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# Local newspaperman Thomas Mattson dies at 86



Thomas Mattson

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — Thomas Mattson, a newspaperman for nearly 40 years in Central Massachusetts and California, died peacefully last week at the age of 86.

Mattson, who wrote a weekly column—“Musings”—for the Tribune from 1996 to 2010, often credited “the people of the Blackstone Valley for vastly enriching his life,” according to a self-written obituary. He died on June 8 at Rose Monahan Hospice House in Worcester.

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota—the son of the late Leonard and Olga (Hansen) Mattson and brother to the late Joyce McCahey—Mattson was educated at St. Paul Academy and was an honor graduate of Harvard University. He studied theology as a graduate student for two years at Union Theological Seminary in New York, and English and History for two years at the University of Minnesota. Coming from a golf family, he was an assistant pro briefly in Minnesota and Wisconsin, according to the obituary.

“He loved his dogs, taking them for lengthy runs every day at West Hill Dam,” said his daughter, Jennifer Mattson. “He was kind and understanding, protective and had a quirky sense of humor.”

After college, Mattson visited 14 countries in a six-month odyssey through Europe that took him as far as Istanbul. During his travels, he “once slept in a steam shovel,” Mattson wrote in the obituary, and at another time “voluntarily in a jail.”

“In Norway, he wondered why it took him all day to walk on hairpin mountain roads before reaching a hotel on the horizon. It turned out the map he used listed distances in seven-mile units so that what he assumed was five miles was in fact 35.”

While hitchhiking in Germany, he was falsely accused by German and American military police as having gone AWOL. One of the criteria for the assumption was that the vagrant was said to speak fluent German. Although that was hardly true, Mattson found it “edifying,” he wrote. Later, he was captured in Yugoslavia as a possible spy, and was interrogated for half a day by a local Communist commandant, he wrote in the obituary. In Istanbul, he taught briefly at the English High School. And he spent a week in an Italian hospital after an accident in which he broke his jaw and received other injuries.

After a stint as a substitute teacher in Minnesota schools, Mattson entered seminary, where he studied Old Testament theology and other related subjects.

“He once wrote a perhaps overly ambitious paper that sought to reinterpret prophetic authority,” the obituary reads. “He worked for two years as a field-work assistant at a church in the Bronx.”

# Blackstone Heritage Corridor seeks public input in survey

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
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REGION — The Blackstone Heritage Corridor has recently launched a public input survey, and the community feedback of local residents will help guide stewardship priorities.

For the past 35 years, the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (BHC) has been the “storyteller, guide, and champion” for the bi-state region created by Congress in 1986, the group released in a statement.

“The Corridor celebrates its heritage as the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution,” BHC stated. “The innovation and imagination that fueled the nationally significant farm-to-factory story are the hallmarks of the region today.”

As the Heritage Corridor looks to the next ten years and beyond, it is currently seeking public input

on key issues, values, and priorities to help guide its stewardship of the historic, cultural, natural, and recreational resources within the 25 communities that make up the National Heritage Corridor, the group added.

“The Corridor is a living, breathing environment that continues to evolve because of the people who live, work and play here,” said BHC’s Executive Director, Devon Kurtz. “We are proud of the accomplishments of our 35 years, but our mission is to tell the story of the people past and present who shaped this Valley. We need to hear from you! How best can we showcase your community? How can we create more welcoming spaces for you and your family to explore? What stories are we missing, and how can we tell our history with greater inclusivity? How can we help you feel part of the Blackstone Heritage Corridor’s future?”

The Blackstone Heritage Corridor is a nonprofit orga-

nization that helped birth the Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park in 2014 and serves as its local coordinating entity. BHC manages the National Park Service Volunteers-In-Parks program and connects people to the resources throughout the park and the Corridor. According to the group, current projects include: a feasibility study to restore a section of the Blackstone Canal in Uxbridge and Northbridge, and working with communities on the continued expansion of the Blackstone River Greenway/Bikeway.

“BHC is eager to learn what people enjoy doing in the Blackstone River Valley and what they want to see protected, restored, and celebrated,” the organization released.

The Public Input Survey is open through Wednesday, June 30, and can be found online at [bit.ly/BHCSURVEY](https://bit.ly/BHCSURVEY) and on the Corridor’s Web site at [BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org](https://BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org).

# Sutton completing data collection program

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
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SUTTON — The town of Sutton has hired Vision Government Solutions, a Hudson-based appraiser group, to help complete its ongoing data collection program.

The project will commence in June, the town released, with data collectors visiting a group of properties to record exterior measurements and conduct inspections.

“Due to the current COVID-19 situation, data collectors will do the exterior and interview the homeowner at the

door when the owner is home,” the town released in a statement.

Data collectors will carry a letter of identification from the Assessor’s Office, a photo ID badge, and have their cars registered with the Police Department. All property owners and tenants are respectfully requested to cooperate with data collectors to ensure that accurate information is used in the revaluation process, the town added.

Any property owners who have questions concerning the data collection process can contact the Assessor’s Office during working hours at

508-865-8722.

In other town news, the town recently completed its Open Space & Recreation Plan survey as part of the updates made to the plan every seven years.

“An up-to-date Plan is necessary to prioritize funding for these resources as well as to apply for grants and other available funding to pursue the goals identified in the Plan,” the town released.

A vital part of every Open Space & Recreation Plan is citizen input, and residents were asked to complete the survey earlier this month.

Sutton is also having a photo contest. Residents may submit their favorite Sutton Open Space and/or Recreation photos by email to [j.hager@town.sutton.ma.us](mailto:j.hager@town.sutton.ma.us).

“We would like to use some of your images in the Plan and the top five images will win a season pass to Marion’s Camp,” the town added.

The town also recently held two community gatherings to reveal the survey results and “work together to formulate our goals for the next seven years.”

# Milford Regional awards scholarships



Courtesy

Melanie Bisbee is presented the Perry Volunteer Scholarship. From left to right: Bob Cole, chair of the Perry Volunteer Scholarship Committee; Rebecca Perry; Melanie Bisbee (Recipient); Mark Perry; and Elaine Willey, director of Volunteer Services at Milford Regional Medical Center.

MILFORD – Milford Regional Medical Center has awarded two scholarships to high school graduates who plan to pursue medical studies in college.

The Milford Regional Auxiliary awarded

their annual scholarship to Olivia Macleod of Milford, and Akshara Shankar of Holliston. Each recipient received a \$1,000 scholarship. Olivia plans to study biomedical engineering or microbiology, while Akshara plans

to pursue a career as a doctor or researcher.

The Perry Volunteer Scholarship was awarded to Melanie Bisbee of Whitinsville. Candidates for the scholarship are Milford Regional volunteers who best exemplify

the characteristics valued by former volunteers Bill and Anne Perry: volunteerism, athletics and a sense of humor. Melanie plans to study nursing with the goal of working in pediatric emergency medicine.





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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. The school's website is [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us). This list contains those students served by the Blackstone Valley Tribune and is not the entire list. Congrats to all!

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# Re-emerging in the Valley

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WHITINSVILLE — The Blackstone Valley Art Association (BVAA) invites the public to view “Re-emerging in the Valley,” a community arts exhibition of BVAA member works celebrating the re-emergence of community after a year of isolation. This special group exhibition will be held at the Spaulding R. Aldrich Heritage Gallery at Alternatives’ Whitin Mill, 50 Douglas Rd., Whitinsville.

This event is being organized by the Blackstone Valley Art Association (BVAA) in association with ValleyCAST, the art and culture subsidiary of Open Sky Community Services.

The exhibit will run from Thursday, July 1 through Aug. 20, with limited access during the ValleyCAST Free Summer Concert Series on Thursday nights from 6-8 p.m. Other visits by appointment only.

One goal of the exhibit is to highlight some lessons learned during the pandemic, including the importance of connecting with loved ones, sharing laughter and treasuring the moment. The BVAA hopes to inspire others to explore new avenues of expression through photography, painting, drawing, and other forms of art.

To schedule an appointment to view the exhibit, call 508-234-6232. For more information, visit <https://www.openskycs.org/news-events/events/valleycast-art-exhibit-re-emerging-in-the-valley/> or <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyCAST>

The BVAA is a local non-profit organization that has been promoting the arts in the Valley since 1956. Learn more at BVAA.org

To learn more about ValleyCAST and/or Open Sky Community Services, visit [openskycs.org](https://www.openskycs.org) or call (508) 234-6232.

# Lasell University students named to Spring 2021 Dean’s List


NEWTON — Lasell University students named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List were recognized for their academic performance last semester. Students included were:

- Peyton Young of Douglas
- Kaylie Gonya of Uxbridge

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at [smocle@lasell.edu](mailto:smocle@lasell.edu) or at 617-243-2386.


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## DIRECTOR’S NEWS FOR JULY 2021

The Senior Center is in the process of slowly opening our programs again! Please be reassured that we have planned this re-opening with your safety and health in mind. We have worked with the local Board of Health for guidance and received help from a local nursing student from Southern New Hampshire University, Lindsey Bernard, to assist us with this process. Lindsey completed a comprehensive health education module which will assist the Senior Center on best practices with the re-opening of the Center. We wish to thank Lindsey for her efforts and appreciate her hard work!

We know that older adults are more vulnerable to COVID-19 (8 out of 10 COVID-19 deaths reported have been in people 65 years and older). With more and more seniors being vaccinated and the positive COVID cases decreasing, we are now in a better position to scale up our programs even more. Our Senior Center is a great place to fulfill your physical, emotional, nutritional, and social needs. However, due to our space limitations of the Center and the inability to adequately socially

distance our participants, we will be going thru various stages on scaling up our Center’s programs and activities.

Last month, we opened up our Activity Programs with outdoor programs with a limited number in attendance. Due to the hot weather anticipated for the month of July, we will move our outdoor programs indoors with a continued limit of participants and continue to maintain social distancing. This will allow our seniors to be in a more comfortable environment with the a/c and continue to maintain safe practices. In addition, we are so excited to announce live Yoga and Zumba classes to be held again! The 8-week classes will be held at our satellite site at McCloskey School located at 62 Capron Street effective July 22nd. Our Yoga instructor is Dr. David Tapscott, a certified yoga instructor and our Zumba instructor continues to be Amy Smith. We appreciate our instructor’s willingness to help us scale up our programs again. Please be sure to sign up early as space will be limited. See details inside our newsletter.

The Nutrition Program has been extremely innovative during the pandemic. We went from serving a Congregate Lunch Program 5 days a week into a 2 day/2meal Home Delivery system as well as a twice a month Curbside Lunch. The home delivery program has been very successful, but the Senior Center will not be able to sustain this delivery system, as well as scaling up the congregate meal setting which we previously had. We anticipate slowly discontinuing the home

delivery meals by the end of the summer. For the month of July, in addition to the home delivered meals and curbside lunches, we are excited to announce the opening of the Congregate Lunch on Mondays only starting July 12th. Please RSVP 48-72 hours ahead to reserve your seat. Transportation will be available to the Center on Mondays. Again, we are slowly scaling up operations and we appreciate your patience while we navigate through this process. We miss you all and are hopeful that we will be back to “normal” soon.

Our SHINE Representative, Pat Nectow, will be returning on the third Tuesday of each month by appointment only, for those that need assistance with health insurance information. Please call the Center for more info. We are excited to welcome Pat back! Dr. B (our foot doctor) will be returning back on July 29th at 8:30am. Please call to book your appointment. Our Transportation Program continues to provide rides to medical appointments as well as for shopping, pharmacy and banking needs. Please call Donna to book your ride.

Stay safe and Happy 4th of July everyone,  
Lisa

Virtual programs will be aired on Local Cable Channel 192 Tuesday – Thursdays, 9:30am & 5:30pm also 10:00am & 6:00pm (times may vary). You can also check out our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Thursday, July 1st – 2:00 pm – Rain date for Tie-dying Craft at the senior center - Space is limited and must continue to maintain social distancing. RSVP to reserve your spot by. Donations are always welcome!

Monday, July 5th – The Senior Center will be closed in observance of Independence Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, July 6th.

Thursday, July 8th – 2:00 pm - Clay Craft with Sally at the senior center - Space is limited and must continue to maintain social distancing. RSVP to reserve your spot by. Donations are always welcome!

Friday, July 9th – 12:00 pm - Baked Fish Curbside Pickup. RSVP is required, please call 508-278-8622 to reserve your meal.

Friday, July 9th - 1:00 pm – Live Facebook Pictionary with Sally & Gail! Tune in to the Uxbridge Senior Center Facebook page. Prize given to first place participant!

Congregate Lunches will be every Monday Only starting

July 12th @ 12:00 pm. Please call ahead to sign up.

Live ZUMBA Classes for Seniors starting July 22nd for an 8-week session – 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm – Amy Smith will be your instructor. Classes will be held at the McCloskey School, 62 Capron Street. The suggested donation for this class is \$25.00. Checks may be payable to the Uxbridge Senior Center. Applications and waiver forms are required prior to the start of this program.

Live Chair Yoga Classes starting Thursday, July 22nd for an 8-week session – 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm – Dr. David Tapscott will be your instructor. Classes will be held at the McCloskey School, 62 Capron Street. The suggested donation for this class is \$25.00. Checks may be payable to the Uxbridge Senior Center. Applications and waiver forms are required prior to the start of this program.

Friday, July 23rd - 1:00 pm – Indoor BINGO with Sally at the senior center. Prizes will be awarded! Must call 508-278-8622 to sign up as space is limited and social distancing is required.

Thursday, July 29th – The Foot Doctor starting @ 8:30 am at the Uxbridge Senior Center. Appointments are set up on a first come, first served basis and fill up rather quickly. If you would like an appointment with Dr. Biancamano, please call 508-278-8622 to schedule. Also, please let us know if you require transportation to the podiatry clinic.

Friday, July 30th – 12:00 pm - Baked Fish Curbside Pickup - RSVP is required. Please call 508-278-8622 to reserve your meal.

Friday, July 30th – 1:00 pm – Facebook Live Family Feud! Tune in to the Uxbridge Senior Center Facebook page for some fun! Prize given to first place participant!

Uxbridge Senior Center On The Move - Videos will be posted every Monday at 10:00 am! Get ready to join Sally & Gail on VIRTUAL Trips in and around Uxbridge!

Hannaford grocery shopping every Tuesday. Pick up begins at 8:30 AM. Please sign up in advance by calling us at 508-278-8622 to reserve your seat on the van. Masks are required and seating is limited.

Appointments are now available on the Third Tuesday of the Month from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm with our SHINE Representative Pat Nectow. Call 508-278-8622 to schedule.

Knitting Club every Tuesday @ 1:30 pm – Space is limited and must continue to maintain social distancing. Please RSVP 508-278-8622.

Every Tuesday – Virtual Chair exercises with Sally posted on the Uxbridge Senior Center Facebook page & YouTube after 2:30 pm.

Every Wednesday @ 9 AM\* Weather Permitting – MCOA Walk Massachusetts Challenge Continues - Program runs until Sept. 30th and is incorporated with Sally’s Walking Club! Meet at the Blackstone Valley Greenway on Adams St., S. Uxbridge. To sign up call 508-278-8622 or go to [www.mcoaoonline.com/walkma](http://www.mcoaoonline.com/walkma) There will be No Walking Club on July 14th.

1st and 3rd Wednesdays – July 7th & July 21st @ 10:00 am – Bank & Pharmacy Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance if you need a ride. Masks must be worn as well.

2nd and 4th Wednesday – July 14th & July 28th @ 9:30 am – Shopping trip to Walmart. There will only be 4 people allowed on the van per visit. Call ahead to sign up! Masks must be worn.

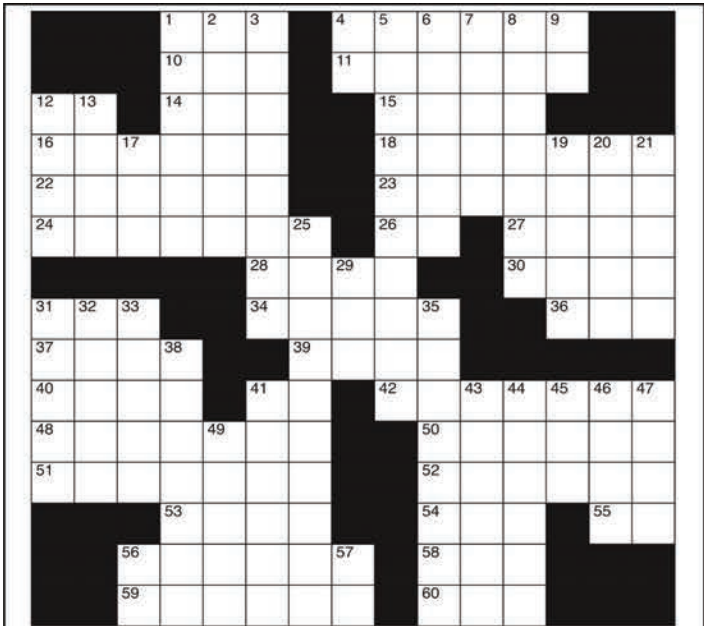
2nd and 4th Thursdays – July 8th & July 22nd @ 9:30 am – Shaws/Ocean State Shopping Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance if you need a ride. Masks must be worn and limited to 4 people on the van.

Medical Transportation is accepting appointments. Call 508-278-8622 to schedule your rides.

The Uxbridge Senior Center Donation Funds are used to pay for services, programs, and activities for Uxbridge older adults and are not considered part of the Town’s operating budget for the Center. Anyone wishing to donate may do so by making checks payable to the “Uxbridge Senior Center”. Donations may also be made in honor of, in memory of, or in appreciation of. Contributions are greatly appreciated. Our seniors Thank You!

Feel free to contact us at 508-278-8622 or visit us on our web page at [Uxbridge-ma.gov/coa](http://Uxbridge-ma.gov/coa) or like us on our FB page or by googling Uxbridge Senior Center and our new YouTube Channel or even dropping by.

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<https://www.uxbridgetv.org/schedule/192>



## CLUES ACROSS

1. “Sleepless In Seattle” actress Ryan

4. One of Santa’s reindeer

10. Before the present

11. Type of butter

12. Location of White House

14. Motion

15. Tree part

16. Regions around the North Pole

18. Fits on a boat’s gunwale

22. Discuss after it’s happened

23. Milk substitute for coffee

24. Describes one who believes in supreme being

26. Equally

27. Famed director Forman

28. Popular apartment style

30. British School

31. Advanced degree
34. Order of architecture

36. Investment account (abbr.)

37. Snake-like fishes

39. Children’s tale bear

40. Norse personification of old age

41. Atomic #58

42. Moving your head

48. 1878 Kentucky Derby winner

50. Frankfurt

51. Small, seedless raisin

52. Device in papermaking machine

53. Go

54. Open payment initiative (abbr.)

55. “Westworld” actor Harris

56. Saturated with salt

58. Marry

59. Report on

60. Midway between north and northeast

## CLUES DOWN

1. Rays

2. Self-centered person

3. One you look after

4. Prosecutor

5. Portion

6. Speaks ill of

7. Formal system for computer programs

8. To make angry

9. Rural delivery

12. Group of languages

13. Large First Nations group

17. Circulating life force in Chinese philosophy

19. Excludes

20. Body cavity of a metazoan

21. Swedish monetary unit
25. Works with

29. Partner to “to”

31. Rewards (archaic)

32. One of Caroline Islands

33. Type of alcohol

35. Eat a lot

38. Nuns

41. Dog

43. Become more serious

44. Choose

45. Newspapers use it

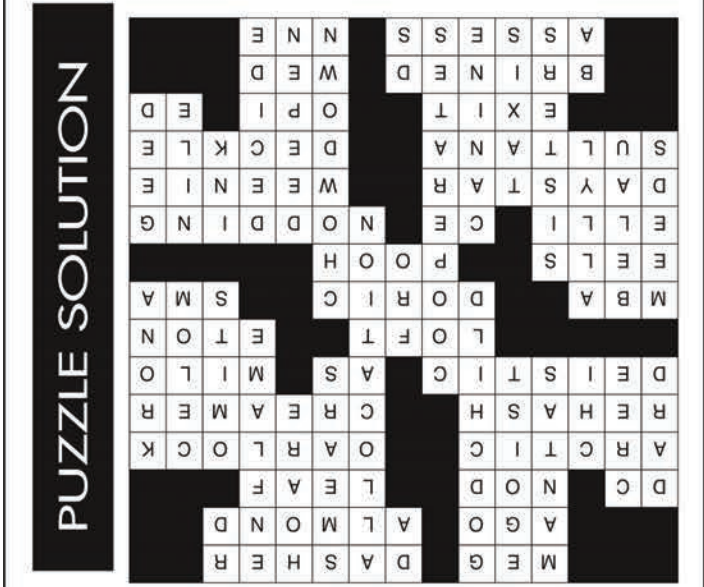
46. World’s longest river

47. Commanded to go faster

49. Cabs

56. Mr. T’s “A-Team” character

57. Document signed (abbr.)



# NORTHBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

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[www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging](http://www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging)  
Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Plummer Place bus will go back to its regular schedule beginning Tuesday, June 1st. Shaw’s trips will be scheduled for Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings and Walmart trips are Wednesday afternoons only. The bus will go to Hannaford’s on the first Tuesday of every month. You can also book an appointment for in-town medical appointments and other in-town trips on all days. You must give a 24 hour notice when booking your trip.

FINE’s 120 Club, their biggest fundraiser, is back starting July 1st. For \$20 you can buy a 120 ticket

and be entered every week to win \$20 and on the final drawing on November 18th, have a chance to win \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 or \$100! Call the Center for information or come in to buy a ticket at the front desk.

Plummer Place will resume our Day Trip program through Best of Times Travel. The first show we are offering is “The Texas Tenors Live in Concert” at the Danversport Yacht Club on Thursay, August 26th. The price is \$99/person. We are also offering another show on September 21st at the Yacht Club, “Home Again, Carol King Tribute”, \$96/person. Each trip includes lunch at the Club. Call Michelle for more information or to sign up.

Mahjong is returning to Plummer Place. Beginning Wednesday, May 26th at 12:30pm, the National Mahjong League will meet. The Four Winds Mahjong League will begin Monday, June 7th from 1:00-3:00pm.

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


Crafts and Coloring Club has resumed. Elaine has lots of new projects planned! Call for information.

Painting Class will be offered on Thursdays, 1-3:00pm. Please note the change in day and time.

Our Billiard Room is now open every day.

Plummer Place has secured a block of time on Northbridge Cable channel 194 from 9:00-11:00am Monday through Friday. We will be airing exercise classes and programs geared towards our senior population.

Our daily lunch at Plummer Place will remain on hold until further notice.



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# UniBank welcomes summer interns

WHITINSVILLE – On June 7, UniBank welcomed nine local college students to take part in the bank’s 2021 Summer College Internship program. The program, coordinated by UniBank’s Training & Development Manager, Heather Kicelemos, allows the interns to integrate knowledge and theory learned in their college classrooms to contribute to bank projects. The goal is for the interns to experience valuable applied experiences and make

connections in the fields they are considering for their respective career paths. Each intern has been paired with a mentor in their respective field of interest which includes Finance/Accounting, Marketing, Retail Administration, Credit, Sterling Associates, Commercial Lending, Compliance, and Community Reinvestment. They will work closely with their mentors on assignments

and projects. While completing the designated assignments, the interns will be included in department and committee meetings and will be provided networking opportunities with other departments throughout UniBank. They will also have weekly interactions with the bank’s Senior Leadership Team. UniBank’s 2021 Summer College Internship program interns include: James Cannon (CRA) –

Providence College, Management (Marketing) – Robbie Cannon (Marketing) – Providence College, Marketing and Finance Trevor Ham (Credit) – Clark University, 2021 Economics and Management graduate Derek Knobloch (Credit) – Bryant University, Finance and Applied Analytics Kate Labrie (Sterling Associates) – Bryant University, Human Resources

Sophie Plouffe (Finance) – UMass Amherst, Economics and IT Ben Potter (Compliance) – UMass Amherst, 2021 Finance graduate Jack Tessier (Commercial Lending) – Holy Cross, Economics & History Mike Wickstrom (Retail Administration) – Providence College, Marketing & Sociology

productive summer providing enriching experiences for our interns.” UniBank is rooted in the Blackstone Valley with assets of \$2.3 billion as of March 31. A full-service, mutually owned community bank, UniBank has branches in Central Massachusetts and the MetroWest region of Massachusetts. UniBank is dedicated to contributing to the overall quality of life and economic health of the communities it serves, while maintaining a high level of financial soundness and integrity. UniBank is an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC and Member DIF. UniBank NMLS #583135. The company Web site is www.unibank.com.

## News from Beginning Bridges

BeginningBridgesCFCE.weebly.com – Facebook: Beginning Bridges CFCE – Emurray@smoc.org – 508-278-5110 Beginning Bridges CFCE supports parents as their children’s first, best and most important teachers in the communities of Mendon, Northbridge, Upton & Uxbridge. We are a non-profit, family support organization that provides FREE comprehensive services. Currently our programs include weekly indoor and outdoor early play/literacy story times, outdoor story walks and many activity suggestions on our webpage. We also sponsor parent education programs, offer the Ages & Stages Developmental Questionnaire and can connect families to resources. Our goal is to support parents as they guide

their children to reach their optimum potential. We work with many community partners who share the same goal of strengthening our communities. Funding for the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) is provided by the Massachusetts Dept. of Early Education and Care (EEC) and sponsored by South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC-Childcare/Head Start). Upcoming Events-Registration is required for all upcoming events. Links can be accessed on our website or contact Emily Murray at 508-278-5110 or Emurray@smoc.org. Wednesdays, 7/7 and 7/21, Rocks and Roll, from 10:00 to 11:15am rain or shine: Join us in learning about rocks and explor-

ing the wonders of West Hill Dam on a nature walk. Tuesday, 7/13, MOM’s Club Playtime, 9:30-11:00am at Uxbridge Play Center. Thursday, 07/15, Fairy Gardens at River Bend Farm, from 9:30 – 11:00 am, rain or shine. Collect materials on a nature walk to create a fairy garden while listening to a fairy story. Tuesday, 07/27, Playgroup at the Playcenter in Uxbridge, in-person, from 9:30 – 11:00 am, socialization opportunities through structured and fun play time - bring a snack and water. Saturday, 07/31, Summer StoryWalk, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, rain or shine, join us for a leisurely stroll to enjoy the story T is for Tiger.

## Nichols College students named to Spring 2021 Honors List

DUDLEY — Many hard-working students at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass., have achieved Dean’s List or President’s List honors during the spring 2021 semester. The Dean’s List and President’s List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean’s List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President’s List honors. Hunter Clements of Whitinsville receives Dean’s List honors Rachel Forte of Douglas receives President’s List honors Noelle Haas of Northbridge receives President’s List honors Kiley Lafortune of Douglas receives President’s List honors Mandy Laporte of Douglas receives President’s List honors Andrew McCarthy of Uxbridge receives Dean’s List honors Victoria McPherson of Douglas receives President’s List honors Hannah Murphy of Northbridge receives Dean’s List honors About Nichols College Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow’s leaders. Nichols also offers master’s degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today’s professionals.

## Kayla Marie Roach named to Husson University’s President’s List

BANGOR, Maine — Uxbridge resident, Kayla Marie Roach, has been named to Husson University’s President’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. During the spring semester, Roach was enrolled in Husson’s Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy program. Students who make the President’s List must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted for the semester, and achieve a 3.80 to 4.0 semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement. For more than 120 years, Husson University has shown its adaptability and strength in delivering educational programs that prepare future leaders to handle the challenges of tomorrow through innovative undergraduate and graduate degrees. With a commitment to delivering affordable classroom, online and experiential learning opportunities, Husson University has come to represent a superior value in higher education. The hallmarks of a Husson education include advanced knowledge delivered through quality educational programs in business; health and education; pharmacy studies; science and humanities; as well as communication. According to a recent analysis of tuition and fees by U.S. News & World Report, Husson University is one of the most affordable private colleges in New England. For more information about educational opportunities that can lead to personal and professional success, visit Husson.edu.

### PET of the WEEK



Meet our newest arrival, Belle! Belle is a 3 year old sweet and outgoing girl who loves to be with people. While Belle loves adults and older kids, she can be uncomfortable around very young children. She is looking for a home with adults or kids over 12. Belle gets along with other small dogs, but can be fearful of big dogs. Belle is active, playful, and loves treats! She loves to go for walks! She is not housebroken, and will need a patient family to continue housetraining with her. If you think Belle is the one you have been waiting for, please email adopt@baypathhumane.org today!

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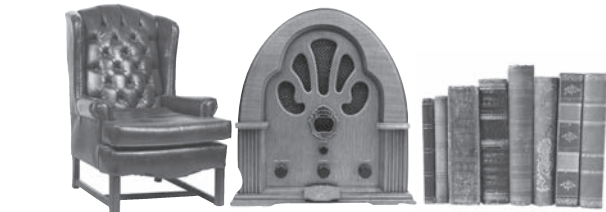
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## Friday’s Child



Caleb  
Age 12

Hi! My name is Caleb and I like to build creative devices!

Caleb is a very mature boy of Hispanic descent. Thoughtful and intelligent, Caleb enjoys playing basketball, video games, and also has the ability to build very creative structures. He attends a S.T.E.M. school focused on science and math. He does well in school with some additional help to stay focused. Caleb has an engineering brain and loves to take things apart and put them back together. He also is very interested in electronics. A structured school environment works best for Caleb. In his current foster home, Caleb gets along well with his older foster brother.

Legally freed for adoption, Caleb would do well in most any

family constellation. He has nine siblings who live in western MA with whom he should have continued contact. His new family should have patience, preferably some parenting experience, much love to give, and the ability to keep him active. A family with an older boy in the home who would set a good example for Caleb would be beneficial for him.

### Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you’re at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mare-inc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.





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## BLACKSTONE

\$315,000, 115 Elm St, Smith, Glenn E, and Smith, Elizabeth A, to Mcdermott, Mark, and Mcdermott, Cynthia.

\$314,000, 8 Fox Run Rd #8, Hickey, Donald F, and Milani, Loretta, to Lacroix, Roland, and Lacroix, Suzanne V.

## DOUGLAS

\$255,000, 15 North St, Charles & Marie LLC, to Kerridan LLC.

\$100,000, Lakeshore Dr #2, Janis A Cahill T, and Cahill, David W, to Radzik, Jacob D, and Radzik, Katrina E.

## NORTHBRIDGE

\$395,000, 140 Clubhouse Ln #140, Iarussi, Brian J, to Tannar, John E, and Tannar, Rebecca M.

\$325,000, 1063 Hill St, Connors, Kevin M, and Connors, Michael J, to Timme, Benjamin C, and Norcross, Nicole L.

\$315,000, 206 Smith Rd, Naroian Ratcliffe T, and Ratcliffe, Linda K, to Guilfoil, Benjamin.

\$200,000, 2528 Providence Rd, SMS Enterprise LLC, and Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc, to Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc.

\$165,000, 139 Border St #139, Wiersma, Jonathan P, to Levesque, Ryan T.

\$150,000, 21 D St #21, Gurski, Eric M, to Patel, Jagdishkumar R.

## UXBRIDGE

\$442,000, 86 Rogerson Xing #86, Gladu, Sharon L, to Nancy Salem FT, and Salem, Nancy.

\$439,950, 6 Queen Of Roses Ln #6, Ledlum, James E, to Davis, Timothy, and Larsen, Sarah.

\$400,000, 547 Blackstone St, Calvey, Jeffrey W, and Calvey, Christine M, to Palumbo, Wayne P, and Palumbo, Sharon E.

## Local students make dean's list at Connecticut College

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Sophia Bodor and Alyce Powers of Grafton, Sophie Protano and Tiernan Shea of North Grafton, and Jacqueline Puda and Grace Robinson of Whitinsville have been named to the Connecticut College dean's list for the 2021 spring semester.

About Connecticut College Founded in 1911, Connecticut College is a highly selective private liberal arts college of 1,800 students located on a 750-acre arboretum campus in New London, overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River. The College's mission is to educate students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens of a global society. Through an innovative four-year program, Connections, students integrate every aspect of their experience from classes to majors to internships to activities to jobs on campus and abroad into a meaningful pathway that allows them to synthesize different perspectives, solve complex problems, and contribute to the public good. For more information, see [www.conncoll.edu](http://www.conncoll.edu) or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

## Nicholas Lyford of Douglas earns Dean's List honors at College of Saint Rose

ALBANY, N.Y. — Nicholas Lyford of Douglas has earned Dean's List honors for the Spring 2021 semester at The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who complete a minimum of 12 graded credit hours and who achieve a semester average of 3.5 without a D, F, or Incomplete grade.

Lyford is majoring in Forensic Science at Saint Rose. The College of Saint Rose ([www.strose.edu](http://www.strose.edu)) is a dynamic, progressive college in the heart of New York's capital city offering bachelor's and master's degree programs, as well as certificates. The Saint Rose experience empowers students to improve themselves and the world around them.

## Alexander Martellio named to Castleton University Dean's List

CASTLETON, Vt. — Alexander Martellio of Uxbridge, was recently named to the Castleton University Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year.

To qualify for this academic honor, students must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

About Castleton University Castleton University is small enough to be a community where every student matters, yet large enough to offer more than 75 programs of study for undergraduate and graduate students, 28 varsity sports, and over 50 clubs and organizations. The university stresses experiential learning through internships, community service and research opportunities provided by more than 400 community partnerships. For more information, visit [castleton.edu](http://castleton.edu).

## Curry College announces Spring 2021 Dean's List students

MILTON — Curry College congratulates roughly 1,000 students who were named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List.

Taylor Keene of Northbridge

Corey Smith of Uxbridge

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EDITORIAL

Some words of advice for new graduates

Students around the region are flipping tassels this week, participating in a traditional rite of passage, generally symbolizing their transition to adulthood. With more and more people becoming vaccinated, ceremonies are looking a bit more traditional than they did last year.

Many seniors and their underclassman counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world amidst a global pandemic. This time in a teen's life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following: 1. Don't smoke; 2. Drink plenty of water every day; and 3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you). 4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and 5. Watch the "Back to the Future" trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn't mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it's hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it's what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it's really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self-awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and that means you need to make it what it is and what it will be.

Congratulations to the class of 2021!

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spend some time with an old fashioned heroine

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. Have you ever heard of these amazing books written by women authors, written in the past, when some would say that women had very little opportunity in the male dominated profession of writing? These women wrote anyway. Some fooled publishers by using a pen name, a man's name, and got away with it. Think of the hurdles they leaped in spite of the headwinds they faced. Women's rights were whispered back then. By the way, have you noticed how women's rights have fallen off the radar screen of the Woke mob? I guess we are all just humans now, but I digress.

I suggest you read these books before they are banned, before some Woke-person decides that the men are too strong or not weak enough, the women are too weak or too matrimonially inclined, or the outcomes too preposterous, or the stories too violent, or not violent enough (see the Yellowstone series, if you can stomach it).

Let's begin way back in English literature with "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Bronte, published in 1847 under the pen name of Currer Bell. Who would read such an old-school book?

There are good reasons. First, the language. It is brilliantly written. It is a thriller. The hair will stand on the back of your neck as you read about the wind, the candle blowing out, "something" in the attic, and "something" rattling Jane's bedroom door in the dead of night. Imagine Jane, alone, tearing wildly across the soulless moors. It is a passionate love story between a seemingly powerless woman and a powerful man. And most importantly, a woman dominates the story and firmly controls her fate - in 1847 - when women were powerless, right? No spoiler alert needed, but the author gives Jane a power surge to rival any action movie heroine.

Just 31 years old and living at home when she wrote the book, Bronte was a well educated daughter of a parson in a small, remote, bleak village in northern England. Auspicious, isn't it? The Woke

mob would predict that she would be an utter failure, victimized as she was, but they would be wrong.

Another amazing "old" novel in which the woman triumphs and gains control of her life is "North and South" by Elizabeth Gaskell, published in 1854. No, this is not about the American North and South. It is about the industrial north of England when factories were taking over rural life. Gaskell wrote for a magazine edited by Charles Dickens who, as her editor, tried to impose his views on her. She refused to be bullied.

"The Yearling" by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings is a must read for any adolescent. It is an adventurous coming of age story written by a woman living in the backwater of Florida in 1930's, on her own. On occasion, the language is challenging, but it is the same language used commonly in rap or hip-hop music. If you have seen the movie, with Gregory Peck in his first really grand role, do you hope it will endure?

"The Outlander" by Diana Gabaldon is an eight-book series that chronicles events from the nurse's station in a World War II battlefield to the Scottish Highlands, the Battle of Culloden in 1746, up to the Revolutionary War. Again, it is brilliantly written, and gallops along, dragging you from exciting scene to hair-raising scene and back to the central theme: a marriage between a fierce Highlander with 18th century values and an outspoken woman of the 20th century (Claire) who takes no guff from men. That can be a problem in Scotland in 1746. It is so entertaining to read how she talks back to 18th century men. Being so frank and outspoken, Claire does get herself into trouble, but would we have her any other way?

Some people champion the Lib-fem, the Girl Boss, or the Yes Queen, but for sheer grit, determination and faith in her God and in herself, give me an old-fashioned heroine every time. What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted,  
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Is Critical Race Theory in your child's classroom?

To the Editor:

Called CRT for short, these remarks were made via Zoom on June 16 to the Uxbridge School Committee.

A thought-provoking Federalist paper outlined CRT history developed to explain why the proletariat was not flocking to Marxism. In the 1920s, worker-bee types were still devoted to their religion, family, and culture; so CRT was framed specifically to destroy these pillars! Since the 1970s, it has dripped through colleges, with race warfare (aka identity politics) replacing class warfare as enticement for Americans to embrace a communist style philosophy. Its success registers in declining religious belief, breakdown of family units, and rather dramatically, 'crucifixion' of our system of government, culture and icons!

The Washington Times printed an understandable definition for CRT, slightly abbreviated with no distortion of meaning: A Marxist theory that views society only through the lens of race-based oppression .... sows hatred and division in the name of 'dignity' and 'equality'; teaches 'whiteness' is oppression and all its manifestations must be erased- including 'the nuclear family,' 'objective, rational, linear thinking', and the concept of 'hard work as key to success'... rejects the most fundamental beliefs of our nation: equal under law, opportunities to prosper and pursue happiness based on individual merit. At its core, CRT abhors classical 'liberalism' which emphasizes neutral legal principals and meritocracy through individual liberty, rights and freedom of expression. It promotes racial stereotypes and teaches that people think and act according to their skin color, the same type of racist view taught in the segregationist South decades ago. Can anyone seriously espouse such thinking in society today?

Marxism is rooted in CRT intellectual language. Based on race, it targets individuals as 'oppressed' or 'oppressors,' 'victims' or 'victimizers.' Beliefs- including religion and politics- are founded on 'means of production,' with business (aka the 'oppressor') creating laws, social norms and ideas to retain power over the 'oppressed.' These

are dictatorial descriptions; plus, disagreement with the CRT premise automatically labels one 'racist.' Race and prejudice is debatable only in tight, verbal confines of 'systemic racism' or 'white privilege!' Your choice boils down to: accept a wicked, never-ending, overarching white power structure or confess to a basic 'racist' nature! Any logical push-back is often met with illogic like, "Do you deny racism exists?" Certainly not, because racism and slavery existed from the dawn of time and remains part of the baser human condition we constantly seek to improve! However, blind acceptance of 'white supremacy' as the cause of all modern, race-related problems is ludicrous on its face. By following the logic of this particular 'race theory,' only one equally ludicrous conclusion remains — to cloud history through total revision or entirely erase records of all life-changing ideas and contributions. Seeing this laser-focus on our country's evil, so-called 'Euro-centric,' foundation, we must be wise and smart enough to realize CRT 'dismisses' and then demands rejection of the very bulwarks of Western Civilization. Unity as One Nation is not the goal; division is at CRT core.

'Equality' and 'equity' are not synonymous! Well-known people of color have debunked CRT, because it simply does not represent 'progress' toward better race relations as sane citizens everywhere seek to form a 'more perfect Union.' This philosophy is 'regressive' in a most demonizing form. Any school system implanting such thoughts in impressionable minds is guilty of deliberate educational malpractice.

Do not think for a nanosecond I suggest stifling or short-circuiting accurate teaching about America's racial past or present. Where I sat for 10 years, School Committee policies were determined by "best interests of students." Now banned in many states, educators and parents need to speak out against the unconscionable 'indoctrination' of children CRT represents. Instead, promote: "Love thy neighbor as thyself" to this generation in your care.

JANE F. KEEGAN  
UXBRIDGE

Thank you, Joe

peers that is so needed for their personal growth. And Thank God we can have weddings with all our family and loved ones there. And yes, even now have the overdue funerals too.

President Biden gave us a generous stimulus check that helped me pay off debts and get dental work started again. Good to have a decent, honest man again who cares about the American people, and knows who out true allies are. Recent ransomware attacks from Russia tell us just how much Putin and that country care about us.

JOHN DUDLEY  
DOUGLAS

Look past these life insurance myths



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Most people recognize the need for life insurance – but many of them still don't have it.

Why?

People offer a variety of rationales for remaining uninsured. But these reasons may just be myths. Here are a few of them:

"I'm single (or married with no children), so I don't need life insurance." Even if you're single, you may still have financial obligations that could be met by life insurance proceeds if something happened to you. Perhaps you have taken out some loans with a co-signer who would be on the hook for the balance, or maybe you have a business partner who might be in trouble without your resources. And if you're married but don't have children, you'd still want to provide support for your spouse, particularly if student loans or a mortgage is involved.

"Life insurance is too expensive." Different types of insurance carry different costs. If you purchase permanent insurance, such as whole life or universal life, your premiums are paying for a death benefit and a savings component. Consequently, this type of policy is more expensive than term insurance, which just provides a death benefit for a certain number of years. Term insurance is usually quite affordable, and, generally speaking, the younger you are, the less expensive the policy – and, of course, you can shop around for the best rates.

"I get enough life insurance through my employer." Many employers do offer life insurance as an employee benefit, but there are two possible issues with this coverage. First, it may be for a minimal amount and not enough for your needs, especially if you have several dependents. And second, an employer's life insurance policy is not necessarily portable – if you leave your job, you might lose your coverage.

"I have a pre-existing condition, so I'm sure I couldn't get life insurance." Some pre-existing conditions don't automatically disqualify you from getting life insurance, although you might end up paying higher premiums than someone without any health issues. In any case, it's a good idea to look at what various companies might offer, as insurers use somewhat different underwriting processes and may view pre-existing conditions differently.

"Insurers don't want to pay out the proceeds." Actually, there's a fairly straightforward process for paying out death benefits. Your beneficiaries must file a claim and submit the death certificate – and that's about it. An insurer must have a strong reason to deny a claim, and, in fact, the company is typically motivated to pay as soon as possible to avoid incurring interest charges for delayed payments.

Don't let any of these myths deter you from obtaining life insurance. Then, when you're ready to act, you'll need to ask some questions: How much coverage do I need? Should I get term or permanent insurance? How should I designate my beneficiaries? You may want to work with a financial professional to determine the type and amount of insurance you need. Once you've gotten your coverage in place, you'll know that you've done what you could to help protect your loved ones – and that's no myth.

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# Lessons from Mr. Todd



Courtesy

This week's picture shows Kevin Poulos and his friend Pat Trinor after they shot the archery course at the Boston Archers shoot last Saturday.

Last week's archery shoot sponsored by the Boston Archers drew a large turnout to enjoy the day at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. Two hundred fifty chicken dinners were sold prior to the event, and were cooked by the Uxbridge club members, with bake master Steve Bedard cooking has famous fried potatoes, and barbecued chicken. It was the largest outdoor event held at the club since the pandemic. The raffle had a huge array of hunting related items like the club had never seen, and were all donations from various archery and sporting goods stores, which are too numerous to mention.

Seabass fishing in Buzzards Bay continued to provide some great fishing for this writer, and my fishing buddy Matt Foutain last week. Striper fishing in the bay was a bit slow on the canal, but should pick up any day now. The Providence River is also producing stripers, and striped fishing in other Rhode Island waters has been improving daily, if you do not mind doing catch and release of large fish. Water temperatures were around the 60-degree mark last week. Most recreational anglers that target fluke, are waiting for the opening of seabass in



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This week's second picture shows Steve Bedard, bake master Richard Baker, and Ralph Goudin checking the rack of barbecued chickens at last Saturdays Boston Archers shoot.

Rhode Island waters. It is slated to open June 24, and anglers are hoping to catch a limit of three seabass, and possibly catching a doormat fluke or two to take home for dinner. Many recreational anglers are not happy with Rhode Island's 19-inch minimum length this year, including this writer.

Fly fishing can become a great way to fish if you are properly taught by an experienced fly-fishing angler. I bumped into one of my students from a fly-fishing class I held at the Uxbridge high school many years ago. Myself, along with Dave, a master fly fishing angler and fly tier from the New England fly Tyers Association, had a class of approximately 15 adult students



This unidentified snake handler at the Boston Archers shoot last Saturday sure gave me the Willies.

enjoy a number of weeks tying flies, and teaching the art of fly fishing. We went to Wallum Lake to try our luck at catching a few trout. We were pleasantly surprised with a good number of trout being caught by the students. The trout were retained and cleaned which were cooked at our next and final class at the high school in Uxbridge. This past week, I bumped into one of the students from our fly-fishing class while attending the service at the Fairlawn church. and was happy to hear that he is still enjoying fly fishing as often as he can. This writer had the late William Todd as a foreman on department 426, at Whitin Machine Works, back when I was 17 years old. He did a lot of fly fishing for trout at Riley's Pond, on Castle Hill Road, in back of the former WMW. He often fly fished after work, along with his friend's the late Richard Bosma and Horace Bassett. They often fished

at the back section of the pond, using waders to navigate the somewhat shallow water. One day, Bill asked me if I would like to learn fly fishing. "You bet I would!" I replied. The next day, he brought along a Heddon Black Beauty seven-and-a-half-foot fly rod equipped with a Martin reel and fly line. He invited me into his office and showed me the fishing rod. "Meet me at Riley's Pond after work!" he stated. "I will show you the basics, and then it is up to you!" As soon as the whistle blew to end the work day, I was on my way to Riley's Pond. I cannot tell you how Mr. Todd influenced my life, with the simple gesture of kindness. I am not positive, but I think I paid him \$20 for the outfit. Fly fishing for trout over the years has left me with a lot of great memories, and I try to pass it on. Bill also gave me the opportunity to become a machinist, basically running engine lathes and cylindrical grinders, which became my way to earn a living the rest of my life! The good old days! I still have the fly rod Bill sold me, but I accidentally slammed it in the door of my car one day, and made the rod a wall hanger! Saltwater fly fishing has also become a great way to enjoy the ultimate experience in catching these hard fighting fish. Purchasing saltwater fly's is a bit expensive, costing almost or as much as a saltwater fishing lure. Another reason to learn the art of fly tying. Catching a striper on a fly that you created yourself can give the angler the ultimate satisfaction when saltwater fishing. There are not many local stores left that sell fly tying equipment. Only the big retailers like Cabela's and Bass pro have a large array of fly-tying equipment. You can also buy it online! Check the Web site of New England Fly Tiers, and attend their classes this coming fall. They are a group of dedicated anglers that are eager to make you a great fly tier and fly fisherman or woman. Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

# Not my favorite column

I love spontaneity more than the average person – whether it be a spontaneous vacation or party. This last weekend has been a weekend of spontaneous fun, celebration, laughter, eating, and story-sharing. More than a hundred people have poured in and around my home, patio, and family room over the last three days for what has felt like a non-stop celebration. My two sons, Toby and Travis, and my son-in-law, Jeff, all worked hard to take the mantle of master grill and made my special barbecue ribs better than I could have ever done. I've savored every conversation, hug, moment, and memory. By now, you might be wondering why it's been a non-stop party in my own home. Well, I will tell you why, but it is per-

haps the scariest yet most courageous sentence I'll ever write to my readers. I am dying. I believe transparency is an important component in relationships. Whether it's between husband and wives, parents and children, teachers and parents and students. Anywhere a relationship exists, transparency is important. Transparency must always lead to vulnerability, and that is always a terrifying experience. In the beginning of the Bible, we read about Adam and Eve discovering their vulnerability in their nakedness, and they were ashamed and hid. I don't feel shame and I don't feel afraid to die but being transparent and vulnerable about this reality is hard. "Vulnerability is not



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winning or losing. It's having the courage to show up when you can't control the outcome." — Brene' Brown Most of you know, I've been fighting Stage 4 Stomach Cancer for years. There is no cure. I've been working with a brilliant young oncologist who is a world leader, Dr. Pashtoon Kasi at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa Hospitals. My treatment has been cutting edge, and has extended my life by at least nine months. Unfortunately, every treatment works until it

doesn't, and my chemo that was eating my cancer began eating healthy tissue and organs, and we had to stop. We tried another but it also failed. At the same time, I was being fed through a feeding tube and my body began rejecting the food. I have been removed from all treatment and placed on hospice care. What does it mean? It means to some that I am off treatment and being kept comfortable until I die. But I am not a "go quietly in the night guy," I refuse to give up or give in; If I am breathing, I am fighting. If a new option or treatment becomes available, I'll be the first in line. Fighting also means doing everything that I love – spontaneous parties into the night, being with the people I love, endless trays of

food, laughing, and being present in every single waking moment. You are now wondering how much time? I've been given estimates of six days up to a month. But a month is generous. My daughter bought me a bracelet that says in morse code, "Never Give Up!" I'll fight to be present; I will fight to be with the people I love until my last breath. My daughter, who is a pastor, continues to remind me that this is a sacred and holy journey as I cling to the hope of the future. I do believe in God's promises. I believe in the God of resurrection, and though I will someday die, I also believe that I will be raised to new life. I believe that someday I will join the great cloud of witnesses and experi-

ence an inextricable joy that I've never before known. I am at peace. In the meantime, I will continue writing this column until I'm gone. You will know I'm gone when my daughter publishes my final column, which has already been written. My relationship with you is precious to me. I'm grateful for your love and loyalty, and I cherish every note of encouragement. I'm not planning on checking out of here soon, but when I do, I will miss you. Cling to hope, dear friends. Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @ GaryW Moore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

# Back to summer antique shows



Last summer, the COVID-19 pandemic caused all three Brimfield antique shows to be canceled. Sadly, these cancellations were widespread and there were very few shows for antique collectors and dealers during the summer of 2020. Luckily, there will be many more opportunities available for antique enthusiasts this summer. I am pleased to report that the July 13-18 and Sept. 7-12 Brimfield shows are scheduled to run this summer. Apart from Brimfield, there are plenty of other shows taking

place throughout New England. Locally, Walker Homestead's Antiques & Primitive Goods Show takes place this weekend on Saturday, June 19th. It will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 19 Martin Rd., Brookfield. According to their Web site, 40 dealers will offer wares "on the grounds of our 1698 colonial saltbox." Also on June 19, The Dover Antiques Show & Vintage Market will take place at 282 Durham Rd., Dover, New Hampshire from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. On June 24, The Flying Pig Antiques Tailgate show at 867 Route

12 in Westmoreland, New Hampshire. If you're looking to travel even further now that the country is opening up again, on Sunday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Wells Antiques Show & Sale "will be held under the tents and barn" at the Wells Reserve at Laudholm Field, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells, Maine. July looks to be a good month for antique shows as well. On July 10, the 61st Boothbay Region Antiques Show & Sale takes place on the Boothbay, ME Common

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On July 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and July 25 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 40th Camden-Rockport Historical Society Antiques Show is scheduled at the Camden-Rockport High School in Camden, Maine. A little further south, the 52nd New London Garden Club Antiques Show & Sale will be held on July 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the New London Historical Society Grounds, 179 Little Sunapee Rd. in London. And we can't forget about the return of the famed Brimfield Antiques show,

beginning on July 13 at 6 a.m.

As the summer winds down, there are also shows scheduled for August. The 40th Annual Maine Antiques Festival runs Aug. 6 through the 8th. Friday's opening early bird admission of \$25 gets you on the grounds from noon to 5 p.m., and allows readmission the rest of the weekend. On your way back from Maine, you can stop at The Americana Celebration Antique Show, which will be held at the Douglas Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Rd. in Concord, New Hampshire. It will be held on Aug. 10 with early buyers admitted at 8 a.m. and general admission from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 64th Annual New Hampshire Antiques Show will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Manchester, New Hampshire from Aug. 12 through the 14th. It will run from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. the first two days and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 14. Be sure to check on the status of



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shows you plan to attend before traveling, but it looks to be a nice summer for antiquing, and life in general, as our country continues to move forward. Here at Central Mass Auctions, we are also returning to live events. I will be appraising items for the public at the John B. Gough House at 215 Main St. in Boylston. The event will be held on Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are also still running online auctions. Our sports and non-sports cards online auction ends on June 23. Check our Web site for other upcoming events: https://centralmassauctions.com. Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/ Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com



# June is National Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month

Fresh fruits and vegetables from the backyard garden are a summertime treat like none other. So what's the next best thing to a homegrown crop? Try "pick your own" at area farms and look for weekly Farmers Market events to ensure the freshest picks. How to choose fabulous fruits and vegetables at an outside market or grocery store? The following tips can help you pick perfect produce!

Beans, snap: Look for small seeds inside straight, fleshy pods. If you can see large seeds through the skin than the beans are probably too old. Avoid beans with dry-looking, rusty, wilted or damaged pods.

Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower: Look for tightly compacted flower clusters on broccoli and cauliflower, and compact, uniform sprouts. Avoid wilted, yellow, or dirty heads, and avoid loose, open sprouts or those that are yellow or pale green.



TAKE THE HINT  
KAREN TRAINOR

Cabbage and head lettuce: Look for firm compact heads that are heavy for their size. On leaf lettuce, choose unwilted, compact, crisp-looking compact plants.

Carrots: Look for deep orange colored and smooth skinned roots. Avoid carrots with purple or green shoulders or pale in color, or ones with forked or crooked roots. Oversized roots usually mean they are woody. If tops are still attached on carrots, they should be fresh.

Celery: Choose large, firm stalks with uniform stalk and a white bottom. Avoid spindly, wilted stalks.

Chard: Look for fresh, dark green leaves with

bright, tender stalks. Avoid wilted, poorly colored leaves.

Collards and kale: Check for tender, green, full-sized leaves with tender tips; avoid wilted, tough or overly large leaves.

Corn on the cob: Choose for well-filled cobs with plump, straight rows of kernels. Avoid large, wrinkled kernels.

Cucumbers: Pick long, slender cukes that are medium to dark green.

Peppers: Look for firm, darkly colored fruit with uniform size, color, and number of lobes. Avoid wrinkled or shriveled ones or fruits that are sunburned (contrasting color spots).

Radishes: Choose medium-sized, firm, crisp roots. Avoid wilted or soft roots or those with growth cracks or insect damage. Oversized roots will be pithy. Sunburned crowns are also not desirable.

Summer squash: Choose ones that are uniform in size, color, and shape. Avoid large fruits (over mature) or ones with scarred skins, missing stems, or that are soft or wilting.

Tomatoes: Look for smooth skinned, firm fruits with uniform color. Avoid fruits with growth splits, sun scald, or overripe (soft) fruits.

Apples: Choose firm, well-colored fruit that feels crisp. Blueberries: Pick plump, firm, deep blue berries with their natural waxy silver coating.

Cantaloupe: Look for a smooth shallow base; thick, coarse, corky netting that stands out from skin. Should yield slightly when pressed on non-stem end and have the slight scent of cantaloupe.

Cherries: Should be dark in color, glossy, plump, with fresh looking stems.

Mangos: Pick fruit

that has plump, smooth, dark green skin with patches of red, yellow, or orange color; should be slightly soft.

Nectarines: Fruit should be plump, slightly soft along "seam"; either orange-yellow or greenish between red-blushed areas depending on variety.

Oranges: Choose firm oranges, heavy for its size; smooth-textured, with bright-looking skin.

Peaches: Should be somewhat firm, becoming slightly soft; red with creamy, orangy base color.

Pears: Look for firm fruit, just barely beginning to soften. Bartlett's: pale to rich yellow; Boscs: green to brown yellow.

Watermelon: Should be symmetrical with bright green rind with a creamy yellow underside. Choose a watermelon that's heavy for its size.

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Win Dinner for Two  
Your tips can win you

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

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic

## Maximize the harvest with proper care

Grow an abundant harvest with some timely garden care. Arm yourself with a few basic tools, a bit of time and regular visits to the garden throughout the growing season to keep plants healthy and more productive.

You don't need to invest in every garden tool on the market. A shovel, trowel, weeding tool, gloves and kneeling pad are the basics. If your budget is tight, ask gardening friends and family if they have extras to spare or lend.

Now you are ready to get started. Weed control is an ongoing task. Working in a few minutes of weeding time as your schedule allows makes this a much less overwhelming task. Keep a bucket with your favorite weeding tool, gloves, and kneeling pad by

the door. Anytime you have a few minutes between other activities pull a few weeds.

If tools are handy, you spend less time looking for them and more time accomplishing the task. Consider keeping all your tools conveniently stored and ready for the garden in a mobile tool storage caddy (gardeners.com). It has room for short and long handled tools, a bucket for gathering weeds plus wheels and a handle for easy maneuvering.

Spread a layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic matter over the soil surface surrounding your vegetable plants. This layer of organic matter helps conserve moisture so you will need to water less often. It also helps suppress weeds and improves the soil as it decomposes.

As your seeds sprout and begin to grow, you will need to do a bit of thinning. Remove extra plants, leaving enough space for those remaining seedlings to reach full size. The seed packet recommends the proper spacing for the vegetables you planted. Good news, some seedlings like radishes, beets and spinach are edible so think of this as harvesting instead.

Once you make your first harvest, leaving space in the garden, fill it with another planting. Succession, also called relay planting, allows you to grow several different vegetables in the

same space. Just make sure the second planting has time to reach maturity and produce before the end of the season. Seed packets and plant tags contain information on the number of days from planting to harvest. Compare this to the number of days until the average first fall frost.

Keep plants healthy with proper watering and fertilization. Water new plantings often enough to keep the top few inches of soil slightly moist. Wait until the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist to deeply water established plants. Deep watering, moistening the top six inches of soil, encourages plants to develop a more drought resistant root system. Frequent shallow watering keeps roots near the soil surface where they dry out quickly. Insufficient water means fewer and smaller vegetables.

Follow soil test recommendations for fertilizing your plants. If these are not available, consider using a fertilizer recommended for vegetable gardens. Apply it according to the label directions.

Providing plants with space to grow and keeping them healthy means fewer insect and disease problems. That means a bigger harvest for you and your family to enjoy all season long.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, includ-



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ing *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](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



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**Estate of:**  
Pauline J Binette  
**Date of Death: 05/12/2020**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Romeo O Binette of Blackstone MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Romeo O Binette of Blackstone MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/29/2021**.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS  
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)  
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised

administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 03, 2021  
Stephanie K. Fattman,  
Register of Probate  
June 18, 2021

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**Date of Death: 03/16/2021**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Christopher J D'Aniello of Blackstone MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Christopher J D'Aniello of Blackstone MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Cecelia C Parker of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Cecelia C Parker of Webster MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

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#### ACROSS

1. Animal face shown with no neck  
4. Former U.S. president  
5. Opposite of up  
6. People who work

#### DOWN

1. Very vibrant  
2. Buffet station in restaurant  
3. Absence of light

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## Thimble Pleasures

### Quilt Guild planning for biennial show

UPTON — The Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild is busy planning their biennial quilt show, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, 2022 at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in Upton.

The Guild has selected “Visions of Hope” as their show theme. This inspiring theme ties together their show’s Special Project, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, and their dream for a bright future. On display will be over 200 individual member quilts as well as guild challenges and round robins. Sadly, the 2020 show was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, so members are anxiously looking forward to this upcoming show. The 2022 show is being chaired by Deb, Hudgins, Terri Vadenais, and Roberta Ciaramicoli.

### New word

## CAUTION

care taken to avoid danger

## Valley Chapel delves into Hebrews Chapter 11 this summer

UXBRIDGE — Come join Valley Chapel in Uxbridge Sundays at 10 a.m. as we dig deep into Hebrews Chapter 11 this summer.

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We will be in Hebrews 11 for 12 weeks this summer, beginning June 20th with an assortment of pastors each preaching on a different faith hero. Each service begins Sunday morning at 10 a.m., join us in person or live online [www.valley-chapel.us/livestream](http://www.valley-chapel.us/livestream). Let’s learn from those who came before us and see faith in action!

For more information – check out [www.valleychapel.us/summer21](http://www.valleychapel.us/summer21)

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1 NIV

### How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Burn  
**SPANISH:** Quemar  
**ITALIAN:** Bruciare  
**FRENCH:** Brûler  
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He then joined the staff at a daily newspaper in Long Beach, California. After that, he enrolled in the graduate English Department of the University of Minnesota, where he studied under poet-critic Allen Tate. At Harvard, he was a member of Archibald MacLeish's advanced writing class of a dozen students.

After his marriage to the former late Hedy Fishbach of Cincinnati, Mattson relocated to the Blackstone Valley, where he worked as a newsman, bureau chief, columnist, and photographer for

36 years. The couple had two sons—Christopher and Geoffrey—born in the 1960s. In the 1970s, Mattson remarried to the former Sharron Nolette. The couple had three daughters—Leah, Erica, and Jennifer, according to the obituary. Mattson had 10 grandchildren.

Mattson was working on a 600-page novel, "The Lonely Golfer's Link to Metaphysics," and had previously published a trilogy about the people and history of the Blackstone Valley, including: "Small Town," "Bell Tower," and "Orchard Voices." While working at Westborough State Hospital, he edited and was the major writer and photographer for a book about the then 100-year-old institution, "Renaissance of a Hospital: The Westborough Story."

In 1999, Mattson received an award from the Massachusetts Planners Association. A journalist with the Blackstone Valley Tribune, he represented the state's smaller newspapers. According to his obituary, he also wrote a weekly column for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette called "Valley Views" for 10 years.

When asked how he felt about migrating to a place far removed from the limelight, Mattson often reflected that, "had he succeeded in his own primary choices, things might not have worked out as well."

Some friends saw him as a stalwart

sort, but others vouched for the presence of an array of fears, including elevators and caves. And although he was "somewhat squeamish," at Harvard he volunteered once a week at the emergency ward of Massachusetts General Hospital. He wore a white coat and was sometimes taken for a young M.D., "which delighted him," Mattson wrote.

Mattson also wrote that he felt blessed by his children and grandchildren.

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To apply please submit cover letter and resume to [charlene.kaiser@spencerhousing.org](mailto:charlene.kaiser@spencerhousing.org), addressed to the Spencer Housing Board of Directors. A full job description is available upon request. at this email address.  
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# Eastern student Marisa McComiskey of Northbridge makes Dean’s List

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean’s List for the spring 2021 semester, in which nearly 1,300 students were recognized for maintaining high GPAs.

Among them is full-time student Marisa McComiskey of Northbridge, who majors in Elementary Education and Liberal Studies.

To qualify for Dean’s List, full-time students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in letter-graded courses with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher in the semester. Part-time students are eligible if they’ve accumulated 15 or more credits of letter-graded course work with an average GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Eastern Connecticut State University is the state of Connecticut’s public liberal arts university, serving more than 4,000 students annually at its Willimantic campus and satellite locations. In addition to attracting students from 162 of Connecticut’s 169 towns, Eastern also draws students from 33 other states and 20 countries. A residential campus offering 40 majors and 60 minors, Eastern offers students a strong liberal art foundation grounded in a variety of applied learning opportunities. Ranked as the #1 public regional university in New England by U.S. News and World Report in its 2021 Best Colleges ratings, Eastern has also been awarded “Green Campus” status by the Princeton Review 11 years in a row. For more information, visit [www.easternct.edu](http://www.easternct.edu).

# Dean’s, President’s List students named for UA Spring 2021 Term

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A total of 11,813 students enrolled during the spring 2021 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean’s List with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale), or the President’s List with academic records of 4.0 (all A’s).

The UA Dean’s and President’s lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

For more information visit [news.ua.edu](http://news.ua.edu).

Faith Adam of Uxbridge was named to the Presidents List.

James Stark of Uxbridge was named to the Presidents List.

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# Caleb Visbeek earns spot on the President’s List at Coastal Carolina University

CONWAY, S.C. — A total of 898 undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University were named to the President’s List for the Spring 2021 semester, including Caleb Visbeek, a Exercise and Sport Science major from Uxbridge.

Coastal Carolina University is a dynamic, public comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway, located just minutes from the resort area of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

CCU offers baccalaureate degrees in 95 major fields of study. Among the University’s graduate-level programs are 27 master’s degrees, two educational specialist degrees, and the doctorates in education and in marine science: coastal and marine systems science. CCU boasts a growing array of internship, research and international opportunities for students, as well as numerous online programs through Coastal Online.

More than 10,000 students from across the country and around the world interact with a world-class faculty, and enjoy a nationally competitive NCAA I athletic program, an inspiring cultural calendar, and a tradition of community interaction that is fueled by more than 180 student clubs and organizations.

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# Whitinsville resident graduates from James Madison University

HARRISONBURG, Va. — Lauren McGowan of Whitinsville graduated with a degree(s) in speech pathology from James Madison University during commencement exercises in May 2021.

McGowan was among more than 3,600 students who received undergraduate, master’s, educational specialist and doctoral degrees.

Congratulations to all graduates and their families!

Established in 1908, James Madison University is a community of 22,000 students and 4,000 faculty and staff, nestled in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. JMU offers 124 degree programs at the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels, keeps classes small with a 16:1 student-to-faculty ratio and has the highest six-year graduation rate among its peer institutions at 84%. JMU is quickly gaining a national reputation, and ranks as the most recommended university in the nation by students. As the No. 2 Best Public Regional University in the South, students enjoy unusually engaged relationships with world-class faculty, access to top-notch NCAA Division 1 athletics and state-of-the art amenities. Once students graduate they join an esteemed network of around 140,000 Dukes across the globe, giving of their time, talent and treasure to the university.

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