are now equipped with built-in navigation systems. But drivers whose vehicles are older or not equipped with such technology should consider purchasing one before embarking on trips. Though some travelers may feel navigation systems go against



the adventurous spirit of road trips, it's easy to get lost on the open road, especially in an era when many people have grown accustomed to round-the-clock access to information, including maps, on their smartphones. Even if you have no set itinerary in mind, a navigation system can ensure you spend more time enjoy-

ing the open road and less time trying to figure out just where you are at any given moment.

• **Chargers:** Many people feel their devices are extensions of themselves, but such devices won't be of much help if they are routinely running out of power. Bring along several chargers that can be plugged into your car so

you and your passengers can keep your smartphones and other devices running throughout the trip. Though the idea of going off the grid might seem enticing, leaving the world behind is less romantic when you need roadside assistance or are in search of a restroom or a place to pull over and grab a meal. If you want

to disconnect from the world, you can always switch your phone to airplane mode. But keeping the phone charged can help in case of emergency.

• **Apps:** The right apps can make all the difference, especially for travelers whose road trip itinerary is not set in stone. The smartphone

app GasBuddy can help drivers find the cheapest gas near them, while an app like AroundMe helps travelers find the nearest restaurants, pharmacies, banks, gas stations, and hotels, among other things. And don't forget to download a music app like Pandora or Amazon Music (available to Amazon Prime subscribers) so you and your fellow road warriors can be entertained as you travel far and wide.

• **LED road flares:** Traditional road flares tend to burn out rather quickly, with some lasting as little as 15 minutes. That can be a problem for travelers who experience car trouble and end up stranded far away from auto body shops. Some flameless LED road flares can last for hours on end off of a single charge, providing drivers with some peace of mind should they be stranded and forced to wait awhile before a tow truck or mechanic arrives.

The spirit that inspires travelers to take to the open road still exists, but nowadays drivers can make their road trips even more fun by taking along the appropriate tech.

## Media rooms now edge out home theaters



Not so long ago many homeowners were racing to outfit their homes with home theater spaces. If spaces allowed, homeowners would transform rooms into dark, theater-like retreats, complete with large screens, surround sound and reclined seating. Interest in such spaces has waned in recent years, with many homeowners opting for media rooms instead. So what is the difference between these spaces?

According to HGTV, a home theater is a room designed to replicate the experience of the cinema. A media room is a multipurpose space where people can gather to enjoy any type of media, from TV to music to gaming systems. Home theaters tend to limit activity to watching movies. However, homeowners interested in more versatile paces may find media rooms are much more practical.

A media room is an option for families who want a theater experience in common areas or open-concept living spaces, says Digitech Custom Audio and Video System Integration Specialists. Media rooms frequently feature comfortable, customizable seating, rather than rows of seats facing the screen that are standard in home theaters. Guests can converse in media rooms while enjoying a show, streaming music or gaming. Various design layouts are possible, including furniture that conceals electronics so the media room can be an entertainment lounge one minute and a theater the next.

Because media rooms are not as isolated as home theaters, the acoustics in such rooms may be compromised. That's a disadvantage for homeowners who have invested heavily in sound systems for their media devices. Sound from media rooms also may filter out and disturb others in different rooms of the house. However, fluffy sofas, drapery and carpeting can absorb sound and keep it in the room.

Homeowners who like to entertain while watching or listening to media may prefer the flexibility of media rooms, which make it easy to stream movies and music and play games.

## Explore a nearby winery or vineyard

Those who enjoy sipping from a bottle of red, white or blush wine but find that a trip to the Bordeaux region of France simply isn't in the cards right now needn't give up their desires to visit a winery or vineyard. Wineries and fully functioning vineyards dot the landscape of North America. In fact, wine aficionados may be surprised to learn of a winery or vineyard is just a short drive from home.

The American Winery Guide offers that visitors can find a winery and tasting room in just about every state. Colorado boasts 107, Texas has 296, and even Rhode Island, the smallest state, is home to five wineries.

If the goal is to travel to northern regions of North America, Alaska has four wineries, and areas of Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Ontario, and Québec have famed wineries for Canadian oenophiles.

Visiting a local winery or vineyard can be educational and fun. Wine tours can be entertaining because some allow visitors to choose their own tasting adventure depending on their level of interest in wine, their budget and what they would like to get out of the experience. Some wineries and vineyards offer extensive tours of the harvesting and production aspects of wine-making. Others will give visitors a chance to mingle among wine barrels and witness the fermentation process. Still, some wineries or vineyards may limit visitors to tasting rooms where they can sample select vintages.

In regions such as Napa Valley where there are many wineries and vineyards in close proximity to one another, guided tours may be available, or wine aficionados can explore areas



Attending a wine tasting can be an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon and support a local business.

on their own.

Thanks to the diverse North American climate, the types of grape varieties available in one state or province to the next will be quite different. For example, vineyards that thrive in New Jersey are subject to similar climates to those in many areas of France and Germany. As a result, it's not uncommon to find varieties like Cabernet, Chardonnay, Riesling, and Pinot Noir available at facilities in New Jersey.

According to viticulture experts from Professional Friends of Wine, grapevines are fairly adaptable plants that can thrive in a variety of soil types

and temperatures. Soil, sun exposure, drainage, and topography all play roles in how the grapes will ripen and taste.

The chance to support a local business is another reason to make a trip to a nearby winery or vineyard. These facilities often produce wine and sell it close to home. By supporting small business, consumers can contribute to the success and the diversity of offerings where they live.

Wine tastings are an enjoyable recreational pursuit. Remember to drink responsibly, and join the mailing lists of nearby wineries and vineyards to learn more about tasting events and food pairings.

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## Enjoy a safe night out on the town

A night out on the town can be a great way to unwind, enjoy some exotic cuisine and soak up some local culture. While nights out on the town are all about having fun, it's important to prioritize safety when going out.

A safe night out on the town requires men and women to remain alert and aware of their surroundings and plan ahead so they don't put themselves in potentially precarious positions.

- Consume alcohol responsibly. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, every day 28 people in the United States die in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver. Each of those deaths is preventable if people act responsibly when consuming alcohol. When going out for a night on the town, use a taxi service or ride-sharing company to eliminate the chance of driving while intoxicated. When going out with friends, pick a designated driver who will abstain from alcohol throughout the night. Men and women who drive themselves but feel like they have had too much to drink to drive home can always keep their cars parked, call a taxi and return for their vehicles in the morning. The cost of

the ride home pales in comparison to the cost of being arrested and/or getting into an accident.

- Travel in a group. When going out with friends, make sure the group stays together throughout the night so no one ends up alone and vulnerable to criminals. Single men and women should always go out with at least one friend in tow to ensure their safety. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, an American is sexually assaulted every 98 seconds, while only six of every 1,000 perpetrators of such crimes will end up in prison. Groups out for a night on the town should stay together and resolve to look after one another throughout the night, even going so far as to ensure everyone safely makes it into their vehicles before group members go their separate ways at the end of the night.

- Be mindful of all motorists. Even men and women who abstain from alcohol should be mindful of motorists when driving or walking around during a night on the town. Just because you're being responsible does not mean everyone is acting similarly. Obey the speed limit and keep ample distance between your vehicle and other cars on the



road when driving after the sun goes down. Don't be afraid to pull over and even telephone the authorities if you notice anyone driving erratically.

- Avoid confrontations. The Alcohol Rehab Guide notes that irritability and extreme mood swings are warning

signs that someone may be abusing alcohol. When out for a night on the town, men and women may encounter people who have had too much to drink. If a potentially volatile situation presents itself, walk away, even if you feel like you're in the right. The other person

involved may not be of sound mind and might be more prone to violence than he or she otherwise would be if he or she had not been drinking.

Nights out on the town with friends are fun, but adults must make safety a priority when sampling local nightlife.

## Design a dream outdoor entertaining space

Upon the arrival of warm weather, many individuals prefer to spend their free time outside, relishing the fresh air and sunshine and evenings spent under the stars.

But cracked patios and makeshift chairs and tables may not establish the desired ambiance. An outdoor entertaining area that offers the same amenities found inside a home can make outdoor retreats both comfortable and functional. Creative planning can help homeowners design dream areas perfect for hosting friends or family.

### ESTABLISH GOALS

As with any project, the first step when coordinating outdoor living areas is to determine what you hope to achieve with the space. Will it be a location for lounging? Will people be cooking meals outside? Is the pool the central focus of the yard? Answering these questions and more can help homeowners decide how to design their entertaining spaces. Remember, however, that goals may evolve as landscape designers and even architects make their own suggestions for the space or present limitations.

### EVALUATE THE SPACE

Look at the lot and decide what will go where, such as where to place the

party space, where to create a quiet hideaway and where to locate a pool-house or outdoor shower.

A large, flat yard can be divided into a series of patios that serve different purposes. Yards that are built on a hill or a slope can still be utilized with creative design elements, such as multi-tiered decking. By working with qualified designers, homeowners can bring their ideas to life.

### EASY FOOD AND DRINK ACCESS

Traipsing in and out of the house for refreshments can become tiresome when entertaining outside. In such situations, people also can track dirt inside of the home or leave a trail of pool water in their wake. Outdoor kitchens allow easy access to food and drink that makes outdoor entertaining much easier. The experts at Angie's List suggest outdoor kitchens be built close to the house to make it easier to run electricity and plumbing to the outdoor kitchen.

Outdoor kitchens should include a sink, small refrigerator, built-in grill, and bar area.

### CREATURE COMFORTS

Homeowners should think about the things that make the inside of their



### FIRE IT UP

homes so comfortable and then replicate that outside. Sofas and loveseats covered in fabric suited for outdoors and plenty of pillows can make for great lounging. Lighting that can be adjusted for day or night, or even to set the mood, is another consideration. Shade structures, like a trellis or retractable awning, will keep the area comfortable and can also define outdoor "rooms" and establish privacy.

Many homeowners enjoy having fire elements in their yards. Lanterns and candles may create a romantic feel, but a fire pit or outdoor fireplace may help extend use of the outdoor entertaining area beyond summer.

Entertaining outdoors is made that much more enticing with a dream outdoor living space full of amenities.

## Budget-friendly local activities

Nights out in a big city might make for a welcome change of pace from time to time. Such nights can stretch budgets, making it more financially savvy for non-city dwellers to stay close to home.

Small towns and medium-sized boast plenty of budget-friendly activities for people looking nights out on the town.

- Paint and sip: Paint and sip events are fun, affordable ways to gather with friends.

People who sign up for such events, which may be held in bars, restaurants, studios, or elsewhere, are guided step-by-step as they recreate a featured painting. Some paint and sip events allow guests to

bring their own alcohol, while events held at bars or restaurants may provide alcohol for an extra cost.

- Cooking class: Whether heading out with your significant other or a night with friends, a cooking class can be more unique, educational and affordable than a night out at a restaurant. Some classes may offer discounts to large groups, so enlist some friends if the goal of the night is fun and not necessarily romance.

- Bowling: Bowling is a fun, affordable activity that people of all skill levels can enjoy. If you have enough friends interested in making a night of bowling, reserve a lane or lanes in advance so you won't have to wait. And if everyone has a good time, look into creating a team and joining a league. Many bowling alleys host league nights that can also serve as great opportunities to meet people.

- Live music: Arenas and football stadiums are not the only places that showcase talented musicians. Music lovers with a passion for live

music can visit local venues that cater to local musicians or even more established professionals who play small venues. Open mic nights at local bars can introduce music fans to new artists and/or styles of music, and can provide great opportunities to

meet fellow music lovers in your area.

While big city residents may never lack for entertainment, small towners and residents of medium-sized cities can no doubt find plenty of fun and affordable things to do in their communities.



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