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# Legislation releases additional transportation funds

BOSTON –The state Senate passed a three year, \$600 million investment of “Chapter 90” funding for local road and bridge repairs, continuing the legislature’s strong commitment to supporting our cities and towns,

The legislation passed authorizes \$200 million each year for the next 3 years for infrastructure improvements in municipalities across the

Commonwealth. This multi-year investment provides cities and towns with the ability to plan their construction needs in advance, giving communities access to predictable and consistent funding.

“Another long winter has brought with it the need for increased road repairs and replacement” said State Senator Ryan C. Fattman (R-Sutton). “Providing reliable

transportation for our communities continues to be a priority for the district, and my office and I work to give our local officials the resources they need”

Locally, the funding will be distributed to Bellingham (92.45 miles of road) \$543,834; Blackstone (41.07 miles of road) \$234,650; Douglas (76.18 miles of road) \$365,459; Dudley (82.28 miles of road)

\$432,505; Hopedale (28.26 miles of road) \$170,845; Mendon (55.05 miles of road) \$273, 044; Milford (109.16 miles of road) \$821,881; Millville (22.13 miles of road) \$110,542; Northbridge (77.88 miles of road) \$470,590; Oxford (90.42 miles of road) \$511,440; Southbridge (77.86 miles of road) \$489,278; Sutton (94.64 miles of road) \$463,300; Uxbridge (97.71 miles of road) \$510,601; and Webster (72.47

miles of road) \$477,223.

Chapter 90 funds are allocated using a longstanding formula based on community road miles, population and employment.

The bill will now be reconciled with a version passed by the House of Representatives, before moving to the Governor for final approval.

## First step to ed reform passes

BOSTON – On Thursday, students, parents, and teachers filled the State House as the Massachusetts Senate unanimously voted to pass a key education reform bill to update the state’s 25-year-old funding formula.

The bill, An Act Modernizing the Foundation Budget for the 21st Century (S.2506), was introduced by Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz (D-Boston) and was co-sponsored by 36 senators. The bill would implement the recommendations of the bipartisan Foundation Budget Review Commission which found the foundation budget formula is drastically underestimating education costs. This has forced deep cuts to classrooms and critical programs, and one of the worst achievement gaps in the nation.

Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer) had this to say, “This is a necessary step to recognize that funding has been inadequate and our students deserve more.”

“In Massachusetts, we strive for a fair and equal education system, not as an ideal, but as a reality,” said Senate President

Harriette L. Chandler (D-Worcester). “This is an immensely important bill for our schools, large and small. I want to commend Senator Chang-Díaz for her commitment, dedication, and hard work on this legislation.”

“With the unanimous passage of the commission’s recommendations, the Senate is doing its part to make good on our obligation to every child in Massachusetts,” said Sen. Chang-Díaz, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education. “For years now, our schools have been suffering death by a thousand paper cuts, and its long past time we right this wrong. Schools and families shouldn’t have to lawyer up to get a quality education for their children.”

The vote follows months of advocacy by education stakeholders across Massachusetts. More than 50 school committees across the state have passed resolutions supporting the reforms, and Brockton Public Schools announced earlier this year they are pre-

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Photo by Michael Salerno

The URI student recipients of the 2018 Boren Scholarship are (l-r) Tabatha Lewis, Chris Parisella, Emily Hadfield, Salita Daraphet, and Chase Hall.

## Northbridge student studying in China

KINGSTON RI — Five University of Rhode Island students have been awarded Boren Scholarships of up to \$20,000 to study foreign languages abroad – three in China, and one each in Indonesia and Senegal.

The recipients are Salita Daraphet, a junior global business and Chinese major from Northbridge.; Emily Hadfield, a junior global business and Chinese major from Pipersville PA.; Chase Hall, a junior political science and Chinese major from Annapolis, MD; Tabatha Lewis, a senior environmental science major from Brookfield, CT; and Christopher Parisella, a junior political science and writing and rhetoric major from North Haven, CT.

Daraphet, Hadfield and Hall participate in URI’s Chinese language flagship

program, while Lewis and Parisella participate in the University’s Peace Corps prep program.

The David L. Boren Scholarship is one of the most prestigious study abroad awards offered to American college students. The National Security Education Program, a federal initiative to expand the pool of American citizens with foreign language and international skills, sponsors the scholarship. In exchange for funding, recipients agree to work for the federal government for at least one year.

Five out of URI’s six applicants for the scholarship were successful, three times the 28 percent national average. Sixteen URI students have been awarded the scholarship since 2011.

Daraphet will use her

scholarship to spend a year at Beijing Union University, where she will take Chinese language classes and participate in an internship.

“I spent last summer in China for two months, so I am looking forward to better immersing myself in the culture and environment for this year-long journey,” she said. “I hope to be able to interact with native speakers and explore the wonders that China has to offer.”

She plans to eventually secure a job working for the State Department or the intelligence community where she can put her language skills to work.

“I think it’s important that we all have a growing mindset that expands our viewpoints across borders and allows us to understand other cultures,” said Daraphet.

## Go a bit batty at Cormier Woods

Bats are mysterious creatures to most people. Surrounded by myth and legend, we have come to fear their presence.

However, humans tend to fear that which they do not understand. Bats are in fact a very unique mammal that play an important role in our ecosystem. For example, just one bat can eat hundreds to thousands of insects in a night and they love mosquitoes, flies and mayflies. Unfortunately, populations in some species of bats, especially Little Brown Bats, are in drastic decline because of the White Nose Syndrome (WNS), a non-native fungal disease.

How can you help? Scientists are tracking and studying the effects of WNS on bat populations across the country by observations of known colonies. At The Trustees of Reservations’ Cormier Woods in Uxbridge and Mendon, a

Big Brown Bat maternity colony returns each year to the historic barn on the property. Resident caretakers, Jim and Mary Beauchamp, in partnership with EARTH Ltd (Environmental Awareness of Resources & Threatened Habitats) a non-profit organization based at neighboring Southwick’s Zoo, are inviting citizen scientists to participate in a community science project.

The goal of this community science project is to gather baseline information on the summer bat maternity roost in the barn at Cormier Woods. General emergence counts will be conducted by volunteers over several weeks in June and July. The information gathered will be used to compare pre-volant (before pups can fly) and post-volant (after pups start flying) populations in the colony. Participation in the project will also provide

the community with an opportunity to learn more about bats and their role in our ecological system, as well as to dispel some ‘myths’ about bats in general.

The project will kick-off on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Southwick’s Zoo, with a presentation by Jonathan D. Reichard, Ph.D., national assistant coordinator for White-Nose Syndrome with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Christopher Richardson, Ph.D., Department of Biology, Boston University and at the Division of Natural Science and Mathematics, Lesley University. Christopher’s focus is on research in Immune function, Energetics and Biostatistics. They will present information on bats and current research on WNS.

Conducting bat colony counts is easy and fun as well

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Courtesy photo

AMP it up! Challenge winners Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School with MassDevelopment Project Manager of Manufacturing Initiatives Larissa Matzek (second from right)

## BVT earns award for business video

Five schools from across Massachusetts have won the fourth AMP it up! Challenge, which invites students to research an advanced manufacturing innovation in their region and show its impacts in a two-minute video. Each school will receive \$3,000 in prize money. The winning schools are below, with asterisks noting schools that have won the Challenge in previous years:

Greater New Bedford Technical Vocational High School\*, for its video about Craft Inc. in Attleboro

BMC Durfee High School\* in Fall River, for its video about Dorothy Cox Chocolates in Fairhaven

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in Upton, for its video

about Uxbridge’s Lampin Corporation

Melrose High School\*, for its video about Southbridge’s SJC Drums

West Springfield High School, for its video about Sullivan Paper Company in West Springfield

To see the videos, visit [amputupma.com/challenge](http://amputupma.com/challenge), and read about 2015, 2016 and 2017 AMP it up! Challenge winners online.

“The AMP it up! Challenge presents a fun and creative way for students to explore careers in manufacturing and the important roles these companies play in their communities,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss.

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**  
**BRIDGEWATER** – Master’s degrees and certificates of advanced graduate study were awarded to 461 graduate students at Bridgewater State University’s 13th graduate commencement convocation on Thursday evening, May 10 under the tent on the Boyden Quadrangle. Among those graduating were Uxbridge students Michelle J. Davey and Heather B. Flynn. William “Mo” Cowan, former U.S. Senator

from Massachusetts and current vice president of litigation and legal policy at the General Electric Company, delivered the commencement address and received an honorary degree.

**BRIDGEWATER** – More than 2,100 bachelor’s degrees in the sciences, arts, business and education were awarded during two ceremonies at Bridgewater State University on Saturday, May 12 on the Boyden Quadrangle. It was the 177th Spring Commencement Convocation in the university’s history. The following area residents were among those who graduated: Douglas: Carolyn Jean Hill; Northbridge: Ariana Pacheco; Uxbridge: Bradley Couture, Cassandra Kogut-Taylor and Courtney Pepin.

**INTREPID READERS**  
The next meeting of the

Douglas Library book group The Intrepid Readers will discuss Kate Moore’s Radium Girls: the Dark Story of America’s Shining Women on Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. As World War I raged across the globe, hundreds of young women toiled away at the radium-dial factories, where they painted clock faces with a mysterious new substance called radium. The Radium Girls explores the strength of extraordinary women in the face of almost impossible circumstances and the astonishing legacy they left behind. Call the Library (508) 476-2695 for a copy of the book. New members always welcome. Homemade refreshments, inspired by the title being discussed, will be served.



Camp Whitin’s best summer ever

**WHITINSVILLE** — The Whitin Community Center is excited to announce our Camp Whitin which will be held weekly from June-August! For over 25 years Camp Whitin has taken pride in providing fun, youth-oriented summer camps for children between the ages of 4-13 throughout the Blackstone Valley.

Whether it is an activity, educational or sport camp, half-day or full day, every camper will enjoy an experience full of fun, fitness, and friendships! We believe Camp Whitin distinguishes itself from other area camps in the

quality of programming, the experience and enthusiasm of the counselors, and the wide variety of choices we offer. You will find classic camps like 5-D Dodgeball and Design, Build & Destroy, as well as new camps like this summer’s Lights, Camera...Action!, Camp Secret Agent, Power Up & Amazing Race. Our 75’ gigantic waterslide on our hill in Whitin Park and FREE pizza Friday will return again this year!

The Whitin Community Center is committed to enhancing the health and well-being of individuals and families and building

a strong community in the Blackstone Valley. We offer social, recreational, educational, and outreach programs that bring community members of all ages and backgrounds together. The Whitin Community Center is the Blackstone Valley’s most complete family and recreation center with two swimming pools, a gym, fitness center, early learning programs, summer camps and a seven and a half acre park.

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as very helpful to scientists. Subsequent counts each year will monitor the health and continuity of the colony. Volunteers should pre-register by sending an email to cormierwoods@gmail.

com. Please include the name of the observer(s) and a phone number. Participants 16 years old or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

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paring to sue the Commonwealth for failing in its constitutional obligation to properly fulfill its obligations to funding.

“The Senate’s initiative will be welcomed by school committee members and education stakeholders,” said Beverly Hugo, MASC president, Framingham School Committee. “It sets us on the right path to get the full and adequate funding that we’ve been seeking, over a reasonable period of

time.”


Established by the 1993 Education Reform Act, the Foundation Budget was designed to ensure every Massachusetts student was provided a quality education. However, the formula has failed to keep up with rising fixed costs like health care and special education that have outpaced initial estimates. It also underrated what it actually takes to educate English language learners and students living in poverty. The FBRC found these combined costs have led the Commonwealth to underestimate the cost of education by \$1-2 billion every year.

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# CALENDAR

## Sunday May 20

**BREAKFAST:** St. Peter’s Parish in Northbridge will be hosting a Breakfast on Sunday, May 20 from 9:30am to 12pm in the Parish Hall. We will also be doing a 50/50 raffle! Tickets are \$10 Adults/\$8 Seniors and Kids ages 4-12/\$32 per Family. All money raised will help fund our Mission Trips for our Middle School & High School kids in July 2018. Seating is limited & tickets must be purchased in advance, please call 508-234-6355 to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.

**TAKE A HIKE, MAYBE TWO:** 11:00-12:30, Woodlands and Waterways Hidden Heritage Hunt. This guided group scavenger hunt will take you along the Blackstone Canal and through areas of field and woodland. Search for hidden clues and enjoy the great outdoors while learning about how the canal and agriculture shaped the landscape to what it is today. See for yourself what makes this a happy place to so many! This family friendly walk is about 2 miles on gravel path, grassy field and forest trail. Appropriate for all ages. Meet at River Bend Farm Visitor Center, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge.

**OR at 1:00-2:00 Art at the River.** A healthy dose of Nature and Art! Take a short walk through the open field to a quiet nook along the Blackstone River. Relax a while and make a nature journal to write down your discoveries. Materials provided to make a nature notebook and sun print. Stay as long as you like, or go explore the meadow paths. All ages. Meet at River Bend Farm Visitor Center, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Hikes sponsored by Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park.

## Tuesday June 12

**INTREPID READERS:** The next meeting of the Douglas Library book group The Intrepid Readers will discuss Kate Moore’s Radium Girls: the Dark Story of America’s Shining Women on Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. As World War I raged across the globe, hundreds of young women toiled away at the radium-dial factories, where they painted clock faces with a mysterious new substance called radium. The Radium Girls explores the strength of extraordinary women in the face of almost impossible circumstances and the astonishing legacy they left behind. Call the Library (508) 476-2695 for a copy of the book. New members always welcome. Homemade refreshments, inspired by the title being discussed, will be served.

## Thursday, June 14

**4 Ever Fab - A Beatles Tribute Band:** Thursday, June 14, 6-8 p.m. at the Millbury Council on Aging, 1 River St. Hot dogs & drinks will be available for sale. These events will be held rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs!

## Thursday May 24

**PAINT NIGHT:** St. Peters Parish in Northbridge Paint will be for adults on Thursday, May 24th at 6:30pm, tickets for this night will be \$25 per person. Both paint nights will be held in the Parish Center. Bring your friends & let your creativity flow while we paint the night away! No experience required, you will be walked through every step & go home with a beautiful painting and some new friends. This is a fun &

relaxing night! All money raised will help fund our Mission Trips for our Middle School & High School kids in July 2018. Seating is limited & tickets must be purchased in advance, please call 508-234-6355 to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.

## Thursday, July 19

**Featuring Robert Black, an Elvis impersonator:** Thursday, July 19, 6-8 p.m. at the Millbury Council on Aging, 1 River St. Hot dogs & drinks will be available for sale. These events will be held rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs!

## Thursday, August 16

**Eddie Forman Polka Band Orchestra:** Thursday, August 16, 6-8 p.m. at the Millbury Council on Aging, 1 River St. Hot dogs & drinks will be available for sale. These events will be held rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs!

### ONGOING EVENTS

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

**DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP:** A new divorce recovery support group starts up on Tuesday, Jan. 9, and will meet weekly on Tuesdays. Called “Fresh Start – There is Life after Divorce,” this program is for men and women who

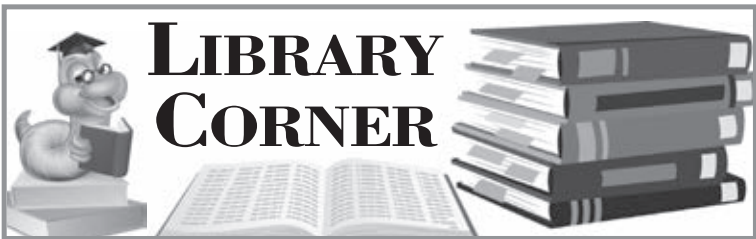
are separated or divorced and living single again. The group offers support, encouragement, friendship, and hope. Each meeting includes a topical video followed by small group discussion, refreshments, and social time. The program continues to April and is free and open to all. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville. Contact the church office at 508-234-5268, e-mail howard@pscrc.org or visit www.pscrc.org for more information and to register. A complementary program for kids ages 5-12, called DivorceCare for Kids, runs concurrently with the adult program.

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

**SENIOR BREAKFAST:** The St. John’s Episcopal Church Senior Breakfast is held on the first Friday of the month from 8 to 9 a.m. at the church, 3 Pleasant Street, off Route 122A in Sutton, and is handicapped accessible. Suggested donation is \$5. For more information, call Cyndy Rogers, (508) 529-4437.

**PARENT SUPPORT:** Parent Support Group in Millbury sponsored by Parent Professional Advocacy League (PPAL). Join us for our free and confidential Parent Support Group on the second (workshop) and fourth (sharing) Friday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Millbury Public Library. Call PPAL at (508) 767-9725 for further information. Parent Professional Advocacy

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Crafternoons with Anna on Wednesday June 6 and the 13 after school until 4 pm for students in Grades 5 and up. This is a drop in program.

**SUMMER READING KICKOFF SATURDAY, JUNE 16**

10-2 pm  
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11:00 OOOCH World with Brett Outchunis - Lots of Family fun, learn yoyo tricks, music and laughter. for ages 5 and up

Check out our summer reading events.

Pick up your Brag Tag and Necklace for our Read for Beads program.

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Tuesday, June 26 at 11:00 AM Scienetellers presents Wild Wild West interactive science experiment program with musicality! For children ages 5 and up. Registration required.

Friday, June 29 at 10 a.m.

Read Around the Town

Whitinsville Post Office visit, Church Street. Listen to a story, and have a tour of the post office.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**  
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Monday, June 4 6-8 p.m.

Bring your sewing machine, manual, thread, bobbin, needles, notebook, and pen.

Madonna will show you how to operate your machine. Fabric will be provided. Registration required.

Library Yoga with Chantal

Tuesday, June 12th at 6:55

Bring your own mat or towel, for adults 18 years and older, must sign waiver. Registration required.

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As part of the town’s Memorial Day observations, the Sutton Historical Society will be showcasing war memorabilia and local soldier histories at the General Rufus Putnam Museum, 4 Uxbridge Road on Monday, May 28.

The museum will be open 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The general public is welcome and encouraged to stop in and view this relevant exhibit.

The local parade begins at the Sutton Town Common at 11 am. Ceremonies conclude at the school complex at noon.

Historic photo

Howard Barnett, WWI Soldier of Sutton

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# May Real Estate Market Update

According to Bankrate.com as of 05/13/2018 the rate on a 30 year fixed loan was 4.42% which is up slightly from last month. The Fed chose to keep the interest rate steady for may but may choose to raise rates in June. The knowledge that rates will continue to rise is causing buyers to buy before getting priced out of the market. The low inventory is also causing buyers to make quicker buying decisions and maybe paying more so they do not lose the home.

Today we have 1538 single family homes for sale in Worcester County compared to 6 months ago where we had 1800 and only 1322 last month at this

time. Inventory did tick up about 16% from this time last month which is normal this time of year. If we look back to 12 months ago we had 1661 homes for sale in Worcester County which shows a 7.4% decrease in inventory year over year. The average days on market is currently 100 days which is a 15.3% decrease in days on market from last month. This shows that homes are continuing to sell quicker and most likely



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older inventory is starting to sell as well. If we look at homes sold over past 12 months compared to the same time for the previous year there is an almost 0.3% increase in sales and a 6.1% increase in average sales price while it is taking 17.6% less time to sell the homes this year than last year in Worcester County. This shows that prices are still rising and homes are still selling quicker than a year ago. It is also showing that sales are slowing down due to low inventory since we only had a 0.3% increase in

sales compared to last year and last month it was 1.6%. The numbers again are all positive and showing continued growth, the one big sign is that the growth is sales is slowing and will may see that number negative very soon which is caused by the low inventory. It is important to hire a Realtor familiar with your market especially in this market where it seems you can just put a sign out front and get a bunch of offers. The right agent will ensure you get the most money for the house in the shortest amount of time.

## Milford Regional honors volunteers at annual luncheon

MILFORD – Milford Regional Medical Center recently honored the more than 500 volunteers who contribute their time and talents to support the patients and staff with a celebratory luncheon at the Hopedale Community House. The annual luncheon is an opportuni-

ty for department managers and administrative staff to show their appreciation and thank the volunteers for their service. Milford Regional has a total of 511 volunteers who contributed 34,404 hours of impactful support to patients, families and staff during 2017.



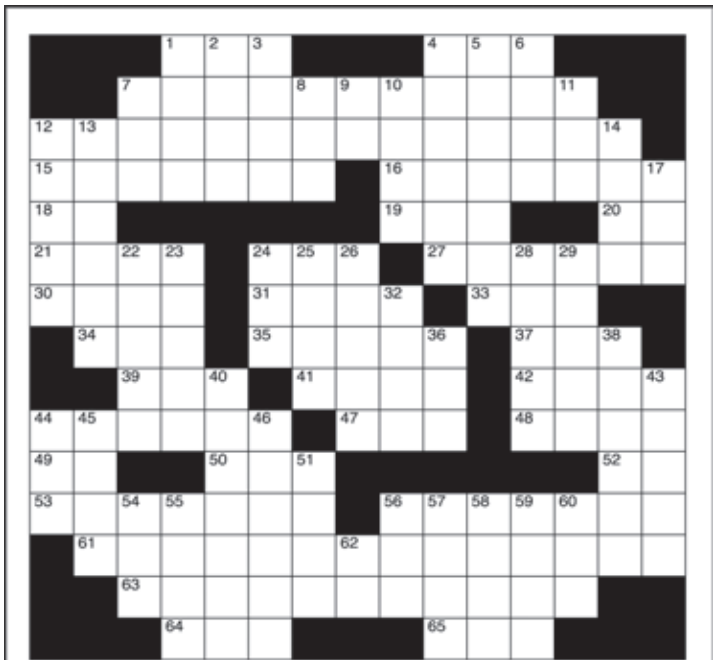
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During the Volunteer Luncheon, pins recognizing hours of service (from 500 +) at Milford Regional were presented to volunteers. Standing left to right: Jane Blackwood, Volunteer Services Assistant; Donna Horrigan of Milford (500); Elaine Willey, Director of Volunteer Services; Anne

Bissanti (1,000) of Franklin; Erik Sampson of Webster (500); Claudia Gardner of Hopedale (2,000); Ron Barsanti of Hopedale (500); Joan Pannichelli of Hopedale (5,000); Brenda Fenton of Uxbridge(500); Janet Alberti of Franklin (5,000); Mariann Williams of Uxbridge (2,000); Rosemary Campbell of Uxbridge (500); Stephen Priest of Milford (500); Ann Mitchell of Milford (5,000); Joe

Amato of Milford (500); Judy Meichelbeck of Grafton ( 4,000); Jerry Coolbrith of Uxbridge (500); Kathy Kennedy of South Grafton (500); Ernie Gentile of Milford (5,000); and Ed Kelly, president and CEO of Milford Regional. Seated left to right: Marianne Iacovelli of Milford (500); Alyne Oppenheim of Franklin (500); Susan Priest of Milford (500); Rosemary Galante of Medway

(500); Christine Bjork of Medway (500); Lynda Keenan of Milford (6,000); and Janet Webb of Bellingham (2,000). Not pictured: Judy Tovern of Blackstone ( 500); Kim Molloy of Franklin (500); Sandra Rice of Uxbridge (2,000); and Mary Ann Oppenheimer of Franklin (500).



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Small lump

4. Helps little firms

7. A way of performing

12. Lawyers

15. Stirred up

16. Believed in

18. The Bay State (abbr.)

19. Makes computers

20. Sodium

21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)

24. Institute legal proceedings against

27. More compact

30. Ethiopian river

31. Quantitative fact

33. No (Scottish)

34. A concession of no great value

35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
37. More (Spanish)

39. Russian space station

41. Helicopter

42. At the peak

44. Makes ecstatically happy

47. Excellent

48. Material body

49. The Golden State (abbr.)

50. A unit of plane angle

52. Argon

53. Fancy

56. Fried mixture of meat and spices

61. How green plants use sunlight

63. Without wills

64. Unhappy

65. Meat from a pig's leg

### CLUES DOWN

1. Mentor

2. Lyric poems

3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland

4. Trapped

5. Used for road surfacing

6. Cuckoos

7. Prefix "away from"

8. Seth McFarlane comedy

9. Not out

10. "The Simpsons" bus driver

11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)

12. Acclaimed Indian physicist

13. Removes

14. One-name NBA player

17. Revolutionary women

22. Smell

23. Ground-dwelling songbird

24. Midway between south and southeast

25. American state
26. Keen

28. Khoikhoi peoples

29. Int'l defense organization

32. Samoan money

36. A sign of assent

38. One from Somalia

40. Boat race

43. Trims

44. French coins

45. Indigenous Scandinavian

46. Flew alone

51. Loch where a "monster" lives

54. Japanese title

55. Pros and \_\_\_\_

56. Present in all living cells

57. Something to scratch

58. Branch of Islam

59. Appear

60. Former CIA

62. Yukon Territory



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## Milford Federal appoints new president as Casey retires

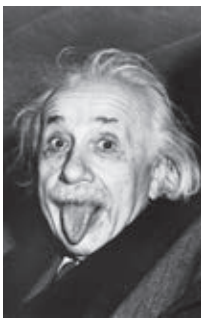
MILFORD – Cynthia Casey, president and CEO of Milford Federal, has announced her retirement effective June 29. Casey has served Milford Federal for over 37 years, with the last 15 years in the role of president and CEO. Prior to her appointment, she held various roles at the bank including

assistant controller, controller, and senior vice president treasurer. The Board of Directors of Milford Federal has appointed Paul Gilbody to succeed Casey as president and CEO. Gilbody currently holds the role of senior vice president and chief financial and operations officer of

Milford Federal. “Paul not only has an abundance of banking experience, but he also understands and values the role of community banking,” said Casey, expressing her confidence in the decision and future success of Milford Federal under Gilbody’s lead. Before joining Milford Federal five years ago, Gilbody worked in all phases of the industry, giving him over 30 years of banking experience. He has a bachelor’s degree from Babson College and graduated from the School for Executive Bank Management at the Goizueta Business School-Emory University. Established in 1887, Milford Federal Savings & Loan has been assisting its neighbors and friends for 131 years. Serving the greater Milford and Blackstone Valley areas in Massachusetts and Northern RI, it has four conveniently located offices in Milford and Whitinsville and Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Milford Federal can also be found online at MilfordFederal.com and on Facebook. Milford Federal is an Equal Housing Lender and member FDIC.

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\$185,000 179 Wallis St, Harriet I VanDyke T 2017, and Vandyke, Harriet E, to Ward, Douglas J, and Ward, Linda M.  
\$137,500 50 Eagle Dr #50, Dykstra Edward S Est, and Dykstra, Helen B, to Dykstra, Timothy E.  
\$128,625 14 Eagle Dr #14 Bank New York Mellon Tr, to Barker, Maureen A.  
\$110,000 1 Catherine Way, Guarnteed Bldrs&Develprs, to Trusas, Michael J, and Trusas, Lucinda J.  
\$30,000 Wallum Lake Rd, Aslanian, Justine, to Bergeron, David.  
**NORTHBRIDGE**  
\$640,000 206 Hannah Dr Pasture Development Group, to Piett, William T, and Piett, Kimberly A.  
\$432,944 87 Fir Hill Ln, Hemlock Estates Dev LLC, to Vivenzio Aoron and Vivenzio, Valerie.  
\$373,600 115 Mason Rd, Crawford, Ryan and Crawford, Carrie, to Falconer, Steven T, and Rose-Falconer, Jennifer L.  
\$307,500 79 Ivy Ln, Munhall, James T, and Dugan, Mary E, to Skene , Ryan, and Skene, Sarah.  
\$205,000 17 Arcade St #4, Parker, Lee J, to Gardner, Paula S.  
\$75,000 12 B St #12, Schadler, Dennis and Schadler, Dawn, to N&N Acquistions LLC.  
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# Spring turkey hunt yielding nice birds



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Turkey hunters are harvesting some very nice birds as the breeding season becomes red hot. Turkeys are responding to hunters calls and are strutting into their set up of turkey decoys. One hunter showed me a video of his hunt this past Saturday that was like being there with him from beginning to end. It was exciting to watch! He harvested a nice 22 lb. tom that had an 11 inch beard and 1 1/4 inch spurs. Numerous turkey hunters have already harvested their two birds, and have also harvested a bird in Rhode Island.

My brother Ken is shown in this week's photo with a nice 20 lb. bird that he harvested on the first day of the turkey hunting season. This writer still needs to fill my two turkey tags in Mass, and things are looking good for this week's hunting, as the toms become easier to call in for a good shot. Tautog fishing had blown wide open last week, with almost every angler filling their three fish limit in the Westport area. Catching doubles on a two hook rig was easy for some anglers. Most tautog anglers were catching and releasing fish, as the action was incredible. Steve Mercure and this writer managed to catch six fish all 19 inches or better last week. The fish were cleaned and cooked at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week by this writer, and served to a few members that were present last Friday. Eating poached

tautog at 9:00 a.m. did not seem to bother those guys. One guy was in Pennsylvania hunting turkeys and missed the tautog feed. I sure felt bad that he was not there!! Striper fishing was still slow last week with reports from local bait & tackle shops becoming disgusted with the slow fishing. Their patience is also being stretched to the limit, as they try to survive the slow fishing and lack of business at this time of year. Fishing for haddock on the North Shore has been incredible the last couple of weeks. Captain John boats fishing out of Plymouth have been catching limits of haddock on their all day fishing charters. Numerous cod are also being taken daily, but need to be released because of the closed season on all cod fishing on the Gulf of

Maine. Trout fishing anglers continue to catch limits of trout at local streams and rivers in the valley area. Freshwater bass fishing still remains slow in lakes and ponds due to the cold water that is slow to warm. Jerry's Bait & Tackle shop in Milford, weighed in a six pound bass last week. Action should pick up soon. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club held their annual trout fishing derby for kids this past Saturday. A group of approximately 20 youngsters enjoyed a free breakfast and some great trout fishing prior to the rain. All youngsters received some great prizes and had a fun day at the event. Special thanks to all of the club officers and members that helped make a day of fishing and eating a day

to remember. A special thanks to fish chairman Ed Gervais for his time, making a great day for all in attendance. This week's second picture shows six year old Quinn Horvath fighting a huge rainbow while his grandfather Mike Guertin ready's the net. It was landed successfully and Quinn received a great prize for his big rainbow trout. On May 20 the Wallum Lake Rod & Gun Club will hold their steel plate shoot starting at 10 a.m. at the pistol pits. Check out all of this month's events on their website at [www.wallum-lakeRodGun.com](http://www.wallum-lakeRodGun.com)! On May 26 the club will also hold a ladies beginner's skeet shoot starting at 9 a.m.!

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



Brother Kein with a 20 pound bird.



Six year old Quinn Horvath with his grandfather Mike Guertin get ready to land a prize winning trout at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club kids' fishing derby.

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September 30-October 2: Atlantic City Resorts Casino. \$249 per person. Leave at 7 a.m. Webster; 7:30 a.m. Southbridge. \$25 slot play, \$60 food credit and casino revue show. Right on the Casino Boardwalk!  
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Thursday, August 15: North Shore Playhouse "Mama Mia" and lunch at the Danversport Yacht Club. \$119, payment due by July 17.  
Wednesday, September 12: Newport Playhouse "There is a Burglar in My Bed" with buffet and cabaret. \$89, due by August 21.  
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### Friday's Child



Hi! My name is Izaquiel and I have a fun personality!

Izaq is a sweet, caring and inquisitive boy of Hispanic descent. Those who meet him immediately notice how funny, warm and engaging he is. Izaq is eager to please, and enjoys talking to and playing games with adults. He also loves cooking, cars, Legos, Pokémon, and playing on his computer. When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, he talks about wanting to help others and one of his dreams is to become an ambulance driver. Izaq responds well to praise and positive attention, and talks

often about his desire to find a family who will love him.

At school Izaq receives extra support to help him catch up to his peers. His teachers describe him as eager to learn and to do well. In class, Izaq loves to be in a teaching position with his peers and is eager to share his knowledge. He volunteers often to read out loud and to go to the board.

Ready for adoption, Izaq is looking forward to finding a caring and permanent family that will love him unconditionally. An ideal family will provide Izaq with structure and consistency. His social worker is open to exploring a family of any constellation, including single-parent homes, as long as they have a strong support system in place. However, Izaq will do best in a family with at least one male parent, and where he can be the only or significantly youngest child in the home. A family should be open to helping Izaq make a slow transition from his current placement to a family setting.

#### 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](http://www.mareinc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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### STUDENT HONORED

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The Lerner School of Business at the University of Delaware recently honored local resident Alexis J. Zona at its annual Honors and Achievements award ceremonies. Alexis received the Department of Finance Outstanding Financial Planning & Wealth Management Award, given to a member of the Junior class in recognition of the highest level of academic achievement. Zona, who is also minoring in political science, was a 2015 graduate of Northbridge High School.

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ing at the Embassy Suites. Cost is \$610, including tips for driver and guides. Final payment due Sept. 4.

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July 25th, Indian Princess Cruise on Webster Lake. Join us for a 90 minute cruise on beautiful Webster Lake. Price for the trip is \$35 which includes a boxed lunch. Call Jeannine for more info on this trip. Limited availability so sign up early.

August 22, Loot n' Lobster. Sign up for this Mohegan Sun Trip which includes a lobster bake at Cap'n Jack's. \$73 per person, but you will get \$30 back in Mohegan bonuses.

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Contact Jim Julian at the Casaubon Senior Center Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 9-10 a.m. or call (774) 922-4049 or e-mail [jimtrips@yahoo.com](mailto:jimtrips@yahoo.com).

Trips are open to the public! Make checks payable to the Southbridge Senior Citizens Association, payment due at sign up:

SOUTHBRIDGE SENIOR CITIZENS 2018 TRIP SCHEDULE OPEN TO PUBLIC Tuesday, May 15: Foxwoods \$25

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Sunday, July 22: Fosters Lobsterbake

For \$87 you will get a deluxe motor coach tour of the Maine coast and a delicious lobster bake. For details call Jan at (508) 887 2215.

Tuesday, August 14: Bobby Rydell in



# Steuben Glass

Glass and china prices have dropped considerably since I started selling antiques over 30 years ago. Fortunately, some types remain popular with collectors. Sandwich glass was made by the Boston and Sandwich Glass Company between 1825 and 1888. Cut overlay oil lamps can bring thousands of dollars at auction. Modern glass can also bring strong prices. Rare artist signed Murano pieces can bring five figure sums. Around the turn of the century, several companies were producing high quality art glass. Louis Comfort Tiffany created glass from 1875 to 1932. Tiffany Studios glass is highly desirable with a Tiffany lamp selling for \$2.8 million in 1997. René Lalique began producing objects of art from glass in the studio he opened in 1905. A Lalique auction record was set in 1990 when a fountain sold for \$1.1 million. Steuben Glass was founded in 1903, and I will focus on them in this column. Rarer Steuben pieces can sell in the tens



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of thousands. Steuben Glass Company was founded in Corning, New York by Thomas G. Hawkes, who was an engraver, and by Frederick Carder, who was a glassmaker. Corning is located in Steuben County, which was used for the company name. The firm started by creating the colorful glass art nouveau glass that was typical of the era, according to the Steuben Company website. In 1932 Steuben developed “a glass with an exceptionally high refractive index that throws off an extraordinary rainbow of color.” The brilliant finish became Steuben’s hallmark and continues today. The following year Steuben focused entirely on the new brilliant crystal and phased out the other glass patterns they produced. Steuben opened their first store in New York City in 1934. In 1935 Sidney Waugh’s Gazelle bowl incorporated Steuben’s first engraved design. Steuben’s manufacturing method of “blowing, cutting, polishing, and copper-wheel engraving” produced the

weighty objects with elements that embellished the basic form. Their glass became highly acclaimed. In 1938 four pieces were added to the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art Steuben was shown at the “World of Tomorrow” exhibit at the 1939 New York World’s Fair. The New York Steuben store invited 27 contemporary artists to exhibit their works along with Steuben sculptures in 1940. Artists included Henri Matisse, Georgia O’Keeffe, Isamu Noguchi, and Salvadore Dali. In 1953 Steuben became the only American glassworks to be included in L’Art Du Verre at the Louvre Museum in Paris. Several presidents have presented Steuben crystal as gifts to dignitaries of other countries. Martin Luther King Jr. was presented with a Steuben bowl when he won the Nobel Peace prize in 1964. Ronald Reagan presented Princess Charles and Princess Diana with an engraved bowl as a wedding gift. Some Steuben glass can be purchased for well under \$100. However, many pieces can bring much more. A Paul Schulze design of



New York from 1984 sold for \$22,000 at auction last year. A rare circa 1908-12 red and alabaster leaded glass vase also brought \$22,000 at auction in 2016. A 1959 Moby Dick glass sculpture that was designed by Donald Pollard and engraved by Sidney Waugh went for a whale of a price when it sold for \$17,000 at auction in 2017. We will be offering several pieces of Steuben Glass in our antique

estates auction in Worcester on May 31st. That auction will feature a large Lionel train collection at 5:30 PM. The main auction begins at 6:30. The preview for the Weymouth, MA online auction that includes a Harley Davidson motorcycle and two Chevrolet Suburbans takes place on May 19th. The estate sale at the Westborough farm runs on June 2nd and 3rd. See [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com)

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## Fattman amendment adds to veteran job protections

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Senate last week unanimously passed “The Brave Act” – new legislation that will expand benefits and increase access to a range of services for veterans, active-duty military and their families. State Senator Ryan C. Fattman (R-Sutton) filed and passed an amendment that would legally protect veterans who wish to observe, participate in ceremonies, or be granted a leave of absence in the work place on Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day. “It may come as a shock to people that veterans weren’t legally entitled to take the day off to observe the commitment their fellow men and women made in serving our country. As the brother to a current service member, I believe this is the least we can do out of respect for the sacrifices made by generations of Americans,”

said Fattman. Understanding the sacrifice that military personnel and their families make not only while on active duty, but also after returning home, the Massachusetts Legislature has consistently provided a continuum of major veteran legislation to help with those who sacrifice the most for our freedoms. On the recognition front, the legislation designates the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April as Gold Star Wives Day and the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers and Families Day and directs cities and towns to designate reserved parking for veterans at all city and town halls. Additionally, the bill also grants paid military leave for those called to duty by the armed forces for up to 40 days for training and operation purposes. To help ease the costs of housing, the legislation changes the

requirement for veterans to receive property tax exemptions from residing in the Commonwealth for five years down to two years. It also increases the amount a veteran can earn on their property tax exemption for volunteering in their city or town. The BRAVE Act increases the burial expense paid by commonwealth from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for indigent veterans to receive to adequately provide for a dignified funeral. It also exempts any veterans who receive annuities for service to their country from income calculations when applying for state programs or services. The BRAVE Act, which now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration, is the legislature’s latest effort to support veterans, military members and their families.

### VIDEO

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“Congratulations to these five schools on their informative, entertaining, and well-produced videos about Massachusetts manufacturing innovations.” “We want to congratulate the Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech Engineering Technology and Media Technology students for winning the 2018 AMP it up! Challenge award. Both groups of students joined forces to research, visit and document the inner workings of Craft, Inc. and their manufacturing operation,” said Angela Basse, engineering technology teacher at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. “The students not only learned a great deal about the advanced manufacturing process of coffee clips and other self-fastening and non-self-fastening hardware, but also gained the utmost respect for this local manufacturing company who provides a safe workplace, where employees share a deep sense of pride in where they work and what they do.” “I am very proud of our students’ work. To be recognized by MassDevelopment’s AMP it up! Challenge is an honor. This collaboration between FRED TV, and our business community, showcases the best of Fall River,” said Rene Kochman, director of media technology for FRED TV at Durfee High School. “I am so proud of Casandra and Michelle for their work showcasing Lampin Corporation and manufacturing in Massachusetts,” said James Woodward, teacher at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High

School. “It’s videos like Michelle and Casandra’s that show people the manufacturing industry is thriving, and an incredible number of products are made not only in the USA, but in their own backyards.” “Melrose High School and MHSTV are extremely excited to have participated in the AMP it Up! Challenge for a second time,” said Anthony DiBenedetto, teacher at Melrose High School. “The entire process is really interesting for the students and helps to build a variety of skills. It is always great when you can combine student interests and work with other members of our community like businesses to promote the awesome things we both are doing.” “I am so proud of the efforts of the students at West Springfield High School,” said Michael Richard, Superintendent of Schools, West Springfield public schools. “Their commitment to excellence complements their dedication to improving our community partnerships, and our collaboration with Sullivan Paper is just one example of this! The AMP it up! Challenge provided our students with an extraordinary experience in creativity, problem-solving, and community relations.” MassDevelopment, the state’s finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, financial institutions, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. During FY2016, MassDevelopment financed or managed 352 projects generating investment of more than \$4 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are projected to create about 8,200 jobs and build or rehabilitate about 4,200 residential units.

## Film festival planned this weekend

BY ERICKA CHICK  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

The Shawna Shea Memorial Film Festival will be hosting a pop-up film festival of International Short Films at the International Golf Club and Resort in beautiful Bolton. Located in the Nashua River Valley surrounded by apple orchards and vineyards, there is no better place to celebrate spring with several blocks of short films. All proceeds to benefit the Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) public charity. Shawna Shea was an Uxbridge High School student who was tragically killed in a car accident in 1999 at the age of 16. Her classmates joined together and raised ten thousand dollars to help start the fund for scholarships for Uxbridge High School seniors. It has grown to now include scholarships for students from Southbridge as well as the Women

in Film Fellowship which supports first time female filmmakers. The major fundraiser is the Shawna Shea Memorial Film Festival in Southbridge in October. “We are very excited to partner with the International Golf Club and Resort. We are known as a fringe film festival and it’s great that we can bring the vision of filmmakers from around the world to Bolton as well as quite a few local filmmakers. Not only will we screen two blocks of great short films but then we’ll have an awards ceremony and there will be live entertainment. It will be a fun day,” said Skip Shea, festival director and Shawna’s dad. The film festival will take place on Saturday, May 19 at the International Golf Club and Resort, 159 Ballville Road, Bolton, MA 01740. Tickets are available <https://filmfreeway.com/SSFFSpringShortsFestival> at the International/tickets

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# EDITORIAL

## Preaching to the choir

Somewhere between fourth grade and college graduation, between learning about what the pieces that make up our government are and becoming actual adult citizens, we've let our children down.

Big time.

And it isn't just the current generation.

Or the last two generations.

This has been coming on for a while.

There are a lot of factors, but one of the biggest is absolutely expectations.

We didn't teach our kids to give back.

They heyday of service clubs like Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and such was also a heyday for capitalism of course, and also after the second world war, when the men in gray flannel suits had agendas to meet.

One of which was to see and be seen.

And to do that, they became involved, they helped. They became members of local organizations, they got themselves elected to local office, and not only did capitalism prosper, so did local citizens and towns.

It didn't last.

And we need it back, because every single town needs people on committees and boards; it needs people to coach youth sports; it needs people to do fundraising for good work; it needs people. (And certainly NOT only men in grey flannel).

And it means our towns themselves will find themselves floundering.

The answer is not paid boards and committees, stipends do not make for good "volunteers", you will get people who do not care about the topic, only about the income.

And frankly, we cannot afford in any of the towns to go strictly with entirely paid staff; nor should we. The people of every town need to have input into the government of their town.

That is democracy.

We can't leave it up to bureaucracy. That is not how our government works.

But.

And here is the biggest obstacle of all.

Anyone reading this is nodding their head in agreement; yes, we understand this. We probably already work diligently at volunteering ourselves at one or more projects, at our church, at a nonprofit we believe in, on a town board. We get it. And we are the newspaper readers so we aren't the ones to target.

The question is, how do we get to those people who should hear this message? And how do we encourage them to rethink their lethargy? What will fire their enthusiasm? How can we, as those who understand the problem, encourage others to become involved?

Particularly younger people.

Our future.

Someone wryly asked the other day, "What if we threw an election and nobody came?"

Ouch.

Too close to home.

Any ideas? Let's start a dialogue on this: [ruth@stonebridgepress.news](mailto:ruth@stonebridgepress.news).

# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Piccirillo: endorses Plasko

To the Editor:

In just a few short days, on Tuesday, May 22, Uxbridge will hold its local elections. I sincerely encourage all those who can vote to please participate in this vital aspect of local governance by going to the polls when they open at 62 Capron St. - the McCloskey Middle School - to make your voice heard.

Uxbridge voters will have before them a choice that will define its municipal government's character and direction in the coming years. It is at this juncture where I feel compelled to again ask for your cooperation in setting the tone for our wonderful town.

I am very happy to endorse Brian Plasko and Susan Franz for Board of Selectmen, and Dr. Joanne Lindenmayer for Board of Health.

These individuals have already volunteered significant time and energy on behalf of the town of Uxbridge, and have committed to address the same concerns which many of us share.

These include:

Bringing fiscal responsibility to town budgeting by improving our revenues through relationships with the business community, and by making targeted investments in infrastructure.

A long-desired break from our ever-increasing property tax rates and fees.

Settling issues over soil importation in ways which are environmentally safe and not financially burdensome to the town. The issues with these projects have not gone away and if we falter in our leadership, the liability for our town will be great.

Fostering an open dialog by actively seeking and addressing concerns of our citizens.

Seeing a divestiture of responsibility from a concentrated few in town hall and making our town's government more inclusive.

When I entered town government, it was tumultuous and chaotic. Hopefully you have seen this turbulence begin to subside and our town moving in a more positive course.

By calling upon those who desire to build a public good, we can to see this positive movement endure. For these reasons and others, I hope that you will provide Brian, Susan and Joanne with this opportunity.

JUSTIN PICCIRILLO  
UXBRIDGE

## Plasko: my position

To the Editor:

On May 22, you will be asked to cast your ballot for the Board of Selectmen. Has the current Board made decisions in the best interest of you the tax payer? Are we in a better spot than we were the last few years? Do they deserve another three years? If the answer to any of these questions is no, I ask you to cast one of your two votes for **Brian Plasko**. I may be **4th on the ballot**, but you the citizen is my number **one** concern.

It is our obligation to protect our town from any potential harm that may come its way. Our previous town manager and current board members failed in looking out for the best interest of the town in regards to the two soil projects on Millville Road and South Street. The lack of concern on protecting our natural resources and our citizens is troubling. Thankfully the courts have stepped in and ordered a cease and desist on these projects. We need to elect candidates that pledge to do everything to protect us.

As our Board of Selectmen, they are supposed to be leaders. Last spring at the town meeting a recommendation was made to amend the town manager's budget. Both our police and fire chief, stood up and asked you the voters to vote no. Why didn't the Board of Selectmen get up and echo their words? Once again, they failed to lead us. The next Board of Selectmen meeting proved their lack of leadership. Instead of coming together, they chose to point blame at one member. The Chair Ms. Modica and Clerk Mr. Hogan stepped down in their roles. Both of these very important roles were put on the current Chair Mr. Piccirillo.

Our Boards failure to work together has caused good employees to leave and good candidates to stay away. A current town manager in another town stated, "People outside of Uxbridge are watching your meetings and they will not get involved with a Board that doesn't work together." We had 13 candidates apply for the town manager position. Just imagine if we had a Board willing to work together. I'm pretty confident we may have had a bigger pool of candidates. It is crucial that we be leaders and not impeders.

Uxbridge is faced with many challenges in years ahead. Our buildings and roads need repairs and we need to work on a plan to bring business to town. We need to stop blaming the past and work towards the future. Let's work together not against each other.

Our children are our future. It is imperative that we support our school system. A town that supports their schools has a lasting effect on property values and businesses. Most of us at one point had or have a family member or a friend in the school system. We are all in this together. I would like to see members of the finance committee, school committee and Board of Selectmen to meet quarterly to prepare for any future problems that may arise that could affect our students learning ability. I ask you to get out and vote on Tuesday May 22. Please vote **Brian Plasko** for Board of Selectman.

BRIAN PLASKO  
UXBRIDGE  
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## Tenants: appreciation

To the Editor:

The tenants of the Crown & Eagle Apartments in Uxbridge still speak about what a snowy and icy winter we had this year. But thanks to a wonderful group we call "The Snowflakes" that came to our complex during and after storms, and cleared our vehicles, winter was not the

hardship it used to be.

This group has been doing this generous work for about six years and we are eternally grateful.

NORMA ALLARD  
ON BEHALF OF TENANTS  
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## How can you meet your short-term goals?



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Why do you invest? If you're like most people, you'd probably say that, among other things, you want to retire comfortably. Obviously, that's a worthy long-term goal, requiring long-term investing. But as you journey through life, you'll also have short-term goals, such as buying a second home, remodeling your kitchen or taking a much-needed vacation. Will you need to invest differently for these goals than you would for the long-term ones?

To answer that question, let's first look at how you might invest to achieve your longer-term goals. For these goals, the key investment ingredient is growth – quite simply, you want your money to grow as much as possible over time. Consequently, you will likely want a good percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and other stock-based investments, to fund your 401(k), IRA or other accounts.

However, the flip side of growth is risk. Stocks and stock-based investments will always fluctuate in value – which means you could lose some, or even all, of your principal. Hopefully, though, by putting time on your side – that is, by holding your growth-oriented investments for decades – you can overcome the inevitable short-term price drops.

In short, when investing for long-term goals, you're seeking significant growth and, in doing so, you'll have to accept some degree of investment risk. But when you're after short-term goals, the formula is somewhat different: You don't need maximum growth potential as much as you need to be reasonably confident that a certain amount of money will be there for you at a certain time.

You may want to work with a financial professional to select the appropriate investments for your short-term goals. But, in general, you'll need these investments to provide you with the following attributes:

Protection of principal – As mentioned above, when you own stocks, you have no assurance that your principal will be preserved; there's no agency, no government office, guaranteeing that you won't lose money. And even some of the investments best suited for short-term goals won't come with full guarantees, either, but, by and large, they do offer you a reasonable amount of confidence that your principal will remain intact.

Liquidity – Some short-term investments have specific terms – i.e., two years, three years, five years, etc. – meaning you do have an incentive to hold these investments until they mature. Otherwise, if you cash out early, you might pay some price, such as loss of value or loss of the income produced by these investments. Nonetheless, these types of investments are usually not difficult to sell, either before they mature or at maturity, and this liquidity will be helpful to you when you need the money to meet your short-term goal.

Stability of issuer – Although most investments suitable for short-term goals do provide a high degree of preservation of principal, some of the issuers of these investments are stronger and more stable than others – and these strong and stable issuers are the ones you should stick with.

Ultimately, most of your investment efforts will probably go toward your long-term goals. But your short-term goals are still important – and the right investment strategy can help you work toward them.

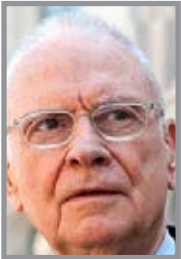
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# The dangers of debt

Politicians and commentators these days like to point to an array of threats to our constitutional system. There's one, though, that doesn't get nearly as much attention as it should: our national debt.

We may not yet be in imminent danger of fiscal collapse, but we're moving into uncharted waters. We are among the most indebted nations in the world, and it's only getting worse. Thanks to our new tax law, we're staring ahead at routine federal budget deficits north of \$1 trillion each year —compared to what now seems like a paltry \$665 billion in 2017.

As we look down the road to an aging population, rising entitlement costs, and skyrocketing interest payments, things promise to go from dismal to dire. In just five years, the head of the Congressional Budget Office warned a few weeks ago, we'll be spending more on interest payments on the debt than we do on our entire military. By 2028, we'll be closing in on \$1 trillion in interest payments alone each year.



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We're running these deficits at a time of full employment, when the economy is doing well. This is exactly the wrong time to be pressing on the accelerator, because when the downturn comes —which, inevitably, it will — we won't have room to maneuver.

The more debt we accumulate, the more interest rates rise and the more our spending on debt serves to dampen economic growth. Small wonder that former Fed chair Janet Yellen told Congress last year that rising debt "is the type of thing that should keep people awake at night."

The problem is not quite that nobody's talking about the debt in Washington. They are. But it's not a productive discussion — especially among the politicians who will need to roll up their sleeves and tackle it. They give lip service to debt and deficit reduction, but for the most part, each party is trying to blame the other.

This is not just a waste of time, it's

counter-productive. Because a problem of this duration, severity and complexity is not going to be solved without a bipartisan approach.

Tackling deficits and the debt always takes a back seat to other priorities: tax cuts and spending increases of all kinds and descriptions. Politicians fall prey to the temptation of saying that economic growth will save us — whether it's spurred by tax cuts or spending increases. We've been fed this line for decades, and it hasn't worked out yet.

To be sure, carefully targeted tax cuts and spending on investments in the economy's underpinnings — infrastructure, say, or human development — can enhance economic growth. But we've had too much that was merely political fodder, and it's done more harm than good.

What do we do about all of this?

"The time to repair the roof," John F. Kennedy once said, "is when the sun is shining."

That's why it's time right now, while the sun is shining on the economy, to repair our fiscal problems. We need to restrain the growth of spending, especially



# SENIOR SCENE

### DOUGLAS SENIOR CENTER

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FAX (508) 476-1681  
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Open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
Cupcakes with Ashley, Mia and Mrs. D Thursday May 29 at 11: Come on in and make some festive Easter cupcakes! This program is free and all the supplies will be provided.

**EVENING EVENTS**  
Evening Bingo Bingo at 6:00 the 2nd Tuesday of every month until July!  
Movie Nights: The last Wednesday of every Month!

**HEALTH SERVICES**  
The Blood Pressure Clinic  
The Blood Pressure Clinic with Nurse Ann at 10:00 May 24, June 4 & June 28. Appointments are not necessary and walk-ins are welcome.

**TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**  
Elder Bus Service Schedule  
S.C.M. Elderbus, under contract to the Worcester Regional Transit Authority, provides transportation services to senior and disabled clients for twenty-one communities within central Massachusetts. Please call elder bus directly at (1-800 321-0243) to make all reservations. Reservations must be made 48 business hours ahead of time.

**DAILY SCHEDULE**  
Monday:  
9 a.m.: walking club; 10 a.m. osteo exercise; 10 a.m. reverse glass painting; noon: needleworks  
Tuesday  
9 a.m.: walking club; 9:30 a.m.: Zumba; 9:30 a.m.: cribbage; noon: bingo  
Wednesday  
9 a.m.: walking club; 10 a.m.: osteo exercise; 11 a.m.: coloring; noon: needleworks; 1 p.m.: yoga; 11 a.m. (once a month) book and movie club.  
Thursday  
9 a.m.: walking club; 9 a.m.: yoga; 9:30 a.m.: computers; 10 a.m.: tai chi; 10 a.m. and noon: acrylic painting; noon: bingo  
Douglas Service Schedule in Town: Monday-Friday  
Medical first pick up 8:30 a.m. – last pick up 3:30 p.m.  
Work first pick up 8:30 a.m. – last pick up 3:30 p.m.  
General Business first pick up 8:30 a.m. – last pick up 3:15 p.m.  
Out of Town Medical: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Service Hours  
Trips to Worcester/Auburn  
10:00 - 12:00  
12:00 - 2:00  
Out of Town Grocery Shopping: Tuesday  
Customer Choice Drop-Off Pick-Up  
Walmart - Whitinsville 11:00-12:30  
Sunshine Club News  
Monthly Meetings: Are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Meetings are held at the senior center.  
Outreach News  
Insurance: If you are thinking about changing your insurance or you are confused by any changes going on, let us know. We have a Shine Councilor able to meet and discuss any issues you are having.  
Medical Equipment: We have lots of walkers, shower chairs, and commodes available at the center if you would like to borrow one. Please, do not drop off any equipment without letting us know, as we have very little storage.  
File of Life: We have many available at the center. These are very important and could save your life. Please, stop in anytime and pick yours up for free.  
Emergency Information Sheets: Please, call the center if you would like to be added to the list or update your information.

**MILLBURY COUNCIL ON AGING**  
1 River St., Millbury  
(508) 865-9154  
Lunch is served daily at noon, call to reserve your place 48 hours in advance.  
Millbury Senior Center Transportation Services  
Residents can travel on Monday through Friday 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.  
ADA clients and job assignments (disabled) 7 A.M. to 4:45 P.M.  
We require a 48 hour Reservation for rides  
One way van ride in town is \$1.50; one town out \$1.75  
ADA ride costs are \$2.75 in town and \$3 for one town out.  
All rides to the Senior Center are 25¢  
Escorts are also available!  
Our service is curb to curb, call for more Information or a Reservation!  
508-865-9247  
THE MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER IS NOW ACCEPTING SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)  
Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Call for an appointment & required documentation (508) 865-9154  
**NEW EVENTS**  
George's of Galilee Waterfront Restaurant in Narragansett RI  
Overlooking Block Island Sound in the picturesque fishing port of Galilee Wednesday, June 13 leaving at 9:00 a.m. Return 6:00 p.m. Price \$62 Choice of baked fish or roasted chicken  
Enjoy a scenic walk on the Boardwalk and visit Point Judith Lighthouse  
Call or stop by the Millbury Senior

Center for Trip Reservations 508-865-9154  
Foxwoods Trips  
Monday, June 4 and July 2  
The bus leaves the Millbury Senior Center at 7 a.m. and returns at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$25. Call or stop by the Senior Center to reserve your seat! (508) 865-9154  
**UPCOMING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**  
4 Ever Fab - A Beatles Tribute Band  
Thursday, June 14, 6-8 p.m.  
Featuring Robert Black an ELVIS IMPERSONATOR  
Thursday, July 19, 6-7 p.m.  
Eddie Forman Polka Band Orchestra  
Thursday, August 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Hot dogs & drinks will be available for sale. These events will be held rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs!  
**WEEKLY EVENTS**  
Craft Classes  
Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m. Plan what you would like to make & pay for the materials you use! For more information call.  
**MONDAY**  
8:30a.m.: walking club; 9:30 a.m. light exercise; 12:30 p.m.: Wii bowling; 1p.m.: cribbage, game day, Scrabble, Chinese checkers, scat and Wii bowling.  
**TUESDAY**  
9-10 a.m.: blood pressure; 9:30-10:30 a.m.: Tai Chi; 10:45-11:30 a.m.: Zumba Gold; 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Yoga. 11 a.m.: Sing-A-Long; 1 p.m.: cribbage & Scat.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Craft Classes, 9:30-11 a.m. Plan what you would like to make & pay for the materials you use! For more information call us. 1 p.m. Social bingo 6 p.m.: Night Bingo!  
RMV Transactions  
EVERY WEDNESDAY 10 a.m.-2 p.m. including license renewals (drivers younger than 75); registration renewals, change of address, duplicate license or registration, reporting lost or stolen disability placard and how to request a replacement. Call for an appointment.  
**THURSDAY**  
9 a.m.: cards; 10-11:30 a.m.: adult coloring class; 12:45 p.m.: whist; 2:30-3:30 p.m.: computer and cell phone classes, reservations required, please call.  
**FRIDAY**  
9 a.m.: shopping; 9:30 a.m.: light exercises; 12:30 p.m.: bridge and Scat.

**NORTHBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER**  
(508) 234-2002  
www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging  
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Upcoming Special Events and Announcements  
We require registration for all of our events and trips. Additionally, if you need transportation, please inform the center at the time of registration. Simply call to sign-up. Deposits and fees are required at time of sign up in order to reserve your spot.  
The Northbridge Senior Center is looking for Seniors to participate in a mentoring program at the Rockdale Youth Center located at St. Peter's Church in Rockdale. Help with homework, reading, playing games or cards, cooking or baking are some of the ways you can mentor. Or maybe you have special skills or hobbies you would like to share. This would be once a week from 3:00-6:00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Call Michelle at the Center for more information.

**EVENTS**  
The Monthly Book Club date has been changed to May 23.  
**WEEKLY:**  
Coloring Club  
Every Monday 1:00  
BINGO Every Monday at 1 p.m.  
Tai Chi  
Tuesdays from 10:45–11:45 \$2/class  
Billiard League  
Every Wednesday @ 9:00 Billiard League Players Needed  
Every Wednesday morning from 8:30-11:00. If you would like to join, give us a call and we can give you more information. Experience is not required, we have a great teacher here that will show you the ropes!  
Chair Yoga  
Chair Yoga at 10 a.m.  
Painting Class  
Every Friday @ 9:00; Stretch and Strengthening Class at 10:15  
**TRIPS**  
June 18th “A Day in Mystic”, \$66/person. Our day trip begins with a two-hour cruise aboard the Schooner Argia which features white oak frames, Douglas fir masts and long-leaf yellow pine planks. After touring the harbor, we will disembark and have time on our own for lunch at one of many local eateries and explore the many attractions in Mystic. Call Jeannine to sign up.  
July 25th, “Indian Princess Cruise” on Webster Lake. Join us for a 90 minute cruise on beautiful Webster Lake. Price for the trip is \$35 which includes a boxed lunch. Call Jeannine for more info on this trip. Limited availability so sign up early.  
August 22, “Loot n’ Lobster”. Sign up for this Mohegan Sun Trip which includes a lobster bake at Cap’n Jack’s. \$73 per person, but you will get \$30 back in Mohegan bonuses.

**UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER**  
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**AND PASS THE POPCORN**  
It's Movie Night at the Uxbridge Senior Center! Starting in March, seniors and friends can enjoy watching a movie together in the comfort of the senior center. Each month on the second Tuesday, a movie will be playing from 6:30 to 8:30. The first films have been selected by our resident expert, Rick Lewis and movie enthusiast, Cathy Thornton.  
“Dead Men Don’t Wear Plaid,” starring Steve Martin and featuring a host of stars in cameo appearances, will be shown on June 12.  
Transportation may be available for some of these Movie Nights, if there is sufficient interest with reservations required in advance. Check in with the Uxbridge Senior Center at 508-278-8622 regarding van availability. Refreshments will be provided by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection. Suggestions for films for July and beyond are encouraged; otherwise, Lewis and Thornton will continue aiming to select movies folks will enjoy.  
Sure, you can watch a movie on TV at home, but how much more fun to see it with friends.  
Thursdays 1:30-2:30 p.m. - Ron Allen from Lark Studio will continue his **Tai Chi** classes at the senior center. Sessions are free, but a suggested donation of \$2 per class is welcome. This is a fun way to help you with balance, meditation and to stay active. Call 508-278-8622 if you have any questions or check our Facebook page for updates. Walk-in’s are Welcome! Classes will continue until June 14.  
Free Computer Classes are EVERY Tuesday from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.  
Hannaford shopping is every Tuesday morning. Shaw’s, Dollar Tree & Ocean State will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays instead of Walmart.  
The next Page Turners with Chris Powloka will on Tuesday, June 12.  
Dr. B will be back on Monday, July 16.  
Tuesday, May 22 **annual town election Day!** Polls are open 7am – 8pm. Get out there and vote!  
Tuesday, May 22, 11:30am – 12:30pm - **Ask the Nurse.** Salmon Health VNA will be available for the Free Blood Pressure Clinic. Janet Iocabelli will be at the senior center every fourth Tuesday. Feel free to join us for lunch and participate in this important free monthly clinic offered by the Salmon VNA. You are welcome to join us for lunch!  
Tuesday, May 22 12:30-2:00 pm – Brian Guagnini, Sales Executive Medicare Sales for **Fallon Health** will be here for one on one talk about Senior Care Options. If you have any questions, please feel free to come speak to him. You can meet up with Brian after lunch and he will be back again on Tuesday, June 26.  
The Silver Club BUS TRIPS for 2018  
*Please call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information.*  
**From June 26-29:** there is a 4 day trip to the beautiful quaint town of St. Andrews by the Sea in New Brunswick, Canada staying at the prestigious Algonquin Resort. There is a tour of St. Andrews and also free time to explore the area or just to enjoy the hotel. A lobster bake and five other meals are included. There will be a side trip to Campobello Island, the beautiful summer place of FDR. You'll have the opportunity to see several of the “cottages” providing a glimpse into why this was such a beloved summer retreat. The bus leaves from the Whitinsville WalMart.  
**May 29:** Lobster Bake Cruise, Beauport Princess, Gloucester \$79. Lobster and chicken both; cruise along Gloucester Harbor  
**Sept. 79:** **Boothbay Harbor** The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center is planning a trip on Sept. 7-9 to Boothbay Harbor for \$449. Stay across the footbridge from the town of Boothbay Harbor at the Boothbay Harbor Inn right on the water! September is a beautiful time to be on the coast of Maine. The crowds are gone and you can enjoy the serenity! There is a lobster bake, a harbor cruise, a visit to the botanical gardens, and the Carousel Dinner Theatre included. There is also a stop in Kennebunkport.  
**Oct. 3:** **Jersey Boys at Ogunquit Playhouse.** \$121. Lunch at the Bull and Claw in Wells, ME. The choices are seafood Newburg, prime rib, baked had-

dock, or chicken Parmesan all served w/ salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls, soda or coffee, and blueberry crisp for dessert. Leaves Whitinsville at 9 a.m. & Westboro at 9:45. Home around 7 or 7:30.

**Oct. 5\*8: Washington, DC** \$699. What better time to see the Washington Monuments than Columbus Day weekend? An illuminated night tour, time to go to the Smithsonian Buildings, plus a tram tour of Arlington National Cemetery are some of the highlights.

**Oct. 10: Portland, ME Narrow Gauge Railroad (ride and museum) with lunch at The Clambake Restaurant in Scarborough, ME. \$64.** Lunch: baked haddock, baked stuffed chicken breast, or fried clam strips all served w/coleslaw, rolls, and fries. Coffee, tea, soda, apple crisp w/whipped cream. Leaves Whitinsville at 8AM, Westboro at 8:45, home around 6 - 6:30.

**Oct. 17\*19: Penn Dutch w/“Jesus”** great in the fall! \$479. The Sight and Sound Theater is presenting their newest show “Jesus” this year. That is the biggest reason for some people to go to Amish country. The beautiful fertile farmland and simple way of life of the Amish draw people back year after year.

**Nov. 1: Newport Playhouse w/the play “Sylvia”** about a married couple and a dog that Greg found in the park, Sylvia. Always great funny plays, & wonderful food w/their huge buffet! It's a yearly tradition! \$77. Leaves Westboro at 8 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:45, home around 6 or 6:30.

**Nov. 28:** Newport Mansions w/ “At the Deck” on Waites Wharf on the water. Choices for the meals are: steak frites (grilled hangar steak), penne alla vodka, or lobster roll, all w/coffee, tea, & dessert. The opulent Newport mansions are beautiful themselves but at Christmas time they take on another whole dimension with the amazing decorations! The Breakers and Marble House are all decked out in their Christmas finery! \$86. Leaves Westboro at 7:30 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:15, home around 5:30 or 6.

**Dec. 5: Bright Nights, Storowton Village, Storrotton Tavern and Yankee Candle \$76.** Tour of the decorated buildings of Storowton Village (like a mini Sturbridge Village, decked out in 1800s Christmas style), eat lunch at the Tavern, shop at Yankee Candle, then tour the Bright Nights (Forest Park in Springfield is a drive-through tour of Christmas lights with all kinds of fun things!) Lunch choices are: Yankee pot roast, baked scrod, or vegetable compose (potato, house and seasonal vegetables), served with butternut squash and twice baked potato. Leaves Westboro at 8 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:45, home around 8 or 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 12-14: White Mt. Hotel & Resort, North Conway, NH \$469pp double, \$579. single. North Conway is the place to be at Christmas time and the White Mt. Hotel is decorated in Colonial Williamsburg style! Order off the menu (all meals included: two full breakfasts, one luncheon, & two dinners), three Christmas shows, guided tour of Mt. Washington Valley, Christmas gift, and more!

All trips leave from the Whitinsville WalMart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. “Like” us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center.

**CENTRAL MASS SHINE WEBSITE**  
The Central Mass Region has recently launched its website. You can visit us on the web at www.shinema.org. Our site has valuable general information and links to other agencies that can assist you with your insurance needs. Trained SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Everyone) volunteers can help you! They offer free, unbiased, confidential counseling on all aspects of health insurance to anyone on Medicare. Call your senior center and ask for a SHINE appointment. You can also call 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636), then press or say 3. Once you get the SHINE answering machine, leave your name and number. A volunteer will call you back. During Open Enrollment, it may take a couple of days to return your call. You can now visit us on the internet at www.shinema.org

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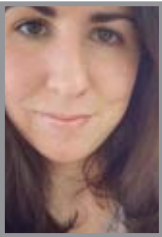
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# Charlotte Maschi and her very special tale about where she came from



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question is bound to come up eventually. Children are curious little creatures and there is no boundary to their inquisitiveness. Each parent has a different angle when answering such questions. Some parents feel that the truth is the best approach. After all, life is messy and so is birth, it's best to just get it all out in the open. Other parents make up stories of a magical stork that carried their sweet baby in a white cotton bundle and gently dropped him or her at their doorstep. Aww how sweet. Then there are some parents, like me for instance, that try to tell the truth but the science behind procreation is just too far fetched for wee little minds. My daughter did not believe for a second that mommy met daddy, they loved each other very much and they made her, together.

Nope, she wasn't buying it. The question did not go away, she was persistent. I thought of relaying the stork tale but a flying stork leaves too many questions. Where did the stork get the baby from? How come we don't see storks flying with struggling bundles every day? Are there flight paths and regulations? Why would the stork drop it at the doorstep? Have you been outside in New England lately? It's freezing out there, no place for a newborn. Parents, it is virtually impossible to answer all these questions adequately and to a curious child's satisfaction. But there is a solution. Make up the silliest, craziest most farfetched story you can think of. A story of their creation that is so out of the ordinary your child will be taken away by the whimsy of such a tale that the young tot may possibly go

away to ponder over this new-found origin story for a long glorious while. With their imagination is ignited you may be able to get some adult stuff done, that's what I call a parenting bonus. My daughter, after not believing that she actually did grow inside my belly and sprout from my loins, asked me where I came from. This is what started the inventive ball rolling. When I was little, I asked my father the same question. His response was prompt and always the same. He bought me at a King's yard sale for a quarter. That's it. That was the story. I was put on the front lawn of a grand castle among the knickknacks, used Tupperwares and broken electronics. The king must have been liquidating his assets and my father bought me for the low, low price of 25¢. Boom. There you have it. That's where I came from. I of course turned this self-demoralizing aspect of being so cheap at such a young age into; well obviously I was a princess and it must have been a magical quarter because goodness me I was a star and obviously worth all the gold in the kingdom. So, I told my daughter this and she laughed as I laughed. But that didn't get me out of the initial query. Where had she come from? As we sat surrounded by shelves of books I saw one book about dragons. You came from a dragon I told her. She sat up, her eyes wide and hungry. Oh yeah, now this makes sense to her. Of course, she came from a dragon, it was so simple! Here is the story I told my four-year-old daughter Charlotte. Once upon a time, me and your dad were out walking in the mountains. We turned a corner and saw a big dark cave where a rumbling sound shook the rocks and smoke billowed out the top like a volcano. Your father and I held hands and walked into the cave together. We ventured deep into the abyss and soon stumbled upon a great sleeping dragon. The dragon was guarding three eggs. A

green egg, a red egg and a blue egg. Your father wanted the green egg, and I wanted the red egg so we split apart and each went after our own eggs. The dragon would stir and stretch and we would run and hide behind rocks and boulders afraid for our lives. But there was something special about those eggs. We would creep and crawl until I reached my egg and your dad reached his. We were about to pick them up when the blue egg in the middle started to shake. Any time we went to pick up one of the other eggs that blue egg would begin to jump and shiver. So, your dad and I decided that the blue egg wanted us so we were going to take it home. We both picked up the egg because it was so heavy and we had to carry it away together. As we stepped away from the warmth of the dragons' belly were heard a big yawn and a grumpy snort. The dragon was awake! She saw that we were taking an egg and she roared and growled. We ran away as fast as we could all while holding onto our precious blue egg. The dragon breathed fire and even though our tushies got toasty we made it out of the cave. We rolled head over heels down a lush green hill for miles until your dad, me and the blue dragons egg rested at the bottom. As the egg rolled to a stop it started to shake and shiver; quake and quiver. Little cracks started to form on the surface of the egg and soon bigger cracks appeared. Something inside was trying desperately to get out. All of the sudden a small fist punched through the shell followed by a foot and another little foot and finally there was Charlotte, little baby Charlotte who came from a fierce and beautiful dragon. This story is the one my daughter believes; her mom and dad stole her from a dragon. She came from an egg the shade of her favorite color and punched her way out. Her parents got their booties burnt from the dragons' breath which just makes that story all



Kim Maschi photo

the more believable since they are both so clumsy. She tells anyone who will listen that she came from a dragon, and they believe her because she is both fiery and intense. Sometimes kids don't want to know the truth, or just want something more than the truth. Reality can be boring and they will have plenty of tedious truth to come as they grow. Next time your child asks a question, play to their imagination, let them wonder and explore. Give them a story that will soar their soul and kindle their imagination. Charlotte is not the only dragon baby out there. After all, there were two other eggs and many more caves to discover.

## The art of waterwise gardening



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Making a few changes in your garden care can yield great benefits. Less time and water wasted means more time for you to relax or entertain friends and family in your beautiful landscape. Water is critical throughout the life of a plant, but deciding when and how much water to provide each plant can be a bit overwhelming. Make this task easier and conserve moisture with these simple strategies. Start by matching plants to your growing conditions. Selecting plants suited to your climate, soil moisture and average rainfall means healthier, better-looking plants and productive gardens with less supplemental water. Incorporate organic matter such as compost into the soil prior to planting. This helps the soil more efficiently absorb rainfall and irrigation water. Less runoff means less water wasted. Adding organic matter also increases the ability of fast-draining soil to hold moisture, extending the time

between watering. Mulch the soil with organic materials such as shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips. Mulching helps conserve moisture while suppressing weeds and improving the soil as it decomposes. Plus, you'll be recycling landscape trimmings back into the landscape and the environment. It's green gardening! There will still be times you need to lend nature a hand. Sprouting seeds, young seedlings and new transplants need consistent moisture to grow and establish a root system. Most annual flowers and vegetables also need consistent moisture throughout the season. Newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs also need more attention and water than established plants with deeper roots able to absorb more moisture. During extended dry periods, even established plants will need supplemental water. Providing the right amount of water at the right time can be a challenge. Doing it efficiently to avoid wasting time or water can help ensure your gardening success. Take the guess work out of watering with a drip irrigation system like the DIY WaterWell Irrigation System Drip Line Kit (gardeners.com). Drip irrigation systems allow you to apply



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Drip irrigation systems allow you to slowly apply water right above the plant roots, encouraging the development of deep, drought-tolerant roots.

water to the soil right above the plant roots, exactly where it's needed. Run a line next to each row of plants - or every 18" in planting beds. The water slowly seeps through the holes and into the soil below. The slow, steady flow moistens the root zone, encouraging the development of deep, drought-tolerant roots. Just turn on the faucet, set the timer and let the irrigation system do the work. This reduces the risk of frequent, ineffective

watering which leads to shallow roots growing just below the soil surface where they dry out quickly. High temperatures or missed irrigation can stress shallow rooted plants, reducing their beauty and productivity. The use of appropriate irrigation, mulching and organic matter can make a huge difference in the quality of your landscape - and your enjoyment of your garden!

Melinda Myers has writ-

ten more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD series* and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardener's Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Myers's web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com).

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person. For \$105 you will get a deluxe motor coach to Venus De Milo where you hear the music of Bobby Rydell with songs like Volare, Swinging School, Forget Him, Wild One and more. You have a choice of baked stuffed chicken or scrod. Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 11-13: Pennsylvania Dutch Tour For \$469 per person double you will take a deluxe motor coach tour of Lancaster and Philadelphia and see the show JESUS. For details call Jan at (508) 887 2215. Oct. 9-16: ALL INCLUSIVE ARUBA: Happily Full. I am taking names for stand-by on this trip and for 2019 trip Tuesday, Nov. 13: Foxwoods \$25 - 10 a.m. bus. You will have five hours at the casino as the bus will leave Foxwoods at 4 p.m. You will receive \$10 for gaming and \$15 meal voucher. UNION SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE CHAPTER 12 Union Saint-Jean-Baptiste, Chapter #12, Southbridge, is sponsoring a variety of excursions for all to enjoy in 2018. We

are a non-profit family oriented Franco-American fraternal society since 1900. As always, you do not have to be a member to participate in any of the scheduled events. All are welcome. Gift certificates purchased in any amount can be used by the recipient to any event at face value. For information or reservations contact Ted at (508) 764-7909. 2018 2018 is the Society's 26th anniversary in providing members and non-members alike the opportunity to experience excursions of a day or extended days. All are welcome to travel with our organization. May 25: Evening with the Pops features the best of the Boston Pops Orchestra's broad repertoire with the music of Fiedler, Bernstein, Copeland, Rodgers, Ellington, Gershwin and the soaring music of John Williams. The cost is \$59 per person for the 8 p.m. concert with reserved second balcony center seating and motor coach transportation. Departure is 5:30 p.m. from RMV, LaRochelle Way in Southbridge. Always sold out, so reserve early. July 15: Sunday at Tanglewood at noon, luncheon at the Red Lion Inn followed by the 2:30 p.m. concert with reserved seating in the Koussevitsky Music Shed. Andris Nelsons, conductor, leads the Boston Symphony Orchestra with

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# SPORTS

## Visbeck leads Northbridge to come-from-behind win over Division 1 Shrewsbury

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBIDGE — Caleb Visbeck’s third hit of the game was by far his biggest, a three-run triple in the bottom of the sixth inning that lifted Northbridge High’s varsity baseball team to a 9-5 win over Shrewsbury High — a Division 1 opponent — on Wednesday, May 9 at Lasell Field.

With the bases loaded and the score tied at 5-5, Visbeck greeted Colonials’ reliever Korey Patwari with a laser beam of a line drive that landed just inside the right field line and then kicked into foul territory.

By the time Shrewsbury’s Dylan Degon tracked down the ball Nolan LeBrasseur, Brandon Susienka and Sam Gallagher had all crossed home plate and the Rams were ahead, 8-5.

“He threw me all fastballs. He tried to place it on the outside and I just went with the pitch and hit it to right field,” said Visbeck, who pushed the Northbridge lead to 9-5 two batters later, scoring on teammate Derek Angel’s fourth single of the game. “I knew I needed to step up in that at-bat and get at least one run home. I was just trying to help my team.”

Rams’ head coach Jake Ryan thought Visbeck’s patience at the plate was a key to the at-bat.

“Caleb was facing a new pitcher and he was smart; he took a couple of pitches to see what he had. Those first two pitches happened to be balls, but when he got a pitch he could work with he didn’t miss,” Ryan said. “He went with the pitch and hit it down the right field line. It was a great swing.”

Ryan said people shouldn’t read too much into the fact that Visbeck — who finished the day 3 for 3 with four RBI and three runs scored — hits out of the No. 9 spot in the Rams’ lineup.

“That’s why he’s there. He gets up with men on base all the time,” Ryan said. “That’s why I have him there. It’s one of those things where he can either turn it over for the top of the lineup or he can deliver in a big situation like he did today.”

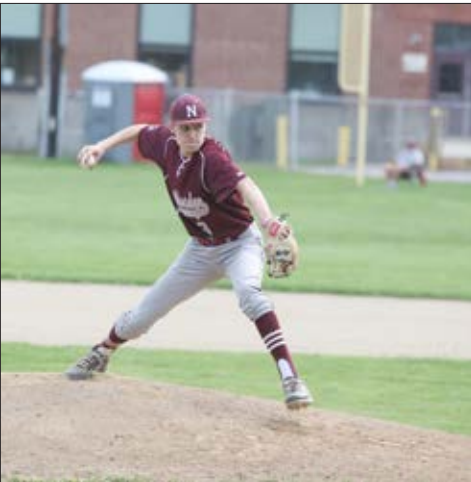
Northbridge’s sixth inning rally was its third of the game. The Rams also trailed 2-0 and 3-2 earlier on.

In the bottom of the third inning Northbridge (8-6) tied the game, 2-2. Susienka got things started with a lead-off single, went to third on a sacrifice bunt by Gallagher and scored on an RBI single to left by Visbeck, to cut the Shrewsbury lead to 2-1. Visbeck tied the game later in the inning, 2-2, on an error by the Colonials, following a single by Angel.

The Rams fell behind, 3-2, in the fourth inning but scored twice in the bottom of the fifth to take a 4-3 lead.

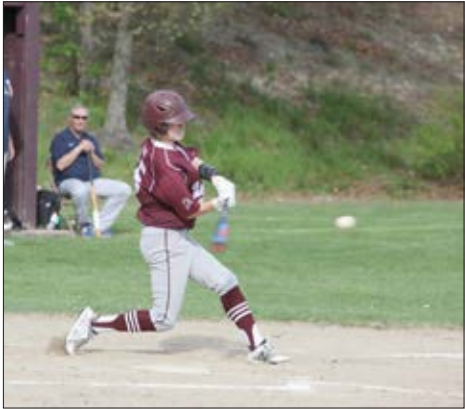
Susienka again got things started, this time by getting hit by a pitch and again went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Gallagher. He advanced to third on an infield single by Visbeck and scored to tie the game, 3-3, on a sacrifice fly by Zach Roberts. After singling Susienka to third Visbeck stole second base, moved to third on Roberts’ sacrifice fly and scored to put Northbridge ahead, 4-3, on an RBI single to right by Angel.

Shrewsbury (7-4) rallied for a pair of runs in the top of the sixth inning to take a 5-4 lead, which set the stage for

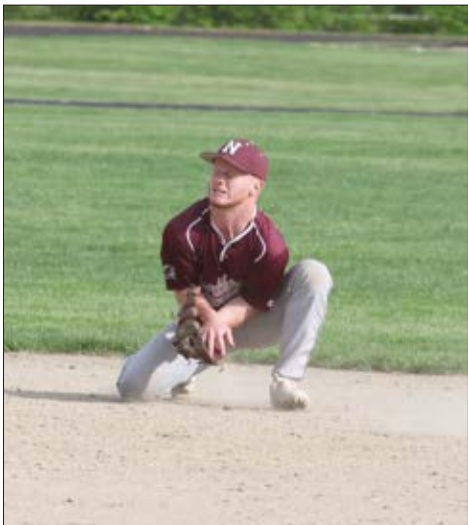


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Northbridge’s Corey Hazzard delivers a pitch to the plate versus Shrewsbury.



Caleb Visbeck of Northbridge rips an RBI single.



Northbridge’s Tim Haverty grabs the ball on the hop before getting the out at first base.

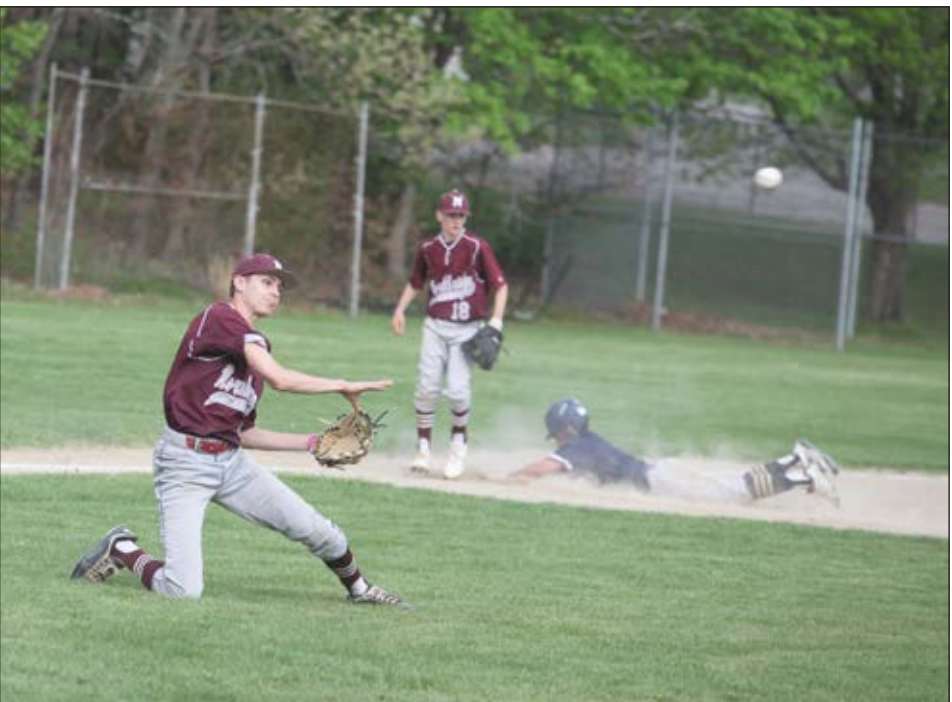
the Rams’ game-winning rally in the bottom of the frame.

Roberts picked up the win in relief of starter Corey Hazzard, who came on in the sixth after the Colonials had tied the game, 4-4. Roberts allowed an inherited runner to score but finished his outing with three strikeouts while allowing three hits.

“Zach had been doing it for us all year; he’s our go-to reliever,” Ryan said. “He has yet to give up a run. As a coach, he’s the guy you want to come in the game. You want to win or lose with your best on the mound. With him as a reliever he’s that for us. I want to win or lose with him out there in that spot. He’s proved it time and time again. It’s his game to lose.”



Derek Angel of Northbridge swings away and drives the ball to plate a runner.



Corey Hazzard of Northbridge fields his pitcher position well and throws over to first base to record an out.



Northbridge’s Brandon Susienka beats the throw and dives into home plate safely.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### In-person registration for Northbridge Uxbridge America Youth Football & Cheer

The start of the 2018 football season is right around the corner, and the Northbridge Uxbridge America Youth Football & Cheer (NU AYF&C) family looks forward to seeing you out on the fields. There is one more in-person registration date in addition to our online registration platform.

Tuesday, June 26: Northbridge Town



Hall, 5-7 p.m. Bring those report cards.

NU AYF&C offers football and cheer-leading to kids ages 5-13, and is open to kids in Northbridge, Uxbridge and Douglas. NU AYF&C, along with the rest of the AYF family, have partnered with Heads Up Football to ensure that everyone is educated on the importance of safety in youth sports, especially with regards to head injuries and concussion.

If you can’t make it to any of the in person registrations, simply go to [www.nubulldogs.com](http://www.nubulldogs.com), and register online.

### Dust off the clubs, it’s Tee Time for Uxbridge Senior Center Golf Outing

No flurries, no worries when it comes to golfing in June! Dust off those clubs and sign up for the 13th annual Uxbridge Senior Center Golf Outing on Friday, June 1. What could be better than an 8 a.m. tee time to start off an exhilarating day on the links?

The main fundraising event sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection will be held at the Crystal Lake Golf Course in Burrillville, R.I., with the Shotgun or Florida style format. Special challenges will be rewarded like a \$1,000 prize for a hole-in-one on a par-3 and competition for the longest

drive. Contacts are veteran organizers Peter DiBattista, Pete Petrillo and Russ Rosborough who know how to ensure a day of fun and sport for all participants.

The tab for a full sponsorship remains \$700, which includes fee for golf team plus tee sign, with \$500 for a team and \$125 for an individual. Golf cart, gift and buffet luncheon in the comfortable Crystal Lake Clubhouse are all included. Not a golfer? A tee sign to be placed on the green may be purchased for \$100 for a company or individual. Contacts for the outing are DiBattista at (508) 243-5666, Petrillo at (508) 326-4328 and Rosborough at (508) 278-6672. Cathy Thornton at (508) 340-6152 would be happy to accept your donation or gift basket item. Folks are welcome to join in the fun at the luncheon for \$30 and encouraged to participate donating for the prizes.

The Uxbridge Elderly Connection has been the fundraising arm of the Uxbridge Senior Center for almost 25 years; now in its 13th year hosting a successful golf outing. The organization has raised funds to support the senior center and its numerous programs providing health and educational services, special luncheons and its daily lunch program, financial advice and assistance, transportation for local seniors for medical, shopping and social needs, to name a few. It sponsors the Uxbridge Senior Academy whose mission is dedicated to providing stimulating learning experiences in a variety of daytime and evening seminars. Some of its focus has been on improving the facility itself and it has done a great deal over the years

to do so. Local businesses and members of the community have been very generous supporting these fundraising efforts.

The great organizational skills of the three amigos, DiBattista, Petrillo and Rosborough are aided by the Board of Directors of the Uxbridge Elderly Connection including Linda Roberts, Amy DiBattista, Jeanne Daley, Jack Daley, Cathy Thornton, Donna Oncay and Dot Derby. The support of members of the Uxbridge Elderly Connection is always encouraging.

### Our Lady of the Valley set to host annual Golf Classic

The 22nd annual Our Lady of the Valley (OLV) Regional School’s Golf Classic is scheduled for Friday, May 18 at Blissful Meadows Country Club in Uxbridge, and registration is now open! Don’t miss your chance to support the students of OLV and enjoy a fun-filled day on the course!

The tournament is a 9 a.m. shotgun start (registration opens at 8) four-person Florida-Style/Scramble with an entry fee of \$150 per player and includes greens fees, cart and meals (light breakfast, grilled lunch and a chicken BBQ following tournament play) and a ball drop contest (\$10 each of five for \$40).

To register, sponsor or donate, please email [olvguild@gmail.com](mailto:olvguild@gmail.com). Not a golfer, but want to join in on the fun? Dinner-only tickets are available for \$30 each. We can’t wait to see you there!



# SPORTS

## Offensive output sparks Spartans past Sutton



Nick Ethier photos

Alyssandra Morganelli of Uxbridge races down the left field line to catch a fly ball.



BELOW: Morgan McCarty of Uxbridge fires the ball back in from her center field position.



Uxbridge's Sydney Norberg releases a pitch to home plate.



Uxbridge's Samantha Dumais hustles down the first base line.



BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SUTTON — Uxbridge High varsity softball head coach Russell Wise preaches to his girls to try and win each inning and, with that, success will follow. And, although the Spartans fell behind early to Sutton High, 2-0, after an inning of play, they went on to win five of the final six frames to take a 15-8 decision on Thursday, May 10 at Sutton Elementary School.

"I'm very happy. They bear down each time," Wise said of the Spartans' offensive philosophy. "They get away from mistakes. They work very hard."

Wise was pleased with the way his team recovered from the 2-0 deficit.

"This team's a lot better than their record shows," he said of the Suzies. "They're better than a two-win team."

"I always tell them to win the inning," Wise continued. "Besides the first inning they pretty much did. It's tough being the visitor team because you have to win it before you know what they're getting. They responded very well today and I was very pleased, very happy."

The Spartans scored three times in the top of the second inning to take a 3-2 lead after two. They then scored four times in the third to Sutton's two to surge ahead, 7-4. And although the Suzies won the fourth inning, 3-0, to tie the game at 7-7, Uxbridge then went on to win the fifth (3-1), sixth (2-0) and seventh (3-0) innings for a seven-run win.

"We have some tough teams we play and then we have teams that are our caliber. It's always great to beat the teams that are our caliber," said Wise as the Spartans improved to 7-6.

Uxbridge's hit parade was sparked by leadoff batter Morgan McCarty (3 for 5, BB, 5 RBI's) and pitcher Sydney Norberg (3 for 4, BB, 5 RBI's), who batted eighth.

Samantha Dumais was 2 for 5 and



Melissa Silva of Uxbridge reaches up to catch a pop fly hit just in front of home plate.

Ashley Dube 2 for 4 with a walk and an RBI, while Melissa Silva (2 RBI's), Maggie Streichert (1 RBI), Alyssandra Morganelli and Colleen Prior (BB) all collected a base hit. And rounding out the lineup, No. 2 batter Erika Dube reached base three times on a walk and a pair of fielder's choices. She also flashed the glove with nice defensive plays from her second base position throughout the contest.

Now sporting a record above the .500 threshold, Wise hopes that the Spartans



Maggie Streichert of Uxbridge watches the ball sail to the outfield via a hard swing.



Uxbridge's Erika Dube readies herself to field a groundball hit near second base.

continue to win and generate 10 or more victories in their 20-game schedule to reach the Central Mass. Division 3 tournament.

"Every team wants to get there," he said. "We set our goals in the beginning and we work from those goals. Each goal we get we go to the next goal and

then the next goal."

Uxbridge has had recent success once they get inside the district bracket. Last season the Spartans reached the sectional semifinals, while a year before they advanced all the way to the championship game before falling to Tahanto Regional.



# OBITUARIES

## Izabella L. “Bella” “Izzy” DeLorey, 15

MENDON– Izabella L. “Bella” “Izzy” DeLorey, 15, of Mendon passed away on Sat., May 5, 2018 at her residence.



ago.

Izzy was a freshman at the Nipmuc Regional High School in Mendon and was very active in the school chorus and played the saxophone in the band. She loved her studies and was involved in track, cross country and gymnastics. Izzy was a true artist and enjoyed being a part of Express Dance in Milford.

In addition to her mother and father, she is survived by her maternal grandparents, Rev. Carl N. and his wife Barbara J. (Bemis) DeLorey of

Uxbridge, her maternal great grandmother, Edna L. (Marshall) Bemis of Brewster, her paternal grandmother, Mary Ellen (Ford) Kramer of Franklin, two sisters, Jozephine R. Bouvier of Mendon and Kali M. DeLorme of Bellingham, her brothers, Leeroy A. Bouvier and Iziekial A. Bouvier, both of Mendon, Isaiah Kramer of Whitinsville, and many aunts, uncles, cousins including her sister cousin Ava L. DeLorey of Uxbridge.

Visiting hours were held on Sunday May 13, 2018 from 2-6 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St. (Rt. 122), Uxbridge.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 10 AM in the Village Congregational Church, 5 Church St., Whitinsville, 01588.

Burial followed in Oakland Cemetery, Barber St. at Winter St., Medway.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/bellas-memorial-fund>. [www.bumafuneralhome.com](http://www.bumafuneralhome.com)

## Monica S. Roux, 22

UXBRIDGE– Monica Shannon Roux, 22, passed away on Thursday May 10, 2018 at her home in Uxbridge; leaving behind precious memories that will be cherished by her family forever.



Monica was a caring and smart young woman with a tenderness and love for both people and animals that gave her true joy and happiness. A graduate of Uxbridge High School Class of 2014, Monica was passionate about art and drawing. She enjoyed caring for animals; especially her basset hound Lucy. After high school, Monica worked for several years; first at the Children’s Korner Day Care Center in Milford and then as a nanny to a young boy in Grafton. She took general education courses at the Community College of Rhode Island in hopes of attaining a degree in Childhood Development. Monica loved nature and had dreams to live a simple, quiet life in the mountains of Colorado, free of noise and complexities of life.

Monica was born April 8, 1996 in Framingham, the daughter of Paul and

Gwen (Perrotta) Roux. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her twin brothers, Michael F. Roux and Brandon P. Roux, age 17, both of Uxbridge, her grandparents, Frank and Mary Perrotta of Newbury, NH, Charlene Fahey of Milford, MA and Paul Roux of Sulpher, OK. She also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends, all whom will miss her beyond comprehension. Monica truly loved her brothers, who have always showed her unconditional love and support.

Visiting hours will be held Thursday, May 17, 2018 from 4-8 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St. (Rt. 122), Uxbridge.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 18, 2018 at 10:30 AM in the United Parish of Upton, 1 Church Street, Upton, Massachusetts.

A private burial for Monica will be held at the Prospect Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Douglas Dog Orphans, 90 Webster Street, Douglas, MA01516 <http://dogorphans.com/>. [www.bumafuneralhome.com](http://www.bumafuneralhome.com)

## Derek S. Yancik, 48

Derek S Yancik, 48, of Dudley died peacefully with his loving family at his side on Monday, May 14, 2018



at his home after a long hard fought battle with cancer. Derek was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, friend, teacher and coach. He is survived by his devoted wife of 24 years Karen C . Yancik , twin sons: Kyle W. Yancik and Andrew S. Yancik all of Dudley, MA; his mother Betty Lou (Chase) Yancik; a brother: Jon M. Yancik and his wife Rebecca of Millbury, a sister: Heather P. Yancik of Webster and; niece, Madison P. Lamica; nephews Chase J. Lamica and Mitchell P.Yancik. Derek also leaves his inlaws, William F. Bullens and Judith M. Bullens of Webster, MA and brother in law, Jeffrey P. Bullens of Thompson, CT.

Derek was born in Webster MA. He is the son of the late George W. Yancik and was predeceased by his brother, Kyle J.Yancik. He lived in Dudley for most of his life. He was a graduate of Bath Path Regional Vocational

Technical High School and furthered his education to obtain his teaching licensure.

Derek worked in the HVAC/R field for twenty five years before finding his true calling as an HVAC/R Instructor and football coach at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School. Derek was an inspiration to all he met especially his students. He fought his battle with cancer with grace, dignity, optimism, and humor. He loved fishing, camping with family, and riding his Indian Motorcycle.

Calling hours will be Thursday, May 17 from 3 to 8 pm at Bartel Funeral Home, 33 Schofield Avenue, Dudley, MA. A private service will be held Friday, May 18 at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley, MA with Pastor Peter Gregory officiating.

A Celebration of Life event for Derek Yancik will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Derek Yancik HVAC/R Scholarship Fund C/O Hometown Bank 31 Sutton Ave Oxford, MA 01540 [www.bartelfuneralhome.com](http://www.bartelfuneralhome.com)

against the popular grain to cut spending and raise taxes in the public interest? Can we, as citizens, demand credible action by our political leaders even when it hits us in our pocketbooks?

What we need to do is no secret: we have to spend less and tax more. This is very hard to do. But the system is not self-correcting. Unless Americans demand action, we will continue down our current road until, at some point, the pavement ends and the wheels come off.

*Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar, IU School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.*

## Keith E. Bodwell, 40

NORTHBRIDGE- Keith E. Bodwell, 40, of Northbridge passed away Sunday, May 6, 2018 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester.



He had been recently employed at Table Talk Pies in Worcester. Prior to that, he had worked in construction. He possessed a true concern for others and had the biggest heart. He would always reach out to others just to see how they were doing and would share with anyone near him whatever treasure he came across. He loved animals, dirt bike riding in younger years, camping, fishing, and trips to

New Hampshire. With a keen ear for music, he liked playing the guitar and could play anything, just by listening to a song. He was born in Woonsocket, RI the son of the late Joyce T. (Jodoin) Bodwell and Edwin G. Bodwell. He was a graduate of Northbridge High School. He is survived by his brother Erik G. and his wife Linda Bodwell of Pendleton, SC; his two sisters Ericka A. and her husband Dan Billington of Whitinsville and Cynthia E. Bodwell of Northbridge; nephews Erik Bodwell, Jr. and Jake Bodwell; several uncles, aunts, and cousins. Funeral services will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the Worcester Food Bank, 474 Boston Tpk, Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

## Raymond J. Decoteau Jr., 67

DOUGLAS – Raymond J. Decoteau Jr., 67, of Main St. , formerly of Wixtead Ct. died suddenly Thurs. May 3, 2018 after being stricken ill at home.



He is survived by his 3 children, Joseph T. Decoteau of Old Town, ME; Deanna L. Decoteau of Northbridge and Joeyanna Colton of Rutland, MA; a grandson Ben; 2 sisters

Helen Kesner and her husband Marvin of Webster, and Anne M. Engelhard and her husband Stephen of Oxford; nieces Melissa and Julie; and many good friends. Born in Webster, MA on Jan. 29, 1951, he was the son of Raymond J. Sr. and Marcella L. (Zedzynski) Decoteau and lived in Douglas all his life.

Raymond worked as a Plant Operator for the Town of Douglas Water Dept. for 17 years, retiring in 2014. Previously he worked for Berardi Auto Body in Milford many years. He was a graduate of LaSalette Seminary in Cheshire, CT, Worcester Junior College and

## Richard B. “Benny” Landry, 77

NORTHBRIDGE- Richard B. “Benny” Landry, 77, formerly of Providence Rd., passed away on May 6, 2018 at Beaumont Skilled Nursing Ctr. in Westborough, where he had resided the past 8 months, after a period of declining health.

He is survived by two children Catherine “Cat” Landry of Shrewsbury, and Benjamin Landry of Shrewsbury; a sister Marguerite Landry of Northbridge; as well as many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 6 siblings, Kenneth Landry , Russell “Buzzer” Landry, Joseph Landry, Albert Landry, Chloe Kurtyka, and Lorraine Fletcher.

Born in Millbury on August 11, 1940

Benny was the son of Joseph A. and Marguerite (LeMay) Landry. He was a Graduate of Sutton High School and worked for many years as a shipping and receiving manager for the former Bradlee’s Store in Milford. He lived for many years in Douglas and the past few years he spent in Northbridge. An all around sports fan, Benny enjoyed playing on the town softball and baseball leagues, as well as watching all sports on TV.

As to his wishes, Benny will be cremated and a burial of his ashes will be held at a later date where he will be laid next to his parents in Millbury. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com>

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### CALENDAR

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League is a statewide network of parents and professionals and adolescents with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs.

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

AL-ANON: A “Serenity on The Hill” Al-Anon step meeting will be held at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the Rockdale Congregational Church, 42 Fowler Road, Northbridge. This is a support group for family and friends of problem drinkers. Newcomers always welcome. For more information, call 508-366-0556.

YOGA GROUP: Come join the Sunshine Yoga Collaborative in our mission to bring community based yoga to Uxbridge and the surrounding communities! These classes are appropriate for those just beginning to the advanced student. Our class is every Sunday morning from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Alternatives, Unlimited at 50 Douglas Road in Whitinsville. We have extra yoga mats, but most folks bring their own. We ask for a \$5 donation per class, which is passed on to a local organization doing good work in our community. Visit us on Facebook: Sunshine Yoga Collaborative.

RECOVERY: Every Monday, Celebrate Recovery is a Biblically based step program designed to heal a wide variety of habits and harmful behaviors, such as drug dependency, abuse, eating disorders, depression, anger, pornography, broken relationships. The group meets every week in a two-part session, an open group followed by gender-specific small share

groups. Starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 9. Come at 6:30 for coffee and conversation. Pleasant Street Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville, (508) 234-5268, ext. 14, or email [howard@pscr.org](mailto:howard@pscr.org).

BREAKFAST: The John 21 Community Breakfast at St. Patrick’s Church has been established as a response to the needs of many people in our community. Breakfast will continue each and every Saturday from 8-10 a.m. in the Parish Center, 1 Cross St., Whitinsville. Our mission is to serve a nutritious breakfast, free of charge, every Saturday morning in the spirit of community fellowship and hospitality. Teams of volunteers prepare and serve breakfast on a rotating basis. All are welcome. For more information, please contact the ministry coordinator at [John21Breakfast@gmail.com](mailto:John21Breakfast@gmail.com). If you would like to make a donation to this project, please contact St. Patrick’s rectory at 508-234-5656.

Legos Club: the first and third Mondays of each month, for ages 6 and up from 3 until 5 p.m. at the Whitinsville Social Library. For more information about programming, please visit the library’s website at [www.northbridge-mass.org/whitinsville-social-library](http://www.northbridge-mass.org/whitinsville-social-library).

PROJECT KIBBLE: In this tight economy, it can be tough to make ends meet. What about your four-legged friends? Project Kibble collects donations of pet food and supplies and distributes them to local food pantries. We accept dog and cat food, kitty litter, small rodent and fish food. All donations must be unopened and unexpired. For more information, please contact [projectkibble@gmail.com](mailto:projectkibble@gmail.com) or call Christine at 508-234-8131.

12-STEPS FOR OTHERS: The Adult Children of Alcoholics 12-step support group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Mondays at the Hopedale Unitarian Church, 65 Hopedale St. For more information, call Rose at (508) 234-9004.



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# Safe driving tips



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With these stats in mind the following “safe driving tips” from AAA and other sources, are offered.

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This time of year bright sun glare is a common problem, especially just after sunrise and prior to sunset. If you find yourself driving with the sun shining in your eyes, try these tips:

\*Check out polarized sunglasses, studies show they really do decrease glare.

\*Don’t forget to utilize your sun visor. If necessary invest in an inexpensive sun shield that

attaches to the visor and provides more shade.

\*When the sun is interfering with your vision, practice proactive safety. Back off from the car in front of you to leave more room (and more reaction time) between you and the other vehicle.

\* Make sure your windshield is crystal clear. Dirt and smudges increase glare from the sun’s rays.

\*Leave your headlights on. It will help others see you better.

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Rainy weather poses more problems for safe driving. In fact, studies show wet roadways contribute to nearly 1.2 million traffic crashes each year. Up your odds of a safe arrival with these pointers:

\*Check out your wipers. Replacing worn windshield wipers are an inexpensive, cost effective way to increase visibility in rainy weather.

Note: Wipers that don’t clean the glass in a single swipe should be replaced.

\*Always turn on your headlights when driving in rainy weather. It not only helps you to see the road more clearly, but it also allows you to be visible to other drivers.

\*Did you know proper maintenance of tires can help pre-

vent accidents, especially on wet pavement? Tire tread is important for good traction. Place a quarter in the tire groove. If you can see above George Washington’s head, you should replace your tire for optimum safety.

\*Also, be sure your tire pressure is up to par. Correct tire pressure aids in preventing slipping and sliding on rain soaked roads. Note: Tire pressure often drops in cold weather.

\*Above all, don’t use cruise control! When utilized in wet weather, the loss of acceleration control can prevent a safe reduction in speed.

\*Did you know hydroplaning can be prevented simply by slowing down? Here is an eye opening fact from AAA: With as little as 1/12 inch of water on the road, tires have to displace a gallon of water per second to keep the rubber meeting the road. Drivers should reduce their speed to correspond to the amount of water on the roadway. At speeds as low as 35 mph, new tires can still lose some contact with the roadway.

\*OK, so you find yourself skidding in wet weather. What to do? According to AAA you should: Continue to look and steer in the direction in which the driver wants the car to go.

Avoid slamming on the brakes as this will further upset the vehicle’s balance and make it harder to control.

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Whether you’re taking a road trip of just have a long daily commute, being alert is imperative to safe driving. Research reveals very sleepy drivers can impair judgment as much as drugs and alcohol can. Read on for ways to reduce drowsiness:

\*Never attempt a long trip unless you have at least six hours of sleep under your belt.

\*Drink a coffee or caffeinated soft drink. Keep in mind it takes about a half hour before it takes effect, so if need be, take a nap in the meantime.

\*Schedule a break every couple of hours. Have a healthy snack. Step out of the car and stretch your legs.

\*Getting plenty of sleep (at least six hours) the night before a long trip;

\*On long trips avoid driving when you normally sleep, even if you’ve slept in the off hours. Drive during your regular waking hours to keep your body on your regular schedule and more alert.

\*Driving with a passenger that is awake is the best bet for keeping yourself from nodding off.

\*If you are tired, pull over and take a nap. Be sure to park in a safe place, never pull over the side of the road. Instead, find an open parking lot where you feel you can safely take a snooze.

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

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

## TRIPS

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trip to the beautiful quaint town of St. Andrews by the Sea in New Brunswick, Canada staying at the prestigious Algonquin Resort. There is a tour of St. Andrews and also free time to explore the area or just to enjoy the hotel. A lobster bake and five other meals are included. There will be a side trip to Campobello Island, the beautiful summer place of FDR. You’ll have the opportunity to see several of the “cottages” providing a glimpse into why this was such a beloved summer retreat. The bus leaves from the Whitinsville WalMart.

May 29: Lobster Bake Cruise, Beauport Princess, Gloucester \$79. Lobster and chicken both; cruise along Gloucester Harbor

Sept. 7-9: Boothbay Harbor The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center is planning a trip on Sept. 7-9 to Boothbay Harbor for \$449. Stay across the footbridge from the town of Boothbay Harbor at the Boothbay Harbor Inn right on the water! September is a beautiful time to be on the coast of Maine. The crowds are gone and you can enjoy the serenity!

There is a lobster bake, a harbor cruise, a visit to the botanical gardens, and the Carousel Dinner Theatre included. There is also a stop in Kennebunkport.

Oct. 3: Jersey Boys at Ogunquit Playhouse. \$121. Lunch at the Bull and Claw in Wells, ME. The choices are seafood Newburg, prime rib, baked haddock, or chicken Parmesan all served w/salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls, soda or coffee, and blueberry crisp for dessert. Leaves Whitinsville at 9 a.m. & Westboro at 9:45. Home around 7 or 7:30.

Oct. 5-8: Washington, DC \$699. What better time to see the Washington Monuments than Columbus Day weekend? An illuminated night tour, time to go to the Smithsonian Buildings, plus a tram tour of Arlington National Cemetery are some of the highlights.

Oct. 10: Portland, ME Narrow Gauge Railroad (ride and museum) with lunch at The Clambake Restaurant in Scarborough, ME. \$64. Lunch: baked haddock, baked stuffed chicken breast, or fried clam strips all served w/cole-slaw, rolls, and fries. Coffee, tea, soda, apple crisp w/whipped cream. Leaves Whitinsville at 8AM, Westboro at 8:45, home around 6 - 6:30.

Oct. 17-19: Penn Dutch w/“Jesus” great

in the fall! \$479. The Sight and Sound Theater is presenting their newest show “Jesus” this year. That is the biggest reason for some people to go to Amish country. The beautiful fertile farmland and simple way of life of the Amish draw people back year after year.

Nov. 1: Newport Playhouse w/the play “Sylvia” about a married couple and a dog that Greg found in the park, Sylvia. Always great funny plays, & wonderful food w/their huge buffet! It’s a yearly tradition! \$77. Leaves Westboro at 8 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:45, home around 6 or 6:30.

Nov. 28: Newport Mansions w/ “At the Deck” on Waites Wharf on the water. Choices for the meals are: steak frites (grilled hangar steak), penne alla vodka, or lobster roll, all w/coffee, tea, & desert. The opulent Newport mansions are beautiful themselves but at Christmas time they take on another whole dimension with the amazing decorations! The Breakers and Marble House are all decked out in their Christmas finery! \$86. Leaves Westboro at 7:30 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:15, home around 5:30 or 6.

Dec. 5: Bright Nights, Storowton Village, Storrotton Tavern and Yankee Candle \$76. Tour of the decorated build-

ings of Storowton Village (like a mini Sturbridge Village, decked out in 1800s Christmas style), eat lunch at the Tavern, shop at Yankee Candle, then tour the Bright Nights (Forest Park in Springfield is a drive-through tour of Christmas lights with all kinds of fun things!) Lunch choices are: Yankee pot roast, baked scrod, or vegetable compose (potato, house and seasonal vegetables), served with butternut squash and twice baked potato. Leaves Westboro at 8 a.m., Whitinsville at 8:45, home around 8 or 8:30 p.m.

Dec. 12-14: White Mt. Hotel & Resort, North Conway, NH \$469pp double, \$579. single. North Conway is the place to be at Christmas time and the White Mt. Hotel is decorated in Colonial Williamsburg style! Order off the menu (all meals included: two full breakfasts, one luncheon, & two dinners), three Christmas shows, guided tour of Mt. Washington Valley, Christmas gift, and more!

All trips leave from the Whitinsville WalMart and the Stop & Shop at 32 Lyman St, Westboro. Make sure to include entree choice, phone # (esp. cell) and an emergency # when sending payment. “Like” us on FacebookThe Silver Club and The Uxbridge Senior Center.

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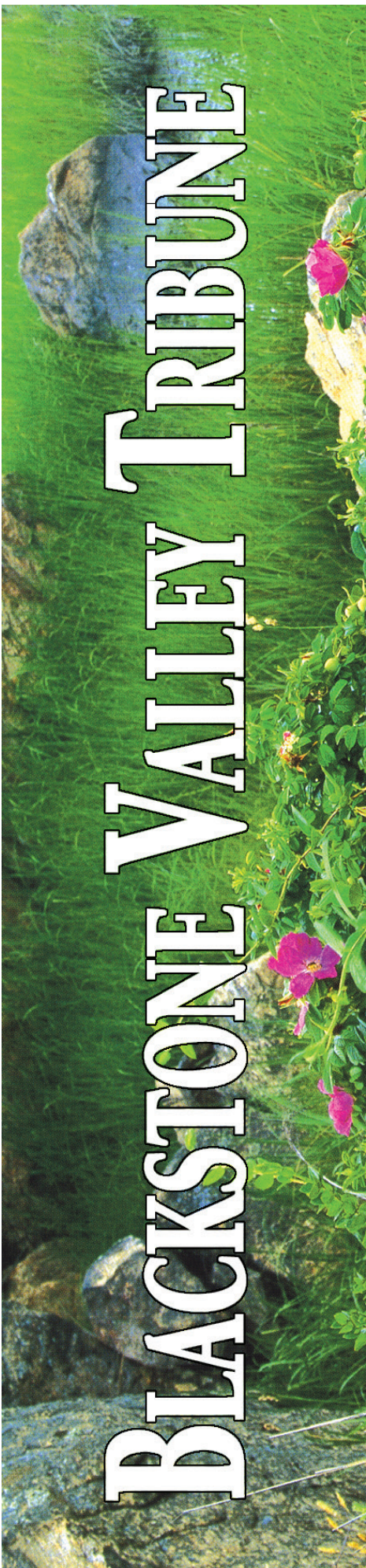
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**DUDLEY** - 34 West Main St! 10 Rm, 3,322' Antique Colonial! 87 Acre! Grand Entry Foyer! Frpld Formal Liv Rm & Frpld Library! Fam Rm w/Hrdws! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdws & Tall Bay Window! Appliance Eat-in Kit w/Flr & Walk-in Pantry! 1st Flr Laundry Rm! 1/2 Bath w/Dressing Rm! Grand Stairway to 2nd Flr! Spacious Frpld Master Bdrm w/Hrdws, Walk-in Closet & Full Bath! 2 Additional Bdrms w/Built-ins & Hrdwd Flrs, 1 Bdrm w/Access to Additional Full Bath! "Maid's Quarters" w/Spacious Bdrm w/Hrdwd Flr, Full Bath & Separate Stairway Access! 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, 4 Frplcs! Lower Level Finished Fam Rm w/Frplc & Abundant Shelving & Storage! 2 Car Detached Garage w/Full Loft! Fenced Yard w/Circular Driveway! Commercial Zoned! **\$695,000.00**



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**DUDLEY** - 50 Airport Rd! Updated 5 Rm Ranch! 1/2 Acre Level Lot! Kit 2009! Frpld Liv Rm! 2 Comfortable Bdrms! Master Bath! 2 Full Baths Total! Mud Rm Entryway! Walk-out Frpld Lower Level! Updated Roof & C/Air 2010, Breakers 2011, Windows 2015, Furnace 2016! Won't Last! **\$269,900.00**



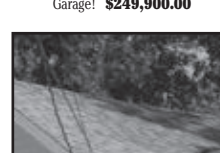
**DUDLEY** - 9 Page Ln! Newly Renovated 6 Rm, 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Cape! 1 Acre Lot! Cul-de-sac! Hrdws Throughout! Open Liv Rm, Kit & Din Area! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Is! Slider to Composite Deck! 1st Flr Master w/Walk-in Closet & Master Bath! 2nd Flr w/2 Large Bdrms & Full Bath! Garage Under! **\$309,900.00**



**WEBSTER** - 11 Upper Gore Rd! Convenient 6 Rm Ranch! Fully Appliance Oak Kit! Frplc Din Rm w/Hrdws! 3 Bdrms w/Hrdwd Flrs! Spacious Liv Rm w/Rick Heart! 1st Flr Laundry! Large Trex Deck! Updated Windows, Siding & Furnace! Garage! Shed! Solid w/Hd! 39 Acre Lot! **\$259,900.00**



**WEBSTER** - 7 Vine St! 5+ Rm L-Shaped Ranch! Looking for Larger, they May Be It! 10'6" X 19' Eat-in Kit! 27' Liv Rm! Entry Foyer! 3 Comfortable Bdrms w/Dble Closets! Huge Master! Hrdws Flrs! Tile Bath! 1.5 Baths! Walk-out Lower Level! Heat & Hot Water by Gas! Garage! **\$219,900.00**



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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 10 Kenneth Ave! South Pond! Sandy Shoreline! 9 Rm Contemporary! 3 Bdrms! 3 Baths! Lake Views from Most Rooms! Hrdwd & Tile Flrs Throughout! Brunanhan Custom Granite Kit w/Cherry Cabinets! 1st Flr Office! Master w/New Bath! Frpld Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$639,900.00**



**WEBSTER LAKE** - 47 Lakeside Ave! 2 Family! 6/6 Rm! 33 Bdrms! 1/1 Baths! Appliance Kitchen! Recent Roof at 5 Yrs! Solar Panels at 2 Yrs! Separate Oil Furnaces! Walk to Lakeside Beach! Launch Your Boat at the State Ramp! Convenient Location! **\$249,000.00**



**DUDLEY** - 67 West Main St! Live or Work or do Both from this 7 Rm Colonial on 25,860' Lot - 594 Acres! Needs Updating! Zoned Business! Convenient Location for Either Room to Expand! Hrdws! 2 Baths! Corner Lot - Rd Frontage on View St As Well! Town Services & Gas! Recent Buderus Furnace! **\$198,900.00**



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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 60 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 52' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Panoramic Lake Views! 8 Rms, 3 Bdrm, 2 Baths, A/C'd, Ranch! Custom SS Appliance Granite Kit! Din Rm w/Hrdws & Slider to Waterfront Deck w/Awning! Lake Facing Frplc Liv Rm w/Cathedral, Skylight & Hrdws! Comfortable Master Bdrm! Frpld Lower Level Fam Rm! 2 Car Garage! **\$729,900.00**



**WEBSTER LAKE** - 412 Beacon Park! WATERVIEW 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse! End Corner Unit! Lake Views! Appliance Galley Kitchen! Frpld Liv Rm w/Hrdws! Din Rm w/Hrdws! Master w/Custom Bath & Closet w/Skylight! 2.5 Remodeled Tile Baths! Central Air! Garage! Great Lakeside Pool! Sandy Beach! **\$279,500.00**



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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 33 Beacon Rd! 6 Rms, 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths! 141' Waterfront! 12,458' Lot w/Plenty of Privacy! Kit, Master Bdrm, Master Bath, Roof & Windows New in 2013! Enjoy Sunsets from Wrap-around Porch! Beautiful Lake Views! Frplc Liv Rm! SS Appliances C/Air! 2 Car Garage! **\$519,900.00**



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**WEBSTER LAKE** - 602 Treasure Isl! Townhouse! 6 Rm! 1.5 Bath! Hrdwd Floors! Appliance Granite Kit! Open Flr Plan! 2 Bdrms! Master Bath w/Whirlpool Tub, Separate Shower & Bidet! 3 Baths! Frpld Fam Rm! C/Air! Gas Heat! Trex Deck! Recent Windows/Doors! C/Air! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool, Sandy Beach! **\$349,000.00**



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THOMPSON - 5 BEATTIE AVE



NEW LISTING! Under Construction! 1.31 acre +/- lot Close to I-395! Open flr plan, cathedral ceilings, hrdwd & ceramic tile flrs! Granite counters, center island! Dining rm w/ sliders to deck! 2 BRs, & Mstr BR suite w/private bath! 1/2 bath/laundry, 2-1/2 bath total! Central Air, 2 car gar. **\$259,900.**

WEBSTER - 115 SUTTON RD



New listing! Charming well appointed cape! Mahogany floor farmers porch! Andersen windows! Beautiful 2 story foyer! Cabinet packed kitchen custom cherry cabinets - ss appliances - island, formal dining room w/hardwood floors, family room with fireplace! French doors that open to 15x18 of extra entertaining space! Second floor has large 10x23 master & full bath with jetted tub - bedrooms 28x3 share a full bath! Finished basement! **\$329,900**

WEBSTER - 41 THOMPSON RD



Business zoned 2 family! on a 1/4+ Acre lot, Oversized concrete block garage, 6 rooms, 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, each unit. Walk up attics. Recent 2 Fuel Efficient gas fired heating systems. Originally built in year 1900 with remodeled improvements over time. **\$224,900.**

WEBSTER - 19 PEPKA DR



Desirable one level living with a long list of upgrades! Electrical service, new pro windows, roof, central air & heat pump, gas heat. New ss appliances, new kitchen and more! Hardwood flooring. Private, tree bordered - level lot! Shed which has garage door. Covered back porch for summer enjoyment! **\$245,900**

WEBSTER - 90 UPLAND AVE



NEW LISTING! Excellent home for 1st time home buyers! Cape that has 3 large bedrooms, 2 on the main level and one on the 2nd floor, 1 bath on the main level, 1/2 bath in the basement. Heated by oil - forced hot water baseboard! 1 car garage under **\$134,900.**

WEBSTER LAKE - 203 BEACON PARK



Webster Lake Condo in BEACON PARK! 10 acres of Park like Grounds!, Natural Sandy Beach! Excellent for Swimming! Do your early morning laps in the inground pool! 1200+ sf Living space! 2 large bedrooms, dining and living room! 2 sliders - Deck! BOAT DOCK INCLUDED! Buy now - enjoy the 4th of JULY FIREWORKS! **\$254,900**



**ON DEPOSIT**

WEBSTER LAKE - 110 LAKESIDE AVE

Panoramic Views Define this Unique Webster Lake Waterfront Contemporary! 190' of water-frontage spanning the horizon from East To West! Pavilion sits at water's edge! Lakeside patio, fire pit & sandy beach for swimming! Huge waterside decks & aluminum docks! Contemporary style home offers 2,497 SF +/-, 9 Rms, 4 Bedrooms, 2-1/2 Baths including private master bath. Open concept w/kitchen/dining/living & year-round sun-room. Lake facing private master BR suite. Walkout lower level features a family room, half bath & lakeside 3 season room! 2 car attached garage! **NEW PRICE \$739,900.**

LAND!

WEBSTER/THOMPSON BUILDABLE LOTS

**Webster Lake** - 16 Black Point Rd. Waterfront, Boat Access, Buildable w/Town Water & Sewer. **\$59,400**  
**Webster Lake** - 22 South Point Rd. Waterfront, Southern exposure! Town Water & Sewer **\$229,900**  
**Thompson** - East Thompson Rd. White's Highway 23 acres! Abuts Mass. Line Beautiful view! **\$99,900.**

WEBSTER LAKE - 93 BIRCH ISLAND RD



New listing! 2 Family on webster lake middle pond waterfront! Rare Opportunity! Great for the investor or home owner looking for additional income. Views with a sandy shoreline! First floor has one bedroom - second floor is 2 bedrooms. Each unit has its own washer/dryer hook ups. Quick access to I-395! Walkout basement & storage area. Paver patio! Taxes \$4,624 yr. **\$412,900**

WEBSTER LAKE - 118 POINT BEACH RD



Excellent Opportunity to Finally Own Your Own Webster Lake Waterfront Property! Prime Location, 5,691 +/- SF Lot, 50 Rd & Water Frontage at a Great Price! Contemporary Ranch offers \$564K +/- SF of living area w/2 BRs & full bath. Plus, convenient, indoor access to Walkout Lower Level w/terr





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**New Listings**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Count	96,530	98,395	102,599	99,270	97,332



**Closed Sales**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Count	67,358	66,380	71,574	77,269	77,429



**Inventory of Homes for Sale**

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Count	20,647	20,575	19,908	15,524	11,146



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**Southbridge:** "Drop Dead Gorgeous" 8 room 3 bedroom 2 bath Cape with outstanding yard! Pool composite decking, outdoor fireplace & pergola! Large living room with pellet stove. Spectacular Kitchen loaded w/cabinets, granite, corian counters, island, & built in refrigerator, stove & Microwave. Hardwood floors. 3 big bedrooms upstairs. Lower level finished game room! Central Air. Roof done 2013, windows done 2017. **\$299,900. 38** Lebanon St.



**Southbridge:** Extra Special One Level Home in Sought After Neighborhood! One level 6 room 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Ranch. Nothing needs to be done! Remodeled fantastic kitchen with quartz counter. Large living room with pellet stove insert in fireplace. Hardwood floors. Laundry on main level. Attached 2 car garage. Added feature is attached gazebo w/windows all around. done 2017. **\$249,900. 15** Bruce Ln



**Southbridge:** INVESTOR'S ROOMING HOUSE with 11 rental rooms plus caretakers 3 room apartment. Expansion possible in the Carriage House in rear. Share a kitchen. Common baths. Updated furnace. Off street parking. At one time a 4 family. \$110 per week per room. Good rental history. Walk to town! **\$219,900.**



**Sturbridge:** One of a kind beautiful Condo loaded with costly upgrades! Exquisite Condo with 8 rooms 4 bedrooms 3 baths. Each closet has been upgraded with closet organizers. Lower level all finished including Jacuzzi/hot tub. Living room, bedrooms and lower level have built in cabinetry custom made for the seller. Attached 2 car garage. So much storage! Location is premium for commuters! **\$279,900. 2** Benwood Dr.



**Southbridge:** PICTURE PERFECT Home in small out-de-sac neighborhood. Well cared for 7 room 3 bedroom home with first floor heated sun room or den plus lower level family room! Living room has wonderful fireplace, hardwood floors, and bowled windows. Beautiful updated kitchen! 4 year old furnace & hot water! Last yr did driveway over Garage. Large lovely private yard with beautiful plantings! **\$249,900.**



**Southbridge:** Great 2 family with many renovations! 5 rooms 2 bedroom units. Beautiful hardwood floors, natural woodwork, large kitchen w/pantry. Dining room has closet, could be 3rd bedroom. Updated electrical service with landlord meter. Newer HW heaters. Roof in 2012. Windows & Doors 2008. Long term clean tenants! **\$199,900.**



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**Paxton - 252 Richards Ave**  
**11 acres:** Extremely unique home with 7 rooms, 3 bed 2.5 ba 2306 sq ft living area, 3-c-a workshop **\$435,000**

**OPEN HOUSE - SAT, 12:30 - 2pm**



## Open House Directory

(C) Condo	(X) Condo	(M) Multi-Family	(T) Townhouse
(B) Business	(U) Duplex	(S) Single Family	(D) Adult Community
(P) Land	(L) Mobile Home	(A) Apartment	(W) Waterfront

ADDRESS	STYLE	TIME	PRICE	REALTOR/SELLER/PHONE
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 19</b>				
<b>DUDLEY</b>				
Stebbins Dr. Lot 51	P	1:30-2:30	\$89,900	ReMax Advantage 1 / Maria Reed 508.873.9254
Stebbins Dr. Lot 51A	P	1:30-2:30	\$139,900	ReMax Advantage 1 / Maria Reed 508.873.9254
<b>PAXTON</b>				
252 Richards Ave	S	12:30-2	\$435,000	ReMax Professional Associates / Conrad Allen 805.400.0438



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**Dudley:** Want to build? Subdivide a lot and Rent House or "flip" it. Fantastic location! Footing poured for small barn or garage. House has 2 bedrooms, new roof, windows, electric service, ideal Rental or bring a family member  
71 Mason Rd ~ \$359,900



**Webster Lake:** Development Possibilities: Own a waterfront and subdivide a lot or possibility for 3 lots. Call for details  
13 Bates Grove Rd~ \$1,475,000



**Tobin Farm**  
2 Lots Available  
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### OPEN HOUSE SAT 5/19 10:00-11:30



**306 Kenyon Road  
Hampton \$850,000**  
30-acre horse property w/indoor arena. Stunning views & fenced-in pastures. Abuts Air Line Trail. Beautiful 4 BR w/in-ground pool.  
**John Downs 860-377-0754**


### OPEN HOUSE SAT 5/19 12:00-1:30



**130 English Neighborhood Rd.  
Woodstock \$525,000**  
Sweeping valley views! Stunning Antique home. 19.55 acres with pasture, developable land and 4 outbuildings.  
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**Brooke Gelhaus**  
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### OPEN HOUSE SUN 5/20 11:00-1:00




**165 Windham Road  
Brooklyn \$395,000**  
4 BR, 2.5 BA, 1.71 acres, 2 car garage, beautifully landscaped, spacious, formal dining room, hardwoods.  
**Lauren Heidelberg 860-833-0735**

### OPEN HOUSE SUN 5/20 2:00-4:00



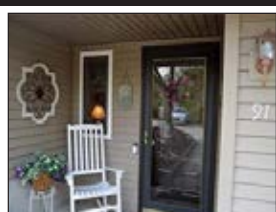
**200 Paine Road  
Pomfret 265,000\$**  
1,656 SF, 1.21 acres, beautifully landscaped, detached garage, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, partially finished basement w/ bonus room.  
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### Woodstock \$599,000 NEW LISTING




Step back in time to this lovely home-stead! This home was built in 3 centuries, 1777, 1820 & 1973.  
Be part of Woodstock's history!  
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### Thompson \$149,500 NEW LISTING




Attractive townhouse in excellent cond-1300 SF. Open flr plan w/brst nook & pantry cabinet. Mstr bedrm w/walk in closet.  
Garage.  
**Chet Zadora**  
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### Eastford \$475,000 NEW LISTING




A wonderful country home & working farm on 19.5 acres. Includes large post & beam barn, separate in-law & fenced pastures.  
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### Brooklyn \$340,000




On 21 acres fronting on Blackwell's Brook. 4,074 SF with 5 BR and 2.5 BA! Outbuildings and updates!  
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### Willington \$125,000




Handy person special! Close to I-84. Being sold AS IS. Was rented for \$1200/ month. Nice level lot with farm views.  
**Mary Collins**  
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### Brooklyn \$359,900




3,000 SF all one level. 9 room 3+ BR, 3 BA, full in law, 5.8 private acres.  
5.8 acres  
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### Pomfret \$550,000




Custom Colonial built w/entertaining in mind. New granite counters & solid cabinets for a fabulous cooks kitchen w/eat in area.  
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### Eastford \$359,000




Newly renovated Farmhouse w/4 BR, 2.5 BA & wrap-around porch! Open concept kitchen opens to cathedral ceilings in the family rm.  
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### Thompson \$395,000




Waterfront on recreational Quaddick Lake. .21 acre lot, 4 BR, 3 BA, wood stove & solar panels. New patio, dock & boats to stay.  
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### Woodstock \$655,000




Custom Colonial w/5 fireplaces, hand crafted built-ins, granite kitchen & hardwoods throughout the home & in-law/au-pair home.  
**The White/Cook Team**  
**860-377-4016**

### Woodstock Valley \$514,900




Private 28 acres, 3,000 SF 3+ BR, some cleared land for animals. 6 car detached garage, whole house generator.  
**Robert Viani**  
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### Pomfret \$425,000




Beautiful Colonial on 2.85 acres w/hrdwds & granite counters. Lg in-ground pool & pool house. Master suite & att. 2 car garage.  
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### Woodstock Lakefront \$289,900




Wonderful lakefront home with inlet to dock your boat and be out of the lake traffic!  
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### Woodstock \$450,000




Ca. 1745 but completely new w/4000 SF, 4 BR 3 BA on 1.17 acres surrounded by open farm land. Chef's kitchen extraordinaire and gorgeous 3-car garage!  
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### Woodstock \$249,000




Wonderful to be built new construction w/lake rights & views of Lake Bungay. 3 lg BR, 1 BR on the 1st floor. Won't last long.  
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### Pomfret \$499,000




Private Pomfret Resort: This 3,484 SF 4 BR, 4 BA home has everything you could want for: pool, sauna, hot tub on 8 private acres!  
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### Putnam \$4,000/mo Commercial Lease



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# HERE & THERE




## Local Events, Arts, and Entertainment Listings

### FRIDAY, MAY 18



Second Chance Pet Adoptions  
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2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
and cats available  
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### COMEDY NIGHT AT MAQUI'S BAR

8:30 p.m.  
  
Presented by the Providence Comedy Factory  
Featuring 4 headliners  
\$15 pp  
Tickets available at Maqui's  
Or call 774-230-2520  
Or 401-639-7726  
61 Chestnut St., Southbridge, MA

### SATURDAY, MAY 19

5th ANNUAL RIDE FOR NICK'S HOUSE  
With the American Legion  
Riders of Post 138  
Registration 9-10:15 a.m.  
175 Main St., Spencer, MA  
Raising money for local veterans  
\$20-per bike; \$10 general public  
774-200-6459 for more info

### SATURDAY, MAY 26

NORTH BROOKFIELD ANNUAL TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE  
Maps of the yard sale locations will be available for \$1.00 beginning at 7 am the day of the sale in front of the Town House, 185 N. Main St., North Brookfield, MA

### SUNDAY, MAY 27

2-5 p.m.  
RON ADAMS AND JIM PERRY  
On the lower level patio  
308 LAKESIDE

### THURSDAY, MAY 31

SPRING INTO HEALTH WITH FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Why Would You Need To See A Spine Surgeon?  
Christian DiPaola, MD  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
And from 7-8 p.m.  
The Clock Is Ticking, So Is Your Heart Keep It That Way  
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Or call 855-862-7763

### FRIDAY, JUNE 1

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
FIRST FRIDAYS FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN PUTNAM, CT  
Theme: African-American Heritage  
Live Music! Food! Vendors!

### SATURDAY, JUNE 9

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR  
BAY PATH GOLF COURSE  
Free admission, live music  
Stroller friendly  
191 North Brookfield Rd.  
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### FRIDAY, JUNE 15

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
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### SATURDAY, JUNE 16

ATHA Quiet Corner  
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Heritage Live music! Food! Vendors!

### FRIDAY, JULY 20

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
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### FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY JULY 20, 21, 22



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### FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7


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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

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


### ONGOING

#### JUNE 6 THROUGH AUGUST 29



WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISING FOR CHARITY CAR SHOW  
5 p.m. - dusk  
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### JUNE 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 20



KLEM'S FARMERS MARKET  
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### TRIVIA SATURDAY NIGHTS

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

### WISE GUYS TEAM TRIVIA

Every Tuesday, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
CADY'S TAVERN  
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Chepachet, RI  
401-568- 4102

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY NIGHT HEXMARK TAVERN AT SALEM CROSS INN

260 West Main St., West Brookfield, MA  
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### TRAP SHOOTING

Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.  
Open to the public  
\$12.00 per round includes clays and ammo. NRA certified range officer on site every shoot  
AUBURN SPORTSMAN CLUB  
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA  
508-832-6492

### HUGE MEAT RAFFLE

First Friday of the month  
Early Bird 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
1st table: 7:00 p.m.  
Auburn Sportsman Club  
50 Elm St., Auburn, MA  
508-832-6496

### TRIVIA TUESDAYS

at 7:00 p.m. Cash prizes  
308 LAKESIDE  
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# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Allen G. Riley to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated July 14, 2005 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 36805, Page 13, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to HSBC Bank USA, National Association As Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass- Through Certificates Series 2006-AR8 dated March 27, 2013 and recorded with said registry on March 29, 2013 at Book 50664 Page 324, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold on one of the Mortgage premises located at 229 Main Street, Douglas, Massachusetts and includes the entire Mortgage premises consisting of 229 Main Street, 239 Main Street and 189 Main Street, Douglas, Worcester County Massachusetts, at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on June 6, 2018, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Property location:

Off Main Street, Douglas, Massachusetts; ASK Realty Trust.

The land in the Town of Douglas, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts situated on the southerly side of other land now or formerly of Eleanor F. Schuster, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Northwesterly most corner of Lot 2 on a "Plan of Land in Douglas, Mass." dated May 28, 1991 completed by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 654, Plan 11 (the "Plan");

THENCE S. 89° 06' 10" E. Nine hundred forty-two and ninety-five hundredths feet (942.95) to a point;

THENCE S. 43° 13' 27" E. one hundred fifty-seven and seventy hundredths (157.70) feet to a point;

THENCE S. 34° 27' 39" W. Two hundred twenty-nine and fifty-four hundredths (229.54) feet to a drill hole;

THENCE S. 37° 40' 23" W. Two hundred sixty-three and fourteen hundredths (263.14) feet to a drill hole;

THENCE S. 31° 35' 23" E. Two hundred forty-seven and thirty-six hundredths (247.36) feet to a drill hole;

THENCE S. 06° 45' 03" E. Two hundred ninety-six and eighty-nine hundredths (296.89) feet to a drill hole;

THENCE S. 11° 46' 22" E. Three hundred sixty-six and sixty-five hundredths (366.65) feet to a point;

THENCE S. 10° 05' 08" E. One hundred twenty-one and sixty-five hundredths (121.65) feet to a point;

THENCE N. 88° 20' 36" W. Two hundred sixty-five and eleven hundredths (265.11) feet to a point;

THENCE N. 44° 01' 29" W. Eight hundred sixty-six and twenty-five hundredths (866.25) feet to a point;

THENCE N. 04° 10' 53" E. Three hundred fifty-two and four hundredths (352.04) feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N. 16° 39' 14" W. Five hundred fifty-two and sixty-eight hundredths (552.68) to the place of beginning.

Being approximately 22.71 acres and being the same premises shown as Lot 2 on the Plan.

Being the same premises conveyed to ASK Realty Trust by deed of Eleanor F. Schuster dated May 28, 1991 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 20384, Page 385.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements set forth in an Amended and Restated Cross Easement Agreement dated as of November 10, 1997 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 19342, Page 397.

PROPERTY LOCATION 229 Main Street, Douglas, Massachusetts; Estate of Eleanor F. Schuster

A certain tract or parcel of land on the southeasterly side of Main Street in the Town of Douglas, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts shown as "Lot 1" on a "Plan of Land in Douglas surveyed for A.S.K. Trust" drawn by Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc. dated May 28, 1991 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 654, Plan 11, which parcel is further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northwesterly corner thereof at an iron pin at land now or formerly of Richard H. Aldrich and Florence H. Aldrich;

THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 100.00 feet a distance of 55.00 feet along The Lane on said plan to a point;

THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 144.00 feet a distance of 119.52 feet along The Lane on said plan to a point;

THENCE S 09 degrees 26' 57" W. a distance of 80.00 feet along The Lane on said plan to a point;

THENCE S. 09 degrees 36' 20" E. a distance of 106.33 feet along The Lane on said plan to a point;

THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 60.00 feet a distance of 94.81 feet along The Lane to land now or formerly of Ronald C. Baird and Kay S. Baird to a point;

THENCE S. 18 degrees 09' 57" E. a distance of 282.63 feet along land of Baird and land formerly of Harriett Wright to a point;

THENCE S. 16 degrees 39' 14" E. a distance of 104.88 feet along land formerly of Wright to a point at Lot 2 on said plan;

THENCE S. 89 degrees 06' 10" E. a distance of 921.97 feet along Lot 2 on said plan to a point at land now or formerly of the Town of Douglas;

THENCE N. 43 degrees 13' 27" W. a distance of 139.30 feet along land of the Town of Douglas and land now or formerly of Ernest Hippert and Frances Hippert to a point;

THENCE N. 02 degrees 22' 22" E. a distance of 238.35 feet along land of Hippert to a drill hole;

THENCE N. 14 degrees 55' 53" E. a distance of 28.80 feet along land of Hippert to a point;

THENCE N. 01 degrees 32' 28" W. a distance of 128.54 feet along land of Hippert and along the terminus of Orchard Place to a point;

THENCE N. 25 degrees 38' 57" W. a distance of 195.50 feet along the terminus of Orchard Place and land now or formerly of Omer Lamontagne and Mary C. Lamontagne to an iron pin;

THENCE N. 11 degrees 22' 57" W. a distance of 162.30 feet along land of Lamontagne to a point;

THENCE S. 48 degrees 57' 13" W. a distance of 276.02 feet and crossing Upper Hunt's Pond to a point;

THENCE N. 24 degrees 56' 47" W. a distance of 144.44 feet and crossing Upper Hunt's Pond to a point;

THENCE N. 17 degrees 32' 32" W. a distance of 207.16 feet along Upper Hunt's Pond and land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;

THENCE N. 20 degrees 49' 07" W. a distance of 111.87 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;

THENCE N. 21 degrees 38' 32" W. a distance of 190.74 feet along Lower Hunt's Pond and land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point on the southerly side of Main Street;

THENCE S. 56 degrees 57' 03" W. a distance of 96.11 feet along the southerly side of Main Street to a concrete bound;

THENCE S. 19 degrees 25' 52" E. a distance of 174.13 feet along land now or formerly of Robert L. Stevens to a concrete bound;

THENCE S. 16 degrees 26' 29" E. a distance of 264.94 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a concrete bound;

THENCE N. 88 degrees 51' 52" W. a distance of 185.05 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. and land now or formerly of Beatrice L. Saviskas to a concrete bound;

THENCE N. 22 degrees 28' 51" W. a distance of 86.85 feet along land of Saviskas to a concrete bound;

THENCE S. 72 degrees 41' 08" W. a distance of 252.19 feet along land now or formerly of Richard H. Aldrich and Florence H. Aldrich to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 17.03 Acres according to said plan. EXCEPTING therefrom that parcel of land known as The Lane and being more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land on the southeasterly side of Main Street in the Town of Douglas, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts shown as "The Lane" on a "Plan of Land in Douglas surveyed for A.S.K. Trust" drawn by Andrews Survey and Engineering, Inc. dated May 28, 1991 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 654, Plan 11, which parcel is further bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner thereof at a point on the southerly side of Main Street and at land now or formerly of Richard H. Aldrich and Florence H. Aldrich;

THENCE S. 06 degrees 35' 37" E a distance of 179.01 feet along land of Aldrich to a point;

THENCE S. 07 degrees 21' 27" E a distance of 51.65 feet along land of Aldrich to a point;

THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 100.00 feet a distance of 55.00 feet along Lot 1 on said plan to a point;

THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 144.00 feet a distance of 119.52 feet along Lot 1 on said plan to a point;

THENCE S. 09 degrees 26' 57" W. a distance of 80.00 feet along Lot 1 on said plan to a point;

THENCE S. 09 degrees 36' 20" E. a distance of 106.33 feet along Lot 1 on said plan to a point;

THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 60.00 feet a distance of 269.53 feet along Lot 1 and land now

or formerly of Ronald C. Baird and Kay S. Baird to a point;

THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 20.00 feet a distance of 20.36 feet along land of Baird to a point;

THENCE N. 09 degrees 26' 57" E. a distance of 132 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;

THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 100.00 feet a distance of 83 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;

THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 144.00 feet a distance of 78.61 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;

THENCE N. 07 degrees 21' 27" W. a distance of 51.94 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;

THENCE N. 12 degrees 35' 25" W. a distance of 130.01 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point;

THENCE along a curve to the left with a radius of 20 feet a distance of 35.44 feet along land now or formerly of Schuster Realty, Inc. to a point on the southerly side of Main Street;

THENCE along a curve to the right with a radius of 1800.00 feet a distance of 87.58 feet along the southerly side of Main Street to the point of beginning.

BEING the same premises conveyed to Winfield A. Schuster and F. Eleanor Schuster by deed of Hayward-Schuster Woolen Mills, Inc. dated August 24, 1976 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 6013, Page 47 and by deed of Winfield A. Schuster to Winfield A. Schuster and Eleanor F. Schuster dated February 17, 1973 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 5313, Page 119.

SUBJECT TO and with the benefit of easements set forth in an Amended and Restated Cross Easement Agreement dated as of November 10, 1997 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 19342, Page 397.

PROPERTY LOCATION

Main Street (239), Douglas, Massachusetts; Schuster Realty. Inc. to Allen G. Riley

A certain tract of land in the Town of Douglas, Massachusetts, situated on the southerly side of Main Street and westerly side of Cottage Street, having two mill ponds thereon, and bounded: - beginning at the junction of Main and Cottage Streets; thence running southerly with Cottage Street to land of the Town of Douglas; thence with said town land, westerly 80 feet, southerly 100 feet, easterly 80 feet, to Cottage Street; thence southerly and easterly with said Cottage Street to land formerly of the Congregational Society; thence southeasterly with said society land, and thence with varying lines, including the mill pond formerly called Hunt Pond, southerly, westerly and northerly, to land formerly of W.C. Briggs now of Lena M. Schuster; thence with said Schuster land, N. 20 1/2° W. about 312.6 feet to said Main Street; thence N. 52 1/2° E. with said Main Street, about 148.8 feet to Cottage Street, at the point of beginning.

Together with all rights of flowage connected with or appurtenant to the described tract.

Excepting therefrom that portion of the foregoing parcel which is described in a deed to the Town of Douglas, Massachusetts dated August 12, 1960 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 4138, Page 540.

Being Parcel VII as described in a deed to Schuster Realty, Inc. from Hayward-Schuster Woolen Mills, Inc., dated February 27, 1981 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 7182, Page 275.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 36805, Page 1,7, and 10.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00 ) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the

date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AR8

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May 11, 2018

May 18, 2018

May 25, 2018

## LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kristen M. Greene and William Greene to ERA Mortgage Corporation, dated March 8, 2012 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48643, Page 164 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage PHH Mortgage Corporation is the present holder by assignment from PHH Mortgage Corporation d/b/a ERA Mortgage to EverBank dated October 19, 2015 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54467, Page 218 and assignment from EverBank, a Division of TIAA, FSB to PHH Mortgage Corporation dated October 17, 2017 recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57896, Page 209, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 182 Perry Street, Douglas, MA 01516 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on June 6, 2018, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land and the buildings located thereon, on the southerly side of Southeast Main Street, Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts, shown as Lot 3 on a plan entitled: "Plan of Land in Douglas, Mass., surveyed for Thomas Schwartz, Scale: 1" = 100', September 7, 1969 by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., 90 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, Mass.", which plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 632, Plan 17, reference to which plan may be had for a more particular description of said Lot 3.

Containing, according to said plan 97,481.37 square feet.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48643, Page 162. See also deed recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 54536, Page 67.

The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien(s) recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 57347, Page 185 and Book 58304, Page 354.

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

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Korde & Associates, P.C.

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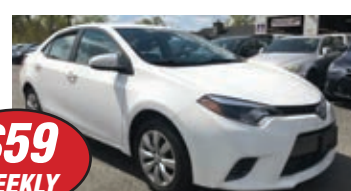


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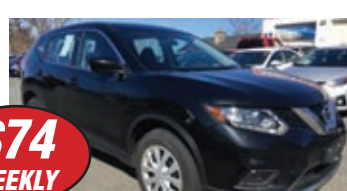


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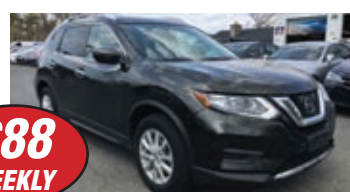


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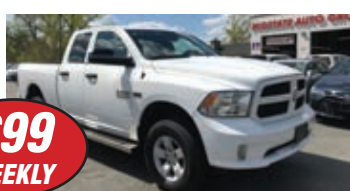


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## Preparing garden beds for spring and beyond



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### SOIL COMPOSITION

Many gardeners prefer growing a variety of plants in their gardens. Such an approach requires taking inventory of the type of soil in one's garden and making the necessary modifications so that the types of vegetables, herbs, shrubs, or flowers that will be planted can grow in strongly. In fact, according to the plant company Proven Winners, the most important step to developing good roots is preparing the soil.

Take a sample of the soil and examine it to see what is present. If the soil is too full of clay, too sandy, too dense, or too loose, that can lead to problems where plants cannot grow in strong. Work with a garden center to add the right soil amendments to make a rich soil. This may include organic compost or manure, which will also add nutrients to the soil.

### CULTIVATION

Cultivating the soil can involve different steps. Removal of weeds, errant rocks, roots, and other items will help prepare the soil. Mother Earth News suggests working on garden soil when the soil is damp but never wet; otherwise, garden soil can become messy and clumpy. Use a digging fork or shovel to lightly turn the soil when it's mostly dry. Gentle tillings also can open up the soil to incorporate the nutritional amendments and relieve compaction that likely occurred from freezing temps and snow pressure. Tilling also helps with drainage and oxygen delivery to roots. The DIY Network suggests turning over soil at a depth of 12 inches to work the soil — about the length of a shovel spade. However, the resource Earth Easy says that existing garden beds have a complex soil ecosystem and simply top-dressing with compost or manure can be enough preparation for planting. Gardeners can experiment with the methods that work best for their gardens.

### NUTRITION

Testing the pH and the levels of certain nutrients in the soil, namely nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, will give gardeners an idea of other soil additions that may be needed. Soils with a pH below 6.2 often can benefit from the addition of lime several weeks before planting. Soil tests will determine just how much fertilizer to add to the soil. Complete fertilizers will have equal amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. Individual fertilizers can amend the soil with only these nutritional elements that are needed.

Top-dressing empty beds with a layer of mulch or compost can prevent weed growth and preserve moisture until it is time to plant. If existing shrubs or plants are in garden beds, use more care so as not to disturb roots or dig too deeply.

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With a vast array of fencing materials available, homeowners may find it challenging to decide which material is right for their properties. The following breakdown can help homeowners learn more about fencing and potentially point them in the right direction regarding which material to choose for their properties.

### BUDGET

Budget is one of the first considerations many homeowners have when installing fencing. Pricing will affect whether one can afford a chain link fence (one of the most budget-friendly options), wrought iron or ornate wood (more expensive). Pricing out several different types of fences will give homeowners an idea of which material fits



A post-and-rail fence can be sufficient if the goal is to mark off property lines but not obscure views.

into their budgets.

### PURPOSE

Homeowners install fencing for various reasons. If a fence is an ornamental way to delineate property lines, a picket fence or a post-and-rail fence are simple options that can lend a homey

feel to a property. These types of fences also can enhance and frame landscaping elements, such as gardens.

In many area, laws require homeowners to install fencing around swimming pools. In such instances, chain link fencing that does not obstruct views of the pool

might be the best choice. If security or privacy is the main desire, tall fences that make it difficult for neighbors to see into the yard may make an ideal choice.

### RESTRICTIONS

It is important to understand local regulations

before installing fencing. Communities governed by homeowners' associations may have rules in place that dictate the type of fences that can be installed. Townships and other municipalities may have their own rules concerning fence type, property borders, fence height, and other fac-

tors that will have to be adhered to so that fencing will meet code. If such rules are not following fines may be imposed and the fence may have to be removed. Homeowners also may need permits to install fencing, whether they are hiring a contractor or doing the work themselves.

### MAINTENANCE

Consumer resource Angie's List advises homeowners to consider maintenance before choosing a fencing material. Wooden fencing requires the most maintenance due to painting and staining. Aluminum or vinyl fencing requires less maintenance, but it can be harder to repair isolated damage or replace pickets, if necessary. In some instances, the entire fence may have to be replaced.

Homeowners install fencing for many different reasons. Considering price, budget, purpose, and maintenance before making a decision regarding fencing can help homeowners make the best decision possible.

## Salmonella is 'no yolk' when raising backyard chickens



City dwellers and suburbanites have flown the coop, so to speak. A growing interest in raising chickens has enabled coops and nesting birds to spring up in neighborhoods one would not typically associate with chickens.

Sometimes dubbed "urban homesteading" or "urban farming," these homegrown operations enable people to enjoy fresh eggs from the comfort of home. Henhouses are just another extension of methods to reap the benefits of fresh, local and nonfactory-produced foods.

Although advocates insist that raising chickens on a small scale makes the birds less likely to carry disease than factory-farmed chickens, anyone raising chickens needs to be aware of the potential for disease — particularly salmonella. Also, it's important to care for chickens in a manner that is humane and in line with local laws.

### WHAT IS SALMONELLA?

Salmonella is a common bacteria that lives in the intestinal tract of humans, other mammals and some birds,

including chickens. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that approximately 1.2 million illnesses and 450 deaths are attributed to salmonella annually in the United States. The illness causes diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps between 12 and 72 hours after infection and can last between four and seven days. Salmonella can cause death when not properly treated with antibiotics.

### SPREADING SALMONELLA

Although humans cannot catch salmonella from chickens the way one would contract a cold, they can catch it through handling or consuming eggs of infected birds. The rural newsletter and farming resource Grit says salmonella can then be transmitted to humans who eat improperly cooked meat or eggs from infected birds or from putting their hands in your mouths after touching chickens or eggs that have come in contact with contaminated rodent or chicken feces.

The elderly, people with weakened immune systems and young chil-

dren are at the highest risk for salmonella infection than others. Children who help gather eggs and do not thoroughly wash their hands afterward can be at increased risk.

### REDUCING RISK

Maintaining clean conditions and routinely inspecting chickens for good health can help lower the risk of salmonella infection. Chicks and adult chickens that have salmonella may produce loose yellow or green droppings; have a drop in egg production, increased thirst and decreased feed consumption; and show signs of weight loss. Look for rodents in the henhouse, as infected mice or other small rodents may transmit salmonella as well.

Chickens also need safe, roomy clean conditions to remain healthy and content. According to the resource MyPetChicken, a diet of whole grains and seeds also may be associated with decreased salmonella colonies.

Some experts warn against washing eggs as a preventative method. According to a report written by Diane Schivera, an organic livestock specialist for the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, thoroughly cleaning egg shells can remove a protective "bloom" that prevents bacteria from entering eggs. Eggs shouldn't be scrubbed, but some suggest a warm water rinse that will push dirt away from the shell's pores.

Old eggs are more susceptible to bacteria penetration. Storing eggs at room temperature may cause them to degrade faster. Once eggs are gathered, individuals should wash their hands and make sure the eggs are chilled.

Salmonella can be prevented in backyard chicken coops. Plus, it's important to note that risk of infection is very small. The American Egg Board's Egg Safety reference says an average consumer might encounter a contaminated egg once every 84 years.

## Be aware of ticks when enjoying the outdoors



Wearing long pants and sleeves and tall socks can discourage ticks from latching on when people are enjoying the outdoors.

When the weather warms, yards beckon, hiking trails look even more inviting and even a patch of grass can be a welcoming respite. Lots of fun can be had outside, but caution is needed. While this time of year is prime for outdoor frolicking, it's also a time when tick populations explode.

Ticks are small crawling bugs in the arachnid (spider) family. There are hundreds of different kinds of ticks in the world. The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation says there are at least 40 species of tick in Canada alone. The creature subsists on meals of blood from a host animal.

Ticks can carry bacteria, viruses and other pathogens that can cause serious disease in humans and other animals, states LymeDisease.org. Ticks feed and mate mostly on deer, but rodents, birds, lizards, and just about any other animal can be a host to these nondiscriminatory bugs. Animals carry the diseases, which are then passed through the tick to others.

Disease-spreading ticks can be extremely hard to detect because of their diminutive size, especially when they are in the larva or nymph stages. Therefore, preventing tick bites remains the single-best way to stay ahead of Lyme disease and other illnesses. Understanding tick habitats and behavior can make it easier to avoid them.

### WHERE TO FIND TICKS

Ticks will congregate anywhere the animals they feed upon live. Primarily

they are located in wooded and grassy areas. Adults will climb up on tall grass waiting for an animal to pass by so they can climb aboard. Nymphs and larvae will live in layers of decomposing leaves under trees.

Moisture is a friend to ticks, which are less active in sunny, dry areas. Therefore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says removing leaf litter, clearing tall grasses and brush and mowing the lawn frequently can help. The following are additional ways to create tick-safe zones at home.

- Stack wood neatly in a dry area.
- Keep playground equipment and entertaining spaces away from trees and yard edges.
- Discourage unwanted animals with fencing.
- Prevent tick migration into yards with a three-foot-wide barrier of gravel between lawns and wooded areas.
- If desired, employ acaricides (tick pesticides) to reduce the number of ticks in your yard.

### ON THE GO

When enjoying the great outdoors, avoid tall grasses and stay on trails. Wear tall socks or pants during hikes to prevent ticks from latching on. A thorough inspection of the body is advisable each time people return indoors. Check hidden areas, such as behind the knees, under the arms and in other skin-fold areas, for ticks.

Tick populations grow as the weather warms. Ensure spring and summer fun is not dampened by tick-related illness.

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# GARDENING

## Introduce earthworms into the garden

Gardeners eager to revitalize their lawns and gardens may spend hundreds of dollars on tools and products designed to improve soil and growing conditions. Although many of these items can be advantageous, gardeners also may want to look to nature's best garden helpers: earthworms.

It is believed that nearly 3,000 different types of earthworms inhabit the planet. Worms have been around for hundreds of millions of years.

Worms can be seen as bait dangling on fishing lines or as meals for red-breasted robins. But these subterranean dwellers play their biggest role beneath the soil.

Earthworms move through dirt as they search for food. The worms consume particles in the soil, helping to recycle materials like dead leaves, plant parts, decaying animals, and feces. Through their travels, worms also serve to aerate the soil. Worms bring the subsoil closer to the surface and mix it with the topsoil. Earthworms' castings also help naturally fertilize the areas in which they reside. The slimy mucus that worms leave behind contains nitrogen, which also helps to amend the soil.

The University of Illinois Extension says most earthworms found, particularly in North America, can only grow so long, even though some worms seem like they stretch forever underneath the ground. Depending on the type of worm and how many segments it has, as well as its age and ability to get nutritious foods, worms typically reach only a few inches in length, offers National Geographic. There are some anomalies, however. The Oregon giant earthworm is one of the largest earthworms found in North America, growing to more than three feet in length. That worm is very rare, however. In 2016, a 16-inch-long earthworm was discovered in England and became part of the collection at the Natural History Museum in London. Some Australian and South American earthworms are known to grow much larger.

Worms need the correct mix of oxygen, moisture and favorable temperatures to survive. If they do not have these components, they will seek them out elsewhere.

Because of the many benefits earthworms provide, they can be a boon to landscapes.



## How to read a nursery plant tag



Shopping for new plants for a home can be an exciting undertaking. Nurseries and garden centers are often home to dozens of types of plant species that come in various colors, leaf variations and sizes. Such variety can make choosing plants more fun while also making the process of buying plants a bit complicated, especially for novices. Thankfully, plant tags can help consumers make informed decisions.

Understanding how to read plant tags is key to making good choices. Such labels contain a lot of information, but once a person knows how to decode that data, he or she is well on the way to choosing the right plants.

### COMMON NAME

The common name of the plant tends to be the most noticeable word or words on the tag. This

is the name the plant is referred to outside of scientific circles. Most plants have one or more common names in addition to their botanical name.

### SCIENTIFIC (BOTANICAL) NAME

Scientific names are also known as the Latin names of the plant. Such names will be written in italics on the tag and are usually one or two words. The scientific name includes the genus (group) and the species of the plant.

### CULTIVAR

A plant tag may further describe the type of plant by including the cultivar. A cultivar is the variation on the species. It may describe a size or color variation. The cultivar is listed in single quotations by the scientific name.

### SUN REQUIREMENTS

The tag should list how much sun exposure the plant requires to thrive. It may be anywhere from full sun to full shade.

### HEIGHT AND SPREAD

The label frequently includes the maximum growing height and width the plant should reach when mature. This gives gardeners an understanding of just how much room the plant will take up in the garden and how to space plants in a landscape.

### WATER NEEDS

How much water the plant requires may be featured on the tag as well. This helps gardeners know if they need soil to be damp or relatively dry.

### HARDINESS OR ZONE

Tags that list zones will describe the coldest zone in which the plant can exist. Otherwise, it will give a range. Many annuals will not list a hardiness zone because they are not expected to last beyond one season.

### PERENNIAL OR ANNUAL

The tag should designate the plant as an annual or perennial. Annuals are not expected to last through the winter and will need to be replanted the following year. Perennials can overwinter and will regenerate year after year.

Tags also may list information such as special care needs, drought tolerance, uses for the plant, and when the plant blooms. Some plant labels will inform gardeners if the plants were produced organically or without GMO practices. Trademark information also may be included.

Plant tags provide important information for selecting and growing plants. When noted, tags help gardeners make the right selections and keep plants as healthy as possible.

## Post-winter garden prep

Lawns and gardens can bear the brunt of winter weather and are often in need of tender loving care by the time spring arrives.

Preparing a garden for spring and summer involves assessing any damage that harsh weather might have caused. As temperatures climb, gardeners can heed the following post-winter garden preparation tips in an effort to ensure some successful gardening in the months ahead.

- Assess the damage. Even if winter was mild, gardens might still have suffered some damage. Inspect garden beds and any fencing or barriers designed to keep wildlife from getting into the garden. Before planting anew, fix any damage that Mother Nature or local wildlife might have caused over the past several months.

- Clear debris. Garden beds and surrounding landscapes that survived winter without being damaged might still be littered with debris. Remove fallen leaves, branches and even litter that blew about on windy winter days before planting season. Make sure to discard any debris effectively so it does not find its way back into the garden.

- Turn the greenhouse into a clean house. Spring cleaning is not just for the interior of a home. Cleaning a greenhouse in advance of spring can help gardeners evict any overwintering pests

that can threaten plant life once spring gardening season arrives. A thorough cleaning, which should include cleaning the inside of greenhouse glass and washing flower pots and plant trays, also can prevent plant diseases from surviving into spring.

- Check for pests. Speak with a local gardening professional to determine if there are any local pests to look out for and how to recognize and remove these pests from gardens. Pests may hibernate in the soil over the winter, and such unwelcome visitors can make it difficult for gardens to thrive come spring and summer.

- Assess plant location. If plants, flowers or gardens have struggled in recent years or never grew especially vibrant, then gardeners may want to assess the location of their plant life before spring gardening season begins. Some plants may not be getting enough sunlight in certain locations on a property, while others might be overexposed to the sun during spring and summer. Moving plants that are not thriving prior to the start of spring gardening season may be just what gardens need to flourish in the coming weeks.

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