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Pancake breakfasts return to Northbridge Douglas Adult Social Center bond rating



Local seniors are once again able to enjoy pancake breakfasts at the Douglas Adult Social

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

DOUGLAS years ago, the Douglas Adult Social Center held its first pancake breakfast and had planned to make it an annual event. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic stopped that from happening last year.

But now, local seniors recently enjoyed a pancake breakfast once again at the Douglas Adult Social Center.

"We were thrilled to be able to have it again," said Douglas Adult Social Center Director/ Outreach Case Manager Patrice Rousseau. "The seniors look forward to seeing them cook and serve breakfast."

Douglas Board of Selectmen Chair Kevin Morse, David Cortese and his wife, Andrea, and Lori Burrows from State Representative Joseph McKenna's office joined the breakfast and cooked pancakes, Rousseau said.

"It was a very difficult 16 months for seniors being shut in alone. Afraid to go anywhere and it seemed as if there was no end in sight," Rousseau said. "I have seen first-hand how tal health and overall well-being.

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upgraded

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

NORTHBRIDGE — The town of Northbridge has recently announced that its S&P Global Bond Rating has been upgraded from "AA" to "AA+," reflecting an improved financial performance.

The S&P Global (Standard and Poor) rating is not only for the town's previously borrowed long-term obligation bonds, but for the next upcoming borrowing for the school project, said Town manager Adam Gaudette on behalf of the town's Financial Team.

"This upgrade is a result of our conservative budgeting strategies that have led to an improved financial performance of fund balances, our recent history of surplus performance, and stable debt metrics, despite taking on significantly more debt in the past few vears." the town released in a statement, adding that the hope and expectation is that this rating will benefit the town with "the borrowing costs associated with the upcoming school debt, but additionally with the eventual debt for the Fire Station Project.'

This news falls on the heels of the first borrowing for the new school project where the town borrowed \$30 million at 2.719 percent but received a \$1.8 million bond premium with a net rate of 2.797 percent, according to reports, saving an estimated \$5 million in borrowing costs.

Most recently, the town did a BAN for the DPW project and Turf Field project where they borrowed \$3.5 million at 1 percent, which equated to 0.3506 percent net with a \$24,000 bond premium, the town released.

'The rating reflects our view of the town's strong and stable local economy, with property values rising an average of 4.5 percent annually new residential and commercial developments ongoing," the Rating Summary reads. "In addition, the rating is supported the town's very strong reserve levels of over 18 percent for fiscal 2020 and stable financial performance, with surplus results in five of the past six years...Overall, this isolation impacted we expect the town will manage its increasing fixed their physical and mencosts as well as its retirement liabilities."

S&P Global Ratings is a credit rating agency that "publishes financial research and analysis on stocks, bonds, and commodities." To view the town's rating summary, visit northbridgemass.org.

Northbridge awarded grant funding for Housing Rehabilitation Program

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE The town of Northbridge has been awarded grant funding that will provide financial and technical assistance to eligible residential property owners to make repairs to their

grant is from The Massachusetts Department Housing & Community Development, according to Northbridge Town Planner R. Gary Bechtholdt II, and the Northbridge Housing Rehabilitation Program (NHRP) will be administered through Community Planning & Development.

The program has funding to provide assistance "improvements to approximately 14 housing units."

"The purpose of the program is to correct code violations and substandard housing conditions, including abatement of health hazards such as lead paint and asbestos," Bechtholdt said. "The program will address both existing tions."

"One to four-unit owner-occupied and investor-owned residential properties located in Northbridge" are eligible for the program, according to reports. In order to qualify for assistance, a majority of the residential units in a property must be occupied by income-eligible households, which may vary depending on number of

Northbridge property owners may submit a Housing Rehabilitation Program Application to Planning Community Development. Applications received by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25, will be entered into a lottery to be held in the Selectmen's meeting room at the Northbridge Memorial Town Hall (7 Main St., Whitinsville) on Thursday, Aug. 26, at

"The lottery will establish a waiting list for the NHRP and determine the order in which applications will be activated for assistance," Bechtholdt "Applications said. received after the lottery deadline will be accepted

and incipient code viola- and placed at the bottom of the waiting list in the order in which they are received.'

> To obtain an application for the NHRP and program/eligibility requirements, visit the Community Planning & Development's page on the town's webpage, www.northbridgemass. org/community-planning-development, or pick one up at the Town Manager's Office, 7 Main St., Whitinsville, or Community Planning & Development, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, during posted business hours.

> Residents who are dropping off an application in-person are directed to Community Planning & Development, located in the Aldrich School-Town Hall Annex. Mailed applications can be sent to the attention of Northbridge Community Planning & Development, 7 Main St., Whitinsville, MA 01588.

> For more information on Northbridge CDBG program initiatives, please contact R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner/CDBG Admin at 508-234-2447 or by email at cdbg@northbridgemass.org

Open house to celebrate 10 years at the Uxbridge Community Gardens

UXBRIDGE - Join in the celebration as the Uxbridge Community Gardens (UCG) mark ten years of building and growing. There will be music, games, a scarecrow contest and much more from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. $2\bar{1}$ (rain date Aug. 22). Everyone is invited to share in the fun, nosh some Anniversary cake and visit a shiny Uxbridge Fire Department truck. Take a stroll through the lush growth of nearly a hundred garden plots, perhaps while enjoying a treat from the Sweetwise

Ice Cream truck. "It's been a challenging year," commented UCG Chair Kim DeMers. 'The rain in July really set us back, but gardeners are eternally optimistic. We're already planning what we can do to improve things for next season. I'm sure there will be more raised beds and we'll keep experimenting with different crops. And we're very excited about our new well, which will be operational in the spring.

The UCG was established in 2012 and has grown steadily since then. Staffed solely by volunteers and with no budget from the town, the program supports gardens that benefit



The People First Food Pantry and the Uxbridge Senior Center. While the one thing in everyone's garden is probably the tomato, you might see anything from asparagus to zucchini, asters to zinneas and everything in between.

Residents of Uxbridge and surrounding towns are eligible to secure a

space for \$20 per year. If you are interested in having a garden, the Open House is a great way to see the UCG in action and to talk with both experienced gardeners and rank novices. The Gardens are located on Sutton Street in Uxbridge, adjacent to the Youth Soccer fields.

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UNIBANK AND WORCESTER RED SOX ALIGN MISSIONS

UniBank had the privilege and honor of hosting Dr. Charles Steinberg, President of the Worcester Red Sox, at their annual Corporator's Meeting held this time at the Worcester Country Club. Michael Welch, CEO of UniBank, stated, "When we decided to engage with the Worcester Red Sox as a Founding Partner, we knew we shared an important commonality - that of community support and development. Our shared values and vision for the future of our beloved community make the relationship real and beneficial to all. Dr. Steinberg has a storied career of community outreach and his message of "doing good" for the betterment of Worcester runs deep throughout UniBank. We were honored to host Dr. Steinberg and we look forward to many years of collaboration." UniBank is rooted in the Blackstone Valley with assets of \$2.3 billion as of March 31. A full-service, mutually owned community bank, UniBank has branches in Central Massachusetts and the MetroWest region of Massachusetts. UniBank is dedicated to contributing to the overall quality of life and economic health of the communities it serves, while maintaining a high level of financial soundness and integrity. UniBank is an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC and Member DIF. UniBank NMLS #583135. The company Web site is www.

Small Stones Festival of the Arts announces 2021 Art Call

GRAFTON — Artists and photographers please submit your original works of art to the fourth annual Small Stones Festival of the Arts, a juried fine art painting and photography exhibit. The Festival returns Oct. 15 to the Great Hall, Grafton Town House, One Grafton Common, Grafton for a live ceremony announcing the



winning artists. The top three artists in each category will win cash awards. Four regional arts organizations - Apple Tree Arts, the Worcester County

Camera Club, the Blackstone Valley Art Association and the Shakespeare Club of Grafton have collaborated to create the exhibit accompanied with music and literary programs, jurors and artist talks and an art collection presentation. The extended Festival runs Oct. 15-24 with free exhibit hours on weekends and weekday evenings of Oct. 20, 21 and 22.

The Festival's art call opens Aug. 15 for submissions of artwork. Photography and all forms of two-dimensional artwork are welcomed, with a maximum of three entries per artist. The art call will remain open until 500 entries are received. Visit https://smallstonesfestival.org/ to submit artwork.

Three prestigious jurors for each category will select 144 works to appear in the exhibit and hardbound printed catalog. Fine art category jurors include renowned artist Carol Arnold, first place prize winner in the best figure/portraiture category of the June 2020 Plein Air Salon Art Competition; Charlotte Wharton, a highly accomplished portrait, plein-air and genre artist and Susan Swinand, a prominent painter with a preference for water media. Photography category jurors are David DeMelim, founder and managing director of Rhode Island Center for Photographic Arts; Jessica Roscio, director and curator at Danforth Art Museum; and renowned fine art portraiture photographer Al Weems.

Awards will include first, second and third cash prize winners, juror's choice and popular choice for each category. Cash awards are \$500 for first; \$250 for second; and \$100 for third place. The exhibit catalogue will be sold online in late November.

For more information about the festival, visit https://smallstonesfestival.org/or contact chair Ken Crater, Worcester County Camera Club, ken@smallstonesfesti-



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Annual nurse Pinning Ceremony Celebrates 93 Nursing Students

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — In a ceremony dating back to 1860 93 members of the nursing class of 2021 received their Saint Anselm College nurse's pin at the pinning ceremony held on Saturday, May 15. The annual event celebrates the graduates as they enter the nursing profession.

The ceremony celebrates the seniors' completion of the highly respected and rigorous nursing program and will be awarded the credential of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Upon completion of a licensing examination the graduates will have earned the creden-

tial of Registered Nurses (RN). In 2019 the pass rate for the licensing exam was 100%

Local students include Audrey George of Douglas.

The pin proudly worn by Saint Anselm nursing graduates features elements of the college seal and the symbol of a lamp referring to Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp of my steps and a light for my path." The ceremony concluded as student nurses took the Nightingale Pledge, an oath to honor and respect their patients and profession.

About Saint Anselm College

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a nationally-ranked four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in the greater Boston region in southern New Hampshire, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, commitment to inclusiveness, a highly successful nursing program, and a legacy of community service.



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Saint Anselm College releases list of 2021 graduates

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Saint Anselm College has released the list of graduates for the 2020-2021 school year. The in-person celebration of commencement marked the end of a year of Covid restrictions.

Among the students who graduated on May 15 was Adurey George, who was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

During Saint Anselm College's 128th commencement exercises speaker and honorary degree recipient Edward A. Hjerpe III, Ph.D. (Class of 1981) addressed the members of the class of 2021, "Much has changed in the world in the last year ... that's a lot for any class to endure, but out of adversity comes resilience and out of challenges come opportunities. You are entering the post college world at an inflection point in many ways but you are resilient, you have endless opportunity and you will make the world a better place."

Hjerpe is president and CEO of Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston and spent many years in the banking and economics industry. He also served the community through many philanthropic endeavors including as chair of the college's Board of Trustees.

College President Joseph A. Favazza, Ph.D. reflected on the contrasting emotions of sadness and excitement that the Class of 2021's final event brought about, explaining that commencement is not the end, but the beginning. "Ready or not, the exploration now commences. And guess what? No one knows where the exploring will end," said Dr. Favazza. "Just as the monks have discovered their forever home on this Hilltop and vowed never to leave it, you have discovered your forever home and, I hope, yow to never leave it behind."

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CLARIFICATION

NORTHBRIDGE — The Myths & Miracles of Victorian Medicine performance and tea held at the Northbridge Senior Center on July 15 (published in the Aug. 6 issue, page 14) was supported in part by a grant from the Northbridge Cultural Council a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

St. Mary Church hosting Welcome Back celebration

UXBRIDGE — Starting before the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Aug. 28 and running through Sunday evening, Aug. 29, St. Mary Church will be hosting numerous events for families and individuals as they celebrate the return to parish life.

There will be a family movie on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. in the Church parking area and families are welcome to bring their own chairs, blankets, pillows and refreshments. St. Mary's will provide the popcorn! There will be a Family Picnic Lunch, kid's activities and opportunities for worship and devotion on Sunday throughout the day, including a Welcome Back Celebration Holy Mass at 11 a.m.

For additional information, please visit https://stmaryuxbridge.org/wel-come-backhome

or call the Church Office at 508-278-

Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year, including Brooke A. Blackburn and Quinn M. Colligan of Uxbridge.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 573 students representing 24 states received this honor.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College appropried that the following students

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

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Douglas Historical Society holds raffle to celebrate town's 275th!

DOUGLAS — The Douglas Historical Society is holding a raffle to raise funds for the maintenance of

"The E.N. Jenckes Store Museum is a building that is nearly 190 years old and it needs frequent maintenance. It's on the National Register of Historic Places and a jewel of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. We're asking everyone to pitch in so we can keep this landmark looking great!" Society President Laurie Church said.

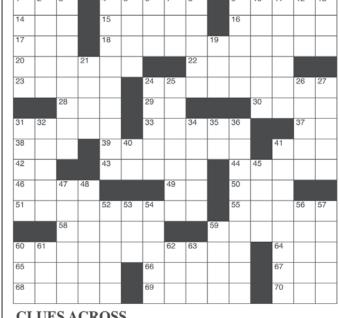
a popular vacation experience for those who like to enjoy the beautiful outdoors on Whitin Reservoir," Jean Dwinnell of the society's fundraising committee explained. "The generous donation is a \$400 value, and the cabins are booked way in advance so this is a really special prize."

wall hanging of the Town of Douglas seal that the winner can proudly display," she added.

Tickets are \$5 each, and the drawing will be held at Octoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 2.

and to continue educational programs promoting the history of Douglas.

For tickets please email Sue at Susan.Martinsen@yahoo.com or call Lisa at 508-341-4876. Ticket holders need not be present to win.



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- 1. Calls balls and strikes
- Turkish officer
- 9. Repaired shoe
- 14. Grass genus 15. Small, sealed vial
- 16. Primp
- 17. Immoral act 18. A tool to communicate
- 20. Crumbles away
- 22. Egg-like 23. Districts (abbr.)
- 24. Dressed
- 28. Small island (British) 29. Dialect of Chinese
- 30. Force unit
- 31. Borderlines 33. Norse gods
- 37. Morning
- 38. Fiddler crabs
- 39. Tell a story

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- 1. Unhappy 2. Silk fabric
- 3. Unbroken view of a region
- 4. Middle Eastern territory _ and Andy, TV show
- 6. Central processing unit
- 7. Department of Housing and
- Urban Development 8. Midcentury newspaper
- columnist 9. Weapon
- 10. Delivered a speech
- 11. Probably going to happen 12. Midway between northeast
- and east Danish krone
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- 21. Fall slowly in drops 24. Bestow an honor upon
- 25. Childishly silly
- 26. Related on the mother's side 27. Populations of related plants

31. Coherent

41. Consumed

50. Neither

42. Atomic #58

44. Fencing swords

49. Southpaw (abbr.)

pronunciation

55. Distinctive manner or

59. Appropriate to a festival

60. Pearl Jam frontman

66. A way to get there

67. A nose or snout

68. German seaport

69. A horse for riding

51. Conversations

58. Cyprinids

65. Italian city

64. Wrath

43. About old Norse poems

46. One-time Tigers third baseman

32. Tribe of ancient Britons 34. Financial firm Goldman

70. Airline representative (abbr.)

- 35. Stephen King thriller
- 36. Went in again 40. Commercial
- 41. Poking holes in the ground
- 45. Prisoners of war
- 47. Pursued pleasure
- 48. "Seinfeld" character
- 52. Body of water
- 53. Hovering vehicle (abbr.) 54. People who utilize
- 56. Nostrils
- 57. Inner mass of some fungi 59. Honor lavishly
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Turn down 62. Small round mark
- 63. Expected at a certain time

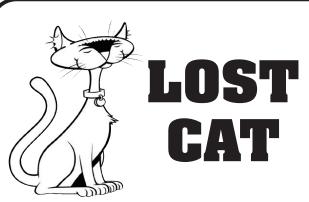
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the E.N. Jenckes Store Museum on the occasion of the town's 275th anniversary.

"First prize is a cabin rental at Wallis Cove Cabins for Memorial Day weekend 2022. The cabins offer

'Second prize is \$275 cash in recognition of the town's anniversary and third prize is a hand crocheted

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EDITORIAL

Helicopter parenting a college student

Gone are the days when your child would head off to college to only place a collect call home once a week, or perhaps would send a letter once a month. In those days, our parents had no idea what we were doing on a daily basis, who we were with or where we were at. They had no idea what test scores were coming in or what we had for dinner.

In current times, college students are in instant, constant contact with their parents and we're not so sure that's a good thing. Sure, it's nice to keep in touch but at what cost to your child? Do we really need to know about every fleeting moment of our child's lives? Naturally, we want to protect our children and keep them safe, but this is not the way to do it. Teach them the skills to protect themselves long before they fill out that college application.

To make things worse, most universities now have Facebook pages for parents. While this can be a great resource, it is also a breeding ground for parents to enable other parents, to enable their children, to lack independence and the skills to be resourceful.

Way back when, children had to be home by dark. In today's world, you have parents posting questions on parent's pages on whether or not to use Tide Pods in the washers at school. Why not let your child head off to the laundry mat at school, with a Tide Pod and figure it out for themselves? Other questions are often posed in regard to the furniture in dorm rooms, where parents are asking other parents for pictures so they can better prepare their student prior to moving in. Window sizes, storage space under the bed, outlets, you name it, it's been asked. Again, why not let your college student figure these things out for themselves along with their roommates? They are not in middle school anymore and can very well handle figuring out what they need on their own. If they ask for your help, then of course step in.

Point blank, parents are asking questions on behalf of their children. If a student has a question about parking, or a class or something in regard to move in day, teach them to pick up the phone and call the appropriate person, you know, like an adult would do.

While we think parent to parent support is a great resource, it has gone too far. Parents are posting pictures of their child in their dorm rooms as if it is their first day of Kindergarten. We know that parents are proud, as they should be, but wouldn't those pictures be better suited for a private page for friends and family to see, instead of potentially embarrassing your child?

If a student is having an issue with a roommate, parents are leaning on these pages to sort it out, asking for advice on how to handle it. Why not just tell your student, how to handle it themselves? It is natural for parents to want to swoop in and save the day and fix everything, but in doing so you are creating a way for your young adult to not be self-sufficient. Common sense tells us, that if your student is having a roommate issue, they need to talk to their hall

Parents have asked questions such as 'What winter jackets are boys wearing this year?' 'Does my child need an umbrella?' 'Does anyone do grocery delivery?' 'Where can my son sign up for activities?' These appear to us to be a bit over the top.

Trust in your parenting and trust in your child to take care of their own needs. When parents hover, it can have adverse effects. This doesn't mean parents can't be involved or shouldn't be

involved in some way. When helicopter parents overparent, they are sending the message to their student that they cannot do these simple things on their own. A survey of 450 students with helicopter parents, discovered that these individuals lacked the confidence in thinking they could accomplish their own goals in the workplace. As a result, they were more dependent on others and had difficulty coping which led to an increase in anxiety and panic attacks when put under pressure. You will not be around forever, and your child is capable of handling things on their own. The purpose of child rearing is to teach them how to navigate the

best quality of life possible. The solution is to have a conversation with your child, and ask them how they want you to be involved and how and when you can support them.

world on their own, so they can live the

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for a wonderful Community Day

To the Editor:

The Pout Pond Recreation Committee would like to thank all of those from the Uxbridge community and beyond who came out to participate in the First Annual Pout Pond Community Day on Saturday, July 31. The weather was just right for the perfect beach day, with over 200 guests in attendance to play traditional field day games, listen to great music and spend quality outdoor time with family and friends.

There are many people we would like to thank for making this event such a success, beginning with the Uxbridge Fire Department. A whole team of our UFD firefighters came down to the pond on Ladder 1, giving everyone a chance to explore one of the vehicles in town that keeps our community safe, and offering attendees a chance to ring the bell and try on a uniform. The firefighters also participated in a friendly game of Tug of War with the youngest members of our community, as well as playing several games of volleyball against willing guests, including Rep. Mike Soter.

Mendon Street Kitchen was serving up burgers, hot dogs and mac n' cheese with smiles and a good joke or two, while Sweetwise Ice Cream Truck was handing out the sweet treats as fast as they could once they arrived. VectorScape provided an interactive educational presentation for children and adults on mosquito pro-

The Uxbridge Cultural Council sponsored the HiFi Lowdowns, a rock-a-billy/ surf/garage band from Providence, R.I., who performed original music written and inspired by the best bands of the '50's and '60's. Their music was the perfect backdrop for families enjoying a day at the pond!

The whole day was a great success due to the participation and support of community members and local businesses (please be sure to continue to support our local businesses!). We look forward to continuing Community Day next year and into the future. Thank you for joining us and for your support - we'll see you at the pond!

> CINDY BLY CHAIR

POUT POND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Be silent no longer

To the Editor: What I believe. Feel free to disagree.

Have you taken a moment to think about the meaning of "Progressive" and who "Progressives" are? Progressives are socialists, repackaged in a fancy box like the candy-covered witch's house in Hansel and Gretel. What happened to Hansel and Gretel? Spoiler alert: they were enticed into a little cage and lost

their freedom.

Progressives want to teach - and in many places are teaching - Marxist Critical Race Theory in schools. (They are your schools. You pay for them). They want to terrorize impressionable students into believing that America is racist. Yup, so racist that Black America turns out to be the 15th wealthiest nation in the world, ahead of Germany and Sweden. Bet MSNBC has never told you that fact.

Progressives have one goal: destroy America as a free, democratic country, federalize elections, and install a permanent "Progressive" regime like the one running the White House. Let's discuss a little Progressive history:

The most popular Progressive is Margaret Sanger, who founded Planned Parenthood. No, it's not healthcare. Sanger set out to control the family size of immigrants from Eastern and Southern Europe, Asian immigrants and African Americans. She was a socialist who pushed for eugenics (forcible sterilization of some people). Some states passed Eugenics laws, targeting what they called: "the hopelessly defective, criminal classes." Uh oh. My grandfa-ther once ran an illegal moonshine still in the woods of Whitinsville and he was Eastern European. Hopelessly defective and criminal. The kind of people who forged America.

In 1911, Governor Woodrow Wilson signed the New Jersey sterilization law. Wilson later became the great Progressive President who re-segregated the federal government. Yes, he re-segregated the federal government, which had been fully integrated under the two prior Republican presidents. Today, Progressives explain away Sanger's eugenics theory by saying "some Progressives made mistakes, which may

be understandable in historical context." No, I don't think so.

The Progressive spokes-human for the Administration said gleefully that the Covid Relief bill "is the most Progressive legislation ever passed!" I agree, it is the most socialist legislation. The Covid bill sent 9 percent of the crumbs to Americans, one percent to vaccines, and trillions - trillions with a "t" - to bail out bankrupt Democrat-run cities. Now, your taxes are bailing out cool Woke cities where police are defunded and crime soars. Do you want to live in Portland? Me neither.

And \$40 billion - yes with a "b" - is being used to push Progressive Critical Race Theory in schools. The Woke Secretary of Re-Education said with a big smile: "forget the 3 R's (reading, writing, "you know"); it's now "Re-imagining education." Re-imagining means math is racist and America is too. The Chinese heartily agree: Americans should think that math is racist.

Tax update from the rich Progressives: from 2017 to 2020, "Just Joe" and Jill reported the majority of their income—\$13.6 million —as profits from two S-corporations, not wages. Thus, the Bidens avoided paying \$517,000 in payroll taxes that fund Medicare and Obamacare. How did "Just Joe" end up worth \$13 mil? Just asking.

Update on Progressive Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island: Newport is boasting that in 1957, when the \$30 million 128 carat Tiffany Diamond ring made its Marble House Ball debut, it was worn by none other than Sheldon's grandma. Did vour grandma ever wear a 128 carat diamond ring? Neither did

It's time for Americans to be silent no longer about Progressives and their lies. For CNN viewers, here is a news bulletin: This is a time of the greatest opportunity in history for all Americans. In 2019, the unemployment rate was the lowest in 50 years. The unemployment rate for African Americans was the lowest level on record. This is good old-fashioned Capitalism, not Progressive Marxism, at work.

What say you? Nevertheless, she persisted,

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Tuna fishing was red hot last week, with numerous reports of successful anglers landing some giants. This past weekend Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge landed a 500-pound tuna aboard the Fire Escape Charters with Captain Mark Pettit. This week's picture shows Matt Fontaine with the huge tuna that was landed, with a team effort of the three anglers on board. Nice fish!

should False Albacore be arriving soon on coastal waters. Catching one of these fish on light spinning rods on fly's is exciting and are targeted by many anglers. One of my favorite spots is the outer West Wall in Point Judith, R.I. Mel True of Fish Net Charters has had his clients catching 30 to 40 lb. stripers on almost every trip. They were using eels. Unfortunately, most fish had to be released because of the slot size.

Seabass are still being caught in Rhode Island, but the limit still remains at three fish daily. Anglers are still picking through a lot of short fluke in Rhode Island, and some anglers do manage to keep a couple 19 inch-plus fluke during a full day on the water. Many released fluke do not survive after being released, but no one seems to be concerned.

Feeding songbirds is not recommended at this time, as most residents have heard about the rare disease that is killing them in the Mid-Atlantic states. Some birds have also been found dead in Mass. but may or may not be linked to the Mid-Atlantic states. This past week, some ducks near or in Boston, are also dying from an unknown source. Numerous fish kills were reported along some of the saltwater beaches, from some mysterious infection.

Bear and bobcat sightings are on the rise locally! Reports from various residents of the valley, are increasing weekly on these two newest resident animals. They do not pose a danger to residents, but small dogs and cats should not be allowed to roam freely. Coyotes & Fisher cats also pose a threat to unattended dog and cats, and their species are also growing locally. Deer and turkey sightings are reported daily with a good number of them surviving the wet spring and summer months. Wildlife in the valley continues to grow annually, which is good news for sportsmen.

During the pandemic, many people were forced to work from home. Many families purchased a pet for themselves, or their family members, and many have become attached to their new family members, realizing the joy and company that a pet brings to them. A recent letter from my Veterinarian for their old and new pet owners to be patient with their services, due to the sharp rise in veterinarian's business.

You can now go online to find out the status of your doe permit from the Mass. Fish & Wildlife Web site. Log on to the Massfishhunt site, and you will be able to check your permit status. If you did win an antlerless deer permit you will need to pay a \$5 fee using your credit card or debit car. The extra permits in Zones 9-10-11-13and 14 that are not purchased in numerous zones, will go on sale on in late September. Next year, if passed, all permits and stamps will slowly increase annually to \$6 in 2022 to \$30 IN 2026.

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August is National Peach Month

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Here in New England, late summer is celebrated with the long awaited peach crop. Native peaches are offered up by area orchards, local farmers markets and roadside stands. In recognition of the refreshever so sweet, summertime peach,

August has been deemed National Peach Month. Read on for some

"peachy" information on peaches!

Peaches' Past: As noted previously in this column, peaches were first grown in China, traced as far back as 551 BC. Peaches are a member of the same family as the rose, which accounts for its sweet fragrance. But early peaches, which were tiny and tart with a larger pit and lots of fuzz, barely resembled today's plump, juicy fruits. Despite its shortcomings, the historic peach earned its place in early Chinese folklore, as it was considered to bring luck and immortality. In fact, today, the Chinese still consider peaches are proper birthday gifts.

Strains of early peaches attracted favor and the tasty fruit traveled from China through Europe and finally to the "New World," gaining legions of fans along the way. The Romans fondly dubbed peaches "Persian Apples," for the country that first introduced the sweet fruit to the west. Louis XIV of France was so fond of peaches that he once awarded a pension to the man who provided him with peaches from

Montreuil, a suburb of Paris. While Spanish explorers brought the peach to America, Native Americans are credited with spreading their cultivation. Eventually, Georgia was named the Peach State, for its abundant peach crops, which flourished in the warm, TAKE THE HINT

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*Peaches should be picked at their prime of ripeness as the fruit does not always ripen well after its been plucked

southern climate.

Picking

Peaches

off the tree. Choose your peaches carefully, as a fruit picked prematurely could spoil before it ripens. A peach that is ripe to be picked has a yellowish color, which extends to the stem area. Avoid peaches that show a greenish tinge, as they may have been picked too early to contain the desired sweetness. And ignore the peach's red blush, as it does not promise superior taste, simply an abundance of sun exposure.

*Not sure which peach to pick? If all are ready to harvest, choose the larger fruits as they have been on the tree longer, upping the odds of a sweeter pick. To properly pick a peach, carefully twist the stem off the tree. Experts advise handling freshly picked peaches as if they were eggs to avoid bruising. A soft tree-picked peach should be eaten within two days of picking.

*To ripen peaches at home, spread them on a flat surface and do not allow them to touch. Bruising can be fatal to a peach, so keep handling to a minimum. Or place peaches in a brown paper bag to escalate ripening. Do not pile peaches in the bag, rather spread them out so they do not touch. Ripened peaches will keep their flavor for up to five days in the vegetable crisper drawer of the refrigerator.

Health Benefits of Peaches: Peaches are low in calories and are high in beta-carotene, vitamin C, calcium, boron, magnesium, phosphorus, potas-

sium and flavonoids. In fact, one average peach is typically under 50 calories and provides almost three quarters of the daily vitamin C requirement!

Peaches are also an antioxidant, diuretic, expectorant, and a laxative. Studies show the potassium in peaches, coupled with the fiber of the fruit, can help lower blood pressure.

Peachy Salsa

This Salsa balances sweet and hot, for a versatile topping that's sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Ingredients: one pound peaches, (about three medium); one tablespoon lemon juice; two ripe tomatoes; six large green onions; one tablespoon canned jalapeno peppers, chopped; 12 tablespoons good quality olive oil; six tablespoon sherry vinegar; two tablespoon honey

Instructions: Dip peaches into boiling water and then peel the skins. Cut peaches into thin strips, throw away pits.. Toss with lemon juice. Dip tomatoes into boiling water, then peel and seed them. Cut into medium julienne strips. Combine peaches and tomatoes. Add onions and peppers. Whisk together oil, vinegar and honey. Pour over other ingredients. Refrigerate.

Peach Cobbler Just like grandma used to make!

Ingredients: eight cups fresh peaches, sliced and peeled: two cups sugar: one quarter cup flour; half teaspoon ground cinnamon; quarter teaspoon ground nutmeg; one third cup butter, melted. Pastry for double-crust pie.

Instructions: Preheat oven to 475°F. Combine the peaches, sugar, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg in a Dutch oven. Allow to set until sugar is dissolved and a syrup forms. Over medium heat, bring the peach mixture to a boil, then reduce heat to low and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in melted butter. Set aside and keep warm. Roll out half the pastry as for a pie, but cut it into an 8-inch square. Spoon half the peach mixture into a lightly buttered 8-inch square Pyrex dish. Cover with the pastry square. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, or until lightly browned. Remove from oven and spoon remaining peach mixture over the baked pastry. Roll out the remaining pastry, and cut into strips about an inch wide. Arrange strips in a loose lattice weave over the peach mixture. Sprinkle lightly with granulated sugar, if desired. Bake an additional 15 to 20 minutes or until browned.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House - Contest has resumed!

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

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

Vhy are you the way you are?

I've always wondered why people are the way they are. Why is one person happy, and motivated, and why is another depressed, and unmotivated?

There are many factors—genetics, upbringing, and environment. A specific event or a chain of events may have happened to cause a person to be a certain way.

Most of us probably know someone living with addiction. A person with an addiction is unable to abstain from priority, their obsession, the primary part of their daily activity. They find it incredibly difficult to

Some addictions are less severe and are debatable as to how harmful they are. A Mormon friend I knew refused to walk into a coffee house with me, "that place is a den of iniquity," he said! Maybe he's right! I'm

day long! I remember being surprised to learn that

strung out on coffee all

gambling is an addiction. I didn't understand why. I thought substances like alcohol, nicotine, drugs, or caffeine cause addictions. turns out that chronic gamblers are addicted to the rush they feel when they roll the dice. What causes that rush? The simple answer is their brain.

They've programmed themselves to become addicted to a neurochemical cocktail that causes them to feel the gamblers rush.

What is a feeling? A feeling is produced by a neurochemical or a blend of neurochemicals called peptides.

What causes the peptides to be produced by the brain? Generally speaking, it's the Positively SPEAKING TOBY

think. Every thought produces a peptide or a blend of peptides which MOORE cause you to have feelings.

thoughts you

Feelings are byproduct of a chemical reaction that starts with a single thought.

In the book "Evolve your Brain," Joe Dispenza says, "Conscious thoughts, repeated often enough, become unconscious thinking.'

Most people meditate on the same thought patterns for so long they program their brain to produce a blend of peptides unconsciously without even thinking about it, these peptides cause them to feel a certain way.

Even when a pattern of thinking causes a person pain, it's difficult for them to change; oftentimes it's because they are addicted to their emotions. This is a major reason most people find changing their thought patterns impossibly difficult.

I spent many years taking acting classes. The method of acting I studied taught me that I should never act, instead I should authentically feel what my character is supposed to feel. Rather than pretend to cry, I was taught to find a way to truly cry. It's not easy for me to cry during a performance, but I've done it a few times on stage, and for the camera. The way I do it is by thinking thoughts that make me cry; sad thoughts, depressing thoughts.

Good actors are living proof that changing your thoughts will change your feelings.

A good question to ask yourself is, "Where have my thoughts led me?" Thoughts are like the steering wheel of a car, they are steering your destiny. Have your thoughts led you to feel emotions that keep you from the life you really want?

We've been taught from an early age that drug and alcohol addictions will ruin your life; is it

possible to be addicted to negative emotions?

It is possible to change; at any age.

Sometimes it helps to think about what you have rather than what you don't have. The glass half full approach!

Instead of allowing your thoughts to make you feel bad, you can use your thoughts to make you feel good.

Joe Dispenza says "The process of change requires unlearning. It requires breaking the habit of the old self and reinventing a new self."

When you change the way you think, you become a new person. Jesus called this process "Repentance."

If you want to change the way you feel, an excellent place to start is by changing the thoughts that you think.



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Antique, collectibles, and auction news

There's been plenty of noteworthy antiques, collectibles, and auction news since I last covered the latest news well over a month ago.

Last month, I discussed how prices for some collectibles have exploded recently. The recent sale of a 1996 Super Mario 64 game further highlights this trend. Smithsonian Magazine reports that "Nintendo released 'Super Mario 64' as one of the first games for its Nintendo 64 console in 1996." The games originally sold for about \$60 and Nintendo sold around 12 million copies. According to Smithsonian Magazine, the "Super Mario 64' was the first Mario game to feature three-dimensional environments." The recently sold unopened game graded a near perfect 9.8 out of 10. It set a video game auction record of \$1.56 million, surpassing the previous record for a "Legend of Zelda" cartridge that sold for \$870,000 two days

The most prized card in sports collectibles is being auctioned again. T206 Honus Wagner cards were produced between 1909 and 1911 by American Tobacco Company. Forbes reports that the card "is in extremely limited supply and has been setting price records for more than 80 years, most recently in 2016 at \$3.12 million." Only 60 copies of the Honus Wagner card are known to exist. Some believe Wagner didn't want his name associated with tobacco out of concern that children would start smoking cigarettes. Others say he simply couldn't agree on his compensation with the American Tobacco Company. The previous auction record was for a 1952 Mickey Mantle card which sold for \$5.2 million this past January. The WAYNE TUISKULA bidding for the Wagner card had reached \$4.8 million as of Sunday, August 8th. When the bid-

very well be a new sports card auction Closer to home, a 1919 Picasso, Le Tricorne, painting that was recently discovered in a New England closet just sold at auction in Massachusetts.

ding ends on August 15th, there could

According to MassLive, "Le Tricorne is a framed mixed media work of art on paper that measures 16 by 16 inches." Picasso designed the maquette (preliminary sketch) while working on his larger work of the same name at the New York



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Historical Society. The unidentified painting owner said the painting belonged to their great aunt. They said that their great aunt studied in England and their grandmother studied in France in the 1920s. Their uncle owned mills in Maine. The owner said, "they were some of the first women to fly to Asia on a trip to buy silk with their uncle," according to MassLive. The Picasso and several other paintings had been stored in a closet for over 50 years. The painting sold for \$150,000. Be sure not to brush things over when cleaning out your closets.

Bidding is underway for our online sports memorabilia auction featuring a Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig signed baseball, Mickey Mantle rookie card, and Tom Brady autographed rookie card. We are currently cataloging a Webster estate auction with Corvettes, vintage boat motors, boats and many other items. We will also soon be finishing the cataloging of another online model railroad and die-cast car auction. Our virtual appraisal day for the Townsend Historical Society will be on November 13th. Registration is underway for



my November 10th "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: https://centralmassauctions.

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

Harvest and enjoy mint from the garden

Add a bit of cool flavor to your beverages, meals and desserts this summer with homegrown mint. Try using peppermint leaves in fruit cock-

tails and ice cream. Add spearmint to your tea or use the leaves to season lamb and jelly. Or try chocolate mint for a unique, sweet and refreshing flavor in desserts and drinks.

Mint is easy to grow and suited to container gardens. In fact, growing it in a pot will help keep this vigorous herb contained. Or sink a container of mint in the garden or plant where surrounding walks and

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will keep it in check. Keepa watchful eye and remove any unwanted plants as **MYERS** they appear.

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Grow mint

in a full sun to partial shade location with moist, well-drained soil. Mulch the soil to conserve moisture. Though hardy in zones 3 to 11, you will need to provide a bit of winter protection when growing mint in containers in colder regions. Either sink the container in a vacant spot in the garden or move the planter into an unheated garage.

Water thoroughly whenever

the soil is thawed and dry.

Gardeners lacking outdoor growing space or in areas with cold winters can also grow this herb indoors. Grow mint in a quality well-drained potting mix. Place in a sunny window or under artificial lights and keep the soil evenly moist.

Harvest the mint as needed. leaves Cut leafy stems off

the plant just above a healthy leaf or bud so the wound closes faster and the remaining plant will look better. Rinse off the clippings and remove tough stems and bad leaves before adding mint to your favorite beverage or dish.

You'll enjoy the most intense flavor when harvesting mint just before the plants begin to flower. This is the best time to make larger harvests for drying and freezing. Fortunately, you can remove up to 75% of foliage from an established plant. Watch for fresh, new growth and continue to harvest as needed.

Store any extra mint beverages and desserts. cuttings in a vase of water, loosely cover with a plastic bag and place in the refrigerator.

Consider including mint in your patio, balcony or deck plantings. Keeping it close to the kitchen and outdoor living space will make it easy for you to harvest and use. Plus, your guests will enjoy plucking a few fresh mint leaves to add to their iced tea, mojito, other favorite summer beverage or



Fresh-from-the-garden mint is easy to grow and adds a cool, fresh flavor to meals,

Not only does this easy-togrow herb add flavor, but it also aids digestion. Add a garnish of mint to dress up the dessert plate and calm a queasy stomach. And use it to increase the manganese, vitamin C and vitamin A levels in your diet.

Make this the year you plant, harvest and enjoy some minty fresh flavor straight from the

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How Anything' GrowDVD series and the nationallv-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

* * Triday's Child



Age 14

Hi! My name is Jayven and I like to play board games and football!

Javyen is an inquisitive boy of African-American and Hispanic descent. He loves board games and is always happy to play one, either with his friends or with an adult. Jayven also likes to be outside, and his favorite outdoor activity is playing football, which he is currently doing with Pop Warner Football. Jayven likes playing football so much that when he grows up, he would like to play for the NFL. Just in case he isn't drafted, though, he is also considering careers as a detective or as a piano teacher. Jayven is currently doing well in school.

Legally freed for adoption, Jayven is looking for a loving and patient family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. Jayven is very close with his younger brother and has expressed a desire to be a role model for him. An ideal

Who Can Adopt?

family for Jayven will be open to helping him maintain this relationship.

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

Upton Historical Society to host Heritage Day Sept. 25

UPTON — Fall is almost upon us, and the Upton Historical Society is making plans to sponsor the annual Heritage Day celebration in Upton on Saturday, Sept.

Included in the day's events is a Vendor Fair on the Upton Common to benefit the Historical Society and their volunteer activities for the Upton Museum. Craft vendors are invited to purchase a space on the Upton Common, in the heart of the activities. Spaces are 10 by 10 feet for \$25 and \$30 for 12 by 12 feet. For more information about the vendor opportunity, contact Tom at 508-529-6600 or at uptonhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com.

Other activities scheduled at this time include the United Parish Town-wide Yard sale, Upton Library Book Sale, VFW Flea Market, Fire Station Open House and the Upton Grange Agricultural Fair. There will be food available at various locations along with music and a story hour for children being planned. Watch for details about other activities as they become available. You can follow the group on Facebook at 'Upton Historical Society - Upton, Massachusetts.'

If necessary to cancel the event a decision will be made by Sept. 21.

Danielle Rocheleau of Whitinsville graduates from University of Hartford

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO21P2482EA Estate of:

Maureen T. Fitzpatrick Date Of Death: MArch 01, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Paul Fitzpatrick of Troy ME a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Paul Fitzpatrick of Troy ME

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 13, 2021

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. WO19P2263EA Estate of: Joseph Michael Mikolajczak Also known as: Joseph M. Mikolajczak Date Of Death: 05/19/2019 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons A Petition has been filed by: **Joseph J.** Mikolajczak of Northborough MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that

Joseph J. Mikolajczak of Northborough MA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 08/31/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which vou 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal 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 recipients 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.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 28, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

August 13, 2021

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 Richard P. Lotfy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., dated May 12, 2006 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38967, Page 279 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Land Court Judgment dated June 26, 2018, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 59173, Page 102, which equitably assigns the mortgage to Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Successor Trustee to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for Bear Stearns ALT-A Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-4 of which mortgage Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Successor Trustee to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for Bear Stearns ALT-A Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-4

is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B. to IndyMac Bank, FSB as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Series BSALTA 2006-4 dated July 20, 2007 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 42172, Page 22, and Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for IndyMac Bank, FSB to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for Bear Stearns ALT-A Trust 2006-4 dated July 23, 2010 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 46416, Page 361, and Order of the Land Court Judgment dated June 26, 2018 recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 59173, Page 102 which equitably assigns the mortgage to Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Successor Trustee to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for Bear Stearns ALT-A Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-4, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 145 Hazel Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on September 3, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon, at 145 Hazel Street, Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, situated on the north side of Hazel Street containing one acre, more or less and described as follows: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the premises at land now or formerly on one Tommey; Thence N. 2 degrees 15' W., twenty (20) rods with the land of said Toomey to the northeast corner thereof; Thence S. 71 degrees E., Eight rods to stake and stones; Thence southerly with a line parallel with the first line, twenty (20) rods, more or less, to the northerly line of said street; Thence westerly with street, eight (8) rods, more or less, to the place of beginning. For title reference see Deed recorded herewith, Book 38967 Page 278.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38967, Page 278.

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: 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 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

Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Successor Trustee to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for Bear Stearns ALT-A Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-4 Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Lotfy, Richard P., 15-022588 August 13, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE

August 20, 2021

August 27, 2021

OF REAL ESTATE By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Francis J. O'Connor and Christine M. O'Connor to Fleet National Bank, dated April 19, 2004 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 33658, Page 112 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of and with respect to Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-E, Mortgage-Backed Securities, Series 2019-E is the present holder by Assignment from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to Fleet National Bank to U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee on behalf of and with respect to Ajax Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-E, Mortgage-Backed Securities, Series 2019-E dated January 7, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61758, Page 203, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 2 Carriage Path, Unit No. 2, of the Juniper Hill Condominium, Uxbridge, MA 01569 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on September 3, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

That certain piece of parcel of land,

and the buildings and improvements

thereon, in the town of Uxbridge,

County of Worcester and the state of Massachusetts and being more particularly described in a deed recorded in Book 32045, Page 69. mortgaged premises more fully described as follows: The Condominium Unit known as Condominium Unit Number 2 Carriage Path, hereinafter called the "Subject Unit", in the Condominium known as Juniper Hill, a Condominium, hereinafter called the "Condominium", established by Master Deed dated March 28, 2002 and recorded on March 28, 2002 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 26259 at Page 063; as amended by the First Amendment, recorded in said registry on June 21, 2002 in Book 26832 at Page 351; as amended by Second Amendment recorded with said Deeds in Book 27748, Page 050; as amended by Third Amendment dated November 5, 2002 and recorded with said Deeds on November 5, 22 in Book 27999, Page 202; as amended by Fourth Amendment dated January 22, 2003 and recorded with said Deeds on January 23, 2003 in Book 28802, Page 134; as amended by Fifth Amendment dated March 26, 2003, recorded with said Deeds in Book 29466, Page 226; as amended by Sixth Amendment dated May 28, 2003 and recorded with said Deeds on May 29, 2003 as Instrument No. 139286; as amended by Seventh Amendment dated June 27, 2003 and recorded with said Deeds on June 27, 2003 in Book 30599, Page 7; as amended by Eight Amendment dated July 21, 2003 and recorded with said Deeds on July 21, 2003 in Book 30859, Page 181; and as further amended by Ninth Amendment dated September 3, 2003 and recorded with said Deeds on September 4, 2003 in Book 31513, Page 394, hereinafter called the "Master Deed." The post office address of the Condominium is 2 Carriage Path, Uxbridge, Massachusetts 01569. The land is described in said Master Deed. This Deed, and the Subject Unit, and the Condominium, are subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A ("Condominiums"). The Subject Unit is shown on the Master Plan of the Condominium filed in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds, and on the Unit Plan of the Subject Unit, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, Section 3 and 9, is affixed to said Master Plans and Unit Plan. This Unit contains 2,417 +/- square feet, according to said Unit Plan. This unit is intended solely for those residential uses set forth in the Town of Uxbridge Zoning Bylaws and the Juniper Hill Condominium Rules and Regulations. Subject The Unit is hereconveyed together 1. An undivided 2.15% interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium described in the Master Deed appertaining to the Subject Unit, which percentage is subject to diminution as additional phases are added; 2. An easement as an appurtenance to the Subject Unit, for the exclusive use of Parking Space as shown on the Plan referred to in the Master Deed; and 3. An easement for the continuance of all encroachments by the Subject Unit on the adjoining units or on the common areas and facilities existing as a result of construction of the Building, or which may come into existence hereafter as a result of: settling of the Building, condemnation or emidomain proceedings, nent c. alteration or repair of the common areas and facilities or any part thereof done pursuant to the provisions of the Master Deed as the same may be from time to time amended, or the provisions of the Declaration of Trust of the Juniper Hill Condominium Trust as the same may be from time to time amended, or d. repair or restoration of the Building or any Unit therein after damage by fire or other casualty; and 4. An easement to use all pipes, wires, flues, ducts, conduits, plumbing lines and other portions of the common areas and facilities located in the other units and serving the Subject Unit. Unit The Subject hereis by conveyed subject 1. Easement in favor of the adjoin-

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facilities on the Subject Unit, existing as a result of construction of the Building; or which may come into existence hereafter as a result of: settling of the Building, or condemnation b. or eminent domain proceedings, or c. alteration or repair of the common areas and facilities or any part thereof done pursuant to the provisions of the Master Deed as the same may be from time to time amended, or the provisions of the Declaration of Trust of the Juniper Hill Condominium Trust as the same may be from time to time amended, or d. repair or restoration of the Building or any Unit therein after damage by fire or other casualty; and 2. An easement in favor of the Owners of other units to use all pipes, wires, flues, ducts, conduits, plumbing lines and other portions of the common areas and facilities located in the Subject Unit and serving the other units; and 3. The Town of Uxbridge Zoning Bylaws; the provisions of the Master Deed and Master Plans of the Condominium recorded simultaneously with and as part of the Master Deed; the provisions of the Declaration of Trust of the Juniper Hill Condominium Trust and the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations thereto (which Declaration of Trust of the Juniper Hill Condominium Trust, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations, dated March 28, 2002, are recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 26259, Page 080, as the same may be amended from time to time by instruments recorded with said Deeds; which provisions, together with any amendment thereto, shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall bind any person having at any time interest or estate in the Subject Unit, or parking space, his family, tenants, servants, visitors and occupants, as though such provisions were recited and stipulated at length herein; and

4. Easements, rights, obligations, provisions, agreements, restrictions, building line limitation, zoning regulations, public utility and telephone easements, easements in favor of the Declarant of the Master Deed, and other matters set forth or referred to in the Master Deed; and provisions of chusetts General Laws, Chap-183A ("Condominiums"); and ter 6. The terms and provisions of the Special Permit issued by the Uxbridge Zoning Board of Appeals dated February 22, 2001 and recorded with said Deeds as Instrument No. 60354. The Subject Unit shall not be used or maintained in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of the Town of Uxbridge Zoning Bylaws; the Master Deed, or of this Unit Deed, or the Juniper Hill Condominium Trust and the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations thereto, as the same may from time to time be amended. For title references, see the deed of Juniper Hill Development Corp. Dated November 14, 2001 and recorded with said Deeds in Book 25255, Page 393. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 32045, Page 69.

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.

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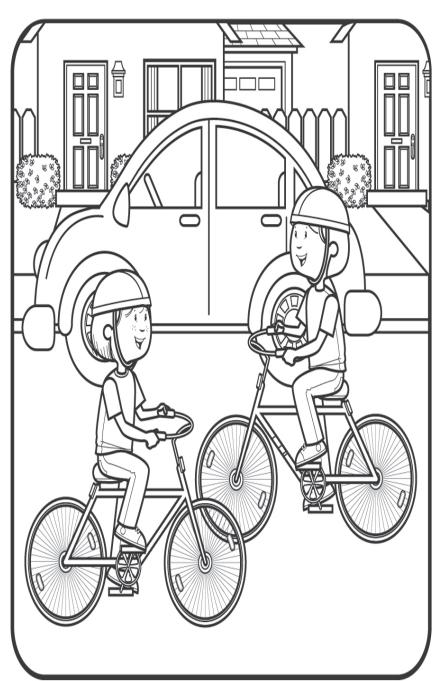


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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. W021P2492EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Elsie B Gucfa

Also known as: Elsie Blanche Gucfa Date of Death: 06/12/2021

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John F Gucfa of Pascoag KI and Edward J Gucfa of Wakefield RI

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

The Petitioner requests that John F Gucfa of Pascoag RI and Edward J Gucfa of Wakefield RI

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at

the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/24/2021.

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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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: July 29, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate August 13, 2021

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. WO21P2560EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Francis J Lavallee Date of Death: 06/07/2021 To all interested persons:

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

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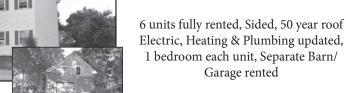
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Douglas Public Schools announces meal program requirements

DOUGLAS — Douglas Public Schools will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Douglas Primary School, Douglas Elementary School, Douglas Middle School, and Douglas High School will offer healthy meals every school day. Breakfast and lunch fees have been waived for this school year due to the pandemic. Families are encouraged to complete a Free/Reduced Application each year so that your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals. Families should still complete a Free/Reduced Application for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-K program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reducedprice meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2021-2022							
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly				
1	\$23,828	\$1,986	\$459				
2	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$620				
3	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$782				
4	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$943				
5	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$1,105				
6	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$1,266				
7	\$74,222	\$6,186	\$1,428				
8	\$82,621	\$6,886	\$1,589				
Each additional person:	+8,399	+700	+162				

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, house-holds can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are avail¬able in the Food Service Department, located at Douglas Middle School at 21 Davis Street, Douglas MA.

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the appli¬ca¬tion will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact the Food Service Director, Raquel Hammond, at any time to request an application at 508-476-3332 x2253 or my e-mail at rhammond@douglasps.net.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the Food Service Director will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Paul Vieira, Superintendent of Schools, located at Douglas Middle School at 21 Davis Street, Douglas MA.

When known, Douglas Public Schools households will be notified of their

children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

When known, Douglas Public Schools households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as:

- Foster
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- Migrant,
- Runaway,
- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or
- Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits.

For more information, you may call the Douglas Public Schools Food Service Department at 508-476-3332 x2253 or e-mail at rhammond@douglasps.net.

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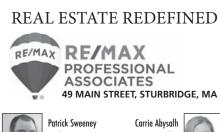


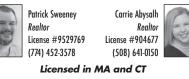


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The Adult Social Center reopened its doors at the end of June. Since then, Rousseau described the seniors as "rejuvenated."

"Every day, they are making strides through exercise and socialization. I can see a difference in their walking, their excitement of being back with people again, and the return of their spirits," Rousseau added.

The Adult Social Center will also have upcoming programs with the town's Fire Chief, firefighters, and the Police Chief and police officers.

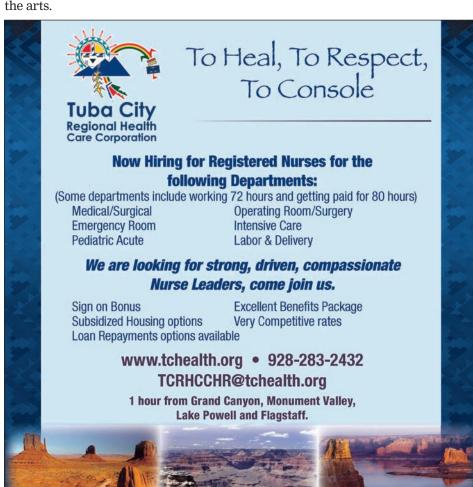
"All of these programs give the seniors a chance to interact with the state and local officials regarding all of their concerns in a non-formal setting. They love speaking with them and feeling like they are being heard one on one," Rousseau added.

The Adult Social Center (Senior Center) is "always looking for volunteers to assist" with its programs, according to a statement on the town's website. Interested residents may call to sign up; more information can be found online at douglas-ma.gov.

Area residents named to Dean's List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD, Maine — Julie Delphos of Douglas, Alexa Gresian of Douglas, Katherine Guerin of Uxbridge, and Anika Koopman of Uxbridge have been named to the Dean's List for the 2021 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

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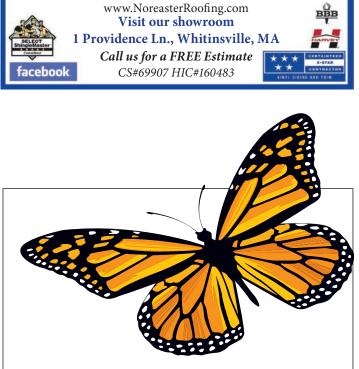
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