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## Jimmy Fund Walk raises donations, hope for cancer patients

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE In August of 2018, Northbridge resident Jennifer Spearin was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 44.

This was not Spearin's first encounter with the disease. In 2017, her father died of pancreatic cancer just two weeks after being diagnosed, she said. Ten years prior, in 2007, Spearin's sister was diagnosed with breast cancer, surviving after multiple surgeries and radiation. Her grandmother and aunt also had ries, but there's always breast cancer and survived.

Now, three years later and after surgery, chemo, radiation, tests, mammograms, and blood labs. Spearin is also a survivor and recently joined hundreds of other community members who participated in the region's Blackstone Valley Jimmy Fund Walk.

"I am blessed to be well and alive today," she said, adding that the walk was her way to give back. "Everybody is unique and different in their stosome kind of connection...you aren't alone."

The 2021Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk was held "Your Way" this year, the organization released, which saw participants walking in their own communities rather than on the Boston Marathon course. And each year, the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association has participated in a walk to raise donations for the Jimmy Fund. This year's walk could not take place

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Chief Robert Johnson Ret. Auburn, Jennifer Thompson Spearin, and Chief Timothy Ryan (Ret.), Millville.

## Uxbridge High School named Special Olympics 'Unified Champion School'

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDEN

UXBRIDGE Following a year during which Uxbridge High School demonstrated its commitment to meaningful inclusion

of Schools Dr. Patrick Dillon.

"Unified Champion Schools" build on the Special Olympics' values, principles, practices, experiences, and impacts to "shape a generation

create sports, classroom and school climates of acceptance," the Special Olympics shared. "These are school climates where students with disabilities feel welcome and are routinely included in, and feel a part of, all

## October marks Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Pink Patch Project according to the project.

**BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI** RIBUNE CORRESPONDEN

SUTTON — October is

Locally, the Sutton Police Department is

or difficulties in their own lives. I'm sharing my journey so some woman dealing with breast cancer right now doesn't feel so alone."

through unified sports, inclusive youth leadership, and whole school engagement, the school has recently been named a Special Olympics Massachusetts Unified Champion School for 2020-21.

"We are proud of the dedication and commitment of many staff members, students, and families to support and include many students, particularly given the challenges of the past year," said **Uxbridge Superintendent** 

that welcomes everyone," the organization released.

The program is aimed at promoting "social inclusion through intentionally planned and implemented activities affecting systems-wide change.

"With sports as the foundation, the three-component model offers a unique combination of effective activities that equip young people with tools and training to

Spartans shift momentum

activities, opportunities and functions."

Uxbridge High School was cited for its determination to social connectedness and the importance of including all students, as the school provided activities and opportunities for various populations of students in both in-person and virtual environments, as well as in combination between the two, school released. the

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and through the sale of collectible uniform patches, public safety agencies worldwide are helping to encourage public awareness about the importance of early detection and the on-going fight against the disease.

The project centers on "vibrant pink versions" of the public safety employee's uniform patch, which have been specially designed by each participating agency specifically for their Pink Patch Project participation. Public safety employees at each of the participating agencies wear their pink patches on their regular duty uniforms each year for the entire month of October,

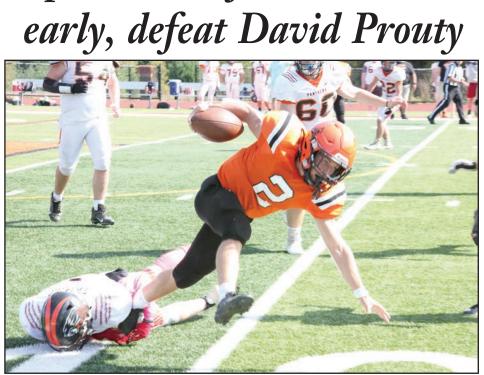
participating for the first time by wearing their new Pink Patches, along with hundreds of other departments across the country. And in 2019, when Sutton Lt. Lisa Sullivan began designing the department's Pink Patch, she had no idea how closely affected by breast cancer she would be, the department released.

"I'm sharing my journey with the hopes that we can normalize talking about breast cancer, or any cancer for that matter," Lt. Sullivan shared in a statement that appeared on the department's social media page. "I'm sharing my journey to show that police officers are human and not immune from problems

Sullivan wrote that she was diagnosed in February of 2020 with Stage 0, non-invasive breast cancer and, soon after, found herself "thrust into a medical world completely unknown" to her.

"I just went for my annual mammogram and calcifications were detected. I have no family history of breast cancer and I learned that I did not test positive for the BRCA gene," she shared. "I cannot even begin to describe the ups, downs and sheer terror that comes with a cancer diagnosis."

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Nick Ethier

Quarterback Kellen Lachapelle fights for extra yardage in Uxbridge's 42-6 victory against **David Prouty.** 

#### **BY NICK ETHIER** SPORTS EDITOR

UXBRIDGE — The David Prouty Regional varsity football team was set to kick off to Uxbridge High to open the game on Saturday, Oct. 2, but instead the Panthers successfully converted an onside kick, taking over possession. Their first play from scrimmage then went for a touchdown, but an offensive holding penalty negated the score.

Prouty still marched

the ball down the field, setting up a first-and-goal from the Spartans' 7-yard line.

So, with a start like that, how did Uxbridge ultimately prevail by

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MILLBURY — Greater Worcester Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the Mary B. Grogan Fund for Youth. Established in 2001, this fund honors Mary Grogan's legacy of leadership through the Worcester County 4-H Foundation by awarding small grants to support educational and recreational projects benefiting youth who live in Millbury.

Applicants with projects that focus on the environment, horticulture and animal life are especially encouraged to apply. Grants range from \$200 - \$1,000.

"Past grantees of the Mary B. Grogan Fund for Youth have enriched the lives of Millbury's young people through activities that build environmental stewardship and create opportunities to engage in experiences outside the classroom," said Sarah Shugrue, Senior Program Officer with the Greater Worcester Community Foundation. "As we all continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic, we



see more than ever the value in fostering these connec-

tions.' Applications to the Mary B. Grogan Fund for Youth are accepted online and due by Oct. 15. For more information, contact Sarah Shugrue, at sshugrue@greaterworcester.org or 508-755-0980.

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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## Are there different types of breast cancer?



Millions of women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year. According to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, more than 2.3 million women across the globe were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2020. The BCRF also

quently diagnosed cancer among women in 140 of 184 countries worldwide.

Breast cancer statistics can give the impression that each of the millions of women diagnosed with the disease is fighting the same battle, but breast can-

In fact, there are various types of breast cancer, including ductal carcinoma in situ, invasive ductal carcinoma, inflammatory breast cancer, and metastatic breast cancer. Learning about each type of breast cancer can help women and their families gain a greater understanding of this disease.

Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS)

DCIS is a non-invasive cancer that is diagnosed when abnormal cells have been found in the lining of the breast milk duct. The National Breast Cancer Foundation notes that DCIS is a highly treatable cancer. That's because it hasn't spread beyond the milk duct into any surrounding breast tissue. The American Cancer Society notes that roughly 20 percent of new breast cancer cases are instances of DCIS.

Invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC)

IDC is the most common type of breast cancer. The NBCF reports that between 70 and 80 percent of all breast

Breastcancer.org reports that IBC usually begins with reddening and swelling of the breast, and symptoms can worsen considerably within days or even hours. That underscores the importance of seeking prompt treatment should any symptoms present themselves.

Metastatic breast cancer

Metastatic breast cancer may be referred to as stage IV breast cancer. When a woman is diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer, that means the cancer has spread, or metastasized, into other parts of the body. The NBCF indicates that metastatic breast cancer usually spreads to the lungs, liver, bones, or brain. Symptoms of metastatic breast cancer vary depending on where the cancer has spread. For example, if the cancer has spread to the lungs, women may experience a chronic cough or be unable to get a full breath.

These are not the only types of breast cancer. A more extensive breakdown of

notes that breast cancer is the most fre- cer is something of an umbrella term.



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cancer diagnoses are instances of IDC. An IDC diagnosis means that cancer began growing in the milk ducts but has since spread into other parts of the breast tissue. This is why IDC is characterized as "invasive." Though IDC can affect people, including men, of any age, the ACS notes that the majority of IDC cases are in women age 55 and older.

Inflammatory breast cancer (IBC) The NBCF describes IBC as an "aggressive and fast growing breast cancer." Breastcancer.org notes that IBC is rare, as data from the ACS indicates that only about 1 percent of all breast cancers in the United States are inflammatory breast cancers. Many breast cancers begin with the formation of a lump, but

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the various types of breast cancer can be found at https://www.breastcancer. org/symptoms/types.







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## SERVPRO offers "Stay Healthy" tips for the approaching flu season

WHITINSVILLE — Flu season is upon us! According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), influenza activity often begins to increase in October, peaks between December and February, and can linger into May.1 At a time when COVID-19 is still the dominant infectious disease concern, cleaning and bioremediation specialist Don McKendall of SERVPRO® of Southern Worcester County reminds local residents that it is important this time of year to take steps to protect yourself and your family from influenza and other seasonal viral infections like Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), which can be especially serious for children and older adults.

Breathing in virus-laden droplets from an infected person's cough, sneeze, or speech from as far away as six feet is believed to be the prime means of virus transmission.2 Experts agree it is possible to become infected by touching a contaminated surface or object and then touching your mouth, nose, or even eyes. The good news, says McKendall, is that many viruses including the flu, COVID, and RSV viruses are easy to kill outside the body using soap and

warm water, commercial disinfectants, and hand sanitizers that contain alcohol. As a leading provider of disaster clean-up and remediation services, SERVPRO professionals specialize in this type of surface cleaning and disinfection.

"You can't do much to control the cleanliness of public places, but you can take steps to protect yourself from the consequences of any exposure," advises McKendall. "At home or in the office, remember to pay special attention to 'high touch' surfaces. Doorknobs, faucets, countertops, appliance handles and knobs, the steering wheel of your car, your phone these are examples of surfaces that you should get in the habit of wiping down at least daily with a disinfectant designed to kill viruses."

At the end of the day, says McKendall, personal accountability is the single, most important factor in controlling the spread of viral infections, including the seasonal flu. Stay home if you are sick and follow suggested guidelines. The CDC offers additional "stay healthy" tips here: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/ prevent/actions-prevent-flu.htm.

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## Uxbridge resident running Boston Marathon to support Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism

BOSTON -– Heather Lemire of Uxbridge will be running the 2021 Boston Marathon as a member of Dougie's Team supporting The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. Lemire will be raising money to help the Flutie Foundation continue to fund programs that help people and families affected by autism live life to the fullest.

of Autism as well as friends that are teachers for children with special needs. I love to be able to support them!" says Lemire.

For more information on how The Flutie Foundation provides to support Heather and Dougie's Team, visit: https://www.given gain.com/cc/flutie-foundation-2021-boston-marathon/



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Milford Regional Golf Classic raises more than \$190,000 to benefit Milford Regional Medical Center

MILFORD - The 32nd Annual Milford ident of Uxbridge. Lemire Regional Golf Classic raised more than has worked full time for \$190,000 to support Milford Regional Dell for the past 21 years, Medical Center.

The Golf Classic, held on Sept. 1 at the instructor. Franklin Country Club, is a significant fundraiser in support of critical hospi- active, I own a horse and tal services and the Medical Center's ride four or five times per mission to provide the highest quality of week, I love to run and care to the community with compassion, also teach spin and muscle dignity and respect. This year's event conditioning classes at two raised \$194,225 with 140 golfers participating.

The continued success of the Golf Lemire has run the Marine Classic is due to the overwhelming sup- Corps Marathon, Chicago port of the community, Golf Committee Maratho, NYC Marathon, members, Milford Regional's Healthcare and the 2020 Virtual Boston Foundation board and volunteers. Local Marathon for a variety of businesses also continue to demonstrate charitable organizations. their incredible support including:

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direct financial support to families to relieve the financial burden of caring for a loved one with autism, and collaborative grant making to autism-serving organizations. The Flutie Foundation works towards creating opportunities for people with autism to lead lives where they are included, respected and engaged in their communities.

Heather Lemire is a resand is also a group fitness

She says, "I am very gyms.

Over the last five years Lemire is also currently

"I am thrilled to help ness for Autism. I have

About the Flutie Foundation Former NFL Quarterback, Doug Flutie, and his wife Laurie started the Doug Flutie, Jr. Flutie Foundation for Autism in 1998 after their son, Dougie, was diagnosed with autism at the age of three. Their personal experience of raising a son on the autism spectrum inspired them to help others on an equally long and challenging journey. Over its 20-year history, the Flutie Foundation has distributed over \$15 million to schools and organizations who provide clinical therapies, respite services, recreational programs, social skills training, job supports and more for people affected by autism. The Flutie Foundation also provides education technology tools, adaptive camp scholarships, safety equipment, and

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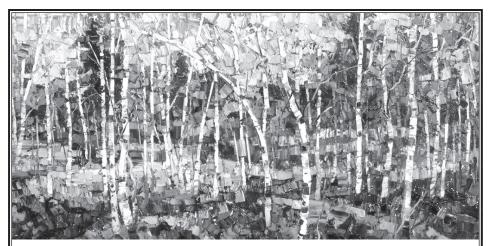
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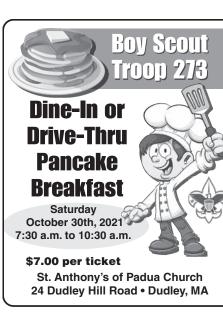
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## Boyce helps Ramps top Leicester, remain unbeaten



Northbridge quarterback Ryan Boyce launches a pass down toward the left sideline.

#### BY DEAN ST. LAURENT

NORTHBRIDGE — It was a beautiful afternoon at Lasell Field on Saturday, October 2. In front of a packed crowd on Homecoming Weekend, the Northbridge High varsity football team, led by 22 seniors, looked to stay undefeated as they hosted Leicester High.

One of those seniors, co-captain and quarterback Ryan Boyce, helped the Rams do just that. From the start, they fed off the energy from the crowd and led from start to finish, downing the Wolverines 27-14.

Northbridge improved to 4-0 and legendary head coach Ken LaChapelle got his 379th career win.

Boyce commented on how it feels to

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get off to such a hot start in 2021 and what is the recipe for his team's success

"It feels great with a short season last year we prepped well during the off-season and these seniors, a bunch of us have been together for a long time and it great to have a start like this," stated Boyce. "It is definitely our chemistry. We play as one, we play as a family and we know if one guy gets knocked down the other guy is going to have his back."

Early on it looked like it was going to be a defensive battle. Leicester received the opening kickoff and was forced to punt after gaining just two yards on three plays. Moments after stopping the Wolverines, the Northbridge offense trotted onto the field with all the

momentum, but in just one play later Leicester regained possession of the football.

Boyce, in what looked like early game nerves, rolled toward the visitor sideline and threw across his body and was picked off by Hunter Senior.

"First pass they did intercept it, but I trust my receivers and I trust my line so I know when stuff like that happens we have to bounce expressed "That is back," Boyce. what makes a good football team, you can't put your head down, you have to keep it up and get a win."

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Tim Visbeek of Northbridge makes a move to his left after catching a pass.

On third-and-9 from their 21-yard line, Northbridge was able to get on the board first. Boyce corralled the shotgun snap, dropped back and let a perfect throw fly over the middle of the field, connecting with fellow senior captain Tim Visbeek for a 79-yard strike. Northbridge led 6-0 early and never trailed.

The Rams were able to get into the end zone two more times before halftime and led 20-7 going into the locker room. Boyce was a part of all four of the team's touchdowns. He accounted for two of his three rushing touchdowns in the first half and had the deep touchdown to Visbeek early.

Although Northbridge led through-

out, Leicester had its chances. They were able to force two first-half turnovers and only let up one touchdown drive in the second half. They played what would be defined as a bend-but-don'tbreak defense. Northbridge received the second-half kickoff and quickly drove down the field, but Leicester was able to force a turnover on downs on their own 16- yard line.

The Wolverines were able to take and it kept us in this game. We needed to make plays offensively.

Griffiths explained why he went for it deep in their territory.

We needed a spark and we weren't going to win a defensive battle with these guys. It didn't kill us, but we have to take chances at this point. Desperate times call for desperate measures," he explained.

Leicester was able to put together a touchdown drive in each half, with both scores coming from one yard out. Senior quarterback Mike Mero scored in the second quarter and the other was by junior Griffin Metcalf early in the fourth.



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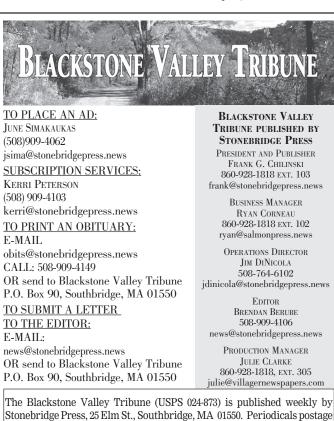
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happened. what The Rams' defense was able to bail offense the and Leicester able wasn't capitalize on the early Northbridge mistake. Wolverines forced to punt and pinned the Rams deep in their territory, but it didn't matter.

couldn't get anything going.

However, the offense put a lot of pressure on the defense after failing to convert on fourth down in their own red zone. The defense puffed their chest and despite the task of trying to stop Northbridge's offense twice in a row in the red zone they did it, giving the offense yet again another chance.

"Like the third quarter, we were inside our own twenty going for it so we put all the pressure on the defense," stated Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths. "Coach Berry who is the defensive coordinator did a nice job, with the defense



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## Scoring barrage helps Spartans upend improved Oxford



Uxbridge's Xavier Hicks watches after popping the ball up and over Oxford's Myles Craft.



Lex Lovell of Uxbridge reacts after leaping to get his head on the ball, moving it back toward the midfield.

#### BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS EDITOF

Nick Ethier

OXFORD — Admittedly, the Uxbridge High boys' varsity soccer team has had trouble scoring goals, especially in games that they don't win or tie. Before playing Oxford High on Wednesday, Sept. 29, the Spartans had been outscored 9-1 in their five losses. In their victory and two ties, they had outscored the opposition 12-6.

"I think we just struggled putting the ball in the net," Uxbridge head coach Bruce Chartier said of the eight games prior to the contest with the Pirates. 'We've been all around the net. We have had some games where we outshot our opponents and lost the game, and even outshooting them [by a two-to-one ratio] and losing or tying.'

The Spartans were able to score early and often versus Oxford, though, netting two goals in the first half and four more in the second to account for a 6-1 victory.

Now with a mark of 2-5-2 — but playing better than their record indicates Chartier is excited for the remainder

of the season.

"I am not concerned about any other team that we play this year," he said. We have competed against every team that we have played against"

Uxbridge has now actually outscored its opponents by a 19-16 clip, and many of the Spartans' goals against the Pirates were off free- and corner-kicks, of which they produced eight.

'We have had lots of corner kicks where we have had many scoring chances and not cashed in, so I'm very glad that today we were able to do that,' said Chartier. "The good teams are able to cash in on those opportunities, and I think we're starting to turn the corner."

Chartier likes how his team is composed of 11 equals out on the field.

"You might sometimes have one or two outstanding players, [but] we are a very balanced team. If we stick to working as a team, we are very good," he said.

The Spartans' balance showed versus Oxford, as seven players registered at least one point. Max Martone scored twice, both on 25-yard free kicks, while Lukas Ritacco, Lex Lovell, Sam Walton and Jason Fontes also lit the lamp. Lovell, Walton, Jude Goncalves and Xavier Hicks were credited with assists. And keeper Thatcher Kling finished with five saves.

Meanwhile, although the loss was a tough one for Oxford and head coach Paul Frykberg to swallow, all is not lost with the Pirates. They are still floating around the .500 mark at 3-3-2, the best they have played record-wise in quite some time.

"When you have a team of eighth and ninth graders for a couple of years, you've got to take your bumps. Eventually these guys grow up and play together and work together. It's really just growth as a unit and as a team," Frykberg said of the light at the end of the Pirates' tunnel.

Frykberg noted that Uxbridge's first goal, which came in the game's second minute, "was absolutely a lack of focus on our part."

But most of the Spartans' other goals were scored into the upper portion of the net against diminutive keeper Sam Paradise.

"His height works against him for sure, but he's definitely one of the most hard-working kids on the team," Frykberg said of Paradise, an eighth grader who finished with 12 saves many brilliant — including one on a penalty kick. "What really helps him is he understands angles so well. He's able to take away 70 percent of the net just by positioning.'

Paradise may tip the ruler at about 5-feet, but his brother Alex, a freshman, grew eight inches over the summer, according to Frykberg.

Oxford's score was technically an own-goal, as it last touched a Spartans' defender. But the Pirates' Myles Craft was credited with the score, as he made the play and "forced the goal," according to Frykberg.

That goal came early in the second half and made the score 2-1, but Uxbridge then found its newfound scoring touch to put the game out of reach.

### Thanksgiving project needs your help

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Senior Center is organizing our annual Thanksgiving lunch distribution to over 200 seniors and homebound. We are looking for assistance from volunteers to make this project a success. The amount of organization and preparation is surmountable, but with many hands, the work is attainable and rewarding.

This project will take place on Monday, November 22nd at the Uxbridge Senior Center located at 36 South Main St. Volunteers can help by donating small cans of cranberry sauce, gravy, or monetary donations to the senior center are welcome. Others may help by volunteering their time to help package or deliver the meals.

If you can help in anyway, please reach out to the Uxbridge Senior Center by Nov. 8, contact Lisa Bernard, Director, at 508-278-8622. Thank you for your consideration and support.





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a wide margin of 42-6? Head coach Matt Blood was able to explain the slow start and the team's answer.

"They came out with a little bit of a wrinkle, something that wasn't on film. It took us plays to adjust, but we're very proud of the way we adjusted and our kids showed fight to stay in the game at that point," he said. "It was huge to rebound the way we rebounded after the first series.'

David Prouty head coach Pat Rossi acknowledged postgame that his team did indeed go with a new offense.

"We came out with some unconventional offenses for us this week, and it caught them off guard," he explained. "We were banking on stealing a few series and taking the clock out of the game. We did, but we had four turnovers. We just didn't execute when we had our opportunities."

One of the Panthers' four turnovers came on that opening possession, when they were staring the end zone in the face. On a fourth-and-goal from the 17, Prouty attempted a trick play involving laterals and their second quarterback, Logan Josti, threw an interception to Zachary Oliveira.

Just two offensive plays later, Oliveira put Uxbridge ahead with a 69-yard touchdown run to the right side.

The score remained 7-0 deep into the second quarter, when the Spartans were able to extend the lead to 21-0 with a pair of late scores.

First, Oliveira intercepted Josti again. Then,

Uxbridge's Troy Spencer blocks a pass thrown down the field.

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Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Blackstone, Bellingham, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT 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.

Ryan Labonte (7 carries, 30 vards) capped a 10-play drive with a oneyard TD plunge. Next, following a Prouty punt, Uxbridge quarterback Kellen Lachapelle hit Aidan Blood in stride for an 11-yard scoring pass with 50 seconds remaining until halftime.

'Going into the half by three scores, I don't ever want to say we're comfortable, but it puts us in a good position to come out [of the halftime break] and play football," said Matt Blood.

Over on the other side, Rossi was hoping for a closer score at the break.

"We're down 7-0 with four minutes to go in the first half and just the wheels fell off a little bit,' he said. "It should have been 14-7 or something like that at halftime and it should have been a tight game coming out."

Instead, the Spartans added three more touchdowns to take a 42-0 lead. Lachapelle (4 for 6, 105 vards) threw his second touchdown pass, this time to Nathan Lauze from 45 yards out. Lauze (6 carries, 72 yards) then ran one in from 40 yards. Finally, Oliveira (12 carries, 155 yards) found pay dirt from 37 yards out.

As a team, the Spartans rushed for 282 yards. Defensively.

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"We're getting healthy. We're slowly but surely getting guys back and gaining confidence. Each time we can get someone new reps, it's a good thing for us," said Matt Blood, whose team improved to 2-2.

To round out the team effort, kicker Khalil Torku was 6 for 6 on extra points.

yards out.

"We'll get guys healthy soon and we'll right the ship. We'll be tough in our division. We've played only one team in Division 8 out of our four games. We're hoping to make a run for it and make the playoffs," Rossi said of expectations after dropping to 2-2 on the season.

## Sutton Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

SUTTON - Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs are due Oct. 15. Organizations, schools, and individuals may apply for local grants that support cultural activities such as community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs in the Town of Sutton. Proposals are due to the Sutton Cultural Council by Oct. 15.

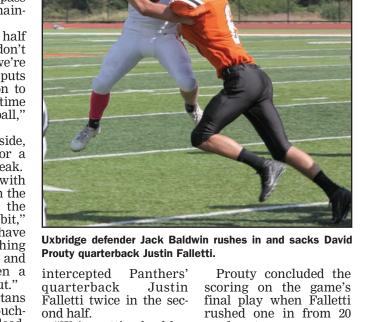
According to Council chairperson Pamela Nichols, the grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities in Sutton-- including exhibits, festivals, field trips, and performances in schools, workshops and concerts.

The Sutton Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community.

There is a new online process. Applications must be submitted online through the Massachusetts Cultural Council https://massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com/s\_Login.jsp

This year the Sutton Cultural Council will distribute approximately \$6,600 in grants. Previously funded projects have included Concerts on the Common, support of Sutton Public Library programs, Sutton Historical Society rack cards and QR code support and a petting zoo project for the Sutton Preservationist 4-H Club.

For local guidelines and complete information on the Sutton Cultural Council, contact Pamela Nichols at 508-579-1609.















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### Editorial

## Our love/hate relationship with leaf peepers

Fall is the second busiest tourist season in New England, after winter. Our region, as we all know, tends to see an influx of visitors from both in and out of state this time of year on their way to the Berkshires to engage in the autumnal ritual known as leaf peeping.

Most residents welcome these tourists graciously; however, when fall foliage hits, our true feelings emerge. There is a love/hate relationship with leaf peepers. We love them because they boost our economy, yet a part of us dislikes the disruption they bring with them, however minor it may be.

We prefer to have the city life far away from us; leaf peepers tend to bring that flare when they arrive. Some locals despise it; others are unphased. We appreciate that tourists appreciate where we live, however, we'll say it again — our true feelings show themselves right at the peak of foliage. After a brief break between October and November, before the snow falls, we all seem to be welcoming once more.

Fall has a certain feeling to it. The cool, crisp, dry air complete with the smell of apple crisp, leaves, wood fire, pumpkin spice and the sound of dry leaves racing along the sidewalks, make this the coziest season of them all. We pull on our sweaters and grab old books we haven't had a chance to finish yet and relish in the comforts of it all.

It is still warm enough to take long walks outside without getting too cold. There is nothing better than kicking the leaves on a wooded trail with a hot mug of Earl Grey tea in your hand. Fall evenings are even better. After a hard day at work, there is nothing more satisfying than cooking a nice fall meal, perhaps pumpkin squash ravioli or a nice roast vegetable soup. On occasion we like to replace the evening news with the sounds of vinyl, preferably, Cat Stevens, Paul Simon, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash and Frank Sinatra.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Biden is destroying our southern border

#### To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. At the U.S. border somewhere in Texas, Biden stopped building the wall started by President Trump. Illegal immigrants (yes, it is against U.S. law to illegally cross the border) and drugs are pouring in, day after day. The criminal cartels get richer and richer. That's what Biden and his Wokes are doing.

There is no border because the socialist Democrats in the White House want to destroy the U.S., flood us with people who have no passports, no work skills, no vaccinations, who cannot work legally under U.S. law and who do not respect our laws. But they do have Covid! Forty to 60 percent test positive for Covid. Curiously, the Woke White House does not require them to be vaccinated before entering.

If you do not find this alarming, you are not paying attention, or you hate your own nation.

Meanwhile, the thousands of skilled and respectful people around the world who have petitioned to emigrate here, legally, wait and wait. Illegal immigrants cut the line. But we in the U.S. do not like line-cutters, do we? If someone cuts the line at check out, or at a concert, or in traffic, does it make you happy? You know the answer. It's not nice, and in the case of illegal immigrants, it's also illegal.

No one can legally hire them because it is against the law for any employer to hire illegal immigrants who have no work permit, no green card, no temporary work visa or no legal document allowing them to work legally in the country. So what are they going to do for work? Housing? Healthcare? Food?

Nearly 1.5 million people by last count (not counting the ones that were not detained by the over-worked, nearly destroyed border patrol agents) have entered the country since Jan. 20! In case you forgot, that was the dismal day that Biden the Incompetent was sworn in as Chief Mistake Maker. He has made more mistakes in 8 months than he made in his 50 years in Washington.

Meanwhile, above the southern border, there is a housing crisis in the U.S. There is not enough housing to around now for the existing people in this country. It's okay with the Woke Mob for these new folks to live in tents. I just wish they would set up these tents and use the

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streets as latrines in Washington, D.C. This catastrophe needs to be brought home to the people who created it. Have you noticed the Feds never send illegals to Washington, D.C.? Only to Worcester or Lewiston.

So who is going to pay for these folks who cannot work?

My suggestion is that the 74 million Americans who voted for President Trump be exempted from such a tax or from footing such a bill. On the other hand, the 74.1 million who voted for this Marxist regime need to step up and offer to pay extra on their taxes. Just check that little box on your tax return that says "extra."

Rent, food, health care, education, a car, a cellphone. These things cost real money, and I am not talking about the Venezuelan Bolivar either. The Venezuelan Bolivar is the weakest circulating currency, with 4 million Bolivars equaling just One U.S. dollar. And these are the folks who are running their own country so well that we need to import them here so that soon it will cost \$4 million U.S. to buy a Coke?

Sadly, the ten million job vacancies in the U.S. cannot be filled by the illegal, unskilled immigrants. Ph.D's and software engineers do not walk the desert, pay a criminal gang member \$15,000 to guide them, and wade across the Rio Grande. These are not nurses crossing illegally to help with our nursing crisis. These folks are inflating our Covid crisis. Ask the Woke Mob in the White House 'why?'

Is this what you voted for? So the Democrats can get more votes? Because that's what it's all about. Destroy and punish Texas because Texas [correctly] voted for President Trump. Number two, flood the country with grateful illegal immigrants so that they will vote (illegally) for Socialist Democrats. That's it. Each person entering illegally is simply a vote.

I pray what Joseph said to his brothers is also true here: "You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." Genesis 50:20. There is much wisdom in the Bible, in case you have not read it lately. What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted. BEV GUDANOWSKI UXBRIDGE

# More bot selling antiques

For today's column, I'll be discussing two types of antiques and collectibles that have been selling well recently.

I discussed celluloid plastic in a previous column, and today I'll focus on Bakelite plastic. Bakelite is harder and typically more colorful than celluloid. Bakelite was the first natural resin and was invented



by Leo Hendrik Baekeland. According to Britannica, Bakelite is "a hard, infusible and chemically resistant plastic." Bright, colorful jewelry in various shapes were produced using Bakelite. Pins and bracelets are just two examples. on kitchen serving pieces and

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teapots, coffee pots and cocktail shakers brightened up these metal objects. Other items made from Bakelite include game pieces, buttons, billiard balls, pencil sharpeners and even radios and telephones. You can often find Bakelite pins for under \$25, but some pins and other pieces of jewelry can be quite valuable. A Bakelite cream, red and blue bracelet fetched \$3,000 in 2009. An authentic opal and diamond Bakelite ring went for \$3,050 earlier this year. Isamu Noguchi was even commissioned to create a Bakelite baby monitor in 1937. A Bakelite 'Radio Nurse" sold at auction for \$5,000 in 2013. A rare Fada Blue Bullet Bakelite Radio Model 1000 brought \$9,000 in 2014. A "Drink Coca Cola" Bakelite counter-top display dispensed "free matches" and had a striker so that smokers could light their cigarettes. It sold for \$20,250 last month.

Valuable items manufactured by a Worcester company called O.C. White are very collectible and often overlooked. Industrial lighting has become very popular with decorators and those looking to give their homes a retro look. Vintage metal gooseneck desk lamps, swing arms or knuckle joints can be worth hundreds to collectors. Some of the most desirable industrial lights were made by O.C. White of Worcester, MA. O.C. White produced dental chairs, a universally adjustable tool for lathes and a posing chair for photos before patenting a "support for electric lamps." O.C. White wall lamps with swing arms and green shades have recently sold in the \$200 range at auction. A dual lamp unit sold for \$850 and an O.C. White Industrial Long Arm Ceiling Light Fixture brought \$1,000. O.C. White is still in business in Thorndike, Mass. Their website says they are considering recreating some of their industrial lights from over 100 years ago and are looking for distributors. I hope this article helps to shed some light on these trending lamps. Our online estate auction with 1950s and 1960s Corvettes, boat motors, tools and other estate items is underway. Bidding ends on Oct. 20. Our next multi-estate online auction will begin next month and end on Nov. 9. We will be offering Rolex watches, gold jewelry, sterling silver, paintings, vintage comic books, sports cards and a wide range of objects from multiple estates. I'll be discussing antiques and collectibles at FinnFunn Weekend in Troy, New Hampshire on Saturday, Oct. 30. My "Evaluating your antiques" class will take place on Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton, Mass. On Saturday, Nov. 13, I'll be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, Mass. Historical Society. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: https://centralmassauctions.com 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.

It is no wonder our corner of New England is a fall destination for many seeking to experience all that the season offers that feeds the soul. The highlight of course is the way the forest sets itself on fire with bright yellow, orange and red leaves.

Interesting to note: the term 'leaf-peeker' was first used last century before it was changed to 'leaf-peeper.' The term was spotted in Vermont newspapers as far back as the 1960's. 'Leaf-Peeker' was used during foliage time, in many headlines. Articles in the mid to late 1960's discussed alternate highway routes to make the trek north easier for tourists and would help to avoid traffic jams.

At first, the term 'leaf-peeker' or' 'peeper' was used in a derogatory way, however now it is used to lure tourists who want to partake in leaf-peeper tours, or receive a leaf-peeper discount.

In New Hampshire, more than ten million visitors will enter the state during foliage season and will spend approximately \$1.5 billion.

We hope that you all take the time to slow down and enjoy Autumn before talk of Jack Frost nipping at your nose surfaces.

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## Greater than your circumstances

The author and neuroscientist Joe POSITIVELY Dispenza has had a massive influence on my life. In his books, he writes about becoming greater than your circumstances. His work has

had a profound impact on my thought processes and how I live my life.

It's easy to look at your current situation, compare it to where you'd like to be, recognize that it's very far from your dreams, and then logically conclude that your dreams will never happen. When these thoughts occur, you've decided to believe your circumstances are too powerful to overcome.

If your dream is to start a business, write a book, become an actor, professional athlete, go to college, or even make right an injustice in the world. Still, you're stuck working a 9-5, can barely pay your bills, and surrounded by negativity, it's logical to assume that your dream is impossible.

You may not have the financing, the time, the energy, the support, the education, or the connections. You might have children, parents, and friends that need your help; you may have very little time for yourself.

Even so, human beings can overcome their circumstances. We've seen this time and time again from people who maintain a clear vision of a future life they'd like to have and resolutely move towards that vision.

If you can see a vision of the future that you'd like to experience and move towards that vision with unwavering faith; You can make it so.

Even when your circumstances are overwhelming, even SPEAKING when the government is unjust and oppressive, you are MOORE able to rise above your circumstances and accomplish the impossible.

> Martin Luther Dr. King is one man who saw a vision of the future so clearly and believed in that vision long enough that he was able to make possible what seemed impossible.

> Dr. King's external reality was that he grew up when blacks were openly considered inferior by the local, state, and federal governments. His internal reality, his vision for the future, was quite the opposite.

> He grew up in the Jim Crow era. When government laws, mainly in the south, openly mandated tyranny and hatred against black people.

Dr. King once said, 'Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal."

Segregation, lynchings, church burnings, police brutality, attack dogs, powerful fire hoses spraying protesters to the ground, and citizens attending protests, holding signs that read, "we don't want negroes in our schools!" were the circumstances Dr. King was expected to rise above if he was to accomplish his dream.

Dr. King came into the public eye when Rosa Parks famously refused to sit at the back of the bus. He came to her aid and helped organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which last-

ed 385 days. During the boycott, Dr. King's house was firebombed! This only served to strengthen his resolve.

King said, "It all boils down to the fact that we must never allow ourselves to become satisfied with unattained goals."

Despite constant threats against his life, and many telling him his dream was impossible, he knew and acted otherwise. The power of his vision eventually convinced millions to join him in the Civil Rights Movement.

He went on to win a Nobel Peace Prize, help to end the era of Jim Crow and see the beginning of desegregation. Tragically, he was assassinated in 1968 at the young age of 39.

Becoming greater than your circumstances will always come with opposition, obstacles, much hard work, and in some cases, death.

He once said, "Courage is an inner resolution to go forward despite obstacles; Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances."

Dr. King's life is a testament that we can rise above our present circumstances and achieve the impossible.

If Dr. Martin Luther King was able to rise above ignorant beliefs about skin color, tyrannical government laws, endure the constant threat of death, and still accomplish his dream, what excuse do we have not to accomplish ours?



## Fall is here, and it feels great

Fall is here, and it feels great. This past weekend, the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club held their first pheasant hunt for members. The foliage was a bit hard to shoot through, but some members did manage to harvest a couple of birds although many did not. A fairly good turnout of bird

hunters enjoyed a home cooked breakfast at the club, prior to heading out to do some bird hunting. The dogs also had a great time! After a couple of weeks. the foliage should be absent from the trees, making it easier to harvest a bird.

Pheasant season opens next week, Oct. 16, state wide. No word was available on the state's changes regarding the season limit on pheasant. More than likely, it will stay the same as last year even if the changes were made, changing the regulations for 2022.

Waterfowl season in the Central District will open on Oct. 11, next Monday, at one half hour before sunrise. Hunters are reminded that only steel shot can be used for waterfowl in Massachusetts! With many corn fields

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now cut, geese should provide some great shooting. Be sure to ask for permission prior to hunting private property.

At the time of this writing, there were no stocking of trout in the Central District. but that should change

this week. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club also held off stocking trout at the club pond until this week, because of warm water conditions.

Saltwater fishing for this writer and my fishing partner, Matt Fontaine, got blown off the ocean last Saturday, but not before we caught our limit of Tautog. We were headed out to deeper water in search of some seabass when the tide changed, and the seas became too rough to continue fishing. Within minutes, small craft warnings were posted and we headed inside the East Wall. We decided to do a bit of fishing inside the safety of the wall. I was lowering my bait to the bottom when this writer felt a small tug on my line. After reeling it in, I realized I had caught a puffer fish. As I observed the fish hanging from my line, it started to grow to the size that is shown in this week's picture. Pretty darn neat! It was quickly released.

Dropping back down to the bottom I soon realized another small bite. After reeling it in, I did not know what the darn fish was. After Matt and I studied the fish. I took a few pictures and released it. Checking out the fish on my computer, I came to the conclusion that it was a ballyhoo, which is a baitfish found in the warm waters off of the Florida coast? I could be wrong, but with the warming of the ocean due to climate change, it could be?

This past week, Jerry Gareri and his son John went on a moose hunt in the Maine woods and harvested a huge bull moose weighing in at close to 900 pounds, sporting a huge rack. No shortage of meat this winter for the family. Hunting with his son John made the hunt even sweeter.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them **Rods Bending!** 

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This week's picture shows a puffer fish, this writer caught last week in Rhode Island.

## Fall Lawn and Garden Chores

As the harvest season wanes and the leaves begin to fall, it becomes apparent the backyard garden, so alive and abundant in recent weeks, is soon to retire for a long winter's nap. While bountiful garden rewards may be behind us, garden chores are not. There is still much to keep a New England gardener busy during the autumn season. From planting to pruning, efforts now will be celebrated next year. It is the anticipation of these future crops that sustains weary gardeners through the roster of fall chores.

Fall Garden Chore Roster OCTOBER: October Stats: Average temperature (Worcester, MA): 50.3; Possibility of Sunshine: 58%; Precipitation: 4.2".

#### October is the month to:

• Plant spring flowering bulbs such as tulips, crocuses and daffodils. • Prune roses to prepare for winter. non-blooming Cut roses back half way. • Rake leaves from lawn; es. They should receive at least an inch of water a week, preferably more. • If you test your soil and add any needed amendments now, the soil will be ready for planting in spring. • Cut back and mulch fall chrysanthemums after blooming.

• Christmas cactus should rest in a cool, dim room with little water. Bring it back out November 15 for holiday bloom. Protect • pumpkins from frost • As leaves begin to fall, remove them long before snow arrives. They not only shade the grass during late fall, but become wet and mat down to smother the grass over winter. • Raked leaves make an excellent mulch on

the bare, winter garden They can prevent weeds next year, and as they decompose add organic matter to the soil. • Continue to mow your lawn until growth ceases. Make the last mowing a notch or two lower, in order to remove much top growth. This will avoid the need to rake



#### Other Fall Garden Chores

Stowing the Stash: Proper storage of your bountiful harvest will famiensure your ly the fruits of your labor throughout the New England winter. Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement staple. Today, the temperature can be achieved via a little creativity. Whether you are growing your own root vegetables or are buying in bulk from a local farm or farmers market, proper storage is imperative to its flavor and quality.

Here's the rundown on proper temps to keep your harvest safe and flavorful: Potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, turnips, cabbage and celery should be kept in a humid atmosphere at about 35-40 degrees. Squash and pumpkins should be stored in a dry area at 40-60 degrees. Onions and

dry beans should be kept at 33 degrees in a dry area.

Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement staple; today some improvising is in order: Those with unheated basements report success creating a substitute root cellar by partitioning off one corner, installing insulation and a heavy, solid door. Keep in mind the temperature inside the root cellar will be coolest near the floor, so place roots there atop an old door or boards.

Or create a root box by filling a large, sturdy cardboard box with a few inches of sawdust or sand. Place a layer of roots such as carrots, leaving two inches along the sides. Cover lightly with sawdust and alternate layers, adding a final three inches of sawdust on top. Store in a cool basement or in the cellar bulkhead area. Roots can touch each other in storage, just don't pack them in tightly, as some moist air must be able to circulate.

shortcuts to do now to help ensure a lush lawn come spring. As leaves begin to fall, remove them long before snow arrives. They not only shade the grass during late fall, but become wet and mat down to smother the grass over winter. Raked leaves make an excellent mulch on the bare, winter garden They can prevent weeds next year, and as they decompose add organic matter to the soil.

Or add them to the compost pile. Some run over the leaves with a rotary mower, shredding them into fine paces Unless too thick, or adding to an existing thatch problem, this may work for your lawn.

Continue to mow your lawn until growth ceases, often sometime in October. Make the last mowing a notch or two lower, in order to remove much top growth. This will avoid the need to rake off dead growth in the spring, and will help prevent snowmold disease.

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

add to compost pile. • Make sure evergreens have a good deep watering before the ground freezoff dead growth in the spring, and will help prevent snowmold disease.

Lawn Care: England lawns can be a chal- at the Publick House lenge this time of year, but there are some

Win Dinner for Two - Contest has resumed! Your tips can win you

## 10 high impact tulips to delight your neighbors

Big, bold and beautiful, these dazzling tulips are sure to brighten your gardens and neighborhood. Include a few or all ten to create a colorful display throughout the spring that is sure to delight you and everyone who passes by.

Welcome spring with

Red Emperor, one of the earliest tulips to bloom. It's not surprising it has remained popular for more than 80 years. Also known as Madame Lefeber, this heirloom tulip features extra-large, bright red blooms with a golden yellow base.



As the flowers mature, they can be up to seven inches across.

From heirloom to flashy, it is easy to see why Monsella is one of the most popular tulips. The early blooming double flowers have fragrant layers of canary yellow petals with bold red stripes. A great

choice for containers.

As early spring tulips begin to fade, the mid-spring varieties take center stage. To help plan for continuous color throughout the spring, consult Longfield Gardens' Planning Guide for Tulips.

#### Stella Noecker of Douglas named to Assumption Women's Cross Country team

WORCESTER — The Assumption University Department of Athletics has announced that Stella Noecker, of Douglas, has earned a spot on the 2021 Greyhounds Women's Cross Country team. Noecker, Class of 2022, is competing during the fall season.

In 2019, the Women's Cross Country team placed fifth in the Northeast-10 Conference Championships. The team faces formidable competition this season with a number of races, including competition with a number of Division I teams at the Bryant Invitational.

"Assumption's Cross Country team is prepared for another successful season and looking forward to competing through the Northeast-10 Conference," said first-year head coach Peter Early, who was hired as head coach of the cross country and track and field teams last April. "Our group of strong, dedicated stu-

dent-athletes have proven themselves as leaders both on the course and in the classroom, and we look forward to competing where we left off in 2019 and pursuing the Northeast-10 Championship."

For more information on Assumption sports, visit www. assumptiongreyhounds.com.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England's premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, Massachusetts, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit www.assumption.edu.

Tulip Ad Rem has scarlet red petals edged in golden yellow. As with other Darwin Hybrids, the flowers are enormous and this one also has a nice fragrance.

Blushing Apeldoorn is another mid spring bloomer with extra-large flowers. The blend of yellow, gold, orange and red on each flower make it a standout in any landscape. Plant the bulbs en masse to create a stunning display or pair them with daffodils to extend the show.

Change things up in mid to late spring with the hot pink flowers of Cosmopolitan. The goblet shaped fuchsia flowers are held high on 18-to-20-inch stems. Be sure to plant extras for spring flower arrangements.

Team up Cosmopolitan with the violet-blue flowers of Purple Flag. Or shake things up by pairing this lovely purple tulip with flowers that bloom in its complementary colors yellow and orange.

As temperatures climb, the late blooming tulip Sky High Scarlet really shines. Its huge tomato red blossoms hold up well despite the heat that often shortens late spring tulip displays.

You and your neighbors will enjoy watching the transformation of World Expression tulips. The flowers start out soft primrose yellow with scarlet red flames. As the blossoms mature, the petals whiten, and the flames deepen to a cardinal red.

Add a little Midnight Magic to your late spring garden. This double late tulip has multiple layers of petals in a blend of burgundy and garnet. Pair it with white for a formal look or energize the display by combining it with orange and yellow blooms. Be sure to cut a few of these large, rose-like flowers and enjoy their fragrance.

End the tulip season with a blaze of color. Sun Lover features vibrant orange petals with stripes of deep orange and red. The flowers open wider and wider each day and are a dramatic addition to any bouquet.

Order tulip bulbs in late summer for the best selection. Shipping starts in early fall and once the bulbs arrive, they should be stored in a cool, dark place until vou plant.



Courtesy

World Expression tulip's flowers transform from a soft primrose vellow with scarlet red flames to a whiter version of the blossom with flames of cardinal red.

Tulips grow best when the bulbs are planted in late fall, after the first hard frost and before the ground freezes. Those in mild climates (zones 8-10) will need to pre-chill their tulip bulbs in the refrigerator for 10 to 14 weeks before planting in the garden.

Once your tulip bulbs are in the ground, you can relax and wait for the beautiful spring tulip display. Your neighbors are sure to thank you for this colorful addition to the block.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

## 🛉 🛉 Friday's Child



Yomiah Age 11

#### Hi! My name is Yomiah and I love to jump on the trampoline!

Yomiah is an active and energetic child who demonstrates strong intuition when interacting with others. Yomiah generally appears happy and loves spending time outside on the swings, going for walks, and bouncing on his trampoline. Yomiah likes to explore his surroundings. He loves sensorv items and responds well to the caregivers he has involved in his life. One of Yomiah's favorite foods to eat is bananas. He loves to listen to Christmas music, country music, and songs by Mariah Carey and Taylor Swift! He is currently learning American Sign Language in school and is learning to read Braille.

Legally freed for adoption, Yomiah could be placed in a two-par-

ent family of any constellation that could meet his needs. Caregivers who are patient, nurturing, affectionate, and strong advocates would be the best match for him.

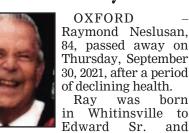
#### Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

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84, passed away on Thursday, September 30, 2021, after a period of declining health. born was in Whitinsville to

Sr. and Anna (Mikolajczyk) Neslusan, and was raised in East Douglas. He called Oxford his home for the past 44 years.

Ray graduated from Douglas High School in 1955 and spent over 40 years working as a computer programmer. Later he worked in the electrical department at Home Depot in Oxford before retirement.

Ray had many hobbies, but he most enjoyed gardening and watching the Red Sox and Patriots. He delighted in planning holiday get-togethers for his family, always being sure to carry on the tradition of baking his mother's nut bread and potato bread recipes for the event. He was a past Scoutmaster and Committee Chair of Boy Scout Troop 273 in Dudley and coached his son's Little League teams. Ray found peace



### Raymond Neslusan, 84

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and comfort in the Catholic Church and regularly attended Mass until his declining health prevented him from doing so.

Ray's greatest joy in life came from his family. He cherished time spent with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His unconditional love and support will stay with them always.

Ray leaves behind three children, Linda Charlton and her husband Edward of Thompson, CT, Paul Neslusan of Oxford with whom he lived, and Peter Neslusan and his wife Serena of Oxford; his grandchildren, Amy Charlton, Sheryl Horniak, Edward Charlton, Matthew Charlton, and Christian Collette; seven great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Janet Ouillette of Douglas; and several beloved nieces and nephews. Ray was predeceased by three brothers, Edward Jr., Francis, and John; and his sister, Kathleen Burroughs.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. Burial will follow at North Cemetery in Oxford. Calling hours are Saturday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford, prior to the Mass. Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scout Troop 273, c/o Scoutmaster Diane Anderson, 14 Raymond St., Dudley, MA 01571.

Send all obituary notices to Stonebridge Press, PO Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550, or by e-mail to obits@stonebridgepress.news. Deadline: Monday noon for Friday publication.

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

32-34 Fowler Road. Premises: Northbridge, Massachusetts В V virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Dyanna L. Rondeau to Sovereign Bank, said mortgage dated October 12, 2004, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 35011 at Page 38 and now held by Santander Bank, N.A., fka Sovereign Bank, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on October 18, 2021 at 1:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

That certain piece or parcel of land, and the buildings and improvements thereon:

and more particularly described in deed recorded in Book 18497, Page 270 of the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

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For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated April 30, 1994, and recorded in Book 18497 at Page 270 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in Bourgue dated November 1, 2006 and recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 40094, Page 180 ("Mortgage"), as assigned to Commonwealth National Bank by assignment dated June 11, 2008 and recorded with said registry in Book 42996, Page 208, as further affected by a certain First Amendment to Mortgage Deed dated October 28, 2011 and recorded with said registry in Book 48057, Page 184, and further affected by an Assignment of Mortgage to Fairway Financial Realty, LLC dated September 26, 2017 and recorded with said registry in Book 57868, Page 43, of which the undersigned is the present holder ("Mortgagee"), for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 on the premises at 12 Beane's Lane, North-

conditions and existing encumbrances of record created prior to said Mortgage, if there be any. Said premises are to be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified cashiers or bank check will be required to be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder, the high bidder shall endorse said check payable to Fletcher Tilton, PC, attorneys for the Mortgagee, and tender said check to Mortgagee with the execution of the memorandum of sale.

The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of sale by certified or bank check. The successful bidder shall be required to sign at the time and place of the sale a Memorandum of Sale in

In the Town of: Northbridge County of: Worcester

And State of Massachusetts

And being more particularly described in a deed recorded in Book 18497, Page 270 of the Worcester County, City of Northbridge which property is more commonly known as 32 34 Fowler Rd, Northbridge, MA 01534.

More particularly described in said deed as:

The land and buildings situated on the westerly side of Fowler Road, the road leading from the Village of Rockdale, so-called, to Northbridge Center, in the Town of Northbridge, in Worcester County, bounded and described as follows:

#### Parcel 1

BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner of the premises, it being the southeast corner of Lot #1 as shown and designated on a plan of land entitled, "Plan of Building Lots for Samuel Fowler, Rockdale, Northbridge, Mass., 1899" by H.H. Browning, Civil Engineer, Worcester, Mass., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 1599, Page 655;

THENCE westerly by Lot #1 to southeast corner of Lot #12 on said plan;

THENCE southerly by Lots #11 and #10, 75 feet to a point;

THENCE easterly 159.1 feet to a point on said road which point is 75 feet southerly measured on west line of said road, from the point of beginning;

THENCE northerly by said road to the point of beginning.

Said Tract being Lot #2 and north half of lot #3 on said plan.

Parcel 2

Beginning at a drillhole in a stone bound at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of one Brown;

THENCE westerly by land of said Brown 173 feet to a stone bound, it being the northeasterly corner of Lot #12 on the plan of land referred to in parcel 1 above; THENCE southerly by Lot #12 on said plan 46 feet to Lot #2 on said plan;

THENCE easterly by said lot #2 163 feet to said road to Northbridge Center;

THENCE northerly by said road 80 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 2 containing 10,332 square feet more or less.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

**BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC** 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032

Attorney for Santander Bank, N.A. fka Sovereign Bank, FSB Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868

September 24, 2021 October 1, 2021 October 8, 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. WO21C0423CA **CITATION ON PETITION TO** CHANGE NAME In the matter of: **Caroline Therese Moniz** 

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Caroline Therese Moniz of Uxbridge MA

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

**Caroline Therese McDonagh-Moniz 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 10/12/2021. 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: September 08, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate

October 8, 2021

#### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

#### (12 Beane's Lane, Northbridge)

By virtue and execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by T & V Realty, LLC to John bridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts together with the buildings thereon, located on the southerly side of Beane's Lane and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the ground on the southerly line of said Beane's Lane, said point beginning being the northwesterly corner of the premises herein described:

THENCE N. 72° 50' E., by the southerly line of said Beane's Lane, seventy-four (74) feet to a drill hole in a stone;

THENCE S. 17° 10' E., by land now or formerly of George W. Rice Company, one hundred forty and 73/100 (140.73) feet to a point;

THENCE S. 62° 41' W., by land now or formerly of George W. Rice Company seventy-three and 6/10 (73.6) feet to an iron pin in in the ground at land now or formerly of the Worcester Street Railway Realty Company;

THENCE N. 40° 15' W., by said land now or formerly of said Worcester Street Railway Realty Company, forty-nine and 5/10 (49.5) feet to an iron pin in the ground;

THENCE N. 48° 15' E., nineteen and 64/100 (19.64) feet to an iron pin in the ground:

THENCE N. 17° 10' W., by land now or formerly of the Heirs of Philippe Lavalle, one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 15,690 square feet of land, more or less.

Said premises being shown and identified as Lot "B" on plan of land entitled "Subdivision of Land owned by George W. Rice in Village of Rockdale, Northbridge, Mass. August, 1952", which said Plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 184, Plan 57.

The above-described premises shall be sold subject to and with the benefit of all rights of parties in possession, easements, restrictions, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, outstanding tax titles, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits and approvals issued pursuant thereto, including without limitation, orders of

form to be prepared by Mortgagee containing the above terms and any other terms announced at the time and place of the sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with counsel to the Mortgagee, the amount of the required deposit(s) as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within thirty (30) days of said written notice. Mortgagee also reserves the right to step into the shoes of the highest bidder in the event of a default by the high bidder, and consummate a sale of the Property to the Mortgagee at the price bid by the high bidder.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to continue the sale from time to time by public announcement at the time and date of the original or any continued sale. Mortgagee also reserves the right to cancel the auction at any time.

In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in the Mortgage shall control. OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE AN-NOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF SALE.

FAIRWAY FINANCIAL REALTY, LLC Present Holder of Said Mortgage By its Attorney. Mark S. Foss Fletcher Tilton PC 370 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 Tel: (508) 459-8018 mfoss@fletchertilton.com **Zekos Group Auctioneers** License No. 104 P.O. Box 549 Shrewsbury, MA 01545 Tel: 508-842-9000 www.zekosgroup.com

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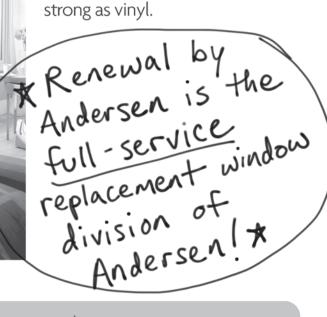
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Deck & Slider to the Patio! Natural gas heat! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Natural Sandy Beach! \$439,000.



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because of COVID-19, however, inspired to walk "his way," former Millville Police Chief Timothy Ryan organized a 3.5-mile community walk on the Blackstone River Bikeway Path from Uxbridge to Blackstone.

"I decided to hold a community walk because everyone knows someone who has cancer, or who lost their fight with the disease, or is a survivor themselves, or who just wants to come and support a very worthy cause,' said Ryan, who has 25 Jimmy Fund walks under his belt.

Ryan's involvement with the Jimmy Fund started during his first visit as a Police Chief to the Dana Farber Cancer Institutehe visited with the children undergoing treatment.

"That visit made a lasting impression on me and I walk every year in support of those children undergoing treatment who can't participate in the walk, friends currently undergoing treatment, and in memory of my parents who I lost to this disease," Ryan said.

For cancer survivor Spearin, giving back is the most important part. Community support helped her through her own journey, she added.

"It wasn't just family and friends who helped me. It was the community. Complete strangers," she said. "I couldn't believe what they did for me. It's about coming together when someone is in need and doing it with humility and without having any expectations in return.

One example of the importance of "giving back" was on Christmas, when Spearin said her kids' presents were all donated by a friend of a friend's company in New Jersey.

"Every single present under the tree and in their stockings, Christmas Spearin recalled. "A heartfelt moment."

Spearin started knitting a year ago and has gifted sever-

al projects to loved ones. She UXBRIDGE said she eventually wants to learn how to knit hats so she can donate them to cancer patients. And Spearin has already reached her goal for the Jimmy Fund Walk fundraiser, thanks to many donations from family and friends. Donations are still accepted through the end of October.

"I feel like I look at life differently," she said. "I am more compassionate and understanding to people. I want to be a helper.'

Retired Auburn Police Chief Robert Johnson started the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association Jimmy Fund event in the early 1980s. Johnson, who recently moved back to Auburn from Florida, said the idea started as a relay run from New York to Boston for the Jimmy Fund, which took three days to complete.

The event grew each year, he said, and transformed into a walk a few years ago so more Police Chiefs could participate.

"All somebody has to do is go to the hospital there and they can see why it's important," Johnson, who will be turning 92 next month, said. "I felt at the time that this was a good thing for the members of the association to participate in...the Jimmy Fund is such a wonderful organization."

Spearin, a mother of two, noted that someone else close to her has just started chemo treatment for breast cancer.

"I am praying for her and send her pink sister love,' Spearin added.

Funds raised will support the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's unique "50-50 balance between cutting-edge science and compassionate patient care," allowing Dana-Farber leaders to enhance programs and initiatives that serve pediatric and adult patients and their families.

To make a donation, visit danafarber.jimmyfund.org. Spearin's fundraiser can be found by clicking "donate" and searching her name.

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Students and staff collaborated to "foster an inclusive school climate emphasizing acceptance, respect, and human dignity for all students.'

"There certainly was no playbook for education in the

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Sullivan said she didn't share her diagnosis with many people because she didn't want to be 'treated differently.'

While I didn't want cancer to define me, it was undoubtedly a defining moment in my life. There's life before cancer, and then there's life after a cancer diagnosis," Sullivan said.

After a unilateral mastectomy, pathology results returned 10 days after surgery that revealed a cancerous tumor found in the removed breast tissue, Sullivan added.

"This meant that my treatment plan changed dramatically and my cancer was now elevated to Stage 1," she said. "I did 12 weekly rounds of chemotherapy and 17 rounds of antibody injections every 3 weeks, completing my treatment plan earlier this year in April.

And during the COVID-19 pandemic, Sullivan shared that her and the rest of the "strongest of past year," said Uxbridge High School Principal Michael Rubin. "Despite the difficulties, our entire community remained wholly committed to improving the quality of experiences, both academically and extracurricular, for all of our students. Recognition like this speaks to the culture we aspire to achieve every day at UHS."

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"When we think of ways we will emerge from this pandemic, fostering mutual respect and acceptance, despite different challenges and perspectives, will benefit us all," added Dr. Dillon. "It's wonderful to have students modeling these important values for their peers and our community."

souls" fighting cancer on the 8th floor Infusion Center of Mass General did so "solo."

"No company. No visitors. Just you and your thoughts,' she recalled.

Sullivan said she suffered an anaphylaxis reaction to her chemo drug and had to have her one-hour chemo infusion given to her over seven hours every Tuesday last summer.

"I was blessed to live in the medical capital of the country and to have married the greatest guy on the planet, who cared for me beyond anything imaginable. For the majority of my chemo sessions, my husband would have to make two trips a day into Boston to drop me off, and then pick me up," she said.

Sullivan said the support she received from Sutton Police Chief Dennis Towle and now-retired Lt. Perry "will never be forgotten."

"I'm grateful they helped in letting me repair myself so I could return to a department and community that I'm proud to represent and serve," Sullivan said.

So far, 900,000 patches have been sold, \$1.4 million has been raised, and more than 500 agencies are involved in the Pink Patch Project. The Pink Patch Project shared that they have the "simple goal of increasing awareness" about the life-saving benefits of early detection and early intervention in the fight against breast cancer.

"In addition to our public education efforts, we have the added goal of raising funds from the sale of Pink Patch Project patches and other items to go directly to fund the research, treatment and education needed to help find a cure," the project released, adding that breast cancer can impact both women and men.

The pink patches are intended to stimulate conversation with the community and to encourage public awareness about the importance of early detection and the on-going fight against this disease.

For more information, visit pinkpatchproject.com.

### ERA Key's Whitinsville office donates \$1,000 to benefit family of boy with brain cancer

WHITINSVILLE The Whitinsville office of ERA Key Realty Services has donated \$1,000 to benefit the family of Cameron McDonnell, a fouryear-old Northbridge resident who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer. September was National Childhood Cancer Awareness month.

The donation, made through the ERA Key Charitable Trust, will help the McDonnell family deal with the burden of treating this disease.

There is absolutely nothing more devastating than childhood cancer," said Realtor Laura Hebb, who lost her youngest son at age 13 to a rare form of liver cancer. "It affects the entire family. Parents lose time from work, expenses escalate. Traveling to Boston and practically living in Children's Hospital creates stress that is unbelievable. We are happy to do what we can to

help Cam, his parents, and two young sisters as they fight to defeat cancer."

She added that one out of five children who are diagnosed with cancer do not survive.

Other fundraisers are being planned to help the McDonnell family:

Cam's Golf The Jam Tournament is accepting donations as well as sponsoring a tournament on October 14 at Shining Rock Golf Club in Upton to raise funds for the behalf of the family.

Erin Carmody, a close friend of Cameron's mother, Jessey McDonnell, has started a GoFundMe campaign.

A Cam's Jam Halloween Bash and Barrel Race will be held on October 30, 2021.

The Upton Fire Department is collecting returnable cans and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the McDonnell family.

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#### **TOWN OF CHARLTON**

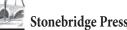
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