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Grafton Library holds groundbreaking ceremony

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

GRAFTON — The town of Grafton recently held a groundbreaking ceremony at 35 Grafton Common to kick off the multi-million-dollar renovation and expansion of the Grafton Public Library.

The project is slated to transform the late-1920's building into a modern 26,000 square-foot library designed to meet the current population needs and growth for the town over the next 20 years. "Congratulations to

the Town of Grafton, MA on the groundbreaking of our Grafton Public Library renovation and expansion," said State Rep. David Muradian in a statement. "It was a well-attended event by many community leaders who know that libraries and all that they provide serve as pillars to the community."

Architects Drummey Rosane Anderson designed the estimated \$16.6 million project

under the backing of the Library Planning and Building Committee, according to a recent statement from the library. The project team includes: Ken Best, principal architect at Drummey Rosane Anderson; general con-tractor CTA Construction of Waltham; Mark Sullivan, D.A. Sullivan & Sons of Northampton, whose owner is also the project manager; and Clerk of the Works, Andy Deschenes.

In July 2017, the town

was awarded a \$7.4 million grant from the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, reads the library statement. The town's share of the project funding is about \$9.2 million. A capital campaign has been formed to support the building project and has received pledges and donations in excess of a quarter of a million dollars.

"We are excited and proud to build this renovated and expanded library as proof of our commitment to providing enrichment to all visitors," said Tim McInerney, Grafton Town Administrator. "Everyone will continue to enjoy a place of learning and exploration where all are welcome. We appreciate the support of our excellent library programming. This updated facility will let us preserve our past and serve all future gen-

erations."

The building project includes preserving the front section of the circa-1928 library with an entrance on the Grafton Common. The upper level will include the historic main reading room, showcasing beautiful original Palladian windows and woodwork, as well as meeting rooms, collections, and services for adults, according to the library's statement. The lower level will

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Nick Ethier Photo

RAMS RALLY TO TAKE CENTRAL MASS. CHAMPIONSHIP

After falling behind, 14-0, at halftime in its Central Mass. Division 5

Uxbridge Quaker Meetinghouse to host service of Thanksgiving

UXBRIDGE — There are few places better suited to discovering the true meaning of Thanksgiving than the peace and simplicity of the 1770 Quaker Meetinghouse in Uxbridge. The non-profit Quaker Meeting House Association will once again hold an ecumenical service on Thursday morning, Nov. 28 at 9:30 a.m. The meetinghouse is located at the corner of Quaker Highway and Aldrich Street in Uxbridge.

Representatives of the area faith community will assist with the service; traditional music will set a peaceful tone. The celebration is truly a family affair. Why not pop the turkey in the oven, gather grandparents, children and friends, then take some time for quiet reflection before the feast begins? The building is heated only by two blazing fires, so dress in cozy layers and bring a blanket to warm your legs as you join your neighbors in the historic



Courtesy Photo

Two huge fireplaces at the Uxbridge Quaker Meetinghouse will greet celebrants with their cheerful warmth at the annual non-denominational service on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 28, at 9:30 a.m.

meetinghouse. A fellowship gathering will follow the service, replete with hot coffee and cider as well as fabulous

Championship game versus Oakmont Regional, the Northbridge High football team rallied to take down the Spartans, 35-14, on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium in Worcester. Please turn to Page 11 for the story and more photos. And for more District Tournament sports content, please check out pages 11-17.

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Community mourns loss of Worcester fire lieutenant

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — Members of the local community and residents across the commonwealth continue to mourn the loss of Worcester Fire Department Lt. Jason Menard following his heroic efforts to battle a four-alarm fire last week.

Lt. Menard gave his life saving others; hundreds of firefighters from different companies around the state lined up earlier this week to pay their respects to Menard, whose final tribute took place at St. John's Catholic Church.

"Lt. Jason Menard, a 39-year old husband and father of three, died of his injuries after his heroic efforts to save people in the four-alarm fire at 7 Stockholm Street," said Worcester Fire Chief Michael Lavoie. "Fire authorities received reports of a baby trapped on the third floor of the building as well as a report of a trapped resident around 1 a.m."

It has been reported that before he died, Menard saved two fellow firefighters.

Menard was a member of the Worcester Fire Department



Lt. Jason Menard

since 2010 assigned to Ladder 5, Group 2 at McKeon Road Fire Station, according to a statement from the Worcester Fire Department.

"I am heartbroken over the passing of Lieutenant Jason Menard. This is already a difficult time of year for the City of Worcester and the Worcester Fire Department," said Congressman James P. McGovern (MA-02). "I offer my deepest condolences to his wife Tina, his three children, Chief Lavoie, and Lieutenant Menard's fellow firefighters."

The Worcester Fire Department offered it's grat-

itude to everyone who has shown support for the Menard family.

"Every day, our firefighters put their lives on the line to keep our families and communities safe. Lieutenant Menard's dedication to the people of Worcester, and his heroic and selfless efforts to save the lives of his fellow firefighters, will never be forgotten," McGovern added.

Several local fire departments have issued statements regarding the loss. The Northbridge Fire Department

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Local veterans recognized by DAR

UXBRIDGE — The evening of Nov. 13 saw every seat occupied in the Simeon Wheelock House on North Main in Uxbridge. The Deborah Wheelock Chapter, DAR, welcomed veterans representing every service branch, including Merchant Marines. Their service spanned from America' entry into WWII to the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2011, almost exactly 70 years. James Misner, the eldest, was 92 and saw action in the Pacific as a Merchant Marine and then served in the Army during the Korean Conflict. Certificates of Recognition for service were given in behalf of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to: Carl Bradshaw, Michael Colonna, Annmarie Cleary, James Misner, Gregory Gentzler, Dennis Seely, Christine Yarger, Nicole Darnell, John Keeler, and Donald Latourneau.

Carl Bradshaw, BV Veterans' Service District Coordinator and Asst. Annmarie Cleary spoke about the work done to assist veterans financially and help in navigating government bureaucracy to ensure well-deserved benefits are received.

Amanda Clews of Worcester's Veterans Inc. spoke about needs especially of female veterans and their children for 'transitional housing' and comfort items. It was

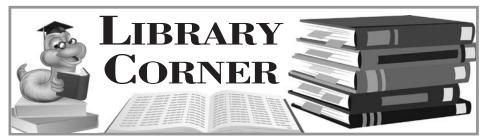


heart-warming to learn children from Bethany Christian Academy in Mendon spent allowance money to purchase items from the Dollar Store so many bags and boxes were filled and donated that evening to assist female vets.

Michael Colonna, coordinator of the not-for-profit Toys Courtesy Photo

Front: Greg Gentzler, Christine Yarger, Annmarie Cleary, James Misner (seated), Patrick Burke, Nicole Darnell, Brandie Gaudet, Regent, and Jane F. Keegan. Rear: Carl Bradshaw, Dennis Seely, Mike Colonna.

for Kids & Teens, spoke about Blackstone Valley efforts to see local veterans' children receive gifts at the holiday season. The organization has a great track record, and a collection site opens on Dec. 1 at



Whitinsville Social Library

17 Church St., Whitinsville 508-234-2151 www.northbridgemass.org/WSL

December Hours Mon-Thurs 10-8 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-2 Closed Tuesday 12/24 & Wednesday 12/25 for Christmas Closing early at 3 PM on Tuesday 12/31

Closed Wednesday 1/1

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Music & Movement with Miss Deb Wednesday 12/4 & 12/18 at 10:30 Ages 1 thru preschool Registration required: www.tinyurl. com/EventsAtWSL

Storytime with Miss Helen Thursday 12/5 & 12/12 at 10:30 For ages 2 through preschool. Drop in

Baby Bounce

Friday 12/6, 12/13 & 12/20 at 10:30 For babies ages 0-18 months and their caregivers. Drop in

Lego Club

Monday 12/16 & 12/30 at 2:30 Recommended for ages 3-12. Drop in

Dinoman!

Friday 12/6 at 3:00

Dinosaur tracks lead right to your library! Have no fear, Dinoman is here! With magic, merry mayhem, and magnificent props, the audience is taken on a trip throughout the mesozoic era. How do we know dinosaurs were here? What is a fossil? How are they made? Learn the answers to these questions and so much more in this fun and informative program. This program was made possible through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Recommended for ages 3-12. Drop in

My Pal & Me Art Club: Snowmen Monday 12/9 at 3:30

Rockabye Beats with Marcos Valles Thursday 12/19 at 10:30

Hands on learning through music, dancing, Spanish and fun. No matter your age, this original music program is enjoyable for the whole family!



Marcos Valles is an acclaimed professional musician, performer, and teacher based in Boston, Massachusetts. This program was made possible through a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council

Recommended for ages 0-6. Drop in

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Friday 12/20 at 4:00

Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for storytime and snacks! Then, say goodnight to your squishy friend and leave them behind for a secret overnight party! Come back on Saturday between 10 and 2 to pick up your pal, and collect your very own scrapbook with pictures of all the fun we had at our sleepover. Pajamas encouraged.

Recommended for ages 3-12. Registration required: www.tinyurl. com/EventsAtWSL

Gingerbread House Decorating Saturday 12/21 at 11:00 Recommended for ages 3-12. Drop in

Festival of Lights: Hanukkah Celebration with PJ Library

Friday 12/27 at 12:00

Join us for a Hanukkah-themed storytime with Miss Helen, then do a craft and eat latkes with applesauce and jelly donuts! Mindy Hall from the Jewish Federation of Central Massachusetts will teach us how to play Dreidel, and we'll learn how this historic holiday is celebrated all over the globe. She'll also share some very special books with us from PJ Library. L'Chaim!

Recommended for ages 3-12. Drop in

FAMILY EVENTS

Hot Cocoa Bar

Monday 12/233:30at Warm up and chill out! Create your own custom drink with marshmallows, peppermint, crushed cookies, chocolate kisses, funfetti chips and more. Drop-in

Family Board Game Night Monday 12/16 at 6:00

Let's bring it back to basics with classic board games such as Monopoly and Connect Four. Or. stimulate your literary neurons with Scrabble, Boggle, and Bananagrams! Fantasy lovers, Settlers of Catan will absolutely be on the docket. And If you're feeling daring, try your hand at new games such as Exploding Kittens. Bring your own games too! Refreshments provided. Game on! Drop in

Countdown to "Midnight" New Years Eve Party

Monday 12/31 at 11:30

Bring in the noise at "midnight" with sparkling juice and noisemakers! Take a selfie in our glitzy photobooth and help us countdown for the ball drop at noon!

Drop-in

EVENTS TWEEN/TEEN Crafternoon

Wednesday 12/4 & 12/18 at 2:30 Join us in the Tween & Teen room after school for a craft or just hang out and use the Chromebooks. Drop in any time between 2:30 and 3:30. for grades 5-12. Drop-in

Crafternoon Special with Dora Acosta Wednesday 12/11 at 3:15

Please note special start time of 3:15. This week... Paper Quilling with Special Guest Dora Acosta!

Dora and her kids Adriana, Sebastian, Catalina and Emilio introduced us to the delicate and beautiful art of paper quilling last November during our annual Dia de Muertos fiesta. Now. we're quilling these festive holiday gift tags! Dora has also volunteered her time at the Douglas library, where she has run paper quilling programs for adults. Thank you to Dora and her family for all the fun things they make possible for our community!

for grades 5-12. Drop-in

Young Writers Group

Wednesday, 12/4 at 4:00

Do you like to write? Are you interested in becoming a good writer? Join the library's young writers group for aspiring writers ages 8-15. This will be a safe, supportive space where you can get constructive, peer, and adult feedback on your writing, learn about writing techniques, and find your authentic voice as a writer. Facilitated by local author Christine Beauchaine. Register

Tween/Teen Advisory Group Friday 12/13 at 3:00

What would you like to see at your library? Brainstorm ideas for programs, books, and movies, while playing icebreaker games and eating a bunch of snacks!

for grades 5-12. Drop-in

ADULT EVENTS Friends of the Library Meeting Tuesday 11/26 at 6:30 All are welcome.

Third Annual Cookie Swap Wednesday 12/4 at 7:00 Bring your favorite homemade cookies along with the recipe to our Third

Annual Cookie Swap! Bring one dozen cookies on a plate to share and two dozen on a plate for the swap. Bring the recipe too and we will make copies for everyone. Hot cocoa and coffee will be provided. Amature bakers of all ages are welcome.

Holiday Crafternoons for Adults Every Thursday in December at 12:00 12/5 - Create a festive book tree 12/12 - Make a ribbon wreath 12/19 - Decorate gift bags 12/26 - Paint a champagne glass Registration opens two weeks prior to each craft

Writers' Group for Adults

Thursday 12/5 at 6:30

Come share your story or listen to what other local writers are working on

Register

175th Anniversary Gathering Tuesday 12/10 at 12:00

Come together at the library on its 175th anniversary. All community members are encouraged to share their memories of the library that serves the people of Northbridge and where they hope to see it in the future. Cake and refreshments provided by the Friends of Whitinsville Social Library.

Paper Quilling Holiday Cards with Dora Acosta

Saturday 12/14 at 11:00 Registration opens 12/1

Cookbook Club

Tuesday 12/17 at 12:00 December's cookbook is Bring It! by Ali Rosen. Bring a dish from the book. Copies available at the front desk or place a hold online. Register

DIY Craft Night for Adults Tuesday 12/17 at 6:00 Create either a festive book tree or holiday ribbon wreath. Supplies are provided.

Registration opens 11/20

Historical Room Open Wednesdays 12/11 & 12/18 from 2-3:00 Drop in.

Knitting & Needlework Group Wednesdays (except 12/25) at 6 Drop in

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\$415,000, 34 Glenside Dr, Curry, Alex T, and Antonucci-Curry, Erika M, to Tullo, Briana C, and Pasquarelli, Joseph M.

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\$279,900, 363 Purgatory Rd, Taricano, Stephen, to Kramer, Brodie, and Arsenault, Nicole.

\$185,000, 22 Forest St #22, Deboer, Laurel G, to Krot-Nowark, Denise M.

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\$212,500, 38 Glendale Ave #38, Pilling, John E, and Pilling, Joan C, to Kildahl, Karl.

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Northbridge woman wins First Place at Small Stones Arts Festival



Courtesy Photo

Carol Arnold with her first place winning oil portrait of «Kendall» at Small Stones Festival of the Arts.

GRAFTON — Carol Arnold of Northbridge was awarded first place in the Fine Art category at the Small Stones Festival of the Arts (SSFA) at One Grafton Common in Grafton. The juried exhibit opened to a packed exhibit hall full of beautiful fine art painting and photography. The Festival was co-sponsored by Apple Tree Arts, Worcester County Camera Club and Blackstone Valley Art Association based in Uxbridge.

]Ms. Arnold's oil on board portrait "Kendall" was inspired by her friend who raises Labrador Retrievers.

'She is one of the kindest, most gentle souls on earth. I wanted to capture that gentle spirit in my painting along with her casual naturalness," she said.

Ms. Arnold worked in the commercial art industry for a greeting card company and for Attleboro- based Balfor, a school ring and commemorative products company for many years before she was able to focus on creating artwork.

'My husband Joseph encouraged me

to do what I wanted which was to paint and have a family," she said.

The Arnolds raised four children in Northbridge.

She is a member of Richard Schmid's and Nancy Guzik's Putney Painters located in Putney, VT. Her artwork will be exhibited at the West Wind Fine Art Holiday 2019 Show Dec. 14-15 at the Bruder House, in Keene, Ms. Arnold teaches a monthly oil painting class at Uxbridge Alternatives Galleries through the Blackstone Valley Art Association. For more information about her classes, www.carolarnoldfineart.com

She has received recognition for her exquisite paintings for many years. Recent awards include an honorable mention at the 2018 International ARC Salon Competition and First prize at the 2016 Laumeister Fine Art competition at the Bennington Center for the Arts.

During the evening, 150 people viewed the artwork while listening to the Kelly Clark Quartet play jazz standards.

Festival co-chairs Donna Blanchard and Ken Crater announced first place (\$500), second place (\$250) and third place (\$100) award winners and the juror's choice awards for each category.

Winners in the Fine Art category also included Marsha Gleason of Northborough, for second place for a direct oil painting, "Pa and Pentimento." Third place was given

to Carolyn Kinloch-Winkler of Grafton for "A Gaggle of Geese," an oil painting. Juror choice awards were given to Grafton's Anya Leveille for a still-life oil painting "Little Red Teapot" and to Framingham residents Sharon Whitham for "Balance #2," a monotype, oil on paper and Janet Montecalvo for an oil painting on wood "May the Best Balloon Win."

In the Photography category, the first-place winner was Richard Lapping of Framingham for "Sun Voyager, Reykjavik." Second place was awarded to David Long of Shrewsbury for "Night Fishing." Matt Reynolds of Plymouth won third place for "Fire and Ice." Judge's choice awards were given to Gail Rousseau of North Attleboro, "The Nightgown," Anne Greene of Rutland for "Lily of the Valley," Ben Carroll of Roslindale for "Ghost Town" and Diane Norman of Hadley for "Shop Closed."

This year the attendees of the Festival voted for popular choice awards. In the Fine Art category, Grafton resident Bonnie Frederico's watercolor batik "Portugal" was chosen and David Long of Shrewsbury was honored in Photography for "Night Fishing."

The Festival's Fine Arts juror Jim Welu, director emeritus of the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) where he served as chief curator and director and Photography juror Nancy Burns, current associate curator of prints, drawings and photography at WAM discussed different pieces of the artwork Saturday afternoon in the Great Hall auditorium. Several of the Festival's artists in attendance joined in the discussion answering specific questions and providing interesting details about their artwork. The lecture was well attended by many artists and art supporters.

During the weekend, hundreds of peo-



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ple visited the juried arts Festival and enjoyed works of art while listening to a music program provided by Apple Tree Arts. The Sutton Ukulele Strummers led by Jan Barlow performed sing-along songs and popular tunes during exhibit hours on Saturday. Flute and piccolo teacher Amy Carroll's Anna Maria College students performed during Sunday afternoon.

The Festival showcased 144 pieces of artwork of 76 artists residing in communities in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Artwork and photography of the members of the Blackstone Valley Art Association and Worcester County Camera Club was displayed, too. Photography Jurors Stephen DiRado's, Donna Dufault's and Scott Erb's artwork was shown in a juror's section. Several original pieces of artwork and 22 prints were sold according to festival organizers.

Planning for the 2020 Small Stones Festival of the Arts will start soon. The organizing committee has announced a tentative date for the Call for Art in mid-August. Please contact Ken Crater at info@smallstonesfestival.org if you're interested in participating in the Festival or for sponsorship details. For more information, visit smallstonesfestival.org

Piano Lessons

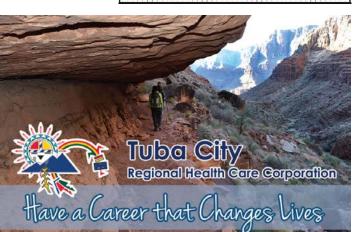
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BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI RIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

pened, and it can be impossible that children and families in for some victims to understand

person to talk about what hap- accompanying criteria ensure your community receive effec-



WORCESTER — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. announced recently that his office's Child Advocacy Center has received national reaccreditation.

The Center, which helps the most vulnerable victims and witnesses of crime talk about their abuse and trauma in a comfortable and friendly environment, was notified of its reaccreditation by the National Children's Alliance Board of Directors.

"Our [Child Advocacy Center] is a place where children can feel safe," Early said. "We're very proud again to receive this recognition of our hard work with our most vulnerable victims and witnesses."

Often the perpetrator of sexual abuse is a family member or trusted friend, according to a statement from Early's office. It can be difficult for a young

what happened. Because of this, the child has to tell the story only once at the Child Advocacy Center-if the child had to tell the story over and over again to strangers, he or she is re-victimized, the statement reads.

Besides law enforcement and prosecutors, the Center has victim and witness advocates on site. Medical and mental health referrals can also be made from the Child Advocacy Center, and the team can watch or monitor the interview without intimidating the young victim or witness.

"We would like to acknowledge the extensive work your center and team has completed to demonstrate through both written documentation and observed practice that the CAC is in compliance with these national accreditation standards," the board wrote in its confirmation letter. "The standards and their

tive, efficient, relevant and compassionate services."

More than 350 interviews were conducted with children between the ages of four and 18 in the past year. Although most of those interviewed were victims, some were witnesses of a crime.

Early extended his thanks to the district attorney's office partners in this endeavor. He especially thanked the Child Protection Program at the University of Massachusetts-Memorial Medical Center and the Center's Advisory Board. Also recognized are the Child Training Trauma Center, the Department of Children and Families, the State Police Detectives assigned to the district attorney's office and the 60 law enforcement agencies throughout the county.

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SENIOR SCENE

Millbury Senior Center

"MEMORY CAFÉ"

Please join us!

Tuesday, January 21st from 2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

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

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

Fourth Tuesday of each month, refreshments will be served.

Our Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, is happy to answer

any questions, call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

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- AND HOW TO REQUEST Α REPLACEMENT

Call us at 508-865-9154 for an Appointment!

ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 8:30 A.M..... Walking Club 9:30 A.M..... Light Exercise 12:00 noon..... Lunch 12:30 P.M..... Wii Bowling 12:45 P.M.....Mahjong Game 1:00 P. M.... Cribbage 1:00 P.M....Game Day, including Cribbage, Scrabble, Chinese Checkers, Scat &

Wii Bowling TUESDAY 9:00-10.00A.M...Blood Pressure 9:30-10:30 A.M.....Tai Chi 10:45-11:30 A.M.....Zumba Gold Noon...Lunch 1:00 P.M....Cribbage & Scat WEDNESDAY 9:30 A.M..... Craft Class 12:00 noon..... Lunch 1:00 P.M..... Social Bingo THURSDAY 9:00 A.M.....Cards 10:00-11:30 AM...Adult "Coloring Class' 12:00 Noon..... Lunch 12:45 PM.....Whist 2:30-3:30 P.M...Computer & Cell phone class, Reservations required 508-865-9154 FRIDAY 9:00 A.M....Shopping 9:30 A.M.....Light Exercise 10:30 A.M.....Yoga (NEW CLASS!) 12:00 noon..... Lunch 12:30 P.M.... Bridge & Scat

Northbridge Senior Center

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

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Upcoming Special Events and Announcements

We require registration for all of our events and trips. Additionally, if you need transportation, please inform the Center to sign up.

the center at the time of registration. Simply call 508-234-2002 to sign-up. Deposits and fees are required at time of sign up in order to reserve your spot.

SPECIALS COMING UP:

Every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 our computer expert Paul Holzwarth is here to help with any computer, IPad, or even cell phone questions you may have. Call the Senior Center to make an appointment.

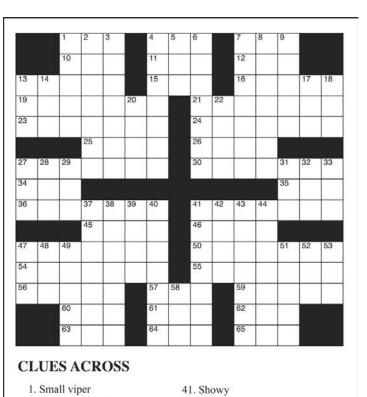
The Senior Center is looking for Mahjong (Chinese version) players for Mondays 12:30-3:00. If interested, call to sign up.

New Corn Hole League will be starting the second Wednesday in January. Call the Center if you would like to join.

The Center will be closed November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Tuesday, December 3rd at 1:00pm, the Sutton Serenaders will be here to get us in the holiday spirit. They will be performing "Songs for the Holidays", refreshments will be served.

Day Trip: Wednesday December 4th "Johnny Mathis Christmas" starring David Robbins at the Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers, MA. Join us for this tribute show that will surely get you into the holiday spirit. \$93/person includes transportation, lunch, show, tax and gratuity. Contact Jeannine at



Tri-Valley, Inc. joins Meals on Wheels America and Subaru this holiday season

REGION — Tri-Valley's Nutrition Program is proud to announce that it will be participating in the 2019 Subaru Share the Love Event as a member of Meals on Wheels America, http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/ - one of four national Share the Love charitable partners supported through the campaign. From Nov. 14 through Jan. 2, Subaru of America will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle purchased or leased to the customer's choice participating charities. of

Participating Meals on Wheels

events at area senior centers.

Kristin McCarthy, Nutrition Program Director, said, "We are happy to be partnering once again with Long Subaru. They believe in giving back to the community and understand the importance of delivering meals to the seniors in Webster and the other 24 towns that Tri-Valley serves. With their help, we'll be able to make this year's event a success."

"Meals on Wheels America is By purchasing or leasing a new proud to partner with Subaru Subaru during the Subaru Share

and the millions of seniors who depend on it for nourishment and companionship."

Over the last 11 years, Subaru of America and its participating retailers have donated more than \$145 million to its charity partners. This year's Subaru Share the Love Event is on track to bring that total to over \$170 million, proving there's no limit to the amount of love we can all share.

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- 16. Shrimp-like creature
- 19. Majestic 21. TV detective
- 23. Central Canadian province 24. Causing to wind around
- 25. Wise man
- 26. Knicks legend Willis 27. Muscular weaknesses
- 30. John Stockton compiled them
- 34. South American plant
- 35. To some extent

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Something useful
- 2. It goes great with peppers and onions 3. Orifice
- 4. Turned into bone
- 5. The Princess could detect it
- 6. Bands of colors
- 7. Makes use of
- 8. Central African country
- 9. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
- 13. He was a "Chairman"
- 14. Legally possess
- 17. One point north of due west
- 18. Small peg of wood
- 20. Stretch of swampy ground
- 22. Is indebted to
- 27. Where you were born (abbr.)
- 28. A team's best pitcher
- 29. Cool!

SOLUTION

- 45. Fall down 46. Shoelaces are often this 47. Disease-causing bacterium 50. Egg-shaped wind instrument 54. Sufferings 55. One who noisily enjoys 56. About blood 57. Transaction verification system (abbr.) 59. Related through female family members 60. Low velocity grenade 61. "In Living Color" comedian 62. Veterans battleground 63. Expression of creative skill 64. Midway between northeast and east 65. Patti Hearst's captors
- 36. Where manners are displayed
- America members, like Tri-Valley's Nutrition Program, will receive a share of the donation raised by Subaru in their state. Tri-Valley has partnered with Long Subaru in Webster to raise awareness for the popular vear-end sales and giving event, and drive support for Meals on Wheels through a number of community activities including a kick-off event at Tri-Valley's office in Dudley and publicity

of America for the 12th consecutive year to enable more seniors to live with independence and dignity," said Ellie Hollander, President and CEO, Meals on Wheels America. "Since 2008. the Subaru Share the Love Event has helped deliver more than 2.2 million meals and friendly visits to vulnerable seniors nationwide. We're enormously grateful to Subaru and its retailers for their long-standing commitment to Meals on Wheels

the Love Event and selecting Meals on Wheels as your charity of choice, you can help deliver nutritious meals and other important services to seniors right here in your community.

more information, For visit www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove<http:// www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/sharethelove>.

December News & events from Beginning Bridges, CFCE

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

Find us on Facebook: Beginning Bridges CFCE and check out our new Web site at:

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

Upcoming Events

Monday Drop-In Playgroup at the Playcenter, every Monday from Sept. 23-Jan. 13, 9-10:45 a.m.: Drop in for a free and fun Playgroup at the Playcenter hosted by Beginning Bridges, CFCE. Registration is not required for this playgroup. Just show up, take a ticket from the check in board (there are 12 tickets - that is the number of available slots each day - if you take the #12, please let the facilitator know so she can place the stop sign out to alert any later arrivals that playgroup is full for the day). No registration is needed. Just show up, take a ticket from the check in board (there are 12 tickets - that is the number of available slots each day - if you take the last ticket, please let us know so that we can place a stop sign out to alert any later arrivals that playgroup is full for the day.) It is safest to explain to your children upon departing your home that you are going to PLAY! If the stop sign is out, you could take your child to an area playground.

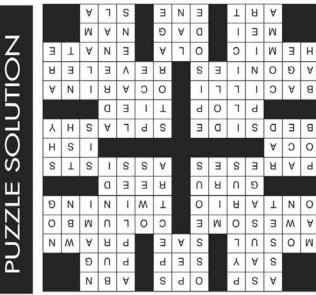
Thursday, Dec. 12: Muffins with Mom: Taft Public Library: 29 North Ave., 9:30-10:30 a.m. Beginning Bridges CFCE, Muffin House Café, & Taft Public Library invite you to: Muffins with This is a free drop-in event for up to 15 Mom! families, first come, first serve. Light refreshments will be served and families will be provided the opportunity to build social connections and learn about family friendly resources.

Friday, Dec. 13 at 10:30-11:15 a.m.: Deb Hudgins' Music & Movement at the Upton Town Library. Drop in for a theme-based music and movement program perfect for infants and toddlers with their parents or caregivers. Due to space constraints, the room can only accommodate the first 14 participants and their caregivers, be sure to come right at 10:30 a.m. for some fun!!

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10:30-11 a.m.: Deb Hudgins' Music & Movement: Winter Wonderland at the Uxbridge Free Public Library. Winter is nearly here! Join Miss Deb in singing and dancing to welcome the chilly season. Best for toddlers and preschoolers.

31. Female sibling 32. This stimulates the thyroid (abbr.) 33. Reserved 37. More prickled 38. Forbidden by law 39. One-time presidential candidate 40. A TV show has more than one 41. A place to stash things 42. Defunct currency in India 43. Causes to ferment 44. A type of gland Humbug! 47. 48. Everyone has one 49. Punctuation

- 51. Central American fruit
- 52. Brooklyn hoopster
- 53. 100 square meters
- 58. Local area network



UniBank further strengthens commercial banking team



Tom McGregor

W H I T I N S V I L L E — UniBank's Leadership Team, Michael W. Welch, CEO, Christopher D. Foley, President, and Justine M. DeNorscia, Executive Vice President recently announced that the bank's commercial lending team is being expanded with the addition of two of the region's top commercial lenders: Tom McGregor and Todd Mandella.

TomMcGregorjoinsUniBank as Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Lending Officer. He brings with him

25 years of experience in the commercial lending and financial industries. Mr. McGregor comes from United Bank. In his role at UniBank he will lead the bank's Commercial Banking team in commercial market growth and relationship management. As a member of UniBank's senior leadership team, he will assist and help lead elements of the bank's strategic growth initiatives. Mr. McGregor holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Boston College's Wallace E. Carroll School of Management in Finance.

"I am excited to have Tom join UniBank's team," stated UniBank CEO Michael Welch. "Tom is a valued member of the community and is committed to forwarding our mission. He is one of the top lenders in the region and his expertise in the area of C&I and tax-exempt bonds makes him a great fit."

"As a mutual bank with a community-based mission, I am thrilled to be joining the outstanding leadership team at UniBank," stated Tom McGregor, Senior Vice President and Chief Commercial Lending Officer at UniBank. "I'm looking forward to working together with the team to build and nurture relationships to grow the bank."

A dedicated leader in Central Massachusetts, McGregor is committed to serving the community. He is a Board Member and Philanthropy Chair for the Red Cross of Central Massachusetts, Board Member/Treasurer for the Worcester Art Museum, Board Member for the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, and Board Member/Treasurer of Mechanics Hall. He is a resident of Shrewsbury.

Todd Mandella joins UniBank as Senior Vice Senior President and Commercial Loan Officer. He is a seasoned banker with over 18 years of experience and also comes to UniBank from United Bank. In his role at UniBank he will be responsible for commercial market growth and relationship management. Mr. Mandella holds both a Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Arts degree in Economics from Trinity College in Connecticut. He was named to the Worcester Business Journal's 40 Under 40 list for the Class of 2012.

As a community bank,

UniBank's mission is to serve the community and enhance the quality of life for neighbors in our cities and towns. Mr. Mandella upholds that mission as a Board Member and Finance Committee member for the Boys and Girls Club of Worcester and You, Inc. He is a resident of Worcester.

"I am excited to begin this new chapter of my career and view my decision to join the UniBank team as an opportunity to become part of an organization whose mission aligns with my personal core values," commented Todd Mandella.

Michael Welch, UniBank CEO, further stated, "I am happy to welcome Todd to our team as well. He is a Worcester native who is recognized as a top lender. The addition of these two high-performing commercial bankers to our team further strengthens UniBank and positions us for future success."

UniBank is rooted in the Blackstone Valley with assets of \$1.8 billion of September 30, 2019. A full-service, mutually owned community bank, UniBank has branches in Central Massachusetts and



Todd Mandella

the Metro West region of Massachusetts. UniBank's newest full-service branch is located at 193 Boston Turnpike (Route 9) in Shrewsbury (at the former site of Spag's). UniBank is dedicated to contributing to the overall quality of life and economic health of the communities it serves, while maintaining a high level of financial soundness and integrity. UniBank is an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC and Member DIF. UniBank NMLS #583135. The company Web site is www.unibank.com.

BVT hosts Aging Well Assessment Day



Courtesv Photo

Practical Nursing student, Tyler Yedinak of Northbridge prepares Peggy Ivey for her nutritional assessment.

UPTON – The Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School proudly welcomed a group of thirteen senior citizens from the Upton and Mendon Senior Centers for Aging Well Assessment Day on Nov. 13. This annual event is a collaborative effort of the BVT Post-Secondary Practical Nursing Program with the school's Health Services, Dental Assisting, and Culinary Arts Programs. educational."

Lana Mars of Millville, visiting with the Mendon Senior Center, was all smiles during her assessment performed by Practical Nursing Student, Ana Carlino. Lana explained that her husband, Peter, participated last year and was happy to have her turn.



Aging Well Assessment Day was established in 2010 by the Practical Nursing Program as a way for its adult-learners to practice real-life application of nursing skills and theory. Area senior citizens were invited to the school for a day of assessments that included height, weight, vision screenings, home safety, nutrition, dental, and an hour-long physical performed by Practical Nursing students.

"Many thanks to the faculty, staff, students, and participants from the Upton and Mendon Senior Centers that assisted in making this year's event a success," said Practical Nursing Coordinator, Joann Monks, MBA, MSc, RN-BC. RMA. "Without them, this event would not be possible."

Peggy Ivey of the Upton Senior Center, dressed in BVT purple, was ready for her dental lab visit with Caitlyn Meisner of Bellingham and Skylar Manyak of Douglas, both seniors in the Dental Assisting program. Peggy told Caitlyn and Skylar that she loves coming every year to Aging Well Day and how much she enjoyed visiting the Dental Clinic for the new dental assessment.

"It was truly an honor to be able to work with Peggy," said Caitlyn Meisner. "The senior citizen population is one I've never worked with, so it was a great opportunity to be able to see the different oral conditions they may experience compared to the children I've worked with since being in the BVT Dental Assisting program. It was really fun to participate in the Aging Well Day and work in collaboration with our Health Services and LPN programs. It was an enjoyable way to educate our senior citizens on the importance of oral health, as well as a great learning opportunity for all of us students."

"Participating in Aging Well Day was such an amazing opportunity. I learned so much while having fun at the same time," said Skylar Manyak. "Meeting Peggy and being able to work with her was an incredible experience. Her bubbly personality radiated through the whole shop, and she made everyone smile. To be able to actually look in the mouth of a geriatric patient, rather than someone our age or younger was very Giving back to these students and participating in this event was important to Lana. "I worked in the health field for many years at a hospital in Connecticut. Some people helped me along the way, and now I am glad to help these students in this way," said Lana Mars.

Ana Carlino had an opportunity to engage with Lana during the health assessment. Ana and Lana found that they had a lot in common despite their ages. They both have family ties to New York and enjoy making soups and a variety of breads. As a retired senior citizen, Lana is staying sharp and fit. These days she enjoys puzzles and walking her dog, Tessa.

While Health Services and Dental Assisting students' aided in the assessments with the BVT Practical Nursing students, the Culinary Arts students prepared to cater a delicious, healthy lunch for the participants that was enjoyed and served in the Three Seasons Restaurant.

"Our seniors were thrilled about their experience at BVT," said Bernadette Denson, Upton Senior Center Department Specialist. "One of them said she was amazed by how 'polite, articulate, friendly, and respectful' your students were. They were really raving about every aspect of their visit, including the food."

For additional information, please visit https://www.valleytech.k12. ma.us/practicalnursing and connect with Program Coordinator, Joann Monks.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. The school's Web site is www.vallevtech.k12.ma.us. on this special page call Patricia at (508)909-4135

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LEARNING

Local students inducted into Assumption College Academic Honors Program

WORCESTER — The Assumption College Honors Program inducted 68 new members on Sunday, November 10, before an audience of administrators, faculty, and families. Local students include:

Sean Morrissey of Uxbridge, Class of 2023

Giovanna Sgalia of Douglas, Class of 2023

Abigail Burke of Uxbridge, Class of 2023

The Honors Program, available to students of all majors and interests, provides a comprehensive and interdisciplinary education that prepares students for successful careers and meaningful lives. The Honors community is designed for those looking for a challenging and holistic educational experience, as well as those looking for social engagement with like-minded classmates. Honors students have exclusive access to the lounge in the new state-ofthe-art Tsotsis Family Academic Center as well as opportunities for summer fellowships in which they collaborate with professors and travel scholarships for Assumption-sponsored experiences.

"Assumption's Honors Program is a select group of students who represent those students who not only pursue, but have achieved academic excel-lence in their course of study," said Elizabeth Colby Davie, Ph.D., director of the Honors Program and associate professor of chemistry. "While engag-ing in this rigorous course of study, Honors students demonstrate leadership and are passionate about using their intellectual gifts to advance their own pursuit of knowledge and make meaningful contributions to world in which we live.'

Qualified high school seniors, students who have excelled in their first semester at Assumption, as well as transfer students are invited to apply for the Honors Program. Honors Program students must maintain a 3.25 grade point average (GPA) in Honors courses, and a 3.25 GPA across all courses.

For more information on the Honors Program, visit www.assumption.edu/ undergraduate/honors-program.

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Mass., Assumption College is a Catholic liberal arts institution that offers undergraduate students 33 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs-each through an educational experience that is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students-whether on the Worcester campus or at the College's Rome, Italy, campus-become engaged participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education, exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines. To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, conduct innovative research, and develop excellent communication and critical-analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community. For more information about Assumption College, please visit www.assumption.edu.

UHS Seniors of the Month



Owen Lamontagne

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge High School congratulates the following students on being named Seniors of the Month for September.

Owen Lamontagne

Owen Lamontagne is an active, enertic young man. He is a skilled gamer and spends a lot of his time at Great Stories, often teaching others. His knowledge around many video/card games is quite impressive! He can often be found sharing this information with other students. Owen is a leader in Uxbridge's Anime Club and is passionate when planning the clubs meetings and activities. He has worked especially hard this school year as he prepares to graduate. He has been diligent around his classes and remains focused and motivated to complete all of his work.



Sonila Murati

Sonila is "highly involved and diverse, and is a pleasure to work with," is what you will hear from many teachers in the High School. She is caring and helpful, and her growth has been apparent over the past four years. She brings good points to class discussions, and is never afraid to voice her opinions even if it may go against what others are saying.

WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN School honor roll

WHITINSVILLE — Whitinsville Christmas School has released its honor roll for the 2019-2020 school year.

GRADE 6

High Honors: Madison Amati, Kacy Brochu, Emily Burkhart, Adeline Cherrier, Jillian Gould, Isaac Kling, Hazel McClure, Camden Morse, Brady Pitts

Honors: Micah Deters, Orla Donnelly, Jake Fogg, Eli Fortna, Noah Garrant, Abigail Guertin, Jack Hutchinson, Jillian Lawson, Ryan Martinka, Faith Najem, Emma Oosterman, Milla Silveira, Justin Smith, Justin StLaurent, Genevieve Tatulli, Lilly Wierenga, Bradyn Zampino

GRADE 7

High Honors: Amanda Cinelli, Emelyn DeWeerd, Brady Gorman, Belle Kling, Gillian McGee, Logan O'Connell, Corbin Swaim

Honors: Caden Anema, Adrianna Burrage, Julia Gibbons, Katie Godin, Jocelyn Hackathorn, Ella Kozloff, Julia Lawson, C.J. Najem, Natalie Olkowski, Rosemary Poe, Quinnlan Rice, Scarlett Shaw, Hannah Walton, Emma Wierenga

GRADE 8

High Honors: Kaylin Fogg, Annika Fortna, Avery Glidden, Ava Ibrahim, Grace Hart

Honors: Michael Allocca, Toby Bowler, Alexondra Foster, Ethan MacGillivray, Peter McHugh, Hannah Pollitt, Maggie Redding, Abigail Shimko, Michael Vardis, Amanda Witkus

GRADE 10

High Honors: Daniel Bourguignon, Hope Brookhouse, Abbi Cullen, Meghan DeGregorio, Rebecca Dowling, Elizabeth Dowling, A.J. Gorman, Kayla Hannon, Jillian LaBonte, Benjamin Linton, Riley Plourde, Ella Rejmer, Callie VandenAkker

Honors: Juliana Buchanan, Jason Domingez-Lopez, Lucien Forget, Abigail Goodell, Annika Holm, Emma Johnson, Cece LaBonte, Luke LaBonte, Molly Lashley, Dimitar Milev, Daniel Paharik, Nicole Ramos, David Randall, Ethan Smith, Kole Wyndham

GRADE 11

High Honors: Andrew Burkhart, Karlee Buurma, Benjamin Cannistraci, Anthony Gilbert, Micah Hart, Bethany Peterson, Ella VanTol

Honors: Dylan Anema, Karen Bekhet, Lucy Bowler, Lillie Burns, Samuel Chilton, Victoria Christo, Olivia Fleming, Alexandria Fogg, Isabella Ibrahim, Benjamin Johnson, Xianghan Liu, Maggie Reimer, Mikaela Rose Fiona Shaw, Nicole Spiller, Dayne Stafford, Joseph Thumann, Nathan Walton, Anna Watters, Katie Weedon, Alyssa Worley

Sonila Murati

With a vibrant personality, perseverance and determination, Sonila Murati has been nominated as UHS Senior of the Month for September, 2019.

She is an integral member of Student Council, and has devoted countless hours to helping both our school and our community. Sonila has organized dinners, and serves food at local shelters. She is active with special education, and participates in both Fun Club and peer tutoring with this group.

Sonila continually puts herself into leadership roles in and out of the classroom. She is a member of Student Council, member of National Honor Society, a class officer and a two sport athlete. She is a member of the varsity girl's soccer program and tennis team at UHS.

Whether on the field, court, or in the classroom, Sonila leads by example.

Will Johnson, Meadow O'Connell, Declan Smith

Honors: Caroline Bolduc, Hannah Bourguignon, Ella Brochu, Kate Crowley, Caleb Deters, Ethan Enoch, Maria Fletcher, Megan Foellmer, Colin Gava, Matthew Godin, Niki Guo, Marley Koopman, Adrienne Marshall, Jaquelyn McNamara, Delia Moloney, Hayden Plourde, Chloe Richey, Nathan Romine, Isabella Silveira, Brandon Spiller, Jonathon Spiller, Lauren Stanick, Justin Vos, Grace Walton, Eme Wyndham

GRADE 9

High Honors

Nick Ethier Photo

Allison Anema, Allison Cinelli, Nicolas DeNorscia, Emily Dill, Fiona Donnelly, Alexis Ells, Trinity Ezedi,

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L.W. Tank, Inc. on Route 122 at the Uxbridge town line. Also, the Deborah Wheelock Chapter will accept monetary donations and gifts from 4-6 p.m. during Uxbridge 1st Night celebrations on Dec. 7 when the Simeon Wheelock House opens for tours and signing of holiday cards to

MENARD

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hailed Menard a "true hero." The Worcester Fire Department said donations are now being accepted through the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts Foundation, 100 percent of which will go directly to Menard's family. Donations are being accept-

GRADE 12

High Honors: Erin Brown, Connor Dudka, Robert Foley, Makenzie Gorman, Peter Johnson, Hadley Koeman, Jiachen Lou, Jessye VandenAkker, Darnell Worley, Katie Wren, Xinran Yu

Honors: Olivia Cutler, Victoria DeBarros, Lucas French, Thomas Hannon, Andrew Harvey, Elizabeth Hatton, Victoria Herrick, Crescent Huang, Anna May, Alexandra McGrath, Jingyao Pan, Dylan Ramos, Linzy Rivera, Ping-Hsun Tsai, Justin VanderBaan

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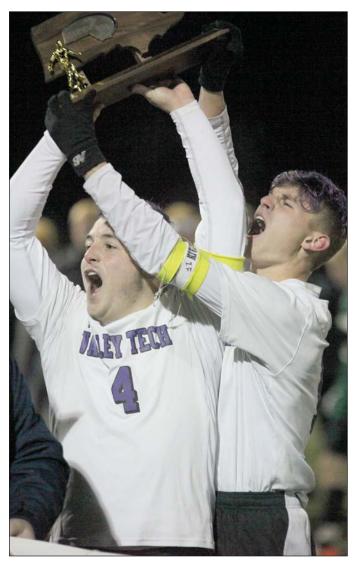
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BEAVERS THE BEST IN DIVISION 3

Blackstone Valley Tech co-captains Jack Charron (4) and Dominic Allegrezza celebrate with the trophy after the Beavers captured the Central Mass. Division 3 Boys' Soccer Tournament Championship. Valley Tech defeated Nipmuc Regional, 1-0, in penalty kicks at Nashoba Regional on Thursday, Nov. 14. Please turn to Page 14 for the story and more photos. And for more District Tournament sports contact, please check out pages 11-17.

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Worcester Fire Department Credit Union 34Glennie St. Worcester, MA 01605

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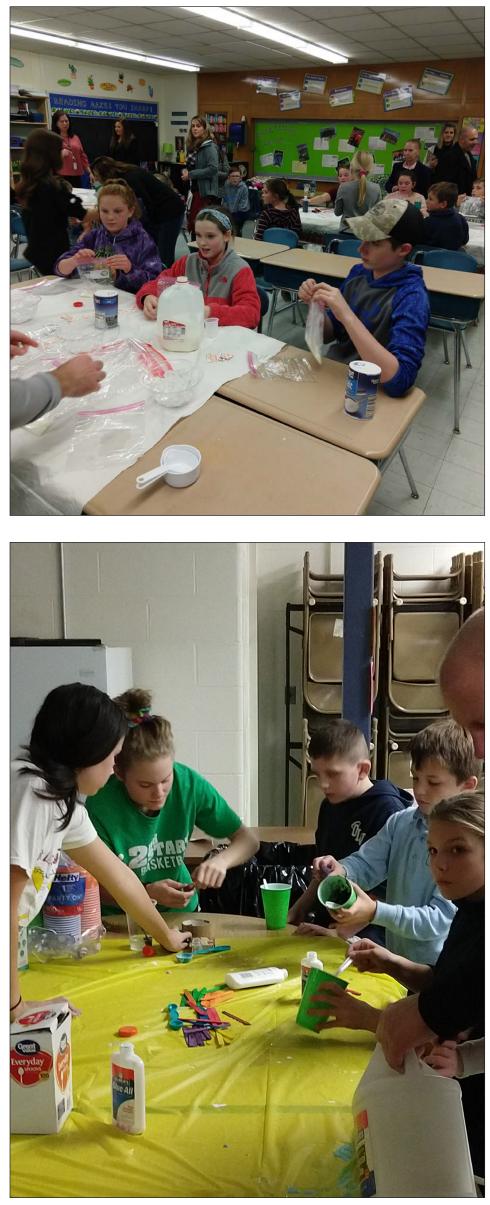
LEARNING

OLV bosts Family Science Night

Courtesy Photos

On Wednesday, Nov. 6, OLV families gathered for a Family Science Festival held as part of OLV's celebration of Catholic Schools week. Students in the seventh and eighth grade led 15 stations. They explained the science behind the fun at each station. The stations included Dancing Raisins, Martian Jelly, Balloon Skewers and the very popular Ice Cream Chemistry and Lava Lamps. PreK to Grade 6 students rotated with their families through the stations.



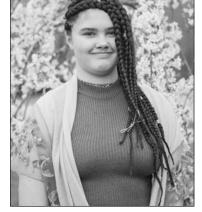




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Hi! My name is Aleenah and I have a great sense of humor!



Aleenah Age 12 Aleenah is a fun, outgoing twelve-yearold with an enormous amount of charisma and great sense of humor. Some of Aleenah's favorite activities are bowling, roller skating, going to the movies, drawing and singing along to the songs on the radio. Aleenah does especially well with younger children; she is always willing to help out in other classrooms, read to younger kids, and/or mentor them. Aleenah feels important and takes great pride in building these relationships.

Legally free for adoption, Aleenah is in need of a family that can provide a struc-

tured, loving home. She would do best with a single mother or a two-parent family with or without other children. Interested families should be comfortable maintaining contact with Aleenah's siblings, and her birth mother whom she visits with twice per year.

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. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have "a permanent place to call HOME."

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Editorial

Put a little love in your heart

Alongside the bright red ribbons, boughs of holly, and countless images of Jolly old Saint Nick that seem to greet us everywhere we go during the holidays, those of you who have braved the malls or, better vet, staved closer to home and browsed the shops in your own community this season have likely encountered another iconic holiday image in your travels — the dedicated volunteers who bundle up and brave the chilly air with jingling bells in hand to collect donations for the Salvation Army.

These hearty souls can be seen everywhere, from their outposts on Main Street to the entrance of your local Wal-Mart. Always seeming to be ready with a cheerful greeting and a warm smile for the crowds of shoppers who file past them every day, their presence serves as an important re-minder to all of us that now, more than any other time of year, is the time to turn our thoughts toward the less fortunate among us ... and that sometimes, the greatest gift of all can be a helping hand in a time of need.

With many of us tightening our belts more than usual when it comes to our holiday shopping in recent years, and the stress of dealing with family dysfunction or traveling away from home for the holidays occupying our thoughts, it can be all too easy to forget that times are that much harder for those at the bottom of the economic ladder. Right here in our own backyard, there are a great many families who have fallen on hard times, often through no fault of their own, and who have nowhere left to turn for help but the generosity of strangers. Fortunately, there are no shortage of charitable organizations throughout the area that are prepared to meet the growing demand for assistance, but only with the support of their respective communities. So as they rush around in these last few weeks before Christmas grabbing those last-minute stocking stuffers or that much sought-after game system, we encourage our readers to think of their fellow man and put a little love in their hearts (as Jackie DeShannon once sang), and remind themselves of the true meaning of the season by offering a helping hand to those who need it. Whether it be through a donation of canned goods to your local food pantry, a monetary gift or a donation of used clothing to your church's relief efforts, or simply by slipping a handful of bills into one of the bright red Salvation Army coffers manned by those spirited, bell ringing volunteers, remember that it may only take a small amount of effort to make the season bright for a neighbor in need.

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

Timely Tips to Cut Home Energy Costs

With cold weather here and fuel prices on the rise, it's time take a proactive role to cut costs down to size. From making your house cozy warm to reducing household hot water use, the following tips are geared toward effi-

to

cient fuel usage, which can translate into impressive savings!

Numbers game: It's no secret setting the thermostat lower can reduce home heating fuel use. Here are the numbers According to the Dept of Energy: For every degree you lower the dial, expect to save from 1% to 3% of your heating bill. Better yet, lowering it five degrees for four hours a day can add up to a ten percent savings!

Rising temperatures: While you're turning down the thermostat, why not turn up your internal thermostat to multiply the savings effect? Donning a lightweight, long sleeved shirt averages two degrees of warmth, while putting on a heavy or wool sweater can propel your warmth quota four degrees!

In hot water: Families typically use more hot water in winter months and heating up the water can account for nearly 15 percent of total household energy costs. Lowering the temperature on the hot water heater to 120 degrees can add up to substantial savings throughout the winter. Some manufacturers set water heater thermostats at 140 degrees, while most households only require 120 degrees. According to the U.S. Dept of Energy, each 10 degree reduction in water temperature, you can save between 3 to 5 percent in energy costs. Another benefit? Reducing your water temperature to 120 degrees also slows mineral buildup and corrosion in your water heater and pipes - helping the water heater operate at its maximum efficiency to last longer.

Unplugged: The average family has 40 "phantom" or "standby" electronics that sap energy 24/7 as long as they are plugged in. Unplugging these phantom energy users or connecting them to a power strip that can easily be turned off when not in use, saves 10% of a typical family's electricity use.



Duct work: Studies show if you have non insulated ducts that run through attics, cellars or other unheated spaces, heated air can be reduced by 60% before it reaches the room to be heated! Insulating duct is a cost effective fix. Small leaks in the ducts also

allow heated air to escape. The remedy is as simple as applying metallic duct tape or a spray sealant.

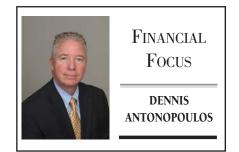
Free inspections: It costs nothing to do a vent check, but it can lower heatin heating costs.

your chimney flue open when not in use is the same thing as opening your window several inches? You should also make sure your dryer vent closes properly to keep cold air from coming in. ***

Air flow: According to the US Dept of Energy, the inexpensive task of changing your furnace air filter monthly or work harder.

In addition, a clean filter reduces the strain on your furnace, which can extend its life.

Fan folly: During the winter months, use your stove and bathroom fans sparingly, as they remove precious warm air from the room. Obviously, you'll want to use a vent to dispel moisture in the bathroom, but there's usually no need to switch on the vent fan every Share your bounty with family



As Thanksgiving approaches, it's meaningful to reflect on the origin of ing costs. If you have baseboards, make the holiday -Native Americans and sure they are fully open and opera- pilgrims sharing their bounty of food ble. Move any furniture or drapes that with each other. As you gather with could be blocking warm air flow. Vents your loved ones this year, perhaps or baseboards that are even partially you can think of ways to share not blocked result in an unnecessary hike only your dinner, but also your financial bounty.

In terms of bounty-sharing, here Shut it up: Did you know leaving are some suggestions you may find helpful, no matter your age or that of your children:

Make appropriate gifts. If you have young children, you may want to get them started with a savings account to help them develop positive financial habits. You could even make it a Thanksgiving tradition to measure how their accounts have grown from whenever it's dirty permits a better year to year. But you can go even furflow of air through your heating sys- ther by starting to fund an education tem. A clogged filter greatly decreases savings vehicle such as a 529 plan. the furnace's efficiency and makes it This account can provide valuable tax benefits and gives you total control of the money until your children are ready for college or trade school. Other education-funding options also are available, such as a custodial account, commonly known as an UGMA or UTMA. If you have grown children, you could still contribute to a 529 plan for your grandchildren.

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settle your estate. Solicit suggestions for charitable giving. Sharing some of what you have with charitable or community organizations will also help fulfill the spirt of Thanksgiving. And you can make it a family affair by asking your loved ones which groups they would like to support. Not only will you be helping a worthy cause, but you'll also be teaching your children about the value of money – in this case, the ability to use money you've saved to help make a positive contribution to society.

By sharing your bounty with your loved ones and your community on Thanksgiving, you'll help create a more memorable holiday for everyone. So, be generous, be creative - and be prepared for how much satisfaction you can get from your actions.

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Soda fountain memorabilia

Soda fountains were once a fixture in drugstores. Now it's rare to find one. Hallet's Store in Yarmouth Port, Mas. and Shady Glen in Manchester, Conn. are two establishments in our area that still have soda fountains. Many people that visited them have fond memories of soda fountains and the memorabilia still appeals to collectors.

There was a long history before soda began being served at fountains in the 20th century. A 1962 American Heritage article notes that water had been "bubbling up out of springs and spas since the dawn of history.' Joseph Priestley developed a pro-

cess for artificially carbonating water according to a University of Southern California article. According to a McGill University article, he lived near a brewery and became interested in the "airs" (gas bubbles) that produced bubbles in beer. In 1767, he hung a vessel over a beer fermentation vat creating



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carbonated water. Much later in 1832 John Matthews left England for America where he manufactured carbonating machinery and started selling soda water to retailers. Matthews added flavors to the soda water and licensed soda water equipment. The USC article notes that "by the time he died, Matthews owned over 500 soda fountains. He was known as the 'Soda Fountain King." Our area also played a part in the development of soda fountains. A Lowell Sun article notes that Gustavus D. Dows patented the first marble soda fountain in 1861. He

installed a marble soda fountain in a Central Street pharmacy in Lowell. Ice cream later became a top seller at soda fountains.

Encyclopedia.com lists the heyday of soda fountains as running from 1890 to 1940. They describe "classic American soda fountain(s)" as light, cool, and airy



places furnished with marble-topped counters and tables, shining mirrors, and sparkling glass and chrome serving dishes.

Soda fountains used advertising signs to advertise their specials. National companies also advertised their brands on signs, syrup and soda dispensers, trays, clocks, glasses and anywhere else they could. These items that were given to the soda fountain to promote manu-

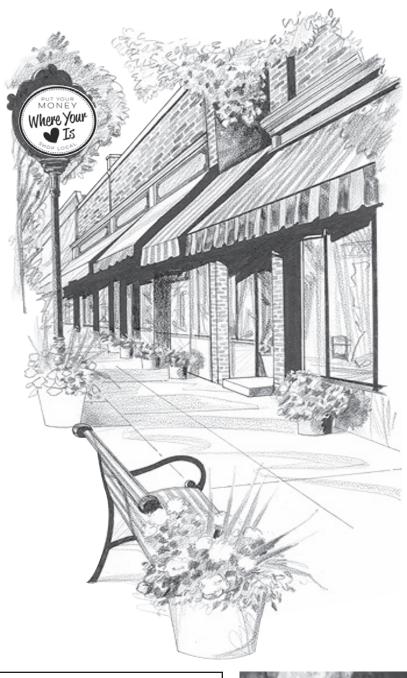
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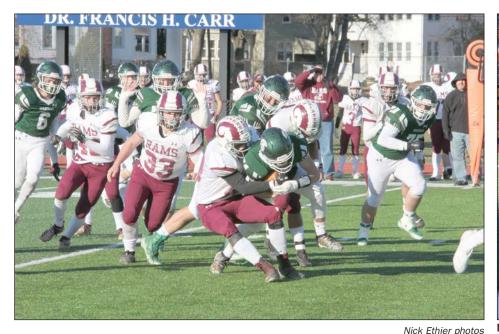


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Pair of pick-sixes belps Northbridge rally past Oakmont for District Title



Northbridge's Trevor Hoffman tackles Oakmont quarterback Colton Bosselait.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — Things looked bleak at halftime for the Northbridge High varsity football team when taking on Oakmont Regional in the Central Mass. Division 5 Tournament Final at Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium

on Saturday, Nov. 16. The top-ranked Spartans led, 14-0, over the third-seeded Rams, as Oakmont controlled the play.

But Northbridge remembered back to when they began the season 1-3 and were trailing in their next game, 14-0, to Groton-Dunstable Regional. The Rams rebounded in that one, 32-14, to help





Northbridge's Aidan Fair appears to make a tight catch along the sideline, but the play was ruled incomplete.

qualify for the postseason.

Well, Northbridge did it again. They scored 35 unanswered points including a pair of pick-six interceptions in a matter of just over a minute of game time — to win the District Championship, 35-14.

"That's the story, tale of two halves," said longtime Northbridge head coach Ken LaChapelle. "They so dominated the first half and it was very frustrating from our perspective because it was 3 vards, 8 yards, 4 yards, 3 yards, 8 yards and they just ate up the whole clock."

The Spartans ran 33 first-half plays, chewing up a majority of the 24 minutes of clock. Quarterback Colton Bosselait scored on keeper runs of 6 and 1 yards, and placekicker Darius Silva booted a pair of extra points to take the 14-0 lead into the break.

But the Rams, behind the play of quarterback Aidan Fair, kept harkening back to the game with Groton-Dunstable.

'We decided to turn the ship around, and we won that game," Fair said. When we were down 14-0 [to Oakmont] that's all we were thinking about was Groton-Dunstable."

Fair played a poised second half and got the rally started with a 3-yard



Jake Stuczynski of Northbridge airs out a deep pass on a halfback toss trickery play.

mentioning the pick-six and two-point conversion.

"I love the pressure," said Fair, who stepped into the QB position beautifully because of an injury a week prior to usual starter Ryan Boyce.

Still throwing, Bosselait (7 of 15, 55 yards; 23 carries, 100 yards) tossed a third and final interception with 3:15 to go, this one to Mahoney.

LaChapelle was thrilled for his team's Central Mass. Championship, especially because of the 1-3 start.

'We haven't been clean, so to speak, but the realization is you start the year wanting to get to the playoffs, wanting to get to the finals of the playoff, and we're here — even with four losses – so, good for us," he said.

Northbridge, now 6-4, will play Western Mass. winners Amherst-Pelham Regional (10-0) for a right to go to the State Final. The game will be played at Westfield State University at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Oakmont is now 7-3.



A swarm of Northbridge defenders converge on Oakmont ball carrier Xavian Dean.



Northbridge receiver Rory Schofer finds a pocket in Oakmont's defense to haul in a pass.



Northbridge begins to celebrate its Central Mass. Division 5 championship as the final seconds tick off the clock in the Rams' 35-14 victory versus Oakmont.

touchdown pass to Brennan Mahoney with 8:44 to play in the third quarter. Nicholas Riccardelli kicked the first of three successful PATs to cut the deficit down to 14-7.

Then, on the first play of the fourth quarter, Mahoney rumbled in from 7 yards to make it 14-13 after an unsuccessful two-point conversion pass.

That's when Oakmont uncharacteristically went away from its potent run game and began tossing the football around, which worked in the Rams' favor. Facing a fourth down, Bosselait looked toward the middle of the field, but the pass found Fair's hands. From there, Fair raced 65 yards down the left sideline for the score. Fair then tacked on the two-point conversion rush - and just like that Northbridge had the lead, 21-14.

"I think the spark, obviously, was Aidan's interception on fourth-and-2. He's had two shoulder surgeries, he's had a concussion, we never got out of him what we wanted to," LaChapelle said of Fair's untapped potential. "This was his career game."

"I just saw the ball come over the top and I saw that the tight end was starting to fall down," Fair said of the incoming interception. "When I saw open field in front of me, it's the greatest feeling."

Now trailing, Bosselait continued to throw for the Spartans. Two passes later and Northbridge lineman Sawyer Eagleson tipped the ball, which landed in the hands of teammate Trevor Hoffman. Hoffman then found pay dirt from 33 yards out, Riccardelli tacked on the extra point, and it was a two-score game at 28-14 with 8:05 to play.

"Two in a row. Sometimes you don't see two in a season, and that just broke their back," said LaChapelle. "That just threw them out of whack. Once they got out of their three-yards-and-acloud-of-dust, you saw what happened. They were forced to throw, and the kid throws a good ball, but it's not what you do to get you there."

"My eyes blew up as soon as I saw it," Hoffman, a defensive end, said of his score, crediting his fellow defensive linemen for their play. "It was a team effort. We all stepped up in the second half. We killed it, honestly.'

Fair continued his monster second half with a 56-yard keeper into the end zone with 4:44 to play. Fair finished 6 of 8 passing for 75 yards and a touchdown. Plus, he carried 12 times for 165 yards and another TD. That goes without

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Sports

Key defensive stop leads Leicester past Blackstone Valley Tech for Division 7 title



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Blackstone Valley Tech's JD Antaya is off to the races after eluding a pair of Leicester defenders.

BY DEAN P. ST. LAURENT SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

GRAFTON

Momentum had shifted as the Blackstone Valley Tech varsity football team, down 21-7 at halftime to Leicester High, had the chance to pull even with a touchdown and a potential two-point conversion to tie the game at 21-all when the second-seeded Beavers met the top-ranked Wolverines at Grafton High on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Valley Tech had the ball on Leicester's 3-yard line after being stuffed on third-and-goal for a 2-yard loss as the final seconds of the third quarter ticked off the clock. That left everyone in suspense for the biggest play of the Central Mass. Division 7 Final. Moments later, both teams trotted back to the field with a fresh 12 minutes on the scoreboard.

BVT quarterback Josh Mateo lined up under center with senior running back JD Antaya behind him. They had lined up similarly the previous play when Antaya got stuffed on a run up the middle, but this time Mateo faked the handoff,

rolled to the right and was met in the backfield by senior defensive lineman Thomas Mackenzie Jr. He plunged through his assigned gap within seconds of the ball being snapped to make the biggest play of the game, a strip-sack. Mackenzie also added a fumble recovery earlier in the contest.

That key play left Leicester with the lead, and the Wolverines ultimately pulled away with a 28-19 victory.

"It felt great," Mackenzie expressed. "It was a pinch and I shot through my gap, quarterback was right there and I wrapped him up."

The ball was fumbled out of bounds at the Leicester 21-yard line, where the Wolverines regained possession. The momentum had shifted back into Leicester's favor, and they drove down the field in 11 plays to reclaim a two-touchdown lead, 28-13. Tailback Stephen Olsen connected with Jack O'Neill on an old-fashioned pop pass.

The Beavers countered with a quick touchdown drive within a minute, but they were unable to convert a two-point conversion to make it a onescore game. The TD cut the Wolverines' lead to nine, 28-19, with three minutes to go. "We were too inconsistent in the kicking game," explained BVT head coach Jim Archibald. "We didn't feel that was in our best interest going into the wind. We already missed one with the wind and had trouble kicking all game. Our plan was to go for the two, score again and then go for the two for the win. We were playing to win there, not tie. However, after a couple first downs by a strong run game, the final clock hit zero sending Leicester

(10-0) to the Division 6 State semifinals versus Western Mass. representative South Hadley High (8-2), to be played Saturday, Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. at Shrewsbury High. It was the Wolverines' first time dethroning BVT in the D7 championship game after the Beavers wore the crown in 2017 and '18.

"It was pretty nerve-racking," Leicester head coach Tim Griffiths expressed about the fourth down stand to open the fourth quarter. "If they didn't score right before the half, we might've coasted in. Again, kudos to them for scoring on fourth down right before the half it shifted momentum big time, we could feel it in the locker room a little bit, we had lost our mojo and they were very good in the fourth quarter.' Griffiths also added, "Thomas Mackenzie huge. Our came up defense has carried us the last three or four weeks and at the biggest moment of the game they came up big again. So, kudos to him...we haven't given up 21 points in ages."

able to force two turnovers early in order to stay in the game. Samuel DiColella and Kyle Fleming had interceptions. Offensively, Antaya headed the Beavers' run game, including a 57-yard dash to begin the scoring in the second half. Antaya finished with 140 yards on 15 carries.

"We worked our [butts] off right up until the end, Archibald expressed. "They played as hard as they could and they made a couple more plays than we did. Hats off to them, they're a great football team and they deserved it today. They outplayed us in the big moments and situations They're clearly the best team in Division 7 and there is no shame in losing to a team like that." Antaya's counterpart Bryce Gosselin finished with 165 yards on 21 carries and a score. He was the workhorse for the Wolverines. "It has been O'Neill, Bryce and [quarterback Dan] Mero for three years really," stated Griffiths. "When we need a play we lean on those three to make a play. They have been playing together forever since fourth grade.'

Quarterback Josh Mateo of Blackstone Valley Tech heaves a pass up and over a Leicester defender.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Jared Loiselle cuts away from his offensive linemen while carrying the ball.



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Kyle Fleming of Blackstone Valley Tech breaks away from a Leicester defender and takes the ball into the end zone.



Blackstone Valley Tech head coach Jim Archibald addresses his team following the Beavers' 28-19 loss to Leicester in the Central Mass. Division 7 Championship game.

Sports

Vander Baan signs NLI, to fly bigh with Boston College Eagles

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

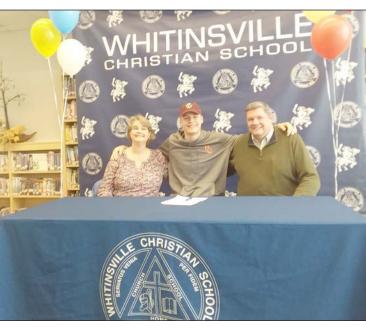
NORTHBRIDGE — Sign on the dotted line.

That's what Whitinsville Christian School senior Justin Vander Baan did on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 13, putting his John Hancock on a National Letter-of-Intent (NLI) to attend Boston College next year and play basketball for the Eagles on an athletic scholarship.

The 7-foot, 215-pound Vander Baan was a highly recruited center nationally from the Class of 2020. In addition to BC, he received scholarship offers from the University of South Florida, East Carolina, George Mason University, St. Bonaventure, Iona, Northeastern, Boston University and the University of New Hampshire.

On top of the schools that officially offered Vander Baan a scholarship, more than 100 other Division 1 basketball programs expressed interest in getting the chance to offer him a scholarship.

Vander Baan averaged 14.8 points, 12 rebounds, and 4 blocks per game last year for the Crusaders, as he helped lead them to a 17-5 overall record and the quarterfinal



Ken Powers photo

Surrounded by his parents, mom Laurie and dad Jeff, Whitinsville Christian senior Justin Vander Baan prepares to sign his National Letter of Intent to play basketball for Boston College next season.

round berth in the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament, where they lost to the eventual champion, Dover-Sherborn Regional.

Before he signed his NLI, Vander Baan addressed a large crowd of teammates, fellow students, faculty and staff, some of whom have been with him since he first arrived at WCS for his first day of kindergarten.

"To the community of WCS...I appreciate all the teachers and everyone who has supported me throughout this journey," Vander Baan said. "I also want to say thank you to my parents. You've helped me through this whole process, and you've raised me and made me into the kid I am today.

"I also want to say thank you to my grandparents for all their love and support, and thanks to my friends and my teammates, past and present," Vander Baan continued. "Lastly, I want to thank coach [Brady] Bajema for all the time he's put into me, the whole team and the whole program at WCS. He has a love for the game and love for the kids that that he mentors."

Bajema's first memory of Vander Baan came when the player was at summer camp and transitioning from the fifth to the sixth grade.

"I remember thinking, this kid is going to be really tall," Bajema said. "He was really skilled at that point, too."

Vander Baan said he selected BC for many reasons, not the least of which was the fact that Nik Popovic, the Eagles' 6-foot-11, 253-pound starting center, is graduating this year.

"The opportunity to step in and play and get good minutes in my freshman year was a big factor," Vander Baan said. "I'm going to work all season and all offseason, so hopefully next year I'm prepared enough to have a role — probably not starting — but a role, and be able to [play] minutes my freshman year."

Vander Baan was on the Eagles' radar when he was a 10th grader.

"They actually came and watched me sophomore year. That summer they started recruiting me and they ended up offering me by the end of August," Vander Baan explained. "They've believed in me throughout this whole process and saw potential in me to want to add me to their program."

Other reasons Vander Baan picked BC included the level of education he will receive, the coaching staff, the fact they were one of the first scholarship offers he received, and the school's closeness to the sleepy hamlet of Whitinsville, Vander Baan's hometown.

The ride to BC from Northbridge should take about 68 minutes.

"Being so close to home was definitely a factor," Vander Baan said. "The fact that my parents and grandparents will be able to come to practically any home game they want; that was a big thing."

Millbury ends Spartans' reign as District champions in sudden fashion



third-seeded Douglas High, 3-0. Douglas reached the final by upsetting second-seeded Quaboag Regional, 3-2.

"This is a tough one," Linnehan said about the loss. "The girls leave everything on the field and a lot of times the result isn't what you feel it should be. We felt like we deserved better today. But you've got to give them credit; they were the SWCL champs this year. We knew it was going to be tough. We had



Jason Mckay photos

Uxbridge's Eilish Linnehan fights with Millbury's Amanda Sarro for control of the ball.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

MARLBOROUGH — And just like that, the Uxbridge High girls' varsity soccer team was the former defending Central Mass. Division 4 champions.

The end of the Spartans' reign came suddenly in its Central Mass. Division 4 semifinal against Millbury High at Assabet Valley's Aztec Stadium on Monday, Nov. 11.

After 86 minutes of a — to that point — scoreless end-to-end battle with the top-seeded Woolies, Uxbridge, the No. 4 seed, was defeated, 1-0, on a goal by Millbury's Allison Walsh with 3:42 left in overtime.

Walsh scored on a direct kick from 35

yards out. On her game-winning shot the ball was on the rise as it traveled to the goal, just finding enough space in the upper right corner between the crossbar and the post. The ball, in fact, may have grazed both on its way into the netting.

"It always sucks when the season ends in a blink of an eye. We really wanted to defend our title in the final," said Uxbridge head coach Brian Linnehan, who confirmed that he was not told by the officials what infraction his team committed that led to Walsh's direct kick.

With the win Millbury (15-3-2) advanced to the Division 4 championship game, where it played and defeated



Uxbridge's Bella Borjeson-Troupe sends a ball toward Millbury's goal.

to match their physicality, which we did."

Uxbridge (11-5-4) carried the play for the first 32 minutes of the first half. Millbury head coach Hussein Issa called a timeout at that point and the Woolies responded, applying pressure on the Spartans' defense and goalkeeper Sydney Bretana (four saves) for the remainder of the first half.

"The pressure was on them; they came in as the No. 1 seed, and I think that affected them in the first half," Linnehan said. "We played loose, we played free. They played like they were pressing."

The game was a contrast of styles; Uxbridge plays a tactical, passing brand of soccer while Millbury is comfortable with an over-the-top attack which features long kicks downfield from both its offensive and defensive players.

"I would have liked to see us get more chances with our style of play than we did," said Linnehan, whose team forced Millbury goalie Keely Perry to make a total of five saves. "We tried to attack in different ways in this game because they know us; we

play them every year.

"They know we're very possession-heavy and that we try to penetrate," Linnehan said. "So, we tried to do something different and play a little wider. We also like to play what we call a quick counter and we tried that quick counter. Normally too. our style of play does lead to a lot of chances, it just didn't today. Millbury defeat-

ed Uxbridge, 6-1, during the regular season. Linnehan said it was not an accurate representation of the Spartans.

"The game was played at Millbury and their home field is the size of a postage stamp," Linnehan said.



Zoe Jones of Uxbridge gets tangled up with Abigail Gilbert of Millbury.

That's a huge advantage for them because they have a lot of shooters who can shoot.

"On two of their goals Sydney made a nice save, but then one of their players came and got in behind one of our defenders, who was ball watching, and toe-poked it in," Linnehan said. "They're not 6-1 better than us; it was a combination of factors, not the least of which was the field."

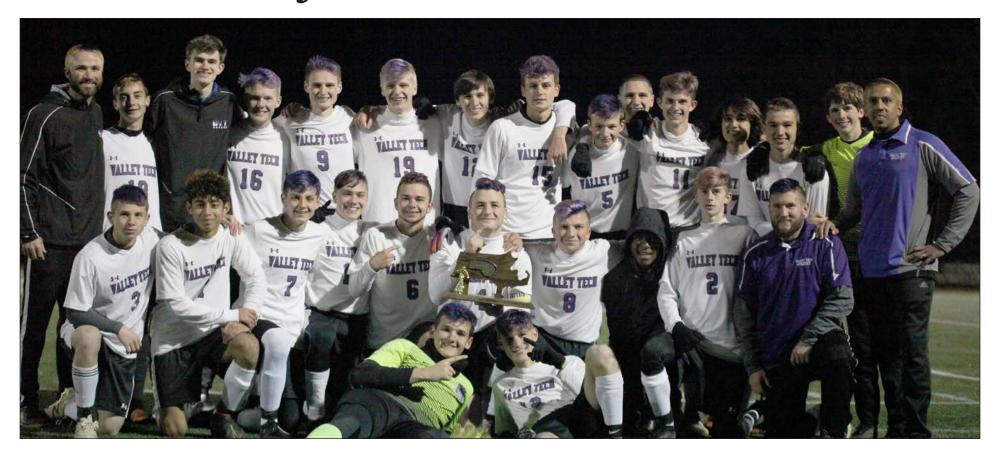
Uxbridge's 6-1 regular-season loss to Millbury at the end of September was the last time the Spartans lost a game until Monday. Uxbridge was 4-0-3 in October.

"We made a couple changes after that game and we've been flying ever since," Linnehan said. "Except for tonight."



SPORTS

Blackstone Valley Tech edges Nipmuc in Battle for Pleasant Street crown



The Blackstone Valley Tech boys' varsity soccer team is your Central Mass. Division 3 champion.

Nick Ethier photos

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

BOLTON — Just call them the penalty kick kings.

After emerging victorious over Bartlett High in the quarterfinals, 1-0 (and 5-4 on PKs), and scoring a late goal to edge Auburn High, 1-0, in the semifinals, the Blackstone Valley Tech boys' varsity soccer team, seeded second in the Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament, had the task of playing three-time defending champion and top-ranked Nipmuc Regional for the District Championship. And, as fate would have it, the chance to win the title came down to penalty kicks when they squared off at Nashoba Regional on Thursday, Nov. 14.

The Beavers ended up winning the best-of-five format, 3-2, to win 1-0 and dethrone the reigning champions.

"This is the first time we've made it to the finals, let alone bringing it home," said Blackstone Valley Tech head coach Khalid Al-Haza when comparing BVT's recent pedigree to that of the Warriors. "They're a hell of a great team seven years in a row in the District finals, three years in a row winning Districts — and they're tough."

Not only was this the Battle for Pleasant Street, but Al-Haza and Nipmuc head coach Chris Hadfield know each other well.

"He's one of my buddies," said Al-Haza. "We talk all the time. It's tough when he's [normally] playing close to Thanksgiving and I've been long gone.

"I joked earlier in the season about bringing the trophy back to the other side of Pleasant Street. Sure enough, here it is. It feels good, " added Al-Haza. In the penalty kick session, Nipmuc went first. Jordan Andrade tried to slip a shot to the left side, but Beavers' keeper Zachary Brabham dove to his right to make the save. Valley Tech's Grant Van Dyke then took his shot to the right, which got past Warriors' keeper Triston O'Hagan, who took over after Charlie Morrill played up until that point. In the second round, Nipmuc's Alex Ott missed the net to the left, but BVT's Luke Morrison hit the crossbar with his kick, keeping the score 1-0.Then, in the third set of kicks, the Warriors' Bennett Morrill and Valley Tech's Raymond Makynen each went low-left and scored. In the fourth round, Nipmuc's Jaden Moffitt scored by going left, while the Beavers' Jack Charron went right but had has shot saved by O'Hagan. With the score now

deadlocked at 2-2, it all came down to the fifth and final round. Nipmuc's Calvin Todd went low and to his right, but Brabham made the most important of his 17 saves — he was immense throughout the game stuffing Todd's bid before it could find the back of the net.

"The biggest thing I take pride in, not my skill and not my readiness necessarily, is my mental game," said Brabham when facing PKs. "It was definitely a really great feeling."

Valley Tech's Dominic

imizing the attacks of the other teams. My keeper came through, too," Al-Haza said of the play of Nick Kirby, Allegrezza, Michael Boone and Brabham.

The Warriors won the shots on goal battle, 15-1, and the corner kick count, 11-2, but the Beavers didn't necessarily pack it in defensively until regulation was winding down.

"That was not the strategy," Al-Haza said of playing defensively. "I thought we were going to have more chances, to be honest with you, but nothing was happening in the first half. They did a great job in the middle of the field, controlling it."

Brahham said his most

six minutes to play in double overtime when Bennett Morrill took a shot from straightaway.

"He hit a nice little knuckleball, it hit the turf perfectly," said Brabham. "I ended up bringing it right to my stomach when I dove and held onto it. He's got an absolute rocket."

But Brabham made the save, plus two more clutch stops in PKs, and Valley Tech is the newest Central Mass. winner in Division 3. The Beavers (16-4-1) will play Western Mass. champion Belchertown High (11-4-6) in the State semifinals on Nov. 19, after press time.

Nipmuc finished its season with a record of 12-5-4.



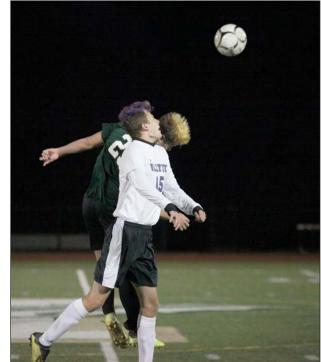
Dominic Allegrezza of Blackstone Valley Tech receives a hug from head coach Khalid Al-Haza following the Beavers' victory over Nipmuc for the District Championship.

Allegrezza was last up, with his kick giving the Beavers the championship. He went low and to his left, which beat O'Hagan.

"Indescribable, it's awesome," Allegrezza said of his kick winning the tournament and the rush of running back to his elated teammates. "At the start of the season I didn't think we'd be here and now that we're here with this team, it's amazing. I love it."

Not to be overshadowed by the penalty kicks was what Valley Tech's defense did to keep the game scoreless through 80 minutes of regulation and a pair of 10-minute sudden victory overtimes. Throughout its run to the title, the Beavers haven't allowed a goal in the realm of play in 280 minutes.

"My defense is what got us here, all year mindifficult save came with



Aiden Capistran of Blackstone Valley Tech heads the ball away from Nipmuc's Bennett Morrill.



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Blackstone Valley runners shine at All-State Cross-Country Championships

GARDNER — Competing for the final time this fall, a multitude of student-athletes from the Blackstone Valley qualified for the All-State Cross-Country Championships, held at Gardner Municipal Golf Course's 5k (3.1 mile) course on Saturday, Nov. 16.

In the Division 2 girls' race, the Whitinsville Christian School qualified for the championship as a team. And, behind Molly Lashley's ninth place finish (19:53) — as well as teammates Hadley Koeman (26th place, 20:46), Fiona Donnelly (39th place, 21:07), Emily Dill (77th place, 22:04) and Sophia Dill (122nd place, 22:58) — the Crusaders cruised to a fourth-place team finish.

Douglas High duo Emma Wall (15th place, 20:09) and Keely Mungeam (53rd place, 21:27) also partook in the race.

In the Division 2 boys' meet, Joseph Thumann of Whitinsville Christian placed third overall with a time of 16:21. It was back-to-back thirdplace finishes for Thumann at All-States.

And Uxbridge High's team qualified, where they finished in 11th. Colin Caso (21st place, 17:18), Stephen Sanches (59th place, 17:50), Carl Gallawan (85th place, 18:04), Thomas Burke (112th place, 18:36) and Aidan Ross (120th place, 18:49) were the Spartans' contributors.



How THEY GOT THERE Morrison tallies late goal as Beavers escape regulation with win over Auburn



Blackstone Valley Tech's Raymond Makynen dribbles the ball away from Auburn's Drew Lemansky.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

SHREWSBURY — Head coach Khalid Al-Haza and his Blackstone Valley Tech players knew that Auburn High's boys' varsity soccer team had played to four scoreless ties during the course of the regular season. On top of that, the Rockets only relinquished seven goals in 19 games played. "That was very intimidating

coming in," conceded junior

coming, but I was worried that it wasn't going to happen."

After a scoreless and midfield-heavy first 40 minutes, Valley Tech ramped up its offensive aggression in the second half. They were awarded the game's only corner kick with eight minutes to play. After that unsuccessful attempt, the Beavers were given four free kicks from inside 30 yards due to Auburn fouls.

The final two proved to be pivotal.

brief conference, and Valley Tech celebrated while Auburn waited for an explanation, as they thought that the ball had gone out of bounds.

"The explanation was that they saw the ball go in. We saw the ball come off the football crossbar, which would be out of bounds," said head coach Chris Bailey, whose team's bench was farther away from the goal than the Beavers. "We believe that the ball hit the back of the crossbar and then down through the net. That should have been out of bounds, in my opinion.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Dominic Allegrezza jumps in to take the ball away from Auburn's Drew Lemansky.



Luke Morrison.

For those reasons, Al-Haza was hoping that his Beavers would be able to score late when the two teams clashed at Shrewsbury High's David J. Adams Memorial Field at Central One Federal Credit Union Stadium in a Central Mass. Division 3 Tournament semifinal on Monday, Nov. 11.

"They've had a lot of 0-0 games, and I was worried about that going in. It was nice to finish it before OT," said Al-Haza.

The was because a heady Morrison delivered a free kick from 22 yards out in the 78th minute that caught Auburn off guard. That was the game's lone goal, as the Beavers emerged with a 1-0 victory.

"I knew these guys were ready for the moment," said Al-Haza. "They battle all the way through and don't let up. In the second half we had more chances than them. I felt it Morrison slid a pass back to teammate Michael Boone on the third free kick, and Boone was fouled on a slide tackle. That's when Morrison quickly took the next free kick. His shot, from the left side of the field, drooped over to the right and found the back of the net — according to Valley Tech, at least.

"I saw the keeper on the near post, so I knew I had to go far post," explained Morrison. "I took the free kick when no one was ready, and it just hit off the bar and went in beyond the goal line. With the backspin it went out, but it crossed the line first. I knew it was in. I had my fingers crossed [when the referees conferred]."

"I was celebrating already, to be honest with you. And then I saw the play continue," added Al-Haza.

But the goal stood after a

"The bottom line here, though, is BVT, I tip my hat to them," added Bailey. "They're a very good team and played very well. [The controversial goal] is not what beat us."

Bailey was displeased with the amount of fouls called against his team.

"The foul situation was 18-2 for the game," he said. "They let them play, but 18-2 is a big discrepancy."

Auburn, which took six shots on frame — but all were saved by keeper Zachary Brabham finished with a record of 12-2-6. Keeper Coleman Picard (eight saves) and defenders Mike Breen, Joe Clougherty, Nolan Kennedy and Zack LaPointe were the team's bread and butter all season long.

"Our defense has been togeth-

Nicholas Kirby of Blackstone Valley Tech rises up in order to head the ball away from Auburn's Fidel Castro.

er for four years," said Bailey, as all but LaPointe will graduate next spring. "Coleman Picard is an outstanding athlete, a candidate for All-State."

Valley Tech, meanwhile, improved to 15-4-1 and played No. 1 Nipmuc Regional (12-4-4) for the District Championship. "We're hungry. We're

hungry against them," said

Morrison, whose team lost to the Warriors, 3-1, in the lone regular season matchup.

But BVT found a way to escape regulation and two overtime periods scoreless against Nipmuc, and then they won the PK battle, 3-2, to win the game, 1-0, and the Central Mass. title.



Dylan Huff of Blackstone Valley Tech releases a shot toward Auburn's goal.





Woolies capture Central Mass. Division 4 Championship from Douglas



From left, Douglas co-captains Kiara Johnson, Jennifer Walker and Alisa Guertin accept the runner-up trophy in the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament after the Tigers fell to Millbury, 3-0.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

BOLTON — Douglas High girls' varsity soccer head coach Jarred Stand had high praise for the Tigers' opponent, Millbury High, when the two teams met for the Central Mass. Division 4 title at Nashoba Regional on Thursday, Nov. 14.

"Millbury has great players all over the field," he began. "They man-mark, they're athletic, a lot of club play-

ers, and it shows.⁴

think Millbury deserved to win 1-0," Stand said of the final result, but not the final score, being indicative of the game play. "At the end we're pushing up and the second goal I don't agree with.

The Woolies' second goal, in the 48th minute, came when Grace Martin serviced the ball into the box. Douglas contested that a hand ball followed suit, but play continued. From there, Millbury's Audra McDuffie who assisted on the first goal, shot the ball past Douglas keeper Alisa Guertin to make it 2-0.

while, finished 14-4-3.

"In the past 14 years, we've only been to three District finals and this team has been to two consecutive," Stand said of the program's rapid rise, as the other District final was a championship win back in 2014. "It savs that we had a very experienced group of eight seniors, they kind of led the way. The core has been through a lot. In their four years they went to Districts their freshman year, didn't go to Districts sophomore year and then went to back-to-back District Finals. It's a great turnaround." When the game was still at 2-0, Guertin who finished with eight saves — had important stops in the 55th, 73rd and 76th minutes to give her team a fighting chance. All three saves were of the "running toward Millbury's striker and sliding in to poke the ball away" variety. "We told Alisa that she's going to have to make some big saves to keep us in it, and she did," Stand said. And, in the 78th minute, it appeared that the Tigers had cut the deficit down to 2-1. Morgan Berthiaume serviced the third and final Douglas corner kick into the box. After the ball pinballed around, it found the foot of Jennifer Walker. From there, Walker knocked shot past а Millbury keeper Keely Perry (five saves) and into the net. But the referee ruled the play offside, leaving Douglas scoreless. "I'm Jen's history teacher, so if she fails history she has to come another year,' Stand said jokinglv about getting his team's leading scorer, a senior, back onto the pitch next fall.

Keeper Alisa Guertin of Douglas tries to save the ball, while Millbury's Audra McDuffie pushes it away on the Woolies' first goal.



The Woolies also had an edge about them, particularly because last season Douglas defeated Millbury, 3-2, in penalty kicks in the District semifinals.

"We knew that they were coming out for blood," said Stand. "They have a great program, a great tradition, and we're trying to build to what they're doing."

As much as the third ranked Tigers would have liked to upset the top seeded Woolies again, this time it wasn't meant to be. Millbury's Allison Walsh scored in the 11th minute, and the Woolies never backed down from there. Millbury took the crown, 3-0.

"At the end of the day, I

The Woolies' Rose Winston tallied a final goal in the waning moments, with Martin assisting, to account for the 3-0 final.

"I think that our girls worked hard, but you can't win everything and Millbury deserved to win this game," Stand said.

The 16-3-2 Woolies who have compiled four District titles and two State championships in the last five years — will play Western Mass. winner Lenox High (11-8-1) in the Division 4 State semifinals, after press time. Douglas, mean-



Leah Haire of Douglas gets to the ball first while battling against Millbury's Allison Walsh.



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Douglas' Morgan Berthiaume gets a high leg on the ball to move it down the field.

Sports

HOW THEY GOT THERE

Unsung hero Carneiro helps lift Tigers past Quaboag





Douglas' Nicole Guthenberg gets her leg in the way of Quaboag's Kiarra Dorman and sends the ball away.

Mathew S. Plamondon photos

Douglas' Jennifer Walker sends a free kick up and over the defensive wall of Quaboag.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — Douglas High girls' varsity soccer team member Nina Carneiro hadn't scored a goal in the Tigers' first 19 games of the season, but she picked the most opportune time to find the back of the twine when Douglas took on Quaboag Regional in the semifinals of the Central Mass. Division 4 Tournament, played at Commerce Bank Field at Foley Stadium on Monday, Nov. 11. Carneiro also added an assist as the third-seeded Tigers edged the second-ranked Cougars, 3-2, to advance to the District Championship game. Quaboag finished its season with a record of 14-4-2. "Before the game we said we want players to force us to put you on the field, force us to keep you on the field," head coach Jarred Stand said. "Nina, today she forced us to keep her on the field. She made it easy for me to keep her in. "It's going to take all 23 players on the team to make contributions, and sometimes in the biggest moments it's the people that you least expect," continued Stand. "She's had a good year, but now all of a sudden she's played two great games [in the tournament]." With the game deadlocked at 1-1 as play moved to the second half, Carneiro found her chance in the 58th minute. Positioned on the left side of the pitch, she blocked Quaboag's defensive clearing attempt. From there, she ripped a shot toward the far right side. The

ball slid past keeper Victoria Morgan, banged off the inside of the post, and went in.

"Having the opportunity to score, it's really cool — especially in Districts," said Carneiro. "I was just shocked. I wasn't really expecting it, to be honest. From my angle, it looked like it was just going to hit the post. And then it hit it and went in." But Carneiro wasn't done there, as she helped give the Tigers a 3-1 lead in the 66th minute. Carneiro dribbled the ball down the middle of the field and, at the perfect time, sent a through-ball to a hustling Jennifer Walker. One shot later and Walker had scored her 27th goal of the season. Keeper Alisa Guertin of Douglas makes the save before Quaboag's Kiarra Dorman can get to the ball.



Morgan Berthiaume of Douglas cuts inside against the defense of Quaboag's Sydney Corfey.

play of freshman Nicole Guthenberg.

"We took our freshman athletic starting right back and put her on her all game," Stand said. "She frustrated her all game."

It took a lot of effort for Guthenberg to match up with Dorman.

last season's District Final loss (3-1 to Uxbridge High) against the Woolies.

"We went to finals last year — and our team was really hurt — and we unfortunately lost, said Carneiro, as Stand added that Berthiaume didn't play due to injury and Walker played with a stress fracture but wasn't at 100 percent. But the Tigers (14-4-3) couldn't get past Millbury (16-3-2), as the Woolies won the game, 3-0.



Douglas' Nina Carneiro boots the ball toward — and eventually into — Quaboag's goal.

"I saw her just sprinting off to the side and then no defenders in front of her and I was like, 'this is the perfect opportunity," Carneiro said of the scoring play.

Quaboag gave it all they had until the final whistle, though, and closed the gap to 3-2 in the 79th minute. Kiarra Dorman launched a free kick from 30 yards out and went top shelf up and over keeper Alisa Guertin (six saves). It was the 205th and final goal of Dorman's varsity playing career, a state record in girls' soccer.

"Everyone knows about the goals, but she does so much more out there," Cougars' head coach Norm St. Denis said of Dorman. "She's everywhere on the field. I ask her to play in all three levels of the game — back, midfield and forward — and she does everything. It's really, truly the end of an era and I'm sad to see it come."

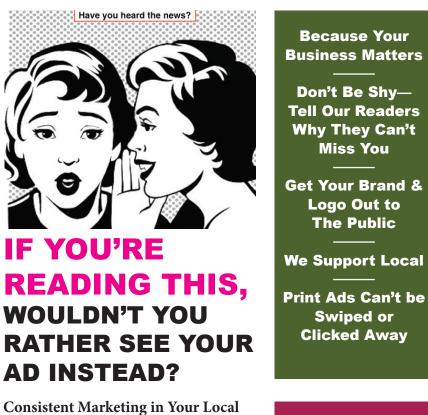
The game opened with Douglas dominating in the offensive third, but Morgan (13 saves) and Quaboag's defense held its own. Then, in the 12th minute, Dorman put the Cougars ahead. Julissa DeLeon serviced the ball into the box and Dorman one-touched it past Guertin before firing it into the open net.

"It seemed like we got off to a bad start, we were a little tentative to start," St. Denis said. "[The goal] was after 10 minutes of getting dominated. I wish we could have played much closer to our potential. It was not our best effort, unfortunately."

The Tigers responded almost immediately, netting the equalizer in the 13th minute. Morgan Berthiaume battled a Quaboag defender, found a little bit of space on the right side, quickly spun around to face the Cougars' net and took a shot that stayed on the near-side right that barely snuck in past Morgan. It was Berthiaume's 15th goal of the season.

Douglas then limited Dorman's chances the rest of the way, aside from the free kick, thanks to the defensive "We're not used to playing somebody that aggressive and that strong," explained Stand. "We brought in two guys [at practice] and she kept marking them up."

Douglas then had the chance to avenge



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Numerous 200-pound deer were harvested again this past week in the valley by bow hunters, along with other large deer sporting some very impressive antlers. Ground scrapes and tree rubs by bucks were common place this past week. Reports of lost deer because of bad shots were reported this past week, which only supports the passing of a crossbow bill in Massachusetts. Sportsmen and women should contact their State Representatives and State Senators, asking them to support the bill, which will soon be coming up for a vote.

Deer hunters that harvest a deer, and are planning to have THE GREAT OUTDOORS RALPH

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the deer mounted for that special room in the house, need to make sure the hide is properly removed from the animal. Too often, deer hunters do not take the necessary steps to skin the deer, and find out too late that the deer was not properly skinned for the taxidermist to mount to their specifications. Taking the time to find a good taxidermist to mount your deer head is very important. Be sure to get the cost of mounting the deer and when you can expect to get your deer back in writing.

Field dressing a deer in the woods is another important task to ensure a good tasting deer. Too often, deer hunters fail to dress the deer properly in the woods. When the deer is prepared on the grill or stove, they find out very quickly that they did something wrong. I often hear someone say they do not like venison, and it is because the deer was not properly dressed in the field, or the deer was not properly processed. Freezer burned venison is also another reason the venison did not taste good.

Packaging your deer meat with a good vacuum packing machine will ensure the meat is as good in a few months, or even a year, if it is done correctly. Hiring a professional butcher to process your deer can cost you \$150 or more, but is well worth the price if you are not experienced in processing your deer. Cutting the deer into steaks, roast, hamburg, or sausage can make some great eating throughout the year. Do not forget to share your venison with the farmer or property owner if you are hunting private property. It will go a long way when you return to hunt on their property next year.

Tautog fishing remains strong in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island waters. This week's first picture shows an impressive tautog, caught last week on the Island Current fishing charter boat out of Snug Harbor, R.I. An 11 pound tautog was also caught on the boat this season. You can get more information on the Island Current fishing boat on their Web page at Islandcurrentfish ingcharters.com.



This week's second picture shows an impressive deer harvested a few years ago in Douglas. This massive 14-point deer has left some of his genes behind, and hunters continues to harvest massive deer in the Douglas State forest and surrounding areas.

Pheasant hunting remains strong in the valley, but the season is winding down very fast. Stocking of birds will end next week by Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife crews.

Ice fishing is looking good so far this year, and if we can keep the temperatures low in the coming days, some local ice fishing could be

done during the holiday weekend. Only experienced ice fishing anglers should attempt to walk on first ice. I always felt that two inches of good black ice was safe for a single angler. Constant monitoring of ice thickness needs to be practiced. Ice skating is not recommended until the ice thickness is 4 inches or better.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them rods Bending!

Now's the time to force a few spring flowering bulbs



In just 15 minutes, you can plant a beautiful garden guaranteed to brighten your spirits and indoor décor this winter. All you need is a container with drainage holes, potting mix and some tulips, daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs. Once you have gathered the needed materials, you can get started planting.

Select bulbs labeled for forcing, shorter varieties that are less likely to flop or bulbs that didn't make it into the garden this fall. Plant a container of one type of bulb or use a com-

are most common, GARDEN but you may want to add another layer of color with shorter bulbs like crocus, squills, and grape

hyacinths. Select a container with drainage holes and cover the bottom with an inch or

two of well-drained potting mix. Set the bulbs on the potting mix with the pointed side, if it has one, up and root side down. Place the flat side of the tulip bulb toward the outside of the pot for a better display. Pack the container full of bulbs for an impressive display. Cover the bulbs with soil and water thoroughly.

Or create a garden of spring flowers in a pot using a variety of large and small bulbs. Place the largest bulbs on the lowest level of a large container Cover with soil and add the medium sized bulbs. Cover these and add the smallest bulbs. Then cover with

several inches of potting mix and water thoroughly.

Move potted bulbs to a cold location with temperatures between 35 and 45 degrees for 15 weeks to initiate flowering. This is often the most challenging part of the process. Place the potted bulbs in a spare refrigerator where you do not store fruits and vegetables that produce ethylene that can interfere with flowering. Otherwise, sink the pot in the ground, or set it in an unheated garage away from the door with a bit of insulation around the pot. Water thoroughly whenever the soil is dry.

Start removing the pots from cold storage after fifteen weeks of chilling. Extend your enjoyment by removing the pots at one- or two-week intervals

Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil moist. Move them to a bright sunny window when the leaves are about four to six inches tall. Bright sunlight and temperatures around 65 degrees Fahrenheit will give you the best results. You'll be enjoying flowers in about three to four weeks after removing them from storage.

Use pots of forced bulbs as centerpieces or flowering accents indoors. Save a few to use outdoors on your balcony, deck or front steps for added color in your spring landscape. Dress up your display by placing the pots in window boxes or planters and cover with mulch or moss.

Planting and forcing bulbs will help keep you gardening as the days grow shorter and colder. And when you've had just about all the winter you can stand, it will be time to break out the forced bulbs for a bit of



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When forcing bulbs, select combinations that will provide plenty of color, texture and form.

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Robert A. Silva, 82



WHITINSVILLE-Robert A. Silva, 82, of Rocky Rd, passed away on Fri. Nov. 15, 2019 at Milford Hospital after being stricken ill. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dale S. (Travers) Silva.

He is also survived by 3 children, Steven R. Silva and his wife Deborah of Somerset, Susan D. Misiaszek and her husband Richard of Whitinsville, and Amy B. Drew and her husband Walter of Charlotte, NC; 6 grandchildren, Nicholas Misiaszek, Alex Misiaszek, Ryan Drew, Erik Drew, Brianna Drew, and Meghan Silva; 2 great-grandchildren, Brayden Misiaszek, and Madison Reinfurt: a sister. Janice Silva of Marlboro, and a brother, Edward Silva of Franklin, TN, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Born in Marlboro, MA on April 9, 1937 Robert was the son of Anthony and Ida (Martino) Silva and was raised in Marlboro. He had been a Whitinsville resident for the past 21 years. He served in the Air Force Reserves for many years. Bob was employed 40 years as a Project Engineer and Manager at Raytheon Corp., where he worked his way up in the company ladder, travelling many years and worked in the production team for the NATO Sea Sparrow Missile Program. Bob was a huge New England Patriots, and Boston Red Sox Fan, who also had a passion for buying and trading cars. He was a loving man who will be remembered for his great sense of humor

As to his wishes. Robert's funeral services will be privately held at the convenience of his family. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes. com

CALENDA

Friday, November 22

28TH ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE: 6:30 p.m., Millbury First Congregational Church, 1 River St. Top four prizes include a grand prize two-night escape at the Grand Hotel in Ogunquit, Maine; a 50-inch Samsung UHD Smart TV; a case of assorted wines; and a Thanksgiving food basket complete with turkey. In addition, numerous items on display



will be raffled off during the evening. Refreshments will be sold during the event, including hot dogs and other delicious surprises. Please come early and enjoy the fun. For raffle tickets and information, please contact Linda Polissack at (508) 598-7968 or Janice Fortin at (508) 826-6381.

Saturday, November 23

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAIR: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 75 Mendon St., Uxbridge (behind St. Mary's Parish). The Holiday Fair features something for all ages. Children can enjoy a variety of crafts, games and activities. They can also try their luck at the toy raffle and visit with Santa, who will be available for pictures from 10-2. The Holiday Fair also includes a wide range of raffle baskets, grand raffle prizes, baked goods, homemade wreaths, and crafter and vendor tables. Stop by the kitchen for breakfast or lunch or visit the outdoor tents for fresh french fries, kettle corn, or beer.

Wednesday, November 27

ANNUAL PESKY THANKSGIVING EVE TRIBUTE WITH NEW BAY COLONY: 8 p.m.-midnight, Uxbridge Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge. Tickets available at the Club Bar and at the door. A portion of the admission proceeds will benefit the Pesky Music Scholarship Fund.

Friday, November 29

"THE WOLVES" BY SARAH DELAPPE: 7:30 p.m., GB & Lexi Singh Performance Center, 60 Douglas Rd., Whitinsville. "The Wolves" was a finalist for the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The play follows the highs and lows

of a high school soccer team during a funny and turbulent season. Women of various ages play the teens because as Gertrude Stein noted, "We are always the same age inside." "DeLappe has created an ensemble of distinct female characters without leaning on traditional feminine tropes to define them." - New York Times Tickets: \$20, \$15 ages 65 and over, \$10 ages 16 and under \$16 each for groups of 10 or more. Tickets available at the door or for reservations, call: 774-287-8384.

Saturday, November 30

STUDIOS OPEN WITH ALTERNATIVES' WHITIN MILL ARTISTS: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Alternatives' Whitin Mill, 34 Douglas Rd., Whitinsville. Meet the talented resi-

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dent artists who call the Red Brick Mill Building their home for art making and get a head start on your gift list for the holidays. There will also be visiting artists in attendance. Enjoy stained glass, fused glass, jewelry, pottery, drawings, prints, photographs, cards, ornaments, demonstrations and more! For more information, contact Cristi.Collari@ openskycs.org.

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Sunday, December 1

NEW ENGLAND COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB DANCE: 1-5 p.m., Progressive Club, 18 Whitin St., Uxbridge. Featuring live country music by Rachel & the Western Partners.

Thursday, December 5

BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDENERS CHRISTMAS MEETING: Holiday Decorating with Henry Schmidt will be held today. Henry is the Senior Horticultural Designer at Weston

Nurseries. Although, he has many decades of experience, Henry keeps up with the current trends in decorating with natural plant matter and loves to shares his experience with our club. Raffling off his creations is always a much anticipated and spirited finale to the evening! The meeting will be held at the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. Please note that parking and entrance are at the rear of the building off Church Street by Domino Pizza. There will be a guest fee of \$5 for non-members of the club. Come join us for a great evening and decorating ideas

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elry to suit your style. The Bake Table offers delectable pastries, candy, jams and jellies. Santa will be visiting early in the day so come, say "Hello Santa" and enjoy a festive day.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP AND **CRAFT FAIR: Good Shepherd Lutheran** Church, 183 West Main St., Westborough, will have their Christmas Gift Shop and Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be 17 vendors with unique offerings of crafts, jewelry, woodworking items, crocheted clothing and accessories, original art, Usborne books, Shaker boxes, Nantucket baskets, rugs, hand spun yarn, mittens, painted rocks, original art work greeting cards, Kenyan jewelry and textiles and much more. Also, there will be Grandma's Attic and Christmas items, gently used books, baked goods, Cabot cheese (34-pound wheel), a luncheon of hot dogs, beverages and Bob's famous chili. There will be a raffle including a grand prize! The proceeds will benefit the Teens at Good Shepherd's Mission trip (TAGS). The theme of the Fair this year will be the Nutcracker Ballet.

Come join the festivities!"

SUTTON CHRISTMAS CHAIN OF LIGHTS: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Spend a day with your family and friends at the Town of Sutton's Annual Christmas Chain of Lights today. Free trolleys will transport visitors over rolling countryside to participating locations throughout historic Sutton. Farms, unique specialty stores, church fairs, and area businesses welcome the holidays with musical entertainment, children's activities, food, fun and Santa! Route information, maps, location descriptions and brochures are available at www.suttonchainoflights.weebly.com.

SOORP ASDVADZADZIN ARMENIAN CHURCH FOOD FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (dinners begin at 11:30 a.m.), Pleasant Street Reform Church of Whitinsville.

DEBORAH WHEELOCK CHAPTER DAR OPEN HOUSE: 4-6 p.m., Simeon Wheelock House, North Main Street, Uxbridge. Part of the town's First Night festivities. Free tours and holiday cards available to sign for service personnel and veterans; donations accepted for Toys for Kids & Teens and given to local children of military families.

Sunday, December 8

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR/WINTER CARNINVAL: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Our lady of the Assumption Church, 12 Waters St., Millbury. Crafters, vendors, games for children of all ages, raffles, kitchen open for homemade soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. Please join us as part of the Millbury Chain of lights event. We are a trolley stop on the event route!

MILLBURY CHAIN OF LIGHTS: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Craft/Vendor Fair & Winter Carnival. Assumption School event to be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Hall. For information and to apply as a vendor, please contact Terri Yaz by email at TYaz48@yahoo. com or phone (508) 865-5404. CASINO NIGHT: The Uxbridge High School Parents for Safe Graduation, will sponsor a Casino Night on Saturday, Jan. 11 at the VFW Post 1385, 13 Cross Rd., Uxbridge. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are limited ~ \$30 per individual(s) before Dec. 31 and \$35 after December 31st. Please contact psguxbridge@gmail.com or you can mail registration to Uxbridge PSG, 300 Quaker Highway, Uxbridge, MA 01569. We also accept Venmo Payments! Please include "casino night" in the comment section VENMO: @PSGUXBRIDGE.

ONGOING EVENTS INFORMATION

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

KUNDALINI YOGA: The Wednesday morning class is offering a late fall session from Nov 6 to Dec 18, 2019 (10-11:15 am). This 6-week session is located at St. Peter's Parish Center in Northbridge, MA. Participants may pay for the entire session or attend as a walk-in student. Proceeds benefit St. Peter's Parish. Yoga helps build resilience to make the holidays gentler. For more information visit: http://kundaliniyogacma.wix.com/site or call 508-234-4185.

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

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

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

PARENT SUPPORT: Parent Support Group in Millbury sponsored by Parent Professional Advocacy League. Free and confidential Parent Support Group on the second (workshop) and fourth (sharing) Friday of the month 10:30 a.m.-noon at the Millbury Public Library. Call PPAL (508) 767-9725 for information. PPAL is a statewide network of parents and professionals and adolescents with emotional, behavioral and mental health needs. the surrounding communities! Classes are appropriate for just beginning to advanced student. Class is Sunday 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Alternatives, Unlimited, 50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville. Extra yoga mats, but most bring their own. \$5 donation per class, which given to local organization. Visit Facebook: Sunshine Yoga Collaborative.

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

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

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

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

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

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Saturday, December 7

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: 9-11:30 a.m., St. Denis Church Hall, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas. Bring your camera to take pictures with Santa in his workshop. Tickets available online and at the door.

ST. GABRIEL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR: St. Gabriel's Church, 151 Mendon St., Upton, MA will hold their Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair has a wide variety of fresh balsam wreaths, cemetery baskets and table top arrangements. Raffles on Theme Baskets, Gift Certificates, Home Heating Oil and over \$450 of Lottery Scratch Tickets on one drawing are available. A lunch of soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, and traditional grapenut pudding will be served. A New Gift Boutique featuring new and "like new" items, Attic Treasures, Oldye Tyme Christmas decorations and a Christmas Craft and Holiday decor section will have something to interest everyone. Gems and Jewels has a collection of jew-

Tuesday, December 10

THE INTREPID READERS: The Intrepid Readers, Douglas Library's book group, will be discussing Alexandra Fuller's "Don't Lets Go to the Dogs Tonight." An intimate memoir of growing up in Africa during the Rhodesian civil war of 1971 to 1979 that describes Fuller's life on farms in southern Rhodesia, Milawi, and Zambia, and detailing her hardscrabble existence with an alcoholic mother, frequently absent father, and three lost siblings, as well as her fierce love for Africa. Call the Library 508-476-2695 for a copy of the book. New members always welcome. Homemade refreshments, inspired by the title being discussed, will be served.

Thursday, December 14

JINGLE JAUNT 5K: 10:30 a.m., Sutton Center, Town Common, First Congregational Church, 307 Boston Rd. Registration: \$20; registration begins at 9:15 a.m.

> Saturday, January 11

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facturers can be very valuable now.

A 12-piece Three Millers soda fountain sign sold for \$2,600 at auction last year. A Moxie soda fountain sign went for \$2,750 in a 2015 auction. A 1902 celluloid Coca Cola sign fetched \$8,000 at a 2012 auction. At a 2016 auction, a rare Allens Red Tame Cherry tin embossed sign reached \$10,250.

Dispensers can also bring strong results. A Coca Cola porcelain brought \$10,000 in a 2018 auction. A Jim Dandy Orangeade dispenser went for \$28,000 in 2010. An Earl Hires 3-piece dispensing bowl with platter sold at auction in 2015. It was made by Mettlach who also made quality German steins. Despite having some restoration, it went for \$74,000.

A complete marble and alabaster soda fountain that was over 21 feet long was auctioned in 2012. It was created by the Liquid Carbonic Co. for the 1893 Columbian Exposition. It bubbled well over the top of the \$75,000 - \$125,000 estimate when it reached \$4,475,000.

We have our next major auction on Jan. 30 in Worcester. We will be offering a Cherry Smash and a Ward's Orange Crush syrup dispenser. Other events are being scheduled. Please see www. centralmassauctions.com for details on these and other events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique Auctions, Estate Sales and Appraisal Services www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612- 6111) info@centralmassauctions.com. CARING: The Caregivers Group meet in the library at the Northbridge Senior Center fourth Tuesday of month 3-4 p.m. If currently caring for a family member or close friend, come and join others who share your compassion.

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

YOGAGROUP: join the Sunshine Yoga Collaborative in our mission to bring community based yoga to Uxbridge and

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home baked treats.

The Uxbridge Quaker Meeting House Association is a non-profit organization whose primary purpose is the preservation of the meetinghouse structure. In addition, the group encourages the use of the property for religious, historical, educational and civic purposes. A series of Open Houses is held each summer - June through September.

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house a youth services space and collections, including a children's program room, a teen-tween program and gaming rooms, several tutoring rooms, and mechanical and electrical equipment rooms.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide new services that the community has been requesting for a long time, especially meeting space," said Library Director Beth Gallaway. "The 117-seat community room will be available for local organizations and other groups to use. We'll be able to hold our own programs on site, have enough shelf space to archive and display materials, and provide more public access computers."

The project began in October 2016 when the library received the town's

PEOPLE'S COFFEE HOUR: Every Tuesday starting Oct. 15 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church of Douglas (289 Main St.), we are hosting a no Bible experience necessary study including coffee and refreshments. The study is called 'Pilgrim's Progress, a guided tour by Derek W.H. Thomas'. Study guides are provided free of charge. This study will run to the end of May. All attendees are welcome to anything from our food and kid's clothing closet. All are welcome. Call Jeanie (508-476-9978) for more information.

Several special events are planned to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the building in 2020.

The work of the Association is funded solely by contributions from members of the community. A Capital Campaign is currently underway to replace the aged and unsafe carriage shed on the premises. For more information about the work of the Association go to UxbridgeQuakerMeeting on facebook or email quakermeetinghouseassoc@ gmail.com.

permission to apply for a grant and hire an architect to create a schematic design for the grant application. Gallaway applied for the grant in January 2017; in May 2017, town meeting voters approved the preliminary design, voting to accept the grant and also approved raising matching funds for the project. The measure was passed at a town-wide election a few weeks later.

The library has temporarily been relocated to 53 N. Main St., North Grafton, at the former St. Andrews Church. The library continues to offer the same services, and operating hours remain the same—Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The project is slated for completion by late spring of 2021. Construction updates will be posted at www.graftonlibrary.org/thetimeisnow.





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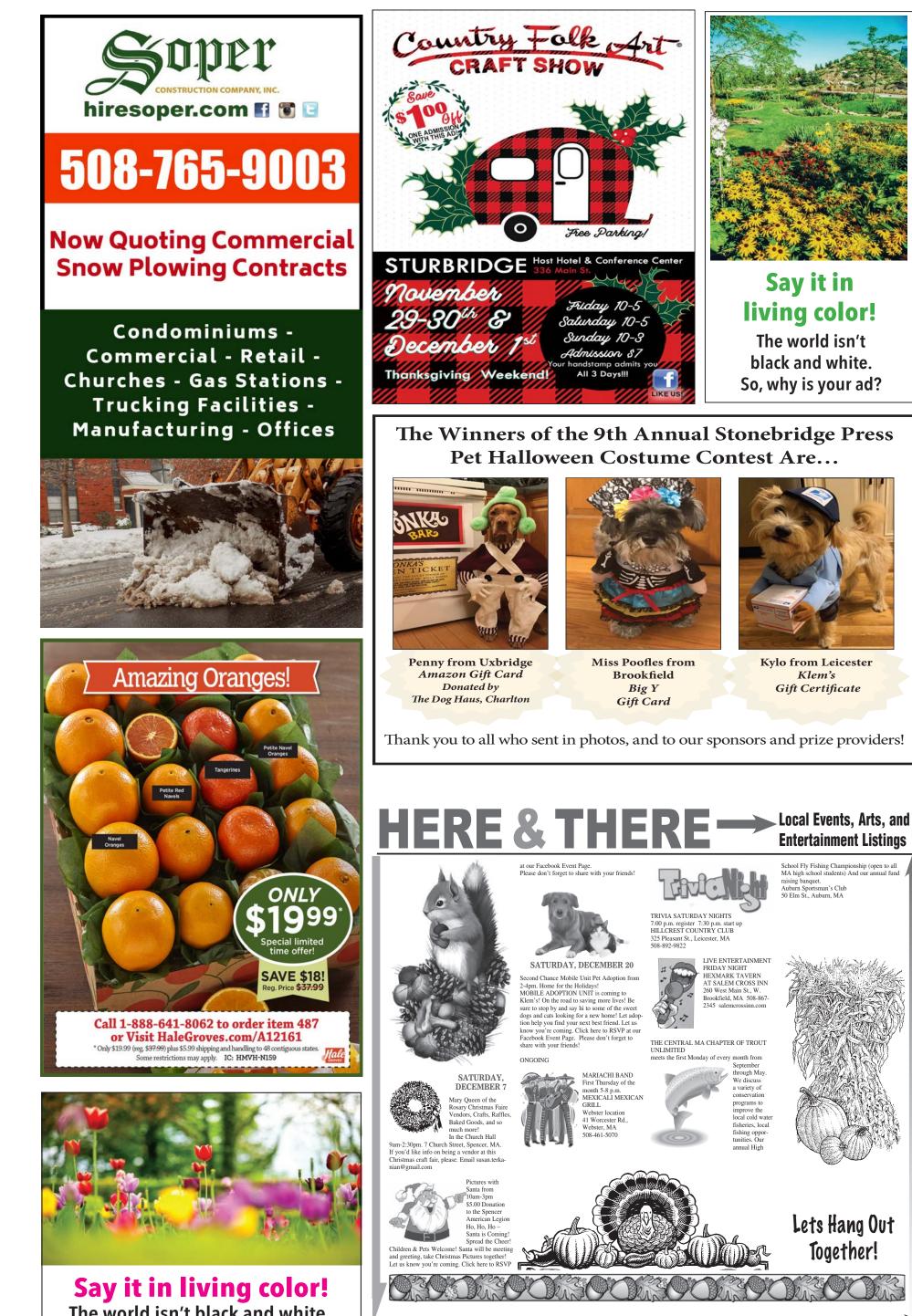


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LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF** THE TRIAL COURT 19 SM 003703 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO:

Kimberly Hazzard; Michael Hazzard And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq): 1900 Capital Trust III, by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Certificate Trustee

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Whitinsville, numbered 20 Johnston Avenue, given by Kimberly Hazzard and Michael Hazzard to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for New England Regional Mortgage Corporation, dated November 24, 2010, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 46729, Page 343, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the abovementioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before December 30, **2019** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on November 12, 2019. Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family** Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO17P3187EA **CITATION ON PETITION** FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE **BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Estate of: Marv E. Emond Date of Death: 06/16/2017

To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by:

David M Emond of Novi MI

requesting that court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2019.

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

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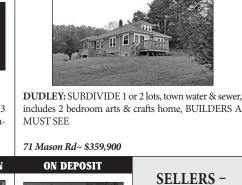


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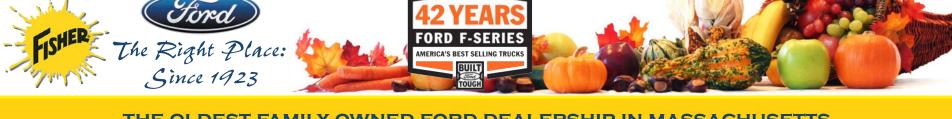
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