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Northbridge seals late victory over Blackstone Valley Tech



UPTON — For the second straight week, it took until the game's waning moments for the Northbridge High varsity football team to secure their victory. This time, it was over neighboring Blackstone Valley Tech. The final score from Pleasant Street read 18-14 in the Rams' favor.

Leading by that 18-14 score, Northbridge's Ryan Boyce grabbed an interception on the 1-yard line with mere seconds to play. Boyce also scored the winning touchdown with 28 seconds to play from a yard out.

The game was close throughout, as the Rams and Beavers were deadlocked at 6-6 at halftime.

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Douglas Library auction starting in October

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

DOUGLAS online auction to benefit the Douglas-based Simon Fairfield Public Library is starting soon, and residents can now view the catalog online and register to bid.

"All of the money raised by the auction will be going directly into the interest-bearing building account and reserved for an accessibility renovation that is getting closer to becoming a reality with every dollar raised," said Library Director Justin Snook. "We have reached 26 percent of our \$400,000 capital campaign goal. I can't wait to find out where we land after the

The online auction, held by the Friends of the Simon Fairfield Public Library, will feature a catalog of 158 items donated by individuals and businesses in the area. Bidding is slated to begin on Saturday, Oct. 2, and will run through Saturday, Oct. 16.

"Print versions of the at the Library in the week leading up to Oktoberfest, but you can see the electronic catalog and register to bid right now," Snook said, adding that the effort the Friends of the Library have put in is "impressive."

The catalog can be viewed online at: charityauction.bid/sfpl2021

According to an auction description, all proceeds earned from this auction will be deposited in the library's interest-bearing building fund, reserved for making the library accessible to all patrons, "regardless of age or ability." A donation or bid on any item has been described as "an investment in a where the library has an entrance that is accessible, code-compliant paved parking, an elevator to provide access to both floors, and an accessible public restroom.

"I want to thank the Friends of the Library, everyone who donated

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Northbridge schools seek community involvement for spending survey

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

NORTHBRIDGE

There is still time to complete the Northbridge Public Schools community input survey on how to prioritize the spending of more than \$2 million in

Residents are asked to complete the surveyavailable at nps.org—no later than Friday, Sept.

Districts across the state have been receiving various grants from state and federal sources throughout the pandemic, Superintendent Amy McKinstry released in a statement.

"We have received two particular grants called ESSER I and II (Elementary and School Secondary Emergency Relief Funds)," McKins rv said "We have utilized these funds to support summer programs, after school remediation, transportation, purchasing instructional materials during COVID, acquiring new technology, hiring additional staff to support students."

Now, McKinstry said

the district is slated to receive a third ESSER allocation of more than \$2 million.

"But we need to solicit feedback from students, staff, families and community members on how to prioritize the spending of these funds" she added. "I would ask that vou each take a few minutes to complete this brief but important survey asking for your input and feedback on this grant.'

According to a survey description, the American Rescue Plan

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Home cooking helps Rams get past Quaboag

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS EDITOR

NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge High varsitv field hockev team had played three games so far in the 2021 season, and all were away from the home confines of Lasell Field. Unfortunately for the Rams, they were 0-3 on the road.

But a little home cooking worked wonders for Northbridge, as they hosted Quaboag Regional on Thursday, Sept. 16 and enjoyed their first win of the season, 3-2.

"It's nice to get one on the board. We were right in all three of those games," Rams' head coach Kerin Buma said.

"Tantasqua and Leicester were one-goal games [both 1-0] and Auburn

was two [4-2]. "Doing it at home, too, is just what they needed to get things moving in the right direction,' Buma added. "It's nice to get a notch in the win column and put that momentum forward and

get that confidence up."

Northbridge got on the board first, just about five minutes into the contest. There, Jordon Rice entered the scoring circle and sent a crisp centering pass to the stick of teammate Maeve Kelly. She was then able to whack the ball into the cage for the 1-0 lead.

The first quarter, and then the first half, ended with the same 1-0 score, but the Rams wasted little time doubling their lead in the third quarter. Under two minutes into the second half, Rice and Kelly again combined for a goal. Rice took a long shot that got tipped by Kelly, past Quaboag goalie Ariana Masterjohn and into the net.

'We've been working on that a lot this week, sending those balls in and trying to work on the finishing," said Buma. "We haven't had the issue with getting the ball down there, we've been down there plenty, it's just getting the initial

The Cougars countered with 9:50 remaining in the third quarter, cutting the deficit in half. Abigail Long outraced her defender down the right side and centered the ball to Alexandra Cacace, who one-touched a pass to Katelynn Swistak. Swistak was able to send her shot into the cage for the goal.

Northbridge opened up another two-goal advantage in the fourth quarter when, with 11:56 to play, Sophia Boisseau serviced the ball toward the goal. Katherine Kibbe

there to tip a shot in.

"We're missing that weak side and part of that is the youth," longtime Quaboag head coach John O'Neill said of Northbridge's three goals, which were all scored in a similar fashion. "We've just got to pick those people up.'

The Cougars continued to show fight and got another goal to close the gap to 3-2 with 8:49 remaining. Following a penalty corner opportunity, Isabelle Burgess found enough space to bang her shot into the cage.

Looking for the equalizer in the game's waning moments, Quaboag's Swistak and Gauthier both had shots on net, but Northbridge goalie Molly Consigli (five saves) was there to turn them both aside.

"I admire the fact that our kids didn't quit," said O'Neill. "It would have been a 2-2 game just if we looked at the second half."

"They're that's for sure," Buma said of the Cougars. "You can never count them out no matter what.'

Masterjohn played

well extremely Turn To FIELD HOCKEY page A11



Nick Ethier

Hanna Nemeroff of Quaboag lifts the ball up and over the reach of Northbridge's Sophia Boisseau.

Late dramatics send rallying Oxford past Spartans





Uxbridge defender Braden Cammuso breaks up a pass intended for Oxford's Jordan Deleon.



Uxbridge's Zachary Oliveira chases after, and eventually grasps, a fumbled ball.



Jack Trask of Uxbridge breaks through the line and takes down Oxford's Darius Richardson

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BY NICK

OXFORD — For the first time since late fall in 2019, high school football was alive and well with packed stands and a meaningful game taking place on the field. As Oxford High hosted Uxbridge High on Friday night, Sept. 10, both head coaches loved the atmosphere.

"It was so good to see it," said Oxford's Jeffrey Clarkson.

'We got here and it was Friday night football again. It feels excellent," added Uxbridge's Matt Blood. "It felt like a real football atmosphere."

But only one side was thrilled with the final result, and that was the host Pirates.

The Spartans led, albeit by small margins, for the entirety of the contest until 1:09 remained. That's when Oxford quarterback Lucas Lambert connected with receiver Robert Fisher with a 5-yard touchdown pass to provide the winning score, 26-21.

Uxbridge held lead of 7-0, 7-6, 13-6, 13-12, 21-12 and 21-20 before falling late.

"Unbelievable game. It was everything we expected it to be," said Clarkson. "We've always had a real challenge against

Uxbridge. Two years ago, we 28-21 lost and three years ago we lost with 8 seconds to go on a kick. That's a good football town, always has been."

On the other side, Blood was disappointed with the outcome. 'We coach the kids to play and

we've got to do a better job, and everybody has to do a better job at fundamental stuff," he said. "We made way too many mistakes.'

Lambert, who threw for 92 yards and ran for an additional 34 in the second half alone, used his dual threat ability throughout. He launched two deep passes in the second half and avoid two would-be sacks on the winning touchdown throw.

"He's phenomenal. He's been the starting center fielder since eighth grade and he's been playing for me in youth football since the fourth grade," Clarkson said of Lambert's athleticism. "Two years ago, when we played [Uxbridge] that was Lucas' first start. I think it's a little nostalgic that this is his first regular season win [not including four victories during last season's COVID-pod system].

"Coach Jay Royster, the offensive coordinator, does an unbelievable job," Clarkson added. "When I see the two of them high-fiving each other, I love it. It's great to see the camaraderie and the bond that they have.'

Blood was also complimentary of Lambert's winning play.

"He did a great job getting to open grass and then floating one to his receiver, who got to open grass too. We had him in our grasp, but the play doesn't stop

until the whistle blows.' With Uxbridge attempting to rally and win the game in the final minute, Oxford's defensive line rose to the occasion. Antoine Lacourt and Zak Parmenter each sacked Spartans' quarterback Kellen Lachapelle to effectively end the game.

"Our D-line, we kind of called them out at halftime. You saw them turn it on," said Clarkson.

Leading, 13-12 at halftime, scored Uxbridge midway through the third quarter to up its advantage to 21-12. Lachapelle used an end-around and scampered 50 yards down the field for a touchdown, and then he found Aidan Blood for the two-point conversion and coinciding 21-12

"We came out and felt good early. We got some momentum and scored, so we thought we had something going for us,' said Matt Blood.

But touchdowns by Oxford's Darius Richardson (8-yard run; plus a Lambert to Richardson two-point conversion throw) and the Lambert to Fisher winning score gave the Pirates the comeback victory, sending the majority of the large crowd home happy.

Editor's note: The preceding article did not appear in last week's edition due to space con-





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Cardboard boat regatta held at Pout Pond

UXBRIDGE — On Sept. 5, the Pout Pond Recreation Committee, in conjunction with Uniquely Uxbridge, hosted a Cardboard Boat Regatta with participants building, then racing around the pond in a boat made solely out of cardboard. The creativity and skill put into building these boats was astonishing, and the tenacity of the sailors commendable. We (eventually!) had every boat entered make it around the course, some in record time.

First place overall went to the Uxbridge Police Department's Marine 1, Captained by Jesse Miller, who came ready to win! Finishing time was 50.61 seconds. Splash, the Cardboard Boxer, with Captain Abbigail, First Mate Jessica, and deck hand Olivia, took second place with a time of 1 min 17 seconds. Third place went to the SS Bly, Captained by Peyton Bly, who finished in just 1 minute and 20 seconds.

The UPD Marine 1 also took home the Van Gogh award for the most creative boat, while Noah's Arc received the Titanic Award for the most dramatic sinking of the day. The PPRC would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2021 Cardboard Boat Regatta such a success, including judges Ryan Haney (Uxbridge Police Department), Evan Grube (Pout Pond attendant) and Harry Romasco ("all-around Good Citizen"); they were tasked with making the dif-



The SS Bly, captained by Peyton Bly.

ficult decisions. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate or show support for our participants!

Mark your calendars now: On Saturday. Oct. 23 from 2-3:30 p.m., the PPRC will season - 'Trunk or Treat' at the pond. Details to follow on our Facebook Instagram pages.

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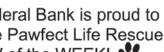


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Beginning Bridges CFCE supports parents as their children's first, best and most important teachers in the communities of Mendon, Northbridge, Upton & Uxbridge. We are a non-profit, family support organization that provides FREE comprehensive services. Currently our programs include weekly indoor and outdoor early play/literacy story times, outdoor story walks and many activity suggestions on our webpage. We also sponsor parent education programs, offer the Ages & Stages Developmental Questionnaire and can connect families to resources. Our goal is to support parents as they guide their children to reach their optimum potential. We work with many community partners who share the same goal of strengthening our communities. Funding for the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) is provided by the Massachusetts Dept. of Early Education and Care (EEC) and sponsored by South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC-Childcare/Head Start).

Upcoming Events-Registration is required for all upcoming events. Links can be accessed on our website or contact Emily Murray at 508-278-5110 or Emurray@smoc.org.

Mondays to Fridays, starting 10/04, Parent Child Playgroups, access list of playgroups by register-

Wednesdays, 10/20/21 to 06/22/22, Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 at Whitinsville Social Library.

Tuesdays, 10/5/21 to 06/14/22, Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 to 11:00am at Upton Town Library.

Thursdays, 10/07 to 10/28, Awesome Autumn, 9:15 to 11:00 am at Taft Public Library, 29 North Ave in Mendon, join us in a playful exploration of early childhood literature, sensory driven activities and art. Created for children 2.9 to 5 years.

Starting Wednesday 11/22, MOM's Club Playtime, 9:30-11:00 am at Uxbridge Play Center. Connect with other parents while your children experience a group setting for peer play in a safe, fun and developmentally appropriate setting. 11/22. 12/21, 2/2/22/ & 6/ 9 /22

Thursdays, 11/4/21 to 06/02/22, Coffee and Conversations, 9:30 to 10:30 am at Taft Public Library, 29 North Ave in Mendon, join us for an informal drop-in playtime where families will be able to build social connections, learn about early childhood development and family friendly resources. Please bring your own coffee and

Uxbridge Congregational Church to host craft & food sale

- The Uxbridge Congregational Church Prayer Shawl Group will sponsor a Craft Table and Food Sale on their property on Court Street in Uxbridge on Oct. 2. The sale will start at 9 a.m. The Craft table will feature men's, women's & children's hats and mittens. If you're looking for a baby gift, the table will feature beautiful hand knit sweater sets. Other items will include Christmas tree skirts, dinner napkins and other miscellaneous items.

The Bake table will be selling homemade pies, breads, cakes, cookies etc. including some gluten free items.

Calling all crafters! A yard sale will also be held on the grounds featuring many craft items including fabric, embroidery hoops, knitting and crochet hooks and needles, craft kits and many trim items. There will also be assorted dishes and glassware, small items of furniture and many old picture frames. All items rea-

Fall cleanup planned at Manchaug Pond

SUTTON/DOUGLAS — The Manchaug Pond Foundation will be holding their Fall Clean Up of scenic Manchaug Pond on Saturday, Oct. 23, volunteers are invited to join members and Friends of the Manchaug Pond Foundation in cleaning up Manchaug Pond and its watershed. Volunteers with boats are also welcome to help

The effort is scheduled to take place Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon, with volunteers meeting at the state Public Access Boat Ramp on Torrey Road in Sutton. Volunteers will hit the pavement with garbage bags in hand to clean the roadsides, shoreline, and boat ramp - all areas within the Manchaug Pond watershed. Good company, beautiful scenery, safety vests, rubber gloves, and garbage bags will be

provided. We ask that everyone follow state regulations for social distancing. Rain date will be Sunday, Oct. 24 and the rain date notice will be posted on the Manchaug Pond Foundation's Facebook

page and Web site. The Manchaug Pond Foundation's educational events look to improve the water quality of the picturesque 380 acre community lake, which lies within Douglas and Sutton, through the education of the many users and watershed residents. Educational information on residential Low Impact Development

(LID) techniques such as landscaping with buffer zones and rain gardens to limit runoff of fertilizer nutrients are available on the Foundation's Web site. Educational materials been made possible by the MPF's previous two water quality grants awarded by the Massachusetts Department Environmental Protection. more information visit manchaugpond.org.







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The Friends of the Library Book & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, October 2nd from 9am to 1pm. Due to the pandemic, fundraising for the library has greatly diminished. Please help make this event a huge success by picking up some great reads for you or your kids or by donating items.

October 2021 Programs

Adult Programs

Gentle Flow Yoga — Mondays, October 4th and

October 18th at 7pm

Join Michelle Forest, a 200HR registered yoga teacher, for a gentle yoga class at the library! Michelle's gentle yoga class combines creative and balanced movements which connect to a theme to help you deepen your practice. Yoga has inspired Michelle to live each moment more mindfully both on the mat and in her daily life. Her goal is to help others access the peace of mind and body that yoga offers. Beginners are encouraged and always welcome to attend! All attendees must arrive 15 minutes early to sign a waiver before their first class. Registration is required, please visit our website calendar to register. This class is sponsored by the Board of Library Trustees.

Mindfulness Meditation — Thursdays, October 14th and October 28th at 6pm

Mindfulness is the energy and continuous practice of being aware and awake to the present moment. In this hour-long workshop, they will practice mindful sitting meditation, mindful walking meditation, and mindful breathing in the tradition of Thich Naht Hanh. Registration is required, please visit our website calendar to register. This program is sponsored by the Board of Library Trustees.

The Art and History of Jewelry: From Ancient Egypt to Today — Thursday, October 21st at 6pm

From the beginning of time jewelry was made and worn by women and men to express power and

royalty around the world. Hear the stories and see what gems and objects were used to create these

adornments. Then learn to make a bracelet and ear-

rings using a variety of beads and findings.

All materials are included, but participants can choose to bring in any broken jewelry to recycle into a new creation. Registration is required. This program is sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Virtual Bookies Book Club — Monday, October 25th at 6:30pm

Zach will lead a discussion on In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez. This historical fiction title fictionalizes the story of the Mirabal sisters, who opposed the dictatorship of Trujillo in 1950s-era Dominican Republic. The title is available through CWMARS and through the Hoopla Digital app. Patrons interested in participating should email zparrish@cwmars.org for a link to the Zoom session. Stay tuned for more information about in-person book club meetings!

PopUp Library at the Senior Center — Thursday, October 14th and October 28th at 12pm

Coming now to the Uxbridge Senior Center... is the PopUp Library! Stop by during the lunch meal program to sign up for a library card, browse an assortment of books, and more... We'll also have copies available for the next Senior Center Book Club selection, which will be resuming in November!

Youth Programs

Baby Storytime Ages 0-18 months (Mondays at 11a-11:30a) & Toddler Storytime

Ages 18 months- 3 years (Wednesdays at 11a- 11:30a) Weekly Storytimes are fun for you and your child by engaging in songs, rhymes, stories, and movement. This encourages language development, social skills, and listening skills. Join us for some fun! Please visit our Calendar to register.

Take-Home Crafty Wednesdays- Mornings and Afternoons

Get crafty and creative with your kids every Wednesday! Stop by the library to pick up a new Take-Home craft kit each week.

Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins - Thursdays, October 7th and October 28th at 11a-11:30a All ages

Join Deb Hudgins as she leads a fun-filled, themebased program with songs, rhymes, dancing and more!

Please visit our Calendar to register. Brought to you by the Library Board of Trustees.

Magic: The Gathering Club-Mondays, October

4th & 18th, 6p-7:30p Ages 12+

Magic is a fantasy trading card game of strategy, wit, and luck! Suitable for ages 12+. Come play casual games and build decks. All skill levels are welcome! Bring your own cards or receive a starter pack from Chris of Great Stories Comics and Gaming store who will facilitate the ongoing program. If you would like to be added to the email list for Magic Club updates, send an email to Sonya at scampbell@cwmars.org. Meets first (3) Mondays of the month - 10/4 & 10/18 in the Reading Room. Stay tuned for updates! This program is free and requires no registration.

Little Lotus by Lindsey - Mondays, October 4th, 18th, & 25th at 4p-4:30p, Ages 6+

Join Lindsey to practice yoga postures and mindful activities which will help you relax, lessen anxiety, and teach young ones to find their calmness. The library will provide yoga mats, however you are welcome to bring your own! This will be best for ages 6 and up. Registration is required; please visit our Calendar to register. Brought to you by the Library Board of Trustees.

Turtle Stained "Glass" Art Program- Thursday, October 7th, 6p - 6:45p, Ages 8+

Create these happy turtles to bring a little fun and color into your room!. Learn some facts about turtles along the way. Come join us for some fun creativity in the YA room. Please visit our Calendar to register.

Halloween Masks Scratch Art Program - Thursday, October 21st, 6p - 6:45p, Ages 6+

Preparing for Halloween while exercising youths' creativity and imagination by scratching colorful designs on their masks making it uniquely theirs. There are 6 patterns to choose from!

Please visit our Calendar to register.

Build a 3D Haunted House Art Program - Thursday, October 28th, 6p - 6:45p, Ages 8+

Building a Haunted House not only is fun but develops math concepts, literacy & motor skills while exercising creativity. Join us for some spooky fun! Please visit our Calendar to register.

Teen Book-In-A-Bag - Ages 13+ Pick-up October

"Book in a Bag" is a teen subscription book program. Each month teens can sign up for the program where they will know the theme of the month chosen for the books, which will be checked out for 1 month, and placed in their choice of a tote or a drawstring backpack to keep, with motivational posters, Zentangle art or a Gaming poster inside. This month's theme is Fright Night! Please visit our Calendar to register or email Sonya at scampbell@cwmars.org to join!

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Local Cultural Councils discuss grant opportunities

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge Cultural Council is now accepting grant applications for the fiscal year 2022.

The Council announced that it will be accepting applications through Friday, Oct. 15.

"If you are planning a cultural event that benefits the local community, visit our website for [Northbridge Cultural Council] guidelines and application info," the Council released in a state-

Mass Cultural Council, through its network of local councils, provides grants to non-profit cultural organizations, schools, communities, and individual artists to fund programs that use arts, science, and the humanities to build strong, diverse, livable communities. Across the state, the local Cultural Councils' missions are to "expand access, improve education, promote diversity, and encourage excellence in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences," according to the Northbridge Council's website: massculturalcouncil.org/local-council/Northbridge.

Northbridge has been allocated \$12,000 in reimbursement grants for FY22. According to the Council, priorities will be given to applicants that "provide a cultural event within the local community" and have a secured event date and venue

Applicants must follow state application guidelines, the Council released. Applications must be postmarked or placed in the Northbridge Cultural Council mailbox at the Town Hall by Oct. 15. No late applications will be accepted, and invoices must be submitted to the Northbridge Cultural Council with all required documentation including proof that the event was completed within four months of event completion.

To contact the Northbridge Cultural Council, send an email to northbridgeculturalcouncil@ gmail.com.

In Douglas, the Douglas Cultural Council has

announced a need for volunteers. The Council is

composed of volunteers who have been appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms, the Council released. Our task is to distribute funds from the state to

organizations or individuals who apply to provide

cultural experiences for the Douglas community," the Council wrote in a statement. The Council meets three or four times a year to discuss "grant applications and Council business."

due—and last one to two hours. "We need new Council members to keep the Council going and to continue to provide this service for our community," the Council stated.

These meetings tend to cluster around October and

November, the Council added—when grants are

Residents with questions may contact Daina Harvey at dharvey@holycross.edu or Danielle Morrow at danmor14@aol.com. Applications are available online at www.douglas-ma.gov.

The Sutton Cultural Council recently finished up a feedback survey from community members as it prepares to set funding priorities for the next three years. The "all-volunteer, municipally appointed council" receives an annual allocation of approximately \$6,000 to fund projects by individuals, organizations, and schools that serve a broad range of interests and needs, the Sutton

> Council released, adding that the task is challenging as many more proposals are received than can be funded.

"Last year, for example, the Council received more than \$17,000 in requests but could afford to support only eleven grants," said Sutton Cultural Council Treasurer Paul Schaefer.

The Council added that because it receives "public dollars," it was important that local public opinion was gathered so the Council could learn more about what is happening in the community and what the community needs. The information will be used to develop "useful criteria and funding priorities" to guide the grantmaking decisions.





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Celebrate Heritage Day in Upton Sept. 25

is once again hosting Upton's Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 25 in and around Upton center. The Society is grateful for the continued sponsorship of our annual event from Unibank.

The Historical Society will host "Crafts on the Common" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with craft vendors and local non-profit organizations promoting their activities and wares. This is an opportunity to start your holiday shopping with many hand-crafted items available. "Music on the Common," provided by Johnny Diamond will start at 1 p.m. Rain cancels the events on the

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\$425,000, 170 W River Rd, Tieuli-Colwell T, and Tieuli, Anthony J, to Aguayza-Morocho, David A.

\$395,000, 63 Linwood St #B, Adam, and Lapointe, Madelyn.

\$315,000, 178 Sutton St, Omalley, Thomas, and Omalley, Nancy, to Clyne, Kathleen.

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\$125,000, 398 Sutton St, Marshall, Jeffrey P, and Marshall, Marie E, to Peneda, Jose P, and Kennedy, Kendra Common. Questions: call Tom 508-529-3053 or email uptonhistoricalsociety@ hotmail.com.

United Parish will sponsor the annual town-wide yard sale. More information: go to https://www.unitedparishupton.org/ or contact Wayne Phipps at 508-473-8442 or 508-341-0693. Maps with locations and details will be sold at the Church for \$3, starting at 7:30 a.m. Beginning at 10:30, there will also be homemade apple crisp for sale with real whipped cream!

Upton Grange will hold a family-friendly Agricultural Fair at the VFW from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., providing an opportunity to exhibit in several competitive categories. There will be a pumpkin decorating contest, raffles,

games, and animals to pet. Judges will be awarding ribbons and sometimes money! More information: email UptonGrange@yahoo.com or 508-282-

Upton VFW Post 5594, 15 Milford St., will host a flea market starting at 7 a.m. You do not need to reserve a space. Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning with hot dogs, drinks and snacks for sale at 11 a.m. More information: David Kennedy, 508-529-3314.

Friends of the Upton Town Library will hold a book sale on the library lawn between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Lots of bargains there! The Upton Fire Department will host an open house at 20 Church St. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with their fire equipment on display along with a table

to learn about fire safety.

The Upton Cultural Council is pleased to present a performance by entertainer John Porcino at 2 p.m. on the lawn next to the library. If it rains, they will be in the vestry at United Parish Church. This will appeal to all ages, featuring celebrations of story and song. Funding is provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Mark your calendar. Heritage Day is always a great time and the variety of events offer something for everyone. If circumstances require that it be cancelled a decision will be announced on or before Sept. 21. Watch for more details or a notice of cancellation on Upton Cable or at www.facebook.com/ UptonHistoricalSociety.

Northbridge Senior Center

Phone: 508-234-2002

www.northbridgemass.org/coun-

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Friday 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Flu Clinic, Wednesday, September 29th from 9-11:00am at Plummer Place. You can sign up through the Town of Northbridge website, through the Board of Health link or call the Center and we can help you register.

"Yoga for Grandparents & Grandchildren" 6 week workshop is being offered at Plummer Place. Join Lindsey Centrella, Certified Yoga Instructor, each Wednesday evening beginning September 29th from 6:30-7:00pm to learn fun, mindful ways to move and breath that will help promote a sense of well-being, lessen anxiety and to enjoy more time with one another. Best for ages 4 and up. Feel free to bring your own yoga mats, though will be provided if needed. \$5/family. Please call to register.

Writing Workshop will return on Wednesdays beginning October 6th @ 6:00pm. This is a 5 week workshop meeting every other Wednesday with Diane Pollard as our instructor. We welcome new writers! Call the Center to sign up. \$5/class.

Ukulele Class will be returning on Wednesday, October 6th @ 2:00pm. Raianne Richards will be back as your instructor. This class is for both beginners and those who need to brush up on their skills. Call the Center to sign up.

Exercise Classes at Plummer Place, Mondays: Chair Exercise @ 9:30 and Tai Chi @ 11:00, Tuesdays: Chair Zumba at 1:00, Wednesdays: Low Impact Aerobics @ 10:30, Thursdays: Chair Yoga @ 11:15, Fridays: Stretch & Strengthen @ 9:30.

Mahjong is looking for new players at Plummer Place. The Four Winds Mahjong League meets Mondays, 1:00-3.00nm and on Thursdays (this c begins Oct. 7th) at 12:30pm, National Mahjong League meets.

Bridge League meets Tuesdays, 12:30 at Plummer Place. They are in need of more players. If interested, call to sign

Aqua Aerobics Class is offered through the Center at the Whitin Community Center Mondays @ 1:00pm. Call to sign up.

Tap Class is back at Plummer Place with Ed Burch as our instructor. Begins Wednesday, September 29th @2:30pm. Call to sign up.

"Take a Hike" Walking Club will be meeting in Uxbridge @ Cormier Woods on Tuesday, September 28th @ 10:00am. Call Jeanne for more information.

Tai Chi is offered every Monday at 11:00am at Plummer Place. Ron Allen is our instructor and is always looking for new people to join.

Sutton Historical Society announces October events

SUTTON — The Sutton Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, 307 Boston Rd. Election of officers to a two-year term will take place at this meeting. Members interested in being nominated for an officer position, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, can contact sutton1704@gmail.com for more information. Current officers can be found at suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org/ officers-and-board-of-directors. Members are encouraged to attend this important

Our 2021 bottle can drive will run from Saturday, Sept. 25 to Saturday, Oct. 2. Returnable bottles, separated between soda and beer, can be dropped off anytime between these dates in the trailer parked at the M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop, 6 Singletary Ave. Questions can be directed to sutton1704@gmail.com.

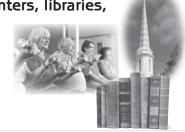
The Society has partnered with the Sutton Fourth Committee to bring a special Halloween event to the Sutton Town Common on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6-8 p.m. The Society will be hosting Town Center Cemetery tours at the 4 Uxbridge Rd. cemetery. The Sutton Fourth Committee will be hosting a jack-o-lantern contest on the Common. Visit go.rallyup.com/suttonpumpkins2021 for more information on the jack-o-lantern contest. Plan to stop by the Common for these fun community

The Sutton Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization. All events are open to members and the general public. We welcome new members, and are always seeking volunteers to assist with our many ongoing projects and programs. Information about our organization and membership forms can be found at suttonhistorical society inc. org.

Socially Speaking...

This feature is for churches, senior centers, libraries, or other civic organizations who have events coming up.

Call June at 508-909-4062 or emaii jsima@stonebriagepress.news for advertising sizes and prices



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All proceeds from the festival and quilt raffle benefit our wider mission to support:

• Thanksgiving & Easter food baskets for families

Crop Hunger Walk

• NAC Food Pantry and Peace of Bread Mission

School supply drive for local students in need

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"Blessing of the Pets"

10:30 a.m. on VCC front lawn.

Don't miss a chance to join us for an outdoor worship service. Bring your beloved pets, large or small, for a blessing. Our pets are a blessing to us, lets thank God for them. (Please ensure all pets are leashed or in a pet carrier and that they get along with others.) Join us for this joyous celebration of God's creatures! Treat yourself to a wonderful Fall-day at the VCC Harvest Festival, a unique slice of life and family fun in a historical New England town.

* * Triday's Child



Lariah Age 15

Hi! My name is Lariah and I want to be a cosmetologist when I grow up.

Lariah is a kind teen of African American descent. She enjoys watching TV and doing crafts and loves to be pampered! Getting her nails and hair done are some of her favorite activities. She would love to be part of a family that could help her style and maintain her natural hair. Lariah is an engaging, happy girl who is often described as strong-willed.

Legally free for adoption, Lariah would do best with at least one female in her new family or a twomom family with no other children. A single mom family would also be considered if she has expe-rience working with or parenting children with trauma. Lariah's new family should have knowledge of and be

willing to learn about Lariah's culture, including foods and personal care. In addition, La-riah needs positive praise, love, affection, consistency, and a structured home life. Her new family will need to help Lariah maintain contact with her siblings whenever she decides that she is ready to see them. She would also welcome a visiting resource who would visit with her weekly at her program in western MA.

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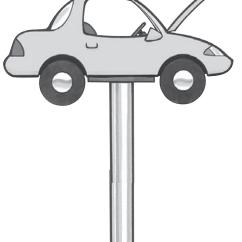
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Milford Regional Medical Center earns national recognition for efforts to improve stroke treatment

Milford — Milford Regional Medical Center has received the American Heart Association's Gold Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Quality Achievement Award for our commitment to ensure stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines.

Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the U.S. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds, and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year. Early stroke detection and treatment are key to improving survival, minimizing disability and speeding recovery times.

Get With The Guidelines-Stroke was developed to assist healthcare professionals to provide the most up-todate, research-based guidelines for treating stroke patients.

" Milford Regional is honored

to be recognized by the American Heart Association for our dedication to helping our patients have the best possible chance of survival after a stroke," says Edward J. Kelly, president & CEO of Milford Regional. "Get With The Guidelines-Stroke makes it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis to improve outcomes for stroke patients."

Each year program participants apply for the award recognition by

demonstrating how their organization has committed to providing quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, participants also provide education to patients to help them manage their health and rehabilitation once at home.

"We are pleased to recognize Milford Regional Medical Center for their commitment to stroke care," said Lee H. Schwamm, M.D., national chairperson of the Quality Oversight Committee and Executive Vice Chair of Neurology, Director of Acute Stroke Services, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. 'Research has shown that hospitals adhering to clinical measures through the Get With The Guidelines quality improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates.'

Additionally, Milford Regional received the Association's Target: Type 2 Honor Roll award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must

meet quality measures developed with more than 90 percent of compliance for 12 consecutive months for the "Overall Diabetes Cardiovascular Initiative Composite Score."

Milford Regional also met specific scientific guidelines as a Primary Stroke Center featuring a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients admitted to the emergency department.

Halloween happenings Sutton Center

Sutton Historical Society and The Sutton Fourth Committee are partnering to bring the community a Halloween event on the Common.

The Sutton Fourth Committee will be hosting a jack-o-lantern display and contest on the Sutton Town Common from Friday, Oct. 29 through Sunday, Oct. 31. For a fee of \$5 per entered pumpkin and registration at go.rallyup.com/suttonpumpkins2021, participants can reserve a spot for their carved pumpkin. All pumpkins must be dropped off on the Sutton Town Common on Oct. 29 between 6 and 8 p.m. The Sutton Fourth Committee will provide LED lights for the pumpkins, no candles required. Pumpkins will be displayed on the Sutton Town Common for two days leading up to Halloween. The Sutton

Fourth Committee will choose the top three pumpkins with awards for first, second, and third place. All proceeds go directly to The Sutton Fourth to help fund our next Fourth of July Celebration. Questions regarding this event can be submitted at the aforementioned website.

Let's light up Sutton Center with an amazing nighttime display of creatively carved jack-o-lan-

To compliment this festive display, the Sutton Historical Society will be hosting a Sutton Town Cemetery nighttime tour on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6 – 8 p.m. Members of the Sutton Historical Society have been diligently cleaning, restoring, and repairing grave markers in this historic cemetery, located at 4 Uxbridge Rd., since 2019. This initial cemetery restoration project blossomed into a partnership with the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, has included several local Eagle Scout projects, and has expanded to include other cemeteries in town. During this process, several previously unrecognized veterans have been discovered, a crypt was rebuilt, and much history has been discovered. The Society members are eager to share the stories of the famous and not-so famous individuals interred in this historic cemetery. This event is open to Society members as well as the general public of all ages. Questions can be directed to sutton1704@gmail.com

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6 – 8 p.m., to join your neighbors for a small-town Halloween event which may include a few surprises!

Oktoberfest is back and bigger than ever!

DOUGLAS — There was a time when they raced horses down Main Street, Douglas. This year, on Saturday, Oct. 2, we will once again be closing Main Street (and Depot Street) to traffic and opening it up to our

friends and neighbors! From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., we will have live music, games, rides, food, a car show, fundraisers, little dog races, and a Rib Cooking competition. This year, we will feature hyper-local Purgatory Brewing beer in our beer tent, with music from the Big Jon Short and the Brian James Quartet. New to the event this year is an authentic soda jerk experience, a second train, and tricycle racing for all ages. The Olive Branch Lodge will be hosting our sec-

ond annual Rib Cooking competition with best in show being awarded \$500! There are still a few entry spots left!

The event will kick off with the national anthem performed by the Whitinsville Christian School Chorus and Jazz Band on the Main stage... you don't want to miss that! They will be followed on the Main stage by Allison Clemons, Douglas's award-winning High School Chorus, Planes, High Walkin Antiques, and Courtney, Jesse, and Andy. At 3 p.m., we will celebrate Douglas's 275th birthday with special performances, speeches, and a one-of-a-kind cake made by Millbury based Cake Shop Café

Oh, and did I say we used to race horses down Main Street? This year we are doing one better, we are racing wiener dogs and small dogs, down Main St! At noon, in front of Stage B, Douglas Dog Orphans will race dachshunds and other small breeds down Main St. At 2:30 p.m., the top dogs will meet once again at Stage B for the finals where we will crown the champion...or the hot dog as I would say.

We can't wait to see you on Oct. 2 in Douglas for Oktoberfest! Follow our Facebook page: facebook.com/douglasoctoberfest for the most up to date schedule of events.

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EDITORIAL

The perfect time of year

"The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our summer evenings; now for October eves!"

Poet Humbert Wolfe wrote those words about fall, and the first day of fall is here. Sept. 22 marked the first day it is socially acceptable to drink pumpkin and apple flavored coffee, doughnuts, bread and burn fall scented candles. Starbucks and Dunkin's have already unleashed the beast roughly two weeks

Pumpkin enthusiasts beware, however; on the flip side, there are several people who think it is too soon. A survey that posed the question, 'When is it ok to start drinking and eating pumpkin?' produced the following responses-'Right now!' 'First day of fall,' 'I always strive for after Labor Day but often start on July 12,' 'I'm waiting until Sept. 1,' and 'After zucchini season.'

It is true, there are more people in New England who are holding on to every last bit of summer than those looking forward to fall. To those people, we get it. Some people refuse to swap their flip flops for boots until the first

The end of the summer season really isn't so bad. With fall comes hearty crock pot recipes, crisp evenings, sweaters, boots, homecoming and Halloween. The closer to Halloween we get, the closer to snow, which means the ski resorts will soon be open for businesses. Winter hiking is epic as well. What could be better?

Perhaps the best part about fall, however, is the foliage. The leaves are already changing and soon New England will be swarming with tourists, cameras in tow. Peak foliage in New England will hit during the last week of September through the first week of October.

The 2022 Old Farmer's Almanac comes with a winter warning: Prepare for a "Season of Shivers." This winter will be punctuated by positively bone-chilling, below-average temperatures across most of the United States.

Within the next four weeks temperatures will drop drastically, with some hot days still sprinkled in for balance. The good news is, there is still plenty of time to sneak in a few more summer hikes, a kayak on the lake, a few more barbecues or a day reading out on the hammock

So whether you're still sipping pina coladas or drinking a pumpkin spiced latte while dreaming of jack-o-lanterns and the smell of wood stoves, this is the perfect time of year for you.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We agree with Gudanowski

To the Editor: I just want to tell Bev Gudanowski that we really liked her editorial. She said it

like it is, and we fully agree with her! PHYLLIS KUIK Uxbridge

Our schools need to teach history, not hatred

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. It's time to be wide awake.

Have you taken a moment to ask what your schools are teaching in American History class? It's time to ask the School Committee: do they even teach American History anymore in your town's schools?

Some people want to teach Critical Race Theory in our schools. This means to teach children to see everything in America - math, science, and cupcakes through the lens of race. If you want to make American citizens hate each other, teach that "whiteness" equals oppression and every other color is oppressed.

Oppression is a Marxist word, not an American word. Remember, Marxism is about oppression. They want to oppress you into doing what they say. By the way, did CNN tell you that Russia has abandoned Marxism? The Czar and his family have been ordained saints in the Russian Orthodox Church, revived under Putin! He has suppressed references to the Bolsheviks, the 1917 "revolution," and Lenin. Now, it's all about Russian capitalism and rebuilding the Russian

If we Americans want our children to understand each other and what an amazing country this is, we need to teach U.S. History and not suppress it.

For example, in order to foster a better understanding of Black History in America, and to prevent ignorant teenagers from spray painting bad words on walls, they need to study the 1960's Civil Rights Movement. They need to understand what was happening in the segregated South, run by the Democrats. The Democrats brought you Jim Crow, poll taxes, literacy tests and all manner of evil to suppress the African American vote. As my learned friend says, "Voter suppression was invented by Southern Democrats!" Marxists do not want you to study this history.

Students must study what happened to African Americans and Civil Rights workers who went South to organize sit-ins at Woolworth counters, peaceful demonstrations, and marc African American businesses or neighborhoods were torched by the demonstrators advocating for African Americans.

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They fire-bombed no federal buildings, in contrast to the "protests" in 2020 when African American businesses and neighborhoods were burned down by blackmasked white protestors. Does any ask: who are these people? Why are they burning down black neighborhoods? In protest of what, exactly?

Churches were the center of the Civil Rights movement. A Black church was fire-bombed and little children died. Condoleeza Rice grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, just streets away from that church. Nevertheless, she grew up to become the first African American Secretary of State. Do students study the reverential message of Dr. Martin Luther King? No, they study "Reverend" Al Sharpton.

To prevent teenagers from remaining ignorant and spray painting swastikas on walls, they need to understand what hap-pened in Germany in 1939. Critical Race Theory is not new under the sun. Hitler had it first. His race theory said that anyone who was not Germanic was subhuman and must be destroyed or enslaved: Poles and Russians (my teams), Roma people (Gypsies), mentally/physically disabled people, Gay people, religious people, priests, and finally Jewish people.

If students do not know World War II history, they will not know how dangerous race theory is. They will not know that six million Jewish people were killed because of race theory. It is painful to write it. This was two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population. If students do not study these facts, they will not know that art work stolen by Hitler and his Nazis in the 1940's is being restored to Jewish families even today in 2021. Students will know that a swastika is not funny or radical. It is evil and meant death to so many. It is Critical Race Theory in action.

It's time for Americans to require our schools teach our children U.S. History and World War II History, not Critical Race Theory.

What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted.

BEV GUDANOWSKI **U**XBRIDGE

Determined to persevere

On the road to accomplish your dream, you're going to have plenty of opportunities

give up. You may have to

try many times, but when the going gets tough, that's when

you need to find determination and perseverance. Accomplishing dreams

requires great strength. If you haven't been toughened up by life already, pursuing a dream will do the trick.

Determination and perseverance don't come naturally. They're born out of failure. They come from defeat and must be cultivated from within. When things don't go the way you plan, and you refuse to give up, determination arises, and a new fire will spark inside of you that gives you the power to persevere.

You'll think of new ways, travel down different paths, reinvent yourself, develop unique ideas, and vow to become successful no matter the odds. It is down this path some must travel for ultimate victory.

Victory doesn't come easy and usually never does. If it does come easy, it won't mean as much to you, and maybe you ought to set a higher goal.

George Washington, our first president, and the leader of the Continental Army who defeated the British, the most powerful military in that time, said, "the harder the conflict, the greater the triumph."

Maybe you've had many losses on the path to accomplishing your dream. Don't worry; you're not alone. Many great people have

traveled down this road and have still secured their success. Remove all doubt,

vourself with thoughts of victory as you prepare yourself for the ultimate battle.

This is a time to learn a lesson from George Washington's experience in the American Revolutionary War.

No doubt Washington wondered if victory against the British was possible. They had more financing, experience, and education. The American colonists were mainly poor farmers and many without shoes. Washington was facing near-impossible odds.

Washington knew that it was of the highest priority to keep New York City from falling to the British. Washington spent much time preparing for a bloody battle in New York that he expected would come in

the summer of 1776. Sure enough, in August of 1776, the British invaded the city, and it didn't go well. Washington watched from a distance as a regiment from Maryland repeatedly charged the British in a suicidal attempt to buy time for Washington's escape.

It was still a few weeks before Washington completely lost control of New York. He bitterly wept as he watched his last garrison burn to the ground.

An average person would have given up and surrendered, but Washington wasn't an average person. He found determination and prepared to persevere.

"Perseverance and spirit have done wonders in all

ages," said Washington. was then that Washington began to plan

what he called his "Grand Strategy" to retake New York in the hopes of defeating the British once and for all. In 1778, New York was still under British occupation, and taking it back had become Washington's obsession.

If you're determined to accomplish your dream, you'll need to become obsessed. Allow Nothing to get in your way as you wait patiently for your decisive

For five years, Washington waited to implement his "Grand Strategy." In 1781, he was begrudgingly convinced to employ his strategy in Virginia instead of New

For many reasons, his "Grand Strategy" wasn't going to work in New York, but it could

in Virginia. Although Washington badly wanted New York, he recognized that the ultimate goal was to win the war against the British rather than re-taking New York.

Sometimes you'll need to reassess your dream. Is it about taking back New York, or is it about winning the war?

October Washington employed his "Grand Strategy" and won a decisive victory over the British in Virginia, forcing British surrender.

Many people in history have faced impossible odds and found the determination and perseverance to succeed; you can do the same! I believe you're capable of great victories!

Fall landscape care to keep plants and pollinators healthy



A seven-inch RazorTooth folding saw is perfect for removing small or medium sized dead or diseased branches from shrubs and small trees in the fall.

As the weather and gardens transition from summer to fall, it is time to adjust your maintenance practices to ensure the health, longevity, and beauty of your landscape. Proper fall care will increase winter survival, support pollinators, and reduce your future workload.

Continue watering as needed. This is especially important for new plantings and moisture-loving plants. Don't overlook established trees during extended dry periods. Drought conditions stress these key landscape plants, making them more susceptible to life threatening insects and disease.

Leave healthy perennials stand for winter. Many provide homes for pollinators and other beneficial insects and some seeds provide food for songbirds. You'll enjoy the added texture and motion in your winter garden and the songbirds that stop by to dine.

Do remove diseased plant debris and those infested with plant-damaging insects. Removing these from the garden reduces the source of future infestations which means healthier plants with less pest management required. Contact your local municipality for guidance on disposing of pest infested plant

This is also a good time to remove any small to medium sized dead or diseased branches from shrubs and small trees. A saw, like Corona's seven-inch RazorTooth folding saw is perfect for this size job. The blade tucks into the handle for safe transport and the smaller size makes it easy to tuck into your tool belt or bucket. Disinfect the blade with rubbing alcohol or a disinfectant spray between cuts when pruning diseased plant material.

Don't rake leaves to the curb this fall. Put them to use in the garden as mulch on the soil surface to help suppress weeds, conserve moisture, and improve the soil as they decompose. Leaves also provide insulation and winter protection for a variety of beneficial insects and toads.

Continue weeding the garden. Cooler temperatures and a shorter to-do list make it easier to squeeze in more time for this task. Removing unwanted plants from the garden reduces competition with desirable plants for water and nutrients. Eliminating weeds before they set seed means fewer weeds for you to pull next year.

Continue cutting the lawn as long as it continues to grow. Leave clippings on the lawn to add nutrients, moisture, and organic matter to the soil. A season's worth of clippings is equal to one fertilizer application.

Don't rake fall leaves off the lawn. Just mow over them as you cut the grass and accomplish two tasks in one. As long as the leaf pieces are the size of a quarter or smaller, they'll break down, adding organic matter to the soil and not harm the grass. Make a second pass with the mower if needed to cut the leaves down in size.

After your last cut, clean and winterize your mower. Remove and sharpen the blades so you are ready for next season. Consider investing in an extra set of blades so you can change them throughout the mowing season. Sharp blades make a cleaner cut for a better-looking lawn that requires less water and a mower that uses less fuel.

Setting aside a bit of time this fall to prepare your garden for winter will result in less replacement and pruning of winter damaged plants.

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Fishing for tautog

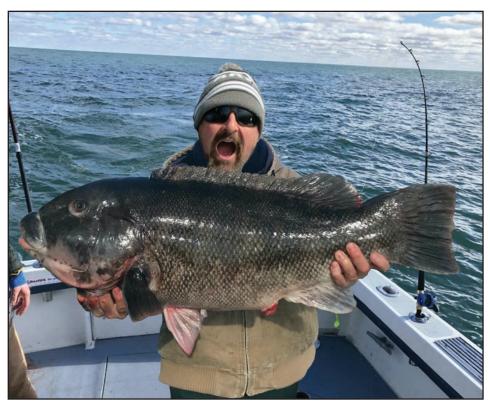


This week's picture shows a pile of fillets & a large tautog taken last week by this writer.

Saltwater fishing is starting to produce some nice fish on all fronts. This past week, this writer and Harry

Salmon enjoyed a day on the water catching seabass & Tautog. The seabass bite was slow, but the tautog fishing was fantastic. Fishing about a mile offshore from the Point Judith light house in 40 to 50 feet of water, we found some great tautog fishing. Using green crabs for bait that were cut in

half before placing them on the No. 3 circle hooks, proved to be the correct bait & hook for the days fishing. The late Steve Mercure taught this writer how to fish for tautog, and I am sure he was watching us fishing. Because the tide was running very fast, a 10-ounce weight was required to hold the bait on the bottom. Lowering the bait to the bottom and slightly bouncing the bait



World record tautog caught in Maryland, 28.5 pounds, by Scott Lenox.

off of the bottom, pro-

duced some fast fishing

tog was around seven

pounds, as this week's

picture shows, along

with numerous fil-

lets. The tautog fishing

on freshwater rods.

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is only going to get better in the next few weeks. Green crabs now cost \$26 a gallon, which is enough for only a day of fishing for a couple of anglers if the action is good. There were a lot of shorts, but were still fun to catch. Tautog grow very slow and can live up to 40 years. This week's second picture shows Scott Lenox of Ocean City Maryland with his world record tautog. Seabass fishing around Block island on the South West ledge is still hot, but should improve closer to the Point Judith light house in the coming days & weeks.

Salmon fishing on the Salmon River in Upstate New York was still slow last week but the big run of Salmon is expected any day now. For the latest information, it is best to call Fat Nancy's Bait and Tackle shop for honest up to date fishing reports before driving to the Salmon River.

Anglers continue to chase Bonito and False albacore, along the shores of Narragansett Bay. This past week, while fishing near the point Judith Light, we observed many boats trolling and casting small lures into schools of the above-mentioned fish. We did not see many anglers catching these hard

fighting fish. but I am sure they caught a few. I was surprised that no Kayaks were being used by anglers that fly fish or spin cast. Even the larger boats that normally have anglers fly fishing, were nowhere to be seen. The bay is loaded with bait fish from small bunker, silversides, and mummies, to mention a few. At the boat ramp, fish were breaking everywhere, chasing bait fish.

Climate change is for real and is affecting the way of life for the fishing industry. Reports of winter flounder being close to extinction in Rhode Island waters because of the warming waters may be somewhat to blame, but over fishing did not help the species. Lobsters are also heading out to cooler waters. With the loss of anglers catching flounder, they have been replaced by the seabass, which have exploded in population because of warming waters. The down side of the seabass explosion is that they are eating small lobsters, crabs, and other bait fish causing a big change to the ecosystem. Large commercial draggers fishing day and night in Narragansett Bay may need to be regulated a bit better in the future if we want to see things improve.

The Quabbin Reservoir has been giving up some nice lake trout as my brother Ken and his son Mark found out a couple of weeks ago. They often rent one of the boats that are available for hire, but they observed numerous private boats being launched by anglers the day they were there. It is too bad boat restrictions are so strict. Washing boats by a certified company, and paying a big price to clean them every time you plan to fish the Quabbin, if you fished another body of water prior to your next visit is a big deterrent. The pair caught numerous lake trout and a couple of smallmouth bass that were impressive.

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

Readers Share Favorite Tips and Tricks

As summer winds down and we prep for the cooler weather, readers are taking time out from their busy days to share tips and tricks they've discovered! From organizing drawers to freezing fresh produce, the following hints from readers are sure to help make everyday tasks a little easier!

And remember readers, send in your favorite helpful hint and you could win Dinner for Two at the Publick House in Sturbridge.

The seasonal scents of candle tarts and enjoying outside fire pits are just two of the simple pleasures of Fall. Thankfully, this savvy reader came up with helpful ideas for

I enjoy burning wax tarts but when they have finished melting I then would try to pour the melted wax into a can before disposing of it but always made a mess. Now after the wax has cooled off and hardened I put it in the freezer for a few hours & it easily pops right out.

I save my toilet paper and paper towel rolls. With the toilet paper rolls - I roll up newspaper & put it in the roll. With the paper towel roll I stuff it with my shredded paper and then stuff each end with crumbled up newspaper, used tissue or paper towel. This makes great fire starters for a fire pit or a wood

Lisa Auger Douglas, MA

Thanks to this reader's tip to cut prep time in half, a favorite restaurant dish is sure to be served up at home more often!:

Here is my tip to making eggplant parmesan at a moment's notice. Whether you grow eggplant in your garden or purchase it this is a time saver for making yummy eggplant parm. Simply prep and fry your eggplant slices based on your favorite recipe. Fry as many eggplants as you want then place them on paper towel lined cookie sheets to absorb excess oil. Remove the paper towels after a few minutes and place the eggplant in a single layer



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on cookie sheets. Once the eggplant has cooled put cookie sheets into the freezer and once solid just put the eggplant in freezer bags. When you're ready to make your meal simply remove eggplant from the freezer, layer your ingredients and bake as normal. I add an extra 5 minutes to the baking time. DO NOT DEFROST eggplant.

Sue Lewandowski North Brookfield, MA

This reader takes recvcling to a new level with this clever tip to use packaging waste to organize drawers:

The plastic trays that cookies come in make the best drawer organizers. They come in different sizes and help to store several items. I use the long rectangular ones to store pens, markers,

pencils, etc. The smaller, square ones store paper clips, pins, tacks, etc. Just place inside your desk drawer. Or use them in your bedroom to store jewelry, makeup, nail files and polish, etc. They are easily replaced when necessary, and are

H.H. Holland, MA

Fall lawn and garden chores can result in an encounter with poison ivy – luckily a reader shares an old "Indian remedy" to encourage healing and relieve the itch:

For Poison Ivy: Boil a good sized bunch of "sweet" fern (it has rounded leaves rather than pointed). pack them into a large pot. Make it as strong as possible. When cool, dab on sores. It relieves the itch too. This came from my mother-in-law who is 97 and a farm girl. It is an old Indian remedy and it works!

Linda Pratt Rutland, MA

Soup season is offi-

reader found a way that even those who are lactose intolerant can enjoy a thick, rich bowl of chowder:

If you are using almond milk to make chowder because you are lactose intolerant, and find that the chowder is rather thin, try this. Add about 1/4 cup of lactose free Cremora after it is cooked. It will be rich and delicious. By the way, store the Cremora in the refrigerator in the summer. I found out the hard way that little red ants think it is delicious.

Carol McPherson Spencer, MA

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Linda Pratt of Rutland, who offered the home remedy to treat poison ivy above. Her name was drawn for a three course dinner for two at Publick House in Sturbridge.

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

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

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

Latest antique news

According to the local dealers I spoke with, the September Brimfield show was a success. One told me that two large sales at the beginning of their show more than covered their expenses. Beyond this great local news, there has also been plenty of other antique related news from across the country.

National news begins with the sale of a 286piece collection of rare antique portraits by

some of the first Black photographers. According to NPR, in 1975, Larry West found a portrait of an African American person in a box of daguerreotypes in a New York antique store. NPR said that "his collection of 286 objects dating from the 1840s to about 1925, which includes daguerreotypes and other early types of photographic works" was sold to the Smithsonian after multiple museums competed for the collection. NPR reported that "daguerreotypes were widely popular in the 1840s and 1850s and it's estimated that 3 to 5



COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES WAYNE TUISKULA

Al Capone's favorite gun and other personal effects are headed to auction in California. Capone was referred to as "Public Enemy No. 1" after the "Valentine's Day Massacre" where seven rival bootleggers were killed. However, his granddaughters who are auctioning his belongings remember him differently. Diane Capone described him as "very loving, very devoted to family, very generous." One of the items to be auctioned is a letter Al Capone wrote to his son Albert "Sonny" Capone. Capone called Sonny the "son of my heart" in a let-

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the United States. But

only 30,000 to 40,000

still exist." Further,

there are only a

small percentage of

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African American

photography studios.

contained 40 of these

rare daguerreotypes.

The collection will

be displayed at the

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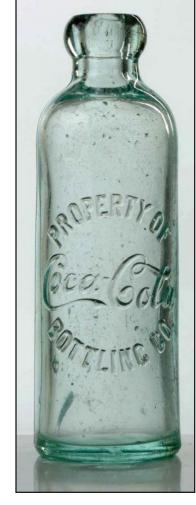
West's

million were made in ter he wrote while serving an 11-year term in Alcatraz for tax evasion. Other items being offered include "diamond-encrusted jewelry with [Capone's] initials, family photographs and his favorite handgun." According to the AP, the highlight of the sale is "the Colt .45-caliber pistol Capone always carried with him and used several times to protect himself." Diane Capone was unsure if the gun was involved in any crimes.

> In other news, the Iowa Hawk Eye reported that Jim Sonneville started collecting Coke bottles after one of his sons found a bottle while working on a construction site. He gave the bottle to his dad who became more curious about its origins. He continued buying bottles and now has around 1,200 in his collection. Sonneville hopes to add a rare Hutchinson bottle to his collection. Charles Hutchinson of Chicago, IL patented the bottle that became popular in the 1880s. A Hutchinson Coca Cola bottle sold at auction for \$7,000 in 2014. Much better than a 5 cent deposit.

Our online estate auction with 1950s and 1960s Corvettes, boat motors, tools and other estate items is now open for bidding. Our next multi-estate online auction will begin next month and end in early November. I'll be presenting on antiques and collectibles on Saturday, Oct. 30 at FinnFunn Weekend in Troy, New Hampshire. My "Evaluating your antiques" night class will take place on November 10th at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton, Mass., and on Saturday, Nov. 13, I'll also be appraising items virtually for the Townsend, Mass. Historical Society. Please visit our website for more details on upcoming events: https:// centralmassauctions.com.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Louise "Mary Lou" Sughrue,92



Douglas-Mary Louise "Mary Lou" (Kellett) Sughrue,92, of Caswell Ct., passed away on Tues. Sept. 14, 2021 in Buzzards Bay, peacefully surrounded by her loving family. She was predeceased by her

beloved husband of 57 years, James J. Sughrue Jr. in 2018.

She is survived by 2 sons, Kevin M. Sughrue and his wife Tracey of Douglas, and James J. Sughrue III of Buzzard's Bay with whom she recently lived; 3 daughters, Catherine M. Etter of Wareham, Elizabeth E. "Betty" Sneirson and her husband Robert of Brookline, and Juliana T. "Julie" Ryan and her husband Richard of Plymouth; 11 grandchildren, Triniti, Jaeley, and Lucas Sughrue, Aaron and Peter Sughrue, Alex Bergson, Dylan, Jessica, and Daniel Hillman, Matthew and Samantha Ryan; siblings, Jeremiah Kellett of Dennis, John Kellett of Fairfield, PA, Cyril Kellett of Carlsbad, CA, Rita Prevonzik of Havertown, PA, Joan Burns of Hopedale; as well as many nephews and nieces, and great nephews and nieces.

Born in Milford, MA on October 24, 1928 she was the daughter of Cyril and Therese (Kolassa) Kellett and lived in Douglas 60 years. Mary Lou graduated from St. Mary's Catholic High school in Milford and furthered her education

graduating from Framingham State College with a Bachelor's degree in education. She was a Northbridge Teacher for the West End school in the Special Education Dept. And Kindergarten. While raising her family, she worked as a substitute teacher for all grades in Douglas and Mendon . Later she worked for Seven Hills doing respite care for the disabled.

She was a longtime member of St. Denis Church, where she taught Catechism, and she was a member and past president of their Catholic Woman's Council. She was a holder of Holly Tree Timeshare in W. Yarmouth, served on the Town of Douglas Board of Registrars, School Building Committee, and volunteered at the Douglas Library. She was a member of Old Sturbridge Village for 56 years. Past member and secretary of Clann O'Siochru .

Her funeral Mass was held from Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St., Douglas with a Mass on Mon. Sept. 20, 2021 in St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas at 11 AM. Burial will follow in St. Denis cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home were held on Sun. Sept. 19th from 4-7 pm. Memorial donations may be made to: Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit: http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Richard G. "Dick" Benoit Sr., 75



Whitinsville-Richard G. "Dick" Benoit Sr., 75, passed away Tues. Sept. 14, 2021 peacefully at home. He is survived by his loving companion of 20 years, Sylvia Beaumont.

He is also survived by his sons; Richard Benoit Jr. and his companion Paul Murphy of Smithfield, RI, and Brian Benoit and his wife Michelle of Whitinsville; 2 grandchildren, Alex Benoit of Texas and Leah Benoit of

Whitinsville; Sylvia's sons, Christopher Beaumont of Fredericksburg, VA and Jeffrey Beaumont of Whitinsville; 3 special young ladies, Cassaundra, Madison, and Kelsey; his sister, Patricia Williams of Whitinsville and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his 4 brothers, Walter Benoit Jr., Robert Benoit, Donald Benoit, and Francis Benoit.

Born on August 28, 1946 in Whitinsville, Dick was the son of Walter J. Sr. and Grace M. (Hurney) Benoit and was raised in Uxbridge and lived in Whitinsville many years. A graduate of North High School in Worcester he went on work as a full-time Firefighter and EMT for the Northbridge Fire Department for 12 years. He later worked at Beaumont Nursing Home in maintenance 12 years



and finally at Alternatives Unlimited until his retirement in 2011. He was a U.S. Navy Vietnam Veteran, serving aboard the USS Energy.

Dick was clever, funny, and never lost his sense of humor despite his illness. He enjoyed reading, puzzles, and splitting wood to keep his home warm and comfortable. He liked to be active, going to the gym, and spend time outdoors. He truly loved everyone in his life and wanted the best for them. He was a wonderful man who will be deeply missed.

His Graveside Funeral Service will be held on Thurs. Sept. 23 at 12 noon in St. Mary's Cemetery, Granite St., Uxbridge. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to: The Northbridge Fire Dept., 193 Main St. Whitinsville, MA 01588. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

FOOTBALL

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Collin Falconer of Northbridge eludes one Blackstone Valley Tech defender and prepares to



Northbridge's Aaron Smeglin rushes up toward BVT quarterback Josh Mateo, who releases



Blackstone Valley Tech's Benjamin Craven heads to the ground while carrying the foot-



his eyes peeled downfield while possessing pair of Northbridge defenders.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Logan Hampson reaches out in an attempt to scoop a loose fumble.



Josh Mateo of Blackstone Valley Tech breaks through a hole provided by his offensive line-



John Furno of Blackstone Valley Tech keeps Trey Howe of Blackstone Valley Tech runs down the field, attempting to shake loose from a



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AUCTION

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items, and everyone who will be bidding in the first two weeks of October for taking part in this fundraiser," Snook said. "The Friends will also have their annual book and plant sale as usual during Oktobefest, so don't forget to visit on the big day.'

Those who have plants they would like to donate for the sale may contact Kristen at douglaspplants@gmail. com. There are also pots behind the library to put plants in, Snook added.

In other news, the Simon Fairfield Public Library has also recently been awarded \$2,500 from Unibank.

"In what has become an annual celebration, Karen Yacino presented me with a \$2,500 check on Tuesday morning on behalf of the Unibank to spend on digital books and audiobooks, Snook said. "I have used it to purchase titles Douglas patrons are waiting for, so if

your phone buzzed notifying you that a hold was ready which you were expecting to wait a long time for, thank Unibank.'



SURVEY

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(ARP) Act of 2021—which provides additional funding for school districts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic—was enacted on March 11, 2021. The "Education" portion of ARP is known as the ESSER Fund, and the purpose of the ESSER III fund is to "support the safe reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs resultNorthbridge Public Schools is slated to receive an allocation of \$2,174,018. At least 20 percent of this allocation

must be spent on mitigating lost

ing from the COVID-19 pandemic."

instructional time, the district released. "The goal of this survey is to solicit input from all stakeholders in the Northbridge community on how funds should be used to support the

Northbridge Public Schools and its students," the district added.

FIELD HOCKEY

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Quaboag and finished with 15 saves.

'She's wonderful and she's still young," O'Neill said of Masterjohn. "She was making some good saves. The game really has changed and so she's stepped up her game."

The Cougars are 2-2 after beating Oxford and Monty Tech and losing to Uxbridge and now Northbridge.

We're taking positives. We just need to work on some defensive stuff. We'll get there. Every game we improve and every practice we improve," O'Neill

At right: Northbridge's Olivia Frabotta races after a loose ball.





Elly Schofer of Northbridge gets on her horse and runs down the field with possession of the



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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Division** Docket No. WO21P2993EA Estate of:

Gordon Paul Johnson Date Of Death: February 25, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jeffrey A. Johnson of Concord

a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Jeffrey A. Johnson of Concord MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate

to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

September 24, 2021"

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. W021P3025EA Estate of:

Donna Conrad Maynard Also Known As: Donna F. Conrad Date Of Death: July 18, 2021 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Paul A. Maynard of Sutton MA a Will has been admitted to informal

probate Paul A. Maynard of Sutton MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate

to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

September 24, 2021

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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

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

In the Town of: Northbridge County of: Worcester And State of Massachusetts

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

More particularly described in said deed

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

County, bounded and described as follows:

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

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

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

THENCE easterly 159.1 feet to a point on said road which point is 75 feet southerly measured on west line of said

road, from the point of beginning; THENCE northerly by said road to the point of beginning.

Said Tract being Lot #2 and north half of

lot #3 on said plan. Parcel 2

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

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

THENCE easterly by said lot #2 163 feet to said road to Northbridge Center; THENCE northerly by said road 80 feet

to the point of beginning. Parcel 2 containing 10,332 square feet more or less.

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed and more particularly described in deed recorded in Book 18497, Page 270 of the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

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

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

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or

cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days

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after the date of sale.

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

September 24, 2021 October 1, 2021 October 8, 2021

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 47 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:05 P.M. at the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA to consider the application of Joseph Johnson, 40 Lowell Avenue, Haverhill, MA for a Special Permit (20-SP-21) pursuant to Article X Section 173-47, & Article V Section 173-12, Table of Use Regulations. The applicant is proposing a two family by adding an additional unit on to an existing single family home. The property is located at 1291 Providence Road, Whitinsville, MA 01588 and is shown on Assessor's Map 23A as Parcel 193. The property is located in a Residential Three Zoning District and is owned by Richard Desjardin.

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

Douglas Curving, Chairman Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals September 24, 2021







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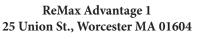
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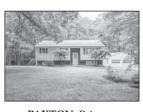




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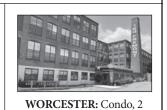
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Ciarra Boucher of Douglas transferred to Nichols College for the Fall 2021 semester

DUDLEY — Nichols College is excited to welcome Ciarra Boucher of Douglas as one of the new transfer students to the Fall 2021 semester.

Nichols College welcomes Ciarra to the herd!

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Local students enroll at Eastern for fall 2021

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Eastern Connecticut State University has enrolled more than 1,100 new students in the fall 2021 semester. The new admits include approximately 820 first-year students and nearly 300 transfer students who are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate level programs. Among the students are:

Allison Ronan of Northbridge, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Elementary Education and Liberal

Ella Yaroshefski of Uxbridge, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Biochemistry.

Charlotte French of Whitinsville, a full-time undergraduate student majoring in Communication.

The most popular majors for the new students include health sciences, psychology, business administration, criminology, computer science and biology. The incoming students come from communities across Connecticut, as well as 23 other states and Ontario, Canada. Aside from New England states, the largest feeder states are New York and North Carolina.

Douglas Library book group meets Oct. 12

DOUGLAS — On Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m., The Intrepid Readers, the Douglas Library's book group, will be discussing Sarah Rose's "D-Day Girls," the dramatic, inspiring story of the extraordinary women recruited by Britain's elite spy agency to sabotage the Nazis, shore up the Resistance, and pave the way for Allied victory in World War II.

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Clue: Office furniture

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Clue: Worker

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Clue: One in charge

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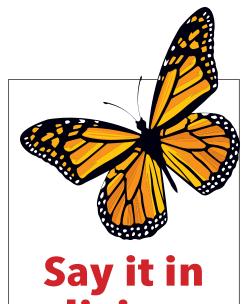
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