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# Crusaders partake in CMADA Tournament finals, with girls winning championship



The Whitinsville Christian girls' varsity soccer team captured the CMADA Division 4 Tournament championship after defeating David Prouty Regional, 2-0, on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Nick Ethier

**BY NICK ETHIER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

MARLBOROUGH — The Whitinsville Christian School's fan-base headed to a rainy Aztec Stadium at Assabet Valley on Saturday morn-

ing, Oct. 30 to take in a pair varsity soccer contests. And they weren't just any old games, as the Crusaders — both boys' and girls' teams — played in the finals of the Central Mass. Athletic

Directors Association (CMADA) Division 4 Tournament. The top seeded girls' squad won the CMADA championship, defeating No. 3 David Prouty Regional, 2-0. Before that,

the boys' team, ranked No. 2, took on top ranked Hopedale High and fell short, 4-1. For the girls, they outshot the Panthers 23-2 and controlled play for the duration.

"We approached this game the same way we always do — compete, play hard and let the result take care of itself,

and that's exactly what we did today. We're excited," said head coach Beth Cutler. Before winning this tournament, the Crusaders had already produced a magical season. For the first time in school history, WCS was crowned co-champions of the ultracompetitive Dual Valley Conference

(DVC) with Nipmuc Regional. "That's a huge accomplishment in and of itself to be the co-champs of the DVC. It prepares us for games like this," said Cutler. Whitinsville Christian's midfield play — led by Kate Crowley, Meadow O'Connell, Turn To **SOCCER** page **A13**

## Local police, fire departments welcome new faces

**BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI**  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Several local police departments have recently welcomed new officers.

In Sutton, the department announced two new officers and one promotion. Patrolmen Marciano Silva and Adam Graves were appointed at the town's recent Select Board meeting, and long-time Det. Matt Bohanan has now

"changed gears," police said, and was promoted to Sergeant, "where he'll be able to directly influence and lead" the newer officers and "give them a solid foundation in their careers."

"With so many law enforcement agencies struggling to fill vacancies within their agencies, we've lucked out at finding some great, quality people to join our team," the department released.

The Douglas Police Department announced that it has welcomed Officer Michael Branch to the position of full-time Police Officer. Officer Branch graduated from the Boylston Police Academy last month and started his field training, Douglas Police shared.

"Officer Branch has served in Afghanistan as a United States Marine

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## Historic Whitin Mill features inclusive center for art, history

**BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI**  
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WHITINSVILLE — For more than 200 years, people have worked diligently and creatively on the site of the Whitin Mill, and now, as an inclusive center for arts, culture, and history, the mill remains a pivotal part of the Blackstone Valley.

Today, the mill houses ValleyCAST, a thriving arts environment which "actively engages and educates people of all abilities."

"ValleyCAST strives to create a welcoming

environment for people of all abilities by building community through the arts," said Open Sky Community Services Director of Community Outreach Cristi Collari—ValleyCAST is the arts and culture arm of Open Sky. "We offer more than just art, music, performances, and events. We offer an inclusive community, where everyone's interests and talents are shared and celebrated together."

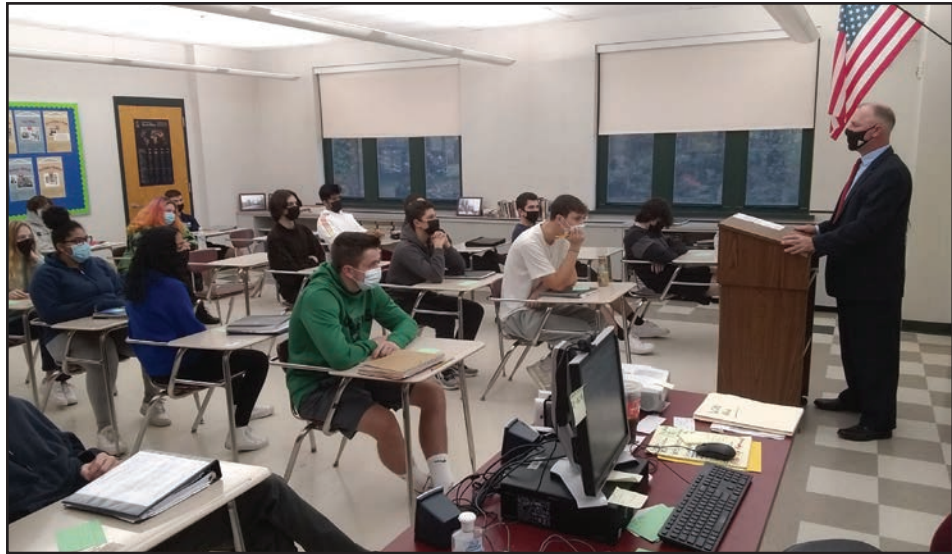
The Whitin companies were a fixture in Whitinsville until 1978, according to information on four "Historic

Heritage" panels developed by ValleyCAST that depict the history and influence of the Whitin Empire. The panels were funded by a grant from the Blackstone Heritage Corridor.

When operations ceased, the founders of Alternatives, a nonprofit human service organization, saw the mill complex as a "potential workplace for adults with psychiatric or developmental disabilities" and eventually opened a sheltered workshop that, at its height, employed more

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## Retired State Trooper reminisces at Northbridge High School



NORTHBRIDGE — On Thursday, Oct. 21, Lt. Col. Dowd (Ret.) of the Massachusetts State Police was gracious enough to speak to Mr. Finkel's Law class and some of the Justice Academy students at Northbridge High School. Dowd shared his considerable experience with the organization, outlining what it takes to apply to the state police, get into the academy, complete the training, and succeed on the job. He included how state

troopers are granted a great deal of power and responsibility, and how they must be respectful to the public and perform admirably. He told the students that he has been proud of his career as a State Trooper because every day he could do something positive for the citizens of Massachusetts, whether it be an assist with a disabled vehicle, providing first aid, stopping a drunk driver, catching a drug dealer, or arresting a murderer.

For much of his career, he investigated homicides, proudly working with a team of troopers, crime scene investigators, forensics specialists, prosecutors, and others to get justice and closure for the victims' families. Students listened intently and asked questions about the training, compensation, and struggles on the job. They truly appreciated Lt. Col. Dowd's time and expertise.

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## How to show your appreciation for the military in a unique time

United States military personnel serve both domestically and abroad. Active-duty personnel are following in the footsteps of retired veterans and protecting the freedoms of their fellow Americans while also playing a vital role in protecting millions of non-Americans across the globe.

United States military personnel make myriad sacrifices every day. Recognition of those sacrifices is just one of the many ways Americans can show their appreciation for the military, even during the era of social distancing.

- **Help a veteran.** According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of 2019 there were 17.4 million military veterans living in the United States. More than half of those veterans are 65 or older. As difficult as social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic has proven for everyone, perhaps no group has sacrificed more than men and women over 65, millions of whom have been separated from their families. Aging men and women spent a year or more isolated at home to protect themselves

from a virus that public health officials acknowledged was especially lethal to people over 65. Adults who want to show their appreciation for military veterans can reach out to local veterans' organizations and offer to lend a hand. Such organizations may be delivering meals to vulnerable veterans, driving veterans to appointments to see their doctors or get vaccinated or organizing events for veterans who have already been vaccinated. Pitching in to help with such efforts is a great way to show veterans their efforts are still appreciated, even if it's been decades since they last served.

- **Help a military family.** Data from the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense indicates that there were roughly 1.3 million active-duty military personnel in 2018. Many of those service members serve overseas for months at a time. Their families back home can use a helping hand even in the best of times, but they might be especially needy while confronting the pandemic. Though vaccination projections suggest



hundreds of millions of Americans will be fully vaccinated by mid-summer; in the meantime neighbors can help local military families handle life at home. Invite a local military family over for a weekly meal, offer to take kids to a sports practice if it's safe to do so or

help out with chores like mowing the lawn or washing the car.

- **Donate to charities that serve the military.** Adults who have not been vaccinated and are hesitant to be around others can still show their appreciation for military service members. Various organizations help both active-duty military and veterans, and donating to such charities can be a great way to help an excellent cause. If you're unsure about which organization to support, visit Charity Navigator at [charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org). Charity Navigator evaluates hundreds of thousands of charitable organizations and can be an invaluable resource for prospective donors.

Veterans and active military personnel deserve support. There are various ways for people to express that support, even as the world continues to confront the pandemic.

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# A night to remember as DAR members welcome honor flight

WARWICK, R.I. — On a warm but rainy Saturday night, Oct. 30th, Jane F. Keegan of Uxbridge and Lisa Bibring of Mendon, representing the Deborah Wheelock Chapter, DAR, joined hundreds of people, including a Boy Scout troop and an honor guard of dozens of OCS students from the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut under the command of SCPO Scott Dupre (MK), OSC Company Chief. All had gathered about 10:30 p.m. in the baggage area of T.F. Green Airport. It was a nice touch to have a pianist entertaining the crowd with show tunes and patriotic songs while waiting and watching expectantly. Many carried American flags and signs like “Thank You!” “Welcome Home” and “We Are Proud of You” in anticipation of participating in an event that finally materialized about 11:45 p.m.! What was the occasion for such hoopla?

At the crack of dawn that Saturday, scores of people had arrived at the airport to give a rousing send-off for those on a flight from Providence to Washington, D.C. A full Southwest Airlines Honor Flight Yankee and Zula was taking off with one hundred-forty-three passengers (143) aboard. The manifest included 14 veterans from WWII, 25 from the Korean Conflict, and 25 men and one woman from the Vietnam War, plus guardians, medics and staff!

After an exhausting, but sunny and warm, day spent being chauffeured by bus to important monuments and memorials around Washington, DC and Arlington, VA, this Honor Flight was returning home to a “heroes’ welcome.” As each group rode down the escalator or was wheeled off the elevator, there were spontaneous outbursts of flag waving, cheers, applause, high five’s, and cries of ‘thank you’ from the civilians as the veterans walked towards the exit, proudly accepting and returning salutes from the military honor guard along the way.

While waiting for the flight’s arrival, Ms. Keegan met Gretchen, a RI veteran who served in Vietnam at age 19, who had been at the airport for the 5 A.M. departure of this Honor Flight. Again at Midnight, she showed appreciation to her fellow service women of the same era!

Ms. Keegan commented that “whatever their experience on Oct. 30, from oldest to youngest, every vet was smiling widely as were those who had accompanied them! From beginning to end when the last WW II veteran came off the elevator about 12:15 a.m., it was a night to remember!”

Nov. 11 is celebrated as Veterans Day, but 2021 also marks the 100th anniversary of the first internment of an “Unknown Soldier” from WWI at Arlington National Cemetery, and the 50th anniversary of the 20-year long Vietnam War, still being officially recognized until 2025. Patrick Henry reminds us it is never too late to say ‘thank you’ to a veteran, because, “The



*Courtesy*  
**Gretchen,” a Rhode Island veteran of ‘in country’ service during the Vietnam War, waits with Jane F. Keegan and Lisa Bibring to welcome Honor Flight passengers on Oct. 30.**

summer soldier and sunshine patriot.... shrink from the service of their country, but he that stands... deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”

There are many Honor Flight organizations across the country sending veterans on “thank you tours” at no cost to them. Honor Flight RI is one such group that raises money to organize the event for local veterans, and ‘guardians’ pay their own expenses for the privilege of making the trip! Due to the pandemic, this was the first Rhode Island Honor Flight since September 2019! To support this worthy cause, visit <https://rihonorflight.com>.

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Following this year’s theme, “A Christmas Fair with your welFARE in mind,” masks will be required and hand sanitizer plentiful throughout the hall. By eliminating the flea market and luncheon area this year there is plenty of room available to allow spacing for the Bake Table, Olde Tyme Christmas and Like-New Gift Items. Greens of decorated wreaths and cemetery baskets will be sold outside leaving room in the narthex to display the Theme Basket Raffle and the Mega Lottery Raffle featuring 42 lottery tickets – retail value of \$476. One draw only! Chances for the MEGA raffle are \$5. each. Complimentary coffee will be served and pastries by donation.

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# Tigers score in bunches to upend Uxbridge, ultimately reach CMADA Tournament Final



Douglas' Aidan Ferguson leaps off his feet in order to head the ball away from keeper Gavin Gualtieri and out of his team's defensive zone.

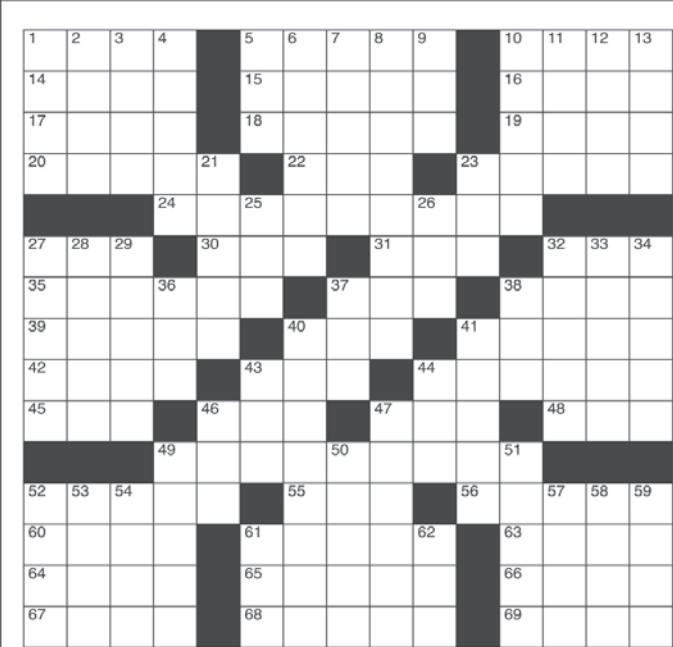
BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

DOUGLAS — Two local boys' varsity soccer teams from the Blackstone Valley were fortunate enough to match up in the quarterfinals of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association (CMADA) Division 3 Tournament, as No. 2 Douglas High hosted No. 7 Uxbridge High on Friday afternoon, Oct. 22.

And the Tigers were able to score in the game's first minute. They added another early strike and clung to a 2-1 halftime lead before pulling away, 6-2.

- Goals:
- Douglas — Michael O'Toole (1st minute)
  - Douglas — Owen Gray (15th minute)
  - Uxbridge — Sam Walton (31st minute)
  - Douglas — Aidan Ferguson (47th minute)
  - Uxbridge — Walton (56th minute)

- Douglas — Lucas Romano (60th minute)
- Douglas — Romano (64th minute)
- Douglas — Ferguson (75th minute)
- Corner Kicks: Douglas — 4, Uxbridge — 2
- Saves: Douglas — Gavin Gualtieri (3), Uxbridge — Thatcher Kling (6)
- Records: Douglas — 9-4-2, Uxbridge — 6-7-3
- Douglas head coach Alex Ferguson on his team's play: "Defensively, we've got to play better than that. We've got to communicate.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Nuclear undersea weapon

5. President of Syria al-\_\_

10. Partner to flows

14. "Snow" in Welsh

15. Famed Mexican painter

16. Song

17. ticks outward from the crown

18. Doddering

19. Resist authority (slang)

20. Antsy

22. Wrath

23. Spills the beans

24. Past

27. The woman

30. One has 24 hours

31. Talk

32. It can sting

35. Astronomy unit

37. Halfway

38. Chinese dynasty

39. Australian river

40. Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
41. Fabric

42. Crucifix

43. Defunct European economic group

44. "Hotel California" rockers

45. Michael Knight's car

46. Actress Ryan

47. A digital tape recording of sound

48. Insecticide

49. Scientific instrument

52. Golden-\_\_ corn

55. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv

56. Sword

60. Ottoman military title

61. Aromatic plants

63. Cold wind

64. Large, semiaquatic reptile (slang)

65. Political unit

66. Indiscreetly reveal secrets

67. Comfort food dish

68. Actress Zellweger

69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

1. One point east of southeast

2. Italian monetary unit

3. Warship prison

4. Tropical American tree

5. Alias

6. Normal or sound powers of mind

7. English county

8. Not compatible with

9. Female deer

10. Not late

11. La \_\_ Tar Pits, Hollywood

12. "Jupiter's Legacy" actress Leslie

13. Impudence

21. Advises

23. Founder of Babism

25. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

26. Male parent

27. A type of plug

28. Capital of Vietnam

29. Fungal disease

32. Shelter
33. Finished

34. Excrete

36. Unhappy

37. Partner to cheese

38. Coffee receptacle

40. Spend time dully

41. Makes full

43. Snakelike fish

44. Take in solid food

46. \_\_ student, learns healing

47. A way to take away

49. Impart a lesson to

50. "Transformers" actress Fox

51. Spiritual leader

52. Every one of two or more things

53. Indian city

54. 17th stars

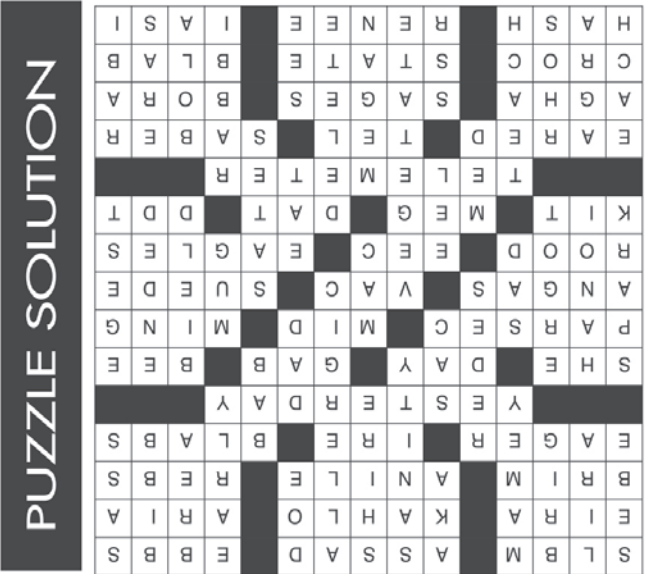
57. Weapon

58. Amounts of time

59. Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist

61. Soviet Socialist Republic

62. Witness



That's been one of the things they've been working on all year is talking a little bit more and directing each other. We've been working on it, but they get on the field and [become] quiet as a ghost.

"We haven't played since last Sunday, they played two days ago, so maybe we had fresher legs, but the buildups were good, the finishes were good, and we've been working on that all week," Ferguson added of the offensive output.

Uxbridge head coach Bruce Chartier on his team's play: "I don't think we played as best as we could. [We showed] pieces of it, [but] we weren't consistent. I think the first goal unsettled us real quick and we kind of lost our composure a little bit. We then settled in a little bit and every time they scored, we came back and scored. The battle was there, they fought the whole way through."

Ferguson on what's ahead: "Now it's do or die. It's a weird season because we've never done this before [CMADAs followed by Division 5 State Tournament]. The next game we play

will count toward our power ranking, so it's an important game."

The Tigers played Sutton High in the CMADA semifinals, winning a 1-0 nail-biter. Douglas then battled the Bromfield School for the CMADA championship. The Tigers lost 3-2 and will take a 10-5-2 record into States. The tournament brackets were released on Tuesday, Nov. 2, after press time.

Chartier on what's ahead: "It's going to be tight," he said, in reference to finishing one point shy of .500 and automatically qualifying for the Division 4 State Tournament, but also being close to the top 32 of the power rankings — another automatic qualifier — of which they sat 34th heading into the contest. "Someone in there would have to lose a couple games along the way. We're probably not going to be in, and to me that's disappointing because we just lost so many points early on and that really set us back."

The Spartans were then ranked 38th in the penultimate power rankings, with the final one to follow on Nov. 2.

## Spartans crowned inaugural CMADA Division 2 Field Hockey Champions

### UXBRIDGE'S KAELLER SETS SCHOOL'S SINGLE SEASON SCORING RECORD IN VICTORY



The Uxbridge High varsity field hockey team is the inaugural champion of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Division 2 Tournament. The Spartans defeated Nipmuc Regional for the title, 4-1.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

UXBRIDGE — There had been three consecutive games where the Uxbridge High varsity field hockey team didn't play its best, according to the coaching staff. And with the top seeded Spartans competing in the inaugural Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association (CMADA) Division 2 final versus No. 2 Nipmuc Regional on Friday, Oct. 29, they had to step their game up.

"I think the one thing we've seen as coaches is they've been off," explained head coach Kelly Rosborough. "They haven't been bringing their 'A' game."

Uxbridge returned to its usual sharp self against the Warriors, though, dominating the play and ultimately winning a 4-1 decision for the CMADA D2 championship.

"Overall, they came to play today. Great time to be back," said Rosborough. "This is the first year this Central Mass. tournament has happened, so it's very exciting to take this first year that it's run."

Senior co-captain Chloe Kaeller and junior Meghan Smith, who combined for three of the four Spartans' goals, expressed their thoughts on winning the title.

"It just feels incredible because we've never made it this far and it's my senior year," said Kaeller. "When we won the last game, we had the fire inside us and we were ready for this game."

"We've been looking forward to it all season. Now that it's here, we're really rewarded," added Smith. "I think that we really focused right from the first whistle giving it 110 percent. You only get one chance [in a final]."

Uxbridge took a 1-0 lead with 48 seconds remaining in the initial 15-minute quarter. Following a penalty corner, their seventh of the period, freshman Ellie Bouchard sent a pass over to eighth grader Kendall Gilmore. From there, Gilmore's shot beat Nipmuc goalie Jacob Bigelow.

Then, with only six seconds to go before the half-

time horn blew, the Spartans doubled their advantage to 2-0. Off another corner, Smith scored the goal while well-positioned in the slot area of the circle.

"I just found the open spot and as soon as it was coming, I just hit it," Smith said while explaining the importance of the goal. "We had more momentum going into the second half. If we were to go into the next quarter up only one, they still had a chance to easily tie it."

Smith scored her second goal of the game with 13:59 remaining in the third quarter — her shot deflecting off a Nipmuc defender and into the cage — to up the advantage to 3-0. Then, with 5:50 to go in the third, Spartan history was made.

Eighth grader Julianna Casucci had a great individual effort possessing the ball against the Warriors' defense before passing over to Kaeller. Then, Kaeller's shot beat Bigelow to make it a 4-0 game. The goal, Kaeller's 30th this fall, set a school record for most tallies in a single season.

"She broke a record today for most goals in a season, Coach Bouchard's record. Coach Bouchard is a teacher here at the high school," Rosborough said of Lauren [Moore] Bouchard, who coached Uxbridge's middle school team this year. "She played on that 1998-1999 team and scored 29 goals that season."

When Rosborough told Kaeller the news following the game, she got emotional and was nearly speechless.

"I wasn't expecting it. I didn't know," said a shocked Kaeller before multiple teammates gave her big hugs when also hearing the news.

Nipmuc's Lucienne Nicholson beat sophomore goalie Jessica Lutton (three saves) with 1:20 to play to account for the final score, but the Spartans' defense, spearheaded by senior co-captain Grace Boisvert, was exceptional all game long.

"It's been a focus point. I stressed to them, 'defense wins championships, and if we don't tighten up our team defense we're not going to go where we want to go,'" Rosborough said, before turning her thoughts to Boisvert. "She honestly had one of her best defensive games of the season."

Rosborough also gave a shoutout to midfielder Gracie Nummela, another senior co-captain, who headed a strong midfield group.

Uxbridge, now 15-0-2, will partake in the Division 5 State Tournament.

"Excited, but same thoughts I've had all season: one game at a time," said Rosborough.

"I'm really excited for my team to experience that with me, too," added Kaeller.

"We have a lot to look forward to," concluded Smith. Uxbridge was No. 4 in the latest power rankings before press time to determine the State Tournament bracket, with the final seeding to be revealed on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

#### How They Got There:

In the tournament semifinals, played Wednesday, Oct. 27, the host Spartans won an offensive showdown against No. 5 Tyngsborough High, 5-3. Gilmore, Smith, Bouchard, Kaeller and eighth grader Amelia Blood scored goals for Uxbridge. And, in quarterfinal round play on Friday, Oct. 22, the Spartans topped visiting No. 8 Quabbin Regional, 7-1. Gilmore netted a hat trick, Kaeller scored twice, and Smith and Bouchard also scored.

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# Douglas, Whitinsville Christian highlight strong local volleyball showing



Nick Ethier

Douglas’ Abby Damasio sets up a teammate with a pass.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

NORTHBRIDGE — The Douglas High varsity volleyball team is a good one, but they may sometimes get overshadowed because of the elite that compete in the Dual Valley Conference (DVC). The DVC is comprised of powerhouses in Hopedale High, Nipmuc Regional and the Whitinsville Christian School, plus this year’s emergence of Blackstone-Millville Regional.

Nonetheless, the Tigers still compiled a record of 9-7 heading into the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association (CMADA) Division 3 Tournament, where they were the No. 3 seed.

Douglas defeated another DVC team in No. 6 Sutton High — for the third time this season, in fact — 3 sets to 1 to advance to the tournament semifinals. There, they played at No. 2 Whitinsville Christian on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Having lost to the Crusaders twice in regular season play, the Tigers exacted some revenge, winning 3-1. Set scores were 25-22, 15-25, 25-20, 27-25. “It’s always been a tight battle with this team,” Douglas head coach Greg Bernard said of battling with the Crusaders. “Whitinsville Christian is a great program. We’re building, so it’s a great opportunity for us to play a division rival and have some success. “DVC is a great conference,” added Bernard. “You play Hopedale, you play Nipmuc, this team, and it’s high-end competition all the way around.” Reaching the Division 3 final of the CMADA Tournament can only

help Douglas’ program moving forward. “We’re trying to get over the hump of the DVC mountain. We need little things like this to help us build a program so the younger kids coming through can see what we’re doing now and want to do more even further on into the postseason,” said Bernard. The Tigers then lost in the final to top-seeded Blackstone-Millville, 3-1 (set scores of 15-25, 25-21, 25-18, 26-24), falling to their DVC rival for the third time, but it was a great tournament run nonetheless. Douglas and its 11-8 record will now play in the Division 5 State Tournament. They earned the No. 10 seed and will host a first round game against the winner of a preliminary round matchup between No. 23 South Shore Vocational and No. 42 Pioneer Charter. The Tigers’ match date and time was not known as of press time. Despite a record of 9-10,

Whitinsville Christian will also compete in the Division 5 State Tourney due to a strong power ranking. The Crusaders are No. 9 and in the same position as Douglas. They will host a first round

game (against the winner of the preliminary game between No. 24 Easthampton High and No. 41 Excel High) at a date and time to be determined after press time.

## Blackstone Valley Tech Annual Report now available

UPTON – Blackstone Valley Tech is proud to announce that copies of its 2021 Annual Report are now available to the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District residents. “It’s become our custom to go beyond simply sharing financial and statistical data with you in our annual report,” said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. “While it is a fundamental part of our operation, our student achievements and District successes truly exemplify the very essence of our mission. Therefore, you will find a variety of those stories in the report which plays an important role in keeping the community informed of its vocational-technical education system and the return yielded on its investment.” In Fiscal Year 2021, BVT carried out its mission in innovative ways while following all protocols to return to school and accomplish in-person learning. As a result, its students, administrators, and staff didn’t miss a beat during a year that presented all educators with unprecedented change and challenges beyond expectation. BVT embraced the seasons of change, and in the process, its students excelled. They even exceeded the statewide average for attendance during the pandemic. Demonstrating what is achievable with a high-quality education, its students are the best ambassadors for vocational-technical education. With an open mind and skilled hands, they shape the future workforce. The annual report is available at [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/annualreport](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/annualreport) or by contacting the Superintendent-Director’s office at 508-529-7758, ext. 3037.

## Blackstone to host Veterans Day celebration

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Coalition Survey can be found at: <https://qrco.de/BVTransport> If you have any questions, please contact Lori at 774-293-8276.

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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.

Exercise Classes 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.

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.

Bridge League meets Tuesdays, 12:30 at Plummer Place. They are in need of more players. If interested, call to sign up.

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

Tap Class is back at Plummer Place with Ed Burch as our instructor. Wednesdays @2:30pm. Call to sign up.

## Police, DA warn of overdose risks following multi-unit investigation

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

**REGION —** The Worcester County District Attorney is warning the public of a recent drug arrest and the new overdose risks it poses.  
“This recent arrest highlights one of the changes we’re seeing in the drug market in Worcester County and nationally,” said Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.  
In September and October, investigators worked in the Blackstone and Woonsocket, R.I., areas to address counterfeit pills, according to a press statement from the District Attorney. As a result, roughly 750 counterfeit Oxycodone tablets containing fentanyl, along with more than 100 grams of cocaine, were discovered.  
This investigation—which was a joint action by the State Police Detectives assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Blackstone Valley Drug Task Force, the State Police Tactical Diversion Squad, the Blackstone Police Department, and

the Woonsocket Police Department—resulted in one arrest on the charge of trafficking in fentanyl more than 10 grams were seized, according to reports.  
“We want to warn people that the pills they buy on the street are often cut with fentanyl and can be just as likely, if not more, to result in a deadly overdose as heroin,” Early added.  
In 2020, there were a record high 93,000 overdose deaths in the United States. According to experts, fentanyl is the driving force behind overdose death increases in recent years.  
“I’m proud of the work our State Police Detective Unit and local police are doing to combat this influx of fentanyl and its distribution in all forms. It’s important that the public be aware and take caution with all different types of drugs,” Early said.  
Chief Gregory Gilmore reported that the Blackstone Police Department made an arrest and seized suspected narcotics and drug distribution materials following a multi-unit investigation.  
“Our team worked diligently in making this arrest, and we are appreciative of the federal, state and local law

enforcement agencies who assisted in helping us take these dangerous drugs and a suspected drug dealer off the streets,” Chief Gilmore said.  
Recently, the Drug Enforcement Administration issued a Public Safety Alert warning residents of the “alarming increase” in the lethality and availability of fake prescription pills containing fentanyl and methamphetamine, the Blackstone Police Department released. The DEA’s Public Safety Alert—the first in six years—seeks to “raise public awareness of a significant nationwide surge in counterfeit pills that are mass-produced by criminal drug networks in labs, deceptively marketed as legitimate prescription pills, and are killing unsuspecting Americans at an unprecedented rate.”  
“When this public safety alert was issued, Chief Gilmore held a meeting with the members of the Blackstone Police Department’s drug interdiction team to stress the importance of finding and acting upon any intelligence they had to inhibit the availability of these dangerous pills in Blackstone,” the department reported.

## The return of paying it forward with pies

**WHITINSVILLE —** Since 2004, Whitinsville Christian School has held a community-wide fundraiser known as the Dutch Apple Pie Sale. The 2020 event was canceled due to the pandemic, so the school was thrilled to see its return for 2021.  
“I am was so happy to see this event make a comeback,” said Erika Johnson, Apple Pie Committee Member. “We faced new obstacles this year, but our community came through by selling, making, and donating pies.”  
This year, more than 550 pies were donated to area first responders and food pantries in the Blackstone Valley.  
WCS Director of Advancement, Jennifer Talamini, delivered pies to first responders on Friday, Oct. 29, and said “I feel so blessed that my job at Whitinsville Christian School includes meeting incredible people and showing our appreciation as a community. We are thankful to everyone who ordered, volunteered, delivered, or supported in other ways!”  
This is the fifth year that customers have had the opportunity to Pay it Forward with Pies.  
“I am especially thankful this aspect of the Dutch Apple Pie sale was able to continue this year,” said Johnson. “There is so much need and people are so appreciative when receiving the pies.”



## Blackstone Valley Veterans Association to host coffee & doughnught social

**WHITINSVILLE —** The Blackstone Valley Veteran’s Association will be having a coffee and doughnut social, Saturday, Nov. 6, at its headquarters, 875 Hill St., Whitinsville. Coffee and donuts will be served from 9 a.m. – noon.  
The Association meets the first Saturday of every month at 10 a.m., to conduct business. This month we thought it would nice to try and meet some Veterans out there that would like to get involved in an organization that is there for its veterans and the community.  
We, the veterans, are trying to renovate the Veterans Hall so that it will be a place for Veterans and their families to attend events as well as meetings. Blackstone Valley Veteran’s Association has always been a family orientated veterans post since it’s beginning as the

Blackstone Valley Nam Vets.  
Right now, we have Veterans from Vietnam, Korea, Desert Storm and Afghanistan as members, but we need more. We need our younger Veterans to get involved with us and our cause. We have always stated that we will “Never Forget”, but need you to help us in that cause.  
So, come visit us on the Saturday the

6th, and meet some real nice people.  
Finally, on Saturday, Nov. 13, 5-9 p.m., the Association is going to have a Veterans Day Spaghetti Supper, at the Knight of Columbus Hall, 77 Prescott Rd., Whitinsville. The supper is free to Veterans!  
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EDITORIAL

Remembering our roots

We remember the ‘good ol’ days’ when the thought of a video phone conversation would be epic. We thought the best we might get is something along the lines of Max Hedroom, who was introduced in 1984. What we ended up with is substantially better. What a great way to keep in touch with family members and friends across a far distance.

That being said, the rate at which technology is advancing is moving a bit too fast. It seems as though once an item has been unveiled, it becomes obsolete in a nano-second, paving the way for something better, faster and with more bells and whistles.

As time moves forward, how can we maintain a solid grip on our past? A recent trip to a local Historical Society had us speaking with those in charge, in regard to how ‘most people just don’t care about history anymore’.

The destruction of old buildings is becoming more and more common, and we wonder how that will affect future generations. It is one thing to look at old photographs of old schools, buildings, churches and other landmarks, however the history becomes more alive when you have something you can stand next too, observe with your own eyes in person, touch it, walk around and get a feel for how things once were. There really is a magic to it.

History is fascinating. The way things once were, the way human beings have evolved over the years and how things have changed are some of the best stories one can hear. History keeps us grounded and in tune with who we are, especially family history dating back as far as you can go. You could find out that your great grandfather was an Editor of a newspaper in Philadelphia and have an ‘a-ha’ moment, that perhaps that is why you’re sitting in front of a newfangled typewriter, writing, which is the case for this Editor. DNA is a pretty neat thing.

History is what has shaped us into who we are as a society. Preserving history is crucial in that it, if it can be done, represents different aspects of our culture, politics and economy. Being able to walk through Paul Revere’s house in Boston, gives us a direct connection to that specific time and place, often representing major milestones. The ability for those sites to connect the dots to where you’re standing over the years is something that should never be taken for granted.

If old buildings and structures continually are demolished, what will be left of our past? While we do understand that sometimes this is a necessity due to safety or financial reasons, we also have the motto, “If they can put a man on the moon, they can save a building.”

Preserving history is a way to appreciate our local and national heritage. Some buildings may be the only iconic ones left in a small New England town. Those are the places that give these small towns and big cities character. Often, even just one old building is enough to define a town. While new structures can draw in investments into a town, it is the history of a place that lures people to it.

Every major city, and every town worth its salt has a historic village. We feel it is our duty, as we move throughout our lives, to do what we can to protect the past.

In the words of Marcus Garvey, “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remember our veterans

To the Editor:  
We have two annual remembrances for American veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. The first is April 19, Patriot’s Day, which recognizes the first citizen soldiers who stood firm against the British at an obscure bridge in Concord, Massachusetts. The second more popular is May 30, where all who gave their lives are commemorated both locally and nationally.

But the one day set aside to thank soldiers who are still with us is Nov. 11, Veteran’s Day. They served for a time and at the end of their duty returned home to work and enjoy the freedoms they fought for.

Veterans came from volunteers in 1775 and today our military is once again made up of men and women who are volunteers stepping up to offer their service to country. It is a commitment that separates them from family for several years and

they must endure untold numbers of dangers, all day, every day.

Americans know first hand how difficult the fight for freedom is and have strived throughout our history to help others. The world has no shortage of tyrants and dictators, but the American soldier shows no fear in the face of inhumane aggression and oppression.

It’s not a task taken lightly, and is not suited to everyone yet we all reap the benefit of our soldiers, sailors, and airmen. Therefore, each veteran stood tall and undaunted on behalf of American ideals, rights, and freedoms knowing the importance of what they had to do.

American Veterans give us and the world we live in hope for a better tomorrow. The tragedies that came out of the war on terror show us the critical need to say thanks to the veterans among us.

When you see a veter-

an, please just say thanks for their service. If you are somewhere where they may be eating, pay for the meal. Or you could visit those who are sick or suffering from severe wounds and are unable to get around very well. Let them know you appreciate their willingness to serve so that all of us can be free to speak, to believe in our God, to vote, and to possess the means to defend ourselves and our families.

I am a United States Army veteran who volunteered to serve in 1962. I was almost immediately sent to southeast Asia to prepare for the Viet Nam war.

God Bless the men and women who have stood guard and are on the front lines today. And God Bless the United States of America.

MICHAEL D. YACINO DOUGLAS

Toys for Kids & Teens helps make the season bright for families in need

To the Editor:  
Let us introduce you to Toys for Kids & Teens. Toys for Kids & Teens, is a non-profit, charitable Association whose sole purpose is to collect and disperse toys during the Christmas Holiday. The Association is run by Veterans and volunteers.

Toys for Kids & Teens is not a toy store. The toys are given to those families or individuals who are in need of toys for their children, for Christmas. The toys are donated to us by our family of friends, such as, the Northbridge, Uxbridge, Grafton and Millville Police Departments, The Vigilantes Motorcycle Club of Massachusetts, Shine Construction (their family and employees have been a great help with toys). MyFm radio out of Milford, Northbridge Pool and the Amaral Family and Kennedy excavating, just to name a few...

Some of these police departments will be participating in a Fill the Cruiser Event, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 27. Please check the Facebook page of your local Police Dept. to see where they

will be collecting toys. Last year we gave toys to 372 families. In all, some 900 children received toys. We have toys for children between the ages of birth and 14.

We received approximately 15,000 toys from our family of friends, but mostly from people in the community who drop a toy off to the collection sites.

If you live in the Blackstone Valley, Blackstone, Millville, Uxbridge, Douglas, Northbridge, Upton, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Millbury, Sutton, and need toys for your children, we are here for you. We can guarantee your children will have a very Merry Christmas.

In the past we have asked the families to come to our distribution center and hand pick the toys they wanted for their children. Because of Covid we had to change the way we distribute the toys. Now all you need to do is go to the Toys for Kids & Teens Web site, toysforkidsandteens.org for more information, as well as an application form. Applications will go online November 1st.

Once you submit your application, the volunteers will hand pick toys for your children. You will then be notified as to what time and date to pick up your toys.

The new distribution center will be at 30 Cross St., Whitinsville. New unwrapped toys, as well as monetary donations are also accepted at the distribution center. If you would like more information or have some questions you can go to our Facebook Page at Toys for Kids & Teens.

We also want to reach out to the community for volunteers. Again, we are run by Veterans and our volunteers, but could always use some help filling orders during the week and weekends. If interested, please contact us via our Facebook Page.

If you know of a family, or even a charity, that is in need please let them know what we have to offer. They may need assistance filling out the application, etc.

YOUR FRIENDS, TOYS FOR KIDS & TEENS

Two Uxbridge Town Meetings that weren’t!

To the Editor:  
On Tuesday, Oct. 26, a Town Meeting was scheduled to consider 16 articles including, but not limited to, funding for capital improvements and critical renovations to the John Farnum House (c. 1715), a town-owned property and linchpin in Uxbridge history; and changing zoning to increase pot licenses from three to eight. Those decisions did not happen because of public safety concerns for citizens during a nor’easter that brought heavy rain, high winds, and power outages overnight. Instead mark your calendars for Nov. 10.

The next night, in a second session, Town Meeting was scheduled to debate only one thing! That was the much anticipated Article 17 with recommendations proposed by the Charter Review Committee that sought to amend the Uxbridge Home Rule (Charter) Bylaw adopted in 2000. The Charter Committee spent many hours over

many months preparing for this night so their last minute reluctance to put the necessary motion on the floor was disappointing and confusing to attendees. Their decision took everyone completely by surprise!

Understandably, those unschooled in the ins and outs of parliamentary procedure were left wondering “what the heck happened?” For future reference, simply because an article appears on the warrant does not guarantee action, because unless a motion, pursuant to the article, is actually made and seconded, no debate or vote is possible. Furthermore, the Moderator has no control over who chooses or declines to bring a motion forward; so no ‘fault’ applies here. Under the circumstances, the only alternative was to ‘recess’ the meeting until November 10th when the first sixteen articles are on the agenda.

Every coin has two

sides. Case in point: on one side are CR volunteers who should be thanked for service rendered as they fulfilled the appointing authority’s charge by “reporting to Town Meeting” with Article 17; on the reverse are those (supporters and opponents) who showed up but were denied opportunity to begin the anticipated debate.

At this juncture, it is hoped the Board of Selectmen will open discussions on policy changes to address important CR recommendations to resolve several long-standing issues since many can be implemented without requiring Charter ‘amendment’ at a future Town Meeting.

Meanwhile, hope to see you on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Valley Chapel on Douglas Street for the reconvening of the Oct. 26 Town Meeting.

JANE F. KEEGAN UXBRIDGE

Accomplish your goals

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All of us have dreams that we would love to accomplish during our life. For some people, their dreams are merely fantasies, and they do nothing to bring them to fruition; some take small steps but never fully commit, and then some transform their dreams into reality.

Many techniques in the positive thinking world can help you accomplish your goals but let’s not pretend that hard work and sacrifice won’t be required. If you’re going to achieve a big goal, hard work and sacrifice will become a daily activity.

I believe in the power of positive thinking, and if you’re optimistic, you’ll always get closer to your goals than if you’re pessimistic. I’ve also learned positivity alone will not bring you to the life you want; you’ll also need to work. You’ll need to put in the time, and you’ll need to burn the midnight oil; you’ll have to work harder than expected.

When you’re moving towards your goals, inevitably, obstacles will arise. You’ll find yourself working many hours doing things that seemingly have nothing to do with your goals. Still, if you approach every activity that crosses your path by doing the best you can, you’ll become a person of excellence, and a person of excellence will eventually get what they want.

One of my favorite speakers, Jim Rohn, said something profound, “How hard should you work? As hard as you can. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. How high does a tree grow? As high as it can!”

Working as hard as you can requires motivation. Finding motivation requires a goal; you’ll have to know where you want to go with a clear, detailed plan on how to accomplish it.

I haven’t always accomplished my goals. I’ve failed a lot, but in doing so, I’ve found a pattern in my successes and failures.

When I have a clear goal written on a piece of paper and hanging on the wall in my bedroom, I almost always accomplish it.

I wake up in the morning, and before I walk out of my room, I read the goals, and I’m reminded of where I’m headed and how I will get there. Before I go to sleep, I read them. It’s easy to get sidetracked, and reminding yourself of your goals several times a day is necessary.

Norman Vincent Peale wrote his goals on a card and put them in his shirt pocket over his heart. He read them several times a day.

If you have a big goal, you’ll need to think about it several times a day. Empty your mind of negativity, believe with all your heart that you will turn your goal into reality. If you do this, you’ll find the desire inside of you to do whatever it takes. You’ll wake up early, you’ll stay up late, you’ll show up early, and you’ll be the last to leave. You’ll excel in every area of your life.

What if you don’t have the time?

So many of us think that if we have a full

Time job and a family to take care of, and other obligations that we don’t have enough time to accomplish our goals.

What if you only spend one hour a day working toward your goals? It may not seem like much, but if you commit yourself to one hour a day for an entire year, you’ll have spent three hundred and sixty-five hours working on your dream! For some of us, that may be all that’s required.

Try it out, write your goal down with a plan to accomplish it, read it several times a day, work hard even if it’s just for an hour a day, stay committed and see what happens. I’m betting you’ll like the results.



# Changing of the seasons

It is hard to believe that October has come & gone already. One thing about New England



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— if you do not like the weather, just wait a while. The four seasons are the one thing this writer enjoys. This past week, I decided to winterize my boat and put it in storage in my back yard. Removing the batteries from the boat every year, and storing them in my cellar, prolong their life for many years. Storing them away after a full battery charge will ensure me that they are ready for the first fishing trip in the Spring. Winterizing my outboard motor takes little time. The lower unit needs to be drained and new oil is added.

Fogging the motors pistons and carburetors is done every year, and

gasoline is protected by a gas stabilizer. Time to cover the boat with a good tarp, and securing it with some bungee cords, is the final step. Protecting the wheels by placing the tires on a piece of wood, will help extend the life of the tires, especially if the trailer is parked on a grassy area.

Fishing rods need to be cleaned and reels oiled to ensure that they are ready for the start of the fishing season in the spring. As I was putting my fishing gear away, I spotted my ice auger in the shed, and realized it was time to give the motor a quick start. A couple of pulls on the starter cord and away it went. It sure pays to add gas stabilizer to the gas prior to storing it for the summer. I use it in all of my power lawn equipment, to keep them running. The



Courtesy

This week's picture of an English pointer holding a beautiful point on a pheasant in a local field.

gas today has numerous parts of ethanol that can eat up the seals in your carburetors, not only in your outboard motors, but in all of your power yard equipment. This writer loves ice fishing, but I still like to jig fish over fishing with ice tip ups (tilts). It is not far off. More in the coming weeks.

Deer hunting continues to improve for archers, as the bucks come into the rutting season. Numerous impressive bucks have been harvested to date, along with some huge does. Archers now harvest more deer, than during the shotgun season annually! It may turn out that the 2021 Massachusetts hunting season will again have a record harvest, if mother nature cooperates.

Deer do the strangest things to survive or move from one piece of property to meet new friends. A number of years ago, I was fishing with the late Doc Fenzel of Douglas. He was a highly respected Veterinarian in the valley, and had a practice for many years on Quarry Hill. We had decided to fish around the Block Island area. As we headed out, we were half way to the island, when I noticed something in the water. I pointed it out to the Doc, and he slowed the engine to get a better look at the strange object in the water. We were both shocked and amazed that the object was a good size buck, swimming from the Island to the Mainland. I

guess he just got tired of the scenery at the island, and was looking for love somewhere else.

Deer are good swimmers as their hairs are filled with air to keep them buoyant, but their navigation is very slow. Our main concern was that it may get run over by a vessel, but we never heard of any deer collision in the coming days and weeks after the incident. Just recently, I read in the Hawkeye magazine in New Hampshire about a buck that had gotten himself into a precarious situation. A homeowner heard the grunting of a deer, he thought. As he waked down to the end of his driveway, he noticed a six-point buck with his antler stuck in the rear leg. He must have had a serious itch and decided to scratching the area with his antler which they often do, & ended up piercing through the flesh and lodging in the back leg between the bone and tendon. The resident walked around the deer and made a quick decision to help the animal by very quickly grabbing the rear leg and gave it a quick tug. It

was a dangerous move, but it worked and the buck was free and scampered off into the nearby woods.

Numerous bucks have lost their life during the rutting season by getting their antlers locked together while fighting for their does. Many times, they end up dying locked together with their antlers, unable to free themselves from each other. One local hunter found a pair of deceased big bucks in the Maine woods a few years ago and reported the find to the state environmental police. He had cut the antlers free from the animals, with the antlers still locked together. The environmental police confiscated the antlers, and it took some time before they were returned to the hunter. It was the proper thing to do.

Local freshwater fishing continues to provide anglers with numerous trout and bass with an occasional pickerel mixed in. Hornpout fishing is also improving on the Wet River, for anglers that enjoy catching them, and they also provide great eating. Most hornpout (a member of the catfish family) are caught bottom fishing with worms and nightcrawlers. At this time of year, the hornpout is migrating up or down river to their winter home. During the summer, hornpout fishing is best at night, but this time of year can be caught during the daytime hours. Give it a try and bring the kids. Be careful when handling the fish as they have sharp horns on both sides of the head, and at the top, which can be somewhat painful if your skin is accidentally punctured by the fish.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Critical Race Theory promotes a loser culture

To the Editor:  
What I believe. Feel free to disagree. It's time to be revolutionary.

Have you taken a moment to learn about Critical Race Theory? It was not developed by Black scholars at historically Black colleges like Spelman, Howard, or Tuskegee University. No, it's a white Marxist thing.

Critical Race Theory is simply race-based Marxism. White people are deemed racist Oppressors and anyone "of color" is labeled "oppressed." These words are the stock-in-trade of Marxism. Excellence is punished. Who suffers most? The inconvenient minority: Asian American students who frequently score well on math and science tests. Under Critical Race Theory, math and science standards must be eliminated. Evidently for Marxists, to excel is too white or too Asian and to not excel is reserved for people of color. Who is racist? Marxists.

The history of Critical Race Theory is very grim. It started as "Critical Theory" in 1923 at the German Institute for Social Research. The Marxists tried to figure out why the working class (that's you and me) did not overthrow our government for Marxism. The conclusion? Workers clung to their religion, their families and their culture. So, these things must be destroyed. Let's never forget Obama's famous line about working class voters in old industrial towns who lost their jobs: "They cling to guns or religion." I guess that sums up his stand on God and the Bible.

Germany expelled the German Institute and it arrived at Columbia University in New York City. The Critical Theorists searched for a way to divide Americans. Their evil decision? Use race. Hence, "Critical Race Theory". Teach children that every single thing in America - gravity, math, and unicorns - must be seen through the lens of race, but "science is real". Gravity doesn't care whether you are white or a hippopotamus or

an apple. Turns out, the Marxists are science-deniers.

Exhibit A: Chairman Mao of China. In 1958, he insisted that farmers plant a heavy concentration of seeds and add tons of fertilizer. Farmers tried to reason with the Marxists, but were told: "you just don't understand the new technique." Can you guess the result? 45 million Chinese people died of starvation.

Recently, a Mom who fled from China taught her local Virginia School Board about Marxism. "We were taught to denounce our heritage...I want Americans to know that...living in America. That is just the biggest privilege." She and a group of conservative parents complained that the "Anti racist Parents of Loudon County" made a list of opponents of Critical Race Theory so they could "track, hack, and doxx them" (silence them). How American!

If you criticize Critical Race Theory, the Marxists call you a white supremacist or accuse you of "white fragility." There is no such thing. It was invented by - you guessed it - Marxists. Americans do not assign characteristics by the color of skin. It's undemocratic. It's unconstitutional. It's okay under Marxism,

however. Is that what you want for your kids? Constantly judging people and bullying people who do not agree? Marxism is not fancy. It's Satanic.

If the Critical Race Gang really want to help poor children, they would work on extra tutoring in math, encourage students to stay in school, not have children before marriage, and foster work internships so students get real work experience. But we know this is not about helping the poor. It is about raw political power to destroy the U.S.A. Why? Because Capitalism and Democracy provide opportunity for everybody. They give all Americans the right and confidence to become a doctor, join the Police force, create a hair salon, or develop Covid vaccines in 10 months. No Marxist or Communist country did that.

Simply, Critical Race Theory is Loser Culture that creates losers, not winners. Do you want your children to judge people by the color of their skin or "by the content of their character?" Be revolutionary. God gave you gifts. Use them. What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted.  
Bev Gudanowski  
Uxbridge

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**Meet Yukon!** Yukon is a 1 1/2 year old male catahoula mix. This active boy is always up for an adventure and loves to play and show off his goofy personality. Yukon enjoys meeting new people and other dogs. If you're looking for an outgoing pup that is ready to light up the room, look no further, Yukon is the pup for you! For more information or to apply to adopt, please visit [www.PawfectLifeRescue.org](http://www.PawfectLifeRescue.org).

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## Presbyterian Church to host Homespun Holidays fair

WHITINSVILLE — Join the United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville for our annual Homespun Holidays fall fair on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be craft and harvest tables, a bake sale, attic treasures, and our famous Cookie Walk and Crunchy Chicken luncheon!

Friday's Child

**Hi! My name is Maxxon and I love music!**

Maxxon is a sweet, inquisitive, and kind boy of Caucasian and Hispanic descent. He is generally easy-going and calm. His favorite activities include riding his bike and watching television. Maxxon is fascinated with broadcasting and radio. He also enjoys interacting with adults and loves music, especially classic rock. Maxxon has a good sense of humor and will often surprise everyone with a funny joke out of nowhere.

Maxxon is currently attending a therapeutic school with extra supports. He is doing well overall in school and gets along with his peers. He can do his own daily care and hygiene, and with a little adult support is comfortable accessing his community.

Legally freed for adoption, Maxxon is eagerly awaiting his forever home. His social worker believes that he will thrive in a nurturing family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. Maxxon has an Open Adoption Agreement and an adoptive family must be willing to help him visit with his birth father three times a year. Maxxon also has two half-sisters in Massachusetts who he would like to remain connected to. Maxxon can be placed outside of Massachusetts but must be within driving distance of the central part of the state.

**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.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



# OBITUARIES

## Norma C. Wiggin, 89



BROOKFIELD – Norma C. (Keith) Wiggin, 89, passed away peacefully at her daughter's home in Hull on Thursday, October 28, 2021. Norma was born in Worcester, the daughter of Willard and Edith (Howe) Keith of West Boylston. Norma graduated from Major Edwards High School in West Boylston and Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT. She married her beloved husband of 25 years, the late Nathan Wiggin of Rockland, ME, in 1955. The couple lived in West Boylston, Southbridge, and lastly on Stiles Reservoir in Spencer and had owned and operated the Donut Chateau in West Boylston and Southbridge. Nathan passed away in 1980 and Norma continued working at the business for several years. Norma also worked as a Home Care Attendant for Nurse's House Call in the Worcester area and was named Employee of the Year. She later reconnected with her high school classmate, Bob Parkin, and they lived together in Brookfield until his passing in 2011.

Norma is survived by her daughters,

## Brian M. Comlin, 78

Uxbridge- Brian M. Comlin, 78, of Veterans Parkway passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at Milford Hospital after a short illness. Born in Stoughton on September 9, 1943 he was son of the late Chester and Anna (Daugherty) Comlin, and lived in Brockton and Taunton, before settling in Uxbridge in 1989. He survived by his extended family on the Parkway, along with several close friends. Brian worked for Alternative's in Whitinsville for many years and even received an award in 2003 for outstanding achievement. Brian was an active parishioner at St. Mary's Church, and volunteered at the Uxbridge Senior Center monthly. He was a frequent

Deborah Wiggin and her husband, Paul Beresis, of Hull and Diane Wiggin of Naples, FL; four grandchildren, Sarah Wiggin of Tampa, FL, Adam Eldean and his partner, Yaritza Velez, of Baltimore, MD, Aaron DeFeo and his girlfriend, Ashley Durham, of Pompano Beach, FL, and Nora Eldean of Sandy, UT; her honorary granddaughter, Layla Eldean; her great grandchildren, Gavin and Garrett DeFeo; her nephew and nieces, Randy Keith and his wife, Patty, Linda Blake and her husband, Ned, and Lisa Hartman and her husband, Rick; her sister-in-law, Evelyn Keith; and the daughter of her longtime companion, Bob Parkin, Karan Parkin and her wife, Marianne Winters. Norma was predeceased by her brother, Robert Keith, of West Boylston's Pinecroft Dairy. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a calling hour from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by a funeral service at 12 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main St., Holden. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wachusett Greenways, P.O. Box 121, Holden, MA 01520. To find a live streaming link for the service and to share a memory or offer a condolence visit [www.milesfuneralhome.com](http://www.milesfuneralhome.com)

patron of the Whitinsville Community Center. He lived an active life enjoying swimming, vacationing on the Cape, and a variety of other activities including touring the White House. In his later years, he remained at home due to his declining health. Brian was a good natured-man that enjoyed the company of his close friends. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date to be announced. Memorial donations will be made in his name to Saint Mary's Parish, 77 Mendon St., Uxbridge MA 01569. To leave a condolence message for his loved ones please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Willard Y. Dalrymple, Jr., 96



Willard Y. Dalrymple, Jr., 96, passed away on Monday, October 11, 2021 in Saint Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Worcester. He leaves his beloved wife of 67 years, Nancy (Fleisher) Dalrymple; his daughters, Bonnie L. Steele, wife of Kevin Steele, of Sutton and Susan B. DiPilato, wife of John DiPilato of Worcester; his grandsons, Brian J. Steele and wife Amanda, of Sutton and Gregory J. Steele and wife Ashley, of Newport, RI and Wellsley, MA. He also leaves 2 great grandsons, Charlie Steele and Callahan Steele, his niece Bernadette and her husband Bert Greene, of Wrentham, and many nephews, nieces and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Willard and Ethel (Farnum) Dalrymple, and his sister Ruth Rousseau.

Willard (Bill) was born on December 1, 1924, at Fairlawn Hospital in Worcester and grew up in the Tatnuck section of the city. He was a proud veteran of World War II, having joined the U.S. Army Air Force shortly after his eighteenth birthday. He served as a radar operator in the South Pacific area for 3 1/2 years and following his discharge served in the R.I. National Guard. Bill was employed as a Department Planner at Whitin Machine Works (later ATF Davidson), for 38 years and was instrumental in establishing the clerical union where he served as Treasurer for many years.

He was a member of the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church for over 50 years, sang in the chancel and folk choirs, served on the Board of Trustees, was a member of the Young at Hearts, and many of the church committees. He was a member of the Northbridge Senior Center and the Friends of the Northbridge Elders where he participated in the cribbage, pool and dart leagues, and where he and Nancy were volunteers, deliver-

ing Meals on Wheels for many years. Bill loved baseball and golf, and had great memories of playing baseball in his youth, and golf later in life at a league at Edgewood Golf Course. He spent many hours watching golf tournaments on TV and Boston Celtics basketball games.

He was an avid fan of the many sports that his grandsons participated in, including baseball, basketball, soccer, track and cross country running at Northbridge High School, Sutton Fuller Hamlets Soccer, and WPI basketball games.

Family meant everything to Bill and his greatest enjoyment was when they all got together to share a good meal. He enjoyed playing cards with his family and good friends, doing crossword puzzles, watching Jeopardy and old times movies on TMC TV. Bill was a loving and devoted husband, an exceptional dad, a proud grandfather and great grandfather, a loyal friend and a quiet man who didn't need words to convey his feelings, but loved people and to tell his stories to them.

In later years he faced, and overcame, many medical challenges and bounced back, but more recently became frustrated by his inability to remain independent due to his declining health.

The family would like to thank Brookhaven Hospice, his nurse Amanda, hospice aide Kurt, and all the staff who participated in his care over the last 18 months, and to the staff at Saint Francis for their compassion during his final days.

Per his request, there will be no calling hours. A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be sent in his memory to Brookhaven Hospice, 114 Turnpike Road, Ste. 206, Westboro, MA, 01581



## Tips for selling your antiques and collectibles

If you're interested in selling your antiques and collectibles, today's column is for you. I'll share some tips to help you get the most of your sale.

My first tip relates to timing: sell holiday collectibles in season. If you have Halloween collectibles, selling them in early October is best because Halloween is on peoples' minds. November and early December would be the right time to sell your vintage Christmas bulbs.

Second, sell items where they were made. I often get calls or emails from people around the country who have Massachusetts-related items because they realize their local items will sell better here. I collect old Worcester-related photos, advertising pieces and other items because I live in the area.

Beyond photos and ephemera, additional items do well when sold locally. Joseph Greenwood was a Worcester impressionist painter. Whenever we auction one of his paintings, it sells very well because so many of our local bidders are interested in his works.

Third, decide how you want to sell your items. You can sell them to a dealer, hire an estate sale company or auction house, or sell on your own. If you decide to sell things on your own, research your items. Be sure to check what similar items sold for, not the price the seller asked for. If you sell on your own, you can have a tag sale, sell on Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, eBay, ad in this paper or on other platforms. It's important to consider that you will need to pay a fee if you list on eBay. You will also have to describe your item taking note of any defects, take detailed photographs, answer bidder questions, and handle shipping. With Craigslist, you may have people you don't know coming to see your items so you may want to have someone else with you or take other safety precautions. With Facebook Marketplace, you can do some vetting of the buyer by viewing their profile before you meet them.



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If you decide to hire an auction house or estate sale company, see if any family members or friends have recommendations. Check reviews. Then talk with the companies you are considering. No matter what you decide, if you have something that is very valuable, auction is the preferred method. Estate sale companies around the country often contract with auction houses to sell highly valuable items.

As we emerge from the pandemic, many auction houses continue to run live auctions. We have switched to all online auctions since the pandemic began and they have been producing good results. We plan to continue with online auctions for the foreseeable future. We have been auctioning entire estates when they have valuable items such as antiques, collectibles, and automobiles. We also run multi-estate auctions with gold jewelry, coins, Sterling silver, paintings, vintage sports cards and comic books, and a wide range of other antiques and collectibles that sell to local buyers or are shipped around the globe.

Selling your antiques and collectibles is a great way to earn some extra cash before the holidays. Speaking from experience, you may even like selling so much you start your own business.

Our next multi-estate online auction will begin on Nov. 10. I'll also be teaching my "Evaluating your Antiques" class on Nov. 10 at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton. Beginning in late November, we will be running an online auction of the contents of a West Boylston estate with a newer model car and three wheeled motorcycle. The virtual antique appraisal event for the Townsend Historical Society has been postponed until next year. Please visit our website for more details on 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](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) (508-612- 6111) [info@centralmassauctions.com](mailto:info@centralmassauctions.com)

## Delight friends and family with winter-blooming bulbs

Give a holiday gift that is guaranteed to bring joy and feelings of well-being. Research by Rutgers University found the gift of flowers generates a smile, elevates the recipient's mood, and provides feelings of happiness that last for days. Amaryllis and paperwhite bulbs make it easy for anyone to enjoy these benefits by growing their own living bouquet of flowers.

Non-gardeners will appreciate receiving an amaryllis or paperwhite gift kit that includes the bulb, soil, and pot. All they need to do is open the box, water the soil, and wait for the beauty to unfurl. Or make your own ready-to-grow gifts by purchasing bulbs and planting them in decorative pots.

Each amaryllis bulb sends up multiple stems topped with flowers that can measure up to eight inches across. Nurturing amaryllis or paperwhites from bulb to bloom requires no experience or special care, but answers to any questions can be found at [LongfieldGardens.com](http://LongfieldGardens.com).

Are there gardeners on your list? Keep it simple by selecting some winter-blooming amaryllis or paperwhite bulbs and tucking them into an attractive gift bag. While most people are familiar with the classic red amaryllis, there are many other colors and flower styles to choose from. Make your gift extra special by ordering some of these less-common varieties.

Elvas is a double white amaryllis with petals outlined in red. As the flowers mature, they gradually open wider and the red highlights become more apparent.

Giant Amadeus features layers of petals that start out white and blush to pink, coral and salmon. The color and intensity increase as the petals open.

For a twist on traditional red, consider Magical Touch. Its cherry red blossoms have broad, ruffled petals edged in white. When the flowers are fully open, they are flat rather than trumpet shaped.

Ruby Star is another uncommon amaryllis. Classified as a papillon or butterfly amaryllis, it has large, irregular-shaped petals in a striking color combination of wine red and apple green.

Brighten dark winter days with the cheery, lemony yellow flowers of amaryllis Yellow Star. Each bulb will send up multiple stems topped with four to six long-lasting flowers.

The flowers of amaryllis Cape Horn feature big, rounded petals in a love-



Courtesy Longfield-Gardens.com

The flower petals of Giant Amadeus amaryllis start out white and turn to pink, coral and salmon.

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ly shade of rose-pink. Each blossom has a white star at the center and a lime green throat.

Most amaryllis bulbs begin flowering eight to ten weeks after planting. Paperwhite narcissus bulbs bloom in half the time and can be grown in soil or a shallow bowl of stones

and water. For maximum fragrance, plant Ziva paperwhites. Varieties such as Nir and Inbal produce the same snowy-white flowers but have a much lighter fragrance.

Store winter-blooming bulbs in a cool, dry and dark place until you are ready to plant. Once you pot up the bulbs and place them in a warm, bright location, they will break dormancy and begin to sprout. Watching as the stems emerge, buds develop, and flowers appear is all part of the fun.

Be sure to order a couple extra bulbs for yourself. You will enjoy the stress relief these beautiful winter bulbs provide during the holiday season and long winter months.

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 &



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by James Crickenberger to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated July 6, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55602, Page 231 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, Limited Liability Company Doing Business As Veterans United Home Loans to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., recorded on August 27, 2019, in Book No. 60947, at Page 319 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust I, recorded on April 29, 2021, in Book No. 65049, at Page 182 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on November 12, 2021, on the mortgaged premises located at 2171 Providence Road, Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

The land in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, being a certain lot or parcel of land on the westerly side of the State Highway called Providence Road and near the Cement Bridge, formerly called the Red Bridge, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeasterly corner of the granted premises and the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Dalveni Jacques, said corners being on the westerly line of said Highway; THENCE S. 76 1/2 ° W. along the southerly line of said Jacques' land about 83 feet to the Blackstone River; THENCE Southerly and easterly along said river bank until it joins the line of said Highway; THENCE Northerly along said Highway about 80 feet to the place of beginning. For title see deed recorded with the Worcester County Registry of Deeds herewith.

A.P.N #: Map: 22A, Lot: 217

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55602, Page 229.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California St.

Newton, MA 02458

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October 22, 2021

October 29, 2021

November 5, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Charles Corbett and Theresa A. Corbett to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for RBMG, Inc., dated July 11, 2003 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31342, Page 33 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for RBMG, Inc., its successors and

assigns to EverBank dated December 17, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 51887, Page 29, and Assignment from EverBank to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC dated December 8, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 54736, Page 38, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 30 Glendale Avenue, Uxbridge, MA 01569 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on November 23, 2021, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land referred to in this policy is situated in the STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, COUNTY OF WORCESTER, CITY of UXBRIDGE, and described as follows: A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON SITUATED IN SAID UXBRIDGE AND MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PORTION OF LOT 70 AND ALL OF 71, 72, AND 73 AS SHOWN ON PLAN OF UXBRIDGE GARDENS MADE BY F.T. WESTCOTT, C.D. DATED MAY, 1917 AND RECORDED WITH WORCESTER DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 31, PLAN 7 TO WHICH REFERENCE MAY BE MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. Being all of that certain property conveyed to CHARLES CORBETT AND THERESA A. CORBETT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY from RONALD E. GRAVEL AND ANNA M. GRAVEL, by deed dated NOVEMBER 29, 2000 and recorded NOVEMBER 30, 2000 in Deed Book 23263, Page 244 in the WORCESTER County Records.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23263, Page 344.

The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien(s) recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55204, Page 234.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

Korde & Associates, P.C.

900 Chelmsford Street

Suite 3102

Lowell, MA 01851

(978) 256-1500

Corbett, Charles, 19-036344

October 29, 2021

November 5, 2021

November 12, 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. WO21C0502CA  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
In the matter of:  
William Tyler Lane

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by William Tyler Lane of Uxbridge MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: W Tyler Lane

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 11/16/2021. 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: October 20, 2021  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
November 5, 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. WO21C0423CA  
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME  
In the matter of:  
Caroline Therese Moniz

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Caroline Therese Moniz of Uxbridge MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Caroline Therese McDonagh-Moniz

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 11/16/2021. 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: October 19, 2021  
Stephanie K. Fattman  
Register of Probate  
November 5, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Division  
Docket No. WO21P3248EA  
Estate of:  
Grayce H. Mullen  
Date Of Death: 6/21/2021  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Kevin F. Mullen of North Conway NH a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Kevin F. Mullen of North Conway NH 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 5, 2021

Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 48 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:05 P.M.** at the **Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA** to consider the application of James Roy, 56 McEndy Street, Linwood, MA for a Variance (21-V-21) pursuant to Article X Section 173-48, & Article V Section 173-12, Table of Use Regulations. The applicant would like to add an additional dwelling unit to a detached garage for a total of 2 dwelling units on the property. The property is located at 56 McEndy Street, Linwood, MA 01588 and is shown on Assessor's Map 24A as Parcel 19, is located in a Residential 4 Zoning District and is owned by James Roy.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this matter should attend said meeting at the time and place designated. A copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Douglas Curving, Chairman  
Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals  
November 5, 2021  
November 12, 2021

Zoning Board of Appeals NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 47 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:05 P.M.** at the **Aldrich School Town Hall Annex, 14 Hill St., Whitinsville, MA** to

consider the application of Yong Li, 32 Willow Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 for a Special Permit (23-SP-21) pursuant to Article X Section 173-47, & Article IX, nonconforming structures. The applicant is proposing to demolish a nonconforming single family structure and to rebuild in the same general footprint. The property is located at 2653 Providence Road, Northbridge, MA 01534 and is shown on Assessor's Map 19 as Parcel 68. The property is located in a Residential Two Zoning District and is owned by Yong Li.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this matter should attend said meeting at the time and place designated. A copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours. Douglas Curving, Chairman  
Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals  
November 5, 2021  
November 12, 2021

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(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
Docket No. 21 SM 001270  
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Sandra P. Valenti a/k/a Sandra P. Tanner

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*)

**U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Adjustable Rate Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-4**

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Northbridge, numbered 34-36 Church Avenue, given by Sandra P. Valenti and Gregory Valenti a/k/a Gregory V. Valenti to “MERS”, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, “Lender”; its successors and assigns, dated December 19, 2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38101, Page 128, as affected by the Loan Modification Agreement dated February 1, 2012 and recorded with said Registry in Book 48959, Page 96, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 10/15/2021

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Recorder  
November 5, 2021





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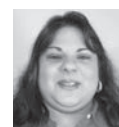
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SOCCER

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Gillian McGee, Margaret Johnson and Hannah Lashley — not only stopped any potential Prouty opportunities, but also got the ball into the offensive end, which allowed the Crusaders to produce so many chances.

“I thought our midfield controlled the play. They played simple soccer, made the right pass, had good speed, took what they gave us, and that’s the way we played,” said Cutler.

Freshman Amanda Cinelli was the main beneficiary of the midfielder’s play, as she scored twice in a three-minute span to account for both of Whitinsville Christian’s goals.

“I think that our midfield had more control of the ball, and so we put up a lot more shots at that point,” Cinelli said of the scoring plays. “I think I was just there to rebound them in.”

Cutler told her team, “Especially on a day like today, follow your shot,” and Cinelli did just that.

“It was definitely follow the rebounds, especially with the ball being more slippery, the goalie might not be able to catch it. And that’s what happened. I was there at the right time,” explained Cinelli.

When tested, keeper



Logan O’Connell of Whitinsville Christian sticks out his leg and intercepts a Hopedale pass.

Abbi Cullen made a pair of saves for the shutout. In fact, the Crusaders’ defense has surrendered only six goals in 16 games played as they improved to 14-2.

Whitinsville Christian will next play in the Division 5 State Tournament, which is exciting to Cutler and her squad.

“The thought is we’re going to have a good day of practice on Monday and we’re going to prepare for whoever we get,” she said of what’s to come.

The Crusaders will learn their seed and opponent when the bracket got revealed on Tuesday, Nov. 2, which came after press time.

In the boys’ game, Hopedale jumped out to a 3-0 halftime lead, with DJ

Tucker potting a pair of goals and Gabriel Bean tallying once.

“I’d say the first 22 minutes they outplayed us,” explained Whitinsville Christian head coach Greg Massotti. “They were more aggressive, they double- and triple-teamed our guys, so they took advantage of a couple plays.

“I thought once the 22nd, 23rd minute of the first half came, I made an adjustment and moved my center back to the midfield and that changed our ability for us to attack,” added Massotti.

In fact, the Crusaders had three golden opportunities to score — including a penalty kick taken by Noah Massotti that was saved by Will Parker — before the half



Jillian LaBonte of Whitinsville Christian sends a through-ball down the field.

ended.

“There were three really good chances where it could easily have been 3-3 at halftime,” said Greg Massotti.

Whitinsville Christian did trim the deficit down to 3-1 with 19:14 to play when Dan Paharik converted a penalty kick, but Tucker finished off a hat trick to make it 4-1.

Greg Massotti was still pleased with how his team competed in the CMADA Tournament.

“We went through two rounds and got two 4-0 victories to get to this point, so to get to that championship game [I’m proud],” he noted.

The Crusaders (9-8) are also tournament bound in the Division 5 States, and they also learned of their ranking and opponent on Nov. 2.



Whitinsville Christian’s Sean McGrath, right, and Hopedale’s Steven Marchionni compete for possession of the ball.

FACES

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and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Worcester State College,” the department added. “Welcome aboard Officer Branch.”

In Northbridge, the police department welcomed Officer Benjamin O’Donnell, who graduated recently from the West

Boylston Police Academy.

In other news, the Board of Fire Engineers voted unanimously to appoint Brian Gasco as the new Fire Chief of the Millbury Fire Department. Gasco has been on the Board of Fire Engineers for nine years and most recently Deputy Chief, the fire department shared.

Earlier last month, retired Millbury Fire Chief Rich Hamilton worked his last day on the job, Millbury Fire released.

“Chief Hamilton dedicated 43 years to the Millbury Fire Department and the Town of Millbury starting in 1978, where he spent 1 year as a CD,” the department reported. “In

1978, he was assigned as a Firefighter to Engine 1 where he spent 13 years. In 1992 he was promoted to Lieutenant of the Scope where he spent six years. In 1998, he was promoted to Captain of Headquarters where he spent 12 years. In 2010, he was assigned to the Board of Fire Engineers by the Millbury Board of Selectman where he

spent five years as Asst. Chief. In 2015, he was voted in by the Board of Fire Engineers as the new Chief of the Millbury Fire Dept.”

And in Millville, Fire Rescue Deputy Chief Roy Liard Jr. was sworn in as the new acting Fire Chief.

“Congratulations Chief, we look forward to working with you in this new chapter of the

Millville Fire Rescue Department,” Millville Fire Rescue shared.

Millville Fire also congratulated Samantha Blanchette, who was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Blanchette will be Lt. of EMS and Fire Prevention, Millville Fire released.

MILL

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than 200 individuals who had recently returned to the community from state institutions.

Ultimately, the model fell short of the non-profit’s vision and the workshop was closed. Alternatives opened smaller, storefront career centers in several towns, and the Whitin Mill was eventually restored and repurposed into an

inclusive center for local art, culture, and history. Today, the mill houses an art gallery, community plaza, theater, and more.

ValleyCAST is a subsidiary of Open Sky Community Services, which was formed in 2018 through the affiliation of Alternatives Unlimited and The Bridge of Central Massachusetts. ValleyCAST sponsors a “wide variety of community events that people of all abilities can enjoy

together,” according to the organization’s website.

Since 2008, ValleyCAST has hosted more than 100 art gallery exhibits between the Spaulding R. Aldrich Heritage Gallery and the Uxbridge Community Gallery, featuring over 300 artists of all abilities. The Singh Performance Center is home to ten different theater companies that have performed more than 96 plays since 2008, and

since 2013, artists of all ages and abilities have been invited to participate in an annual exhibit, the Art Palette Contest. Over sixty artists participate each year, with hundreds of people voting to award cash prizes for outstanding palettes.

Beginning in 2016, ValleyCAST also hosted full day events that featured live music and artisans.

During COVID, a virtual task force was

formed in March 2020 and ValleyCAST was able to offer the community many virtual experiences, including virtual art prompts, a virtual summer concert series, and more. In July 2021, the Blackstone Valley Art Association hosted ValleyCAST’s first in-person gallery show since March 2020, aptly named “Re-emerging in the Valley.”

Information from ValleyCAST indicat-

ed that the 2022 exhibit calendar for the gallery is in the works, which will include the annual Art Palette contest and collaborative exhibit with the Whitinsville Christian School, and the BVAA has workshops and events scheduled for the Uxbridge Community Gallery.

For more information, visit [www.openskycs.org/community/valley-cast.html](http://www.openskycs.org/community/valley-cast.html).



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# Recipes for Leftover Pumpkin

Halloween might be over, but the pumpkins live on. Whether leftover pumpkins were used as harvest decorations, or were passed over for carving, the big question is: What to do with perfectly good sugar pumpkins? Each year, this column tackles the annual dilemma by promoting pumpkin repurposing! Read on for some recipes that use up pumpkin leftovers.

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**Pumpkin Martini**  
Talk about pushing pumpkin power up a notch! Several years ago Food Network star Sandra Lee came come up with this pumpkin cocktail that continues to please!

**Ingredients:** one half cup brown sugar; two teaspoons pumpkin pie spice, divided; two tablespoons granulated sugar; two cups half-and-half; two tablespoons pumpkin puree; one half teaspoon vanilla extract; ice cubes; four ounces vanilla vodka; one liter sparkling water

**Instructions:** In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the brown sugar, one teaspoon pumpkin pie spice, and a half cup water. Stir until the sugar is dissolved and bring it to a boil. Remove from heat and cool for 30 minutes. Syrup can be

stored in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. Mix together the granulated sugar and remaining one teaspoon pumpkin pie spice and put it onto a shallow plate. Pour two tablespoons of the simple syrup onto a plate. Dip the rims of four martini glasses into the syrup, and then in the spiced sugar. Set aside.

In a large measuring cup, combine the half-and-half, pumpkin puree, vanilla, and half the simple syrup and whisk until well blended. Pour in to a pitcher filled with ice. If using the vodka, add it to the pitcher before serving and stir. Pour into the prepared glasses. Top with sparkling water. Makes four servings.

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**Homemade Pumpkin Soup**

What can be better than homemade pumpkin soup? How about a recipe from the kitchen of Food Network's "Pioneer Woman" Ree Drummond?

**Ingredients:** Two whole pie pumpkins; one quart vegetable or chicken stock; one half cup heavy cream; one third cup maple syrup; dash of nutmeg; salt to taste; extra cream for serving.

**Instructions:** Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Place

pumpkins on a cookie sheet and roast them until slightly shriveled and soft. Allow to cool slightly, then slice in half and carefully scoop out seeds and pulp. Scoop yummy flesh into a bowl. Set aside.

In a pot, heat up the pumpkin flesh with the stock and maple syrup until simmering. Mash out the big chunks, the transfer the mixture to a blender or food processor (or use an immersion blender) and puree until velvety smooth. Add cream and nutmeg, and then blend again.

Reheat if you need to, or just go ahead and serve in a hollowed-out pumpkin of whatever size you'd like.

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**Pumpkin Cake Squares**  
A boxed cake mix makes this homemade pumpkin dessert quick and easy!

**Ingredients:** one pound pumpkin, pureed (see method below); one can evaporated milk (12 oz); one cup granulated sugar; one half cup brown sugar; four beaten eggs; one tsp. cinnamon; one quarter tsp each salt, ginger, and cloves; one box yellow cake mix; one cup butter, melted

**Instructions:** Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Mix the pumpkin, evap-

orated milk, sugars and spices together. Pour mixture into a 9 x 13 glass baking dish. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over top of mixture; then pour melted butter over all. Bake for about an hour or so until cake is fully cooked. Cover top loosely with foil if top becomes too brown. Cut into squares to serve.

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**Pureeing Pumpkin:** Freezing cooked, pureed pumpkin is a favored way to preserve the taste and texture of pumpkin for use in holiday recipes. Sugar or pie pumpkins are ideal candidates for freezing as the pulp is thicker and firmer. To easily prepare a pumpkin for pureeing, simply place the whole fruit in the microwave for about a minute or so to soften the skin. This will make the pumpkin much easier to peel. Cut the pumpkin in large slices, peel the skin and remove the strings and seeds. Then cut the slices into smaller pieces. Boil the pumpkin pieces until tender; then mash or process the pumpkin pulp until it forms a smooth, thick puree.

To store, freeze in Ziploc bags or frost safe containers.

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**Pumpkin Raisin Bread Pudding**

Warm, bread pudding merged with spicy pumpkin creates a double dose of comfort food!

**Ingredients:** 12 slices cinnamon-raisin bread, cut into 1-inch cubes (about 8 cups); four eggs; one cup milk; 15 oz fresh pumpkin; one cup plus one Tbsp. packed brown sugar, divided; one tsp. pumpkin pie spice, divided; tsp. vanilla; one half cup pecans; one half cup sour cream; one cup Cool Whip, thawed; one quarter cup maple syrup.

**Instructions:** Heat oven to 350 degrees. Place bread cubes in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Beat eggs, milk, pumpkin, one cup brown sugar, one half tsp. pumpkin pie spice and vanilla with whisk until well blended. Pour evenly over bread; sprinkle with nuts. Bake 45 min. or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Meanwhile, mix sour cream, remaining sugar and remaining pumpkin pie spice in medium bowl until blended. Stir in Cool Whip.

Drizzle syrup over pudding. Serve warm topped with sour cream mixture.

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The poetry showcase will spotlight Candace Curran, Paul Richmond, Karen Warinsky, and Gerald Yelle, who will all read during the first hour. Curran has twice

been named Western Massachusetts Poet's Seat laureate, while Richmond was honored as Massachusetts Beat Poet Laureate (2017-2019) and National Beat Poet Laureate (2017-2019). Warinsky is a former finalist in the Montreal International Poetry Contest. Her debut collection, "Gold in Autumn," was released last summer. Yelle's publications include "The Holyoke Diaries" and "No Place I Would Rather Be." He is a member of the Florence, Massachusetts Poets Society.

Following intermission, community poets from the audience will be able to participate in an open mic segment, with

five minutes allotted to each poet. Participants will sign up to read at the start of the event.

This event is being hosted by ValleyCAST, the arts and culture arm of Open Sky Community Services. Following Open Sky's COVID safety protocol, all attendees are required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.

For further information about this program or to learn more about participating, email Karen Warinsky: karen.warinsky@gmail.com. To learn more about ValleyCAST and/or Open Sky Community Services, visit openskys.org.



From left to right: Paul Richmond, Candace Curran, Karen Warinsky, Gerald Yelle.

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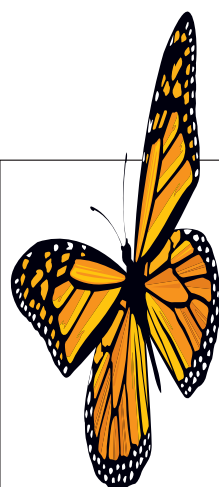
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