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WCS Robotics team receives Department of Defense STEM grant



WHITINSVILLE — Whitinsville Christian School's robotics team, the Robonauts, has been awarded a Department of Defense STEM grant for their upcoming season. The grant will be used toward the registration fee and potentially the championship entry pending season details.

"We are very grateful to our fellow mentor, Ben Campbell, for applying for this grant on behalf of Team 663," said Ben Randolph, team mentor. "We are proceeding with optimism that we will have a relatively 'normal' season. Since the season does not begin until January, there are still many pending details."

Since the 2020 season was suspended, FIRST® Robotics will be utilizing the same theme for 2021: Infinite Recharge.

"With the competition game remaining the same, we would not necessarily need to build a new robot from scratch," said Randolph. "There may be modifications to the game, and then of course to our team's robot. We were excited last year with our number of new members and we've been conducting virtual training this summer, so I'm definitely looking forward to working together soon."

Courtesy

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Millville receives Green Community funding

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

MILLVILLE — The town of Millville's Green Community Committee announced that it has received \$122,404 in competitive grant monies. State officials recently awarded \$13,000,558 in Green Communities competitive grants to 103 municipalities across Massachusetts to fund clean energy projects.

This ninth annual round of DOER Green Communities competitive grants was awarded to existing Green Communities that have successfully

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Whitinsville Library to offer limited walk-in service

WHITINSVILLE — On Monday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m., the Whitinsville Social Library will begin Phase 3 of its COVID-19 phased reopening plan and open its doors to the public for limited walk-in service. Hours for walk-in service are Monday - Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-noon. Hours will be reassessed periodically.

Enter and exit the building using the Library's front entrance on Church Street. The back entrance is available only to people who require the use of the elevator. If you require the elevator please ring the doorbell once you arrive so Library staff can open the door for you.

Masks are required to

gain entry. If you cannot wear a mask please make use of Parking Lot Pick Up. The building's maximum occupancy is 20 people. Hand sanitizer is available and its use is highly encouraged before touching library materials. If you decide to enter the building, your time is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes. No tables or seating are available. Patrons will not have access to the ground floor. No meetings of any kind are allowed. If you or anyone in your household is feeling unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms we ask you do not enter the library.

The Library encourages you to download and sign into MeeScan, a free self-check out app, before you arrive. MeeScan allows you to check out Library items with no

staff contact and no lines. This app is available for iPhone and Android smartphones. Consider placing items on hold or looking up their availability in the online catalog at <http://whitinsville.cwmars.org> before arriving.

One public computer is available by appointment only. To schedule an appointment for computer browsing please call 508-234-2151 during business hours or go to www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL. Computer usage is limited to 30 minutes a day. Use of the copy machine is on a first come first serve basis. Black and white printing is 20 cents a sheet. Please have exact change.

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Children's Room. No children under nine years of age are allowed to enter the building without a parent or guardian present. Patrons of all ages must limit their visit to 30 minutes or less.

Parking Lot Pick Up has changed. It is available Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. - noon and Tuesday and Thursday 4 - 6 p.m. Staff will no longer be calling patrons to schedule appointments for Parking Lot Pick Up. If you do not wish to enter the building once your holds are available call the library to schedule a day and time slot for Parking Lot Pick Up. At your requested time slot your checked out items will be at the library's front entrance in a paper bag ready for you to grab and go.

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Friends of Douglas library hosting online auction

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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DOUGLAS — The Simon Fairfield Public Library in Douglas is looking to raise \$400,000 for a building accessibility renovation campaign, and the Friends of the library have announced they are now hosting an online auction in October to benefit the cause.

The online auction will run from Oct. 3 through 14, according to Library Director Justin Snook. Participants will be able to log in and bid online for items; proceeds will go toward funding an elevator for the library, a proper parking lot, handicap accessible restrooms, and an accessible rear entrance,

Currently, the Friends are seeking donations of items or services for the auction to be presented in an online catalog. Snook added that if members of the community have "a special service, talent, attic treasure, artsy item, antique, time-share, horde of hand sanitizer, or anything else you think would be a desirable auction item," contact Donna Kmetz at dona-kmetz@charter.net. The deadline for submissions is Sept. 11.

Items already collected include vintage quilts, farm baskets, scratch tickets, gift cards, a leg of lamb, yoga classes, golf rounds, a ride to school in a police cruiser, and a week in St. Marten.

In other news, the Friends of the Library are also sponsoring a virtual presentation on the Boston Red Sox history with Martin Gitlin, author of the Ultimate

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DRIVE-BY DONATIONS WELCOME FOR SENIOR CENTER

Courtesy

The Millbury First Congregational Church, at 148 West Main St. is inviting people to bring donations of Food, Personal Hygiene Items, or Gorette's Gift Certificates to the church parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donations will be taken to the Millbury Senior Center. A wide row of tables will be set up so that you can drive on either side, and you can put your donation on the table, or stay in your car, pop your trunk or hatch back and we'll remove your donation. Please Enter from West Main Street and Exit to Beach Street. Please join us in celebrating the blessing of being able to help those I need.



Sports officials adopt “floating season” approach for football

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – After reaching fourth down in their attempt to save high school football this year, state

leaders agreed to a “floating season” approach. Football, cheerleading, and unified basketball will be played between late February and late April as part of a fourth sports season approved last month by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA).

Earlier this summer, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) issued updated reopening standards for youth and adult amateur sports. The regulations require significant modifications to contact sports, and they would have made it virtually impossible to play football this fall. “The guidelines are designed to provide instructions to facility operators and activity organizers to help protect against the spread of COVID-19,” read a statement released by the EEA.

In the guidelines, sports are broken down into three categories: low risk, moderate risk, and high risk. Due to the frequent physical contact in football, it was assigned to the high risk category along with wrestling, rugby, basketball, lacrosse, ice hockey, cheerleading, martial arts, ultimate frisbee, boxing, and pair figure skating.

Since major changes to the basic game structure of football would have been necessary to satisfy the state’s fall reopening regulations, officials decided to move it to late February. By then, MIAA leaders hope a vaccine is in place and regulations on sports can be loosened.

For now, area football teams are scrambling to find ways to keep their skills sharp. Many coaches have not even seen their players since the spring, before the statewide shutdown.

“Once COVID-19 hit and school closed, we have not been able to be together at all,” said Christopher Barry, the assistant coach of the Leicester High School squad. “Our school facilities have been off-limits, and we are not able to have contact with our players other than through email or text. This is not the kind of relationship we want to have with our players.”

Local football players and coaches are particularly frustrated because almost all other

fall sports are allowed to resume this month, with restrictions.

Assigned to the low risk or moderate risk categories, cross country, soccer, field hockey, volleyball, and others will be returning to play, beginning on Sept. 18. Masks and social distancing measures will be heavily employed by players, coaches, and game officials, allowing student-athletes to get back into the game as safely as possible.

But the Friday night lights will stay dark this fall for area football teams, and there are no guarantees that conditions will be improved enough for games in late February. State officials will review COVID-19 data in January and make a determination on whether to proceed with the floating season.

For football athletes and coaches, the uncertainty has been a major challenge. They understand the reasons for the decisions made by state officials, but that doesn’t make the situation any less frustrating.

“We appreciate all of the work and dedication those people put in to make the best decision for our students to have a football season and to be safe,” said Barry, whose team went 12-1 last year and captured the D7 Central Mass. crown. “There are still so many questions that remain unanswered, which is completely understandable during this unprecedented time.”

Added Barry, “Whatever the next steps are, we look forward to seeing our kids again. We have a great group of seniors we want to honor in their final season. 24 freshmen who are interested in joining our program, and players in grades in between hungry to have another winning season and defend our titles.”

Beginning on Sept. 18, football teams will be able to hold modified practices. Several restrictions will be in place, and players won’t be able to participate in hitting, blocking, team meals, and other activities. For coaches, the main goal is to keep their athletes physically conditioned and mentally sharp through the fall and winter.

“To get back to some normalcy would be best for students’ mental and physical health,” Barry said. “We are a football town, and cannot wait until we get back together again.”

Virtual services continue at First Congregational Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — As with most churches, the First Congregational Church of Uxbridge has continued to meet via Zoom Conferencing each Sunday at 10 a.m.

We have decided that going forward, for the health of all concerned, we will continue to meet via Zoom. Our services begin at 10 a.m. with Rev. Frank McKenzie, pastor. If anyone would like to join us and would like the link or phone number, please contact the church office at 508-278-3071 or Uxbridgecc@outlook.com

We are sad that we have had to discontinue our successful Ham & Bean suppers for the time being. We look forward to a time when we can again cook and serve all of you who have supported our dinners so faithfully.

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Millville police seize marijuana while searching residence

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

MILLVILLE — More than three pounds of marijuana was seized, along with a large selection of marijuana edibles and approximately \$80,000 of U.S. currency, after police recently executed a search warrant at a residence in Millville.

According to reports, the Millville Police Department, along with members of the Blackstone Valley Drug and Counter Crime Task Force, executed the search warrant at a resident on Linda Avenue in Millville.

Chief of Police Ronald Landry stated that the search warrant was the culmination of a several months long investigation of a marijuana distribution business out of a Millville residence and narcotic deliveries from the vehicle operated by a resident of that address.

“As a result of the search warrant, over three pounds of marijuana was seized along with a large selection of marijuana edibles and approximately \$80,000 of U.S. currency,” Millville Police released in a statement.

Austin Gagnon, 22, of Millville was taken into custody and is being charged with possession with intent to distribute a class D substance and conspiracy to violate drug laws, according to reports.

A concurrent motor vehicle stop on Chestnut Hill Road resulted in the arrest of Devan Ayotte, 22, of Millville; police say he is being charged with

distribution of a class D substance, possession with intent to distribute a class D substance, and conspiracy to violate drug laws as well as possession of a per se dangerous weapon.

“The Blackstone Valley Drug Task Force is made up of police departments throughout the Blackstone Valley who pool manpower and resources to solve major drug cases,” Millville police said. “The task force is a way for smaller towns to assist each other on large drug cases, merging intelligence and experience from other officers.”

Chief Landry extended his appreciation to the Uxbridge Police Department and the Blackstone Valley Drug and Counter Crime Task Force for their assistance with this investigation.



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Upton VFW announces flea market dates

UPTON — The Upton VFW Post 5594 will hold the next flea market of its annual summer series on Sept. 12, then again on Oct 10, which is the second Saturday of each month. The post is located at 15 Milford St. (Route 140), Upton.

Vendors and craftsmen are more than welcome. Spaces are \$10, or \$15 if a banquet table is needed. Reservations are not required. Post member David Kennedy can provide more information by calling him at (508) 529-3314 or via the Upton VFW Facebook page. All proceeds benefit the post.

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Destinee is legally freed for adoption. She has an open adoption agreement of three visits per year with her birth mother. She would do best with a single female, two moms, or a mom and dad. A family with no other children or much older children in the home would be best for Destinee. Her family must be willing to transport her to Western Massachusetts frequently for visits with her birth mother and brother.

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Roger Williams University announces Spring 2020 graduates

BRISTOL, R.I. —The following local residents were among the students who received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2020:

Drew Abbott, of Uxbridge graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in International Relations in May as part of the Class of 2020.

Emily Braney, of Northbridge graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Anthropology + Sociology in May as part of the Class of 2020.

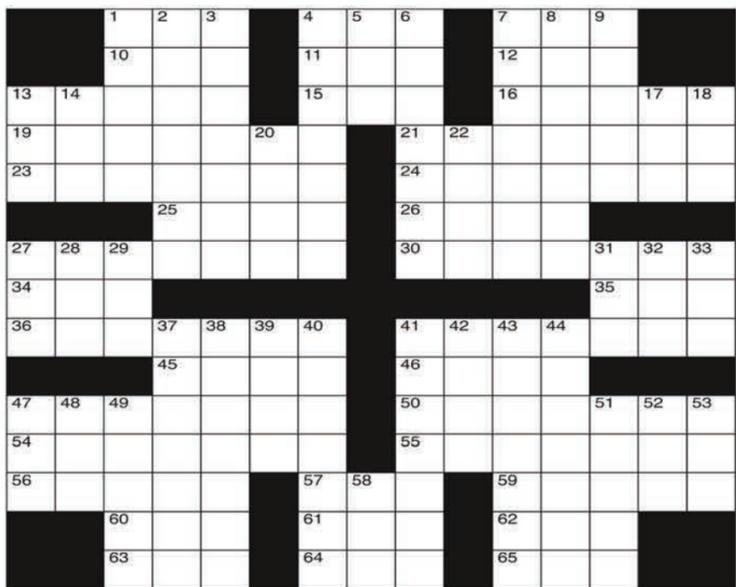
Joseph Hanson, of Northbridge graduated with a B.S. in Architecture in May as

part of the Class of 2020. Nancy Sengtong, of Whitinsville graduated with a B.S. in Criminal Justice in May as part of the Class of 2020.

Ashleigh Triber, of Douglas graduated Cum Laude with a B.A. in Public Relations in May as part of the Class of 2020.

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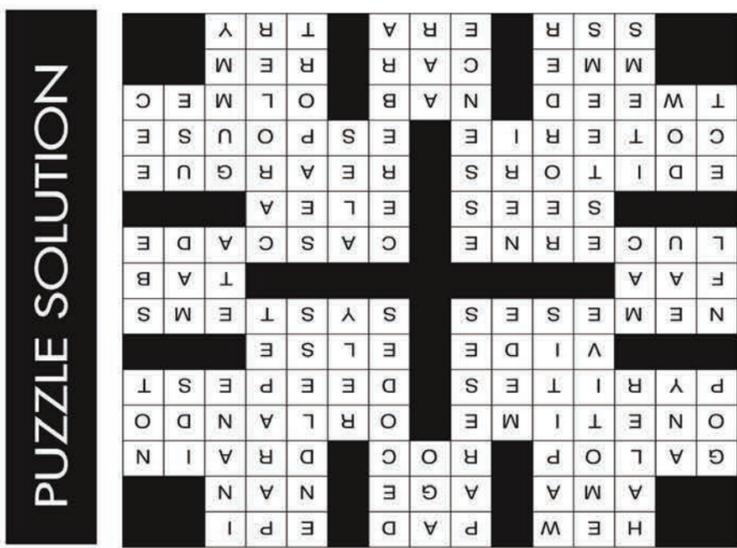


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Chop with an ax
- 4. Where a bachelor lives
- 7. Indicates near
- 10. Doctors' group
- 11. It's just a number
- 12. Type of bread
- 13. Lively ballroom dance
- 15. Charles S. Dutton TV series
- 16. A way to use up
- 19. Singular event
- 21. Home of Disney World
- 23. Minerals
- 24. Most insightful
- 25. Consult
- 26. In addition
- 27. Agents of downfall
- 30. Organizations
- 34. Supervises flying
- 35. Bar bill
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Dish soap
- 45. Witnesses
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Newspaper bigwigs
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Small group with shared interests
- 55. Support
- 56. Popular sportcoat fabric
- 57. Take hold of
- 59. Pre-Mayan civilization
- 60. Woman (French)
- 61. Wheeled vehicle
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Cold War player (abbr.)
- 64. Pitching stat
- 65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Czech monetary unit
- 2. Arousing intense feeling
- 3. Elks
- 4. Muscular weaknesses
- 5. Before the present
- 6. Figures out
- 7. Infinite
- 8. A low wall
- 9. Silly
- 13. Political organization
- 14. Used of a number or amount not specified
- 17. Divisions of the psyche
- 18. Denial
- 20. Ancient Iranian person
- 22. Count on
- 27. Popular sports league
- 28. Water (French)
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 31. When you hope to get there
- 32. Angry
- 33. One point east of due south
- 37. Respects
- 38. Organize anew
- 39. French wine grape
- 40. Intrinsic nature of something
- 41. Neural structures
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships take on cargo
- 44. Holiday season singer
- 47. Shock treatment
- 48. Popular average
- 49. Products
- 51. A type of bear
- 52. Utilize
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OBITUARIES

Barbara J. Peters, 72



NORTHBRIDGE – Barbara J. (Lunt) Peters, 72, of Northbridge passed away on Friday, Aug. 21, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family.

A lifelong resident of Northbridge, Barbara had been employed by the Hutchinson Company in Northbridge for 17 years. Previously, she worked at the former Kartiganer Hat Company in Upton and the former Snider's Meat Co. in Sutton.

She was born June 12, 1948 in Bar Harbor, ME the daughter of the late LaForest and Julia (Braley) Lunt, Jr. and was a graduate of Northbridge High School.

Barbara enjoyed knitting, crocheting, gardening, crafting and was an avid reader. She enjoyed watching the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. She also liked an occasional trip to the casinos and in earlier years,

liked attending the Indian Ranch in Webster with the girls.

Barbara is survived by her fiancée Michael T. McCrory of Northbridge; her children, Tina L. Lamontagne and Debra A. DeVries, both of Uxbridge, James M. Peters of Whitinsville, Michael P. and his wife Asa McCrory of Whitinsville, Misty McCrory of Milford, and Kevin McCrory of CA; her grandchildren, Dakota Lyons, Shaun Lyons, Jeffrey Doyle, Jr., Rachel Peters, Tauriel Peters, Seth McCrory, Althea McCrory, Hunter McCrory, Piper McCrory, Ashley Coddington and Donald Coddington; her sisters, Glenda Clark of Whitinsville, Sandra Filho of Uxbridge; a father-in-law Thomas A. McCrory and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a mother-in-law Maryann McCrory.

Funeral services will be private. Arrangements by Buma Funeral Homes, Whitinsville. www.bumafuneralhome.com

George Henry Lajoie, 95



UXBRIDGE— George Henry Lajoie, 95, WWII Veteran, passed away Sat. Aug. 29, 2020 at his home. He was the beloved husband of Fostine (Tancrell) Lajoie. The couple would have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on September 6th.

In addition to his wife, George leaves his loving daughters: Jane A. Barron and her husband James of Whitinsville, Laurie M. Maselli and her husband Tom of Exeter, RI and Susan M. Roberts and her husband Kevin of South Kingstown, RI; Beloved grandfather to 7: Matthew Archambault and his wife Amanda, Maryjane Barron, J. Riley Barron, Brandon Maselli, Christian Maselli, Kevin Roberts Jr. and Hunter Roberts, and great grandfather to Hadley and Julian Archambault.

George was a lifelong resident of Uxbridge, and was born February 18, 1925, to Ethel (Riley) and Henry Lajoie. He was a graduate of Uxbridge High School, where he played football, baseball and was a member of the UHS band. Upon graduating, George was enlisted in the U.S Army, where he served as a Sergeant in the 85th Infantry Division, he was stationed in Africa, Italy and Germany. George earned a Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge and the American and Eastern Campaign Medals. After serving 3 years George played baseball for the Army on Staten Island where he received an invitation to play AAA Baseball in New York, however George decided to further his education by attending Worcester Junior College. Upon graduating he worked as a mailman, in a hardware store and at Corbett Buick. Shortly after, he started a career as a car salesman at Mack Buick in Woonsocket, RI where he worked for 35 years, earning himself several Salesman of the Year awards.

George loved being with his wife and children, vacationing every summer in Misquamicut Beach and Watch Hill, RI. George and his wife were avid tennis players and competed in several leagues over the years. George's love of sports continued throughout his whole life attending many field hockey, softball and basketball games of his 3 daughters, and later attending football, baseball, tennis, and hockey games of his grandchildren. His pride on the sidelines stretched through Little League, Pee Wee Football, Middle and High School and College sports for his grandchildren. After every game he followed up with a phone call to discuss the entire game.

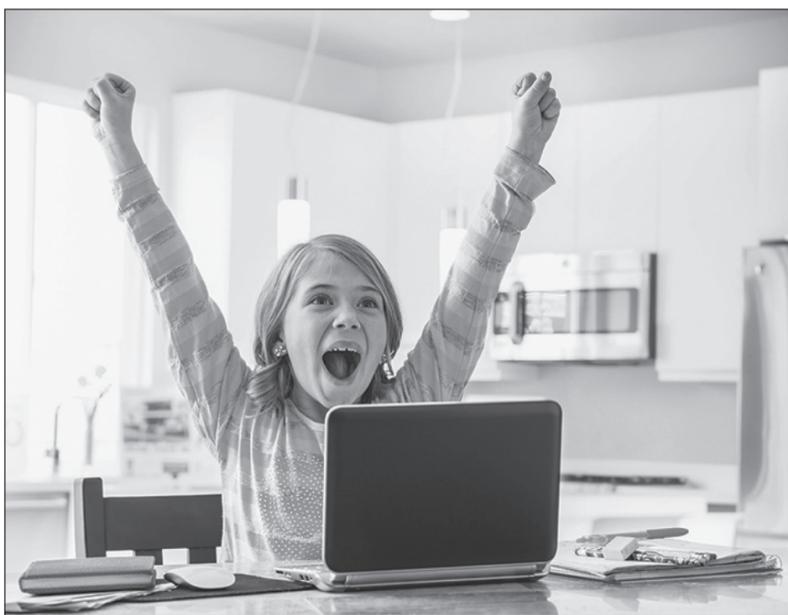
Anyone who knew George expected a joke or a song when seeing him. He was always the life of the party, the one everyone gathered around because of his infectious spirit. He could be found with a ball in hand, always.... even when walking his daughters down the aisle. George was the epitome of pride, courage and determination. He was welcoming, hilarious and a joy to be around.

George was a devout Catholic, as a member of St. Mary's Parish in Uxbridge, where he served as an Alter Boy and later became a weekly volunteer at Sunday Mass. He was also a member of the American Legion for many years.

George's Funeral Service was held on Wed. Sept. 2 at 11 am in Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd., Uxbridge. Calling hours were held prior from 9-11 am. Donations in George's memory may be made to: St. Mary's Church, 77 Mendon St. Uxbridge, MA 01569. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>.



BACK TO SCHOOL



Recommended tech for students

Shopping for school supplies once entailed stocking up on pens, pads and notebooks. Students today still buy many of the same items, though they also now stock up on electronics.

Technology and education now go hand-in-hand. For students to find success both in and out of the classroom, the right tech can make all the difference.

• **High-speed internet:** Connectivity is key in a digitally driven world. Students need access to the internet for homework, lectures, email, entertainment, and much more. The faster your internet speed the better. According to the resource HighSpeedInternet.com, streaming videos on a single device or web browsing requires between five and 40 Mbps. Downloading large files or using multiple devices simultaneously requires high speeds. When accessing the internet via smartphones, make sure your plan has unlimited data or provides enough data to ensure interruptions do not occur.

• **Laptop or notebook computer:** Laptops and notebook devices are similar in that both offer many types of software preloaded that a student will need. The devices seem interchangeable, but there are some differences. Laptops are generally larger than sleek, light notebooks. Notebooks are sized to fit easily into backpacks. Notebooks tend to have minimal features, including less RAM capacity and slower speeds, helping to keep their costs down. Some notebooks may have very small amounts of hard drive storage space, requiring users to purchase external storage devices.

• **Headphones:** Most schools now require students to have their own dedicated pair of earbuds or over-the-ear headphones so that work conducted on a computer does not disturb oth-

ers also working on their own devices. Headphones also can make it easier to hear and comprehend videos and other digital lessons while doing homework.

• **Chargers/battery packs:** Devices must maintain power to help kids learn. Students can benefit from having a backup charger or battery pack to maintain functionality on their devices.

• **Storage and charging base:** Keeping electronics neat and accessible for the family may mean rethinking counter-top or other storage spaces. Charging stations hold multiple devices and allow them to charge simultaneously.

• **Touchscreen pen:** Many notebook and laptop computers have touchscreens that respond to pens/styluses and make drawing or writing on the screen more detailed.

• **Printer/scanner:** While many schools have adopted paperless formats, there may come a time when printing an assignment or report is necessary. A quality ink-jet printer can fit the bill. A scanner to scan photos or documents also makes it easier to complete assignments.

The above are just some of the many gadgets that can assist students with their studies.



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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
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Register of Probate
September 4, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch. 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 48 of the Northbridge Zoning By-law, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:55 P.M. VIA ZOOM**
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to consider the petition of Northbridge McQuade, LLC regarding land on McQuade's Lane, Northbridge, MA 01534 for approval of the development of a solar power facility on a parcel of land that is zoned both Industrial & Residential, which does not have the required frontage, only has access on a residential street known as McQuade's Lane, and even though a large-scale solar energy facility is an allowed use in an Industrial District but not in a Residential District under the Town of Northbridge Zoning By-law. This matter comes before the Board as a result of a second remand order of the Land Court, dated August 17, 2020, in the case of Northbridge McQuade, LLC v. Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals, Case No. 18 MISC 000519, which concerns the plaintiffs appeal from a decision of the Board filed with the Town Clerk on September 17, 2018 which denied a

request for a variance from the stated frontage and use restrictions. In June of 2019, the Land Court ruled that the restriction against use variances contained in the Zoning Bylaw does not prevent an application for approval of a solar energy facility because such a facility is subject to the use protection provision for solar energy systems in section 3 of the state Zoning Act, Chapter 40A of the General Laws. A previous remand hearing was held on September 12, 2019, and a denial decision was filed with the Town Clerk on November 8, 2019. That decision was then subject to a further review by the Land Court. Since the first remand decision did not address the applicant's request for a frontage variance and the effect of the solar energy systems protection provision in the Zoning Act on such a request the Land Court ordered a second remand to allow the Board to consider the frontage variance issue in light of that Zoning Act provision. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 25 as Parcel 44, is located in the Residential -2 & Industrial -1 Zoning districts.

Thomas Hansson, Chairman
Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals
August 28, 2020
September 4, 2020

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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 Zon-

ing Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:15 P.M. VIA ZOOM**
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to consider the application Whitehorse Truck & Trailer Service & Sales Inc. 232 Crawford Street, Northborough, MA 01532 for a Special Permit (I 1-SP-20) pursuant to Article X. Section 173-47 Special Permit, 173-12 Table of Use Regulations. In order to operate a business consisting of sales and repair of horse trailers and other farm related trailers at the location of 300 Commerce Drive, Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 28 as Parcel 73, is located in a Industrial-I zoning district and is owned by V.E. Properties IX, INC. 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.

Thomas Hansson, Chairman
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EDITORIAL

Happy trails

Actress Shirley MacLaine once wrote "Fear makes strangers of people who would be friends."

This week, the topic of strangers has been at the forefront of our minds. Having met several strangers on the hiking trails over the past few months has opened up an appreciation for others that has always been there, yet as of late, for some reason, these meetings have become more meaningful. Simple conversations can lead to an unraveling of several rewarding conversations.

They always say there's no such thing as a solo hike, and it's true, for the most part. While hiking the Mount Cabot loop during a recent excursion to our friendly northern neighbor New Hampshire, a chance meeting with a teacher from the southern part of the Granite State took place. It was interesting to hear his views on his school re-opening plan and how he handled remote teaching. According to him, he sort of "rolled with it." On that same trail, a fortunate meeting with Ray took place. A CPA from Boston who was on his 47th of New Hampshire's 4,000 footers, was in the right spot at the right time. Being five feet, one inch in height, the hop from one boulder to the next on top of The Horn, would not have happened without a boost from Ray. Clapping his hands together and lifting me from one perch to the next made for a great lunch on top of the mountain. His tales of climbing to the Mt. Everest base camp and his ski adventures all over the world was the perfect accompaniment to a well deserved peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

A 66 year old veteran named Brian was the perfect person to head down Mount Willard with. After the storm wreaked havoc on the trail, the trek down was, well, sort of like an obstacle course. Brian (and his dog) shared so many eye-opening stories about his time serving in the military. I was proud to have him by my side and honored he shared his story.

On top of North Sugarloaf, a Spanish teacher with her family topped the list. They were in from Mass for the weekend. They shared their love of New Hampshire with the best humor and were so appreciative of the nature around them. The family has decided to make lemonade out of lemons and are choosing to get their elementary age students out into the mountains as much as possible, the kids said they love every minute of it.

When hiking sections of the Appalachian Trail, you will meet a ton of thru hikers, each coming with a unique name. This past week, while hiking the Beaver Brook Trail up to Mount Moosilauke, "Whole Foods," "Square Peg" and "Sherpa" each had amazing tales. Whole Foods is from P.A. And was hiking south to Georgia, in a kilt. Square Peg stopped to chat as he was making his way down and told us, this was his third time completing the AT. Sherpa told us that the wind at the top literally blew him over. He was a tiny thing, and after summiting, we believed him.

On top of Mount Nancy, a family surprised 'Dad' for his 50th with party hats and cupcakes. It was so neat to be a part of that. Impromptu parties are the best. This is a story that deserves it's own and will be forthcoming in the next few months.

Whether you chat someone up on the trails or in line at the store, you never know what you will learn. Some people will engage, others won't. It's a coin toss and that can be a fun game all it's own.

If you have a fear of talking to strangers, do it anyway. When you do something repeatedly the fear tends to dissipate and your conversation techniques will feel more natural. If you imagine that the person is already your friend, you'll treat them as such and this approach can alleviate an awkward feelings.

In the words of Anais Nin, "Each friend represents a world in us, a world not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born."

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

Are you part of a herd?

Life is an incredible journey, full of twists and unexpected turns. We are herd animals and were not created to make this journey alone.

As most of you know, I was shocked in February to be diagnosed with Stage 4 Stomach Cancer. It was unexpected and certainly unwelcomed but it's now part of my life's journey. I embrace the reality and fight for time. As I've said before, there is no cure and so I'm told I can't beat this but I'm fighting to go the distance. I believe I'll still be here, writing this column in five years.

My diagnosis isn't all negative. I've never felt so loved and cared for. I have a team of medical professionals fighting on my behalf. I have friends I haven't seen in years reaching out, visiting and offering their support. But best of all is my family.

My wild and crazy sisters, Debra and Kim, and their wonderful husbands, Keith and Roger, travelled from North Carolina and Florida to spend a week with me. They came to catch up and have fun, but to also provide support and lend a hand. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, we are downsizing from our very large home of twenty-five years into a condo that's dramatically smaller, so they, along with Arlene's best friend, Tracey, who's just like family, spent most of each day helping us rummage through shelves, cabinets and boxes to determine what we keep, sell or pitch. It was an emotional week preparing for the estate sale, but in many ways, it's the history of our forty-five years of marriage, laid out on tables for others to buy. My sister's sense of humor and free spirit not only made the experience tolerable but fun. I don't see them often enough but when we



POSITIVELY SPEAKING
GARY W. MOORE

do see each other, we make it count. I don't know what I'd do without them.

Tracey didn't really know them until this week. She was in complete dismay as my sisters chased down a local police officer to give him a Buster Bar (from Dairy Queen) and to tell the young officer he was appreciated. That's just how they roll.

For those of you who are long-time readers of my column, know that my daughter, Tara Beth, and her husband Jeff, accepted positions in Pasadena, Calif. over four years ago and headed west, with our grandsons, Caleb and Noah. Like most of life's twists and turns, it was a mixture of happiness for their new opportunities and sadness to see them go. Their move wasn't ended with a period but only punctuated with a comma, as they announced this week they are moving back. We are thrilled. I'll never miss one of my grandson's baseball games or concerts again! My only regret is that their move is motivated by my health. My life journey should not dictate theirs, but I was told, "Don't worry about it. I only have one Dad and we want to be close." Of course, I did the only thing I could do in that moment. I cried. As I said, I've never felt so loved.

In a lighter note, my handsome and smart nephew, Westin, called me on Sunday to tell me about his new dog. He said, "My puppy is two years old and I'm five."

I responded, "So, you

were three years old when he was born."

Weston paused and said, "He wasn't born. We bought him!" I laughed all day at the enthusiastic innocence of his words.

I've always loved my friends and family, but never fully realized the importance of relationships and how their love can brighten the darkest times. I'm grateful. My heart is full.

For those who say, "I don't have friends," be a friend. Join a small group at your church. Take up a group hobby that places you in the same room with others of similar interests. Volunteer for a local charity. Join a herd. Be part of a pack. They want and need you as much as you need them, and for most of us ... the day will come when you need their love and support.

Yes, creating meaningful relationships takes effort but it will be effort well spent.

I also hear other say, "I'm estranged from my family." It's not too late to forgive and forget. It doesn't matter what happened. It was in the past. Unless the relationships are toxic, dangerous or otherwise damaging, make the effort to reconnect. Reach out and rekindle family connections. I don't think you'll be sorry.

We were not created to travel alone.

Join the herd.

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Grandparents: Consider these financial moves



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Each year, on the first Sunday after Labor Day, we observe National Grandparents Day. Although it's not as widely recognized as Mother's Day or Father's Day, if you're a grandparent, you probably want to do whatever you can to help your grandchildren on their journeys through life. So, you might want to consider the following moves:

Contribute to their education. If you want to help your grandchildren pay for college, you have a variety of options, including 529 plans. You could also simply set aside some money in an investment account earmarked for education. But you don't just have to stick to helping out financially - you might also want to do some research to see what scholarships are available.

Consider a UGMA/UTMA account. The Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA) and Uniform Transfer to Minors Act (UTMA) are custodial accounts that provide a relatively easy way for you to give money to your young grandchildren. A financial advisor can help determine if such a plan is right for you. However, once you put money into the UGMA or UTMA, you no longer have any legal access or authority over the funds unless you are the custodian managing the account.

After children reach the age of majority - typically 18 or 21 - or the age of termination if the state where they live allows for the assets to be held until a later age, they will control the assets, and they may not want to use the money as you had envisioned, such as for college. (Also, tax issues for custodial accounts can be complicated, so, before opening an UGMA or UTMA, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor.)

Consider gifts to older grandchildren. If you have older grandchildren, you might want to help them out if they're saving for a down payment on a home, or are between jobs, or perhaps are even having children of their own. You can give \$15,000 per year, per individual, without having to file a gift tax return. Your spouse can also give \$15,000 per year to the same individual, again without triggering the need for a gift tax return.

Review your will. If you've already created your last will and testament, you may want to review it upon the arrival of grandchildren. You can include specific instructions, such as requiring your grandchildren to turn a specific age before they can receive their inheritance. You could also codify the same requirements through the use of a living trust. Contact your legal advisor to determine if such a trust is appropriate for your situation.

Update beneficiary designations. If you want your grandchildren to receive proceeds from various accounts, such as your 401(k), IRA and life insurance, you may need to update the beneficiary designations, which can even supersede the instructions on your will. Keep in mind that if you have grandchildren with special needs, you may want to designate a supplemental needs trust for your grandchild as the beneficiary instead of naming your grandchild directly. Again, contact your legal advisor for more information.

These aren't the only steps you can take to help your grandchildren, but they should give you some options to consider. The world is an expensive place, and any assistance you can provide to your beloved grandkids can make a big difference in their lives.

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Fall lawn care tips

As summer transitions into fall, it is time to help lawns recover from summer stress. Let the weather and the condition of your lawn help you develop a plan suited to your landscape.

Continue mowing actively growing lawns. Mow high, leaving cool season grasses like bluegrass and fescues at least two and a half, preferably three and a half inches tall after cutting. Warm season grasses like bermudagrass, carpetgrass, centipedegrass and zoysia should be grown at 1 to 2 inches tall, while St. Augustine should a bit higher at two to three inches for best results. Taller grass is better able to compete with weeds, is more drought tolerant and less susceptible to insects and disease.

Mow often, removing no more than one third the total height. Leave short clippings on the lawn. They will quickly break down, adding organic matter, moisture and nutrients to the soil. Run your mower over long clippings to reduce their size and speed decomposition.

As the tree leaves begin to fall just mow them into small pieces and leave them on the lawn. As long as you can see the grass blades through the shredded leaves your lawn will be fine. And just like the clippings, they add nutrients and organic matter to the soil.

Fertilize lawns in early September and high maintenance northern lawns again around Halloween, but always before the ground freezes. Make sure the last fertilizer application to warm season grasses is at least one month prior to the average first killing frost.

A healthy lawn is the best defense against weeds. Even with proper care these unwanted plants can bully their way into your lawn. Try digging, root and all, to remove small populations of weeds. Think of it as a workout or way to reduce stress.

If you decide to use a weed killer, try spot treating weeds or problem areas to



Photo Courtesy

A healthy lawn is the best defense against weeds.

minimize the amount of chemical used. Select the least toxic or an organic product whenever possible. Whether using traditional or environmentally friendly products read and follow label directions carefully. All these products are plant killers and can cause damage to other plants if not applied properly.

Fall, when the cool season grasses are actively growing, is also the best time to core aerate or dethatch lawns suffering from thatch build up or compacted soil. Overseed thin lawns after core aeration or dethatching. You'll have better results once the thatch layer is removed or openings exist for the grass seeds to contact the soil and sprout.

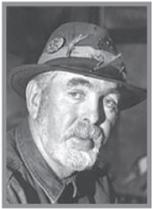
Those growing warm season grasses should wait until the lawn greens up in spring or is actively growing in early summer. Avoid doing this when the weather is hot and dry.

Begin implementing some of these strategies and soon you'll be on your way to a healthier, better looking lawn for the coming growing season.

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This past week, this writer and my granddaughter Andrea Henchey decided it was time to go fishing at Galilee, R.I. for seabass and fluke. She decided to take along her son Logan, but I was a bit nervous about taking him because of his young age of five years. He is on the water a lot at their lakefront home on Quinsigamond in Shrewsbury, so we brought him along. They arrived at my residence in Uxbridge at 6 a.m., and we were on the road at 6:15 a.m.

The little guy was wide awake and ready to go fishing, and kept asking how much longer it would be before we got to the ocean. "Not long," we replied, and he went back to playing with his iPad! After making a few unscheduled stops along the way, we finally arrived at the boat ramp. It was time to catch some live bait with a small net. Logan was all excited and had a great time helping with catching the bait. We quickly launched the boat and we headed out through the Breachway of Galilee's West Wall.

After a ten-minute run out to 45 feet of water I brought the boat to a stop and we started fishing. Placing a mummy and a piece of squid strip on a hook,



Andrea Henchey and her son Logan reeling in fish.

Andrea lowered the bait to the bottom. She started to get a bite within seconds of hitting the bottom. Logan quickly started to reel the fish in with his mother's help, as this week's picture shows. It was lock and load action for three hours and then the tide flow stopped. Fishing was slow and we decided to head for the boat ramp. We were also running out of food to eat, which is not good. The fast action sure gave us an appetite, as it always does when fishing. The largest seabass weighed in at five pounds, with others just making the 15-inch size limit. There were a lot of short fish including a few nice fluke.

As we pulled into the boat ramp, we had to wait for a couple of boats to leave, so I parked the boat at the very end of the right-hand dock. The water is pretty deep there. Andrea grabbed the rope from the bow and decided to jump out of the boat and onto the dock before the boat was secured. As she jumped from the boat, she quickly found herself in the water! She had one foot on the dock and one on the boat prior to the big splash, which quickly caused a spread eagle, sending her into the ocean.

Falling between the boat and the dock has caused serious injury for many boaters, but she was lucky she did not sus-



This writer with two 20-inch fluke caught the week before.

tain any injuries other than a bit of humiliation, as others boaters looked on. I went to retrieve the car and trailer after securing the boat properly, and making sure she did not get injured. Her son Logan did not know what to make of his mother's actions, and stared to look for more bait fish that were visible in the shallow water.

I quickly floated the boat onto the trailer and pulled the boat out of the ramp, placing it out of the way of other boaters launching and retrieving their boats. Andrea quickly changed her wet clothing for dry ones, and was ready to help

secure the boat for the ride home. "Can I do anything to help Pop?" she replied! I gave her a bucket full of live mummies to carry back to the water and release them. She was not 50 feet from the ramp when I heard her say "Oh No!" Now what? It seems the handle on the bucket broke and the live bait was flopping all over the ground. "Forget it," I replied.

As she approached the boat she asked if she could do anything else! I said "Yes, go sit in the car and do not touch anything else!" She laughed and we were on our way home. I really could not have a better granddaughter, and have had many enjoyable times with her and her husband Chris, and my great grandchildren, Logan and Eva. I am extremely fortunate.

A few anglers were loading their boat at the ramp that day and reported catching a few Bonito in the area of the Charlestown Breachway, using flyrods.

Seabass limits have increased to seven fish daily per angler as of Sept. 1 in Rhode Island waters. Seabass are considered to be one of the best tasting fish in the ocean and catching them is exciting. I would recommend holding onto the rod real tight, or it could end up in the ocean.

Take A Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Corn on the Cob: A Simple Pleasure of Late Summer

Corn is not only one of the tastiest pleasures of the summer; it's also one of the most popular, with Americans consuming an average of 6.8 pounds of fresh corn each year!

If fresh corn on the cob is on your menu this season, read on for some tips and tricks to make the sweet treat even more enjoyable. From picking prime corn on the cob to serving up the irresistible ears, the following hints, both old and new - help you serve up your share of the classic summer pleasure.

Freshness Check: Want to ensure fresh, sweet corn on your table this season? Take these tips from farmers: Look for bright green husks that are slightly moist. The silk should be slightly sticky and a pale golden color. If you press gently against the husk you should be able to feel the kernels. Also check out the bottom of the ear, where it was cut off the

stalk. If it is brown, the ear was likely not picked that day. If corn kernels are exposed, look for plump kernels in even rows. ***

Corn Rules: Did you know corn on the cob will lose up to 25% of its sugar content after just six hours of storage at room temperature? That is because from the moment it is picked, the sugar in the corn begins to convert to starch. To keep corn at optimum taste, keep corn chilled at about 36 degrees. Keep corn in the refrigerator with the husks intact until you can cook it. This helps to slow down the sugar to starch conversion, thus maintaining its sweetness longer. ***

Corn off the Cob: While cutting the corn off the cob removes half the fun of eating it, sometimes it's a necessary task. Ever wonder what is the most efficient way

to carve a cob? First of all, use a sharp chef's knife or serrated edge knife to cut off the kernels. Several years ago a New York paper published what has become a popular kitchen trick to removing the kernels without the mess - use a bundt or angel food cake pan. Simply stand the pointy end of the ear of corn in the pan's center hole to steady it, and slice down to cut the kernels, which fall neatly into the pan. ***

Milky Way: If you're cutting corn off the cob for a recipe, be sure to get all the milky liquid this way: After the kernels are removed, simply run the flat edge of a knife down the cob, applying a bit of pressure. If you're not using a bundt pan, place cob in a bowl to collect the liquid. ***

Cooking Corn: If you're boiling corn never salt



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the water, as that can toughen the kernels. Want to add heighten sweetness of bland corn? Add a teaspoon or two of sugar to the boiling water. Cook for three to five minutes. ***

Steaming Hot: Steaming corn is a favored way to serve up fresh corn on the cob. If you don't have a steamer, simply put about two inches of water in a large stock pot. Stand ears upright in the pan. Cover and cook on high until water boils. Turn off heat and allow to steam with cover on for about 7 to 9 minutes. ***

Kernels of Knowledge: *The more silk on the cob, the more the kernels!

*The number of rows on a kernel is always an even number.

*There are about 800 kernels in 16 rows on each ear of corn.

*It takes about two ears of medium sized corn on the cob to equal a cup of kernels.

*The corncob (ear) is actually part of the corn plant's flower.

*The world record for eating corn on the cob stands at 57 Ears of Florida Sweet Corn in 12.8 minutes, set on April 28, 2019. ***

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 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 E-mail KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

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invested their initial designation grants and previous competitive grant awards, according to reports. The grants provide financial support for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that further the designated communities' clean energy goals.

The award encompasses the Millville Fire Department's heating system and weatherization, the Millville Police Department's interior lighting, and Millville Elementary School's first floor lighting. These projects will reduce the town's overall energy use by 12.7 percent MMBtus, according to a statement shared by Millville Police.

"Towns must balance beneficial capital improvements with non-negotiable expenses, and Millville lacks the support for funding to undertake important energy conservation measures," said Chief of Police Ronald Landry, who worked with Trish Benoit-Rudden of Millville's Green Community Committee and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission on prioritizing projects and preparing this competitive grant.

"Green Communities funding will make all these important projects possible," added Benoit-Rudden, "saving Millville taxpayers thousands of dollars."

Grants are capped at \$200,000 per municipality, according to a town statement. Funding for these grants is available through proceeds from carbon allowance auctions under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

The Town of Millville achieved Green Communities designation in 2014 and received a grant of \$143,625 which funded lighting, weatherization, and special projects throughout Millville intended to reduce the town's energy consumption. All Green Communities commit to reducing municipal energy consumption by 20 percent over five years.

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Boston Red Sox Time Machine Book, on Sept. 26. On this same date in 1946, the Red Sox played the Yankees in Douglas on Soldier's Field.

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most fascinating players, teams, events and moments in franchise history," including the day the Sox hosted their arch-rival Yankees in Douglas.

"The program also includes trivia questions for patrons to ponder and covers Sox history from the Royal Rooters, who launched Red Sox Nation, to the 2004 World Series championship that

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broke The Curse and all the way to today. It will conclude with a question-and-answer period," Snook said.

Gitlin will have autographed and personalized copies of his book available online following the program. More information on the virtual presentation can be found on the library's Web site, mysfpl.org.

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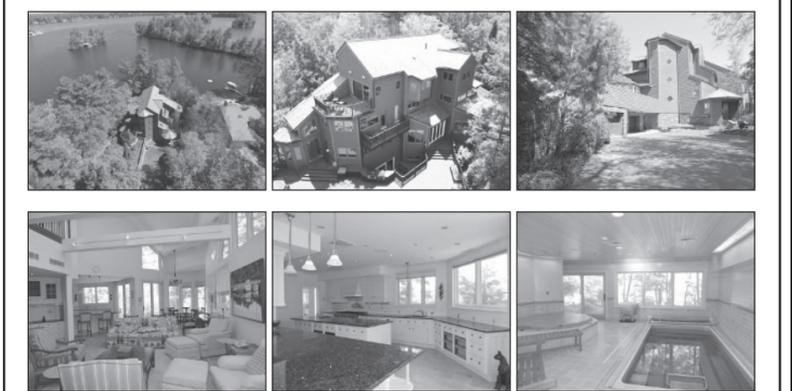
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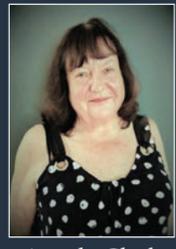
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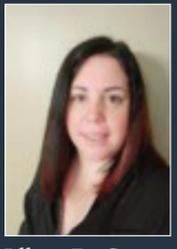
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