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STATE CHAMPS!

WOBURN — An undefeated season became a reality for the Uxbridge High varsity field hockey team when they beat Ipswich High for the MIAA Division 4 State Championship on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Woburn High.

“SWCL CHAMPS, CENTRAL MA CHAMPS, STATE CHAMPS, undefeated season 20-0-2, records broken both team and individual, making Uxbridge HISTORY!” said head coach Kelly Rosborough through email. “Memories made and teammates forever, TEAM21- This says it all!”

The third seeded Spartans scored on the fourth ranked Tigers on a penalty stroke. Ipswich’s goalie sat on the ball, not allowing Uxbridge to make a play on it. Eighth grader Amelia Blood took the stroke and converted on it. “She is 3 for 3 on penalty strokes for us,” Rosborough said of Blood. “She has a deceptive penalty stroke and performs under pressure. She may be young but she is confident and a play maker!”

For more on Uxbridge’s run to the State Championship, please see the article elsewhere in this week’s editio

Grafton ‘financial transparency’ portal is live

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

GRAFTON — Software allowing residents to take an “in-depth look” at Grafton’s revenues, expenditures, demographics, and debt is live.

The “financial transparency portal” data sets, powered by ClearGov, can be refined down to the department level so that residents can see “exactly where their money goes,” the town released in a statement.

“ClearGov is going to provide new and unique opportunities for residents to get a clear look at where their money goes,” said Evan Brassard, Grafton Town Administrator. “I think this is a step in the right direction for financial transparency.”

Currently, the data on ClearGov goes as far back as FY2014 and focuses primarily on the town’s budget, the town shared. In the future, this data set will be expanded for a longer term look at Grafton’s financials and will include Capital Planning.

‘Nero’s Law’ passed by state Senate



Courtesy
K9 Bear of the Uxbridge

Police Department.
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REGION — Legislation allowing the emergency medical treatment and humane transportation of injured law enforcement K9s has passed the Senate and now moves to the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

“Nero’s Law” would allow a law enforcement

dog injured in the line of duty to be transported in an ambulance if there is not a competing need for human transport, according to an MSPCA-Angell statement.

“The town of Yarmouth suffered an incredible tragedy in April of 2018 when Sergeant Sean Gannon was killed in the line of duty,” the MSPCA released. “Also injured in this vicious attack was Gannon’s canine part-

ner, Nero. Nero suffered life-threatening injuries and was unable to be rescued due to existing state law that prohibits work-

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“This new software is going to streamline the budgeting process for Grafton by giving Department Heads more flexibility in building their budgets and helping the Accounting Department develop projections for future budgets,” added Mary Lauria, Finance Director.

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Uxbridge’s Ross — while setting new course record — wins state championship

RUNNING WITH HEAVY HEARTS, CRUSADERS TEAM TAKES SECOND PLACE



Nick Ethier
Uxbridge High’s Aidan Ross



Marcus Reilly of Northbridge High



Uxbridge High’s Carl Gallawan

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

W R E N T H A M
— The Wrentham

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als to sectional events to state championships. And never has a stu-

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The Captain Job Knapp Chapter meets in Douglas at the First Congregational Church. Women belong from Douglas, Webster, Dudley, Northbridge, and Uxbridge as well as from Rhode Island and Conn. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to preserve the memory and spirit of those who contributed to securing American independence. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. DAR is one of the world's largest and most active service organizations with nearly 180,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters worldwide. These members passionately carry out the timeless mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.dar.org.

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Greater Milford Ballet Company presents “The Nutcracker”

BELLINGHAM — This holiday season, the 40th annual “The Nutcracker” returns to the stage and is being presented by the Greater Milford Ballet Company on Dec. 18 and Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. at Bellingham High School auditorium Bellingham. The GMBA and the Deane School of dance were founded more than 40 years ago by Miss Georgia Deane.

This state-of-the art ballet production includes dancers from Milford, Mendon, Bellingham, Blackstone, Hopedale, Upton, Easton, Mansfield, and Shrewsbury, Mass. and Cumberland, Newport and Woonsocket, R.I. The production is under the Artistic Direction of Cynthia Marnik and Susanna Vennerbeck.

Although the production is traditional, every year something new is introduced such as a new costume, new set feature or new character to add to the element of surprise. The adult cast members and young dancers in the production play multiple roles in the production dancing in scenes and corps numbers often requiring precision timing backstage quick changes. The production is complete with falling snow, special effects, lively duel between Nutcracker Prince and the Mouse King, dolls that magically grow to adult size, and a magical dancing bear.

Previous guest appearances with the Greater Milford Ballet’s production of “The Nutcracker” in role of Sugar Plum have been played by Misty Copeland of the American Ballet Theatre, Ashley Murphy from the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Emily Loscocco of Festival Ballet Providence and Ashley Ellis from Boston Ballet to name a few. This year’s guest appearances are by Isabelle Ramage as the Sugar Plum and Timur Kan as the Cavalier from Island Moving Company (IMC) of Newport Rhode Island.

Local adult and young dancer cast members and their roles from the

Blackstone Valley Tribune news area include:

From Bellingham:
Serafina DiTucci - Small Angel
From Blackstone:
Hannah Smith - Dancing Cousin,
Soldier, Snow Queen, Chinese Tea,
Marzipan Corps and Flower
Meghan Smith - Party Child, Mouse,
Small Angel and Polichinelle
Ryleigh Smith - Party Child, Small
Angel and Polichinelle
Paul Jacques- Herr Silberhaus
Colleen O’Brien – Frau Silberhaus
From Cumberland:
Lauren Busavage - Party Parent,
Soldier, Snowflake, Marzipan Corps, and
Flower
Kathryn Bliss - Dancing Cousin,
Solider Doll, Soldier, Snowflake, Angel
Princess, Marzipan Corps and Flower
Rosalie Depot - Small Angel
Brianna Flori - Small Angel
Sanjana Maddipudi - Snowflake,
Marzipan Shepherdess, and Flower
Lila Magee - Snowflake, Marzipan
Corps, and Flower
Grant Lepine - Drosselmeyer and
Snow Queen’s Footman
Easton
Sam Campanella - Party Child, Mouse
King and Arabian.
From Franklin:
Samantha Lomonoco - Candy Cane
From Hopedale:
Lorelei Lefever - Party Child and
Polichinelle
Paula Cerulli - Party Parent
Douglas Locke - Party Parent
From Milford
Lexie Annantuonio - Columbine,
Solider, Snowflake Corps, Chines Tea,
Marzipan Corps, Flower
Colleen Annantuonio - Dancing Maid
Stacey Croeber - Party Parent
Kaitlyn Croeber - Party Child and
Polichinelle
Ryan Croeber - Fritz and a Mouse
Joseph Denaro - Butler, General and

Prince
Ava Denaro - Clara
Avery Helmka - Mouse
Cora Mandrik - Party Child, Mouse
and Polichinelle
Mila Mousse - Small Angel
Mia Santomena - Party Child and
Mouse
Noressa Santomena - Dancing Maid
Ellie Wallace - Party Child and Mouse
Camille Williams - Grandmother and
Mother Ginger
From Mendon:
Sarah Larocca - Small Angel
Marin DiAnni - Party Child, Mouse,
and Tricky Clown
Kendall Negron - Small Angel and
Polichinelle
From Shrewsbury:
Lena Santello - Magic Bear and
Polichinelle and her mom,
Danielle Santello - Dancing Maid
From Upton:
Annabelle Pinto - Party Chile and
Polichinelle
Heather Pinto - Dancing Maid
From Woonsocket:
Lacey Munger - Dancing Cousin,
Christmas Angel, Snowflake and Dew
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UXBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Grade 8
High Honors: Aidan Arsenault, Ella Bain, Novelle Bousquet, Sebastian Bradwin, Lauren Cabral, Jacob Cahill, Kaleb Chabot, Morgan Charbonnier, Kason Cludenski, Rachel Coleman, Tyler Constantineau, Addison DeMarco, Hunter Douangsavanh, Alison Fleming, Sophia Freire, Olivia Friis, Kendall Gilmore, Brooke Gniadek, Lola Grube, Mazen Hamza, Camden LaChapelle, Ethan LaChapelle, Jeffrey Laflamme, Julianna Lopes, Daniel Mach, Niamh McSweeney, Daniel Noel, Erin O'Day, Julia Brynn Okenquist, Keira Paul, Daniel Pimentel, Liam Powers, Jake Richardson, Alex Rivera, Erin Roche, Brian Stumpf, Andrew Tamsky, Abigail Thompson, Austin Walusiak
Honors: Alexander Aldrich, Camden Bartlett, Taylor Bettencourt, Amelia Blood, Julianna Casucci, Macy Cullen, Audrey Ellis, Logen Erickson, Brady Esposito, Isabella Field, William Fisher, JadyN Flood, Zachary, Fortier, Caleb Gonyea, Danika Grabowski, Isaac Kling, Lily LaLiberte, Matteo Lame, Luke Lewandowski, Brayden Mackin, Coner McQuilkin, Wilson, Obiocha, Joshua Paulino, Liam Ramirez Palmer, Jacob Rivet, Haylee Romasco, Hunter Sheard, Autumn Smith, Thatcher Sweeney, Jacob Tavares, Odin Tripp, Zachary Turcotte, Sydney Vanderzicht, Cody Veneziano, Grady Walsh, Parker Waugh
Honorable Mention: Angelica Afonos, Jeramy Barry, Maxwell Brayman, Dante Crites, Adriana Cugini, Kameron Desroches, Breanna Donahue, Samuel Dow, Heidi Doyon, Jacob Ethier, Nicholas Fortier, Daniel Horne, Cameron McIssac, Jullian Rosenburg

Grade 9
High Honors: Ali Alomar, Elyse Bouchard, Catherine Buma, Sydney Daniels, Maxwell Deary, Rogan Devlin, Timothy Devlin, Mason Dorr, Bailey Dzivasen, Evelyn Ferreira, Ewan Fortin, Katharine Fox, Lillyanna Gallant, Alicia Gauvin, Addison Griffiths, Alyson Haley, Chase Henault, Matthew Hinchcliffe, Thatcher Kling, Sumeyye Koyuncu, Milla Mace, Macen Martone, Aidan Nolan, Abigaile Oliveira, Darren Oliver, Danielle Olson, Natalie Orr ,Brianna Pare, Olivia Pirrotta, Maxwell Roy, Stella Roy, Hunter Schiller, Dominic Silva, Colin Spencer, Michael Stark, Landon Sweet, Jamal Uddin
Honors: Maria Aprilli, Hope Beroth, Caylie Bourque, Victorianna Chapman, Brady Chludenski, Jenna Devine, Briana Ferschke, Dominick Genoa, Shane Gilmore, Shane Guillet, Joshua Johnson, Liam Kaferlein, Shawn Lemovitz, Hunter Levesque, Isadora Malta, Awaab Mohamad, Diya Patel, Talen Rosborough, Alanna Russell, Bruno Sampaio, Madison Silbor, Marrodox Sisowath, Rylee Spear, Jack Sullivan, Ashton Watt, Denning Yoffe
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High Honors: Alanah Allard, Rylie

Beland, James Bernard, Aidan Blood, Luke Boisvert, Benjamin Bourgeois, Kathryn Cahill, Braden Cammuso, Cameron Caso, Matthew DiLibero, Brynn Doherty, Syrianna Dousangsavanh, Luke Esposito, Madison Fairweather, Olivia Gray, Olivia Holden, Brianna Hughes, Catherine Hughes, Kellen Lachapelle, Elizabeth Lewis, Grace Linsley, Jessica Lutton, Aidan Marquez-LeRoy, Brianna Moss, Ella Pezzullo, Phetmany Phianesin, Avari Powers, Benjamin Roerden, Payson Roy, Lincoln Schiller, Christopher Szajna, Siobhan Twohig-Mann, Emma Walker,Brayden Wilcox, Zoe Wojnowski
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Honorable Mention: Bruce Alberto, Emma Brothers, Logan Donnelly, Tanner Gauthier, Samwail Girgis, Chloe Guertin, Colleen Kenny, Nathan Lauze, Marissa Manning, Zachary Oliveira, Laela Pendleton, Chris Reid, Anthony Yacino.

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Honors: Mya Asante-Opoku, Sebastian Beaudette, Delaney Bernier, Destiny Berthiaume, Jonathan Dow, Paul Elhaji, Jeremie Hodgdon, Christopher Jennette, Chloe Kaller, Ashlee Lucey, Thomas McCarthy, Andrew Oliveira, Jaymee Peloquin, Natasha Prachith, Madison Ramage, Luke Schollard, John Tasick, Kaylee Tavares, Samuel Walton
Honorable Mention: Aaron Bruneau, Brooklyn Chludenski, Isabella Cifizzari, Abigail Deary, Zachary Feeney, Jude Goncalves, Austin Lucey, Marcus Oliver, Jack Polando, Madison Ryan, Jack Sander, Caïd Savoia

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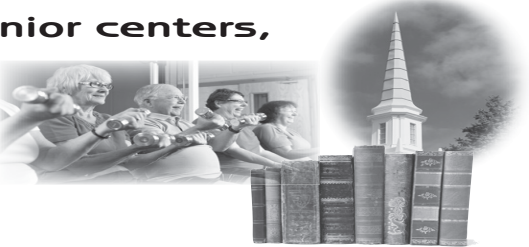


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OBITUARIES

Jeanette S. “Jay” Stanovich, 91



Uxbridge- Jeanette S. “Jay” (Frabotta) Stanovich, 91, of W. Hartford Ave., passed away on Wed. Nov. 17, 2021. She was predeceased by the love of her life, her husband of 43 years, John L. Stanovich in 1995.

She is survived by 2 sons, John L. Stanovich Jr. of Chicago, IL, and Jeffrey Damian Stanovich and his wife Maisy of Capitan, NM and Dartmouth, MA and their daughter Maegan; her daughter, Janice E. Rogers and her husband Dan of Cumberland, RI; grandsons, James and Damian Stanovich of Chicopee, and many nieces and nephews. She was also predeceased by her son James N. Stanovich in 1983 and was sister to the late Nicholas, Felix “Lolly”, and Christopher Frabotta.

Born in Uxbridge on September 16, 1930 Jeanette was the daughter of Nicholas and Mary (DeTiberiis) and was a lifelong resident of Uxbridge. She was a graduate of Uxbridge High school Class of 1947, and Boston University in 1951, with a Bachelor's Degree in general studies.

Jay was primarily a homemaker who loved family gatherings. An avid cook, she baked sweets for her husband and kids nearly every day. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting, hanging out with her friends, and Dunkin Donuts

Coffee. Jeanette and John traveled the country in their motor home when the kids were grown. After her husband's passing, she filled her time as a daycare provider at the former Uxbridge Early Childhood Center, and volunteered at the Uxbridge Senior Center for many years.

A woman of great faith, Jay was an active parishioner of Good Shepherd church and sang in the choir; served as a lector, and took a leadership role in the former Good Shepherd School Parent's Guild. She was a longtime member and past president of the Uxbridge Women's Club. She was an avid candlepin bowler. She spent many hours of many years in the Monday morning leagues and summer leagues at the Spare Time Lanes in Whitinsville, having bowled as recently as January 2021.

Jeanette's Funeral Mass was held on Mon. Nov.22, 2021 at 11 AM in Good Shepherd Church, 121 Linwood St., Linwood. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Uxbridge. Calling hours were held from Tancrell Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd., Uxbridge on Sun. Nov. 21 from 4-7 PM. Donations in Jeanette's memory may be made to either the Uxbridge Fire Department, 31 S. Main St., Uxbridge, MA 01569, or to Good Shepherd Church, PO Box 517, Linwood, MA 01525. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

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BVT S SELF-FUNDED ROOF REPAIR STRATEGY AVOIDS DEBT OBLIGATION

UPTON – With the recent receipt of the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) final audit, the Commonwealth has confirmed the latest bond avoidance approach by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (BVT). The \$1.4 million roof repair project addressed the restoration of a major section of the school's roof and avoided debt.

In most cases, embarking on a repair project would require a school district or municipality to request a special appropriation from its residents. In this case, BVT makes an annual pledge to pursue alternatives to complete such projects within its one-time budget request and must therefore find creative ways to finance major renovations. Securing reimbursements through the MSBA has become one of the school's proven methods.

Remarkably, BVT was able to undertake and complete the needed repairs without debt borrowing obligations to the District's thirteen-member municipalities. Under the state-approved MSBA accelerated repair program, the final reimbursement is \$584,080. BVT has utilized a process of recycling funds to protect its nearly sixty-year-old structure while securing reimbursement within several previous endeavors. Its top-notch facilities team continues to maintain the facility and all that is underneath the roof.

The self-funded tax avoidance approach has earned high praise from many, including the MSBA Executive Director and local Finance Committee members.

“We shall continue to explore and investigate self-funding options whenever feasible and affordable,” stated BVT School Committee Chair Joseph Hall.

The process of competing and complying with the MSBA program generated \$1.55 in spending power for every dollar invested in the repair. Additionally, it earned BVT a Green School designation for its energy-saving building renovation and design features. Under that MSBA approved project, the Commonwealth reimbursed the District at the then eligible 75.5 percent.

“The MSBA Accelerated Repair Program has allowed for fiscal responsibility while undertaking necessary, sustainable repairs to extend the lifespan of our school,” said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. “The cost-effective improvements made our building more energy-efficient and generated substantial cost savings for the District. A win-win for everyone involved.”

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. The school's Web site is www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.

DOUGLAS MIDDLE SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL

DOUGLAS — Douglas Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Grade 6
Highest Honors: Catalina Acosta, Joshua Aguiar, Grace Audet, Abigail Bilodeau, Addison Bloniasz, Hailey Brien, Caylee Chiuchiolo, Ella Drumheller, Trent Fragala, Marielle Gamelin, Torynn Giunta, Hannah Gosselin, Colin Gremour, Tadhg Higgins, Kendall Hipp, Mia Hupprich, Parker Inman, Mackenzie Johnson, Emily Leaver, Caleb Lukason, Bretton McDermott, Tia Ouillette, Ryley Paterson, Eli Poole, Julianna Remuck, Emmaline Rodriguez, Ava Sartori, Connor Smith, Addison Trudeau, Jasmine Trudeau, Harley Winchell, Jackson Witkus

High Honors: Emilio Acosta, Benjamin Argall, Alyssa Baldwin, Alana Barnes, Molly Bradley, Ethan Bullis, Joshua Campbell, Katelyn Collins, Caroline Considine, Ava Duclos, Bonnie Ebbeling, Mia Gatulis, Jonah Hoffenberg, Allie Hutnak, Sean King, Garet Klansek, Ryan Lague, Madison Lahousse, Garrett LeBoeuf, Dylan Massey, Connor McLaughlin, Andrew Morin, Jacob Plamondon, Jakobey Richards, Kasey Ruiz, Nicolas Serrano Decarmo, Caleb Shaw, Logan Shaw, Ethan Shayer, Nathan Slanda

Honors: Ayden Bressan, Guiliana Darling, Aeden Dion, Lillian Gottlieb, Delaney Hisoire, Ashlyn Kaufman, Logan Manning, Hayleigh Nedoroscik, Alexander Robertson

Gainedy, Brady Morris, Thomas Nault, Renata Pierre, Olivia Price, Noah Roulrier, Brady Sawash-Perro, Francesca Scinicariello, David Sherman, Caroline Sherry, Joshua Smith, Sevanna Sroczenski, Cole Taylor, Kenley Wood

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Honors: Jakson Barthelemy, Matthew Berthiaume, Noah Ebbeling, Kevin Hardy, Gabriel Heney, Lyla Jordan, Macy Sullivan

Grade 8
Highest Honors: Adriana Acosta, Sebastian Acosta, Francesca Aquilino, Addison Beauchemin, Logan Beauchemin, Jayce Boyko, Adeline Cherrier, Nathan Chesley, Grace Chisholm, Evelyn Clontz, Mia Darling, Julianne Forget, Allison Gordon, Reagan Guthenberg, Riley Hall, William Higgisn, Emma Kagels, Sarah Lemire, Victoria Mckelvie, Zachary Mitchell, Sadie O'Toole, Thomas Oum, Emily Pacheco, Jacob Poole, Anders Potter, Charles Ramsdell, Emily Ramsdell, Bryce Sheldon

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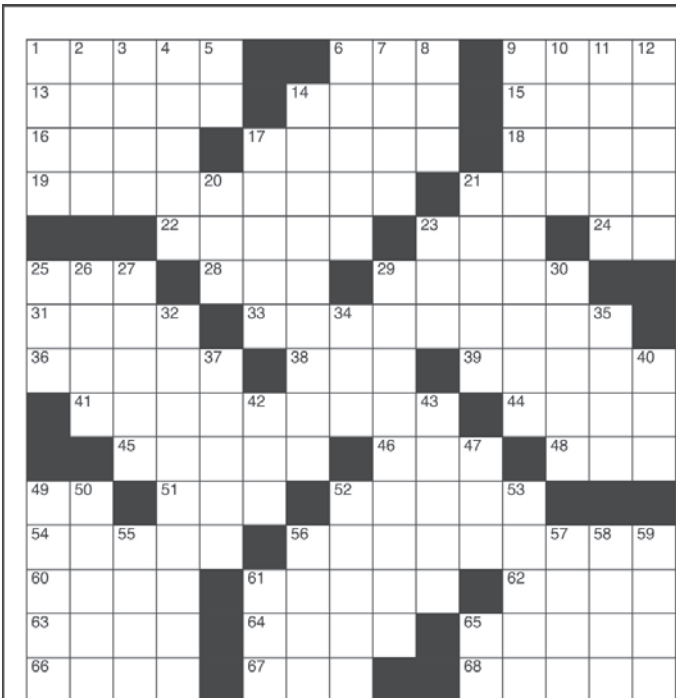
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. German philosopher
- 6. A type of stock trading (abbr.)
- 9. Cincinnati ballplayers
- 13. Deerlike water buffaloes
- 14. Island
- 15. Jewish calendar month
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Unstressed syllable of a metrical foot
- 18. A restaurant needs one
- 19. Decent behaviors
- 21. Groans
- 22. Works hard
- 23. Upset
- 24. A sound made in speech
- 25. One point east of due south
- 28. Boxing's GOAT
- 29. Whittles
- 31. Tailless amphibian
- 33. Surrounded
- 36. Doesn't stay still
- 38. Copycat
- 39. Four-door car
- 41. Morally correct behavior
- 44. Something that is owed
- 45. Pasta needs it
- 46. Ant-Man's last name
- 48. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 49. Small period of time (abbr.)
- 51. Woman (French)
- 52. On or around
- 54. Fencing swords
- 56. Fonts
- 60. A command in the name of the court
- 61. Sprays with an irritant
- 62. Georgetown athlete
- 63. Dry or withered
- 64. Sign of injury
- 65. Tracts of land (abbr.)
- 66. 365 days
- 67. Physique
- 68. Icelandic poems

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bodily substance
- 2. Internal
- 3. Provoke or annoy
- 4. Type of lounge chair
- 5. Losses
- 6. Makes less severe
- 7. Identifies a thing close at hand
- 8. Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
- 9. Rebuilt
- 10. Ancient Greek City
- 11. American investigative journalist
- 12. Partially melted snow
- 14. Take shape
- 17. Mexican beverage
- 20. Patti Hearst's captors
- 21. Jacobs and Summers are two
- 23. Disfigure
- 25. Scientists' tool (abbr.)
- 26. Ill-mannered person
- 27. Overhang
- 29. Famed rat catcher
- 30. Passover feast and ceremony
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Central processing unit
- 35. Chinese native religion
- 37. Unfermented juices
- 40. "To the ___ degree"
- 42. Frozen water
- 43. Medieval circuit courts
- 47. 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)
- 49. Gossipy
- 50. Shopping is one type
- 52. Palmlike plant
- 53. Partner to "oooh"
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Late flurry of goals lifts Douglas past Westport, into State Final

TIGERS THEN CAN T GET PAST PESKY BROMFIELD SCHOOL FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



Douglas' Evan Wheeler slides to save the ball from rolling out of bounds.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

WALPOLE — As the total minutes of play continued to climb, and the goal total remained at zero, Douglas High boys' varsity soccer head coach Alex Ferguson knew that his team needed to score first when playing Westport High in a MIAA Division 5 State Championship Tournament Final Four game at Walpole High's Turco Field on Wednesday, Nov. 17.

"I was thinking the first team to score was going to win the game. If [Westport] scored, I thought they'd win the game — I absolutely did," said Ferguson, even though the Tigers had the better of the scoring chances against the Wildcats.

And finally, in the 68th minute, Ferguson got his wish when Douglas took a 1-0 lead. His son, Aidan, got dragged down in the 18-yard box while possessing the ball and was awarded a penalty kick. Aidan Ferguson converted the chance, the Tigers scored twice more, and they punched their ticket to the Division 5 State Final following the 3-0 victory.

"I made a fake to the right, cut left, and he just took me out," said Aidan Ferguson before adding that he didn't know he'd be kicking the ball into the left-hand corner of the goal until the moment he made the kick. "Honestly, I was just thinking about a nice summer day and then it just came to me."

Aidan Ferguson's celebration that followed included a running front flip.

"That was my first front flip I've ever done on the ground, believe it or not," he said, noting that his prior practice had come at the pool.

Just over four minutes later, the third seeded Tigers doubled their lead to 2-0



Chris Dame of Douglas hustles down the line while possessing the ball.

against No. 7 Westport (16-3-2). Michael O'Toole sent the ball in for Owen Gray, who found his opening and fired a shot past keeper Noah Amaral (six saves).

"Owen sort of hesitated a little bit, looked up, saw where the goalie was and pocketed it," said Alex Ferguson. "He had some patience on that one."

The final goal came with about five minutes to play. Aidan Ferguson launched the ball into orbit from 42 yards out — whether it was a crossing pass or a shot depends on who is asked — and it landed just under the crossbar as the Tigers took a commanding 3-0 lead.

"I was telling him to cross it. He doesn't listen to me anyways. Doesn't listen to me at home either," joked Alex Ferguson.

"I was trying to bend it. I was trying to put it in front of the goalie, to be honest," added Aidan Ferguson, who said that he can kick a football through the uprights from 45 yards away, so the 42-yard goal wasn't out of the ordinary.

Douglas keeper Pat Welliver (eight saves) made some stops down the stretch to preserve the shutout. Welliver and the Tigers' defense did a nice job of containing Westport's Hunter Brodeur, who was the Wildcats' top offensive threat. He did hit the post in the first half, as did Aidan Ferguson.

"So far this season, he's made the best runs off the ball as a striker that I've seen out of anybody we've played," said Alex Ferguson.

Douglas then had the opportunity to take on the top-seeded Bromfield School for the Division 5 State Championship. And it was a rematch from the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Tournament final, which the Trojans won 3-2.

"We're the David, they're the Goliath," Alex Ferguson said after beating Westport. "That's how it is with Bromfield in Division 5. They have 12, 13 state titles and I think they've got five or six district titles in the last seven years."

The pesky Trojans (19-2-1) added to their State Championship total on



Douglas' Aidan Ferguson kicks the ball up and over the reach of Westport defender Ben Novo.

Saturday, Nov. 20, when they edged Douglas, 1-0, in overtime at Leominster's Doyle Field. The Tigers finished 14-6-2.

"Although it didn't end the way we wanted I am very proud of this team and the way these boys grew throughout the season," said Alex Ferguson through text message on Nov. 21. "We

peaked at the right time of the year and it was a run I will never forget. They all left it out there on the field last night and that's all I can ask for.

"As much as it stings today I'm sure they will all look back on this year in their lives and never forget the success they had!," he concluded.



Jacob Triber of Douglas surveys the field while dribbling the ball into Westport's zone.

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Turnovers plague Northbridge football in State Semifinal loss

BY DEAN ST. LAURENT

SPORTS C Turnovers plague Northbridge football in State Semifinal loss *ORRESPONDENT*

HOLYOKE — Late in the first half of Northbridge High’s MIAA Division 7 State Semifinal versus Wahconah Regional’s varsity football team, the Rams’ defense provided all the momentum they needed to knock off the top seeded Warriors in a game played Saturday, Nov. 20. Northbridge caused real problems for Wahconah’s offense and it led to three unsuccessful drives for the Warriors to begin the game. Their first two drives ended on downs and their third drive ended when Zach Savage stepped in front of a pass for an interception late in the second quarter deep in the Rams’ territory.

“They played very well,” Northbridge head coach Ken LaChapelle stated about the defense. “They did a good job and they shut them down in the first half other than that interception. I blame myself for that, which was a poor

call on my part. This is that stuff where I think I can score with 10 seconds on the clock. That mentality has never changed with me and we get the ball after the half, it seems like a lifetime to me, but it hurt us this time.”

The outcome on the third play of the drive following the interception would change the feel of the game and give Wahconah the inch of momentum they needed.

Northbridge quarterback Ryan Boyce corralled his offense for a third-and-11 at their 11-yard line and took the shotgun snap, rolled to the right, bulleted a pass to the sideline intended for a receiver running an out-route when Wahconah senior linebacker Ben Noyes stepped in front of the pass for an interception. Noyes powered his way down to the Northbridge 5 and two plays later with 39 seconds left in the half, Warriors’ quarterback Ryan Scott plunged in for a 2-yard quarterback sneak touchdown. A successful two-point conversion gave Wahconah an 8-7 lead going into the

half.

Wahconah came out of the half and continued their mission to take the life out of the Rams’ team that let up a touchdown right before half and scored on their eighth play when Scott hit Owen Salvatore for a 19-yard touchdown. Northbridge was unable to answer for the rest of the second half and their State Tournament run came to an end with a 22-7 loss.

“We were outcoached and outplayed by a very good Wahconah team,” LaChapelle explained quickly before any questions were asked.

LaChapelle added, “They took the sting out of us at the end of that half. That killed us and then they did what any good team would do, in the third quarter they drove down and scored. Then we got a little bit going, we fumble the ball. The interceptions at the end that is just desperation, I have no magical three touchdown calls in me.”

The Rams started very promising and scored on their second offensive possession of the game when Boyce capped a long drive with a 1-yard touchdown with his legs. The scoring drive was highlighted by a 28-yard catch by Tyler LaChapelle from Boyce that got the Rams’ offense down to the Wahconah 3-yard line.

Northbridge had drives that were promising throughout but were unable to get into the end zone despite the one touchdown drive and that is due to turnovers, interceptions, and putting the ball on the ground.

“Like any offense they had a good rhythm going on a couple of their drives, we got a couple of them happening and then a fumble happened or

something crazy happened,” stated Ken LaChapelle. “You can’t do that and we left a lot of play that I wanted to call, but there are circumstances when you call these plays and they took that away.”

Despite the loss, Northbridge’s big group seniors and the rest of the Rams’ team (9-2) have a chance to get a 10-win season under their belt. It is not a trip to Gillette Stadium for the State Championship, but it is still something to look forward to. Come Monday, everything is all game-planning for Uxbridge on Thanksgiving, which will be played after press time.

“They did a great job,” Ken LaChapelle said about the seniors. “Obviously, they’re disappointed. Who doesn’t want to go down to Gillette as a senior and that is what this all meant. They all did that. We were in four close games this year; we won three of them. We came into this playing the best football and they took it away from us. Like I said to the kids, ‘Right now you can do anything in your mind, but come Monday we get ready to play Thanksgiving. That is what we play for.’”

Elsewhere in the Blackstone Valley:

Blackstone Valley Tech’s varsity football team also played in a State Semifinal, the Beavers playing in the Division 6 Final Four versus Rockland High on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Walpole High. And much like the Rams, eighth ranked Valley Tech came up just short. The Beavers lost to No. 4 Rockland, 20-17. Valley Tech (6-3) will play Nipmuc Regional on Thanksgiving Eve in the Battle of Pleasant Street, after press time, this year at Fenway Park.

Northbridge robbery suspect identified

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — Police have identified a suspect in the masked, armed robbery that occurred earlier this month at a Northbridge business.

After a two-week investigation lead by Det. Sgt. Richard Gorman and Detective Jeffrey White, a 35-year-old female—Michelle Charron of Whitinsville—was identified as the suspect with the assistance of the Bellingham Police Department, the Northbridge Police Department released in a press statement.

“On Nov. 8, the Bellingham Police Department had a similar attempted masked armed robbery at a business in their town where a female operating a similar vehicle and matching the physical description of the suspect being investigated by this department,” Northbridge police reported.

Charron will be sum-

monsed to Uxbridge District Court for one charge of Armed Robbery while Masked, police said.

“This matter was investigated by several members of the Northbridge Police Department. Chief Labrie would like to thank Det. Kirby and the Bellingham Police Department with assisting in our investigation,” the department added.

In other news, a local hit-and-run accident has resulted in the death of a beloved family dog, and now, police are seeking information.

Uxbridge Police are investigating the hit-and-run accident, according to a social media statement from the Uxbridge Police Department’s K9 Program. The incident occurred recently at approximately 7:15 p.m. on West Hartford Ave., according to police, and as of press time, police had not indicated that the operator involved had been identified.

“We understand ani-

mals escape and accidents happen. However, failing to report that you struck a cat or dog is a crime in Massachusetts,” Uxbridge Police K9 shared.

Under Massachusetts general law, the operator of a motor vehicle that strikes and injures or kills a dog or cat is required to report the accident to the owner or custodian of the animal, or to a police officer in the town where the accident occurred.

“A violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 for a first offense or not more 10 days in a house of corrections and a fine of \$500 and the cost of medical expenses, not to exceed \$2,500, imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than six months or both such fine and cost and imprisonment for a second and subsequent offense,” the law reads.

Individuals with information in this case may contact the Uxbridge Police Department.

WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WHITINSVILLE — Whitinsville Christian School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year:

Grade 6
High Honors: Jacob Beatty, Judah Freitas, Isabelle Gava, Ryleigh Shanahan, Yvette Solorzano, Celine Tran, Michael Voss

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Grade 7
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Honors: Emily Bastien, Samantha Boria, Amelia Bowler, Gabriel Deters, Enson Enoch, Ian Finch, Emily Flagg, Abby Flagg, Emma Frazier, Jude Goodson, Finch Harvey, Carrie Keeler, Max Kinne, Dominik McAlister, Eamon Moloney, Julia Monteiro, Neola Nigh, Sophia Robbins, Brinley Rufo, Caleb Tetreault, Elisavet Tzimogianni

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High Honors: Madison Amati, Kacy Brochu, Jack Hutchinson
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EDITORIAL

Thanksgiving through the years

From 1621 to the present, Thanksgiving has always been about celebrating an abundant fall harvest. The holiday’s roots date back to the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag Native Americans who shared the first Thanksgiving meal together.

The celebratory feast was held by individual colonies up until 1789 off and on with a proclamation from President George Washington. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe Thanksgiving, and it wasn’t until Abraham Lincoln’s Presidency in 1863 that it became a federal holiday.

Many of the food items on our Thanksgiving menu are not what was served during the first few traditional Thanksgivings. For one, turkey was not served.

There aren’t many documents from that time regarding that first Thanksgiving, however one note did describe wildfowl (duck or geese) cod, bass, deer, bread, corn and porridge being served. The birds were described as being stuffed with onions and nuts. Seafood such as mussels and lobster was also served. For vegetables, squash, beans, corn, cabbage, carrots and peas were on the table.

Not on the table was mashed potatoes and gravy (gasp) and there was no cranberry sauce or pies.

“I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual. It is surprising how contented one can be with nothing definite - only a sense of existence. Well, anything for variety. I am ready to try this for the next ten thousand years, and exhaust it. How sweet to think of my extremities well charred, and my intellectual part too, so that there is no danger of worm or rot for a long while. My breath is sweet to me. O how I laugh when I think of my vague indefinite riches. No run on my bank can drain it, for my wealth is not possession but enjoyment,” wrote Henry David Thoreau in 1856.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The need for critical thinking in critical times

To the Editor:

In these fractious times, we desperately need to sharpen our capacity to think critically and rationally. Even a cursory glance at the daily news- left, right, or unhinged, reveals the malignant proliferation and empowerment of venal, self-aggrandizing individuals who profess, à la Charlie Chaplin’s Tramp, to have cleverly spotted the banana peel of society’s ills only to deftly side-step the strenuous path of logic and rationality and plunge down a manhole into hyperbolic absurdity- a hellish underworld teaming with earnest zealots and fools. The essential skill of critical and rational thinking begins when a reader: Slows. Down. And. Thinks. Absent this strategy, any possibility for rational thought and critical evaluation are hogtied, and we are left flopping about on our bellies in the mud of irrationality and hyperbolic nonsense. With this in mind, I would like to critically review some excerpts from a November 19th editorial by Ms. Gudanowski titled “Be a revolutionary” [sic] to highlight how irrational, sloppy, and dangerously muddled thinking and writing can be dragged, kicking and screaming if necessary, out of the murky twilight of rank emotionalism and into the light of common sense. “Have you taken a moment to consider... the woke Marxists running the White House?” I do not claim to be a Marxist, either of the Karl or Groucho variety, but does the writer ever demonstrate anything resembling a scholarly understanding of what “Marxism” actually is? No. The term, much like “liberal,” or “critical race theory” is simply tossed into any sentence when the writer wants to evoke irrational fear and horror. Instead of surrendering without a fight to bloviated emotional manipulation, let’s calm down and open a dictionary. According to dictionary.com, Marxism, broadly speaking, is a theory which asserts that class struggle (i.e.: rich vs. poor; workers vs. owners) is a dominant and destructive driving force in politics and life. Divorced from its freight of fright, why is that academic concept in and of itself so frightening? After all, does anyone really believe that the Jeff Bezos and Donald Trumps of the world are not examples of rich owners and that pretty much 90 percent of us are (relatively) poor workers? “We established liberty, equality, and justice for all (took us a while to get there, but we did).” There’s no good way to convey through writing an apoplectic choking sound. But seriously? Does anyone who has taken and passed a U.S. history course at the middle school level or higher, read reputable news sources, or simply paid attention to the world around them, seriously believe that we have “established liberty, equality, and justice for all”? Don’t be afraid to answer honestly. Nothing bad will happen if we

allow ourselves the fraction of a second necessary to impartially think about that line before it dissolves into unqualified absurdity. Critical thinking succeeds and absurdity fails when we make the conscious decision to strive for rationality by asking the simple but powerful question: “Does this make sense?” “So what did the French Revolution accomplish? Well they killed a lot of people. Do school children study this history anymore?” Here we see that the writer’s carefully reasoned take-away from her study of the French Revolution is: “Well they killed a lot of people.” I weep for History teachers. And, yes, students do study the causes and outcomes of the French Revolution. Talk to any reasonably competent high school student. I know of no seventeen-year-old who would boil down the complexities of the French Revolution to “Well they killed a lot of people.” “The woke Marxists believe in ideology over individuals...they believe in universal poverty... to achieve equality... everyone must be equally miserable.” First, note the rhetorical chicanery in play here. It’s a form of subterfuge we teach students in middle school debate to be on the lookout for. By repeatedly and insistently using a particular term (in this case “Marxism”) when the propriety and relevance of that term to the subject being discussed hasn’t been logically established, the writer endeavors to trick the reader into an unconscious acceptance of the term as she slinks ahead with her argument. The blanket labeling of the current government and the eighty-one million people who voted for it as “woke Marxists” is deeply deceptive. “Question the woke Marxists. Ask them who their God is. The God of Environmental Justice? The planet Goddess? The climate change Gods?” The insinuation here is that the many hundreds of people who comprise the current administration and, by extension, the eighty-one million Americans who voted for that government, are Marxists and are either atheists, pagans, or polytheists to boot. Once again: slow down, and ask the essential test question: “Does this make sense?” “Ask them about Nazi Germany... and how the first thing the National Socialists did was start a racial policy. Certain people were bad because of their race, their religion, or their ethnicity. Sound familiar?” By this point, the writer appears to be tiring and becomes increasingly sloppy. Because it certainly does sound familiar, doesn’t it? Wasn’t there a recent president who labeled Mexican immigrants as “rapists,” Muslims as “terrorists,” and entire African nations as “****hole countries?” Does this make sense?

WAYNE BORDEN
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Happy Thanksgiving

Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving? In school, they taught us in 1621, the Pilgrims and the indigenous people of North America became friends. They had a big dinner with Jennie-O Turkey, Stove Top stuffing, green bean casserole, corn, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, followed by a generous portion of Marie Callender’s pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream...oops, I think I got that wrong...

Forgive me if you’ve heard this story before. I didn’t know the details until researching this week’s edition.

In 1620, one hundred and twenty English and Dutch religious separatists hoped to find religious freedom and new opportunities by sailing to The New World.

Along their way, they fought against freezing temperatures, very high winds, and seas so high they had to turn the ship to face the wind to slow the boat down.

Below the deck were cramped quarters, with all of them living in a space the size of a tennis court, only eating hard biscuits, dried meat, and beer which equaled about four hundred calories a day. The pilgrims were treated like cargo and only allowed up top to catch a little fresh air occasionally. At Many points throughout the three-thousand-mile trip, they thought they would die.

The voyage lasted sixty-six days, and they arrived in Massachusetts Bay.

Upon landfall, they found an abandoned Native American Village of the Patuxet tribe that was wiped out from smallpox spread by earlier contact with Europeans. They decided to make this place their home since it was already built for human habitation.

During their first winter, they lost half of their numbers, including thirty women of childbearing age; only around fifty remained.

After the winter passed, a young Native American walked into their village and said, “Welcome!” His name was Samoset, and remarkably he spoke broken English! Samoset knew a Native American named Squanto who spoke English very well.

It turns out that Squanto was a Patuxet, spoke perfect English with a British accent. He was kidnapped by Captain Thomas Hunt in 1614 and sold as a slave to the Spanish. He was brought to Spain and eventually to England, where he may have met Pocahontas. Finally, he came back to his homeland, and to his horror, found the Patuxet people were wiped out by smallpox.

The pilgrims didn’t know how to survive in their new surroundings. If it had not been for the kindness and generosity of Squanto, who taught the pilgrims how to live off the land, they wouldn’t have made it through another winter. Imagine how grateful they were for Squanto; he was an answer to their prayers.

Squanto could have easily hated them and had them killed or let them die out of spite for being kidnapped by a British sea captain and sold into slavery, but instead, he had compassion and helped them; what a great man he was.

Exactly Four Hundred years ago, in 1621, the colonists and Native Americans celebrated the first Thanksgiving.

Because of Squanto, the colonists had a successful harvest; out of gratitude, they invited Squanto and a nearby tribe known as the Wampanoag to celebrate. For three days, Squanto, the Wampanoags, and the colonists ate a feast of deer, birds, corn, and more.

The real hero of Thanksgiving is Squanto, who taught us that when we forgive and help each

UniBank kicks off annual Holiday Giving Tree program

WHITINSVILLE — UniBank recently announced that the bank will kick off its annual Holiday Giving Tree Program on Nov. 26 to make the season brighter for individuals and families throughout the community. The program is part of the bank’s dedication to improving life for the communities it serves.

Each UniBank branch has chosen an organization that fills a need in their community and supports the program by making and purchasing items, and accepting donations from customers and the

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Whitinsville Plaza: Requesting items to be distributed by the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families to benefit local children.

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Covid in the deer population



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Shotgun deer hunting will start on Nov. 29 this year in Massachusetts, and the harvest should be very good, if the weather cooperates. Archers have already harvested a good number of big bucks, but there are still plenty of them out there. The rut continues to have bucks chasing does, providing hunters with some exciting moments in the woods.

Recent news on the Covid virus in deer populations by a Pennsylvania state study has caused a lot of concern among hunters. Are they safe to eat? The reports that I have read state that they “should “ be safe to eat. Evidently, they

are not positive. Reports of 60 percent of the Massachusetts deer population have the Covid virus, which is a bit scary.

Practicing good hygiene is highly recommended in most reports, when cleaning or cutting up the deer for human consumption. Wearing of gloves and mask when field dressing or cutting up deer should be practiced. Breathing in of gasses from a freshly killed deer when field dressing them, should be avoided as much as possible. Being aware of tick bites from deer are also a concern among the hunting public. Hunting could be dangerous to your

health!

What is next? Can our beef and pork be infected? Becoming a vegetarian is sounding better every day, if you want to stay alive a bit longer. If deer can become infected, I am sure that cows and pigs can also. This Covid virus sure has changed the way we live and die, and is a bit scary. The real truth about the effects of the covid pandemic on humans and animals, is in the trial stages and we will not know the truth about the results of scientific studies until it is out of control. I hope I am wrong!

Back in the day (1949), this writer enjoyed taking short trips with my Uncle, the late Paul Hale, Sr. to the deer park in Whitinsville. I was only nine or ten years old when he would take my brother Mel and I to watch the deer at the park. The deer had huge antlers, but were somewhat smaller than the whitetail deer we have today. The property was owned by the former Whitin Machine Works and was part of the Whitinsville Water Co. The fenced in area included a hundred acres or more, for the deer to roam in. It was not long after that the deer were killed and sent to a processing facility.

The recent loss of a fellow sports writer for the Telegram & Gazette, Mark Blazis, this past week was a shock to his readers friends and family. His columns that were published twice a week in the Gazette were read by thousands of outdoors men and women, along with much of the general public. He lived life to the fullest traveling to numerous parts of the world to hunt and fish, and study wildlife. Mark was only 74 years old. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mark’s family and friends.

Hope everyone is enjoying Thanksgiving with friends and family! We sure have a lot to be thankful for, after the terrible pandemic we endured



This week’s second picture shows a huge buck harvested in Mass. a few years ago. It was on display at the Big -E Sportsmen’s show in Springfield! Hopefully, the sportsmen’s shows will open this year!

over the last 12 months. Hopefully, everyone has had their shots, and are ready for a somewhat normal living in 2022. Buying Christmas gifts for that special man or woman? Gift Certificates are the way to go. They can go shopping for what they really want, and it will go a lot further as everything will be on sale!

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy holiday season.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

A Grab Bag of Hints

Sometimes it’s fun to share a potpourri of tips and tricks that didn’t fit into a themed hint column. With that in mind, this week’s column will feature a grab bag of (mostly unrelated) ideas that are sure to make your life a little easier!

Baking Hint: Buy a new (organic or chemical free) powder puff to keep in your flour container. It’s perfect for dusting cake pans before you pour in batter!

If a recipe calls for clarified broth, simply pour regular broth through a coffee filter to clarify it quickly and easily!

And here’s the easiest way to degrease cooled meat soups and stews. Just put a sheet of waxed paper directly on top of the liquid before refrigerating.

Want to reduce your cholesterol? Try topping soups and stews



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

with ground flaxseed to reduce heart attack risk. In a study, forty grams of ground flaxseed every day for three months reduced cholesterol by six percent.

Fighting cholesterol? Try this tip too: Scottish studies showed that over a three week period, a daily snack of two carrots lowered cholesterol levels by 10 to 20 percent! Research reveals a cup and a half of dried lentils or kidney beans a day, has lowered total cholesterol levels by up to 19 percent!

This Thanksgiving want to avoid that after dinner-have-to-nap syndrome? Try these tips: In the morning, eat

small, light foods and avoid junk food. Eat your Thanksgiving dinner slowly and stop when you’re full. Don’t binge on carbs, drink plenty of water with your meal, and finally, take an outside walk to digest your feast.

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Once Thanksgiving’s over you’ll likely be left with heap of leftovers! Did you know for safety’s sake your leftover turkey should be refrigerated or frozen within two hours after roasting? Wrap the turkey as airtight as possible in aluminum foil and refrigerate. Store the meat in zipper bags in one- or two-cup portions for easier thawing and use. For the best quality and flavor, freeze for no more than two months.

Here’s a quick energy saving tip! Sometimes it’s the little things that add up to save energy dollars! Simply cleaning your dryer lint screen with every use and avoiding overloading the dryer can

save you up to five percent on your electricity bill!

Non Stick Green Tip: Here’s a green way to make your pots non-stick! Pour white vinegar into a pan the desired level. Boil at medium heat for about five minutes. Allow to cool and you’re done! You can even reuse the vinegar to treat other pans! This non stick treatment lasts at least a couple of months!

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Think you’ve heard all the uses vinegar? Try these! Got a sore throat? Put two teaspoons of white vinegar in your humidifier for overnight relief. And dry up that cold sore fast by dabbing it with white vinegar three times a day!

Cast offs can find new life in the workshop - here’s how! Rescue a child’s old foam boogie board for use in the workshop. The firm, yet cushiony surface serves as a great anti-fatigue foot

mat when your standing at the bench for hours. And don’t toss those old record albums, save the cardboard sleeves to safely sort and store saw blades.

Did you know ordinary sponges do double duty? It only takes a few swipes with a damp, clean sponge to remove lint and pet fur from clothes or upholstery. Pop a new sponge it in the freezer for a great pliable and drip-free compress for injuries. And put a damp sponge in a plastic bag with the stems of freshly cut flowers to keep them garden fresh until you use them!

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed! Your tips can win you a great three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per

month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I’m in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I’m counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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Those in warmer climates, typically zones 8, 9 and 10, need a different approach. In those areas, low chill

bulbs that don’t need as long a cold period or pre-cooled bulbs are grown. The pre-cooled bulbs also sold as pre-chilled, have received the needed cold period and can be grown like annuals.

No matter where you garden, spring flowering bulbs can be chilled in a spare refrigerator. Keep bulbs away from apples and pears. These fruits give off ethylene gas, a natural hormone that does not harm people, but can hasten ripening and interfere with flowering when bulbs are stored in the same refrigerator compartment. Check the pots occasionally and water when needed to keep the soil slightly moist, but not soggy wet.

Some friends and family may appreciate a DIY bulb forcing kit as their gift. Spring flowering bulbs, potting mix, and a container with drainage holes are all that is needed. Provide directions for assembly, suggestions for providing the cold treatment if needed and proper care.

Others may prefer a gift that requires minimal care like Gardener’s Supply Company’s Months of Bloom. Order once and these pre-planted bulb gardens are delivered to the recipient monthly for 3, 6 or 12 months. Just water when the potting mix starts to dry and enjoy watching the spring flowering bulbs sprout, grow and flower.

Keep spring flowering bulb gardens in a cool, bright location to extend their bloom time. Once the plants are done



GARDEN MOMENTS
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blooming, you can add them to the compost pile. For those that prefer to enjoy them a second season and beyond, provide some post-flowering care. Remove the faded flowers and move the container to a sunny window. Keep watering thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil begin to dry. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer to prevent root rot and apply a dilute solution of any flowering houseplant fertilizer.

Once the leaves turn yellow and die or the soil in the garden warms and the danger of frost has passed, you can move them into the garden. Tulips and hyacinths perform best in sunny areas with well-drained soils. These two bulbs tend to flourish for a year or two and then produce few or no flowers. Keep that in mind as you plan for the future.

Daffodils and grape hyacinths will grow in sun or shade and a variety of soil types. These tend to be long lived as they grow and spread over time.

It may be two years before you have flowers but it’s a great way to extend the enjoyment of a holiday gift.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds &

Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener’s Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

POSITIVELY
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other survive, racial division can fall away.

Even though hardships remain, I’d venture a guess that very few of us have endured what our early ancestors endured on their sail to the new world, what the African American ancestors endured during the era of slavery, what the Native American ancestors went through during the Native American wars with the US Government, and the many hardships all of our ancestors have faced of all races. Even the poorest among us live in abundance when compared to them.

This Thanksgiving, I encourage all of us to be thankful for what we have and recognize the Squanto’s in our own lives who taught us to live.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 31 Glen Street, Douglas, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Keith Bemis to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., said mortgage dated September 13, 2012, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 49716 at Page 284 and now held by NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing by virtue of an assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing dated March 12, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62058, Page 314 for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on December 13, 2021 at 1:30 PM Local Time upon the premises all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Tax Id Number(s): 188-9
Land Situated in the County of Worcester In the State of MA

THE LAND IN DOUGLAS, MASSACHUSETTS LOCATED ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF GLEN STREET AND BEING SHOWN AS LOT 1 ON A "PLAN OF LAND IN DOUGLAS, MASSACHUSETTS, OWNED BY BARBARA VAILLANCOURT" DATED APRIL 7, 1994 AND PREPARED BY LAVALLEE BROTHERS, INC., 497 CENTRAL TURNPIKE, SUTTON, MASSACHUSETTS, WHICH PLAN IS RECORDED HEREWITH IN THE WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 681, PLAN 42, SAID LAND BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN LION PIN AT THE WESTERLY LINE OF GLEN STREET IN THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE LOT TO BE CONVEYED;

THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST BY THE WESTERLY LINE OF GLEN STREET ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO AND EIGHT HUNDREDTHS (152.08) FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE SOUTH 6 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST BY SAID LINE OF GLEN STREET SEVENTY-FIVE AND TWENTY-EIGHT HUNDREDTHS (75.28) FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE SOUTH 12 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST BY SAID LINE OF GLEN STREET EIGHTY-NINE AND SIXTY-SIX HUNDREDTHS (19.66) FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE SOUTH 17 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST BY SAID LINE OF GLEN STREET ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND SIXTY-TWO HUNDREDTHS (182.62) FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST BY SAID LINE OF GLEN STREET ONE HUNDRED SEVEN AND TWENTY-SIX HUNDREDTHS (107.26) FEET TO A POINT AT LOT 2 ON SAID PLAN;

THENCE SOUTH 75 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST BY LOT 2 NINETY-FIVE AND SEVENTY-HUNDREDTHS (95.70) FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE NORTH 66 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST BY LOT 2 FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTEEN AND NINETY-THREE HUNDREDTHS (418.93) FEET TO A POINT;

THENCE NORTH 15 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST BY LOT 2 THREE HUNDRED THREE AND FIVE TENTHS (303.5) FEET TO A POINT AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF GUIOU;

THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST BY SAID GUIOU LAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN AND SEVENTY-FOUR HUNDREDTHS (537.74) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

MEANING AND INTENDING TO CONVEY AND HEREBY CONVEYING ALL OF MY RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN SAID PROPERTY.

I/We hereby expressly reserve my rights of Homestead, if any, and I/we do not wish to terminate my/ our Homestead by granting the within Mortgage, notwithstanding any language contained therein to the contrary, which language is Intended to merely subordinate my/our right of Homestead to this mortgage only.

NOTE: The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or footage calculations are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only. Being the same property conveyed to Keith Bemis, a single man, by deed dated July 10, 2008 of record in Deed Book 44042, Page 235, In the County Clerk's Office.

Commonly known as: 31 GLEN ST, DOUGLAS, MA 01516

The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be

foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated July 10, 2008, and recorded in Book 44042 at Page 235 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.

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

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC
270 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06032
Attorney for NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868

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OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 32 Kennedy Street, Uxbridge, Massachusetts

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Scott P. Estey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc. and now held by Round Point Mortgage Servicing Corporation, said mortgage dated June 14, 2013, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 51094 at Page 199, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 31, 2016, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 56332 at Page 73, 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 December 3, 2021, at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land with buildings thereon situated in the Town of Uxbridge, off the southerly side of Henry Street, on the westerly side of Kennedy Street, so-called, which begins at the end of a fifteen foot right of way, see Book 3265 Page 569 in Worcester District Deeds, and being Lot #2 on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Kennedy Plot, in Uxbridge, Mass., owned by Delmar Kidd" dated May 4, 19S4, Kenneth E. Shaw, Surveyor, recorded in said Registry in Plan Book I98 Plan 30, said lot being bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING: At the northeasterly corner of these premises herein described on the westerly side of said Street and the southeasterly corner of Lot # 1 on said plan;

THENCE: S. 2° W. with the westerly side of said Street, one hundred (100) feet to the point for a corner;

THENCE: N. 88° W. with the northerly side of extension of said Street ninety (90) feet to a corner of Lot #3 on said plan;

THENCE: N. 2° E. with Lot #3 on said plan one hundred and seventeen and fifteen one hundredths (117.15) feet to said Lot #1;

THENCE: S. 77° 38' E. with Lot #1 on said plan, ninety-one and seventy-seven one hundredths (91.77) feet to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER with a right of way over said Kennedy Street for the usual street purposes and also together with a right of way over said fifteen (15) foot right of way which leads to said Henry 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 July 22, 2009, and recorded in Book 44743 at Page 200 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.

EN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by a 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 RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation
Present Holder of the Mortgage
Telephone: (401) 234-9200
MLG File No.: 16-14634

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Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before November 22, 2021 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on October 7, 2021.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
21-002668
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Spartans continue strong play, surge past Hornets in State Final Four



Nick Ethier
Uxbridge's Chloe Kaeller finds herself with time and space against Manchester Essex while driving the ball down the field.



Gracie Nummela of Uxbridge successfully shields the ball away from Manchester Essex's Cailie Patrick.



Uxbridge's Samantha Jones plays a tight defense on Cailie Patrick of Manchester Essex.



The Uxbridge Superfans gather to congratulate the Spartans following their 6-0 victory versus Manchester Essex in a MIAA Division 4 State Championship Tournament Semifinal.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

WATERTOWN — Coaches are always trying to get their respective teams to improve as the season progresses. And, in turn, the players work as hard as they can to get better with each practice and each game.

And all of those hopeful hypotheticals are certainly paying off for the Uxbridge High varsity field hockey team, who once again dominated play when they took to Watertown High's Victory Field on Tuesday, Nov. 16. There, the Spartans tangled with Manchester Essex Regional in the MIAA Division 4 State Championship Tournament Semifinals. No. 3 Uxbridge ended the second-seeded Hornets' season at 16-5-1 following an emphatic 6-0 victory. They have outscored the opposition in four postseason games, 25-0.

"Their inner motivation just came out and they knew what was on the line. They are all in," said Uxbridge head coach Kelly Rosborough. "It's surre-

her stick out. She had just enough mustard on the shot to sneak it past Garlitz.

"It's good to see when we can all score," Kaeller said of she and three other teammates getting goals. "It's not just that one person. We're a whole team."

Kaeller put the finishing touches on the 6-0 victory courtesy of another goal with 4:07 to play.

Uxbridge held a 16-3 corner advantage on the Hornets and outshot Manchester Essex, 17-0, as they now prepare for the state championship game.

"It feels good because Uxbridge has never made it this far and we're really making a difference," Kaeller said. "I'm just so proud of my team because they really showed up, every single game really."

"I'm really excited. From the beginning I knew that we were a good team, and I knew that we had potential to make it this far, so I'm super glad that we did," added Bouchard.

LEGALS

Decree changing their name to:
Megin Theresa Kirkwood
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 12/14/2021. 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: November 10, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
November 26, 2021

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. WO21C0534CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Mikel Steven Rawinski
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Mikel Steven Rawinski of Whitinsville MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Mikel Steven Kirkwood
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 12/07/2021. 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: November 10, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
November 26, 2021

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. WO17P2311PM
CITATION ON PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF A CONSERVATOR
In the interests of:
Mohammed Javed Of: Northbridge MA
RESPONDENT
(Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by
Raheela Javed of Northbridge, MA
in the above captioned matter requesting that the court
Terminate the Conservatorship
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good

cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00AM.** on the return date of **12/14/2021.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 09, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 26, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO19P3268EA
Estate of:
Jane F. Lewicke
Date Of Death: 07/27/2019
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner **John Lewicke of Mason NH**
John Lewicke of Mason NH
John P. Lewicke of Arlington MA
has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
November 26, 2021

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MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER

SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY PARTY

Tuesday, December 14th at 11 – 1 P.M.

We will have an ugly sweater contest, along with games and prizes!!

Enjoy live music!

Lunch will be served meat-loaf, gravy, mashed potatoes with carrots

Call the center to RSVP by December 9th 508-865-9154

SENIOR WORK – OFF PROGRAM

For Eligible seniors, 60 or older that are residents of Millbury

Receive up to \$1,500 per year that can be used to pay real estate property tax

In return for voluntary service at a town department

For more information or to pick up an application please call the center at 508-865-9154

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES!!

LIGHT EXERCISE CLASSES Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.

WII BOWLING

Mondays at 12:30 P.M.

MAHJONG

Mondays at 12:45 P.M.

TAI CHI

Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. (class is \$3)

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.

SOCIAL BINGO

Wednesdays at 1 P.M.

Bring your pennies!

DULL MENS CLUB

Thursdays at 10 – 11 A.M

No reservations required for any of our activities! If you would like Lunch ahead of time a 48 hour reservation is required call the center at 508-865-9154

Lunches are served Monday through Friday 12 P.M. at the Senior Center

The menu is available on the town website, www.townofmillbury.org

Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page.

A 48 hour reservation is required.

Millbury Senior Center Transportation

Transportation is provided for Millbury Senior Residents Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

We travel one town out in each direction including Sutton, Grafton, Auburn and Worcester

A 48 hour notice is required for scheduling rides (business days)

Rides are free until January 1st

For more information or to

schedule transportation call the center at 508-865-9154

“MEMORY CAFÉ”

Please join us on November 23rd 2- 3:30 P.M.

A Memory Café is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss/challenges

and their care partners. It is a time to socialize, make new friends, and have a good time.

Fourth Tuesday of each month, refreshments will be served.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this program!

Our Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, is happy to answer any questions, call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

Millbury Friendly Visitor Program

Our Friendly Visitor

Program is now being provided by telephone

Volunteers call clients to check in with them, chat and hear a friendly voice

For more information on coordinating a Friendly visitor

Call the center at 508-865-9154

SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)

Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Call for an appointment & required documentation 508-865-9154

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USDA does not endorse any goods, services or enterprises.”

Phone: 508-234-2002
www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.,
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Please note we are closed Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Northbridge Coalition is conducting a survey pertaining to the transportation needs of the Blackstone Valley. Through a survey of questions, our hope is to gather specific data, but more importantly, we want to hear the

stories of the obstacles members of our community face in meeting their transportation needs. Your information will remain private. Information collected in the survey will be reviewed by the project team. Northbridge Coalition Survey can be found at: <https://qrco.de/BVTransport> If you have any questions, please contact Lori at 774-293-8276.

The Northbridge Fire Department will be holding a Blood Pressure Clinic at Plummer Place on Thursday, December 9th and Monday, December 20th from 10-12:00pm.

New exercise class being offered: Fluid Motion (Belly Dancing), Thursdays @

10:00, \$2/class. Low impact, controlled, graceful movements that improves posture. Find yourself standing taller and feeling more confident! Guaranteed that you will have fun and lots of laughs. If you like to dance, this is the class for you! Call to sign up.

Tai Chi is offered at Plummer Place every Monday @ 11:00am. Join instructor Ron Allen for this therapeutic exercise class which is being promoted as helping to reduce stress, anxiety and improving balance. Call for more information.

Ukulele Class is being offered every Wednesday @ 2:00pm. Raianne Richards

is our instructor. This class is for both beginners and those who need to brush up on their skills. Call the Center to sign up.

Mahjong is looking for new players at Plummer Place. The Four Winds Mahjong League meets Mondays, 1:00-3:00pm and on Thursdays at 12:30pm, National Mahjong League meets.

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

NORTHBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

NORTHBRIDGE — Northbridge Middle School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

High Honors

Grade 6: Taylor Alden, Bella Baltramaitis, Chloe Barnatt, Kayla Bolduc, Jessica Calles, Tyler Desousa, Emily Flauto, Alexis Gelinis, Jacob Gerardi, Landon Gerardi, Cailley Graceffa, Lyla Kaske, Arabella Kosciak, Ryan Leeds, Molly Leonard, Shane Paulhus, Olivia Pollock, Jayten Poulin, Avery Riche, Marissa Roadman, Zainab Sami, Madison Smith, Isabelle Stanley, Ava Strazzulla, Jade Thomas, Amanda Waterson

Grade 7: Emily Billmyer, Emily Blanding, Kayla Briggs, Jacqueline Cammarano, Liliana Carpenter, Kathleen Crosby, Katelyn DeLuca, John Donahue, Timothy Ferri, Leah Gallerani, Lilianna Gasco, Kellen Keane, Emily Kelly, Chloe Koopman, Nathan Kuras, Bryce Lundquist, Ava Mandelenakis, Olivia Medina, Hannah Minutolo, Ashley Papa, Lily Proto, Bryce Rogozenski, Natalie Silva, Olivia Stanick, Parker Stanick, Cassandra Sullivan, Elizabeth Tubbs, Kaylee Vakoc

Grade 8: Isabelle Balon, Jason Bolduc Jr., Danielle Chrabaszcz, Elizabeth Dos Santos, Lorelai Drapeau, Natalie Fasold, Landon Gibson, Kylie Grazulis, Autumn Gromelski, Olivia Harris, Aedan Holcomb, Isabella Kreuzinger, Kathleen Leonard, Isle Malik, Ellory Manning, Sienna Mastroianni, Aidan Naughton, Hayden Naylor, Emma Oosterman, Vidhi Patel, Owen Pollock, Emerson Polymeros, Brendan Riche, Trevor Roadman, Allegra Sadik, Elly Schofer, Leticia Silva, Logan Tetreault, Shana Willette, Adalynn Wooster

Honor Roll

Grade 6: Ereeny Absamis, Deon Alicea, Gohar Arakelyan, Ella Arias, Kirra Arsenault, Lotus Aubin, Quin Austin, Camryn Barksdale, Heba Bensellam, Juliana Cael, Olivia Cairra, Ester Carlos, Anita Comforti, Brady Connolly, Taryn Conway, Coen Dabelstein, Shane DeOrsey, Brady Direnzo, Gage Doble, Aria Domenech, Melody Drapeau, Kallie Dunn, Evan Flanagan, Violette Fontaine, Mason Francis, Ashlyn Gonyea, Anika Gromelski, Jessica Haberski, Grace Hartwell, Sadie Hashey, Kara Helinski, Mark Henin, Cassandra Higgins, Joshua Hubsch-Farmer, Joshua Kuras, Anna Lavallee, Emma Levielle, Faith Liberty, Vincent Lomonaco, Colton Lotfy, Ashley Ann Lucena, Lila MacDonald, Maya MacLeod, Alexis Maeder, Damien Manosh, Maia Mitchell, Rafael Montalvo, Sadie Nephew, Rylee Norris, Madelynn Nowak, Ryan Parker, Isabella Reeves Hall, Abrielle Richards, Raya Richards, Olivia Sansone, Avery Schneider, Shea Schuster, Madison Scungio, Audrey Siemaszko, Trevor Talieri, Brooklyn Thibeault, Keelyn Touhey, James Tritone Jr., Liam Voellings, Lanna Welch, Lexi Wilson

Grade 7: Britha Abunga, Aiden Arsenault, Taylor Austin, Jaiden Becerril, Bianca Boie, Lincoln Boucher, Brooke Cammarano, Madelyn Candia, Makayla Chauvin, Ronin Colvin, Andy Cook, Alexandra Corey, Samuel Corman, Victoria Cormier, Mo Rodney Daigle, Vahan DerKosroffian, Lillian Deschene, Lillian Donahue, Quinn Driscoll, Sofia Ducharme, Killian Farrer, Julia Fisher, Cayleigh Foley, Meghan Frieswick, Quinn Gomez, Samuel Gorman, Tanner Haden, Annika Hall, Dawson Kramer, Abigail Leveille, Ryder Meagher, Anthony Mooradian, Ryan Nkangu, Nicolette Paradis, Lindsey Pare, Aiden Payen, Michael Potter, Robin Prescott, Jordan Priore, Mia Prosser, Avalee Richard, Elsa Richards, Zahra Rith, Zoey Rith, Georgia Robinson, Bryce Ryan, Jaelyn Saad, Lillian Sabourin, Ayla Schotanus, Brooke Shumate, Annabel Smutok, Piper Strait, Tyler Tran, Michael Tubbs, Aiden Valenti, Kayla Whitney, William Williamson, Ellery Wooster, Keenan Wright, Alexander Zanchi

Grade 8: Lucas Babiy, Anthony Becerril, Tarek Bensellam, Caleb Bleau, Aaliyah Bolduc, Luke Canavan-Davis, Polina Conio-Potselueva, Kelsey Costello, Hailie Cullen, Antonio D’Alfonso, Isabella Dorado, Reed Dziekiewicz, Della Erickson, Nathan Falconer, Grace Haden, Sonja Hastings, Addienays Heyliger, Alexander Higgins, Stacia Hilditch, Penelope Houpt, Jack Kaske, Nadia Kotwica, Tricia Lange, Mackenzie Lavallee, Callum Lax, Nora Laydon, Marcus MacLeod, Effielyn Marrero, John Mazzarelli, Kenna McMahon, Landon Naughton-Bolduc, Nathaniel Nulty, Soham Patel, Shyanne Perry, Benjamin Rivelli, Audriana Roby, Jake Rogers, Ryan Ruzzo, Emily Scholl, Gabriel Smart, Caleb Smith, Sofia Smith, Sean Sprott, Tyler Strazzulla, Kayleigh Szerlag, Kallie Tevepough, Nicholas Thomas, Colby Trudeau, Jacob Woeller

Deck the Halls...on Dec. 4

UXBRIDGE — The Deborah Wheelock Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, is delighted to participate in the annual Uxbridge First Night event on Saturday, Dec. 4. “First Night” volunteers are excited to invite you to join in a fun-filled, family day, capped by the Santa parade and fireworks! Support Downtown merchants: stop, shop, eat and enjoy the festive, holiday atmosphere!

The Simeon Wheelock House (c. 1768) on North Main Street is decorated for Christmas, but unfortunately, due to uncertainty over COVID, may not be open to the public, but stay tuned... If you see lights blazing from 4-6 p.m., drop in for a tour of this early colonial house, whose owner and son actually served in the Uxbridge militia that fought in the American Revolution. DAR members are happy to share Town history with you on this special family night while you await the Santa parade! It is free; a chance to warm-up; and sign Guest Book #2. ‘Locals’ can have fun searching for names of past and present generations on pages of Book #1, dating back 75 years!

Nonetheless, if the house is not open due to health concerns, please remember veterans. A table and chairs will be located outside in front of the Simeon Wheelock House. Stop to write a note and sign holiday and ‘thank you’ cards. ‘Comfort’ items- personal toiletries, underwear/ socks, games/puzzles- will be accepted and distributed by Veterans Agent Carl Bradshaw, along with greeting cards, to local VA hospitals in time for the holiday.

Since 1890, more than one million Daughters of the American Revolution “Rise and Shine for America” by fostering education, historic preservation and patriotism through volunteer programs and projects in local communities. To inquire about membership, contact DeborahWheelockDAR@gmail.com.

Uxbridge Library Friends to host holiday events

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Free Public Library and The Friends of the Free Public Library

Invite you to come and join us after the Holiday Parade on Dec. 4 for a light snack of pretzels and cider. There will also be a take-a-long craft for the younger children to enjoy making at home.

From Dec. 1 to Dec. 11, the Friends will also be having a fund raiser, please come and check out the beautiful raffle basket of items on display at the library. You may purchase tickets during library hours. Chances are one for \$1 and six for \$5. Enter as often as you like! All proceeds go to library passes and special programs. Drawing will be held on Dec. 11.



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PORTAL

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“There will be a slight learning curve, but in the end, I think everyone will see the value of the new software.”

Residents can view the town’s ClearGov budget book by visiting the town’s website, graffton-ma.gov. As more data is uploaded, and more functionality is added, the town stated that it will “keep residents informed.”

In other news, Grafton announced that it will not be renewing its service contract with SeeClickFix and the service will no longer be available to residents.

“SeeClickFix is no longer a cost effective or efficient way of the Town interacting with the public based on the other channels we have available to us,” Brassard said. “In the future, we may explore an alternative app, but for the immediate future we will rely on the website, phone, and email for resident feedback.”

In the absence of the service, residents will be able to submit all questions, comments, and requests for service directly to the town by: contacting the Municipal Center directly via phone at 508-839-5335, during regular business hours; via the Town Contact Form, which is still available on the website for residents to send comments and questions; via the complete directory of Town Departments, which can be found online; or questions for the Select Board can be sent to selectboard@graffton-ma.gov.

A town statement added that the town remains “committed to providing efficient and effective services for our residents.”

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NERO’S LAW

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ing animals from being treated or transported by emergency personnel. Instead, Nero had to wait nearly four hours before a retired K9 police officer could arrive on scene to retrieve Nero and help with his injuries before he was driven to the emergency veterinary hospital.”

Nero’s Bill would allow emergency personnel to treat injured police K9s, allow emergency personnel to transport injured police K9s,

and require any emergency personnel that would render care to an operational working animal to have completed training consistent with standards approved by the Office of Emergency Medical Services, MSPCA stated.

“Nero’s Bill obviously hits home in the K9 community,” said Officer Thomas Stockwell, Uxbridge Police Department K9 Unit. “The death of Sean Gannon and the wounding of his K9 partner was a tragedy that demonstrates the danger that K9 teams frequently face.”

The police canine and handler are “often in the front moving toward the most dangerous situations,” Officer Stockwell added.

“In 2016, K9 Bear and I were involved in a traffic accident on RTE 146. We assisted a neighboring agency with a pursuit and the suspect vehicle struck our cruiser at highway speeds,” said Officer Stockwell. “The cruiser was totaled, but fortunately, K9 Bear and I walked away with only a few bumps and bruises. K9 Bear did need to be transported and evaluated at his veteri-

narian. K9 Bear was transported to the Vet in a patrol car. At the time, there were no procedures for an incident like this.”

Officer Stockwell added that he believes Nero’s Bill is “common sense and long overdue.”

“Our K9 Partners should be treated like any other member of the department. Massachusetts K9’s have saved countless human lives, we owe them the very best care in return,” he said.

CHAMPIONSHIP

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dent-athlete finished the 5K, 3.1-mile course in under 15 minutes.

Until now. On Saturday, Nov. 20 and in the Division 3 State Championship meet, Uxbridge High junior Aidan Ross blazed through the first mile in 4:35, with Northbridge High sophomore Marcus Reilly right on his tail. But Ross nearly kept that pace throughout, finishing in an astonishing 14:47.2 for the course record. It beat Reilly, who finished second, by 50 seconds (15:37.4). Reilly was well ahead of the third-place finisher, Lunenburg High’s Mike Allewa (15:57.1).

Ross channeled his motivation from two seasons ago at the All-State meet, which was held Nov. 16, 2019 at Gardner Municipal Golf Course.

“In 2019, my freshman year, at districts I was sixth overall and then the next week I had the worst race of my life. I blew up and was like 120th at All States. That’s something that I’ve never forgotten. That comes to me in dreams and during runs, and that motivates me,” said Ross.

The best time Ross had ever completed a 5K was 15:10, but he knew a sub-15 time was doable at this meet.

“Winning was the No. 1 priority; next was breaking 15. I knew it’s been there for months. I just save everything for workouts and the championship season, so I knew this was coming,” said Ross, who speculated that he could run one mile on a track in under 4:10.

For Reilly, the runner-up finish brought with it a mixed bag of emotions.

“Aidan’s had an incredible season this year, so I knew



Whitinsville Christian’s Molly Lashley



Emily Dill of Whitinsville Christian

even if I had the best day of my life that it was still going to be hard to beat him,” explained Reilly, who was happy with second place but not thrilled with the time disparity between the two. “I didn’t expect to win, I’m going to be honest — I knew that he was a good runner — I just wanted to run a little faster.”

Reilly’s brother Dylan, a freshman, ran the race in 18:32.6 and finished 118th.

Ross and the entire Spartans’ team, meanwhile, qualified for States and took fourth place.

“I love my guys. We’ve been working hard together for months, so it’s great to see it all come together,” said Ross.

The Spartans who joined Ross were Carl Gallawan (19th place, 16:46.6), Lincoln Schiller (23rd, 16:58.0), Tyler Bergman (89th, 18:02.6) and Maxwell Deary (105th, 18:15.3).

Another team that

qualified for the State Championships was the Whitinsville Christian girls’ squad, who raced in Division 2. They were competing with heavy hearts, as Jenn Cinelli, mother of first alternate runner Allison Cinelli, passed away on Nov. 11 with the funeral taking place a day before States.

“It was an emotional day for the girls yesterday, all the girls were there,” said Crusaders’ head coach Chris Vander Baan. “It’s an amazing group of girls. She was one of those moms that was at every single event.”

Senior Molly Lashley led the charge by finishing in fourth place (18:24.7). She was followed by Emily Dill (22nd, 19:34.2), Fiona Donnelly (38th, 19:51.8), Emelyn Deweerd (40th, 19:52.8) and Sophia Dill (53rd, 20:05.4). When all the points were added up, Whitinsville Christian and Pentucket Regional were tied for second place. But the Crusaders’ sixth runner, Elizabeth Dowling (78th

place, 20:26.6) far outpaced Pentucket’s sixth, Emily Rubio (97th place). For that, WCS was awarded the No. 2 spot.

“It makes it so much more fun. If I had to choose between coming home with an individual state title or a team state title, I’d definitely pick team. It’s just so much more fun to celebrate with people,” said Lashley.

“This is the highest finish ever for either team [boys and girls] in school history,” added Vander Baan. “You don’t want to say, ‘hey, you can’t win it,’ but the goal was second. This is as good as it gets.”

Vander Baan felt that way because Holliston High easily won the team race. Their top five finished in first, third, seventh, eighth and 15th, respectively.

“Coming into it, it’s everybody’s goal to win. I knew that would be a stretch,” Lashley said of her individual mindset. “I started out uncomfortably fast because I know those girls start out so fast. I gave it absolutely everything I had today and I can’t ask for more than that.”

Blackstone Valley Tech’s Amanda Pajak also took part in the Division 2 race, placing 118th following a time of 21:09.0.

The Beavers were also represented in the Division 2 boys’ race, with the team qualifying for States. Valley Tech finished in 15th place. Nathan Slaney (52nd place, 16:59.7), Cooper O’Neil (65th, 17:11.8), Deven Arthur (104th, 17:34.5), Kaden Vincelette (121st, 17:50.8) and Owen Atkins (130th, 17:56.7) contributed the points for the Beavers. Whitinsville Christian’s Jack Crowley also competed as an individual, finishing in 17:25.5 and placing 92nd.



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