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Whitinsville resident to be featured in National Down Syndrome Society video

WHITINSVILLE — Isabelle Bentley of Whitinsville will appear in the bright lights of Broadway on Saturday, Sept. 12, as part of the National Down Syndrome Society's annual Times Square Video presentation. The featured photographs highlight children, teens, and adults with Down syndrome, reminding the world in a very big way about the contributions and milestones of people with Down syndrome. These collective images promote the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.

"This video is a terrific way to showcase some of the incredible individuals with Down syndrome living in our communities across the country," says NDSS President & CEO Kandi Pickard. "It is something the community looks forward to every year."

The photo of Izzie was selected as one of 500 photographs that will appear in the video, streamed on NDSS social media from the heart of Times Square.

The Times Square Video presentation kicks off Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October. The

video presentation will be followed by the New York City Buddy Walk, which will take place virtually due to COVID-19. Buddy Walk events will be held virtually in more than 150 cities across the country, as well as select international locations, this fall with over 325,000 people participating around the globe. For information about the NDSS Buddy Walk Program, visit www.buddywalk.org or call 800-221-4602.

About NDSS
The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) is the leading human rights organization for all individuals with Down syndrome. NDSS programming includes the National Advocacy & Policy Center, which seeks to create systemic change through engaged advocacy; the National Buddy Walk® Program, which honors and celebrates individuals with Down syndrome in local communities across the world, and other programs that provide support, informational resources and community engagement opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome and those who love and support for them. Visit www.ndss.org for more information about NDSS programs and resources.



Isabelle Bentley

Douglas to hold first outdoor Town Meeting tomorrow

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS — The town of Douglas will hold its annual Town Meeting tomorrow, Sept. 12, at Elementary School Field, marking the first time the town has hosted its Town Meeting outdoors.

The meeting, which was originally scheduled on May 4, will take place at 10:30 a.m. Elementary School Field is located at 19 Davis St.; the meeting has a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 13, at the same time and place, according to a town statement.

"Covid has impacted our lives in ways both large and small, and Town Meeting is no different," said Town Moderator Keith Menard. "To the best of my knowledge, this will be the first Douglas Town Meeting held outdoors."

Menard said that the town chose an outdoor location for various reasons, including saving the town clean-

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Local agencies receive federal funding to support Covid-19 response

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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REGION — Several local public safety agencies, including police and fire departments in the Blackstone Valley, have recently received funding for additional resources to further aid in preventing, preparing for, and/or responding to the Coronavirus.

The Baker-Polito Administration allocated more than \$9.6 million in federal Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESFP) grants awarded to the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research from the U.S. Department of Justice. More than 100 local and state public safety agencies received funding.

"These awards to municipal departments and state agencies across the Commonwealth

demonstrate our commitment to providing our police officers, firefighters, and other public safety personnel with the necessary tools to effectively serve their communities while continuing to fight a pandemic," said Gov. Charlie Baker.

Eligible municipalities were invited to solicit up to \$50,000 in total funding to benefit their police and/or fire department needs. In total, 65 fire departments and 44 police departments representing 94 cities and towns will directly benefit from the CESFP awards.

Local departments and agencies receiving funding include: the Northbridge Fire and Police departments, which both received \$16,785 for three virus killing light systems and one disinfection fogger; Sutton Fire Rescue, which received \$45,500 for PPE, a fit testing machine, 20 respirator masks, 80 mask

filters, an adapter for masks, thermometer, fingertip pulse oximeter, and sanitizing supplies; the Upton Fire Department received \$2,200 for an electrostatic disinfectant sprayer; and the Uxbridge Police Department received \$31,390 for PPI masks, SCAB adapter/cartridge, and an electrostatic fogger.

"This was accomplished by the hard work, time, and team effort of members District Chief Robin Dresser, FF. Renee Roy, Chief Matt Belsito but especially Captain Jeff Briggs who spent countless hours researching the equipment needed and typing out the request forms," Sutton Fire Rescue released in a statement.

The funding will assist agencies with outfitting staff with personal protective gear, purchasing deep cleaning sanitation equipment for correctional facilities and academies,

utilizing video technology to conduct hearings remotely, and obtaining materials to reconfigure office space to enhance social distancing and protect essential workers.

"These grants will help aid local municipalities to purchase the additional safeguards necessary to protect our frontline workers against COVID-19," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "Massachusetts has made great strides in slowing the spread of this virus, and we will continue to support our local heroes with the resources they need to protect themselves and their communities."

"These funds will address critical needs that will not only protect our essential public safety employees but also the people they protect and serve," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco.

BVT 'Beavers' head back to school



Courtesy

Sporty the Beaver waves hello to freshmen students as they sanitize their hands before entering BVT for their orientation day.

UPTON — After a summer of strategic planning to design their return to school plan, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School administrators, teachers, instructors, and support staff had to mask their excitement as the new school year began. Among the more noticeable precautions in place were the mandatory face coverings and hand sanitizing stations at school entrances as BVT kicked off the school year with its Freshmen Orientation Days on Thursday, Aug. 27, and Friday, Aug. 28.

The in-person orientation held over two days to reduce capacity, with only half of the freshman class scheduled to attend a full day of school on their assigned date. That allowed the students and staff to get to know each other while practicing BVT's Return to School COVID-19 Guidelines and reviewing transportation procedures with buses running their scheduled routes. Students met their academic and

vocational teachers, enjoyed a complimentary lunch, and familiarized themselves with the campus as they walked through their academic schedules, and visited their exploratory shops.

Monday, Aug. 31 began an in-person transition week to help all students and staff focus on the latest standards of operations, health procedures, and learning expectations required to attend school during a pandemic. The week began with seniors attending on Monday, followed by the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes reporting on each consecutive day, which allowed for one transition day per grade level.

"The ongoing pandemic has presented challenges for all educators. I am proud of our dedicated team and their Pentagon level of precision planning and preparation. Through which we have diligently designed a plan that works for our career technical teach-

ers and students in their hands-on shop settings," said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. "Our comprehensive Return to School Plan included orientation days for our freshmen and a transition week. The plan is an essential blueprint for our entire 2020-21 school year that utilizes a six-tiered operation model allowing for planning and predictability for both in-person and distance learning experiences with a hybrid approach."

BVT will use a six-tiered operation model that is sustainable by design, with the ability to move from tier to tier as required. The operational tier level 1-6 will be determined by the most current information from the State of Massachusetts on phased reopening guidelines and by the BVT administration, who are continuously monitoring the health and safety of students and staff within their

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The Senior Center is closed to the Public.

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Local police warn of new scams

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Local police officials are warning of several new scams, including nefarious phone calls and text messages targeting local residents.

The Uxbridge Police Department released a recent statement regarding one scam soliciting donations on behalf of the department.

“It was brought to our attention today that a resident received a phone call soliciting donations on behalf of the Uxbridge Police Dept.,” the department released. “Neither the Uxbridge Police Dept. nor the Uxbridge Police Association are currently conducting fundraising of any kind at this time.”

Department officials added that the Uxbridge Police Association does typically hold a fundraiser in the late winter/early spring, of which dispatch is always notified. Residents are encouraged to call and check to see if this is legitimate should they receive a call around that time of year.

“There are other fundraising groups under various names that may associate them with law enforcement. It is difficult to speak to whether they are legitimate,” the department continued. “Use caution, do research on the group contacting you, do not give out personal/banking information.”

The department also warned of a text scam alert. Many residents have reported receiving deceptive text messages that could open a user’s device up to malware and all kinds of “nefarious activity.”

The text scam allegedly includes a text message with language such as, “we found a package from July owed to you. Kindly claim ownership and confirm for delivery here,” with a link included. Officials are warning residents to not click the link. The best course of action is to delete the text immediately.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, these types of scams are known as “phishing” scams, where scammers use email or text messages to trick individuals into giving them personal information.

“They may try to steal your pass-

words, account numbers, or Social Security numbers. If they get that information, they could gain access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Scammers launch thousands of phishing attacks like these every day—and they’re often successful,” the FTC reported.

The FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center reported that people lost \$57 million to phishing schemes in one year. Phishing emails and text messages may look like they’re from a company you know or trust. They may also tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment.

Phishing attacks may be reported to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

Uxbridge Police have also stated that several other scams and fraud attempts continue to take place.

“It seems that COVID-19 has not kept [scammers] out of work and they are starting to call everyone again. We have had several calls regarding scams or fraud attempts recently. Everything from car dealer scams to false National Grid accounts to the grandson needing bail.”



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Trinity Christian College Announces Spring Dean’s List

PALOS HEIGHTS, ILL. — In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Ill., released the college’s Dean’s List for Spring 2020, including Sarah Jarosz of Douglas.

The Dean’s List is Trinity Christian College’s highest academic honor. Traditional undergraduate students who attend Trinity full-time and earned a 3.5 grade point average earn this honor.

Protect our home team – get a flu shot!

MILFORD- Getting a flu shot is now more important than ever, to protect yourself, your family and those around you – everyone who makes up your Home Team.

Milford Regional is launching “Protect Our Home Team,” a campaign to highlight the importance of getting the flu vaccine, especially with the emergence of COVID-19.

As fall approaches, we face the dual challenge of flu season combined with our continued battle with COVID-19. This combination of serious illnesses threatens not only the health of our community, but threatens to overwhelm the healthcare system.

Influenza and COVID-19 have similar symptoms. Getting a flu shot will help minimize the infection and spread of the flu, thereby lessening the pressure on our health system, healthcare

workers and hospital capacity.

A flu vaccination not only protects you, but the people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions. High risk groups include adults 65 years and older, pregnant women, young children and those with asthma, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and cancer.

Milford Regional is also doing its part to “Protect Our Home Team,” with hospital staff (except for those with medical and religious exemptions) getting vaccinated.

“As healthcare advocates, we all need to model proven preventive measures, such as getting the flu vaccine, so that members of the community – our larger home team – follow our

example,” says Edward J. Kelly, president & CEO of Milford Regional Medical Center, noting that there were more than 55,000 emergency department visits and 7,000-8,000 hospitalizations in the state during the 2019-2020 flu season. “When we layer COVID-19 on top of this trajectory, it is easy to see why we must all do our part in protecting our home team both in and outside the hospital and physician offices by getting the flu vaccine.”

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Plans announced for 2020 VCC Church Yard Sale

WHITINSVILLE — Come join us for a good cause!

In lieu of a Harvest Festival this year, the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville is hosting a Yard Sale scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 5 Church St., Whitinsville. (The rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 27 from noon until 4 p.m.). The VCC Church Yard Sale is open to the community and will feature a vast variety of second-hand treasures for sale as well as Raffle Theme Baskets, Jerry’s Tasty Freeze soft serve ice cream and Hot Dog truck and, a very special Hand-made Quilt Raffle! Tickets for this beautiful quilt can be purchased in advance online at: <https://go.rallyup.com/2020vccquiltraffle>.

VCC will implement and follow all safety guidelines and measures to conduct a safe experience for all by requiring attendees to wear masks and limiting a total of 50 people at a time into the yard sale.

Please help us share this event! All proceeds benefit the many good works of the church including Peace Of Bread, NAC Missions, NAC Food Pantry and more. Treat yourself to a wonderful Fall bargain hunting day at Village Congregational Church! Visit and share our event on Facebook at Village Congregational Church.

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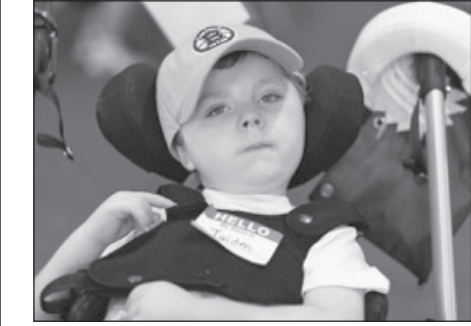


Some items available from an apartment clean out: small wooden 2-drawer file cabinet; large black TV stand; side wooden bed stand; misc. cookware and dishes; many various collections of elephants; Peanut Pals Sculptures by The Hamilton Collection (\$5 ea.); Protect Nature's Innocents Collectibles (\$5 ea.); Eftanbee Legends Series George Burns doll (boxed); Franklin Mint Diana Princess of Wales porcelain doll (boxed); small wooden roll-down cabinet with key; many record albums and cassettes; 2 tall light oak wooden swivel chairs; stained glass lampshades; small black roller suitcase; used washer (\$35) and dryer (\$35); antique clothing armoire (56"x34"); round (6 ft.) wool braided handmade rug (\$25); grandfather clock; and other collectibles and odds and ends.

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Friday's Child



Jaiden
Age 6

Hi! My name is Jaiden and I love to snuggle!

Jaiden is a sweet and loving little boy of Caucasian descent. Those who know him best adore him and share that he can make you smile as soon as you see him. Once you start speaking to Jaiden, he will turn towards you to see who is visiting and will give you a wide grin. The more you speak to him, the more excited he gets. He absolutely loves to be held and is a very happy boy. All of the staff members in the program at which Jaiden resides,

as well as his teachers at school, have fallen in love with him and are hoping that he finds his forever family soon.

Jaiden's favorite activities include playing with the Singing Elmo that he received for Christmas and listening to music. He loves being in the pool and enjoys pushing off the wall and splashing around in the water. Jaiden is also able to engage in many activities at school such as arts and craft projects with the help of his teachers and aide. Jaiden enjoys going to school and is always happy to see his teachers. Jaiden is non-verbal, is wheelchair bound, and has been diagnosed with cortical blindness. He relies on 24/7 support and receives occupational, physical, vision, and speech therapy at his school.

Legally freed for adoption, Jaiden is seeking a loving and caring home that can understand the complexity of his needs. The staff at his program are committed to helping a pre-adoptive family make Jaiden comfortable and happy in a home setting. Jaiden has the potential to thrive in family of any constellation, either as an only child or with siblings (he very much enjoys being around other children). It is important to Jaiden that he maintains a relationship with his two siblings who are placed in another home.

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 617-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.

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Barbara I. Lisak, 92



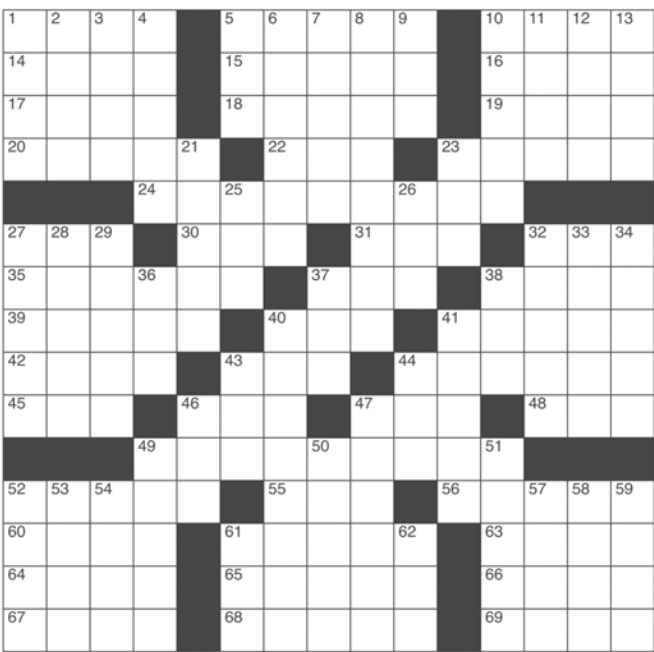
U X B R I D G E - Barbara I. (Thomas) Lisak, 92, passed away on Thurs. Sept. 3, 2020 at Milford Hospital after being stricken ill. She was predeceased by her husband Charles E. Lisak who died in

E. Thomas of Douglas, Pamela J. Lisak of Uxbridge with whom she lived, Charlene J. Wilson of Uxbridge, and Patricia J. Parente of Northborough; a daughter in law, Maria Thomas; son in laws, Robert J. Parente, Michael P. Wilson; 6 grandchildren, Martha Huggins, Noah Thomas, Molly Hollibaugh, Ashley Wilson, Lindsay Wilson, Sophie Parente; 5 great-grandchildren, Liam, Wyatt, and

siblings, Humbert Thomas, Merrill Thomas, Virginia Murray, Natalie McManus and Shirley McDarby. Born in Dracut, MA on Nov. 21, 1927 Barbara was the daughter of Harry and Beulah (Shattuck) Thomas and was a graduate of Dracut High school class of 1945. She had been a resident of Uxbridge the past 66 years. Barbara worked as a manager of the Stanley Woolen Mills for 15 years, and as a housekeeper for Beaumont Nursing Home and for her daughter in law, Maria Thomas. Barbara enjoyed crossword puzzles, dining out, and knitting. An excellent seamstress, as her children were growing up she made her children's clothing. A very selfless and caring woman she had taken care of

her husband many years during his illness. She was a member of the Walter F. Wesgan Woman's Auxillary, and a parishioner of St. Mary's Church. Her funeral will be held on Tues. Sept. 8 with a Mass at 11AM in St. Mary's Church, 77 Mendon St. Calling hours will be held prior to Mass from 8:30-10:30 in Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd., Uxbridge. In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's memory may be made to: the VNA of Milford, 37 Birch St., Milford, MA 01757 or to the Uxbridge Senior Center, 36 S. Main St., Uxbridge, MA 01569. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: www.JackmanFuneralHomes.com

1997. She is survived by 4 children, Bruce



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Aurochs
- 5. Central Dravidian language
- 10. Split pulses in Indian cooking
- 14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
- 15. Well known constellation
- 16. About aviation
- 17. Bowfin genus
- 18. Proper
- 19. Expression of annoyance
- 20. Cabbies
- 22. Bro or sis
- 23. Spiritual leader
- 24. Where football coaches work
- 27. Old TV part
- 30. A way to color
- 31. Touch lightly
- 32. Surround
- 35. Breached
- 37. Aristocratic young woman
- 38. Dry ravine
- 39. Hebrew measurement units
- 40. Supporter
- 41. Type of sword
- 42. Influential Irish playwright
- 43. Witch
- 44. Flower cluster
- 45. Mark Wahlberg's animal friend
- 46. Psychedelic amphetamine
- 47. Actors' group
- 48. Cool!
- 49. Salts
- 52. Group of SE China
- 55. Illuminated
- 56. Semitic Sun god
- 60. Water (Spanish)
- 61. Employed
- 63. Japanese ankle sock
- 64. Fishing fly
- 65. Some pheasants are this
- 66. Literary name for Ireland
- 67. Must have
- 68. A way to write
- 69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. American state
- 2. Hindu model of ideal man
- 3. Type of acid
- 4. Drenches
- 5. "The Raven" writer
- 6. Emerged
- 7. Alpha Centauri: __ Centaurus
- 8. Democratic Presidential candidate
- 9. Hostelry
- 10. Fathers
- 11. Any plant with leaves used for flavoring
- 12. Member of a Semitic people
- 13. Lesotho monetary unit
- 21. Lots
- 23. Jewish address for "Sir"
- 25. Male parent
- 26. A way to get
- 27. Body part
- 28. Seam in an organ
- 29. Landlocked African country
- 32. Process for producing ammonia
- 33. Fluid accumulation in tissues
- 34. Bugged down
- 36. Native American tribe
- 37. Unfashionable person
- 38. Female grunts
- 40. Well known
- 41. Gurus
- 43. Norse mythological site
- 44. Tell on
- 46. __ Farrow, actress
- 47. Cotton fabric
- 49. Reciter of Scandinavian poems
- 50. Clouds
- 51. Satisfies
- 52. Shuttered Air Force base in Germany
- 53. Phil __, former CIA
- 54. Japanese seaport
- 57. Female horse or zebra
- 58. 1st month of ancient Hebrew calendar
- 59. Trigonometric function
- 61. Fashionable knowledge (Slang)
- 62. Insecticide



Divorce Support Group begins new session in person and on Zoom

WHITINSVILLE — The DivorceCare support group begins a new weekly session on Tuesday, September 8. This program is for men and women struggling through separation and divorce. The program offers support from knowledgeable leaders and interaction with others going through the same experiences.

Each meeting includes time for making some new friends, refreshments, and a video, followed by small group discussion. Weekly topics include What's Happening to Me, Facing Your Anger, Depression, Financial Survival, Loneliness, and KidCare.

The meetings will be done in a hybrid fashion. Participants can come to the in-person meeting or participate online via Zoom if that is more comfortable.

The DivorceCare program is free, non-denominational, and open to all.

Meetings of the group begin Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 6:30 to 8

p.m. at Pleasant Street Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville. The program continues for 13 weeks, and participants can begin attending at any time. Contact the church office at 508-234-5268, e-mail info@pscrc.org, or visit www.pscrc.org for more information and to register.

A complementary program for kids ages five to 12, called DivorceCare for Kids, will be run concurrently with the adult program. This will be in-person only.

DivorceCare for Kids Group begins Sept. 8

DivorceCare for Kids is a support group for kids who are angry, hurt, and confused by their parent's divorce. DivorceCare for Kids provides a safe, fun place where children will learn to understand their feelings, express their emotions appropriately, and heal from their pain and confusion.

The meetings will be held in person only.

Coffee Break Bible Study for women begins Sept. 15 via Zoom

WHITINSVILLE — Coffee Break Bible Study for women of the community will resume this fall, albeit in a new format, online via Zoom.

The group will meet weekly on Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 15, at 9:30 a.m.

The Bible study is sponsored by the Pleasant Street Church in Whitinsville, and all women are welcome to join the online study group at any time.

If you have questions, call Anna at 508-234-4902, email info@pscrc.org, or go to www.pscrc.org/coffeebreak.

The topic this fall will be a study from the book of Romans entitled "For All Who Believe."

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WHITINSVILLE — St. Patrick's will be holding a Halloween Recycling Event/Food Drive on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Church parking lot, 7 East St., Whitinsville. The profits will benefit upcoming YNIA (Young Neighbors in Action) service projects. Please keep items for each station separate. For more information & electronics pricing, call 508-234-5656 or email officesupport@myst-patricks.com. Cash preferred, no credit cards will be accepted. Thank you for your support.

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WHITINSVILLE — A new grief recovery support group starts up on Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Pleasant Street Church. GriefShare is a program designed to help people in bereavement find encouragement and support during the grieving process. GriefShare meetings are for anyone who is grieving the loss of someone close.

The meetings will be done in a hybrid fashion. Participants can come to the in-person meeting or participate online via Zoom if that is more comfortable.

Each GriefShare session includes a video seminar and group discussion, providing an opportunity to interact with others who have experienced a recent loss. Weekly topics include “Living with Grief,” The Effects of Grief,” “Your Family and Grief,” “Why,” and “Stuck in Grief.”

The program continues for 13 weeks, and attendees are welcome to join the group at any point.

GriefShare is free, non-denominational, and open to all.

Meetings begin Tuesday, Sept. 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Pleasant Street 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.

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ing costs by not introducing the general public into a school, and decreasing the odds of spreading the virus by having open air.

Chairs will be placed on the field six feet away from each other and masks will be required, however, there will be a section for those who are medically unable to comply, Menard added.

“We ask that people fill the chairs furthest from the entrance first and stay seated for the duration of the meeting to decrease interaction as much as possi-

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daily operations.

Operating under Tier 2, the first day of classes for all BVT students is Tuesday, Sept. 8. On a rotating two-week basis, one grade level will be on campus for in-person learning under safe conditions that are fully compliant with all guidelines, precautions, and protocols while the other three grade levels partici-

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The flavors of fall

The first day of fall is upon us. Sept. 23 will mark the first day it is socially acceptable to drink pumpkin and apple flavored coffee, doughnuts, bread and burn fall scented candles. Coffee shops and bakeries are already busting out the fall flavors.

Pumpkin enthusiasts beware, 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 12th.”
“I’m waiting until September 1st.”
“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 snow fall. The end of the summer season really isn’t so bad. With fall comes hearty crock pot recipes, crisp evenings, sweaters, boots, and Halloween. The closer to Halloween we get, the closer to snow, which means the ski resorts will soon be open for businesses. What could be better?

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

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 excursion on the lake, a few more backyard barbecues, or a day reading out on the hammock.

The Old Farmer’s Almanac says of winter 2021, “Our long-range forecast is calling for a cold winter with normal to below-normal temperatures in areas from the Great Lakes and Midwest, westward through the Northern and Central Plains, and Rockies. Remember last year’s almost snow-free winter in the Northeast? Well, this year our prediction is very different, with the possibility of a blizzard hitting the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states during the second week of February. This storm may bring up to one to two feet of snow to cities from Washington, D.C. to Boston, Massachusetts.”

So wether 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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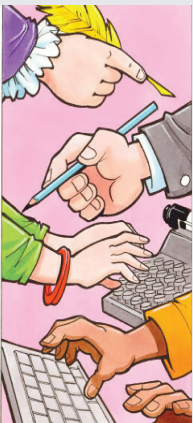
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Have you ever heard of the “Hello girls,” the women telephone operators who became America’s first women soldiers in World War I?

In 1914, these women had been working for AT&T (American Telephone and Telegraph), operating complex telephone switchboards in America’s first telephone system. In those days, telephones had no dials or numbers so when someone made a call, the telephone operator would respond, “Number please?” and had to physically connect the wire on the switchboard to the number requested.

In 1918, there were no smart phones or cell towers, no wireless or 5G. Telephones connected the World War I battlefield with headquarters. U.S. Army Signal Corps soldiers had to string telephone wire from headquarters to each battle station, trench, and artillery position, often under German bombardment, but soldiers could not handle the telephone switchboards. General Jack Pershing, leading America forces in France against the German army, could not find soldiers who could skillfully, instinctively handle the switchboards. In fact, there was complete dissatisfaction with the performance of male operators.

Women, as it happens, were experts at the new technology. Brilliant at multi-tasking, they were

five times faster than any male operator.

So General Pershing drafted the AT&T telephone operators between the ages of 18 and 35 who were bilingual (in English and French). They came from California, Montana, Texas, Michigan, New York and New Jersey. These first women soldiers would have to withstand torpedoes, cannon fire, and influenza. Yes, they sailed across the Atlantic in September of 1918 into the teeth of the Flu Pandemic.

They also faced the wall of military wise guys who said “women can’t serve in the military! they’ll break down in hysterics at the first bomb,” but General Pershing had absolute confidence in the telephone operators. And they had confidence in themselves.

These young women were stationed throughout shell shocked France as part of the U.S. Army’s Signal Corps. Their women’s branch had its own motto: Pro patria vigilans (“watchful for the country”). Their job: to connect calls and transmit military messages, clearly, quickly, professionally, with absolute confidentiality, under intense pressure, in French if necessary. They could not reveal their location, no matter how much a senior officer demanded it, nor could they reveal even their names to callers. The locations of armies, corps, artillery and divisions were strictly secret. German spies wanted the location of the General so they could bomb his headquarters. American offi-

cers fell in love over the phone with the beautiful, take-charge female voices and wanted to know their names, but the answer was always a firm and professional “I cannot provide you with that information, Sir.”

A smaller group of the women operators worked closely with General Pershing at his constantly moving headquarters near the Front. Other operators who served further back from the front lines envied the women working in danger with the General. The General’s staff lived in spartan conditions, working day and night, often double shifts, under constant bombing and shrapnel danger. In Paris at the main telephone exchange, when bombshell fragments blew out a window, the women operators refused to abandon their posts. “We will stay until the last man leaves.”

At the same time, women were demonstrating in Washington, D.C., for the right to vote. The bravery of these first women soldiers helped win that right. Their amazing story is described in the book by Elizabeth Cobbs: The Hello Girls, America’s First Women Soldiers, published in 2017.

These young women telephone operators faced the 1918 Flu pandemic, and they served anyway. They did not have the right to vote, and they served their country anyway. Could you be this brave? Could you do this for your nation?

Plan ahead for generational generosity



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When you retire, can you afford to help your loved ones?

This issue is certainly on the minds of many retirees. Consider this: Seven in 10 retirees say they are willing to offer financial support to their families, even if it could jeopardize their own financial future, according to the Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. However, the same study found that 72 percent of retirees also say one of their biggest fears is “becoming a burden on their families.”

How can you reconcile wanting to be generous to your children and grandchildren with the fear of becoming a drain on these same family members?

You’ll have to plan carefully. Ask yourself some key questions, including these:

How much will I need in retirement? When you retire, some of your expenses, such as those associated with your career, will go down. And you might also downsize your living arrangements, resulting in lower costs. Other expenses, though, will go up. A healthy 65-year-old couple who retired in 2019 will need nearly \$390,000 just to pay for health care, according to HealthView Services, which produces health-care cost projection software. Think about all your projected costs and try to create an annual budget for your retirement years.

What sources of income can I rely on? During your retirement years, you’ll likely have several streams of available income, including Social Security, your 401(k) and IRA, other investments and possibly even some earned income, if you choose to work part time. You’ll want to know about how much money you can count on from these sources each year.

How much can I afford to give away? Once you know about how much your expenses and income will be during your retirement years, you’ll have a clear idea of how much you can afford to give away to your grown children and grandchildren. Of course, this doesn’t mean you should contribute the entire difference between your expenses and income – you’ll always want to have a cushion. But at least you’ll know what your limits are. On a technical note, you can give up to \$15,000 per person, per year, to as many people as you’d like without incurring gift taxes. And you don’t have to give just cash, either – you could contribute to a college funding vehicle, such as a 529 plan.

How can I protect my financial independence? Other than not spending or giving away more money than you’re taking in, you can certainly take other steps to keep your financial independence and avoid becoming a burden to your family members. For one thing, you can protect yourself from the heavy costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. A financial professional can help you choose an appropriate protection strategy. Also, you can guard your interests, and those of your family, by creating a power of attorney, health care directive and other appropriate legal arrangements (with the help of an attorney).

Your best impulses – to be generous to your loved ones while staying financially stable enough to avoid becoming a burden to them – don’t have to be mutually exclusive. With careful planning, you can help make both goals a reality.

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Plant trees now for decades of shade and beauty



Cooler temperatures and warm soil make fall a great time to add trees to your landscape. Make the most of this investment of money and time and give your tree its best chance at survival with proper planting and care.

Select a tree suited to the growing conditions, your landscape design and available space. Make sure it tolerates the sunlight, soil and temperature extremes. Check the tag for the mature height and spread. You’ll have a better-looking plant that always fits the space with minimal pruning.

Avoid planting near overhead utilities since trees and power lines make for a dangerous combination. Contact your underground utility locating service at least three business days before placing the first shovel in the ground. It’s free and all you need to do is call 811 or file an online request.

Once the area is marked, you can get busy planting. Ensure your tree thrives for many years to come with proper planting. Dig a saucer shaped hole three to five times wider than the root ball. It should only be as deep as the distance from the root flare to the bottom of the root ball. The root flare, where the roots bend away from the trunk, should always be at or slightly above the soil surface.

Set the tree in the hole, then peel back and cut away any burlap and wire cages. These can eventually constrict root growth. Roughen the sides of the hole and backfill with the existing soil. Water thor-

oughly to moisten the roots and surrounding soil.

Continue to water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist. Proper watering, especially during the first two years, is critical for establishing trees. Watering thoroughly as needed encourages deep roots and a more drought tolerant and pest resistant tree.

Monitor soil moisture near the trunk and beyond the rootball. Since many containerized trees are grown in soilless mix, the rootball dries out more quickly than the surrounding soil. Adjust your watering technique and schedule to accommodate this difference.

Mulch the soil surface with a two- to three-inch layer of woodchips or shredded bark to conserve water, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it decomposes. Pull the mulch back from the trunk of the tree to avoid disease problems.

Remove any tags that can eventually girdle the tree and prune out any broken or rubbing branches. Wait a year to fertilize and two years, once the tree is established, for additional pruning.

Continue providing tender loving care for at least the first two years. Make regular checkups, prune to create a strong structure, and keep grass, weeds and lawn care equipment away from the trunk throughout the lifetime of your tree. Your efforts will be rewarded with years of beauty and shade.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. Myers is the host of 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. Myers’ Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

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Home Canning Tips & Tricks

Farmer’s Markets are selling tomatoes and cukes in bulk, workshops on preserving produce are filling up fast and canning jar manufacturers report double digit hikes in sales. There’s no doubt about it, self quarantines and the current homebound culture have spawned a renewed interest in gardens and home grown goods.

Whether canning in bulk to stock the pantry, or filling a few jelly jars for holiday gifts, the following information is geared toward helping your preserving efforts pay off in both financial and “feel good” benefits.

One of the joys of canning is the ability to literally put the fruits of your garden labor on the dinner table. For those who do not grow their own foods, a trip to a farmer’s market or neighborhood farm stand can reap bushels of freshly picked produce. In rural areas, farmers typically offer boxes of produce in bulk to home canners at discounted prices.

When choosing produce for canning, overlook those with bruises or obvious imperfections. Common backyard gar-

den vegetables such as tomatoes and cucumbers are popular candidates for canning as they offer a variety of finished products from condiments to side dishes.

A few old fashioned canning recipes can transform the versatile garden favorites into glistening jars of pantry staples. For example, tomatoes can be prepped to be canned as tomato sauce, tomato soup, tomato juice, salsa, ketchup, and more. Cucumbers transform into sweet gherkins, dill pickles, chow chow and a variety of relishes. Orchard fruits such as apples and peaches can be processed as jelly, butter, chutney, pie filling, syrups and sauces.

Proper Processing: Before choosing a preferred method of processing be sure to study the options, all of which are available in canning “how to” books or online. For safety’s sake be sure your resources are up to date, since processing recommendations have changed in the past several years. The classic Ball Blue Book serves as the canners bible. Online, a reliable and free resource titled “U.S. Department of Agriculture’s

“Complete Guide to Home Canning,” is available and can be accessed by visiting www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications_usda.html

A general rule is that the traditional boiling water bath is a canning option only for high acidic foods such as fruits, preserves and some pickled vegetables. All vegetables, which are low in acid (except some that you acidify first), must be processed in a steam pressure canner. Consult a trusted resource before you attempt to can your own food, as improper processing can cause Botulism, which is a serious and often fatal form of food poisoning.

Once you have completed processing of the jars according to safety guidelines, another important step in the canning process is testing your jar seals. After jars have cooled for 16-24 hours, a few easy visual and manual tests can ensure the jars have sealed properly. After removing the screw band:

1. Press down on the middle of the lid with your finger. If the lid comes back up when you let go, the lid did not seal correctly.
 2. Lift the jar to eye level and look across the top of the lid. It should curve down slightly in the center. If the center is flat or convex, the jar did not take a good seal.
 3. Or, try the old fashioned “tap test.” Tap the top of the lid with the bottom bowl of a teaspoon. A properly sealed lid will make a high pitched ringing sound.
- According to the National Center for Food Preparation, if lids are tightly vacuum sealed on cooled jars, the screw bands may be removed before storing the jars. Before storing, jars and lids should be washed to remove any waste, and rinsed and dried. Jars should be stored in a cool dark, dry place. For best quality, store between 50 and 70 degrees and use canned products within a year.

Home Canning Recipes: Even the novice home canner can experience success with the following recipes that use fresh garden ingredients:

Pepper Jelly
This jelly, which uses up the last of the season’s garden peppers, makes a festive holiday gift.

Ingredients: 3 green bell peppers, minced; 2 (4 ounce) cans diced jalapeno peppers
1 1/2 cups distilled white vinegar; 6 1/2 cups white sugar; 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper; 1 (6 fluid ounce) container liquid pectin; 5 drops green food coloring.
Directions: In a large, stainless steel saucepan, combine peppers, vinegar, sugar, and cayenne pepper. Cook over medium high heat. Stir frequently until mixture begins to boil.

Stir in pectin; boil 5 minutes longer, stirring constantly, and mix in food coloring. Skim off foam, and remove from heat.

Ladle into sterilized jars. Seal and process in a boiling-water canner for 5 minutes.

Apple Chutney
It’s apple season in New England and this chutney, made from freshly picked fruit, will be the perfect accompaniment to upcoming holiday feasts.

Ingredients: 2 quarts chopped, cored, pared tart apples (about 10 medium); 1 cup chopped onions; 1 cup chopped sweet red bell peppers (about 2 medium); 2 hot red peppers, seeded and chopped; 1 1/2 pounds seedless raisins; 4 cups brown sugar; 3 tablespoons mustard seed; 2 tablespoons ground ginger; 2 tablespoons ground allspice; 2 teaspoons canning salt; 1 clove garlic, crushed; 1 quart white vinegar (5%).
Directions: Combine all ingredients; simmer until thick, about 1 hour and 15



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minutes. As mixture thickens stir frequently to prevent sticking. Pour boiling hot chutney into hot jars, leaving 1/2 inch headspace. Remove air bubbles and adjust headspace if needed. Wipe rims of jars with a dampened clean paper towel; adjust two-piece metal canning lids. Process in boiling water canner according to the altitude recommendations below. Makes about six pint jars.

Recommended process time for Apple Chutney pints in a boiling water canner (altitude chart): 1-1,000 ft, 10 minutes; 1,001-6,000 ft, 15 minutes; above 6,000 ft, 20 minutes.

Home Canning DOs and DON’Ts

- Do be sure to wash, wash, and wash again! Wash hands, all food prep surfaces and all canning supplies thoroughly before starting the canning process.
- Always wash and examine all foods to be canned. Be sure to cut out any bruises and discard any overripe fruits and vegetables.
- Do an inspection of your glass jars, old and new. Before sterilizing jars, look and feel for nicks or chips. Inspect new lids for imperfections and make sure the screw bands fit properly.
- Do use only proper glass canning jars and avoid the old time practice of reusing mayonnaise and other such jars.
- Do take advantage of farm fresh fruits and vegetables in season. Buy in bulk and process to enjoy gourmet style foods at rock bottom prices.

DON’Ts
Never use overripe fruit. A good rule of thumb to remember is that canning can’t improve the quality of food, so always begin with top quality fruits, ripe and free of bruises.

- Never add considerably more spices or seasonings than a recipe calls for. Some spices can be high in bacteria and too much of a good thing can put your safety at risk.
- Never reuse canning jar lids. Be sure to seal jars with a new, clean lid each and every time.

Do not store filled jars above 95° F or near hot pipes, a range, a furnace, in a non insulated attic, or in direct sunlight. Under these conditions, food will lose quality in a few weeks or months and may spoil.

Don’t store jars in damp areas such as a basement. Dampness may corrode metal lids, break seals, and encourage spoilage.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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 renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I’m in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I’m counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

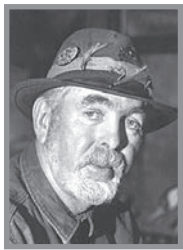


The cool and pleasant weather of this past week-end signaled the start of the Massachusetts Waterfowl season. Although only Canada Geese are legal during the first segment of the hunting season, it will not be long before the opening of ducks and Pheasant season starting on Oct. 13. This year, the early goose season started on Sept. 8, and has a liberal daily bag limit of 15 birds. It may seem like a lot, but some areas in the state are overrun with Canada Geese that are polluting lakes and ponds and golf courses with their feces.

Unfortunately for sportsmen most corn fields are not cut during the early season, which has been keeping less areas open for sportsmen to hunt. Because of the extremely hot dry summer, farmers may be cutting there corn a bit early this year. Be sure to ask for permission to hunt private property prior to the season. A little courtesy goes a long way!

Numerous other problems are the posted pri-

vate property that geese find every year to hang out in. Access to these properties are often off limit to hunting, or are



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just too close to houses. Remember to stay at least 500 ft. from any occupied dwelling when hunting. Hundreds of local geese have been spotted in many grass fields in the past few days, and will survive the early hunting season. If they continue to visit the same fields. When the regular season opens on Oct. 13, the two-bird daily limit goes into effect. Setting up a spread of Canada Goose decoys to harvest a couple of birds has kept many hunters away.

More bear sightings in Douglas this past week have prompted local deer hunters to purchase a \$5

bear hunting stamp from Mass. Fish & Wildlife this year. There are five bear hunting seasons in Mass. this year that include rifle, hand gun, muzzleloader, archery & shotgun, with the last two being the most popular among hunters in the Central District, as they coincide with the deer season. Be sure to read the 2020 hunting season abstracts prior to hunting.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will be holding their second Wild Game Supper on Sept. 12. It was postponed because of the Covid-19 outbreak. Sportsmen that had purchased tickets to the supper this past fall can pick up their meal at the outside window starting at 2 p.m. All meals are to go only. Anyone that cannot make the meal can redeem their tickets for a full refund if they wish. The club is also planning a pig roast on Sept. 19, to benefit the Pheasant program. Tickets are \$10 each. The meal is also to go only. The club asks attendees to wear face masks at both events.

Reports of fast action on seabass in Rhode Island this past week, prompted numerous local anglers to give it a try. Knowing were to fish was the key to success. The seven fish limit on big seabass were caught using squid strips baited on a single hook, or with squid strips and jigs. Very large bluefish were mixed into the fast action. Areas around Block Island were the most productive with large and small seabass.

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A life of accumulating stuff

I heard once that the first half of our life is spent accumulating things, while the second half is getting rid of those very same things. In our case, time has been more heavily weighted to accumulation, while getting rid of them has been a more sudden and quicker event.

As most of you know, we are at a time and age where we are downsizing. We've spent the last 26 years in an exceptionally large home on forty acres and are downsizing into a significantly smaller place. The move requires that we sell, donate, give away or dump, eighty percent or more of our belongings. In the beginning, the thought sounded arduous and painful, but it has been quite the opposite. It has been a "freeing" experience.

It has lightened our load and relieved a fair amount of pressure.

As we've sorted through forty-five years of marriage in boxes of our belongings, I wonder why we ever bought most of it to begin with. It's as if we were on a search for meaning in things, that we later found to be meaningless. I believe I bought things to make myself feel better and when I didn't ... I bought more. The more I bought, the more of a burden it became, so to relieve the stress ... I bought more. I think it's a vicious cycle that most of us go through. We all become burdened at some point with boxes of stuff. We either deal with it or leave it all to our kids to deal with after we are gone.



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So, we decided to have an estate sale, which turned out to be the right choice for us. It went well and I'm guessing half our stuff sold. It was an interesting experience. I thought I'd be able to hang around, greet people, answer questions ... but I was wrong. An hour before the sale began, George, the owner of Cait's, the estate sale company, asked me where I was going during the sale. I responded that I planned on staying and he began emphatically shaking his head and said, "No. You cannot be here. Go hang out with a

neighbor or find another place to be."

It was a mixture of feeling insulted and hurt. It was my stuff, in my house! How could he tell me to leave? Arlene looked at me and smiled. "He didn't want to see you holding on to someone's ankle as they drag you out the door, while you are crying and pleading, 'please don't take my stuff!'"

"You think I'd do that?" I asked.

"It didn't take long for him to figure you out." She took me by the hand and pulled me towards the door. "Let's not stay and find out."

We got in the car and instead of leaving, parked under a tree near the entrance to the prop-

erty and watched people come in and later leave with our stuff. It wasn't a sad experience but just an odd sense of curiosity. Why did they want that? Where are they taking it? What will they do with it?

The next day was different. I decided to hide in the bedroom and stay close, but my personality and curiosity didn't allow me to stay in hiding long. I slowly ventured out and had a fun time greeting friends, meeting new people, and seeing smiles on faces as I watched our 'stuff' bring joy to others.

I also smiled, knowing someday, sooner or later, that same stuff may be in someone else's estate sale as they wonder, "why on earth did I buy this?"

My advice, for whatever it's worth ... Don't put

your faith and happiness in material things. They eventually end up being burdensome and rarely deliver the expected pleasure. First and foremost, look to a higher source. For me, that is in Jesus. For you it may be something different. Then, find your earthly joy and satisfaction in family and dear friends.

Stuff ... is just stuff. I don't miss any of it.

Neither will you.

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4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a

parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.
Date: August 10, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
September 11, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO20P2229EA
Estate of:
Rachel Girtton Thayer
Date Of Death: November 1, 2018
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Clyde A Thayer of Upton MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Clyde A Thayer of Upton 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 11, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200

Docket No. WO19P1657EA
Estate of:
David J Tierney
Date of Death: 03/22/2019
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Payden E Tierney of Ferris TX** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **09/22/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court
August 26, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 11, 2020

Antiques, collectibles, and auction news

It has been over two months since my last update on antiques, collectibles, and auction news. As you might expect, much has occurred since then, including a recently uncovered fake work of art.

The Los Angeles Times reported that a statue attributed to Paul Gauguin that was on display in the J. Paul Getty Museum has now been hidden away in a storeroom. The Getty Museum purchased “Head with Horns” while it was on display at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City in 2002. The Los Angeles Times reported that the Getty described it as a “superb example” of Gauguin’s work. Fabrice Fourmanoir is a Tahitian art dealer who has stud-



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ied Gauguin’s works. Fourmanoir informed the LA Times that he was contacted in 2002 by Wildenstein & Co. of New York who was handling the sale of the statue. He told them that he did not believe it was Gauguin’s work because it was smoother than the rougher pieces Gauguin created. Fourmanoir also noted that Gauguin never used a plinth (according to Merriam-Webster: a usually square block serving as a base) in his works. Additional research found that the plinth contained lacewood, which does not grow in Tahiti. Gauguin only used Tahitian wood. Photos of the artwork were later discovered that belonged to Gauguin’s friend,

Jules Agostini. Agostini took photos of the statue in 1894 a year before he met Gauguin and while Gauguin was still in France. The new evidence has led the Getty Museum to now attribute the statue to an unknown artist instead of Gauguin. In more positive news, a 1950’s coin operated children’s Pegasus ride sold well at auction recently. The Antiques and Arts Weekly reported on the sale of the Pegasus. “The symbol of speed and power, this example predated Mobil’s adoption of the steed as its US trademark in 1968,” they wrote. It brought \$25,200. A space suit from Stanley Kubrik’s movie “2001: A Space Odyssey” recently sold at auction, according to Vanity Fair. The space suit is believed to have been worn by Keir Dullea during the final shut-down sequence of the HAL 9000 computer. It sold for \$370,000,

well above the \$200,000 estimate. Another item is expected to bring an even larger figure. Smithsonian Magazine reported that the world’s most expensive coin is headed to auction. According to the magazine report “the rare silver dollar is thought to be one of the first, if not the very first, coins minted in the newly independent United States of America.” The coin will fetch much more than pocket change with its \$10 million estimate. We will feature coins from three different estates in our October 29th online multi-estate auction. There is still time to consign for that sale. The preview for our Warren, R.I. auction takes place on Sept. 12 with bidding ending on Sept. 16. Please see the link on our website to register and bid on this auction. I will be appraising items for the Townsend Historical Society’s virtual apprais-



al event on October 10th. Participants can submit photos of their items to the Townsend Historical Society in advance. You can also bring your items in person on the day of the event, and I will appraise them virtually. Please keep checking www.centralmassauctions.com for information on upcoming events.

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