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Uxbridge art student receives award

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
 TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge High School sophomore Zoe Wojnowski has recently earned the Massachusetts Art Education Association's "President's Choice Award" and is one of only 16 students from across the Commonwealth to have work selected for a virtual youth art exhibit.

"In a world that values creativity and innovation, a student like Zoe shines through her imagination and skill," said Uxbridge High School Principal Michael Rubin. "This demonstrates her commitment to the craft and creative arts, and we are excited to see what the future holds for her artistic ability."

Wojnowski's work was completed as part of her Digital Photography class and submitted through a collaboration with Uxbridge High School art instructor Claire Munley, according to a school statement. Entitled "Pomegranate Splash," Wojnowski captured "the falling fruit, frozen in time perfectly."

"The Shutter Speed Labs are always a fun experience for both Munley, and the students," the school released. "The objectives were to capture the falling fruit in focus, with proper exposure, and within frame."

"Zoe nailed this photo perfectly," added Munley. "We are so proud of her, and we are hoping the fruits of her labor do not go unnoticed."

Student work will be on display through the National Art Education Association's Youth Art Month virtual exhibit. According to a press statement, Wojnowski was one of 16 students from across the Commonwealth to have work selected.

The mission of the Massachusetts Art Education Association is to "advance high-quality visual arts education throughout the state by empowering art educators to excel in the practice, instruction, promotion, and celebration of visual art," according to the school statement.

The MAEA's Youth Art Month Committee determined that it was "best to continue with a virtual exhibit format" for the 2022 Statewide Youth Art Month Exhibit. For more information, visit massarted.com.

'School to School' project sees success in Douglas

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
 TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS — A new collaborative project in Douglas during which the elementary school fifth-graders partner with the primary school first-graders has seen success.

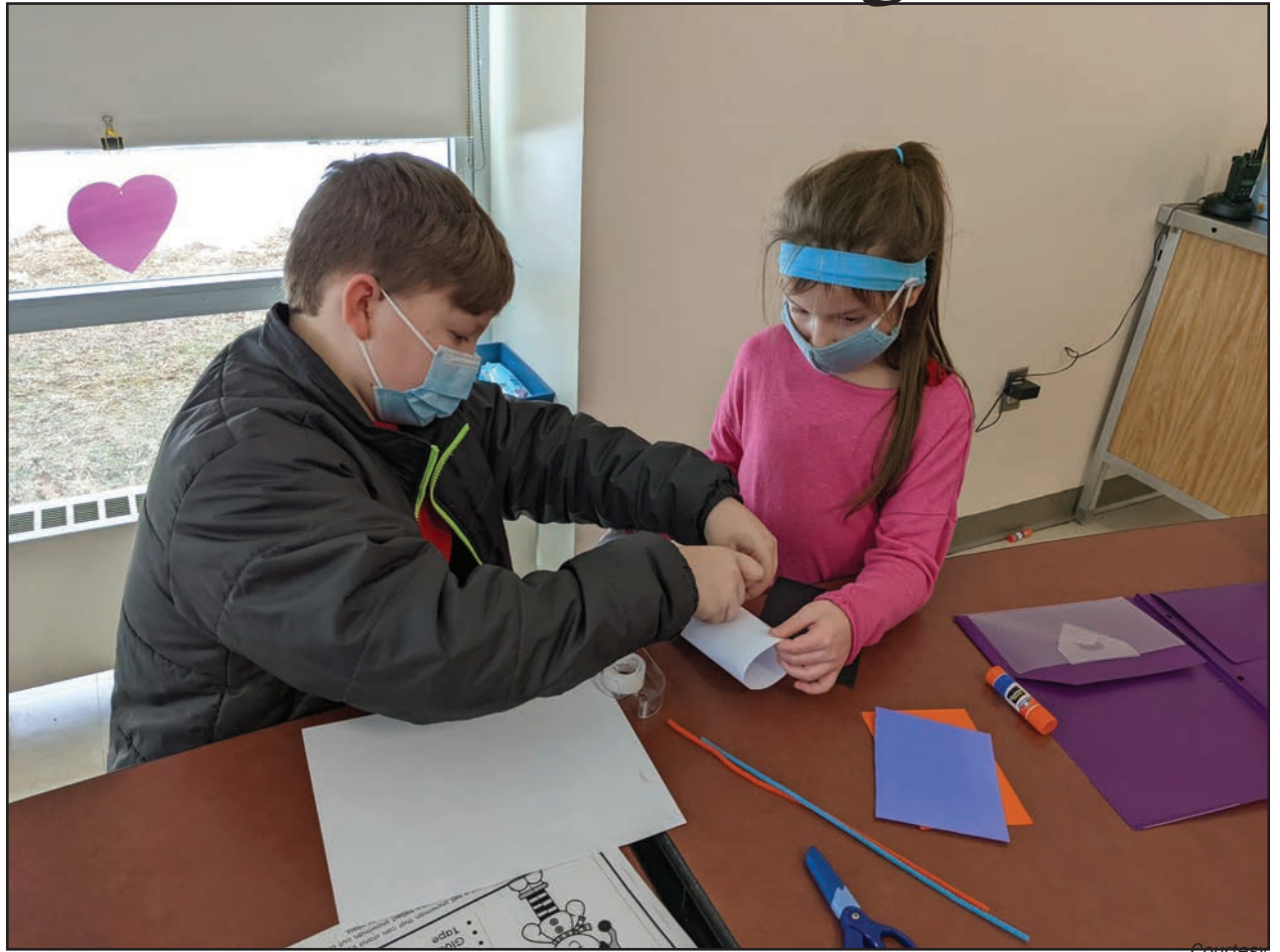
"The first graders really look up to the fifth graders, and the fifth graders feel special being able to help others," said Douglas Superintendent of Schools Paul Vieira.

Each month, the students get together as part of the new "School to School Connection" project to do some learning—while also having fun.

"The goal is to allow the first graders to get comfortable with their upcoming transition to the elementary school while also providing the fifth graders a chance to mentor and lead," added Vieira.

During the monthly meetings, the fifth graders are paired up with several first graders and they complete an activity together.

"The students have read together, played math games, engaged in STEM activities, and written thank you cards to people in the community," Vieira said. "The meetings have taken



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place on the field outside, in the elementary gym, and in the primary cafeteria but no matter the location, the students have had a blast."

Although the pairings are different each time, Vieira added that it is "neat to see" the students looking for the group with whom they worked last to try and work with

them again.

"Along with the academic skills that the students have worked on during the activities, these meetings are also a great opportunity for the students to work on their social-emotional competencies (self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible

decision-making)," he said. "Together, they problem solve, communicate, organize, persuade, and advocate."

Overall, the project has been described as "a success."

"The students look forward to the monthly meetings and are enjoying the new relationships

they are developing. The teachers have enjoyed allowing the students to learn in a different format and it is a nice shift away from traditional learning."

In upcoming years, Vieira said that the district aims to grow the program.

Millbury Library selected for pandemic grant funding

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
 TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

MILLBURY — A \$10,000 grant will help the Millbury Public Library recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The library announced that it has been selected as one of 200 libraries nationwide for the American Library Association's (ALA) "American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries" opportunity, an emergency relief program to assist libraries that have been adversely affected by the pandemic.

"We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity," said Library Director Ann Dallair. "This grant will allow our library to better serve our patrons and plan strong, enriching humanities programming as we come out of the pandemic."

With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Millbury Public Library will use funds to "anchor itself in the community as a strong humanities institution."

"The competitive award comes with a \$10,000 grant that will help the library deliver excellent programs and services related to culture, history, literature, and other humanities subjects," the library released in a recent statement.

More than 370 libraries applied for the grant, according to the ALA. The participating libraries, selected through a competitive, peer-reviewed application process, include public libraries, academic/college libraries, K-12 libraries, and tribal, special, and prison libraries, according to a library statement. The recipients represent 45 states and Puerto Rico and serve communities ranging in size from 642 residents in Weir, Kansas, to the city of Los Angeles.

Libraries were chosen with "an emphasis on reaching historically underserved and/or rural communities," a press statement added.

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Jason McKay photos

Northbridge's Ryleigh Johnson lets go of a 3-point attempt from the corner.

Slow start hampers Rams in State Tournament loss to Woolies

BY KEN POWERS
 SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — "It's not how you start, it's how you finish," is an axiom many a coach has used to explain the slow beginning to a game that ends up being a come-from-behind win.

In its Division 4 State Tournament Round of 16 game against neighbor-

ing rival Millbury High, the Northbridge High girls' varsity basketball team found out the hard way that sometimes it is how you start, not how you finish that is the difference between winning and losing.

The seventh-seeded Rams struggled early with the 10-seeded Woolies' tenacious

man-to-man defense and trailed by nine points, 10-1, at the end of the first quarter. Northbridge ended up losing the game, played at the Veterans Memorial Field House on Wednesday, March 9, by nine points, 40-31.

Imagine that. "That first quarter,"

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News from Beginning Bridges

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, early childhood family support organization

that provides free comprehensive services. Currently, our programs include weekly indoor and outdoor early childhood playgroups. We also sponsor parent education programs, offer the Ages & Stages Developmental Questionnaire and can connect families to resources. Our goal is to support parents as they guide their children to reach their optimum potential. We work with many community partners who share the same goal of strengthening our communities. Funding for the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) is provided by the Massachusetts Dept. of Early Education and Care (EEC) and sponsored by South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC-Childcare/Head

Start).

Upcoming Events-Registration is required for all upcoming events. Links can be accessed on our website or contact Emily Murray at 508-278-5110 or Emurray@smoc.org.

Mondays to Fridays, Parent Child Playgroups, at Uxbridge playcenter, 9 North Main Street, lower left office. Registration is closed. Please contact Emily Murray via email with any questions or to be put on the waitlist.

Saturday, 04/09/22, Free Kids Fair, 10:00 to 12:00pm at Whitin Community Center, 60 Main St., Whitinsville. Hosted by Blackstone Valley Children's Place and Beginning Bridges CFCE.

Saturday, 04/09/22, Free Eggscrambler, 12:00 to 1:00pm at WCC's Whitin Park at Whitin Community Center, 60 Main St., Whitinsville. Large wooden eggs will be scattered throughout Whitin Park! Some will have letters on them. These lettered eggs will spell out a secret word. All ages

Welcome!

Mondays, 04/04/22 to 06/20/22, Outdoor Play with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 to 11:15am at WCC's Whitin Park & Pavilion at Whitin Community Center, 60 Main St., Whitinsville. Enjoy nature themed music, dance, stories & games for children birth to 3 years.

Tuesdays, 04/12/22 to 06/14/22, Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 to 11:00am at Upton Town Library.

Wednesdays, 04/20/22 to 06/22/22, Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 to 11:00am at Whitinsville Social Library.

Thursday, 4/28/22 Parent Education with Jill Vetstein, 7 pm via ZOOM - Fostering Executive Functioning Skills.

Thursdays, 04/28//22, 06/02/22, Coffee and Conversations, 9:30 to 10:30 am at Taft Public Library, 29 North Ave in Mendon, join us for an informal drop-in playtime where families will be able to build social connections, learn about early childhood development and family friendly resources. Please bring your own coffee. Muffins from Muffin House Cafe will be provided.

Wednesdays, 05/05/22 to 05/26/22, Egg-Cellent Adventures, 09:00 to 10:45am at Taft Public Library, 29 North Ave. in Mendon. Join us in a playful exploration of sensory driven activities, art and early literature favorites. Created for preschool children 2.9 to 5 years.

Wednesday 6/9/22, MOM's Club Playtime, 9:30-11:00 am at Uxbridge Play Center. Connect with other parents while your children experience a group setting for peer play in a safe, fun and developmentally appropriate setting.

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Lions Beautify Uxbridge project really digs pansies

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Lions are preparing those huge flower pots once again to continue to Beautify Uxbridge, maintained for many years by the late Marie Potter and her family and friends and in recent years by the Uxbridge Lions and volunteers. Now it is the Lions Beautify Uxbridge Project. A Spring Pansy Sale is planned to keep the dream alive.

The Lions Club will set up their garden tent at the Uxbridge Senior Center at 37 S. Main St. on Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to take pre-orders. Delivery for those orders will be Saturday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pansy purchases can also be made on April 9, while supplies last. Forms for Pre-orders can be obtained at the Senior Center, or by Text at 508-450-2451, by Message at Uxbridge Lions Club, or by e-mail at uxbridge.ma.lions@gmail.com up to April 1.

Pansies are known for their versatile and colorful varieties and are extremely popular with flower growers all over the world. Whether you call them Johnny Jump Up, Love in Idleness or Three Faces in a Hood, you can buy a Pansy Oval, Pansy Market Basket or Pansy Bowl for \$20. The proceeds from the Pansy Sale will benefit the Lions Beautify Uxbridge Project. As a bonus, buy two items and receive a ticket into a drawing for a Spring Garden Basket worth \$50.

Donations for the Lions Beautify Uxbridge Project can be sent to Uxbridge Lions Club, P.O. Box 455, North Uxbridge, MA 01538.



Courtesy

Lions President Diane Seely at Uxbridge Municipal Building ready for planting.

Blackstone Valley Tech to host annual Golf Tourney in June

UPTON — It's not a day at the beach; it's so much better! It would be a hazard if you didn't register now for BVT's 23rd Annual Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, June 13, at Highfields Golf & Country Club. A fun-filled day of golfing will benefit the Valley Tech Education Foundation and Athletic Department activities and programs.

Your registration (individual golfer \$150/golf foursome \$125 per person) includes 18 holes on the championship course, a golf cart, delicious snacks, a silent auction, and raffles, all to help support a special cause. Not a golfer, sponsor a tee, a putting green, or a cart to display your company name in the program proudly and during the event.

The day promises to be full of fun and friendly competition. For all tournament details, to view sponsorship opportunities, donate a raffle item, access the online golfer registration and payment portal, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/golftournament. Register today to secure your spot.

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.

NHS teacher selected as Educator Ambassador

NORTHBRIDGE — Northbridge High School is pleased to announce that Luke Esposito has been selected as one of 24 educators from across the Commonwealth who will serve as a GBH/NEPM (New England Public Media) Educator Ambassador for the period March 2022 to December 2023.

Esposito was selected from a pool of 120 applicants and joins an esteemed and diverse group of educators representing different experiences, districts, subjects, grades and professional roles. For additional information on this program, please see the April issue of Explore! GBH member magazine.

As an ambassador, Luke will work with GBH and NEPM to better understand public media's role in K-12 education, and specifically the value of PBS LearningMedia™, the free PBS digital learning service for PK-12 educators and students. GBH will support the ambassadors as they collaborate with their colleagues around public media educational resources through activities such as in-district sessions, webinars, conferences and social media. The ambassadors will also be called upon on occasion to advise the GBH team on the value and practical implementation of what they produce for educators. Also, new for this cohort, the Ambassadors will work in small groups on a project that will have a public showcase, tentatively planned for the end of 2022. Much more on that later!

Esposito is in his fourth year as a physics educator at Northbridge High School.

Newly formed "Poets At Large" to perform in Woodstock and Whitinsville

WOODSTOCK, Conn. — Woodstock resident Karen Warinsky is coordinating poetry and spoken word events for the 2022 Poets at Large series will be held this year both at Roseland Park in Woodstock and at the G. B. & Lexi Singh Performance Center, 60 Douglas Rd. in Whitinsville.

A total of 22 regional poets will perform this year. All events are free and the first of these readings is set for March 19 from 7-9 p.m. at the Singh Center (snow date is March 26). These readings will include an open mic segment. Sign-ups at the event; five-minute limit. Featured poets on the 19th will be Ms. Warinsky, Massachusetts authors Jovonna Van Pelt, Robert Eugene Perry, and National Beat Poet Laureate (2020) Paul Richmond. The remaining performances will be on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. Readings at Roseland Park, 205 Roseland Park Rd., Woodstock, Conn., will be in the Rose Bowl outdoor auditorium (barn if rain). Recommended for ages 14 & up.

Upcoming dates are: May 22 (Singh), June 5 (Roseland), June 26 (Singh), July 17 (Roseland), Sept 11 (Roseland) and Oct 23 (Singh).

Worcester Academy announces Honor Roll And Headmaster's List

WORCESTER — Worcester Academy proudly announces its Honor Roll and Headmaster's List for Semester 1 of the 2021-2022 School Year. The honors represent the achievements that each of these Worcester Academy students has earned through academic excellence, challenge, and personal growth. Among the students are:

Larissa Dowd of Northbridge, Class of 2022, First Honors.

Lena Dresop of Northbridge, Class of 2022, Headmaster's List.

Jeffrey Robinson of Whitinsville, Class of 2022, First Honors.

Brendan L'Italien of Douglas, Class of 2024, Headmaster's List.

Ethan L'Italien of Douglas, Class of 2025, Headmaster's List.

Delaney Martin of Douglas, Class of 2025, Headmaster's List.

Brianna Penterson of Whitinsville, Class of 2025, First Honors.

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Evelyn Savoie of Northbridge, Class of 2025, Headmaster's List.

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For information about the Worcester Academy, contact Neil Isakson, director of external communications, at 508-459-6918 or e-mail him at neil.isakson@worcesteracademy.org.

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DIRECTOR'S NEWS FOR APRIL 2022

The month of April is a special month to celebrate our volunteers. The theme for National Volunteer Week, which takes place from April 17-23, is Volunteering Is Empathy In Action, affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. This profoundly human connection is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities. Empathy is a quality that can help people relate to others and build awareness around different experiences. It connects people in ideas and actions and helps create bonds forged in common goals and aspirations.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who utilize their time, talent, voice and resources to meet the critical needs of our community. This is a time to celebrate the impact of volunteer service in our Town.

I want to thank all of our volunteers in the Town of Uxbridge, not only at the Senior Center, but throughout the Town. Many of our volunteers are seniors, especially those who work for the Senior Work-off Program, who serve in different departments. Our volunteers serve in various capacities including answering telephone calls, filing, assisting others, working in the hot lunch program, serving on various town committees and inputting computer info, to name a few. Volunteerism empowers individuals to find their purpose, to take their passion and turn it into meaningful change. This is a time to honor the impact of all those who do good in our Town, and inspire others to make a difference. THANK YOU!

The senior center will be holding a

luncheon for our volunteers on Wednesday, April 20th at 12 noon. Please consider joining us to celebrate all of our volunteers at this luncheon and don't forget to RSVP.

The Senior Center construction is now complete and we are ready to show off our new look! Come visit us at the Open House Event planned for Friday, April 29th from 10am-1pm. Refreshments and pastry will be served in the morning, along with hot lunch at 12 noon (please be sure to RSVP if you plan on coming for lunch). You will also have a chance to win a fabulous door prize basket filled with goodies!

State Rep. Mike Soter will be distributing Easter lunches to Uxbridge residents during his annual RISE UP INITIATIVE on Sunday, April 10th. Lunches will be delivered to your home on this day, please call the senior center to reserve your lunch by April 4th. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be sent to the Uxbridge Senior Center at 36 South Main Street, Uxbridge. Please make checks payable to the Uxbridge Elderly Connection. Thank you Rep. Soter for your support of our seniors!

Happy Spring and Happy Easter to all!
Thank you,
Lisa

The Walk MA Challenge 2022 is an inter-generational program open to everyone ages 5 and up! Registration opens on April 1st and you can go to www.walkmachallenge.com to register. The challenge itself running from May 1st through October 31st. Sally will incorporate this with her walking club, which starts on Wednesday, May 4th.

Friday, April 1st – 12:00 pm – Lunch & Learn with Chief Montminy ~ His guest speaker will be Viola Bramel, Park Ranger U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, West Hill Dam. Join us for the “Opening of the West Hill Dam Time Capsule on the 60th Anniversary”. Viola will also give updates on the National America The Beautiful Park Pass. Please call ahead to reserve your lunch.

April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th – 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm – Amy Smith will be your instructor. Classes will be held at the McCloskey School, 62 Capron Street.

Chair Yoga Classes continue Thursday, April 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th – 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm – Dr. David Tapscott will be your instructor. Classes will be held at the McCloskey School, 62 Capron Street.

Friday, April 8th – 12 pm – Dollar Store BINGO sponsored by eternalHealth. Everyone wins a prize! Early sign up is required.

Sunday, April 10th – Rise Up Initiative with State Rep. Mike Soter. Easter lunches will be delivered to Uxbridge residents. Please register by April 4th. Donations can be sent to the senior center. Please make checks payable to the Uxbridge Elderly Connection Inc.

Monday, April 11th – 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm – Making Easter Signs with Sally! Cost will be \$5.00 per person. Early sign up is required.

Tuesday, April 12th – 1:00 pm – 2:00pm – Benefit Enrollment Specialist – Tri-Valley, Inc. Call the senior center to book an appointment with Cole Ackerson. Next date will be May 10, 2022.

Tuesday, April 12th – 1:00 pm – Uxbridge Library Book Club. They will be reading The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. You are welcome to join us for lunch on this day. Please remember to RSVP.

Wednesday, April 13th – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Lunch Outing to Empire Buffet. No lunch will be served at the senior center on this day. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Call to sign up early and you are welcome to meet us there as well.

Friday, April 15th – 12:00 pm – Annual Easter Celebration sponsored by the Uxbridge Elderly Connection Inc. Tim Brooks – The Crooner at Large, will be back to entertain us!! Please call ahead to sign up.

Monday, April 18th – The senior center will be closed in observance of Patriot Day. No lunch will be served and no medical transportation will be available. We will re-open on Tuesday, April 19th.

Tuesday, April 19th – 1:30 pm – Shopping trip to Hobby Lobby with Sally! Space is limited.

Wednesday, April 20th – 12:00 pm - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Please RSVP and join us in thanking our volunteers!

Friday, April 21st– 12:00 pm – Karen Garcia with Fallon Health's Summit ElderCare. Summit ElderCare provides adult day health, medical services, social supports, in-home care and health insurance – in one convenient program. Call ahead to reserve your lunch.

Monday, April 25th - 1:30 pm – “Ask the Attorney” with Attorney Ralph Tepper by appointment only. Please Call 508-278-8622 to schedule your appointment at the Uxbridge Senior center.

Tuesday, April 26th – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Ask the Nurse Free Blood Pressure Clinic with Celeste Kopech, Salmon Health VNA. RSVP to participate and to join us for lunch.

Wednesday, April 27th – Movie Trip to Blackstone Valley 14 Cinema De Lux with lunch at Wendy's. Senior movie ticket price: \$7.75 and popcorn & soda \$4.50 – Movie & Time TBA and space on van is limited.

Friday, April 29th – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Open House Event - Construction is now completed and we are ready to show it off! Refreshments and pastry in the morning, along with a hot lunch at noon. Please RSVP for lunch and be sure to sign up for the door prize!

Card Game will be played during our Monday Congregate lunches and BINGO will be on Wednesdays.

Computer Class Tutoring every Monday ~ 3:00 pm *By appointment only. Students from BVT will be available to help you with your computers and/or devices. *Please

call ahead to book an appointment.

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

Knitting Club every Tuesday @ 1:30 pm – Come join the fun!

1st and 3rd Wednesdays – April 6th & 20th @ 10:00 am – Bank & Pharmacy Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance. Masks must be worn as well.

2nd and 4th Thursdays – April 14th & 28th – Shaws/Ocean State Shopping Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance. Masks must be worn and limited to 4 people on the van.

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

The senior center is in need of the following donations: Newly packaged napkins, paper towels, 8 oz. Styrofoam cups, 8 oz plastic cups, ground coffee (both regular & decaf), coffee filters, tea bags, sugar packets (regular, sweet n' low, & other brands) & toilet paper. We thank you for your support!

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

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\$570,000, 204 Mendon St, Quality Home Inc, to Torquato-Darosa, Richel.

DOUGLAS

\$395,900, 4 Hemlock St, Welch, Robert J, and Welch, Elizabeth, to Leclerc, Joshua, and Gofske-Hatfield, Jacquely.

\$207,500, 24 Gilboa St, Army, Lawrence F, to Berling, Philip.

\$78,000, 42 Perry St, Tetreault Merritt D Est, and Wickstrom, Thomas J, to Meadows, Nicholas.

NORTHBRIDGE

\$1,150,000, 10 Watson Farm Rd, Lasell-Watson, Marion, to V E Properties 15 LLC.

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\$829,900, 417 Hill St, Cora Lane Group LLC, to Corbett, Sean, and Rondeau, Karin.

\$620,000, 58 Overlook St #58, VS Cruz Realty LLC, to Golden Investment LLC.

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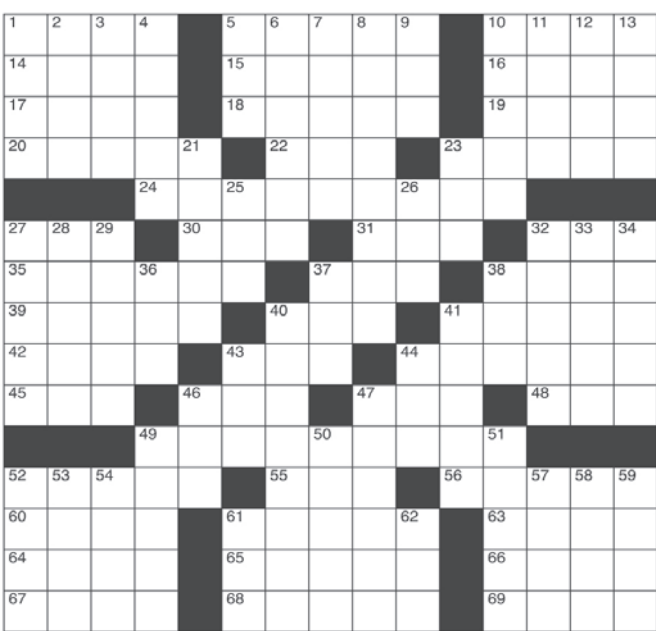
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\$454,990, 16 Tea Party Dr #16, Independence Uxbridge, to Peddireddi, Chinna O, and Sree-Iska, Bhavya.

\$235,000, 201 N Main St, Wilson Michael P Est, and Wilson, Ashley N, to Mello, David M, and Mello, Deborah A.

\$215,000, 169 S Main St, Shay, Patrick J, to Crimmins, Heidi L.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of footwear
- 5. Studies a lot all at once
- 10. Adventure story
- 14. Hundred thousand
- 15. Former U.S. Vice President
- 16. Ruler
- 17. Indian city
- 18. Similar
- 19. Ship as cargo
- 20. Volcanic craters
- 22. Boxing's "GOAT"
- 23. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 24. London soccer team
- 27. Score perfectly
- 30. No (Scottish)
- 31. SoCal hoops team (abbr.)
- 32. Woman (French)
- 35. Unwanted attic "decor"
- 37. Peter Griffin's daughter
- 38. Broad, shallow crater
- 39. Large instruments
- 40. Low bank or reef
- 41. ___ and Venzetti
- 42. Oil group
- 43. Father
- 44. Aggressive men
- 45. Pairs well with green
- 46. Travelers need it
- 47. Digital audiotape
- 48. Midway between northeast and east
- 49. Chemistry descriptor
- 52. S. China seaport
- 55. Sound unit
- 56. Heavy cavalry sword
- 60. Thick piece of something
- 61. Spa town in Austria
- 63. Boyfriend
- 64. Norse personification of old age
- 65. Type of box
- 66. Tie together
- 67. Fiber from the coconut
- 68. Chicago mayor
- 69. Old English letters

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of sauce
- 2. Pattern of notes
- 3. Plant with long seedpods
- 4. Map out
- 5. Numbers cruncher
- 6. Make a mental connection
- 7. Italian tenor
- 8. N. America's highest mountain peak
- 9. Witness
- 10. Arabic given name
- 11. Music awards
- 12. "The Immoralist" author
- 13. Area units
- 21. Units of loudness
- 23. Political action committee
- 25. Bar bill
- 26. Witch
- 27. A theatrical performer
- 28. 2-door car
- 29. ___ and flowed
- 32. Papier-___, art medium
- 33. City in Georgia
- 34. Irregular
- 36. College sports conference
- 37. Angry
- 38. Partner to cheese
- 40. S. American mammal
- 41. Self-immolation by fire rituals
- 43. Split pulses
- 44. Disfigure
- 46. Cow noise
- 47. Erase
- 49. Chadic language
- 50. Reward for doing well
- 51. Paid TV
- 52. Millisecond
- 53. Other
- 54. Colombian city
- 57. Necklace part
- 58. Every one of two or more people
- 59. Regrets
- 61. They come after "A"
- 62. Horse noise



Tuesday, April 5th – Celebrate WooSox Opening Day during lunch! Get your Popcorn Here!!!

Tuesday, April 5th – 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm – Shopping trip to Savers with Sally! Sign up early as seating is limited.

Wednesday, April 6th – 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm – Making Gnome Bunnies with Sally! Cost will be \$5.00 per person. Early sign up is required.

Thursday, April 7th – 8:30 am – Dr. Biancamano will be available for podiatrist appointments. Call 508-278-8622 to schedule.

Thursdays, April 7th & 21st– 11:30 am – 12:30 pm – “PopUp Library. Books will be on display to check out, library card sign-ups, book hold pick-ups, etc. This program being offered by the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

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MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER

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NARRAGANSETT BAY LIGHTHOUSE & CRUISE TRIP

Tuesday, June 28th depart from the Senior Center at 9:30 A.M.

Return at 5:30 P.M. Trip includes a delicious full course meal

Served at the Quonset Point Officer's Club

Choice of fresh Baked Scrod or baked Chicken with Lemon

After lunch you will board the Millennium Ferry for a narrated Narragansett Bay

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Trip including meal and cruise is \$111.00 (price also includes gratuity for the driver)

For more information or to RSVP call the center at 508-865-9154

COMPUTER / CELL PHONE CLASSES

Every Thursday at 2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

If you need help or have questions on how to use your devices

Call the center to RSVP 508-865-9154

BERG FLORAL ARRANGMENT CLASS

3RD Thursday of each month at 2 P.M. Starting on Thursday, March 17th

Take home a Floral arrangement that you create!!

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Call or stop by the center to RSVP a week before classes 508-865-9154

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Meet with a representative from Senator Moore's office!

Wednesday, April 13th

One Wednesday every month between 11 - 12 P.M.

All are welcome to meet and discuss issues of importance or looking for assistance

Any questions please call 508-865-9154

NEW SNOW POLICY

The Senior Center will be closed when the Millbury Public schools are cancelled due to inclement weather

Closings will be posted on our Facebook page!

COVID-19 BOOSTER APPOINTMENT ASSISTANCE

We will assist Millbury Senior residents

If you do not have access to a computer and need help scheduling an appointment for the Booster

Please call the center at 508-865-9154

SENIOR WORK - OFF PROGRAM

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YOGA Thursdays 9 - 10 A.M. (Class is \$3)

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES!

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MAHJONG Mondays at 12:45 P.M.

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

CRIBBAGE Tuesdays at 1 P.M.

SOCIAL BINGO Wednesdays at 1 P.M.

Bring your pennies!

PITCH Thursdays at 1 P.M.

DULL MENS CLUB Thursdays at 10 - 11 A.M.

No reservations required for any of our activities or exercise classes!

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

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

Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page.

A 48 hour reservation is required.

Millbury Senior Center Transportation

Transportation is provided for Millbury Senior Residents

Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

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

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

Rides are free until January 1st

For more information or to schedule transportation call the center at 508-865-9154

"MEMORY CAFÉ"

Please join us on Tuesday, March 22nd 2-3:30 P.M.

March activity will be making your own sundaes and creating vision boards!

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.

refreshments will be served!

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

Our Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, is happy to answer

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

Millbury Friendly Visitor Program

Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provided by telephone

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

For more information on coordinating a Friendly visitor

Call the center at 508-865-9154

SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)

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

Call for an appointment & required documentation

508-865-9154

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"Libraries have faced significant hardships throughout the pandemic—from budget cuts to staff furloughs to building closures—especially in our communities of the greatest need," said ALA President Patty Wong. "This crucial support from NEH will enable our beloved institutions, and the dedicated people who run them, to rebuild and emerge from the pandemic stronger than ever."

The Millbury Public Library announced that it will use the grant funds to digitize a portion of the local history collection.

"This will make our collection digitally accessible to the public reaching a wide range of patrons worldwide and for genealogical research," the library released.

In addition to the digitizing portion of the local history collection, the library plans to invite speakers to do presentations on Francis Perkins, Abbey Kelly Foster, an archivist, and a program called Teaching with Primary Source Documents for local educators. These presentations will be conducted upstairs in the original building, now called the Reading Room.

To learn more about the Millbury Public Library's plans for the grant, visit www.millburylibrary.org.

In other news, the library is also participating in the 15th annual "Bruins PJ Drive" through Thursday, March 31. They have announced a goal of collecting 50 sets of pajamas; residents may drop off PJs from sizes 2T to Adult Medium, appropriate for all seasons, at the library (128 Elm St.) during regular hours of operation.





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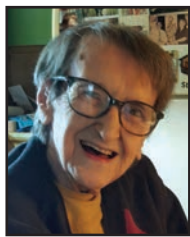
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OBITUARIES

Doris M. Beauchamp, 89



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Doris M. Beauchamp, 89, of South Grafton MA passed away peacefully on February 20, 2022 after a brief illness. Doris was born on May 19, 1932 and grew up on Beanes Lane in the Rockdale section of Northbridge, the daughter of Delvida and Beriza (Laliberte) Beauchamp. She loved sharing stories of the French-Canadian neighborhood, her family and friends, St. Peters Church and School, Riverdale Mill, World War II, and her overall love for the times she lived through. A strong willed and frank woman, she always spoke her mind and shared her opinions in a unique up front manner.

Doris was predeceased by three brothers, Raymond, Lucien, and Walter; two sisters Dorothy Smith and Simonne King, and her dear friend Shirley Demagian. She is survived by her nephew Jim Beauchamp and his wife Mary as well as great nephew Lenny Smith and his wife Kristin who were her companions during her final years. She is also survived by several

nieces and nephews as well great nieces and nephews, and her beloved cat Misty. Doris was an avid animal lover owning three white mini-poodles over her lifetime, all were named Buttons.

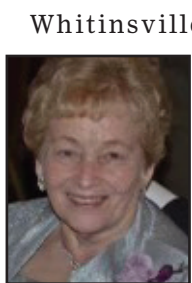
Doris worked third shift for over 40 years at Tupperware and Tredegar in Blackstone and South Grafton. She was very hard working, diligent, organized, and lived life her own way.

Doris made friends wherever she went. At businesses in the Northbridge area including McDonalds, Shaw's, Friendly Liquors, Harbro, Jubes, Unibank, CVS and a host of others, she knew people by name and they all knew Doris. A deeply religious person, Doris prayed constantly for the people she loved.

The family wishes to extend special thank you to Dr. Mary Gulla and her staff of UMass Medical Group in Sutton and to the staff at Blackstone Valley Health and Rehabilitation for their compassionate care. Arrangements are under the care of Turgeon Funeral Home.

A grave side service and burial will be held at St. Patrick's Cemetery on Providence Road in Whitinsville on Saturday, March 19th 2022 at 11:00AM. Those attending should go directly to the cemetery.

Irene Mae VandenAkker, 90



Whitinsville--Irene Mae

VandenAkker, 90, was called home by her Lord early Thursday morning, March 10, 2022. She was pre-deceased by her devoted husband of 58 years, Maynard "Mike" VandenAkker. She will be dearly missed by her children, Duane (Paula), Lori Miedema (Mark), Bruce (Laura), Diane DeVries (Paul), and Keith (Naomi). In addition, she also leaves 16 grandchildren whom she cherished, 5 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Marian "Boots" Buma (Paul). She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, John VanderBaan, and a granddaughter, Angela DeVries. Mrs. VandenAkker was born in Whitinsville, the eldest daughter of Hein and Sadie (Nyeholt) VanderBaan. Growing up on East Street, she could be frequently found working at VanderBaan's Market with her father and her uncles. She attended Whitinsville Christian School, graduated from Northbridge High School in 1949, and then she attended Calvin College where she began her courtship with her husband, Mike. They married in 1953 at the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville.

Irene was a charter member of Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville and was involved in many Bible studies, including the Dorcas Society. She volunteered in the church library for many years and

on various hospitality committees. She also volunteered at Whitinsville Christian School periodically. She was a busy homemaker, where she could be found in the kitchen cooking meals for her family every night and large Sunday dinners after church. Saturday mornings were usually spent baking various treats. Canning and freezing vegetables and fruit that she had picked from the garden or nearby farms was a common occurrence.

Irene cherished family time, especially vacations with family in Maine every Summer. When time permitted, she loved to travel.

She was a wonderful wife, mom, and grandmother. She cherished her family and church family the most. In January 2020, she was admitted into the St. Camillus Nursing Home, where she was cared for by many. A funeral will be held at 10AM on Thursday, March 17, 2022, in the Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church, 305 Goldthwaite Rd, Whitinsville. Burial will follow at Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville. Calling hours were held from 6-8PM on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, also at Fairlawn CRC.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that memorial donations be made to the Whitinsville Christian School's Endowment Fund, 279 Linwood Ave, Whitinsville, MA 01588 or to Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church, 305 Goldthwaite Rd, Whitinsville, MA 01588. Carr Funeral Home, Whitinsville, is assisting with arrangements. To share a memory or condolence with the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Lorraine V. Kocur, 92



Douglas-Lorraine V. (Burzycki) Kocur, 92, of Martin Rd., passed away peacefully on Sat. March 12, 2022 at her home. She is predeceased by her husband of 49 years, John A. Kocur.

She is survived by a daughter, Debra A. Jameson of Douglas; 2 grandsons, David Kocur of Uxbridge and Kevin and his wife Caitlyn Kocur of Kingston, MA; 3 great-grandchildren, Charlotte, Isabella, and Finneas, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, James P. Kocur in 2020, her son-in-law, Eddie Jameson in 2009, and was sister of the late, Frances, Stanley, Josephine, John, Anthony, and Edward Burzycki.

Born in Webster on June 19, 1929 she was the daughter of Peter and Victoria (Poplawski) Burzycki and lived most

of her life in Douglas. Lorraine was educated from St. Joseph's School in Webster. She worked for Stevens Linen in Dudley and Worcester Shoe Company for several years. She was a founding member of St. Denis Kindergarten, as well as a Cub Scout den mother, and girl scout leader. She enjoyed her home, and listening to Polish Music. She was a longtime member of St. Denis Church and their Catholic Women's Council.

Her family would like to extend a special thank you to Chris from Tri-Valley Elder Care for her years of service and care shown to Lorraine.

Her memorial funeral service will be privately held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations in Lorraine's memory may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, P.O. 96280, Washington, DC 20077. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Boost your garden's harvest while reducing pest problems

Boost this year's harvest and reduce pest problems with less effort, while being kind to the environment. Employ row covers, chicken wire cloches and crop cages to prevent damage without the aid of chemicals.

Floating row covers of spun-bonded or woven materials let air, light, and water through to the covered plantings. The warm air that is captured protects the plantings from frosty temperatures. The coverings also prevent birds from dining on newly planted seeds and eliminate damage by certain insects like flea beetles, onion maggots, seed corn maggots, and leafhoppers that may infect lettuce, celery, and carrots with aster yellows disease.

Cover susceptible seeds and transplants at planting to prevent the insects from reaching the plants. Insects like flea beetles and onion and seed corn maggots overwinter as adults in the soil near the previous season's planting. Move susceptible plants to a different part of the garden to avoid trapping the insects under the row cover with their favorite food source.

Double the benefit with less effort by planting short season radishes with long season cole crops such as cabbage, broccoli, and cauliflower. Harvest the radishes as the larger vegetable plants need the space. This will provide two harvests from one row. The row cover eliminates problems with root maggots on radishes, cabbage worms on cole crops, and rabbits from dining on them all.

Basil and beans are favorites of Japanese beetles. Cover these at planting and since they do not need pollination to enjoy the harvest, leave the fabric in place throughout the season. Just lift to harvest and replace.

Cover squash at planting to prevent birds from dining on newly planted seeds and to reduce the risk of squash vine borer and squash bugs. The fabric prevents these insects from accessing the plants. Remove the covers when flowering begins to allow pollinators access to the blossoms. Don't use row covers when planting squash in the same location as the previous year. Since squash vine borer insects will overwinter in the soil near the squash plants, the row cover will trap the insects and provide easy access to the plants. Continue to monitor for



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Syriana (03/20) Age 15

Syriana is a caring 15 year old girl of Dominican/Puerto Rican descent. Syriana describes herself as pretty, awesome, and a talented artist. Those that know Syriana would describe her as a nice girl who is a little silly and imaginative. Syriana enjoys being creative and working on art projects. She has a love for all animals, especially horses; in fact, Syriana is a great horseback rider!

Syriana's favorite subjects in school are math, language arts, science, and social studies. She especially enjoys learning about different ways to solve math problems. Currently, Syriana's least favorite subjects are gym and music. Syriana has shared that when she grows up, she wants to be a role model for others and raise money for those in poverty.

Syriana is legally freed for adoption and is looking forward to becoming part of an adoptive family! Syriana would like a dog, the opportunity to take gymnastic and art classes, and to be able to go to Disney Land and Lego Land someday. Syriana shared that she would like a potential adoptive family to know that she is brave but afraid of insects, spiders, and worms. Syriana would like a mom, mom and dad or a two mom family. Syriana's three wishes for a family are to respect her, to be nice, and to let her choose a name for the family dog. An ideal family for Syriana would be a family that has had parenting experience.

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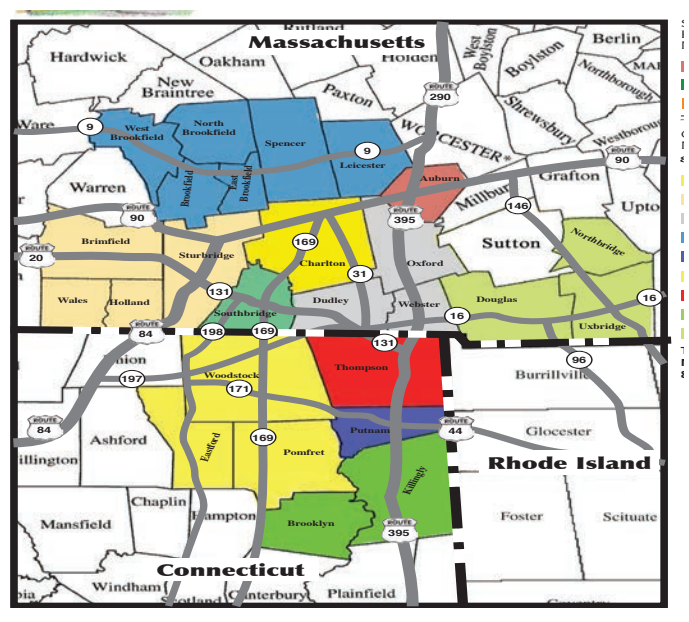
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EDITORIAL

Strong women make history

International Women's Day may seem like a new progressive holiday however it stems back to 1909 when planners organized a day for Women on Feb. 28 in New York. One year later, the International Socialist Woman's Conference announced that a day for women be held each year.

Fast forward to 1917 in Russia, where, on March 8, women were given the right to vote. In 1975, the holiday was adopted by the United Nations.

The long and the short is that this day is a day to celebrate women past, present and future. With that said our staff chose to highlight the women that we feel have had a standout role in influencing how our world operates today. The list was endless, therefore naturally hard to choose, so in order to prevent a 200-page editorial we narrowed the list down to our favorites.

Social reformer Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women's Social and Political Union in 1903 to campaign for the parliamentary vote for women in Edwardian Britain, 'Deeds, not words' being its motto. Pankhurst is described as a charismatic leader and powerful orator; Pankhurst rallied thousands of women to demand, rather than ask politely, for their democratic right in a mass movement that has been unparalleled in British history. The battle did not come without consequences, she endured 13 imprisonments, leading her name and cause becoming known throughout the globe.

At the age of 15, Claudette Colvin was arrested at the age of 15 in Montgomery, Alabama when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white woman. This event gave the famous Rosa Parks the courage to do the same. Colvin was one of five plaintiffs involved in the federal court case filed by civil rights attorney Fred Gray in 1956, in which they challenged bus segregation. The outcome was that a judge ordered that the local laws in regards to bus segregation were unconstitutional. To find Colvin's name in a history book is rare. This in part because she was an unmarried teenager who apparently was with child. Colvin went on to become a nurse's aid. In an interview in 2005, Colvin said, "I feel very, very proud of what I did. I do feel like what I did was a spark and it caught on." As for recognition, Colvin said, "I'm not disappointed. Let the people know Rosa Parks was the right person for the boycott. But also let them know that the attorneys took four other women to the Supreme Court to challenge the law that led to the end of segregation."

Colvin's family has been trying since 2016 to have her recognized and honored in the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Colvin was not invited officially to the opening of the museum in 2016.

Marie Curie is the next on our short list. Curie was a Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who was the first to delve into radioactivity. Curie who was born in 1867, was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the only person to win it two times. Collecting several firsts, Curie was the first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris. In a time when most women spent their days in the home taking care of their children and husbands, Curie had to smash several ceilings for her own advancement. Curie was known for her honesty and moderate lifestyle. All of her prize money, she donated to scientific research and refused to copyright the radium-isolation process so that her fellow scientists could continue research unhindered. In 2011, Poland and France declared the year would be 'The Year of Marie Curie.' She became the first woman to be entombed on her own merits in the Pantheon in Paris in 1995.

In 1933, Eleanor Roosevelt turned the position of First Lady from benign symbol to an active and intellectually vigorous power center. Roosevelt served as the United States Delegate to the UN General Assembly from 1945 to 1952. Roosevelt was the topic of much controversy for her outspoken nature, especially in regard to civil rights for African-Americans. She was the first, First Lady to hold regular press conferences, host a weekly radio show and to speak at a national party convention. She was so bold to even disagree with her husband on certain policies. After her husband's death, Roosevelt spent her remaining years in active politics. She was the first chair of

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Precious Lord, take my hand

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. It's time to be an Ordinary Radical.

Have you taken a moment to consider that America used to be a God-fearing and God-worshipping country? Some of our greatest Americans believed in God.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great leader. He preached Civil Rights like a preacher and appealed to the best of us.

Dr. King frequently asked gospel singer Mahalia Jackson to sing a particular hymn whenever he preached. The hymn, written by Thomas Dorsey, became one of Dr. King's favorites. It was called, "Precious Lord, Take my Hand." Dorsey, known as the father of gospel music, wrote his most famous hymn in the depths of deep despair and grief. It became the most recorded gospel song in history.

On the day Dr. King was killed, April 4, 1968, King requested this hymn. Jazz saxophonist Ben Branch remembered standing in the parking lot of the Lorraine Motel, in Memphis, on that fateful day when Dr. King called out to him to remember to play "Precious Lord" at the civil rights rally scheduled for that night.

"Don't forget!" Dr. King called out. "I want 'Precious Lord.' Play it tonight!" Seconds later, an assassin's bullet changed American history. Five days later, Miss Mahalia sang it at Dr. King's funeral. Since then, the hymn has been sung in small country churches, black and white, and in concert halls. It appears in over 100 hymnals and in 32 languages. In 2021, it was named as a Song of the Century by the Recording Industry Association of America.

How did this amazing song come to be?

Thomas Dorsey was born in 1899 in Georgia, the son of a sharecropper and Baptist pastor. Dorsey dropped out of school at age 12 to work in local theaters, selling popcorn and learning the blues. In 1916, at age 17, he enrolled in the Chicago College of Composition and supported himself while working in a steel mill. He played with blues/jazz bands and became a blues lyricist for Paramount Records. In 1922, he married Nettie Harper who was wardrobe mistress for Ma Rainey. Dorsey went on tour with Rainey, as leader of the Wild Cats Jazz Band.

In 1925, Dorsey suffered a nervous breakdown. On healing, he devoted himself to writing gospel music, a new style mixing black spirituals with gospel messages. His first gospel song, "If You See My Savior, Tell Him That You Saw Me", was published in 1932. Isn't that a great title?

In August 1932, Dorsey and his wife were living in Chicago's South Side. Dorsey was scheduled to be the soloist at a large Christian revival in St. Louis. He did not want to go. Nettie was in her last month of pregnancy. But a lot of people were depending on Dorsey, so he drove down to St. Louis and performed.

With the audience singing and clapping around him, Dorsey was suddenly handed a Western Union telegram: "Your wife has died." In a daze, he rushed home, "lost in grief." He said: "I felt that God had done me an injustice. I didn't want to serve Him anymore or write gospel songs. I just wanted to go back to that jazz world."

Yet one night, Dorsey sat down at a piano and began to play a song that formed in his mind. "I felt at peace." He handed the song to his friend who introduced "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" to the choir at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. Dr. King's church. That song "tore up the church," Dorsey said.

Then, during Elvis Presley's last appearance on the Ed Sullivan TV Show in January of 1957, Elvis closed with Dorsey's gospel song, "Peace in the Valley." The audience was 54 million viewers. Elvis dedicated the song to the 200,000 refugees fleeing Hungary after the Russian invasion of October 1956.

Now, Russia has invaded Ukraine, and 1.7 million Ukrainians have fled to Poland.

In 1956, America was a God-fearing and God-worshipping country. What is it now? For those of you who would join Dr. King in prayer and sing Dorsey's gospel songs, let's pray for the refugees who had no wish to leave their homes, for President Zelensky (a Profile in Courage), and for the Ukraine.

What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted.

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Is history repeating itself?

To the Editor:

It is too soon to tell definitively, but my initial optimism expressed in "Will history repeat itself?" seems misplaced. Bad signs are appearing in Ukraine, its status more dire, even as fighters remain valiant. Opinions of many generals and intelligence officials reflect that, far from stepping-up- to- the-plate, the US has "led from behind" by offering only "half measures" to stop carnage. Putin is engaged in war crimes with minimal 'pushback' on our part beyond the most stringent economic sanctions which (so far) have not deterred his war machine. For fear of 'provocation' or 'escalation' the US refuses to allow transfer of (Polish) Mig fighter jets so Ukrainians can better fight for themselves! When will the world cry in one voice, "Enough is enough?"

This war is unfolding in real time 24/7! Reality cannot be denied when millions of refugees stream into Eastern Europe, hospitals, humanitarian aid centers, and safe passage escape routes have been deliberately targeted. Mariupol is encircled with souls remaining having scant hope of survival without heat, electricity, water, food, or medicine. A military training facility near Poland, a NATO country, was bombed. An American journalist was killed in the fighting near Kyiv, which is likely totally surrounded by now. Will the world ever cry, "Enough is enough?"

People bravely fight on under leadership of their Churchill-like President as Ukraine (seemingly) slowly marches to its death and destruction while the world watches and waits. There is no doubt in the minds of many (more knowledgeable than I) that Putin means his public statements "to reclaim Ukraine" and, if successful, aims to move into neighboring states to "recreate the former USSR". The US and its European allies must awaken to reality that (unchecked) this

replays the world's 1939 script. I am no crazed sabre rattler, but so far, the Allies are the only ones 'deterred' from stronger (re)actions due to fear of Russian 'threats' of using chemical and nuclear weapons. Complicating matters further, Russia is asking China for military and economic support, but it is unknown if China can be 'deterred' from saying Yes by the US.

Hiding in plain sight is an underlying current to this crisis. Somehow, the hot topic about fallout from oil not flowing from Russia to Europe has disappeared from conversation. The administration still refuses to allow for a return to at-home energy independence so recently enjoyed. Instead, it prefers to solicit and purchase oil from 'enemy' nations (Iran, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela) and have Russia 'negotiate' with the Iranians on our behalf to revive the nuclear deal. Truly unfathomable choices unless the root rationale is uncovered- climate change at all cost! Recent public statements by the President, VP and Energy Czar reveal the big picture: adherence to current energy policy while ignoring economic reality, i.e., rising inflation/gas/fuel oil prices; harm to present and future national security; and mires America ever more deeply in an untenable position on the world stage. In the meantime, twin pillars of society- democracy and sovereign nation status- are being sacrificed on the high altar of 'climate change.' To eliminate fossil fuels is universal economic suicide when practical applications of renewal clean energy sources remain decades away.

World history records strength equals success. Lastly, my prayers are for an end to the conflict with a still-independent, democratic Ukraine intact. Anger, hope and courage effect change.

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It's not an easy lesson to learn, but I've realized that there's a right time for everything. As long as you keep believing, the time for realizing your dreams will come to pass. We don't always know why things happen the way they do, and it's sometimes hard to see the big picture.

I worked with my father and his publisher Ted for many years to turn their books into films. The first producer I approached was an Academy Award winner and produced the first film I starred in. He enthusiastically agreed to make my father's first book, but it ended up falling through. What happened? It wasn't the right time.

Soon after, I had meetings with the head of a production company owned by an Academy Award-winning producer of "Schindler's List." They optioned the book and contractually agreed to make the film. They hired me to co-write the screenplay, and when we finished the script, they paid casting directors, held auditions, and even scouted shooting locations in Vancouver. Suddenly, after we had almost finished pre-production, they decided to stop. What happened? It wasn't the right time.

Shortly after that, I met with a six-time Oscar-nominated Irish director. He agreed to direct the film and re-write the screenplay. When he finished the script, the project didn't move forward. What happened? It wasn't the right time.

Oddly enough, we found another Academy award-winning producer to write, produce and direct another of my father's books. After writing the screenplay and making much headway, the project came to a halt. What happened? It wasn't the right time.

Five years ago, I excitedly called my dad and Ted. I explained a new plan to get the books made into movies and simultaneously start what I thought would be a revolutionary business. We spent over a year developing and fine-tuning the concept.

We found an investor that believed in our idea and gave us the money to make it happen. We hired what we thought was an innovative and forward-thinking web developer to bring our concept to fruition.

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I promoted the platform heavily as we moved closer to launch based on his word. Towards the end of the six months, the platform seemed to work, but something wasn't right. To my horror, I discovered he only built a shell of what he was supposed to make, and it was only about 15 percent complete. I looked like a fool. Here I was promoting the platform to hundreds of people, and I was being lied to the whole time. He ran off with the money, and some said my dream, but I didn't see it like that; if you believe in you genuinely believe in your dream, nobody can steal it from you.

For three long days, I prayed hard for a miracle, and on the fourth day, my brother-in-law, a military contractor whose job has always been top secret, told me he heard what happened and that he could help finish the platform. I had no idea he knew how to code.

It turned out to be a blessing in disguise that our previous developer was so deceitful. My brother-in-law explained that was the way he built the platform was so shoddy it would have broken down as soon as a dozen people logged in. It wasn't the right time, and he wasn't the right developer.

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The terrors of tuna fishing



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This week's picture shows some big cod taken on the Clipper fleet boat only a few years ago. It is unlikely this type of fishing will ever return for charter boat anglers. The Clipper fleet has ceased operation!

An early turnout at the Providence Saltwater fishing show last week was great, but the late turnout of anglers on opening day was a bit disappointing to show exhibitors and promoters of the event. Saturday and Sunday, however, the turnout was very good, with a lot of sales of fishing equipment, and charter boats picking up

numerous bookings for the upcoming 2022 season. We live in a whole new world today, and the effects of the Covid outbreak and the war in Ukraine are going to have a log lasting effect in everyone's daily lives for years to come. After speaking with numerous anglers that did attend the show, they reported that had a great time.

My brother Ken & I arrived at the show early on Friday, and got to speak with numerous show exhibitors that were hopeful this year would be back to the years past, but were not too optimistic. We were surprised to bump into former police chief Jack Creighton of Uxbridge on Friday at the show. He is an active saltwater fisherman that enjoys all kinds of fishing activities, more so after his retirement. He now resides on the Cape, and does not have far to go to go fishing! He mentioned that he had made a booking for a bottom fishing trip with Captain Mel True this year. I am sure he will have a great time, if the weather cooperates.

Numerous boat captains were also concerned about this year's fishing season regulations, that were still not finalized. With the rising fuel prices, new concerns about increasing their fares for anglers, was something they were reluctant to do, but may have no other way to stay in business.

I spoke with numerous charter boat captains that take out anglers to catch tuna. The last few seasons have been great according to their reports, and they are hopeful that this season will be as good. The only tuna fishing this writer did was by accident, and it nearly got my brother Mel and I killed back in our early days of

saltwater fishing. Fishing out of one of my early fishing boats, which was a twenty-one MFG vessel, we were at the end of a day's fishing out at Block Island, R.I. The weather was perfect, with light winds and sunny skies. We had caught numerous fish species and were headed back to the mainland, happy with the great day of fishing.

I decided to attach a large point Judith plug to my 20-pound test line, and after letting it out a few hundred feet in back of the boat, we sat back to enjoy the day. We trolled the single plug hoping to catch a big striper. As we got back to the area of old harbor, we observed a huge fish roll in back of the boat. The rod quickly started to bend, and the reel was screaming as the line peeled from the spool. I quickly grabbed the rod, and I was extremely excited. I told my brother to grab the steering wheel and turn us around, as there was not much line left on the spool. We started to chase the huge fish to retrieve some of the line. We worked the boat around numerous lobster pots and soon found ourselves back to the other end of the island.

"Break it off, Ralph," my brother yelled. "You are not going to land that tuna, and you do not have a permit to keep it anyway!"

Not listening to his

recommendation, I told him to keep steering the boat, and be quiet. I just want to get him in and take a picture. Suddenly, we found ourselves in a thick fog bank that had rolled in. The wind started to pick up and we had lost all sense of direction. I started to put a bit of pressure on the huge fish and the line snapped.

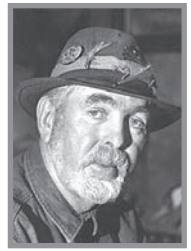
After realizing the predicament we were in, I quickly took control of the steering, and tried to gain some sense of where we were. Only using a compass heading we were fortunate enough to hear some waves breaking off of the shoreline, and I was relieved that we ended up at the far end of the island. I told my brother to check our gas supply, as I knew we were running low. He reported that we were lucky to have a gallon of gas left.

"We are in trouble," I stated.

"I told you to break the fish off a long time ago," my brother stated numerous times.

I was ready to throw him overboard!

We soon found ourselves at the entrance to Old Harbor on the island. I do not know how the motor was still running. As we slowly maneuvered the boat alongside a boat dock, the engine stalled! We were out of gas! I tied the boat up, and grabbed the empty tank hoping to get some gas.



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No gas here! I had to take a taxi to the other side of the island to get some gas. After spending a large sum of money for the taxi fare and six gallons of gas, we were on our way to the mainland. It was an extra-long ride back to the mainland as the seas were a bit rough, and I had to listen to my brother whining. It sure was a fishing trip to remember! My brother Mel passed away a few years ago & is sadly missed, but our memories of our fishing will never fade!

Freshwater fishing on lakes and ponds should see numerous anglers breaking out their boats to do some early fishing in the coming days and weeks, but anglers are reminded that Wallum Lake in Douglas is closed to all fishing, as the lake is governed by Rhode Island regulations, and will not reopen to fishing until the second Saturday in April. Fishing Cape ponds should be providing some great freshwater fishing if you can afford the gas to get there. Taking along another angler to share the expenses, could help alleviate the pain at the pump.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



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As noted in last week's column, for many New Englanders, the silver lining of a long, cold winter is the promise of the season's first sweet maple syrup. The centuries-old ritual of tapping sugar maple trees remains a familiar sight on country roads. Thus, in recognition of the state's longtime annual tradition of tapping trees, March has been designated Maple Month by the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association.

I thought it fitting that this week we continue the celebration of marvelous maple! Read on for more virtues of the sweet stuff as well as some recipes and fun facts about maple:

Virtues of Maple: While most people favor the thick, sweet syrup as the crowning glory of a stack of pancakes or plate of waffles, the virtues of maple are many, and the syrup is being rediscovered as a natural and diverse sweetener.

Pure maple syrup, with its rich, unique flavor is quickly being appreciated by those who prefer a natural, unprocessed sweetener. The natural syrup contains the same calories as sugar, and offers a higher concentration of minerals than honey.

In addition to the extraordinary taste, there are many more virtues of maple. The zinc supplied by maple syrup acts as an antioxidant and has other functions that can decrease the progression of atherosclerosis.

Moreover, research reveals manganese, the other trace mineral amply supplied in maple syrup, can help raise the level of HDL (the "good" cholesterol). Maple syrup also includes small and trace amounts of calcium, B2, B5, B6, riboflavin, potassium, pantothenic acid, pyridine, phosphorous, niacin, iron, bio-

tin, and folic acid.

In fact, according to Maine Maple Producers Association, the medical journal *Pharmaceutical Biology* revealed that pure maple syrup contains up to 24 different antioxidants.

These antioxidants, in the form of phenolic compounds, are beneficial for reducing free radical damage that can cause inflammation and contribute to the formation of various chronic diseases.

Note: Whenever possible, select darker, grade B maple syrups since these contain more beneficial antioxidants than the lighter syrups do.

Making the Grade: The first maple syrup, produced in the beginning of the season is usually light amber. As the season continues, medium, dark and finally Grade B syrup is produced.

*Grade A Light is very light, which has a delicate taste, is used to make maple sugar candy and is also a favorite for crepes or waffles.

*Grade A Medium Amber, is a bit darker, and has more maple flavor. It is the most popular grade of table syrup, and is usually made after the sugaring season begins to warm, about mid-season.

*Grade A Dark Amber, is darker yet, with a stronger maple flavor. It is usually made later in the season as the days get longer and warmer.

*Grade B is made late in the season, and is very dark, with a heavy maple flavor. It's often used for cooking and extracts.

Maple Syrup Facts:

It takes approximately 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of maple syrup. It takes one gallon of syrup to produce

Maple Syrup Part II

eight pounds of candy or sugar.

The sugar content of sap averages 2.5%, of syrup 66.5%.

A maple tree is usually at least 45 years old and 12 inches in diameter before it is tapped.

As a tree increases in diameter, more taps can be added: up to a maximum of four.

Tapping does no permanent damage to the tree and only about 10% of the sap is collected each year.

Each tap yields an average of 10 gallons of sap per season: that yields about one quart of syrup.

Warm sunny days (above 40 degrees F) and frosty nights are ideal for sap flow.

The Maple season may last 4 to 6 weeks, but sap flow is heaviest for 10 to 20 days.

Sap flowing in high volumes is called a "run."

The harvest season ends with the arrival of warm spring nights and early bud development in the trees.

Maple Syrup Recipes
The following recipes are easy and delicious ways to add a taste of pure maple syrup to your meals.

New England Maple Marinade
This marinade combines maple and spices that flavors meat perfectly.

Ingredients: ½ cup maple syrup/1/4 cup soy sauce; 1/4 cup sherry; 1/4 cup ginger; 3/4 tsp dry mustard; 1/8 tsp nutmeg; 1/4 tsp cloves; ½ tsp salt
Directions: Mix together all ingredients well. Marinate the meat overnight. Grill, basting frequently.

Old Fashioned Maple Syrup Cold Cure
Old New Englanders tout this concoction as a remedy for the common cold.

Ingredients: 1 part maple syrup; 1 part lemon juice; 2 parts whiskey; 4 parts ice
Directions: Combine all ingredients

and shake or stir. Sip and sleep well.

Maple Beef Stew
A perfect cold weather comfort food, this tasty beef stew can also be cooked in a crockpot.

Ingredients: 1/4 cup flour; ½ cup dry red wine; 1 clove of garlic – crushed; 1/4 tsp celery salt; 1 ½ lb stewing beef in cut in 1 inch cubes; 19 oz can of chopped tomatoes; ½ cup dry red wine; 1/4 cup maple syrup; 4 potatoes - peeled and diced; 2 carrots - peeled and sliced

Directions: Combine flour, salt and pepper, garlic and celery salt. Add beef. Pour into a casserole dish or crock pot. Add remaining ingredients and ½ cup water. Cover and simmer over low heat for 2 ½ to 3 hours. (Or cook for longer in the crock pot on medium)

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

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

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

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the UN Commission on Human Rights and chaired John F. Kennedy's administration's Presidential Commission on the Status of Women. Roosevelt was nicknamed the 'First Lady of the World.'

Last but not least is Agent 355, who was instrumental to the Patriot cause during the Revolutionary War. Agent 355 was a part George Washington's Culper Spy Ring. With the fear of a trip to the gallows in the back of her mind every day, Agent 355 managed to continue to help get crucial information to the General. Unlike the women we mentioned before, Agent 355 used her role as a quiet unassuming woman to make monumental gains that led to our freedom today. The identify of '355' is not yet known, however she is referred to as 'lady' 355 in Washington's code book. The only direct reference to '355' was from ringleader Abraham Woodhull (known as Samuel Culper Sr.) to Washington in which Woodhull described her as 'one who hath been ever serviceable to this correspondence.' We hope that one day her true identity will be discovered.

While we pay homage to strong women who have influential women we come into contact with in our everyday lives. As women we don't have to smash ceilings or gain notoriety to make a difference. We can be positive, powerful and influential in our everyday lives which in turn creates a domino effect that can last years after we're gone.

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Determined never to let that happen again, I learned to write code by enrolling in UCLA Coding Boot Camp. Since graduation, my brother-in-law and I have put on some final touches before launching the next phase. I'll say this: It's starting to look like the right time.

This story is almost a little too personal for me to write about, but I decided to do it in the hopes of helping you overcome the hurdles in your own life and encouraging you to carry on. Things won't always happen the way you want. Believe strongly in your dreams but be relaxed about how they occur. Things will happen when and how they should, and it's not always what you expect.

Whitinsville Church hosts annual Church and Community Sale

WHITINSVILLE — Soorp Asdvadzadzin Armenian Church at 315 Church St. in Whitinsville resumes its annual church and community yard sale on the front lawn facing Church Street on Saturday, June 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vendor space is available for a donation of \$15 per spot so if you were contemplating your own yard sale, but don't have the space you can't beat the green lawn, tree shade, and great traffic exposure along Church Street. Since this is an outdoor event, please provide your own tables, tarps and canopies if desired.

Admission to the buying public is free with plenty of parking along both sides of Church Street or behind the church. For details and reservations, please email Jeff at: katama@gmail.com.

WCS hosts Lenore Skenazy

WHITINSVILLE — Whitinsville Christian School is hosting Lenore Skenazy, author of "Free-Range Kids."

Skenazy earned the title of "World's Worst Mom" after letting her nine-year-old son take the subway, alone. In response to the enormous media blowback, she founded the book and blog, "Free-Range Kids," which launched the anti-helicopter parenting movement. Her feisty belief that our kids are safer and smarter than our culture gives them credit for has landed her on many talk shows.

Join us on March 24, at 7 p.m. at Whitinsville Christian School, 279 Linwood Ave. Admission is free, but we do ask that you RSVP at whitinsvillechristian.org under Upcoming Events.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jerrold N. Arnowitz a/k/a Jerrold Arnowitz, Maria Kellaghan a/k/a Maria E. Kellaghan to Champion Mortgage Co., Inc., dated January 25, 2001 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23486, Page 240 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from: Champion Mortgage, A Division of KeyBank, NA as successor by merger to Champion Mortgage, a Division of Key Bank, USA, NA as successor in interest to Champion Mortgage Co., Inc., a National Bank to Household Finance Corp II, recorded on March 14, 2007, in Book No. 40815, at Page 35 Household Finance Corporation II to DJL Mortgage Capital, Inc., recorded on December 1, 2017, in Book No. 58123, at Page 278 DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. to CSMC 2019-JR1 Trust, recorded on August 12, 2020, in Book No. 63010, at Page 246 CSMC 2019-JR1 Trust to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2019-JR1 Trust, recorded on October 19, 2020, in Book No. 63522, at Page 202 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2019-JR1 Trust to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of CSMC 2021-JR1 Trust, recorded on September 14, 2021, in Book No. 66057, at Page 174 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 PM on March 25, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 22 Oak Drive, Upton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS 22 OAK DRIVE, IN THE TOWN OF UPTON, COUNTY OF WORCESTER, AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED ON DECEMBER 31, 1996, IN BOOK 18515 AT PAGE 20 OF THE WORCESTER COUNTY DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

TITLE HELD IN: JERROLD N. ARNOWITZ AKA JERROLD ARNOWITZ AND MARIA KELLAGHAN Subject to a first mortgage dated December 30, 1996 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 18515, Page 23 in the original principal amount of \$249,500.00.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18515, Page 20.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2021-JR1 TRUST

Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C. 150 California St. Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 22 SM 000583 ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Edward Hashey

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

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Whitinsville (Northbridge), numbered 31 Delmar Drive, given by Edward Hashey to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bay Equity LLC, dated May 29, 2020, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62490, Page 114, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 4/18/2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 3/3/2022.

Attest:

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder
March 18, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Harold J. Guilmain, Jacqueline A. Guilmain to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B., dated October 11, 2007 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41935, Page 380 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors or assigns, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, recorded on October 5, 2009, in Book No. 44931, at Page 1

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors and assigns to Longbridge Financial LLC, recorded on November 9, 2021, in Book No. 66491, at Page 27

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on April 8, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 60 Birch Hill Road, Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on the southerly side of Birch Hill Road in the Town of Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts and being Lots 230, 231, 232 and westerly 25 feet of Lot 233 on plan of Sect. No. 1 Wallum Lake Terrace, dated July 1955 by G. Bertrand Bibeault, C.E. and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 207, Plan 119, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwesterly corner of said tract in the southeasterly side of Birch Hill Road at the northwesterly corner of lot 230 on said plan;
THENCE S. 70 deg. 50' E. by said road, 175 feet to the halfway point of lot 233;
THENCE Southwesterly by center line of said lot 233, 100 feet to land now or formerly of Mary A. and Gladys Dyer;
THENCE N. 70 deg. 50' W. by said Dyer land, 175 feet to the southwesterly corner of lot 229;
THENCE Northeasterly by said lot 229, 100 feet to said Birch Hill Road at the point of beginning.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County

(Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41662, Page 341.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

LONGBRIDGE FINANCIAL LLC

Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,

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March 25, 2022

April 1, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David E. Laroche and Linda A. Laroche to Fleet National Bank, dated June 27, 2003 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 60691, Page 18, and with the Woonsocket Land Evidence Records at Book 1292, Page 287, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to Fleet National Bank, to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC dated August 3, 2013 and recorded with the Woonsocket Land Evidence Records on September 13, 2013 at Book 2057, Page 7; and by assignment from Nationstar Mortgage, LLC to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Banc of America Funding 2009-FT1 Trust dated September 11, 2014 and recorded with the Woonsocket Land Evidence Records on September 19, 2014 at Book 2114, Page 149; and by assignment from Bank of America, N.A., as successor by merger to Fleet National Bank of MA, to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Banc of America Funding 2009-FT1 Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2009-FT1 dated February 12, 2021 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds on February 16, 2021 at Book 64476, Page 90; and by assignment from Nationstar Mortgage, LLC to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Banc of America Funding 2009-FT1 Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2009-FT1 dated August 20, 2021 and recorded with the Woonsocket Land Evidence Records on August 27, 2021 at Book 2656, Page 127; and by confirmatory assignment from Bank of America, NA s/b/m to Fleet National Bank to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Banc of America Funding 2009-FT1 Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2009-FT1 dated January 6, 2022 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds on January 14, 2022 at Book 66953, Page 26; as affected by a Judgment recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds on June 21, 2019 at Book 60585, Page 22; for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on April 8, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 530 Summer Street and 530 Summer Place, Woonsocket, RI 02895 and Blackstone, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The Property is bounded and described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed and described in a Deed recorded among the land records of the Town of Woonsocket set forth above: Deed recorded in BOOK 638 PAGE 413.

And as more particularly described in the aforementioned deed:

The land at 530 Summer Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island and Blackstone, Massachusetts, consisting of two parcels of land bounded and described as follows:

The first parcel situated on the westerly side of said Summer Street in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence and State of Rhode Island bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the westerly line of said Summer Street at the southeasterly corner of the parcel hereby described, and at the northeasterly corner of land of John J. and Marilyn Duprey; thence westerly, bounding southerly on said Duprey land, one hundred (100) feet to land of Irving I. and Eleanor M. Zimmerman; thence northerly, bounding westerly on said Zimmerman land, about seventy-two (72) feet to the division line between said State of Rhode Island and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; thence southeasterly along said Rhode Island-Massachusetts line, bounding northeasterly on land hereinbelow described lying within said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, about one hundred four (104) feet to said Summer Street; thence southerly, bounding easterly on said Summer Street, about forty-five (45) feet to said Duprey land, at the point of beginning. The second parcel on the western side of Summer Street, in Blackstone, Worcester County, Massachusetts, described as follows:

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly line of said Summer Street, with the southerly line of said Beacon Street, at the northeasterly corner of the parcel hereby described; thence southerly, bounding easterly on said Summer Street, about eighty-one (81) feet to the division line between said Commonwealth and the State of Rhode Island; thence northwesterly, along said Massachusetts-Rhode Island line; thence bounding southwesterly on land hereinabove described lying within said State of Rhode Island, about one hundred four (104) feet bounding westerly on said Zimmerman land, about fifty-five (55) feet to said Beacon Street; thence easterly, bounding northerly on said Beacon Street, one hundred (100) feet to said Summer Street, at the point of beginning.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 9891, Page 80 and with the Woonsocket Land Evidence Records in Book 638, Page 413.

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

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING 2009-FT1 TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2009-FT1 Present holder of said mortgage

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Northbridge head coach Matt Gauthier said. “We talked about it before the game. The first time we played them [a three-point Rams’ victory in Millbury on Thursday, Jan. 13] they played zone. I told the girls I expected to see them play man-to-man like they did in their game with Notre Dame [a 42-35 home win for Millbury on Monday, Feb. 7]. And that’s exactly what we saw, man-to-man, and we didn’t handle it as well as we could have in that first quarter.

“It was 10-1 after the first quarter and it ended up being a nine-point win for them, so the rest of the game was even,” said Gauthier, whose team finished the 2021-2022 season 18-4. “That first quarter they did exactly what we did to Monomoy in the Round of 32. We jumped out 13-0 and the rest of the game [an 11-point win] was even. Millbury did that to us. They got ahead 10-1 and the rest of the game was even.”

Millbury (17-5) advanced to the quarter-final round of the tournament where it hosted and defeated Mashpee, the No. 15 seed, 52-35.

In deciding to play man-to-man against the Rams, Millbury head coach Steve Reno stayed true to one of his core beliefs; the other team’s best player — or in this case best two players, Northbridge seniors Abby Fraser and Liz Quimby — is not going to beat us. Someone else is going to have to step up and beat his team.

To that end, Reno assigned freshman Danielle Gilbert and sophomore Maya Bravo (they subbed in and out for each other) to defend Fraser and junior Ashleigh Lagor to guard

Quimby.

“We just played a match-up man defense; it wasn’t anything tricky,” Reno said. “I put my best defender in the game at the time on Fraser, and then I put my best player on Quimby. I did that [Lagor on Quimby] because I was trying to tap into the motivation of a Mano a Mano match-up. I thought, as a team, we did a nice job helping in the back, and the screens, we were all over the screens.”

Millbury’s defense illuminated Northbridge’s lack of depth in the ball-handling department.

“We knew all season that we didn’t have the best ball handlers, and a tough man-to-man defense will expose that,” Gauthier said. “And we got exposed in that first quarter.”

Millbury’s 10 first quarter points came on a free throw by Bianca Vincequere and 3-pointers by Bravo, Lagor and Layce Hermans.

The Woolies increased their 17-8 halftime lead to 23-10 less than two minutes into the third quarter on a pair of 3-pointers — one from the left, one from the right — by Katelyn Gasco, who scored 12 of her game-high 14 points in the second half. Halfway through the third quarter Millbury seemed in command of the game, leading 25-13 following a pair of free throws from Hermans (11 points).

That’s when Northbridge started to make things interesting. The Rams closed the period on a 7-2 run to trail by seven, 27-20, as played headed to the fourth quarter. Fraser scored four of her team-high 13 points in the run. The Woolies pushed their lead back to 13, 33-20, to open the final eight minutes of

play, thanks to 3-pointers by Gasco and Vincequere.

The Millbury burst was followed by a timeout by Gauthier with seven minutes left in the game. The Rams scored the next six points, four by Quimby, two by Fraser — all the points coming on free throws — to cut the Woolies’ lead to seven points, 33-26, with 4:52 to play.

Millbury went four-for-four from the foul line on its next two possessions (two free throws each by Gasco and Hermans), to lead by 11, 37-26, with 3:34 remaining. There was no quit in the Rams, however, Fraser scoring six straight points to pull Northbridge to within six, 37-31, with 70 seconds remaining in the game.

Gauthier’s crew would get no closer, however; Millbury making just enough free throws down the stretch (3-of-8 in the final 1:08) to seal the mini upset victory over its Blackstone Valley corridor rival.

After the game Gauthier was disappointed by the loss but focused on what his team accomplished this season.

“We finished 18-4; I’m not going to complain about that,” Gauthier said. “I was just talking to my two senior captains [Quimby and Fraser] and they told me they finished their careers 61-14. That’s why I made sure to pull them off the court before the game ended and give them their time to be recognized by the crowd, recognition they earned for four years of hard work.

“It will take time to process all of the season, but we only lost four times this year and we made it to the Round of 16 in the State Tournament,” Gauthier continued. “You can’t ask for more than that, except to get to the Round of 8.”



Abby Fraser of Northbridge twists and turns her way toward the basket against a Millbury defensive double team.



Liz Quimby of Northbridge peers at the basket before shooting a one-handed floater.



Northbridge’s Molly Gahan elevates up and over the reach of a pair of Millbury defenders while shooting.

Jason McKay photos



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Tigers fall short against Lee, end terrific season in State Tournament Round of 16

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Douglas High girls' varsity basketball team may have finished off a 14-6 regular season, hosted and won a Division 5 State Tournament game and advanced to the Round of 16, but the Tigers experienced a moment of turmoil midway through the year. Douglas lost at Sutton High 46-37 back on Jan. 21 — the Tigers defeated the Suzies earlier in the season — and head coach Jerry Grudzien sensed something off with his squad.

"Our last game with Sutton, it was a really tough game. We didn't play how we should, and we had a moment where it was kind of a do-or-do situation for the season," he explained via telephone on Friday, March 11. "It was a negative vibe through the whole game. We were doing things that we don't normally do, and we felt the pressure of trying to beat a team twice."

"We had a meeting with the players, the AD [athletic director Mary Sokol] and the parents. I said, 'if we're trying to move forward and make the season a successful one, we have to be on the same page,'" Grudzien added. "As teenage kids, they are going to react to everything. That moment, it really turned for us."

That meeting took place on Monday, Jan. 24 after the Tigers lost a very close decision to Blackstone Valley Tech, 37-35. And Douglas lost its next game at Dual Valley Conference power Hopedale High (60-32) to drop to 5-6.

But, after that, the Tigers didn't lose the rest of the regular season. They rattled off wins against the Whitinsville

Christian School (twice), Uxbridge High, Nipmuc Regional, Burncoat High, North High, Blackstone-Millville Regional and Bartlett High (twice) for an impressive nine-game winning streak.

"Every game, we gradually got better. I used our rankings as motivation because I wanted to get them a home game in the State Tournament. It's very important and it's a very special moment because the atmosphere changes," said Grudzien, the Tigers' second-year head coach.

And Douglas grabbed the No. 11 seed in the tournament and earned a Round of 32 home game against No. 22 Westport High. They won that game on March 3, 55-48, to up the win streak to 10.

The Tigers' season then came to a close on Tuesday, March 8 at No. 6 Lee High. Douglas fought hard, but they lost a 67-53 decision. Lee's Caroline Maloney went off for a school-record 46 points behind a school record 11 made 3-pointers.

"I've never seen a girl or guy go off like this in my life," Grudzien said of Maloney. "I could only compare it to how Steph Curry shot in the All-Star Game."

Although the Tigers lost by 14 points, Grudzien noted that the final score was not indicative of how the game played out.

"They're pretty much a mirror image of us. They play the same style. Their half-court press is pretty much identical...so it was a very good matchup," he said. "We were pressing and fouling at the end, which probably gave them an extra eight points in the end."

In the game with Lee, Morgan Berthiaume poured in a team-



File photo

Douglas High's Morgan Berthiaume was an instrumental piece in the Tigers rattling off a 10-game winning streak and reaching the Round of 16 inside the Division 5 State Tournament.

high 21 points, while Trinita Sughrue added 10 points and Ava Lemire chipped in nine more.

Co-captains Berthiaume, Sughrue and Sarah Hamilton will be lost to graduation, as well as fellow seniors Katheryn Peloquin and Abigail Damasio, so big shoes must be filled by the remaining Tigers.

"Every single one of them are important in every role, all the way from Morgan to Sarah Hamilton," Grudzien said of his seniors. "[Hamilton] didn't put in crazy minutes, but she was the bridge of the team. She connects everyone together."

"Morgan was leadership through example, Trinita through her dedication and

work, and Sarah because of all the intangible stuff she does to bring people together," added Grudzien.

Douglas finished its season 15-7.

"For me, it was a wonderful season. At the end of the game and riding home on the bus, I never felt such heartbreak for a group of kids," said Grudzien.



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SPORTS

Blackstone Valley Tech's fine seasons ends in State Tournament against Snowden



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Blackstone Valley Tech's Andrew Houssan drives the ball down the court versus Snowden.



Versus Snowden, Aidan Losiewicz of Blackstone Valley Tech heaves a cross-court pass.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Aiden Chase works his way past a Snowden defender.



Nathan Slaney of Blackstone Valley Tech leaps and releases a jump shot over the Snowden defense.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

BOSTON — Slowing down an extremely quick team makes sense on paper, but it's a task that can be easier said than done. And although the Blackstone Valley Tech boys' varsity basketball squad attempted to do so — and did so successfully for some time — against Snowden International School on Wednesday, March 9, it wasn't enough. In a game played at Madison Park Tech High in the Division 4 State Tournament Round of 16, the 23rd ranked Cougars clawed their way past the 26th seeded Beavers, 69-53.

"From a coaching perspective, my plan was to slow down the game. I knew they were a very fast team," Valley Tech head coach Dan Morin said via telephone on March 11, as he implemented a 2-2-1 press and a 2-3 zone to contain

Snowden's speed.

And the Beavers won a low-scoring first quarter by a 13-8 count. But the Cougars turned on another gear in the second period, scoring 32 points to BVT's 12, as the home team took a 40-25 lead at the halftime break. Snowden's Omari Brooks scored 16 points in the quarter, including the 1,000th of his varsity-playing career.

"My leading guard and forward both got two fouls in the first quarter," Morin said of Aidan Losiewicz and Ryan Flauto. "In the first quarter we were able to survive, but in the second

we were running-and-gunning with them, which was working."

Playing at a faster speed by necessity, and with Losiewicz and Flauto both inserted back into the lineup, the Beavers won third quarter scoring 17-10 to make a game of it, 50-42. But Snowden put the game away in the fourth, winning the quarter 19-11. Brooks finished with a game-high 31 points.

"That athleticism was just at another level. He could just take over when he wanted. He could just explode to the lane," Morin said of Brooks.

Despite the foul trouble, Flauto still found the time to post a double-double with 15 points and 16 rebounds. Losiewicz and Nathan Slaney each scored nine points.

Valley Tech finished its season with a record of 19-5. They went undefeated in Colonial Athletic League play and lost in the Large School State Vocational Championship game to Shawsheen Tech before beating No. 7 Monument Mountain (60-55) in the Round of 32 and then falling to Snowden.

"Obviously you have the initial sadness, but then I remember it's because that feeling was so great," Morin said of the overall successful season. "These kids really bonded this year. Players said that they hadn't been part of something like this."

Looking ahead to the 2022-2023 winter, the Beavers will lose six seniors including the interior presence brought on by Flauto.

"It's going to be quite a rebuild as I coached a 6-foot-7 kid for two years and now other kids are going to have to develop. I'm going to be a guard-heavy team," said Morin of transitioning away of game planning around Flauto, who finished the season averaging 19 points, 14 rebounds and 5 blocks per contest.

Current varsity guards Andrew Houssan, Corey Magill and Slaney will be the "building blocks for next year," according to Morin, while freshman call-up Matt Drons is another guard to provide plenty of depth in the backcourt.

"He is quite a skilled player on the court and mentally," Morin said of Drons.

And although he may not be 6-foot-7, Alex Burgos — who finished last fall as BVT's quarterback — will provide toughness in the frontcourt.

"He has that QB mentality. He's a tough, tough kid with good finesse as well," Morin said of Burgos.

quarter [Brooks] started attacking the rim much more."

Trailing by 15 points at intermission, Morin admitted that his team was despondent.

"Their heads were down at the half, which was disheartening," said Morin. "I reminded them that we were at a competitive spot. They got a burst and

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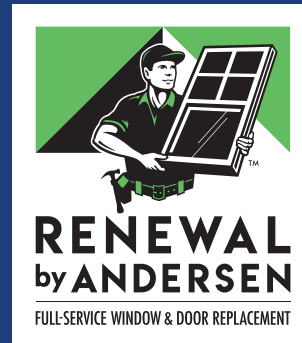
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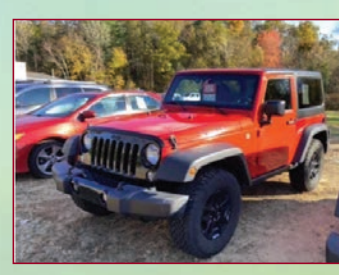
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