

Community mourns loss of local student



Tony Pena

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UPTON — The local community is mourning the loss of Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School senior, 17-year-old Tony Pena, who passed away recently after a battle with cancer.

“Tony, we will miss your infectious smile, your fresh cheeky remarks, your big heart, compassion and generosity, your energy and enthusiasm,” said one family friend on a GoFundMe page set up for Pena.

The school’s Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick released a letter confirming the news, in which he described Pena, of Grafton, as someone who loved the football team, his shop, and his school.

“Tony touched us all with his energy and

kind heart,” the letter reads. “He will be missed.”

According to the GoFundMe page, Pena was diagnosed with stage four pediatric-glioblastoma, which appeared as an inoperable brain tumor.

Pena was a senior in BVT’s Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication program.

“We acknowledge and appreciate the humbling outpouring of support from our District schools and beyond, which is truly heartwarming, and proves that community is family too,” school officials said in a statement.

BVT’s football team described the news as “heartbreaking” in a recent statement on its social media page.

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Out and about with the Blackstone Valley Art Association

UXBRIDGE — Anything Goes Photography Show is up and live at the Open Skies Gallery, 5 S. Main St., Uxbridge. This was a community wide event and there are 64 photographs in the show. They include award winning portraits, landscapes, animals, florals and abstracts. The award winners include Debra Boucher first place, Luke MacNeil second place, Gene St. Pierre third place, Honorable mention placements went to Debra Boucher, Bob Evans and Blair Boudreau.

Open Skies Crossroads Digital Media Arts Group also has a photo show on view at the gallery. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday 10-3. It is an excellent show and we welcome you all to see it. There are free photography classes every Saturday morning and afternoon at the gallery. Check our web site and Facebook page for the schedule.

February will see us at the Whitinsville Social Library with our Annual Choco!art Show. The show which features works depicting chocolate and love themes, will be on display from Feb. 10-18. There will chocolate tasting on Feb. 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. A fun part of this show is the peoples choice award, it is a coveted award by our participating members.

Winter themed art is on display at Milford Local Access

TV 138 S. Main St., Milford. An open reception will be held Thursday, January 30th from 6-8. Refreshments will be served. Other local artists also have work on display at this gallery along with a mural created by community members depicting the town of Milford.

The Blackstone Heritage Corridor has established a small gallery at their home office in the Linwood Mill Complex at 670 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. BVAA members will show works depicting the Blackstone Valley. We have had many plein-air events and photo shoots along the River way. Come see our interpretations of this beautiful area.

The end of February the photo show will be replaced by our 2nd Carbon Copies Show. This show is comprised of works of art modeled after a famous artist’s. It is a fun learning experience to paint these works. Copies of the inspiration piece will be available, so you can see how we did. The opening reception for this show is Feb. 28 from 5-7 p.m.

Any one is welcome to join our group to take part in these fun and challenging events. Many of our events are free to the public, partially funded by local Mass. Cultural Council Grants, and Valley Casts. Contact Carol Frieswick info @bvaa.org.

Douglas police acquire new four-legged member

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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DOUGLAS — The Douglas Police Department recently welcomed its newest member—an eight-week-old Labrador named Finn who will serve as the department’s therapy and comfort dog.

K9 Finn spent his first official day on the job in mid-January, according to a statement from the department. Finn was donated to the department from Peggi and David Brogan of New

Hampshire-based Boonefield Labradors; over the next year, Finn will be trained as a Therapy/Comfort Dog and will spend most of his time visiting district schools, the Adult Social Center, the library, and other community events.

“For the next couple of months, he will be spending most of the time at the station getting adjusted to his new environment,” the department said. “A very special thank you to Peggi and David from Boonefield Labradors for making this happen for our department and

community.”

The Brogans said that Finn is the sixth dog they have placed in a department in the past two years, and they have five others with whom they are actively working to place dogs.

“It’s part of our mission and gives us a terrific feeling to have the puppy ‘working’ as a comfort/therapy dog. We firmly believe all dogs need a job to do,” the Brogans said. “Our puppies are bred



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Barbara Emerick — Courtesy Photo

The cast of Uxbridge High School’s “Once Upon a Mattress.”

Uxbridge High drama club announces new play

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge High School Drama Club has announced the dates for its upcoming production of “Once Upon A Mattress,” a musical inspired by the famous fairy tale “The Princess and the Pea.”

Performances will be held in the high school’s auditorium on Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m.

“We are thrilled to be working with such talented and dedicated students, both in cast and crew. This is going to be a great show and we are very excited about it,” said Co-Directors Kathleen Penza and Barbara Emerick.

“Once Upon A Mattress” is based

on the famous fairy tale “The Princess and the Pea,” with music by Mary Rodgers and Marshall Barer and book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller, and Marshall Barer.

The cast of 40 students has been busy memorizing their lines and learning songs and dances while the crew of twenty-three students has been hard at work designing the set, Emerick said. They have designed props and costumes, including building a castle on the stage.

“If you thought you knew the story of ‘The Princess and the Pea,’ you may be in for a wallopping surprise! Did you know, for instance, that Princess Winifred actually swam the moat to

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News & Events at Beginning Bridges

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

<https://www.beginningbridgescfce.weebly.com>

To be kept up-to-date on our programming and events, please send your email address to Emily Murray: Emurray@smoc.org.

Upcoming Events

Monday Drop-In Playgroup at the Beginning Bridges CFCE Playcenter, every Monday from 9:00am-10:45am: Drop in for a free and fun Playgroup at the Playcenter hosted by Beginning Bridges, CFCE. Registration is NOT required for this playgroup. Just show up, take a ticket from the check in board (there are 12 tickets - that is the number of available slots each day - if you take the #12, please let the facilitator know so she can place the stop sign out to alert any later arrivals that playgroup is full for the day).

Saturday, February 8th, 9:15am-10:15: Donuts with Dads: Whitin Community Center; 60 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. This is a monthly DROP-IN program for fathers and their children on Saturday mornings. Hope your family will join Brendan Bartlett of Family Continuity to enjoy donuts and an hour

of play in the Gym at the Community Center!

Thursday, February 13th, 9:30am-10:30am: Muffins with Mom: Taft Public Library: 29 North Avenue. Beginning Bridges CFCE, Muffin House Café, & Taft Public Library invite you to: Muffins with MOM!! This is a FREE drop-in event for up to 15 families, first come, first serve. Light refreshments will be served and families will be provided the opportunity to build social connections and learn about family friendly resources.

Friday, February 14th, 10:30am-11:15am: Join Deb Hudgins at Upton Town Library for a 30-minute Music & Movement program which features singing and guitar music for young children. Ages: infants and toddlers accompanied by parent or caregiver. This program starts promptly at 10:30am in the Gathering Room. Due to space constraints, the room can only accommodate the first 14 participants and their caregivers. No registration is needed. Just show up, take a ticket from the check in board (there are 12 tickets - that is the number of available slots

each day - if you take the last ticket, please let us know so that we can place a stop sign out to alert any later arrivals that playgroup is full for the day.) It is safest to explain to your children upon departing your home that you are going to PLAY! If the stop sign is out, you could take your child to an area playground.

Saturday, February 15th, 11am-11:30am: Deb Hudgins' Music & Movement "Winter Wonderland" at the Uxbridge Free Public Library. Drop in for a theme based music and movement program perfect for the preschool aged child.

Friday, February 28th, 10:30am-11:15am: Join Deb Hudgins at Upton Town Library for a 30-minute Music & Movement program which features singing and guitar music for young children. Ages: infants and toddlers accompanied by parent or caregiver. This program starts promptly at 10:30am in the Gathering Room. Due to space constraints, the room can only accommodate the first 14 participants and their caregivers.

Local residents named to Becker College Dean's List

WORCESTER/LEICESTER — Becker College recognized the following local residents who were named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester. The Dean's List recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades.

Kyle Alger, of Uxbridge is pursuing a Bachelor

of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Design Concentration.

Courtney Cotnoir, of Douglas is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science, Pre-PT/Health Science Concentration.

Jennifer Kindl, of Uxbridge is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media, Game Arts Concentration.

Samantha Lord, of Whitinsville is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

Jesse Van Opijnen, of Uxbridge is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Integrated Graphic Design and Media.

Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,700 students from the United States and around the world live and learn on the College's Worcester and Leicester campuses. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a "Best College" for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

Local students named to the Dean's List at University of New Haven

WEST HAVEN, Conn. — Natalie Fenoff of Douglas and Alex Desjardin, Christopher Matkowski, Morgan McCarty, and Laren Small of Uxbridge were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the fall, 2019.

About the University of New Haven
The University of New Haven, founded on the Yale campus in 1920, is a private, coeducational university situated on the coast of southern New England. It is a diverse and vibrant community of more than 7,000 students, with campuses around the country and around the world.

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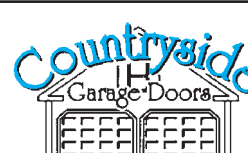
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Never too early to think spring at Uxbridge Community Gardens



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Prize winning heirloom tomatoes and other vegetables are arrayed for judging at an Evening in the Gardens event that takes place at the Uxbridge Community Gardens each August.

UXBRIDGE — Would you like to join the Uxbridge Community Gardens (UCG) this spring? Applications for new gardeners are available now at the Uxbridge Public Library and at the Uxbridge Town Hall. An application can also be downloaded from the Community Gardens page of the Uxbridge town Web site (www.uxbridge-ma.gov).

The Community Gardens is located on town-owned land on Sutton Street

adjacent to the Youth Soccer League fields. A garden is available to any resident or taxpayer from the town of Uxbridge or from a surrounding town. The beautiful hilltop setting contains nearly 100 garden spaces. Each garden plot measures 20 by 25 feet. The cost for a single plot is \$20 per year, payable with the application. There are some double plots available (40 by 25 feet) for \$40 per year. An important fact about the Gardens is

that they are all totally organic; no chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides may be used. For more information about the Gardens' guidelines, download or consult the Ground Rules, Organic Gardening Guidelines and FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) at the Community Gardens page of the town web site. The program will begin its ninth season in April. Gardeners range from rank beginners to very experienced



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growers who are always willing to help a new member get started. If you feel you would like a garden mentor to help you get started, just make a note on your application and someone will step up to help you with your garden. The People First Food Pantry garden and the Uxbridge Senior Center garden, both tended by volunteers, supply fresh vegetables to the Pantry and to the Senior Center's popular lunch program during the season. In August the traditional "Evening in the Garden" celebration features music, refreshments, contests, scarecrows and fun for the children (of all ages!). Those who had a Community Garden in 2019, and have reserved a space for 2020, need only submit payment to secure their gardens. New gardeners must file an application and a signed release. Monday, March 2 is the deadline for applications and payment for both new and returning gardeners. Please note that no cash payments will be accepted this year. Make checks payable to Uxbridge Community Gardens and mail or deliver to Uxbridge Community Gardens, Town Hall, 21 South Main St., Uxbridge, MA 01569. If you have further questions email uxbridgecommunitygardens12@gmail.com.

Leap into Mardi Gras with Uxbridge Friends of Music

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Friends of Music will be hosting a "Leap into Mardi Gras!" fundraising event on Saturday, Feb. 29 from 7 – 11 p.m. at the Uxbridge Progressive Club, located at 10 Whittin St., Uxbridge. The evening will include a buffet dinner serving up a wide variety of culinary delights prepared by Executive Chef Paul Streichert, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. Appetizers, main dishes, sides, and desserts will be served. There will also be raffles and a cash bar. Entertainment will be provided by "The Irrelevant Bluesmen." The Irrelevant Bluesmen, Brett Penza and

Greg Loell, are an eclectic, acoustic music duo that have developed an original, yet familiar sound. Come to the event and listen and enjoy as they recreate the sounds of New Orleans and perform a healthy sampling of their own creative original tunes. The cost to attend "Leap Into Mardi Gras" is \$30 per person. Tables can be reserved for parties of four or more. Tickets are available through the music teachers at each school. Taft Early Learning Center - Mrs. Jeanne Rapoza; Whittin Intermediate School - Ms. Gretchen D'Andrea and Mr. Andrew Kosiba; UHS - Mrs. Kathleen Penza, and in the UHS Main Office. Checks should be made payable to the Uxbridge Friends of Music and table reservations can be made by contacting kpenza@uxbridge.k12.ma.us. The funds raised from this event will be used to support all of the music programs in the Uxbridge Public Schools.

Calling all singers!

DOUGLAS — The Blackstone Valley Community Chorus welcomes new and returning singers to Open Call for the 2020 Spring season. The BVCC is preparing a program of music celebrating spring and the beauty of the Earth songs for a concert on April 5. Open Call will take place on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Douglas Municipal Center Resource Room, located at 29 Depot St. in Douglas. New members do not need to prepare an audition song, but should come ready to sing. There is a \$35 membership fee to join. Rehearsals take place on Sundays at 6:30pm at the Douglas Municipal Center beginning on Feb. 2. The Blackstone Valley Community Chorus is a non-audition chorus with people of varied ages and musical abilities brought together by a shared love of music and a commitment to providing our community with exceptional musical experiences. We welcome anyone who would like to join us, we only ask that you have the ability to carry a tune. Whether you enjoy singing at your school, with a church choir, or in your car or shower we hope you will consider joining our friendly musical family! For more information on the BVCC, visit us on Facebook or at www.bvccchorus.org.

Douglas resident named to Baylor University Dean's List

WACO, Texas — More than 4,400 Baylor University students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll for the 2019 fall semester, including Lindsey Swyers of Douglas. Students honored on the Dean's List are Baylor undergraduates with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours. Baylor University is a private Christian university and a nationally ranked research institution. The University provides a vibrant campus community for more than 17,000 students by blending interdisciplinary research with an international reputation for educational excellence and a faculty commitment to teaching and scholarship. Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas, Baylor is the oldest continually operating university in Texas. Located in Waco, Baylor welcomes students from all 50 states and more than 80 countries to study a broad range of degrees among its 12 nationally recognized academic divisions.

Springfield College recognizes Dean's List students

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College recognized the following local students for making the Dean's List during the 2019 Fall Semester: Bailey Jeffers from Douglas. Jeffers is studying American Studies. Devin Haire from Douglas. Haire is studying Health Science. Allison Prew from Uxbridge. Prew is studying Health Science/Occupational Therapy. Brynn Hurley from Douglas. Hurley is studying Health Science/Pre-physician Assistant. Cassidy Clinton from Uxbridge. Clinton is studying Rehabilitation and Disability Study. Criteria for selection to the dean's list requires that the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester. Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

Trinity Christian College announces Spring 2019 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 Fall 2019. Among the students named to the Fall Dean's List were Sarah Jarosz of Douglas and Katelyn Baker of Northbridge. 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 for the Fall 2019 semester earn this honor.


Drivers needed for Tri-Valley Nutrition Program

REGION — Tri-Valley's Nutrition Program needs volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound elders in Blackstone, Millville and Sutton. Meals are packed and delivered out of the Faith Fellowship Church in Uxbridge and the Sutton Senior Center. All volunteers receive training and drivers are eligible for travel reimbursement at the rate of 50 cents per mile. Anyone who can give as little as two hours per week of their time to help with this important task is asked to call Bev Clark at 774-482-6174 (for Blackstone/Millville) and Michelle Saucier at 508-234-0703 (for Sutton). Tri-Valley, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency providing in-home and community-based services in 25 towns in south central Massachusetts. The agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Federal financial support under the Older Americans Act furnished by the Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Funds are also received from other public and private sources.

All donations are welcome and memorials may be established. For information about services, call Tri-Valley's free Help-Line at 1-800-286-6640 or 508-949-6640.



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UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Three students from Uxbridge High School were selected by audition to participate in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Central District Music Festival from Jan. 15 - 17. There were two lengthy rehearsals at North Middlesex Regional High School with a final concert held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on Jan. 18. Clarice Stumpf (grade 11) and Xavier Hicks (grade 10) were selected to participate in the Chorus and oboist Nathaniel Holden (gr. 12) was selected to participate in the Concert Band. Both Nathaniel and Xavier received recommendations to audition for the MMEA All-State Music Festival which will be held in March.

Local students named to Fall 2019 Dean’s List at Dean College

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce the local students that have earned a place on the Dean’s List for the Fall 2019 semester. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Kristen Gonzales of Uxbridge
Ryann Leaming of Uxbridge
Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

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“There are no words. To our players, we are all here if you need anything. We are all hurting, you’re not alone. Reach out if you need anything.”

The Upton Police Department shared their deepest condolences and assisted Pena’s classmates as they created a mural in his honor.

“Our evening shift came across many of Tony’s classmates leaving chalk written messages for him in a pop up memorial at the high school. In an effort to assist the students, we offered some additional lighting,” the department shared. “To those mourning this tragic loss, please know that you are in our thoughts and that your community is here for you during this difficult time.”

Members of the community may visit the GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/penastaystrong>.

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DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

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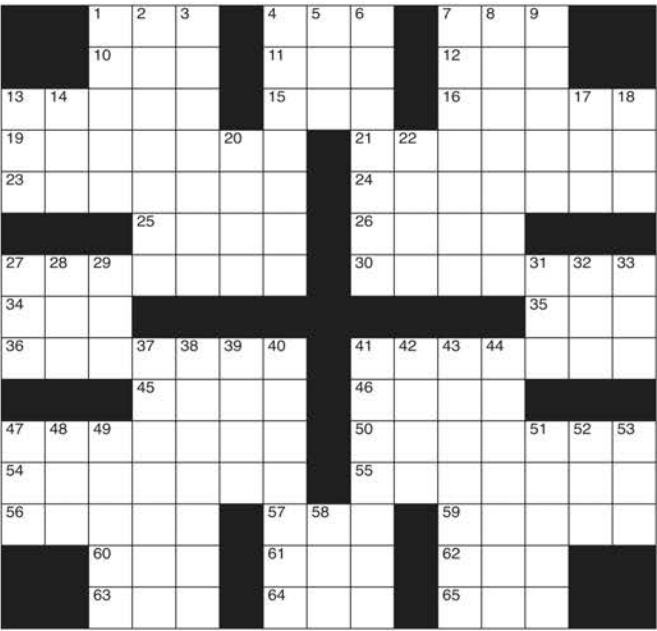
DOUGLAS SUNSHINE CLUB

Sunny Portugal next April. The Douglas Sunshine Club is planning a trip to sunny Portugal April 21-30, 2020. This trip is with Collette Travel. An informational meeting is planned for Wed. June 12th at the Douglas Senior Center, 331 Main St., Douglas, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in the trip, this is a great opportunity to get a description of the travel arrangements and itinerary with a representative from Collette Travel who will also answer any questions you have about the trip. For more info call 508-476-4474.

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For more information, please call Evelyn at (508) 764-8254.

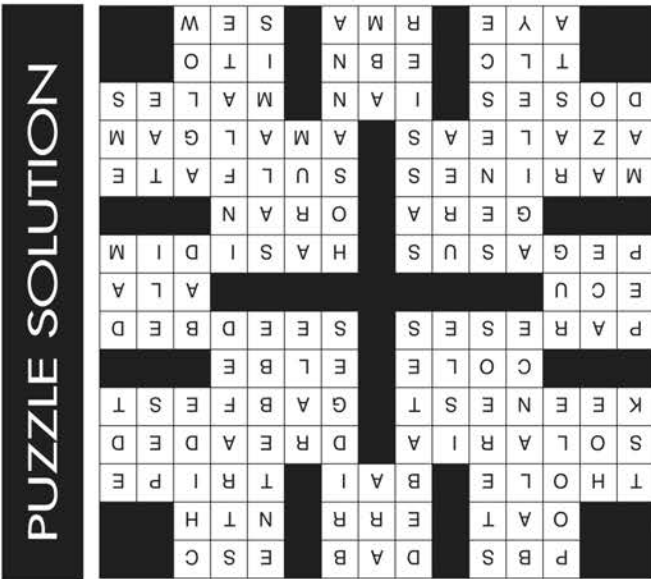


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Public broadcaster
- 4. Hit lightly
- 7. Keyboard key
- 10. Grain
- 11. Make a mistake
- 12. To the ___ degree
- 13. Endure without complaint
- 15. Chinese-American actress Ling
- 16. Edible stomach lining
- 19. Sunrooms
- 21. Feared
- 23. Most eager
- 24. Excessive chatting session
- 25. MLB ace
- 26. Major Central European river
- 27. Muscular weaknesses
- 30. Where seedlings germinate
- 34. Former monetary unit of the EU
- 35. Personal ads abbreviation
- 36. Mythical animal
- 41. Members of Orthodox Jewish sect
- 45. German city
- 46. Algerian coastal city
- 47. Military men
- 50. Salt of sulfuric acid
- 54. Rhododendrons
- 55. Mixture
- 56. Recommended quantities
- 57. 007’s creator
- 59. Men
- 60. Kids need it
- 61. Midway between east and east-northeast
- 62. OJ trial judge
- 63. Yes vote
- 64. USDA branch that manages the FCIC
- 65. Create with cloth

CLUES DOWN

- 1. English seaport
- 2. What’s owed
- 3. Sound systems
- 4. Elections feature them
- 5. Southern constellation
- 6. London and Brooklyn are two
- 7. One-time Ugandan capital
- 8. Attacked with bombs
- 9. Rebuke
- 13. Expression of disappointment
- 14. A way to work the soil
- 17. The human foot
- 18. Sun up in New York
- 20. A small island
- 22. Abnormal rattling sound
- 27. Make lively
- 28. A team’s best pitcher
- 29. It goes on the floor
- 31. Not good
- 32. Peyton’s little brother
- 33. Barrier that holds back water
- 37. Move quickly
- 38. Deteriorate with age
- 39. Colorless crystalline compound
- 40. Cheekier
- 41. Expresses praise or joy
- 42. Famed boxing promoter
- 43. Cured sausages
- 44. Fill with air or gas
- 47. Angry
- 48. Chemistry prefix
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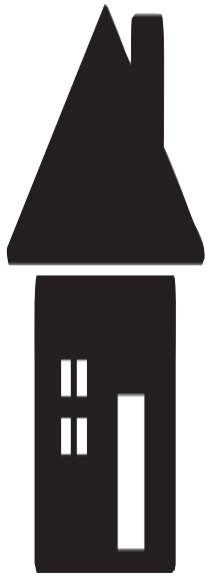
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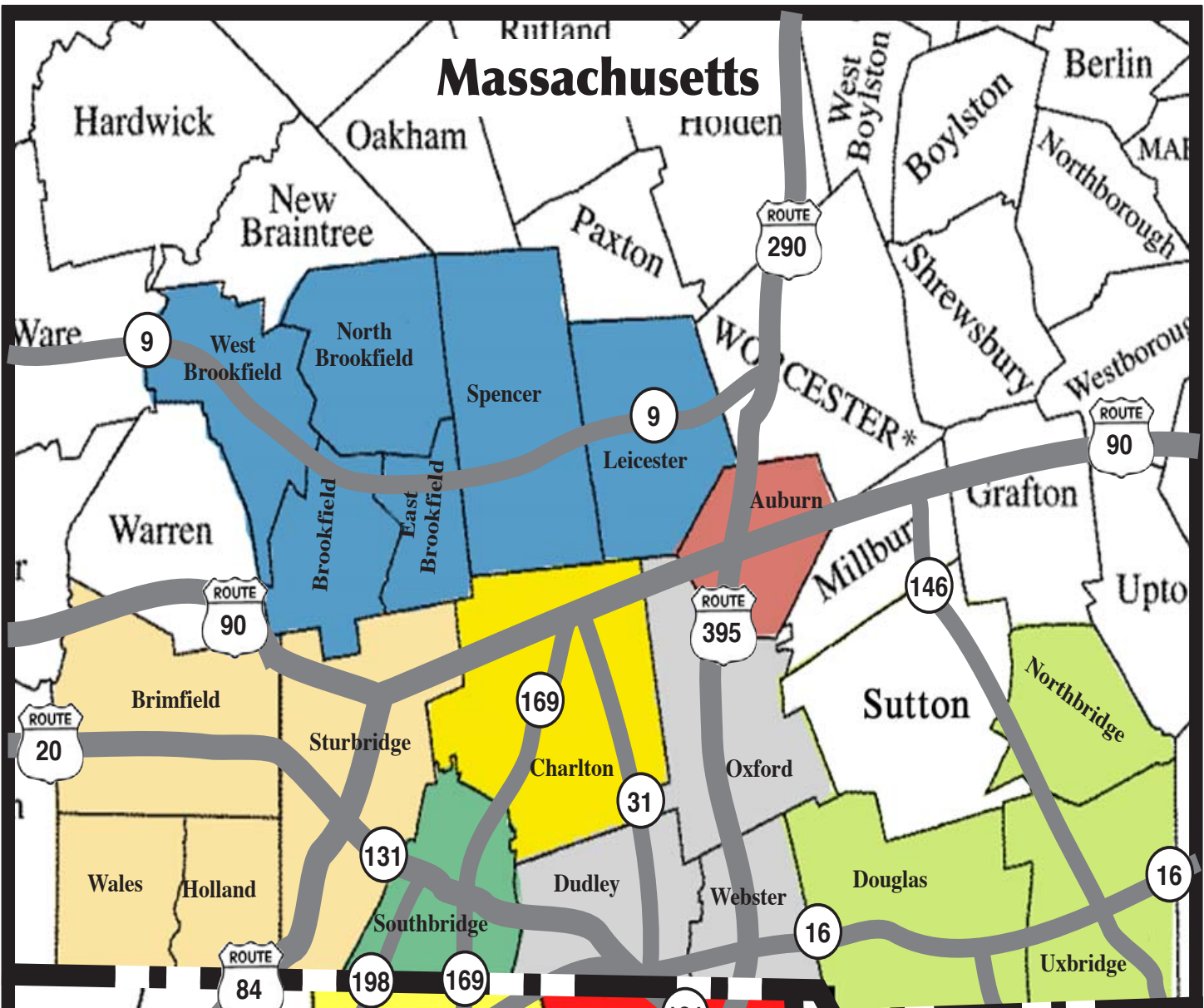
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EDITORIAL

Where does competitiveness come from?

With the match-up for Super Bowl LIV now decided, the mounting anticipation for kickoff between Patrick Mahomes’ Kansas City Chiefs and Jimmy Garoppolo’s 49’ers has had us wondering why fans in any sporting event are so fixated on getting the win. Why are humans so blisteringly competitive?

Granted, competition is fun in regards to sports and shouldn’t be taken so seriously; however, things get quite serious when millions of dollars are at stake.

Human beings are not just competitive athletically, but in their careers as well. Why are we always trying to keep up with the Joneses? Is this a genetic trait or has our society created it?

In an attempt to be the best, an individual or a team only has to beat out their closest competitor, but for what gain? Money and social status. In the case where hard work pays off, it is only natural to feel self pride, and we think that is OK.

A study conducted in 1974 by economist Richard Easterlin discovered that as countries become wealthier, its citizens do not find more happiness or more riches. Easterlin found that happiness was based on an individual’s wealth in comparison to others. Here in America, being competitive in the classroom as well as on the playing field has become a part of who we are and how we operate as a society. Experts say this could have been born because of our capitalist-driven society due to a limited amount of available resources.

The famous Charles Darwin explained the concept of the ‘survival of the fittest’ in “The Origin of Species.” Darwin felt that proficiency in one’s natural surroundings dictates a person’s success. Co- operation and dependence on others were tactics Darwin also attributed to an individual’s triumphs.

We’re all competitive in our own way, and this is a good thing in that it can improve any given situation. Competition drives our passions and motivates us. When we observe what others are doing and how they’re doing it, it can help us learn the ways in which we can become more efficient, smarter, wealthier, happier. Comparing yourself to another person is only OK if you can benefit from it. There are different styles of competitiveness, such as long- range competition or fast competition. When you find your style, your ability to excel will increase.

When we’re competitive, dopamine circulates in our prefrontal cortex. This is the portion of the brain that handles thinking, adaptation, memory, rule-changing and high-level planning. In her book, “Top Dog: The Science of Winning and Losing,” author Ashley Merryman explains the difference between a ‘worrier’ and a ‘warrior’ thusly: “Worriers have higher levels of dopamine, but in moments of stress, their brains get overloaded with it. Warriors, on average, don’t have enough dopamine, and they are thus more lethargic and don’t pay attention. But moments of stress and pressure bring dopamine to optimum levels in their brains, so they may need stress and pressure to perform their best.”

While there may be biological imperatives that drive us to compete, however, we should also remember that as reasoning beings, we have the ability to keep that competitiveness friendly and orderly. A little good natured trash talk before the big game can be fun, but when people surrender to their baser instincts and resort to violence and destruction of property in the wake of a win or a loss, as we saw in the streets of Philadelphia Sunday night, we need to stop and ask ourselves when competition crosses the line.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

I’m a lumberjack and I’m okay ...

There are many things I enjoy in life. I’m a drummer and love to play music. I’m a fan of Drum Corps International and love keeping up with The Cavaliers, the corps I marched with in my teens. I love writing and I love splitting firewood. Surprised? Like the title says, I’m a lumberjack and I’m okay.

Monty Python fans will immediately recognize the title of this column as also the title of one of Monty Python’s most famous and enduring bits. At the time, it was very politically incorrect. Today, it seems quite in line with current sentiments. Go to YouTube and search, “Monty Python Lumberjack song” and you will see what I mean. Regardless, I am not that kind of lumberjack.

There is something about going out into the woods and cutting lumber. We don’t cut down trees but find fallen trees and chain saw them into sixteen-inch sections then split them into firewood. I cannot describe the enjoyment. We always split a few by hand, but quickly turn to a motorized splitter.

My friend Jeff, a local restaurateur, a former collegiate athlete is the strongest guy I know. He hooked me on splitting wood. When he picks up an ax, the wood trembles in fear and often splits itself. Me? The wood giggles behind my back and mocks me when I pick up my ax.

2019 was a tough year for me. I have pushed through a few serious and quite unexpected health problems and am facing a couple of surgeries. One of them is this week on Monday. Jeff called my wife yesterday and asked her if he could come by Sunday and cut wood. He says he needs wood, but I know it is his way of helping me keep my mind off the surgery the following day. I’m grateful for his hidden act of kindness. Jeff knows that I love being in the woods. It clears my head.

So, I put on my boots and red plaid shirt, pick up my ax and walk out of the garage. There is something that feels so manly about it. The only thing that rivals the feeling is picking up a baseball bat and walking to the plate. They are both incredible feelings. The truth is I was not a good hitter and probably a worse lumberjack, but that’s okay. I enjoy it anyway.

Last winter, I decided to split some wood. I put on my lumberjack clothes,

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

By GARY W. MOORE

picked up the ax (in this case called a rail-splitter) and walked out the door. Suddenly two women began screaming! They were lost and turned into my driveway. I live out on forty acres. When I walked out of the garage with an ax, they thought I was coming for them. Once I calmed them

down, they told me they were from the city and had never seen a man with a real ax before and asked if they could take my picture. My testosterone began to flow. They both got out of the car and took turns posing with me. They then asked if they could film me splitting a log. Proudly, I set up the log, pulled my ax over my head ... and with a mighty swing ... I missed the log completely and drove my ax into the dirt. Once again, I heard the muffled giggles of the log and now my visitors joined in. Oh well, it was all fun and games until I missed the log. I, unfortunately, revealed myself as only a lumberjack wannabe.

So ... as for my surgeries, no problem. The human body has five feet of colon. I won’t miss the three feet they are removing. Maybe the missing parts will readjust my center of gravity and make me better with both my bat and my ax ... or maybe not. All I know is after the colon I have one more final surgery then I can pick up my ax and improve my aim. It’s my goal to never miss the log again.

Some guys enjoy golf and they don’t understand why I don’t. To each his own. All I know for sure is, if there is ever a contest between a man in plaid knickers holding a putter and a man in a plaid shirt holding an ax, I’m betting on the man with the ax every time.

I guess that splitting wood for me is not about doing but about being. I can buy a load of wood and save myself the trouble. It’s not about doing the work but about being in the nature and being with a friend. I’ll go into this surgery with the heart and attitude of a rail splitter, even if I don’t have the aim.

I’m a lumberjack and I’m okay.

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, “Playing with the Enemy.” Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMoore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

Praising the Virtues of Popcorn

Did you know National Popcorn Day was celebrated last week? Neither did I, thus the belated column to celebrate the pleasures of popcorn!

Whether popped in a kettle on the stove, zapped in the microwave, or pre popped in bags, on average, each of us consume almost 70 quarts of popcorn each year! And it’s no wonder America has a love affair with the native treat, after all, it’s economical, easy to cook, high in fiber and low calorie (sans the butter).

Read on for some popcorn trivia, popping tips and even a recipe spotlighting the wholesome, economical grain.

Perfect Popcorn: Want to make positively perfect popcorn? Here’s how: Heat a heavy pot on

the stove, and then add oil to cover the bottom of the pan. The best temperature for popping is

between 400 and 460 degrees, but oil burns at 500 degrees so be careful. Test the oil by dropping in a couple of kernels, if they pop, the temperature is right. Pour in just

enough kernels to cover the bottom of the pan. Cover the pan loosely to allow a bit of steam to

escape during popping.Shake the pan well and remove pan when pan fills up and popping slows considerably. Enjoy!

Keep Cool: It’s important to store popcorn correctly. Kernels left uncovered on a hot day can zap the moisture and render them unpopable. Even a one percent drop in moisture will affect the quality of the kernels. For best quality, store kernels in a cool place.

While some advocate storing ernels in the refrigerator, the fridge contains little moisture and can actually dry out



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

the kernels. For best results, use kernels within 18 months of purchase.

Water the Corn: If your popped corn is small or hully, it may be low on moisture. You can try to rehy-

drate the kernels by pouring them into a sealed jar with a tablespoon of water. Shake the jar a few times and in a day or so, the kernels should be up to par for popping.

Stall Salting: Did you know salting kernels toughens popcorn? Never add salt to the pan before

The corn has popped. Always add it to the popped corn.

Fine Finish: Finely ground salt sticks to the popcorn better than table salt. For a terrific taste,

grind kosher salt to a fine consistency. Or pound kosher salt in a ziplock bag with a rolling pin.

Tender Treat: Did you know chewy popcorn is often caused by leaving the lid on tight while

cooking? For tender corn, make sure the lid is slightly ajar.

Peeking: Pop corn in a pan with a clear lid so you can watch the action. It also helps you gauge when the popcorn is done.

FYI: Native American legend has it that spirits lived inside each kernel of

Business owners: Plan for next phase of life



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As a business owner, you’re always thinking of what you need to do now. But you can’t forget about the future – yours and that of your business. So it may be a good idea to consider your personal retirement plan and business succession strategy.

Let’s start by looking at a few retirement plan possibilities:

Solo 401(k) – This plan, which is also known as an Owner-only 401(k), is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. A Solo 401(k) offers many of the same advantages of a traditional 401(k): a range of investment options, tax-deductible contributions and the opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. You may even be able to choose a Roth option, which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax-free. Your Solo 401(k) contributions consist of two parts: salary deferral and profit sharing. In 2020, you can defer up to \$19,500 of income, or \$26,000 if you’re 50 or older. Your profit-sharing contribution is based on your earnings. The sum of your salary deferral and profit sharing can’t exceed \$57,000 (or \$63,500 if you’re 50 or older). If your spouse is employed by your business, you each can contribute the maximum amount allowed.

SEP IRA – If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to think about a SEP IRA. You’ll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. (Employees themselves cannot contribute.) You can generally contribute up to 25 percent of compensation, up to \$57,000 annually. And you can fund your SEP IRA with virtually any type of investment.

Solo defined benefit plan – Not many businesses still offer pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, but you can set one up for yourself if you’re self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

A financial professional can help you choose the appropriate retirement plan. But you’ll still need to think about succession planning. Of course, you can always sell your business outright at any time you like. Or you could leave your business to your children in your will, but if you give it to them gradually during your lifetime, you can become more confident they’ll be able to manage the business on their own.

Another alternative might be to transfer the business with a buy-sell agreement, which allows you to determine when, to whom, and at what price you can sell it. Because you can establish the purchase price as your business’s taxable value, a buy-sell agreement is useful in estate planning. If you want to keep the business in your family, you might want to consider funding the buy-sell agreement with life insurance, so family members can use the death benefit proceeds to buy your ownership stake.

In any case, given the complexities and tax issues involved with succession planning, you’ll need to consult with your legal and tax advisors when creating a strategy. But don’t wait too long. You can’t predict the future, but by planning ahead, you can help achieve the outcomes you desire.

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CALENDAR

Friday, January 24

FIGHTING CANCER WITH YOUR FORK: As part of the Purpose Wellness health & wellness series join Lisa Taylor, RD, CSO, LDN to discover how nutrition can play a significant role in preventing and recovering from cancer. Learn which foods should be avoided and which play a key role in healing. Also enjoy a Food as Medicine food demonstration by Roann Karns, Functional Nutrition Practitioner. The class will be held on Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Rd., Uxbridge. For more information or to register visit www.purposewellness.org/events.

Saturday, January 25

WCSOPENHOUSE: 10 a.m., Whitinsville Christian School. Please join us to learn more about the premier academic experience at Whitinsville Christian School. You and your child will tour the school, hear from current parents and students, and meet faculty and administrators. Discover how we are inspiring minds and igniting hearts, making WCS New England's premier PreK-12 Christian school. Please visit whitinsvillechristian.org for more information and to RSVP.

PAINT CLASS FUNDRAISER: The First Congregational Church of Millbury, 148

West Main St., will be hosting a fundraiser paint class today at 1 p.m. Sue Dion of Inspired Painting and Instructions will be teaching us to paint an 11-by-14-inch acrylic painting, "Home Fires Burning." No experience is necessary. The fee includes an 11-by-14-inch canvas, all supplies needed, and complimentary refreshments. Come join us to support the church and enjoy a fun, informal afternoon. Fellowship Hall is accessible to all, and there is handicapped parking available. Register online at Suedionart.com.

KALEIDOSCOPE: 11 a.m.-noon, Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Join us in the River Bend Farm Visitor Center for a nature themed story time, followed by a short nature walk and a craft activity. Appropriate for ages 3-6, siblings are welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Sunday, January 26

CANAL WALK: 1-2 p.m., Blackstone river Greenway, 44 Hope St., Millville. Join us on a guided walk along the Blackstone Canal. Find out about the canal's historical and cultural significance and its role in the farm to factory transformation of the Blackstone Valley. All walks end at the start location. If conditions permit, bring snowshoes and hiking poles. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by

an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Thursday, January 30

WINTER NATURE WALK: Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Take a walk around the field paths and along the river and look for signs of winter wildlife. Leashed dogs welcome. If conditions permit, bring snowshoes and hiking poles. About one mile. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Saturday, February 1

KIDLEIDOSCOPE: 11 a.m.-noon, Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Join us in the conference room of River Bend Farm Visitor Center for a nature themed story time, followed by a short nature walk and a craft activity. Meets rain or shine, during inclement weather nature walk will be replaced with activity in the Visitor Center's unheated hayloft. Appropriate for ages three to six, siblings are welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

READING NEW ENGLAND'S FORESTS: 1-3 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St.,

Uxbridge. Join us as we learn about the historic stone walls and man-made features that make up our local forests as we hike along the Blackstone Canal to Goat Hill Lock. We talk about why these stone features are found across Massachusetts and the importance of preserving them to tell stories of a bygone New England. Approximately two and a half miles on an uneven path. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. If conditions permit, bring snowshoes and hiking poles. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Sunday, February 2

WHERE IS GROUNDHOG?: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Did the groundhog see his shadow? See what wildlife is up to in the winter around the park. Find clues of winter residents; think like an animal as we walk around habitats that may provide cozy resting places. Approximately 1 mile. Please dress for the weather. All ages welcome to this family program. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

PLAYING WITH SHADOWS: Noon-1 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, Uxbridge. In celebration of Groundhog Day come and play with the science of shadows on the back lawn of

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popcorn. Some tribes believed when the corn was heated, the disturbed spirits burst out of the kernel in a fit of anger.

In fact, it is said Native Americans brought popped corn to the first Thanksgiving. Back then, popcorn, which was cooked over the fire, was commonly eaten right of the cob. Natives in the

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they included it in their daily diet, even enjoying it in a bowl with cream for breakfast!

Do you ever wonder exactly what causes the corn kernels to burst? Each kernel contains a small drop of water stored inside a circle of soft starch. The starch is surrounded by the hard outer surface of the kernel. As each kernel heats up, the water expands and pressure builds against the hard starch. Eventually it gives way, causing the popcorn to explode. In order for popcorn to erupt

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The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club held their annual Founders Day celebration with a Prime Rib dinner this past Saturday at their headquarters on White Court in Douglas! The large gathering of sportsmen & women held their annual banquet to recognize all of the past and future members and officers of the organization, which was incorporated back in the 1950's. The original site of the Whitinsville Club was located in Whitinsville on the shores of Meadow Pond on Main Street. At that time, some of the officers and members of the club included Robert Campo, Dick Bosma, Horace Bassett, Jack Cunningham, Bob Blackley, Fran Magowan, Pete opperwall , William Todd, and this writer, to mention a few. Their trout pond was located at Riley's pond on Castle Hill Road for many years. The pavilion that was built some years later was dedicated to the late Richard Bosma, for all of his years of service to the club.

The club was known for their great Ham & Bean suppers and their coon & ham suppers back in the day. Selling tickets to a ham and coon supper today

would not have a very large turnout, but back in the day, coon hunting was very popular among many hunters, and all of the meat was donated to the club. It was delicious. Murray Andrews, David Greno and their band of coon hunters hunted racoon a few times a week during the fall hunting season. At that time, the group of hunters harvested a few hundred racoon annually with the help of their expensive and well trained hounds.

The Blackstone Fish & Game Club was disbanding their club some years later, and joined forces with the Whitinsville Club. They brought along their savings, and with the help of all the members from both clubs, built a state of the art clubhouse that serves as the club's headquarters today.

Because there were so many sportsmen that owned Beagles back in the day, a group of rabbit hunters decided to start a club that is still in existence today called the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club. The club was organized as an affiliate of the Whitinsville Club, but later separated from the club and had their headquarters at the site of the WFGC today. Fortunately, Jack Cunningham of Douglas convinced the WFGC to purchase the property for taxes which included 80-plus acres of land. Jack also convinced the Beagle Club to purchase another large track of land in Douglas Mass. for taxes although it was landlocked. Only a few thousand dollars was paid for each



parcel of land.

Many club members thought he was foolish, but after many club meetings on the property, he convinced the club to make the purchase. After a right of way was established through the court system, Percy Giou Construction was hired to build a road to the property. It took a few years to complete, but when finished the club started to build the

clubhouse. The road to the club was dedicated to the late Jack Cunningham, and is now known as Cunningham Way.

The bottom line is that sportsmen saw an opportunity to purchase land for a cheap price and seized the opportunity back in the day. It would be almost impossible to buy and build Rod & Gun Clubs today. Whitinsville Fish & Game Club along with other

local clubs like Singletary Rod & Gun, Uxbridge Rod & Gun, Wallum Lake Rod & Gun, 200 Sportsmen's Club, to mention a few, were built on the backs of generations of sportsmen, and would not be here today if they did not take the opportunity to purchase and build ranges, clubhouse, ponds, etc.!

The next time you are out hunting on club property or using the ranges or just relaxing fishing at the club pond, take the time to remember those responsible for your club. You can help by keeping your club free of litter and signing up for work parties when needed. Enjoy!

This week's picture shows recently elected president Matt Burbank with a couple of the newly elected Board Of Directors, with the new sign that was painted by Sarah Marohn. Great job. Special thanks to Rick Cahn and his committee for putting on a great meal.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club's ice derby may not be held this week if ice conditions do not improve. Call the club for updates.

The Firearms, Knife show & sale will be held at the Marlboro Royal Plaza Trade Center this weekend Jan. 25-26.

The New England Fishing Expo will be held at Boxboro Regency also this Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Check it out on their Web site.

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Improve your indoor and outdoor container gardening success with a quality potting mix. This can be more difficult than it sounds since you can't see or feel the product you are about to buy. Ask your gardening friends for recommendations and once at the garden center, check the package, and compare label information before making a purchase.

You'll find a variety of bags labeled as planting mix, potting mix, container mix and more. Check the label to see what the bag contains and recommendations for its use. Look for mixes, we'll refer to as potting mixes, blended for

growing indoor, ornamental and edible plants in containers. They are a mix of organic and inorganic materials that retain moisture while draining well. Some mixes include sand and mineral soil while many are labeled as "soil-less." These lightweight mixes consist of peat moss, sphagnum moss and compost for moisture retention, vermiculite or perlite for drainage but do not contain mineral soils such as sand or clay.

Potting mixes may be modified to accommodate the needs of certain plants. Orchid mixes often contain more bark for better aeration, cacti and succulent mixes have more sand or

perlite for better drainage and African violet potting mix contains more organic matter to create a moist, rich growing medium.

Organic potting mixes are also available if you prefer to know the ingredients are free of pesticides and other contaminants. Check for the word organic and OMRI listed on the bag.

Potting mixes may or may not be sterilized to kill weed seeds and pests. If it doesn't say sterilized, it probably isn't.

As you narrow down your choices, continue checking the label for more details. Potting mixes often contain a "starter charge" of fertilizer. This mini-

mal amount of fertilizer is usually gone after two or three waterings. Some include additional fertilizer that provides small amounts of nutrients over a longer period of time. The label may say controlled-release, time-release or slow release fertilizer, providing nutrients for the allotment of time specified.

Natural or synthetic wetting agents are often included to reduce the surface tension of water, so it's better able to penetrate and evenly moisten the potting mix. Organic mixes often use yucca extract as a wetting agent.

Potting mixes should be light, fluffy and moist. Avoid bags that are waterlogged and heavy. The mix can break down, become compacted and some of the slow release fertilizer may be pre-released and damage young seedlings when saturated with water.

Moisten the potting mix with warm water before potting your plants. This helps ensure even moisture throughout. If the potting mix becomes overly dry, you may need to do a bit more work to rewet all the mix in the container. Set the pot in a container of warm water and wait for the potting mix to rehydrate. Or water thoroughly, wait 20 minutes and water again. Repeat until you achieve success.

Take the time to do a bit of research before buying your next bag of potting mix. Your efforts will be rewarded with healthy plants, beautiful blooms and a bountiful harvest from your indoor and outdoor potted plants.

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SPORTS

Schollard's career game helps Spartans run past David Prouty



Uxbridge's Nate Smith releases a 3-point attempt versus David Prouty.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

UXBRIDGE — The Southern Worcester County League knows all about 6-foot-6 Uxbridge High senior Jaideep Sidhu and his effectiveness on the block for the Spartans. But Uxbridge may have a younger interior threat that the David Prouty Regional boys' varsity basketball team found out about on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Luke Schollard, a Spartans' sophomore, registered a double-double of 26 points and 11 rebounds as Uxbridge rolled to a 69-36 victory versus the Panthers.

Schollard, who recently returned to action after missing a game-plus due to a head injury, has had a good 2019-2020 season, but this was his career game to date.

"Before [the injury] he was our leading scorer in the beginning of the year," said Uxbridge head coach Ryan

Hippert. "We expect some big things from him. He's obviously very skilled. Tonight he made some nice moves and his teammates set him up pretty well. I'm proud of him and excited for him, too, being only a sophomore."

Schollard accumulated 6 early points as the Spartans raced out to a 22-0 lead after the initial eight-minute quarter.

"We just had to get it into the post a lot," said the 6-foot-2 Schollard of the team's strategy, as they were up against a much smaller David Prouty squad.

Schollard has learned a lot from Sidhu, who also had a big game versus the Panthers with 16 points.

"Just feed it to him in the post and then I'm right there on the other block," Schollard said of playing alongside Sidhu. "Last practice we worked on post moves. He



Luke Schollard of Uxbridge catches a pass down in the post and makes his move toward the basket.

showed me the way to move my body. If there's weight on [one] side, spin the opposite way."

Hippert was not only pleased with Schollard's play, but also with the extremely fast start his team possessed.

"We talked about executing a little bit better, and we did that. Ball movement was good, our screens were better, defensively we were rotating and getting out to shooters. The first quarter was, hopefully, a way we can start playing," said Hippert.

David Prouty head coach Pat O'Connor, meanwhile, was not thrilled with the way his team started out of the gate.

"We were not ready to play," he said. "We have a young team and even though we were 1-5 heading in, pretty much every game we've been in."

When asked why his team had such a slow start in this contest, O'Connor wasn't entirely sure.

"Bad day maybe, hopefully," he remarked.

The Panthers did rebound in the second quarter, though, and won the frame by an 18-16 count. Derek Houston (two), Braeden White, Trevor Grenier and Chris Murzycki all hit 3-pointers in the period, as well as a free throw from Houston and a reverse layup by Evan Fournier.

"They did put in their effort and they really were onto the next possession and they played super hard," O'Connor said of his team's fight in quarters two, three and four. "It says a lot about the character of our team."

The Panthers still trailed by 20 points at halftime (38-18) and never made a serious threat in the second half. Prouty, now 1-6, was led by Houston in scoring with 16 points.

Uxbridge has now won three of its last four and improved to 5-4.

"We just want to play better and more consistent," said Hippert. "We've obviously got to go 5-5 to make tourney the rest of the way, and that's where we're at right now. We're just going one day at a time, trying to get better every single day."

Jake Usenia was the Spartans' third double-digit scorer with 12 points, while Matthew Stark pulled down 13 rebounds. In total, Uxbridge outrebounded Prouty 51-21.



Uxbridge's Matthew Stark keeps the ball away from a David Prouty defender.



Jaideep Sidhu of Uxbridge races past a David Prouty defender on his way to the hoop.



Uxbridge's Jake Usenia goes up for two points versus David Prouty.

SPORTS

‘Setting pace, intensity’ early enough for Northbridge to skate past Gardner



Northbridge's Thomas Deguire puts the puck in the back of the net for the Rams' second goal.



Michael Carey of Northbridge fires a shot toward Gardner's net.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

MARLBOROUGH — Not half bad. That would certainly be one way to describe the first half of the 2019-2020 season for the Northbridge High boys' varsity ice hockey team. The Rams, who are a co-operative team with players from Sutton High and Nipmuc

Regional also on their roster, improved to 9-1 on Saturday, Jan. 18, with an 11-3 non-conference win over Gardner High at the New England Sports Center.

Northbridge, the defending Division 3A state champions, took control of the game early, scoring three goals in the game's first three minutes and taking a 6-0 lead

into the locker room at the end of the first period. The Rams grabbed a 1-0 lead 36 seconds into the game on a goal by Ryan Couture with assists from Nolan Brown and Thomas Deguire. They doubled their lead to 2-0 at 2:45 of the period, Deguire scoring off assists from Couture and Alex Smith. Michael Carey made it 3-0 at the 3:04 mark scoring

off an assist from Liam Gill. Deguire's second goal of the period put Northbridge ahead 4-0 with 5:30 left in the period and Smith made it 5-0 with an unassisted goal with 4:50 to play. Ryan Chesaneck closed out the period with a goal, which was assisted on by Nick Locurto and Evan Stone, with 4:37 remaining.



Northbridge's Patrick Liddy carries the puck up ice in the first period.



Liam Gill of Northbridge brings the puck around the boards as the Rams prepare to attack the net.



Northbridge's Alex Smith tucks the puck into the corner of the net for another Rams' goal.



Derek Consigli of Northbridge fights with a Gardner player along the boards for a loose puck.

"I felt like we were prepared from the first drop of the puck and we need to bring that every game. That hasn't been evident in every game; but it was tonight," Northbridge head coach Ryan Neville said. "That's why you play every game, regardless of who the opponent is, and you play 45 minutes because you can always learn something and take it to the next game."

"What we learned tonight that we can take forward is that we are capable of setting the pace and setting the intensity from the first drop of the puck," Neville continued. "That was there tonight, so I was happy with that. We need to do that every game."

Gill, who finished with a hat trick and an assist, scored twice in the second period to push the Rams' lead to 8-0. His third consecutive goal — at the start of the third period — made it 9-0, and a goal by Zach Fournier extended the lead to 10-0. After three late goals by Gardner, Northbridge's Owen Hogan closed out the scoring.

At this point last season, the Rams were 4-5-1. "We were trying to figure ourselves out last season," Gill said, explaining the difference in the first half of this season compared to the first half of last season. "Throughout the season last year, we figured out what kind of team we are. This year we have a lot of the same group of players and the work ethic has stayed the same. Coach Neville's messages about hard work and perseverance have carried over to this season."

Gill said Northbridge's

9-1 start to this season is representative of who the Rams are.

"Honestly, yes, I think it is," Gill said. "I think it is because we've worked so hard. We've worked for our record; nothing was given to us. Despite past success we work hard every day. We know we haven't earned anything. Our 9-1 record, we've worked for it, and we have to continue to work for it."

Neville said he didn't look at his team's game with Gardner as a match-up of an eight-win team against a one-win team.

"At the end of the day it's still two teams out there competing, and you've got to play the game. That's our mindset; we're trying to get better on every shift in every period of every game," Neville said. "We can't do that if we don't play our game for a full 45 minutes. We've got nine wins, so the results are there, but I'm still not sure we've put together a complete game yet. So, there's some opportunity there to get better, which is good because we want to be playing our best hockey at the end of the year."

"I think the only thing that really matters is that we keep accumulating points toward the playoffs. That's what we were motivated by today," Neville continued. "Another plus today was we were able to get the whole lineup in the game; everybody saw meaningful minutes, which is really nice to do. We had a couple of guys who don't really see any time at all get a goal or two. It was good to get everybody involved."

SPORTS

Rams get better as game goes on to knock off David Prouty



Avery Senosk of Northbridge looks for open space to move the ball.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

NORTHBRIDGE — A few minutes into its game with David Prouty Regional — played Thursday, Jan. 16 at Veterans Memorial Field House — Northbridge High’s girls’ varsity basketball team was scoreless and trailing 2-0 following a made jumper by the Panthers’ Erin Parenteau. This was a cause for concern for Rams’ head coach Matt Guertin.

“It took us a while to get going tonight. We talked about coming out and having a better start because the last couple of losses we had we didn’t come out and have a good start,” Guertin said of recent losses to Tantasqua Regional and Leicester High. “We can’t start out in games like this.”

Guertin then admitted that his team performed better with each passing quarter versus the Panthers, as they pulled away for a 55-35 victory.

Northbridge’s Liz Quimby opened the Rams’ scoring with a 3-pointer, and Maddie Boormeester, Avery Senosk and Quimby followed with later buckets as Northbridge led 9-2 after the initial eight-minute quarter.

Then, with two minutes remaining in the second quarter, the Rams’ Jill Labrie swished in a 3-pointer to up the advantage to double figures, 21-9. Northbridge led at halftime 23-12.

David Prouty head coach Johanna Annunziata explained why the Rams’ defense is so tough to score on, as they were held to 10 or fewer points in three of the four quarters.

“They aren’t in your face ball pressure; they sag a little bit and then that

creates their help defense,” she said. “It was tough for Liv [Pepin] and Gabby [Soter] to get to the hoop because of the sag.”

To make matters worse for the Panthers, co-captain Jenna Petruzzi didn’t play due to illness.

“Jenna takes up a big spot in that middle and on defense,” said Annunziata. “She definitely helps the flow of the game.”

In part because of Petruzzi’s absence, the Rams won the battle of the boards, outrebounding Prouty by a large margin of 42-16.

“We work on rebounding all the time, I think it was also partly they were undersized with Petruzzi not there,” said Guertin. “She’s their best interior player. Missing her, I said to these guys ‘we’ve got to make sure that we dominate on the boards.’”

And dominate on the boards they did, as both Quimby (17 points, 10 rebounds) and Labrie (12 points, 14 rebounds) finished with double-doubles.

“I gave them each goals before this game,” said Guertin. “We wanted Liz to be more aggressive.

“Jill I wanted a certain percentage from 3-point and I wanted her to drive to the basket at least four times in the game because she tends to stay outside,” added Guertin, noting that both players achieved their goals.

Northbridge, which led 40-21 after three quarters to put the game’s outcome to bed, improved to 7-3 with the win as they inch toward a Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament berth. And the Rams are currently doing so without starter Hannah Lomonaco, who will return to action toward the end of the season after tending to a right ankle injury.

David Prouty is now 6-4 as they attempt to also qualify for the CMass D3 Tourney.



Northbridge’s Emily Wheeler jumps up and leans back in an attempt to take a shot against a David Prouty defender.

“I’m hoping we get 11 or 12,” Annunziata said of a season win total after a 10-10 campaign last year. “The biggest change this year is last year we’d compete with the better teams and that was enough for us. This year we’re mad. It’s a nice change of attitude seeing how competitive they want to be.”

Soter (15 points) and Pepin (10) led the Panthers in scoring versus Northbridge.



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Northbridge’s Abby Fraser elevates off the ground to pull down a rebound.



Northbridge’s Abby Fraser looks to make a pass to keep the flow of the offense in rhythm.

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SPORTS

Gorman, Vanden Akker key for Crusaders in comeback win vs. BMR

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — Makenzie Gorman poured in a game-high 20 points, 10 coming in the second quarter, as the Whitinsville Christian School (WCS) girls' varsity basketball team rallied from a 10-point first-period deficit to defeat Blackstone-Millville Regional (BMR) 49-26 on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the Nehemiah Center.

The Crusaders played the game with just seven healthy bodies. Starter Anna May missed the game due to illness and key reserves Alyssa Worley and Olivia Cutler are still out due to injuries.

With the win WCS, which is 3-1 in Dual Valley Conference (DVC) action, evened its overall record at 4-4. The Chargers fell to 1-9 overall and 0-5 in the DVC with the loss.

Despite its season-long struggles, Blackstone-Millville started strong, putting together two six-point runs around the lone WCS basket of the first quarter to lead 12-2 as play entered the second period. Junior Maranda Cournoyer, who finished with a team-high 11 points, scored eight of the Chargers' first-quarter points. Senior Ashlyn Novio (8 points) scored the other four.

Whitinsville Christian took control of the game in second quarter, scoring 19 points while keeping BMR off the

scoreboard entirely. Gorman, a senior captain, jump-started the Crusaders' stalled offense with a jumper from the right corner with 6:29 left in the first half. The points were WCS's first in more than eight minutes of playing time.

Gorman's other eight points in the period came on a pair of 3-pointers — she had three in the game — and the put-back of an offensive rebound. Junior Bella Ibrahim scored 4 of her 6 points in the second quarter — two coming of a nifty assist from Gorman — while junior Ella VanTol hit three free throws in the period and junior Karlee Buurma added a layup off a mid-court steal.

Gorman said there was no sense of panic on the Crusaders' bench between the first and second quarters.

"Honestly, there wasn't. We played some very hard games recently; we're coming off playing Holliston, Sutton and Nauset [all losses] and I think we just needed to regain our confidence, and it took us a quarter to do it," Gorman said. "Going forward, though, we can't play three quarters; we have to play four quarters. I think the first quarter was a wakeup call telling us we have to be better than this."

Whitinsville Christian extended its 21-12 halftime lead to 36-20 after three quarters. Senior captain Jessye Vanden Akker scored all 6 of her points

in the third period.

"Jessye played solid the whole game," WCS head coach Kris Vanden Akker, who doubles as Jessye's aunt, said. "She had tons of rebounds for us and even though she was getting shoved around like crazy she was able to deflect a lot of their passes and get some steals off those deflections."

"She played well on defense, too," coach Vanden Akker continued. "She was not only doing a good job guarding her man, but then she was also helping out defending other players when it was needed. She is a very solid player. We need her to be that every game, but especially because we were playing without Anna May. Anna May is our rock. She played the Anna May role for us tonight."

Jessye Vanden Akker said she tries to do whatever is asked of her to help the team win.

"I just try to go in and do the little stuff, the behind-the-scenes stuff, to help out my teammates where I can," Jessye Vanden Akker said. "I set a nice pick so they have an open shot. I'm responsible for helping out a lot on defense when we're double-teaming one of their players. I try to disrupt the other team's offense when we're pressing on defense. You know, the little things."

Jessye Vanden Akker said



Makenzie Gorman of Whitinsville Christian keeps the ball away from a Blackstone-Millville defender while being heavily guarded.

she wasn't worried when her team was trailing by 10 points at the end of the first quarter.

"I was just trying to encourage them and keep them going with a good mindset so we can do better; I knew we'd come back," she said. "Coach might

have been a little worried, but she wasn't too bad. The second quarter felt more like the way we played, and we just carried our play in the second quarter into the second half."



Jason McKay photos

Whitinsville Christian's Karlee Buurma attempts to fake out a Blackstone-Millville defender while on a drive.



Abbi Cullen of Whitinsville Christian has enough room in the corner to shoot a deep two-point jump shot.



Whitinsville Christian's Bella Ibrahim beats a Blackstone-Millville defender to the block and takes an uncontested layup.



Whitinsville Christian's Jessye Vanden Akker drives through Blackstone-Millville's defense on her pursuit to the hoop.

SPORTS

Douglas' defense, second-half offense the keys to defeating Indians



Douglas' Jen Walker pushes the ball downcourt versus Bartlett.

Nick Ethier photos



Allie Benedict of Douglas goes left for a layup ahead of the defense of Bartlett's Camden Heenan.



Douglas' Morgan Berthiaume cuts the corner on a drive to dribble past a Bartlett defender.



Abbie Damasio of Douglas breaks Bartlett's press with an overhead pass.



Douglas' Ariana Sacco dribbles to her right to avoid Bartlett's Talia Gardner.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

DOUGLAS — From the opening tip until the final buzzer, Douglas High's defense was there when taking on the Bartlett High girls' varsity basketball team on Monday, Jan. 20. And a change in the offense for the second half kick-started the Tigers' scoring. Add it all up and the final from Douglas High read 39-20 in the Tigers' favor.

"We never really allowed them any kind of dribble-penetration with the zone. When I scouted them, their threat was dribble-penetration by the guards. Our zone didn't allow any and our man [man-to-man defense] didn't allow any," said Douglas head coach Ralph Quinn about his team's defense.

And as far as the offense went, it was actually a suggestion from a sophomore in the locker room during intermission that allowed the Tigers to turn a seven-point halftime lead (13-6) into a 19-point victory.

"One of the girls in the locker room made the suggestion to switch the offense and I was hesitant, but boy did it work. It was one of the younger ones, Morgan Berthiaume," said Quinn. "I was reluctant because they had the three low defenders, but it worked. We usually have one girl roaming on the baseline and this allowed us to have two down there; and we just kept finding people. It definitely opened things up for us."

After tallying only 3 and 10 points in the first and second quarters, Douglas more than eclipsed that total by scoring 15 points in the third period to Bartlett's 4 to put the game away at 28-10 with a quarter to play.

Berthiaume scored 6 points in the frame, while senior co-captains Allie Benedict (5) and Jen Walker (4) got going as well.

"They were clicking in that third quarter," Quinn said of the captains, "along with Berthiaume."

The Tigers then won the fourth quarter by an 11-10

margin to account for the final score. Douglas improved to 4-6 as they strive to get to 9-9 or better to qualify for the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament.

"Even the losses, we've been competitive. I think we're doing fine — we were in every single game," said Quinn. "I think we're getting better each game."

"It's a true team thing," Quinn added about Douglas' spread-the-wealth mentality, as no player finished in double figures for scoring. "They're great with each other. There's no selfishness at all with these girls."

Berthiaume (9 points), Walker (9) and Benedict (8) led the offensive charge, while four other players (freshman Ariana Sacco, junior Emily Furno, junior Nichole Brothers and junior Lauren Sutton) also scored.

The Tigers also won the battle of the boards, outrebounding Bartlett (4-7) by a 33-22 count.



Bartlett's Camden Heenan avoids contact from Douglas defender Jen Walker and finishes off a layup for two points.

OBITUARIES

Albert C. Brodeur, 90



AUBURN- Albert C. Brodeur, 90, died Wednesday, January 1, in the UMass Memorial Medical Center. His wife, Carole (Grenier) Brodeur, died in 2017. He is survived by three daughters, Paula Dufour, and her husband, Kenneth, of Pelham, NH, Norma Castonguay, of Grafton, and Diane Morin, of Whitinsville; and five grandchildren, Brian, Lauren, Jason, Justin, and Jeremy. A granddaughter, Ariel, died in 1990.

Mr. Brodeur was born in Lowell, VT, June 18, 1929, a son of Joseph and Alice (Lalumiere) Brodeur. He grew up in Southbridge, and lived in Whitinsville more than 30 years, and Douglas for ten years before moving to Auburn in 2006.

A United States Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, Al worked at General Motors in Framingham for 35 years.

A quiet man, he was a member of the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, and he enjoyed making frequent trips to the casino.

Funeral Services will be private, and there are no Calling Hours. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 33 Speen Street, Framingham, MA, 01701. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville is assisting the family. To leave a condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com.



Rodney N. Gallagher, Sr.



NORTHBRIDGE - Rodney N. Gallagher Sr., 69, passed away on Thurs. Jan. 16, 2020 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. He was a loving husband of 47 years to his wife Barbara A. (Gilliam) Gallagher.

Mr. Gallagher was born on November 9, 1950, the son of the late Neil A. Gallagher and Joyce (Rhyno) Gallagher of Nova Scotia. He was a graduate of Northbridge High School in 1969 and later attended Fisher Jr. College and Becker Jr. College in Worcester.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served his country with pride in the U.S. Coast Guard.

A resident of Northbridge since 1964, Mr. Gallagher was employed at the Jamesbury Corp. in Worcester for over 20 years. He enjoyed playing his guitar, fishing, reading, and history. He loved watching the Red Sox and hanging out with his dog Ivy.

In addition to his wife Barbara and mother Joyce, he is survived by his

son, R. Neil Gallagher Jr. and his wife Victoria of Uxbridge; two daughters, Brenda L. Menard of Whitinsville and Sherri L. Grazulis and her husband Patrick of Millbury; two sisters, Darlene Renaud of CT, and Susan Amon of Nova Scotia, Canada; two aunts Marion and Joan; 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a nephew Scott Ruth.

Visiting hours were held on Monday Jan. 20, 2020 from 4 – 7 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 480 Church St. Whitinsville.

Funeral services were Tuesday Jan. 21, 2020 at 11 AM in the funeral home.

Burial will follow, with military honors, in Pine Grove Cemetery, Northbridge.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Red Sox Home Base Program, The Red Sox Foundation, 4 Jersey St., Boston, MA 02215. www.bumafuneralhome.com



Ann (Stefancyk) Desruisseaux, 78



NORTHBRIDGE- Ann (Stefancyk) Desruisseaux, 78, passed away on Sun. Jan. 19, 2020 at Milford Regional Medical Center after complications related to pneumonia and influenza. Her loving family surrounded her.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Paul R. Desruisseaux Sr.; 3 children, Robert F. Desruisseaux and his wife Michelle of Sutton, Lisa A. Brennan and her husband Paul of Douglas, and Linda A. Peters and her husband Christopher of Venice, FL. She was predeceased by her son Paul R. Desruisseaux Jr. in 1996. She also leaves 6 grandchildren, Kimberly Brennan, Jonathan Brennan and his wife Ashley Rochelle Desruisseaux, Derek Desruisseaux, Carson Peters, and Caden Peters; 2 brothers, Ronald Stefancyk, and John Stefancyk, and many nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by 2 sisters, Elaine Fisher, and Jean Pirkey Born in Northbridge, MA on January 13, 1942 she was the daughter of John and Doris (Hisoire) Stefancyk. She was a long time Northbridge resident and retired in Athens Vermont.

Ann worked at Data General in Milford and later for Kimball Sand Co. She also worked several years for Quilt Away in Westminster, VT. She was an avid quilter and enjoyed sewing. She was a member of Thimble Pleasures Quilting Guild in Mendon. She loved camping with her family, fishing and working in her garden. She was an avid Bruins and Red Sox fan. A woman of great faith, she belonged to St. Peter's Church in Northbridge and St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, VT.

Her family would like to extend a special thank you to the Staff of Milford Hospital, the ICU, the Respiratory Therapists, and the Gannett Unit Staff for their outstanding care and support.

Her funeral will be held on Fri. Jan. 24th from Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St., Douglas with a Mass at 11 AM in St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Whitinsville. Calling hours at the funeral home will be held prior to Mass from 9:30- 10:30 AM. Donations in Ann's memory may be made to: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142 Memphis, TN 38148-0142. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>



SPRINGFIELD - It saddens me beyond measure to announce that Corey J. Thomas, originally from Webster, was taken from this world on January 15, 2020.

He leaves his mother, Denise L. (Kirby) Thomas and his father, Jonathan A. Thomas; the love of his life, Brittney Lomax with whom he created the most perfect person, Brady Thomas; his brothers, Jose Thomas, Michael Thomas, DJ Kirby-Thomas and Jay Thomas; his sister, Zoe Thomas; his paternal grandmother, Julia (Mendez) Thomas-Doutaz; his maternal grandfather, Donald Kirby; many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins and countless friends.

Corey was born in Milford on September 14, 1990 and had a fighting spirit from the beginning. He lived in Whitinsville for 3 years before coming to Webster and moved to Springfield last year. He attended Bartlett High School. He loved sports and was a natural-born athlete. His Pop always said, 'For his third birthday, he got muscles.'

Corey worked as a truck driver for the Salvation Army in Springfield. He liked designer clothes, selfies and fresh haircuts. Though he lived a humble existence, he passed his love of life on

to his son Brady which is evident in every picture of Brady and his dad. The sun rose and set on his baby boy.

Corey didn't want the world to know he was struggling with addiction, not because he was hiding it or ashamed of it, but because he wanted to be seen as the person he was and not that miniscule part of his existence. Addiction is a disease that is taking away the most beautiful people from our lives.

Corey was a happy person. On his second birthday his mom made a cake and forgot to put in the word "birthday" so it read "Happy Corey." There are no truer words.

Corey was a bright, happy soul who danced through this world attracting everyone to his light. He was brave, fearless even. I ask all who loved him to live life to the fullest in his memory and to honor his spirit. Stay clean, fight for life, hike trails, ride bikes, climb mountains, swim oceans, pose in the mirror, take selfies, fulfill promises, learn something new, grow – just live.

Visiting hours for Corey will be held on Saturday, January 25, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM in Scanlon Funeral Service, 38 East Main Street, Webster, with a service to celebrate his life at 4:30 PM. Donations may be made to the Brady Thomas Trust Fund, c/o Webster First Federal Credit Union, East Main St., Webster, MA 01570. www.websterfunerals.com

Helen A. Dagirmanjian, 90



NORTHBRIDGE- Helen A. Dagirmanjian, 90, died Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in the Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center. She was predeceased by her husband, Zaven Dagirmanjian and brother, Moorad Mooradian. Helen is survived by a son, Steve Dagirmanjian, and his wife, Judith, of Woodstock, New York; two grandsons, Samuel and Jacob Dagirmanjian, 4 great-grandchildren, and sister, Lucy Kheboian, of Whitinsville.

Helen was born in Providence, Rhode Island, January 13, 1929, a daughter of Melkon and Zamroot (Touloumjan) Mooradian and moved with her family to Whitinsville when she was eight years old. She graduated from Northbridge High School in 1946 and received the Gold Medal for academic excellence. Upon graduation, Helen began a 42 year career at the former Whitin Machine Works where her

outstanding organizational and interpersonal skills were quickly recognized and she became an executive secretary. Not ready to retire, she worked another 12 years as the secretary to the superintendent of the Sutton School District. Helen was a member of the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville.

Helen was a voracious reader, staunch Democrat, and had a lifelong interest in politics and social issues who often expressed her opinions to family, friends, co-workers and government officials.

Most importantly, she was a kind, generous and supportive wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. Helen's deep love of her family and friends knew no bounds.

A Funeral Service for Helen Dagirmanjian was held Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill Street, Whitinsville, preceded by a Calling Hour. Burial followed at the Pine Grove Cemetery in Whitinsville. To leave a condolence for Helen's family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com



WHITINSVILLE- Francis J. Pechulis, 91, of Farmington, CT, formerly of Whitinsville, MA, passed into eternal life on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at UCONN John Dempsey Hospital after a short battle with cancer. He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Clara A. (Forsythe) Pechulis in 2012.

He is survived by three daughters, Kathleen A. Kmiotek and her husband Stanley of Tolland, CT, Jane F. Purple and her husband Glenn of Avon, CT, and Beth P. Warengo of Mesa, AZ; six grandchildren, Chrystalle Ball and her husband Jeremy, Rebecca Millard and her husband Jeffrey, Douglas Kmiotek and his wife Megan, Matthew Purple and his wife Claire, Katherine Purple, and Sarah Gohn and her husband Peter; one great grandson, John Kmiotek, and two other great grandchildren on the way; and several nieces and nephews. Fran was predeceased by his siblings Louis T. Pechulis, Jr., Katherine Pechulis, Elizabeth Kelleher and Barbara Becher.

Born in Fitchburg, MA on November 17, 1928, Fran was the son of Louis T. and Miriam (Glichrest) Pechulis. After graduating from Uxbridge High School at the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Army. He proudly served during the end of the World War II era and was stationed in South Korea. He later went on to earn a degree in engineering and had a lengthy career with Raytheon and GTE Sylvania, retiring from the latter in 1992.

Throughout his life, Fran enjoyed a number of hobbies and activities, including scuba diving, gardening,

fishing, sailing, wood-working, skiing, and brewing his own beer. He was one of the original members of the Fitchburg diver rescue team and he was also a member of the Charles E. Rice American Legion Post in Uxbridge. He had a passion for music, especially from the Big Band Era, and also was a devoted follower of the Northbridge Valley Airs drum and bugle corps in the 1960's and 1970's. In his retirement years, he greatly enjoyed working on his computer, learning new related technology and assisting others with their computers.

Fran was a devoted grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren at the pool and beach, boating and visiting museums, as well as attending their sporting events, recitals and graduations over the years. He also made memorable trips to Walt Disney World with his family.

Fran was a longtime member of St. Patrick Church in Whitinsville where he and Clara were married in 1954.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 25, from Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring Street, Whitinsville, with a Mass of Christian burial at St. Patrick Church, 1 Cross Street.,Whitinsville. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Uxbridge. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Friday, January 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. Donations may be made in Fran's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at StJude.org. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>



Priscilla G. Pellerin, 77



NORTHBRIDGE- Priscilla G. (Bilodeau) Pellerin, 77, passed away on Mon. Jan. 13, 2020 at St. Camillus Health Center after a period of declining health. Her beloved husband of 56 years, Francis A. "Pee Wee" Pellerin predeceased her on March 6, 2018.

She is survived by 4 children, Ann Marie Dawes and her husband Michael of Douglas, JoAnn Caldwell and her husband Dale of Northbridge, Arthur J. Pellerin and his wife Brenda of Carthage, NY, and CarolAnn Wescott and her husband Eric of N. Attleboro; 7 grandchildren, Patrick Dawes, Ashley Watson, Jenée Lachapelle, Tyler Pellerin, Jennifer Jordan, Briean Wescott, and Anthony Wescott; 2 great-grandchildren,

dren, Remy Dawes, Barrett Burdick, Ariana Tobeck, and McKenna Tobeck and several nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by her grandson, Brandon Pellerin in 2012. Born in Woonsocket, RI on April 3, 1942, she was the daughter of Beatrice (Bilodeau) Matthews and lived in Northbridge most of her life.

Mrs. Pellerin worked at the Whitin Community Center where she taught swimming and aerobics. Later she was a well-known waitress for the Bungalow and Wonder Restaurants. Educated in the Northbridge public school system she was very social and enjoyed attending her reunions. She loved going to bingo, buying and selling jewelry, knitting, crocheting and taking trips to Las Vegas, Aruba, and Atlantic City.


Her family wishes to thank the staff at St. Camillus Health Center, Anderson Ct., for their compassionate care and support shown to Priscilla and her family.

Her funeral was held on Wed. Jan. 22, 2020 from Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St. Whitinsville with a Mass at 10 am in St. Peter's Church, 39 Church Ave. Northbridge. Cremation burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery will be at a later date. Calling hours at the funeral home were Tues. Jan. 21st from 5 to 7 pm. Donations in Priscilla's memory may be made to the Whitin Community Center, 60 Main St., Whitinsville, MA 01588. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit <http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com>



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CALENDAR

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River Bend Farm Visitor Center. We will be creating art using the shadows of branches and capturing them with photo sensitive paper. In the event of inclement weather activities will take place inside the visitor center. All ages welcome to this family program. Please dress for the weather. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Thursday, February 6

WINTER NATURE WALK: Noon-1 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Take a walk around the field paths and along the river and look for signs of winter wildlife. If conditions permit, bring snowshoes and hiking poles. About 1 mile. All ages welcome. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Saturday, February 8

PORK ROAST DINNER: St. Peter’s Parish in Northbridge will be hosting a Pork Roast dinner on Saturday, Feb. 8, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$10 adults/\$9 seniors and kids ages 4-12/ \$35 per family. Bring your family for a wonderful meal & meet some new friends. All proceeds from the dinner will help fund the Mission Trips for our Middle School & High School kids in July. Tickets for the dinner must be purchased in advanced. Please call 508-234-2156 or email parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.

Sunday, February 9

CANAL WALK: 1-2 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Join us on a guided walk along the Blackstone Canal. Find out about the canal’s historical and cultural significance and its role in the farm to factory transformation of the Blackstone Valley. All walks end at start location. If conditions permit, bring snowshoes and hiking poles. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

NEW ENGLAND COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB DANCE: 1-5 p.m., Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge. Featuring live country music by Rhode Island Rednecks. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/NECountryMusicClub.

Tuesday, February 11

DOUGLAS LIBRARY INTREPID READERS BOOK DISCUSSION: The next meeting of the Douglas Library book group will be held Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. The Intrepid Readers, will be discussing Amaryllis Fox’s Life Undercover. Fox was in an undergraduate at Oxford studying theology and international law when her mentor Daniel Pearl was captured and beheaded. Galvanized by this brutality, she applied to a master’s program in conflict and terrorism at Georgetown’s School of Foreign Service, where she created an algorithm that predicted the likelihood of a terrorist cell arising in any village around the world. Recruited by the CIA, she was fast-tracked into advanced operations training learning how to use a Glock and withstand torture. Deployed as a spy, Fox was sent to infiltrate terrorist networks in remote areas of the Middle East and Asia.This is her record of a life of service, passion, and courage. Call the Library 508-476-2695 for a copy of the book. New members always welcome. Homemade refreshments, inspired by the title being discussed, will be served.

Thursday, February 13

BROWN BAG ALONG THE BLACKSTONE: Noon-1 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Pack a lunch and join us in the River Bend Farm Visitor Center. We will watch an episode of “Along the Blackstone,” an award-winning series of videos by the National Park Service featuring the stories of the mill villages along the Blackstone River. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

BOOTS ALONG THE BLACKSTONE: 1-2:15 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Join an interpreter in a leisurely walk along the tow path while discussing the stories and history uncovered in the episode of Along the Blackstone watched during Brown Bag along the Blackstone! Approximately 2 miles. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Saturday, February 15

KIDLEIDOSCOPE: 11 a.m.-noon, Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Join us in the conference room of River Bend Farm Visitor Center for a nature themed story time, followed by a short nature walk and a craft activity. Meets rain or shine, during inclement weather nature walk with be replaced with activity in the Visitor Center’s unheated hayloft. Appropriate for ages three to six, siblings are welcome, children must be accompa-

nied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Friday, February 15 to Monday, February 18

STORYWALK — “AT GRANDPA’S SUGARBUSH” BYMARGARETCARNEY: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Blackstone River & Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Get outside and enjoy reading a story as you stroll along the park. The featured picture book captures the signs of spring and the old-fashioned way of making maple syrup. A short, easy, self-guided walk. This program is free and open to the public. Meet at the River Bend Farm Visitor Center at 287 Oak Street in Uxbridge. For more information, please call (508) 278-7604.

Sunday, February 16

CANAL WALK: 1-2 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Join us on a guided walk along the Blackstone Canal. Find out about the canal’s historical and cultural significance and its role in the farm to factory transformation of the Blackstone Valley. All walks end at start location. If conditions permit, bring snowshoes and hiking poles. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

NEW ENGLAND COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB DANCE: 1-5 p.m., Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge. Featuring live country music by Crossfire. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/NECountryMusicClub.

ANNUAL GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT FOR CORNELL UNIVERSITY: Join your Blackstone River Valley National Historic Park volunteers and West Hill Team . . . come explore how winter resident and migrants are surviving. Unfrozen sections of rivers and ponds attract birds in the winter as they seek water. Join us at West Hill Dam on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. (rain or heavy snow, come on Saturday Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m). Meet at the office located at 518 East Hartford Avenue, Uxbridge, MA. Help collect data for the Annual Backyard Bird Count. Explore various habitats and the birds that migrate or make their home in the pine groves, marshes, and riparian (river) habitats of West Hill Dam. Participants should dress for the weather, be prepared to hike about a mile to the various sites, snow shoes or deep snow boots are recommended. All are welcome to bring binoculars, pack a snack and water. We will review our observations over warm beverages while supplies last. In event of heavy snow or rain, alternate date Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Junior Rangers Level 2 –earn wildlife credit. Scout Troops, home schooled students welcomed (merit badge requirements). Youth under the age of 18 please bring an adult. For more information please call Park Ranger Viola at (978) 318-8417. Observations help researchers determine species decline and migration patterns. Thank you for taking Pride in America’s Wildlife!

Monday, February 17

FUN ON THE FARM: 10 a.m.-noon, Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Come and play the way they would have in the early days of River Bend Farm. Learn how to play nine men’s morris, hoop and stick, and other games from the 18th and 19th centuries. Program will take place in the unheated hayloft of the River Bend Farm Visitor Center. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. In case of inclement weather program will take place in the hayloft of the Visitor Center. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Thursday, February 20

SNOWSHOE STROLL: 1-2 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Bring your snowshoes and enjoy this easy pace winter walk along the tow path and through the meadow at River Bend Farm. This is a two mile walk on a flat trail. If there is no snow on the ground, we will take a two mile nature walk. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

MAPLE SUGARMAKERS WEATHER WATCH: 1-2 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Is it maple sugaring season yet? Let’s talk about the weather and the science of maple sugaring to find out what conditions get the sap running, then head out on the trail for some hands on action as we measure and mark trees for tapping. Up to a 1 mile walk. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Friday, February 21

MAPLE STORY TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Join us in the heated meeting room for a maple themed story time, followed by a short outdoor nature walk and a craft activity. Meets rain or shine; during inclement weather outdoor discoveries will be substituted by a scavenger hunt in the unheated hayloft of the River Bend Farm Visitor Center. Bundle up and get young children out to enjoy nature! All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

WINTER WILDLIFE: 1-2 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Stop by the River Bend Farm Visitor Center to learn about the different animals that live in the park and what they do in the winter. This program will have a hands-on activity and a short walk to look for signs of winter wildlife. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

Saturday, February 22

KIDLEIDOSCOPE: 11 a.m.-noon, Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Join us in the conference room of River Bend Farm Visitor Center for a nature themed story time, followed by a short nature walk and a craft activity. Meets rain or shine, during inclement weather nature walk with be replaced with activity in the Visitor Center’s unheated hayloft. Appropriate for ages three to six, siblings are welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

WINTER HIKING WORKSHOP: 12:30-1 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Want to get more comfortable hiking in the winter? Join us for a workshop about proper winter hiking safety, technique, attire, gear, and more. Program will take place in the River Bend Farm Visitor Center conference room. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact the park at (508) 278-7604 for more information.

WINTER RECREATIONAL HIKE OF THE GOAT HILL TRAIL: 1-2 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Join us on this three mile round trip easy hike with the Blackstone River Watershed Association. We will hike around Goat Hill past the Goat Hill Lock and along the Blackstone River. Hot chocolate will be served after the hike. This is a family friendly hike and dogs are permitted on a leash. Portions of the trail are hilly and may be more strenuous if icy or snow covered. This forest trail has roots and rocks along the path. Be prepared for cold weather, dress in layers and avoid cotton clothing. Appropriate footwear is required, consider bringing hiking poles. Carry drinking water and snack. Appropriate for all ages. We will hike unless weather creates unsafe conditions. Please call 508-278-6486 for weather updates.

Sunday, February 23

CANAL WALK: 1-2 p.m., Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. Join us on a guided walk along the Blackstone Canal. Find out about the canal’s historical and cultural significance and its role in the farm to factory transformation of the Blackstone Valley. All walks end at start location. If conditions permit, bring snowshoes and hiking poles. All ages welcome, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday & Sunday, March 14 & 15

QUILT SHOW: The Thimble Pleasure Quilt Guild is hosting a Quilt Show March 14 - 15 at the Blackstone Valley Tech High School, 95 Pleasant St., Upton, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10, 18 and under are Free. There will be Silent Auctions, Boutique Table, Raffle baskets, Raffle Quilt, a Special Fundraiser for Guiding Eyes for the Blind, and Vendors.

ONGOING EVENTS & INFORMATION

PEOPLE’S COFFEE HOUR: Every Tuesday starting from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church of Douglas (289 Main St.), we are hosting a no Bible experience necessary study including coffee and refreshments. The study is called ‘Praying with Jesus’. Study guides are provided free of charge. This study will run to the end of May. All attendees are welcome to anything from our food and kid’s clothing closet. All are welcome. Call Jeanie (508-476-9978) for more information.

FARMERS’ MARKET AT DANIELS FARMSTEAD: Farmers’ Market begins July 7 and continue every Sunday, 11am to 3pm, though September 29, grill open 11:30 to 2:30 serving grilled franks, burgers (both Angus beef and veggie) Italian sausage with peppers & onions, cold beverages and all the fixins, Picnic tables, Homemade goodies, Tours, Music 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

KUNDALINI YOGA: To celebrate the New Year we are offering Wednesday morning yoga classes from Jan. 8 to Feb. 26, 2020 (10-11:15 a.m.). This eight-week session is at St. Peter’s Parish Center in Northbridge. Participants may sign up for the entire session or join us when it suits your schedule (walk-in). Proceeds benefit St. Peter’s Parish. Learn new skills to manifest your intention for a healthier you. For more information visit: http://kundaliniyogacma.wix.com/site or call 508-234-4185.

NEED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE? The Salvation Army is here to help serve emergency needs in the Blackstone Valley area. Services include assistance with food, clothing, utility payments and heating needs. To find out how we can help with your emergency needs, call 508-342-7122. Leave your name and telephone

number and your call will be returned.

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

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

PARENT SUPPORT: Parent Support Group in Millbury sponsored by Parent Professional Advocacy League. Free and confidential Parent Support Group on the second (workshop) and fourth (sharing) Friday of the month 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Millbury Public Library. Call PPAL (508) 767-9725 for information. PPAL is a state-wide network of parents and professionals and adolescents with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs.

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

AL-ANON: A “Serenity on The Hill” Al-Anon step meeting held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Congregational Church of Grafton, 30 Grafton Common, in the fire-place room.. Support group for family and friends of problem drinkers. Newcomers welcome. For information: 508-366-0556.

YOGA GROUP: join the Sunshine Yoga Collaborative in our mission to bring community based yoga to Uxbridge and the surrounding communities! Classes are appropriate for just beginning to advanced student. Class is Sunday 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Alternatives, Unlimited, 50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville. Extra yoga mats, but most bring their own. \$5 donation per class, which given to local organization. Visit Facebook: Sunshine Yoga Collaborative.

RECOVERY: Every Monday, Celebrate Recovery, a Biblically based step program designed to heal a wide variety of habits and harmful behaviors, such as drug dependency, abuse, eating disorders, depression, anger, pornography, broken relationships. Group meets every week in two-part session, an open group followed by gender-specific small share groups. Starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 9. Come at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and conversation. Pleasant Street Church, 25 Cross St., Whitinsville, (508) 234-5268, ext. 14, or email howard@pscr.org.

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

Legos Club: first and third Mondays of each month, ages six and up 3-5 p.m. at Whitinsville Social Library. Information about programming, visit the library’s website www.northbridgemass.org/whitinsville-social-library.

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

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

KUNDALINI YOGA: The fall session for the Wednesday morning class is from Sept 11 to Oct. 30 (10-11:15 a.m.). This 8-week session is offered at St. Peter’s Parish Center in Northbridge. Participants may pay for the entire session or attend as a walk-in student. Proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry and St. Peter’s Parish. For more information visit: http://kundaliniyogacma.wix.com/site or call 508-234-4185. All are welcome to join us on a journey toward a more balanced life.

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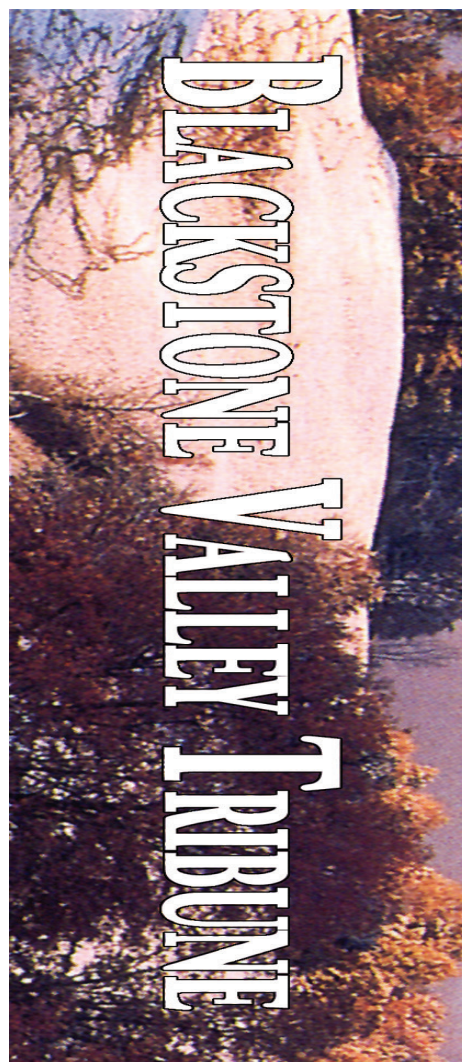
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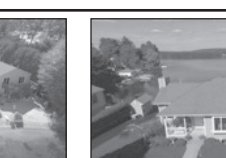


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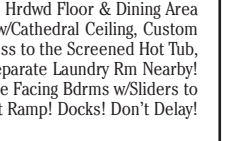
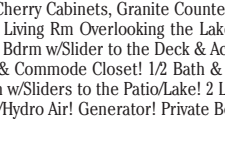
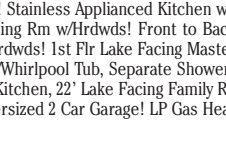
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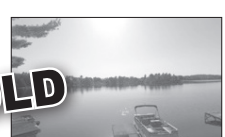
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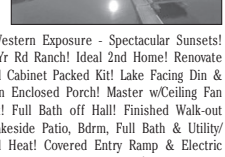
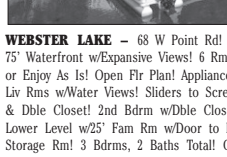
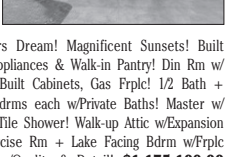
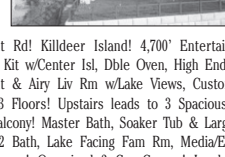
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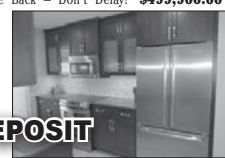
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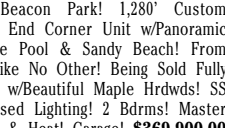
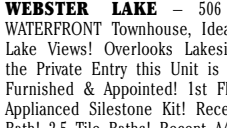
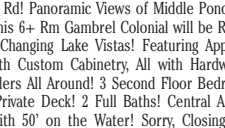
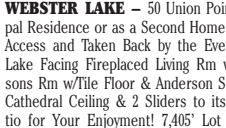
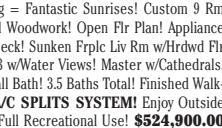
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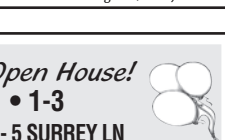
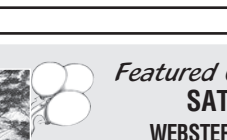
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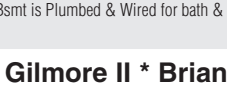
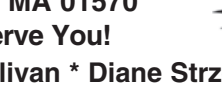
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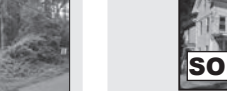
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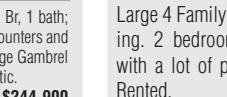
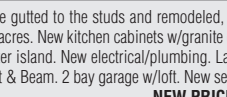
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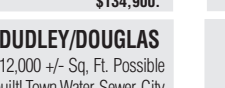
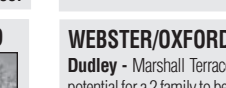
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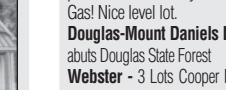
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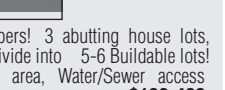
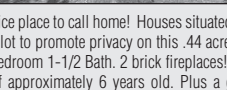
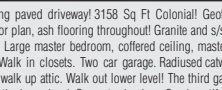
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In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 47 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws. the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. at the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA** to consider the application Jonathan Shenian, 121 Franklin Street, Douglas, MA 01516 for a Special Permit(1-SP-20) pursuant to Article X, Section 173-47 Special Permit, 173-12 Table of Use Regulations. Mr. Shenian has a previous approved Special Permit to sell cars at this location; he would like to increase the amount of vehicles to be allowed on this lot at the location of 1164 Main Street,Whitinsville, MA 01588. The property, shown on Assessor's Map 1 as Parcel 113, is located in a Business-3 zoning district and is owned by Jonathan Shenian. 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 Northbridge
Zoning Board of Appeals
January 17, 2020
January 24, 2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 176 Rivulet Street, Uxbridge, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Nancylee Oliver and Theodore B. Oliver to MetLife Home Loans, a Division of MetLife Bank, N.A. and now held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company, said mortgage dated June 12, 2009, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 44432 at Page 374, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 4, 2012, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 49690 at Page 119, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated July 10, 2019, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 60783 at Page 243, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on January 31, 2020, at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
Parcel ID: Map 11 / Block 1599 / Lot 0
A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon and all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, located on the westerly side of Rivulet Street, in Uxbridge, in said Worcester County, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
BEGINNING at the most northerly corner thereof at a point in the westerly line of said Rivulet Street, said point of beginning being eighty (80) feet southeasterly from the corner of land now or formerly of David Gray;
THENCE S. 44° 30' W. one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to a stake;
THENCE S. 40° E. eighty-eight (88) feet to a stake;
THENCE N. 57° 55' E. one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to an iron pipe in the westerly line of said Rivulet Street;
THENCE N. 39° 42' W. by said Rivulet Street, one hundred seventeen and 2/10 (117.2) feet to the place of beginning.
CONTAINING 12,680 square feet of land, more or less.

TOGETHER WITH a right of way for all purposes for which a public street could be used over land adjoining the above described premises and on the southerly side thereof, said right of way to be twenty (20) feet wide for a distance of one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet along the entire southerly side of the above described premises, and adjoining the same, to said Ribulet Street.
The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated August 8, 1961, and recorded in Book 4216 at Page 592 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.
TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
275 West Natick Road, Suite 500
Warwick, RI 02886
Attorney for Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company
Present Holder of the Mortgage
Telephone: (401) 234-9200
MLG File No.: 19-04523
January 10, 2020
January 17, 2020
January 24, 2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO20C0018CA CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of: **Isaiah Ulysses Benjamin**
A **Petition to Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Isaiah Ulysses Benjamin of Millville MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Allie Mae**
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/04/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 14, 2020
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
January 24, 2020

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ronaldo Pinto De Almeida a/k/a Ronaldo Pinto De Almeida to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, dated October 14, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56144, Page 128, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder,

by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage to Matrix Financial Services Corporation, recorded on September 6, 2019, in Book No. 61007, at Page 29 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on February 11, 2020, on the mortgaged premises located at 968 Marston Road, Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
Land with buildings thereon situated in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusuetts, being a portion of the premises shown as Lot No. 68 on a plan entitled "The Hills at Whitinsville" a Defined Subdivision and Planned Unit Development Plan prepared for Hill Street Nominee Trust dated March 28, 2000, and recorded in Plan Book 760, Plan 35, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said lot. Plus land situated in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Parcel "C" on a plan entitled "Plan of Revised Lots, Lots 68R, 70R & 98R "The Hills at Whitinsville" Morgan Road & Marston Road, Northbridge Massachusetts prepared for J&F Marinella, Corp." by Heritage Design Group dated May 23, 2002 and recorded in Plan Book 788, Plan 110 to which plan referenced is hereby made for a more particular description of said parcel. Excluding land situated in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, being shown as Parcel "D" on a plan entitled "Plan of Revised Lots, Lots 68R, 70R & 98R The Hills at Whitinsville" Morgan Road & Marston Road, Northbridge Massachusetts prepared for J&F Marinella, Corp." by Heritage Design Group dated May 23, 2002, and recorded in Plan Book 788, Plan 110 to which plan referenced is hereby made for a more particular description of said Parcel. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagor (s) by deed recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds herewith.
For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56144, Page 124.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
17050
January 17, 2020
January 24, 2020
January 31, 2020

A.C. 92 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS WORCESTER, SS PROBATE COURT

To John Patrick Murray of Uxbridge in the County of Worcsterand to all other persons interested.
A petition has been presented to said Court by Deborah Ann Kindl of Uxbridge in the County of Worcester representing that she holds as tenant in common undivided part or share of lying in Uxbridge in said County Worcester and briefly described as follows: EXHIBIT."A"
A certain lot or parcel of land withthe builings thereon, being shown as Lot# 1 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Uxbridge, Mass for Proposed Sale of Land by Millicent P. Rior, scale 1" = 40', dated November 22, 1995 by Andrew Survey & Engineering, Inc., 104 Mendon Street Uxbridge MA" being recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 700 as Plan 90. BEGINNING at a drill hole set in the corner of walls on the southerly side of Hazel Street at land now formerly of James Racicot;
THENCE N. 76° 59' 44"E., 162.68feet-toadriill.hole;
THENCE N 54° 52'· 41" E., 79..90 feet to a drill hole;
THENCE N 59° 00' 12"E., 57.42 feet to a point, 'the last three coursed bounding Northerly on Hazel Street;
THENCE S. 300 59' 48" E.; 283.00 feet to a point;
THENCE S. 67° 10' 37" W., 338.65 feet to a point;
THENCE N. 27° 55' 08" W., 145.00 feet to a drill hole set in the wall;
THENCE N. 16° 11' 01" W., 139.19 feet to the point of the beginning. The last 2 coursed being by land now or formerly of James J. Racicot.
Containing 2.01 acres of land, more or less.
Said parcel being subject to a 2.0 foot wide grading easement along the easterly sideline and a 30.00 foot Radius rounding easement as shown on said plan.
Being the same premises conveyed by deed of Jacob S. Farrington et uxdated November 23, 2015 and recorded Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 54623, Page 298.
and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.
If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Worcester before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the Eighteenth day of February, the return day of this citation.
Witness, Leilah A. Keamy, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this Seventh day of January 2020.
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

January 24, 2020
January 31, 2020
February 7, 2020

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2



**44TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL
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7:30am-3:00pm. Trophies, Door
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at derby

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Cook, Peter Coulthard, J. Irving England, Michael
Higgins, and Dick Shepardson (No ice date
February 16)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

"THE LAKE IN WINTER" EVENT.
2:30: Ken Ethier: Presentation on Ice harvesting.
East Brookfield Town Hall
3:30: Bonfire, Music, Skating and S'mores with
DJ and concessions. Lake Lashaway Town Beach
FREE -snacks for sale

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

6AM - 2PM FISHING DERBY -
Details to come! See Facebook
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SATURDAY, MARCH 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/RR/Art Guild/
Boy Scouts)
108 School Street FREE 1:00-3:00

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

RE-ENACTMENT of signing of town bill and
unveiling of Anniversary Quilt
Senior Center, Pleasant Street. 6:30pm FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

ROARIN' TWENTIES DANCE
at Sturbridge Host Hotel \$35, 5:00pm
Tickets @EventBrite.com
or at the library

SATURDAY, APRIL 11,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,

HISTORICAL TALK - Ed Londergan -
The First and Second Settlements
East Brookfield Town Hall 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

TOWN WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY
Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall 9:00

SATURDAY, MAY 2,

EAST BROOKFIELD NATURE WALKS
at Pelletier Woods
Howe Street, East Brookfield 2:00. FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 9,

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR).
108 School Street, East Brookfield. 1-2:00 FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 16,

7K RUN AND FUN WALK
Timberyard Brewery, East Brookfield
10:0am. \$30.00 adults, \$15.00 kids

SATURDAY, MAY 30

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ed Londergan - Murder in the Brookfields
(Spooner / Newton Murders)
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

HISTORY & DESSERT
at Podunk Chapel, East Brookfield
2:00 & 3:30 seatings. \$5.00 pp

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

COAST GUARD BAND
East Brookfield Elementary School, 7:00 FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20,

OPEN HOUSE
at Camp Frank A. Day (archery, boating, basket-
ball, mini golf, lunch) Rain Date: June 21. 125
South Pond Road, East Brookfield. 11:00-3:00.
FREE

MONDAY, JULY 6

SUMMER READING KICK OFF -
EB Library - continues for five weeks.
East Brookfield Town Hall. FREE

SATURDAY JULY 25

HISTORICAL TALK - Heather Gablaski -
East Brookfield: 100 Years a Town
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Parade & Fireworks
Connie Mack Field East Brookfield

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

PARADE AND FAMILY FUN EVENT!
Route 9, East Brookfield,
9:30 -7:00. FREE. Rain date Sept 13

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 3:30

BUS AND CEMETERY TOUR,
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Meet at East Brookfield Town Hall.
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HISTORICAL TALK - Guy Morin- Central

Massachusetts during the Revolution
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30 FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.
FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

HISTORICAL TALK -
Ken and Tina Ethier - "Trolley Talk"
East Brookfield Town Hall, 9:30. FREE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

OPEN HOUSE
at Hodgkins Building (Museum/ RR)
108 School Street, East Brookfield, 1:00-3:00.
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