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Unified Track is off to the races!



NORTHBRIDGE — Northbridge High School’s Special Olympics Unified Track team has had three meets this year with one more on the way.

Northbridge has been doing unified sports since the Spring of 2019. Although it began with track it has expanded to basketball as well. This year’s team has 11 athletes who participate in the 100 meter, 400 meter, and 4x100 meter as well as shot put, javelin and long jump.

This is head coach Stevie Bentley’s first season, and he commented “I can barely run for 60 seconds without getting winded so I never thought in a million years I would be a track coach but it has

been incredible to watch all of these kids compete and support each other. They are a fabulous crew of kids.”

Junior Kayla Kimishlian said her favorite thing about unified is “walking in and seeing the smiles on everyone’s face!” Athletic director Jeff Kozik said his favorite part is the “comradery and mutual respect between the teams during meets. The benefits of the unified programs for both our athletes as well as the entire school community cannot be understated. It helps to foster an inclusive environment where our athletes can showcase their skills while at the same time developing compassion and understanding with our

partners. The pure joy exhibited at the meets as well as the bonds created between our athletes is truly an amazing thing to witness and I am left feeling uplifted every time. In only a few short years, I have seen the positive impact our unified teams have had on our school and I am excited to see how we can expand the reach of these programs in the future.”

Post grad athlete Sean Beckman adds, “I like the long jump best of all and also really like running the 400. I like doing track with my friends.”

Ninth grader Lilly Brooks stated, “It’s cool how you can have a completely different relationship with everyone... my favorite event is long

jump because everyone is so excited to do it.” Assistant coach Sheena Sanchez said, “I decided to coach because I truly enjoy being a part of our school community. I wanted to assist in allowing students to participate in extracurricular opportunities and I love watching those smiles as they run, jump and throw! At track my favorite thing is to watch our athletes throw the Javelin, their sense of pride is so amazing to see.”

Ninth grader Lizzie Andrews said, “My friends on the bus [is my favorite part]. It’s so fun. I love jumping, throwing and racing. My family comes to see me win. I am proud of my team.”

Post grad Tom Dowd said, “I like Track because I like to run and I am really fast at running!

I am good at doing the long jump, and 300-meter dash. One time, I won the hundred-meter dash and I felt happy about it. I like hanging out with my friends on the track.”

Junior Abby Fraser said, “I knew it would be the happiest sport I ever played and it is and everyone is so supportive. My favorite part is when the athletes finish their event and they have the biggest smiles on their faces.”

Classmate Molly Consigli, replied with, “I joined unified basketball and it was a lot of fun so I wanted to keep doing unified.”

Mary Boucher, a 2019 NHS graduate and former teammate has been helping.

She says, “My favorite part of unified is seeing the friendships that form between the ath-

letes and their buddies. These friendships last a lifetime and it’s amazing watching them start and continue growing. I continue to be a part of unified because I was a part of the first team that our school had and it changed my life in more ways than I could ever explain. Unified events make me so happy and seeing those kids smile is an indescribable feeling that makes it so I would never want to leave. Unified taught me one of the most important lessons of my life which is that disability does not equal inability. So many people look down on this community and fail to recognize the things they can do because they are too focused on what they can’t. I have become a much more accepting and inclusive person since starting unified.”

Northbridge, Uxbridge police to resume junior police academies

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE / UXBRIDGE — The Northbridge and Uxbridge Police departments have recently announced that they will be resuming their annual Youth/Junior Police Academies in the summer of 2021.

“Students will learn about the various aspects of law enforcement to include: criminal investigations, crime scene processing, CPR overview, K-9 activities, criminal law and procedure, accident reconstruction, report writing, etc.,” the departments released in a statement.

program is open to any resident of Northbridge or Uxbridge who will be entering grades five, six, seven, or eight as of September 2021. According to police, the academy will run Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m.

The free, one-week

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Douglas Library book sale to be held tomorrow

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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DOUGLAS — The Simon Fairfield Public Library’s book sale has been postponed one week due to rain.

The event was originally scheduled in conjunction with the library’s plant sale last weekend. Now, it will take place on Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The library also recently announced that it has lifted COVID-19 restrictions and has eliminated overdue fines from items owned by Douglas.

“We have been waiving all fines since the beginning of the pandemic, but now it is permanent,” said Library Director Justin Snook. “Douglas items will not accrue overdue fees or lost item fees any more. If you keep an item long enough for

it to be marked lost on your account, you’ll still be billed for the replacement cost. If you bring it back, though, that cost will go away and leave a zero-dollar balance (as opposed to the \$2 long lost item fee we charged before).”

Snook added that this does not apply to all CWMARS libraries, so if residents check out an

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Blackstone Heritage Corridor launches public input survey



WHITINSVILLE — For the past 35 years, the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (BHC) has been the storyteller, guide, and champion for the bi-state region created by Congress in 1986. The Corridor celebrates its heritage as the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution. The innovation and imagination that fueled the nationally significant

farm-to-factory story are the hallmarks of the region today. As BHC looks to the next ten years and beyond, it seeks public input on key issues, values, and priorities to help guide its stewardship of the historic, cultural, natural, and recreational resources within the 25 communities that make up the National Heritage Corridor.

“The Corridor is a living, breathing environ-

ment that continues to evolve because of the people who live, work and play here,” noted BHC’s Executive Director, Devon Kurtz. “We are proud of the accomplishments of our 35 years, but our mission is to tell the story of the people past and present who shaped this Valley. We need to hear from you! How best can we showcase your community? How can we

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Folk troubadours Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards to perform at Plummer Place

NORTHBRIDGE — Local folk troubadours Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards with their studio band will perform Wednesday, June 23 at Plummer Place (Northbridge Senior Center) at 1 p.m. Rain date for the concert will be Thursday, June 24. This concert has been funded by the Northbridge Cultural Council and is being presented by the Northbridge Senior Center. Please Call to register for this event (508) 234-2002.



Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic please remember to follow social distancing guidelines. The concert will feature songs from the new CD "Road May Rise," their third studio album recorded at Signature Sounds Studio (Pomfret, Conn.) and mixed/mastered at Black Forest Sound Studios (Philadelphia, Pa.). The title track, written by Mandeville for a play performed at the Factory Theater in Chicago, has been awarded Honorable Mention by the Songwriters' Association of Washington DC (SAW). Studio musicians include Doug Williamson (piano, guitar, mandolin, upright bass), Peter Hart (pedal steel, guitar) and Zack Ciras (upright bass).

Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards are best recognized within the state for organizing the Annual Massachusetts Walking Tour - which has visited the Blackstone Valley in the past.

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Feel free to mention certain grads that may be working for you!

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BVEF “springs” into growth

WHITINSVILLE — Educational enhancer and career-skills provider, Blackstone Valley Educational Foundation (BVEF) continues to steadily increase their services and connect community business members with students. Spring 2021 highlighted the variety of programs this unique non-profit organization offers their 14 Blackstone Valley member school districts.

The Asa Water Mansion in Millbury generously hosted the graduation ceremony for Blackstone Valley Youth Leadership Academy students. These freshmen and sophomores celebrated their completion of a six-month character development and leadership skill building program at the breathtaking Mansion where history and beauty meet.

Shark Tank themed STEM collaborations between Lenze Americas (Uxbridge) and Uxbridge High School students elicited both scientific innovation and some much needed levity. Inspired by the popular show, students showcased their “pitches” as a panel of experts negotiated buy-in deals. Uxbridge High School students walked away with increased knowledge and recognition for their involvement with the engineering/design process and Lenze walked away with a solution created by students their business can actually use! Lenze has plans to place a label on each case, used world-wide, giving credit to these students for their work. In addition, in response to the students’ request, Lenze Americas is offering a \$500 engineering scholarship to two deserving Uxbridge High School seniors who plan to pursue a career in engineering.

Art in the Valley, a favorite art exhibit

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\$600,000, 298 Blackstone St, Millette, Pamela A, to Quality Homes Inc.

\$430,000, 146 Mendon St, Duarte, Krystal, to Daylor, Danielle.

\$350,000, 225 Farm St, Collard, Donna, and Dooley, Robert E, to Lockwood, Amy E, and Bourgerly, Timothy F.

\$250,000, 16-18 Milton St, Felice, Anthony S, to Jolicoeur, Gary A.

DOUGLAS

\$569,900, 15 Cobblestone Ln, JLT Development LLC, to Omondi-Ochollah, Valery, and Ochollah, Jessica.

\$475,750, 78 Mumford St, Aquadro, Allessandro C, and Aquadro, Shelby, to Couper, Stephanie L, and Couper, Scott E.

\$472,000, 61 Pond St, Natale, Michael, and Natale, Tracy, to Wareing, Steven M, and Wareing, Heidi L.

\$465,000, 46 NW Main St, Tsimogiannis, Thomas, to Rodrigues, Steven, and Rodrigues, Rebecca.

\$325,000, 47 Depot St, Cosky, Robert F, to Carvalho, Bruce S.

\$127,500, 68 Birch St, Tebo, Herbert H, to Herman, Jeffery.

NORTHBRIDGE

\$640,563, 518 Douglas Rd, Adeo, John, and Adeo, Colleen, to Gowans, Malcolm, and Boyce, Jane.

\$640,000, 559 Hill St, Cora Lane Group LLC, to Fumicello FT, and Bishop, Lynne A.

\$456,000, 118 Goldthwaite Rd, Cavalieri, R Peter, and Cavalieri, Christine A, to Bludevich, Bryce, and Jessee, Nicholas.

\$350,000, 53 Hillview Ln #53, Cove, Nancy, to Johnson, Julie M.

\$340,000, 49 Hillview Ln #49, Johnson, Julie M, to Danckert, Daniel C, and Charbonneau, Maria S.

\$299,900, 61 Heritage Dr #61, Judith A Burns LT, and Burns, Judith A, to Duhaime, Jill M.

\$275,000, 1350 Main St, 1350 Main Street NT, and Dimarco, Gail A, to Mcdermott, Cynthia, and Mcdermott, Mark.

\$185,000, 188 Heritage Dr #188, Dowd, Gayle A, to Vezina, Elaine, and Vakoc, Amy J.

UXBRIDGE

\$610,000, 197 Chocolog Rd, Rogan FT, and Rogan, Timothy P, to Williams, Jared, and Williams, Diane.

\$416,725, 146 Crownshield Ave #146, Independence Uxbridge Rlt, to Odell, Patrick, and Odell, Gail.

\$401,650, 49 Tea Party Dr #49, Independence Uxbridge Rlt, to Bresciani, Michael J, and Bresciani, Maureen A.

\$387,500, 8 Concord Ln #8, Oshea Maura C Est, and Paudel, Erin O, to Johnston, Jennifer A.

\$320,000, 23 Yale St #23, Kennedy, Alexander F, to Mehaffey, Amanda A, and Smith, John W.

\$286,000, 107 Saint Andre Dr #107, Pietrantonio, Joseph E, and Pietrantonio, Sarah R, to Costanzo, Robert, and Korbey, Mikala.

\$194,000, 49 Linwood St, Wunschel, Richard J, and Wunschel, Bonnie M, to Duquette, Patrick.



BVEF’s Annual Business and Education Forum was a big success with over 100 attendees learning about Project-Based Learning: Utilizing PBL to Enhance Workplace Readiness. BVEF moved their mission forward by engaging school district members and local professionals in both the learning and application of this cutting edge trend. Productivity and skill results for both businesses and students have made this a hot topic for everyone.

2021-2022 programs and events are already in the works for the ambitious educational non-profit. As business partners continue to show interest in working with local school districts, BVEF will continue to provide win-win strategies and facilitation for

these relationships. As combination programming (offering both virtual and in-person experiences) increases, BVEF is well positioned to continue to serve the needs and enhance the lives of both schools and businesses in the Blackstone Valley.

For more information or to donate online, please visit www.bveducation-foundation.org.

About BVEF
Founded in 1987 and based in Whitinsville the Blackstone Valley Education Foundation builds connections between local schools and businesses, enriches education, and develops the next generation of workers, employers, and leaders.

Local students graduate from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — Holy Cross celebrated nearly 750 bachelor of arts degree candidates at its 175th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 21 on the College’s Fitton Field.

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, a career diplomat and Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, delivered this year’s address virtually to the Class of 2021 and received an honorary degree.

A distinguished career diplomat with 35 years in the Foreign Service, Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield reminded graduates that their education has equipped them to make a positive difference in the world and to do everything in their power to keep hope alive.

“Class of 2021: I have hope - I have light in my eyes - because of you,” Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield told the graduates. “When I think of your promise, your potential, I swell with pride. With your Holy Cross mentors and role models by your side, I believe

you will become men and women for others. I trust you will go where you are needed. And graduates, I know you will keep hope alive.”

In addition to Thomas-Greenfield, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Holy Cross alumnus Dr. Michael Collins ‘77, chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School and senior vice president for the health sciences for the University of Massachusetts. Dr. Collins also offered a reflection for the Class of 2021.

The following local students earned degrees:

Tabitha Fields, of Whitinsville
Nathan Manna, of Whitinsville
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Faith Adam of Uxbridge awarded degree from UA

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Faith Adam of Uxbridge has received the following degree from The University of Alabama: Bachelor of Arts in Communication & Information Sciences. UA awarded some 5,860 degrees during its spring commencement ceremonies April 30-May 2.

With a beautiful campus, dozens of challenging academic programs, expert faculty and numerous opportunities for service and growth, The University of Alabama is a place where legends are made. UA offers its students a premier educational, cultural and social experience with more than 200 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.

Visit Spring Commencement 2021 for additional details on this year’s graduates.

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state’s flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state’s largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.



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Jacob Bliss of Witinsville receives academic award

KINGSTON, R.I. — Each year, the University of Rhode Island honors graduating seniors for their superior academic achievement. Their selection is based on grade point average, as well as other criteria determined by their individual academic departments. For example, criteria might include an honors project, a research presentation, or a student’s professional promise.

Each recipient of a University Academic Excellence Award receives a certificate of academic excellence suitable for framing and a URI lapel pin. Awards were conveyed in a special ceremony held in Edwards Hall. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance was limited to award recipients with the event streamed live for family and friends.

Jacob Bliss of Witinsville earned an award for outstanding academic achievement from the College of Arts & Sciences in Military Science & Leadership.

“As educators, there is little we cherish more than the celebration of excellence - that is students who rise above the challenges and realize their full potential,” said URI Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Donald H. DeHayes. “This group of distinctly capable and resilient students that we honor today found a way to rise above and endure the challenges of the past 15 months. And through sheer grit, hard work and determination they stayed focused on their work and continued to perform at the absolutely highest level academically. We congratulate each of them for their spectacular achievements.”

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Millbury Friendly Visitor Program
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Changes made to microenterprise grant program

REGION — There have been many changes to the Microenterprise Grant Program since it was launched earlier this year.

A Streamlined Application Process and increased Grant Awards (up to \$25,000) are two of the major changes local businesses need to know about.


Grant awards of up to \$25,000 are available to eligible businesses within those towns that have experienced financial loss due to Covid-19 and the associated shutdowns. Eligible businesses must have five employees or fewer (including the owner), must have been in business since March 10, 2020, and must be able to demonstrate revenue loss caused by the pandemic. The business owner's family income must fall within certain limits. Other eligibility requirements apply.

The grants are made possible through Community Development Block Grant funds (funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Federal CARES Act and administered by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development).

Grant awards will be made on a first-come, first-served basis from applications received that are certified eligible until the funds are exhausted.

To learn more about the Microenterprise Assistance Grant Program go to Town of Webster's website: Webster-ma.gov - click on the Community Development/ Redevelopment Authority link and you will find Webster Regional Microenterprise Program information and application forms.

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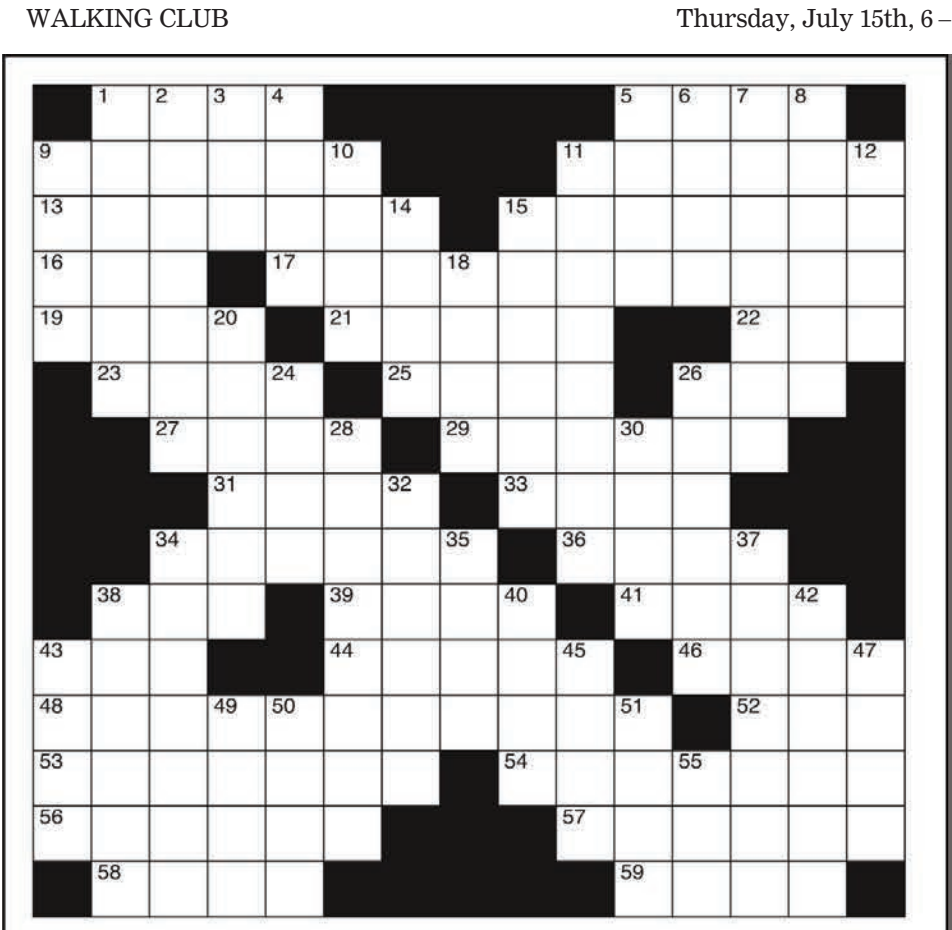
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1. Partner to “flows”

5. French industrial city

9. Diagrams

11. Diplomat

13. Hires

15. Hawaiian island

16. Set aflame

17. Very happy

19. Blue dye

21. Small terrier with short legs

22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)

23. Northern pike genus

25. Expression of annoyance

26. Female deer

27. Casella and Kellerman are two

29. Actor’s lines to audience

31. Days (Spanish)
33. Close a person’s eyes

34. Cloaked

36. Comedic actor Rogen

38. It’s all around us

39. Neutralizes alkalis

41. Native people of New Mexico

43. No seats available

44. Famed “Air Music” composer

46. Fit of irritation

48. Psychic phenomena

52. Knicks’ first-rounder Toppin

53. Seed used in cooking

54. “WandaVision” actress Hahn

56. Samples food

57. In a lucid way

58. Stair part

59. Adieus

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of moth

2. A Christian sacrament

3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)

4. Turn away

5. Impersonal

6. Shortly

7. Indigenous Alaskans

8. Subtle difference of meaning

9. Sicilian city

10. Put in harmony

11. Administrative divisions

12. As happily

14. Horse mackerel

15. Muddy or boggy ground

18. Monetary unit of Italy

20. Construction site machine

24. 22
26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers

28. Earnings

30. Insect repellent

32. Runner-up

34. Musician

35. Serious or urgent

37. Esteemed one

38. Where rockers play

40. Work furniture

42. Greek prophetesses

43. Quantitative fact

45. Missing soldiers

47. Minute

49. This (Spanish)

50. Maintain possession of

51. Assault with a knife

55. Holiday text message greeting

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Millville Police receive grant for seatbelt safety awareness

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

MILLVILLE — The Millville Police Department has recently been awarded a grant that will increase the number of patrols and remind drivers and passengers about the lifesaving benefits of wearing a seatbelt.

The grant is from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the department released in a statement. Millville Police joins other departments across the state, as well as

the Massachusetts State Police, in the national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign.

"As you head out around the Memorial Day holiday, you'll likely see more law enforcement on the roads as part of Click It or Ticket," said Millville Chief of Police Ronald Landry. "We see firsthand the devastating consequences of drivers and their passengers not buckling up. This enforcement initiative increases our presence to help end these preventable tragedies."

The Massachusetts

seat belt use rate is consistently lower than the national average, police said, ranking 45th in the 2019 seat belt observational study. At 81.6 percent use, more than 1.2 million people across the state are not regularly buckling up. The national seat belt usage rate is 90.7 percent, the department released.

In Massachusetts, a larger percentage of pickup truck (71 percent) and SUV (75 percent) fatalities are "unrestrained" compared to passenger cars (60 percent), according to reports, and 68 percent of nighttime fatalities

are unrestrained in Massachusetts compared to 55 percent of unrestrained daytime fatalities.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, seat belts saved an estimated 61 lives in Massachusetts in 2018.

"Buckle up. It could save your life," Millville police added.

And according to recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, traffic deaths have surged during the pandemic,

despite fewer drivers.

At the beginning of the year, the administration reported that 11,260 people were killed on U.S. roadways in the third quarter of 2020, a 13.1 percent increase compared to the same period in 2019. Looking at the first nine months of 2020, the data show that 28,190 people died in crashes, a 4.6 percent increase from the year before.

"Traffic deaths rose even though there were fewer drivers on the road due to the COVID-19 pandemic—a troubling

trend as traffic volume returns to normal," said Jonathan Adkins, Executive Director, Governors Highway Safety Association, in a statement. "The vaccine for unsafe driving is available to every American right now—slow down, buckle up, stow your phone and never drive impaired. If we don't inoculate ourselves against these dangerous driving habits, a lasting impact of this pandemic will be even more traffic deaths—an unacceptable outcome."

University of New Hampshire announces May 2021 graduates

DURHAM, New Hampshire — The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham over the weekend of Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, 2021. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only gradu-

ated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

Christina Calkins of Douglas graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS degree in Communication Sci & Disorders

Jocelyn Kenyon of Northbridge graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BA degree in Cmn:Business

Applications Julia Russell of Northbridge graduated with a BS degree in Genetics

Daniel Page of Uxbridge graduated with a BSCIVE degree in Civil Engineering

Jayce Knapik of Uxbridge graduated with a BS degree in Biochem,Molec&Cell Bio

Zachary Merian of Whitinsville graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm:Marketing

Local student named to Dean's List at University of Wisconsin

MENOMONIE, Wisc. — Griffin Reisman of Milford has been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester.

The award is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

UW-Stout, Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, has 47 undergraduate majors and 24 graduate programs, including one doctoral degree. UW-Stout, estab-

lished in 1891, prides itself on the success of its students in the workplace, with an employment rate above 97% for recent graduates. The university was awarded the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2001.

Enrollment was 7,970 in the fall.

UW-Stout is Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, with a focus on applied learning, collaboration with business and industry, and career outcomes.

Lasell University Athletics establishes chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma

DOUGLAS LOCAL INDUCTED

NEWTON — Lasell University has been accepted into the National College Athlete Honor Society as the Massachusetts Chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma (XA), which recognizes student-athletes from accredited four-year NCAA, NAIA, NCCAA, and USCAA institutions who excel in both the classroom and competition. Douglas local Peyton Young was inducted this spring.

Chi Alpha Sigma, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 1996 by then DePaul University head football coach Nick Mourouzis. His goal was to provide outstanding student-athletes with an opportunity to become connected within a fraternal association that aligns their educational and athletic successes for a lifetime.

In order to be inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma, a student-athlete must attend a four-year accredited college or university that is a member of the NCAA, NAIA, NCCAA, or USCAA. The honoree also must achieve at least junior academic standing by the fifth semester or seventh quarter, as determined by the certifying institution, and must have achieved a minimum cumulative grade-point average of a 3.4 (on a 4.0 scale).

Lasell Athletic Administrator and Head Women's Basketball Coach Kelley Sundberg will serve as advisor for Lasell's chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma. Visit Chi Alpha Sigma for more information.

Jennifer Nordquist graduates from Cedarville University

CEDARVILLE, Ohio — Jennifer Nordquist from Uxbridge graduated from Cedarville University on the weekend of April 30 - May 1 with a Master of Science in Nursing.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,550 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio, recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation, and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and high student engagement ranking. For more information about Cedarville University, visit www.cedarville.edu.

Whitinsville resident named to President's List at Bentley

WALTHAM — Courtney Carey of Whitinsville has been named to the President's List at Bentley University for the spring semester of 2021.

The President's List is the highest distinction Bentley confers for academic excellence in a single term. Students must achieve a 3.7 grade point average with no grade below a 3.0 to earn a place on the President's List.

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Latest antiques, collectibles, and auction news

The Moscow Times reported that two paintings of Rasputin are headed to the auction block. According to the Moscow Times, “the portraits were done by Theodora Krarup, a Danish artist, in St. Petersburg. Karaup did a total of 16 portraits of Rasputin, most of which have been lost or destroyed. Krarup sold three portraits of Rasputin to the Finnish Consul General, Otto Auer. One was resold and its whereabouts are now unknown, but descendants of Auer consigned the two remaining portraits to the auction house. Grigory Rasputin was renowned — and reviled — for his supposed ability to stop the Tsarevich’s hemophiliac bleeding and for his supposed influence on the royal family.” Rasputin was assassinated in 1916. The Moscow Times reports that the auction estimates are \$16,500 to \$24,600 and \$82,000 to \$98,000.



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES
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In other art news, rockstar Alice Cooper is auctioning an Andy Warhol silkscreen on canvas. According to the Arizona Republic, the artwork titled “Little Electric Chair” was gifted to Cooper by his former girlfriend and model Cindy Lang. She paid \$2,500 for it in 1972. Cooper said “I never was a Warhol collector. I collect other artists but I never really collected Andy Warhol so I’m sure there’s somebody out there that is a Warhol fan,” according to the Arizona Republic. It is

estimated to sell for between \$2.5 million and \$4.5 million. A collection of rare baseball cards is also going to auction. The collection belonged to Dr. Thomas Newman of Tampa, Fla., who died in January of COVID-19 at the age of 73. ESPN reported that “he began collecting as a child, and through loving the sport of baseball, he had built a small collection of 1950s cards that was thrown out by his mother when he went to college.” He began collecting cards again to replace his discarded collection when he graduated from medical school and the collection eventually grew to over 1,000 cards. The most valuable card is a 1933 Godey Babe Ruth card. “The card could fetch close to \$5 million, and the entire lot could eclipse \$20 million”, according to ESPN.

In other auction news, a Tiffany lamp recently set an auction record, according to the Antiques and Arts Weekly. The lamp was designed for the 1900 Exposition Universelle in Paris by Tiffany Studios. Antiques and the Arts reported that “the 29-and-a-half-inch lamp featured a hand-blown favrile glass globe-form shade on top



of a hammered and patinated copper base. The spectacular imagery of the lamp depicts the growth cycle of a dandelion, the yellow flower rising from the base’s bottom up to its top, where it features a crown of seed puffs. The globe on top features a contour pattern similar to a topographic map, intended to represent the wind currents blowing through and sweeping the seeds away.” The dandelion lamp blew away the record for any Tiffany work

when it sold for \$3.7 million. Our next multi-estate online auction is running and ends on June 16. Our sports and non-sports cards online auction is also open for bidding and ends on June 23. More events are already planned. See our website for details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>.

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ACADEMIES

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In Uxbridge, the program will take place at Uxbridge High School from Monday, July 12, through Friday, July 16.

In Northbridge, the academy at Northbridge High School will run from Monday, July 19, through Friday, July 23.

Residents from either town are eligible for either academy, police added.

“A typical academy day consists of physical training, morning snack, morning classroom session, lunch, afternoon classroom session, clean-up, and then dismissal,” police said. “Throughout the week, there is a major focus on personal accountability and respect. Attendees will be provided a uniform T-shirt.”

Applications are available at either Northbridge or Uxbridge Police Departments, either department website, Northbridge Middle School, or Whittin Intermediate School. The academy is limited to 25 students, police added.

“In an effort to open the academy to new students, if you participated in any previous academy programs, your application will be reviewed after new applicants are accepted,” police said. “Any remaining slots will be filled with previous attendees on a first come first serve basis.”

The deadline for applying is Friday, July 2. For additional information, residents may contact Officer Thomas DeJordy at 508-234-6211 or tdejordy@nps.org, or Office Daniel Deveau at 508-278-7755 or ddeveau@uxbridge.k12.ma.us.

BOOK SALE

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item owned by a library that is still charging circulation fees, they may still see a bill.

“More and more libraries are going fine free, though, so hopefully it becomes an infrequent occurrence,” he said.

As of this week, the library is no longer limiting patrons to 30 minutes in the building or limiting the number of patrons allowed in the library.

“We’ll start putting tables and computer stations back together and try to get the space looking similar to or better than it did pre-pandemic. Delivery and curbside options will continue, but the time has come to make visiting physical space a normative experience again,” Snook said.

Masks are also no longer required to enter the library, though Snook said

the library still encourages them “out of consideration for our patrons 12 and under who have not had the opportunity to get a vaccine.”

“Once school is out of session, our usage among young children and their families skyrockets, and we want all of our patrons to feel safe and fairly treated,” he said.

Until children 12 and under are eligible for vaccines, the library will continue doing all story times and book clubs for kids remotely through Zoom. In lieu of summer reading programs in the library, there will be rotating story walks on the Southern New England Trunkline Trail and at Douglas Orchard and Farm.

The library’s monthly adult book clubs will now resume face-to-face, as well.

In other news, the library’s Capital Campaign has passed \$100,000.

“In December, 2019, we announced a campaign to raise \$400,000 for our building renovation project. The hope is that this amount will allow us to proceed with planning, design, and implementation of a modest addition to the Library which would include an elevator, accessible entrance, parking lot, and restrooms with reasonable certainty that we’ll be able to see the project to completion,” Snook said. “Thanks to the generosity of our patrons, local institutions, and the Friends of the Library, we’ve been inching closer to that goal.”

At their most recent meeting, the trustees of the library voted to reserve \$7,842 of the state grant money received in the past year for the project, bringing the total funds reserved for the project to \$100,000, Snook said.

More information can be found online at mysfpl.org.

SURVEY

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create more welcoming spaces for you and your family to explore? What stories are we missing, and how can we tell our history with greater inclusivity? How can we help you feel part of the Blackstone Heritage Corridor’s future?”

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

BHC is eager to learn what people enjoy doing in the Blackstone River Valley and what they want to see protected, restored, and celebrated. BHC’s Public Input Survey is open through June 30, and can be found at bit.ly/BHCSURVEY and its website at BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.

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Friday’s Child

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Jayvon

Age 10

Hi! My name is Jayvon and I want to be a police officer or firefighter.

Jayvon is a boy of Caucasian and Hispanic descent who loves to jump and run. He is an energetic child who enjoys going to the playground and particularly likes to play on jungle gyms. Jayvon is very proud that he recently learned how to ride a bike. Jayvon also likes board games, playing games on his tablet, and Pokémon cards. When he grows up Jayvon would like to be a police officer or a fireman. Jayvon is smart in many ways and enjoys school. He is currently receiving academic supports. Legally freed for adoption, Jayvon will do well in a family of any constellation where he is the youngest or only child. He will thrive in a family that can provide him with affection, guidance, structure, and calm limit setting. A family for Jayvon must be open to helping him maintain contact with his sisters who reside in Massachusetts.

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EDITORIAL

A history of Memorial Day

When Memorial Day was first celebrated in the aftermath of the Civil War, it was known as Decoration Day. Youngsters would place flowers in cemeteries while they sang songs and honored those lost due to war. The Civil War, that ended in 1865 took the lives of more people than any other war in the history of the United States, the estimate is roughly 620,000 — the Union losing 365,000 and the Confederacy 260,000. History says that more than half of these losses came as the result of disease. As a result, the first national cemeteries were created.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day to honor fallen soldiers. General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Decoration Day and the more than 5,000 people in attendance decorated more than 2,000 graves, both Union and Confederate.

The holiday as we all know is celebrated on the last Monday in May, and became an official holiday in the year 1971. Parades across the country take place, and people visit cemeteries where family members who have served in the military have been laid to rest.

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2000, President Bill Clinton signed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act,” which designated the time be at 3 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, N.Y. as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

Originally, Decoration Day was intended to honor those lost in just the Civil War. After WWI America felt the need, and rightfully so, to honor all those lost serving their country. During the Great War (also known as the First World War), 116,516 Americans died, and 405,399 were lost during WWII. The Korean War took 36,574 lives, and the Vietnam War cost 58,220 lives. A total of 4,411 were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 73 in Operation New Dawn, 2,346 as the result of Operation Enduring Freedom, 48 in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and 61 in Operation Inherent Resolve.

An estimated 38 million people in America traveled over the holiday weekend, and two and a half million travelers will board flights. Memorial Day is the fourth busiest travel day of the year.

In New York, Washington, D.C., and Chicago you can find the largest parades in the country. Because of the three-day weekend, many Americans were expected to throw parties and barbecues or head out of town for a mini getaway.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The starving artist is no more

To the Editor:
Since art is a beautiful gateway to creativity, design, attraction, and captivation and local businesses seek to attract customers, their relationship should become symbiotic and consequentially support one another through artist support and expressive decorations; restaurants especially like to decorate their walls, and artists make a living off of essentially selling their decorative creations.
One of the best ways for artists to keep from “starving” — as the saying goes — is for local businesses to showcase the work of local artists in their establishments by allowing any customer to buy the works that are displayed around them. This is exceptionally beneficial for restaurants as customers spend prolonged amounts of time sitting and enjoying the environment around them. I have

been to restaurants before that adopted this practice and it made the experience far more enjoyable and lighthearted. Not only did it give me something to look at while I ate, but it made things personal. Being an artist myself, I greatly appreciated knowing that the art on the walls were from people in the community like me who want to be able to sell artwork to local people who would appreciate it more than shipping precious works across long distances. Furthermore, imagine going out to eat and being able to add a piece of beautiful art to the tab along with a good meal, both made by someone nearby. It would benefit the artists, the businesses, the customers, and the community as a whole.

Sincerely,
PARKER CARLIN
UXBRIDGE

More aggressive measures should be taken to depollute Blackstone River

To the Editor:
Although the Blackstone River and the many mills built along it once brought prosperity to the Blackstone Valley towns, the sad reality is that today, while many of those mills aren’t in use anymore, the pollution and waste they left is still very much evident along the Blackstone River.
Currently, the Blackstone River is classified as class C, meaning it is suitable for secondary contact, such as kayaking and canoeing, but not direct contact. There are many trails along the Blackstone River, and it is common to see people walking their dogs, biking, taking a family walk, or otherwise exercising along the river.
Due to the fact that the river is still heavily contaminated, individuals, espe-

cially pet owners and parents, must take great care to ensure that the river water doesn’t get ingested by humans or pets. Although depollution efforts have taken place in the past, and some are still continuing today, a great amount of toxic waste and trash remain in the Blackstone River.

Towns around the Blackstone River, in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island, should take more aggressive measures in working to depollute the river. I’m sure that most individuals along the Blackstone River would love to one day see a clean, fresh river that is suitable not only for children and pets, but for other fun summer activities, like swimming or fishing.

JILL LABONTE
WHITINSVILLE

Our town centers should be geared toward recreation

To the Editor:
My name is Emma Johnson. I am currently a Junior at Whitinsville Christian School, and I have long been passionate about hiking and outdoor activities.
For this reason — when I moved here — I was thrilled to find that Massachusetts is riddled with beautiful walking trails and vast parks, which is fantastic for young adults like myself who can drive themselves to and from recreational activities. However, closer to the center of each town, roads and buildings are the primary structures, making it more difficult for families — especially children — to plan out activities that require transportation, thus limiting the ability to run and play outside which can be detrimental to young children.
According to an article written

by National Recreation and Park Association, children spend an average of four to seven minutes outside, and I can’t blame them; unless a parent is willing to let their child run free in the streets with cars zooming past, playing outside is high unto impossible. This is why town centers should be more geared towards safe, outdoor, recreational activities. For example, establishing large parks where children can throw a baseball or planting trees around large sidewalks so they can frolic safely. Overall, creating a more kid friendly environment — closer to homes — could significantly increase children’s ability to run and play outside, helping with overall health and well being.

EMMA JOHNSON
WHITINSVILLE

Media bias

To the Editor:

Biased news media is one of the leading causes for the growing division in our country because of the growing disregard for truth in modern reporting.
Almost everyone would agree that our nation has become more and more divided over the recent years, this is due in part to the rise in partisan reporting in news. Outlets like Fox cater to the right wing of the political spectrum, while other sources like MSNBC cater to the left wing.
One of the more recent topics to hit the headlines, the question of where COVID-19 originated, illustrates this; it hasn’t taken long for either side of the political spectrum to put their own spin on it in order to generate clicks. A quick Google search will tell you that Fox is reporting a supposed “Chinese cover up” operation, and that MSNBC is reporting that all of this concern is simply “right-wing mania.”
Media outlets have begun to do this

because people like to hear what they want to hear, and the news outlets are capitalizing on this. This issue of biased reporting translates to a decline in the ability to be civil when discussing politics because often people read what they’re side believes as opposed to searching around to piece together the whole story. This is how the term “fake news” has become a part of our daily language. When someone reads something that doesn’t agree with their political beliefs, it can simply be disregarded as “fake news” in favor of their own truth, no matter if that’s actually the truth or not. Biased reporting has caused truth to be cast aside in favor of a steady revenue stream.
When it comes to reading the news, people need to be aware of the potential biases of the source, and whether or not it’s based on the facts.

DAVID RANDALL
WHITINSVILLE

Improving school lunches

To the Editor:
School lunches were always something you either dreaded or were eager for as a kid. The progress made on school lunches has been on a halt since 2009, when Michelle Obama made the first few steps on improving the lunch food.
The high sugar and fatty foods that have been served to upcoming generations is atrocious. There are no restrictions on school lunch leading kids to only buy the sweet snacks. However, the truth is, healthy food can taste just as good as unhealthy foods if schools put in the effort in buying higher quality ingredients. But schools would rather waste money buying new soccer equipment rather than the food for the upcoming generations.

Since food fuels the brain, schools should be paying more attention to the ingredients being used to produce lunches. Healthier options are even frowned upon because schools use the disposal system for surplus agricultural commodities, which is produced that is not good enough to sell at any grocery store or restaurant at reduced price. This leads the food to be precooked, so it won’t go bad. Thus, cafeteria workers don’t need any cooking knowledge to get a job because schools don’t even have kitchens anymore; rather, microwaves.

Sincerely,
HANNAH DODGE
SUTTON

Financial tips for the self-employed



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Being self-employed has some benefits: You get to choose your own hours, you don’t have to count “vacation days” and you’ll never worry about getting downsized. On the other hand, you’re truly on your own — there’s no employer-sponsored retirement plan and no benefits package. So, if you’ve recently started a business or become a “gig worker,” possibly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, what can you do to get on the road to financial security?

There are several steps you can take, including the following:

Establish a budget. When you’re self-employed — and especially when you’re first starting out — you need to keep tight control over where your money is going. So, establish a budget and stick to it.

Open a retirement plan. As a self-employed individual, you can choose a retirement plan, such as a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE-IRA or an “owner-only” 401(k). When your earnings are limited, you can contribute modest amounts to any of these plans, but when your income rises, you can boost your contributions. While these retirement plans have some things in common, including tax-deferred growth of earnings, they differ in other areas, such as contribution limits, and one plan may be more suitable for you than another, depending on whether you have employees. You may want to consult with a financial advisor to determine which plan is best for your needs.

Build an emergency fund. When you work for a business or other organization, your income is predictable — but that’s usually not the case when you’re self-employed. And when your earnings are uneven, you can be vulnerable to financial stress when you face an unexpected expense. To help protect yourself from these threats, try to gradually build an emergency fund containing a few months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Pay down your debts. Some debts, such as loans to help your business, may be unavoidable — and even productive. But other debts, especially those that can’t be deducted from your taxes and carry a high interest rate, are far less useful, so you may want to set up a repayment plan. With your other expenses, you might not be able to whittle these debts down as fast you’d like, but, over time, your efforts can pay off.

Put money aside for taxes. Because no employer is withholding taxes from your paychecks, you will likely have to make quarterly estimated payments. Plus, you’re responsible for all your Social Security taxes, which, if you worked for someone else, would be split between you and your employer. To make sure you’ve got enough money available to pay your taxes, you might want to set up a special account — one that’s not used for any other purpose.

Get proper insurance. Depending on the nature of your work, you may or may not need some type of business insurance, but if you have a family, you should certainly consider the need for life insurance, and you may also want to consider disability insurance.

Self-employment can be quite fulfilling — and you’ll find it even more rewarding when you make the right financial moves.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Progress must be made in our education system

To the Editor:

In addressing the issue of systemic racism in our country, the job of removing this deep-rooted weed from American soil falls on the young minds being shaped by the educational institutions of this country. However, in order to teach these students of true progressive tolerance, there must first be true progress made in the education system itself, namely in social studies. The American history curriculum as a whole can no longer omit key events in history that do not fit common narratives perpetuated by racial stereotypes.

One example of this is the not commonly talked about the Greenwood District Massacre of 1921, in which the discontented white citizens of Tulsa Oklahoma reigned fire down on the upper class black district of Greenwood.

Upper class. The town held thousands of rich black families who were left with nothing when angry white mobs burned their homes to the ground. The total death toll of this event was

estimated from 100 to 300, though for whatever reason numbers were never officially recorded. This devastating act of white violence is rarely ever taught in classrooms across the country, though according to CNN, the state of Oklahoma does mandate that this event be integrated into history class curriculums. However, where does that leave the rest of the country?

The Massacre of the Greenwood District directly challenges the discriminatory narrative that black people are lower income due to their own laziness, a mistaken narrative that has somehow made its way into the collective consciousness. Black people are resilient, but discriminatory factors — in this case, violent — have kept a majority of them from thriving in this country. This is the narrative that schools outside of Oklahoma need to perpetuate and teach to their students if true progress is to be made in America’s future.

VICTORIA NJOROGE
WHITINSVILLE

The lie of a racist America

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree.

Have you ever taken a moment to think about who the real rebels are in America? They are not the people dressed in black, wearing black masks, throwing frozen water bottles at police, or the Progressives teaching “Critical Race Theory” (CRT) in schools or those who believe that America is a systemic racist country. It is not.

Let’s start with the lie that America was founded on racism because in 1619, the British colonial settlement of Jamestown included slaves. First, it was a British colony, not the USA. Secondly, by 1609, cannibalism had been committed on a 14 year old British girl. Are we founded on cannibalism, too? Women, by today’s standards, had few options. Marxist CRT would have you believe that America is fatally flawed because it was founded on slavery, oppression of women, and, I assume, cannibalism, for it too existed. It is an absurd assertion. Rebels believe that America was founded on the freedom to think for yourself. Marxism was founded on the right of the state to tell you what to think. Our media is doing just that.

In 1777, when the American Continental Army and militia won the Battle of Saratoga, Captain Allen of the Vermont Rangers followed the British back to Canada to insure their retreat. After a skirmish, the Rebels [that’s us Americans] took a few prisoners. One was a black woman, named Dinah Mattis. Captain Allen gave her a letter. It indicates what young American rebels were thinking when they turned out to fight the British:

“To whom it may concern, Whereas Dinah Mattis was taken prisoner on Lake Champlain by a scout under my command, I being conscientious that it is not right in the sight of God to keep slaves, I do therefore give Dinah Mattis and Nancy her child their freedom to pass and repass anywhere in the United States of America, as though born free, without being molested by any person.”

Another rebel, Dr. Ben Carson, was raised by a poor, single mother in Detroit in the 1950’s and became a brilliant pediatric neurosurgeon. From the poor streets of Detroit, he became the Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery

at Johns Hopkins at the age of 33, the youngest chief of pediatric neurosurgery in the U.S. in 1984. Yup, systemic racism was alive and well in 1984.

Dr. Carson wrote the following books: “Think Big - Unleashing Your Potential for Excellence”; “Gifted Hands”; “One Nation”; “America the Beautiful”; “A More Perfect Union”; “What I believe”; “You have a Brain - A Teen’s Guide to Think Big” and “Take the Risk: Learning to Identify, Choose, and Live with Acceptable Risk.”

Have you read any of these books? Have you even heard of any of these books?

No, of course you haven’t. CNN has been crushing you into submission on the altar of Marxist-invented systemic racism. The media never cover Dr. Carson except to mock him because he is a conservative, rebellious black role model. Here is a sample of his writing: “No risk, pay the cost. Know risk, reap the rewards. In our risk-avoidance culture, we place a high premium on safety. We insure our vacations. We check crash-tests on cars.... But, by insulating ourselves from the unknown—the risks of life—we miss the great adventure of living our lives to their full potential.” [It’s worth asking why none of these books can be found in the Uxbridge Public Library.]

In the old days, when someone said, “you’re Catholic, you’re Polish, Irish, Black, Asian, therefore you cannot do anything great”, rebels like Dr. Carson used to say: “Oh, yah? Just watch me.” Now, the Woke mob tells Americans that that they cannot do anything great, and some Americans actually believe it.

As a rebel, I side with General McAuliffe, the U.S. Army Commander of the 101st Airborne Division in Bastogne, Belgium, in 1944. During the Battle of the Bulge, he and his division were surrounded by the Germans who demanded his surrender. General McAuliffe responded in classic American slang: “Nuts!” That’s the best and only answer to the Woke mob.

What say you as we approached the Anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1944?

Nevertheless, she persisted,

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

The benefits of recycling

To the Editor:

We have all heard “reuse, reduce, recycle,” but sometimes it can be hard to make recycling a priority. It can be a pain to figure out what items are recyclable, sort these recyclable items out, and wash some - such as empty milk gallons or glass bottles - to recycle. However, recycling is important because it allows trash to be repurposed instead of getting thrown in a landfill.

Preventing the amount of trash thrown in landfills is crucial because some items take ridiculously long times to decompose. For example, according to [ecoparts.com](https://www.ecoparts.com), plastic bottles take roughly 450 years to decompose and aluminum cans can take up to 200 years to decompose. This means a plastic bot-

tle thrown away now will still not have decomposed completely in the year 2400. Plastic bottles, aluminum, and paper are all items people can recycle relatively easily if they put the effort in.

Recycling also reduces the need to harvest raw materials, prevents air and water pollution, saves energy, and can even save money. In fact, growth in the recycling industry can create jobs and career opportunities for people in a community. By recycling, every person can take an action - no matter how small - to help their community promote a more sustainable future.

Thank you,

ELIZA DOWLING
DOUGLAS

The problem of polarity

To the Editor:

Our society is facing a crisis, and things ranging from economics to foreign policy are being affected. These can be repaired easily, though, whereas the greatest crisis is much harder to fix: the crisis of Polarity. People have lost the ability to argue civilly, and instead resort to demonization and gaslighting. Until the people can look past party lines and respect the opinions of others, I fear our democracy will suffer dearly.

The Mainstream Media is greatly to blame for this. Channels like FOX and CNN aggressively spin stories to serve their own agenda, and this is only the tip of the iceberg. Social Media platforms are radicalizing the people to great effect, resulting in cancel culture and even real-world violence. This polarization has led to a stalemate of fury, where no important policy can be passed. Politicians on both sides fear their constituents, and put aside what is right in order to stay in office.

People can no longer be accepting of the opinions of others, nor can they talk impersonally about controversial topics. My friends and I fall all over the political spectrum. One could often see us engaged in heated debate over the tough issues society faces, but after-

wards we can still be friends. I see the opposite happening everywhere, and it’s disturbing. An opinion or alignment does not define a person as a whole, yet families and friendships are shattered because of differences in these. Perhaps this is a product of echo chambers like Twitter and Facebook, but that is simply shifting the blame. The real issue is that people are too sensitive. Instead of polarization, a new precept must be adopted: tolerance.

I cannot see a successful future for this nation if we cannot get past our differences. The beauty of America is the diversity of America; the different races, nationalities, and beliefs are what make us unique. To let this divide us would be in violation of our founding principles. The Declaration of Independence was based on the precept that all men are created equal. So let us not be so radicalized as to push aside friends and family. Let us instead support others, whether or not they have different beliefs. One Nation, under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.

ETHAN SMITH
NORTHBRIDGE

Fluke fishing is great at Block Island



Courtesy

This week’s photo shows Matt Fontain with one of the numerous sea sculpin he caught last week in Buzzards Bay after limiting out on some very large seabass.

Fluke fishing has been providing some great fishing for anglers fishing around Block Island. Numerous door-mats are being caught regularly at the Island. Seabass are also being caught, but are not legal to retain until June 24 in Massachusetts. Strippers are also on the increase in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island, but because of the slot limit, many anglers are fishing for fluke and other species of ground fish. Scaup are still legal game in both Massachusetts & Rhode Island, but the three fish limit of Tautog closed at the end of May. Check season dates for the reopening of tautog!

Mass. Fish & Wildlife is changing their plans on the massive increases on hunting & fishing licenses proposed this past winter. There will be more public hearings on June 22, 23, and 24 to discuss a five-year phased in increases. Mass. Fish & Wildlife will be presenting the public hearings and changes on their web site soon, with the link for persons that would like to participate in discussions on those dates.



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Stripers are in at the Providence River, and they are feeding on the large schools of porgies that are also in the river, as well as every other body of water that holds stripers.

As the dog days of summer arrive, man’s best friend still needs to be exercised daily, and kept in a cool place. Keeping them indoors with air conditioning in the heat of the day, will insure a good healthy dog when hunting season rolls around. Heartworm medication and flea & tick medication needs to be administered year-round to your pet, to insure they stay healthy.

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Janet harper with her 26-pound wild turkey taken at the end of the Mass. Turkey season, with her crossbow.

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Normand C. Caron, 70

UXBRIDGE- Normand C. Caron, 70, passed away peacefully at home, aside his loving family, on Wed. May 26, 2021.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 40 years, Gabrielle “Gabbie” (Tessier) Caron; his 2 sons, David R. Caron and Andre J. Caron and his fiancé Miranda Bryce-Williams both of Uxbridge; his mother, Louise T. (Baril) Caron of St. Antoine Residence, Woonsocket, RI ;his siblings, Roger Caron of North Smithfield, RI, Denis Caron of Uxbridge, Paul Caron of Woonsocket, RI, Marc Caron and his wife Thelma of Burrillville, RI, and Paulette Dubois and her husband Donald of Pascoag, RI., as well as many nieces, nephews and good friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Diane Rossie-Marshall of North Smithfield, RI, and his good friends, Joseph and Theresa Marzini whom he cared for many years.

Born in Woonsocket, RI on Sept. 23, 1950, he was son of the late Andre C. Caron, and grew up in North Smithfield. Normand was a graduate of St. Johns Atonement Seminary in Montour Falls, NY class of 1968. Following, he worked part time for Bass Cleaning products until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1970, during the Vietnam

war era where he served 2 years. After his deployment, he returned to his work at Bass Cleaning Products, which he then purchased and operated for roughly 30 years. Normand was an avid on-shore Striped Bass and Blue Fisherman in RI waters but mostly in the outer cape, where he spent most of his weekends with his family. He loved coaching for the Bernon Little League and Pony League and Uxbridge Little and Intermediate Leagues. He was a longtime parishioner of St. Mary’s Church.

His family is grateful for the outpouring support from the community, the many friends, and the entire staff of nurses and Doctors at Dana Farber Cancer Center in Milford.

His Funeral Mass was held at 11am on Mon. May 31st in St. Mary’s Church, 77 Mendon St., Uxbridge. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations in Normand’s memory may be made to: Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168, or to the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, <http://www.atonementfriars.org/make-a-donation/>.

To leave a condolence message for Normand’s family, please visit: www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com



Fun Food Facts

Did you ever wonder what the origins of your favorite foods were? Sure, we’ve all heard the story of how Toll House cookies were born when some chocolate bits fell off a shelf into a raw batch of cookie dough, but there are lots of interesting tales behind just about every common food we enjoy today. This week’s column will take a peek into the entertaining past of some of our favorite meal staples and snack foods.



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

be, the story goes the moon was rising and one miner looked over, circled it with his two hands and said “about this big.” Thus, the “moon pie” was born. The Scooter Pie, made by Burry, was “born” decades later in 1959, just in time for babyboomers to enjoy a sweet treat in front of the television set.

Phantom Faces: Mrs. Smith’s frozen pies have come to the rescue for many busy women during holiday baking time, but were you aware Mrs. Smith doesn’t exist? Neither does Mrs. Paul (of frozen fish fame). And are you ready for this? Chef Boyardee is a fake too. While Mrs. Smith and Paul were probably conjured up by an ad man to portray a product whipped up by a proficient middle-aged cook, Chef Boyardee is actually a combination of the names of the three founders of the company: Boyd, Art and Dennis. Now the good news: There really is a Sara Lee, and as we all know, nobody doesn’t love her.

Catsup or Ketchup?: As a child I remember watching Fred MacMurray hawk Hunts Catsup during commercial breaks in “My Three Sons.” Why would I remember such a thing? Beside the fact ketchup was as high on my childhood fave food list as Screaming Yellow Zonkers, the commercial sticks in my mind because he called the ketchup “cat-sup.” I recall thinking that was weird. Here’s some ketchup trivia relating to this pronunciation discrepancy: In the early years, ketchup king Henry Heinz used both spellings for his product. He settled on ketchup when he started advertising the condiment in the early 1900s. Meanwhile, J. W. Hunt stuck with catsup until the late 1960s. DelMonte was the last competitor to switch over to the more popular ketchup spelling, doing so in 1988 due to customer pressure. By the way, ketchup, originally called ketsiap, was a sauce developed in the seventeenth century by the Chinese. Back then it was a tangy potion of fish entrails, vinegar and spices the Chinese used mainly on fish.

Soda Buzz: Did you know 7-Up once contained lithium? In 1920, C.L. Griggs invented an orange drink called Howdy. When he tried to improve on it by adding different flavors, the result was a concoction he dubbed Bib-label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda. The fizzy tonic not only boasted more carbonation than standard soft drinks, but actually contained lithium! The unique taste caught on, but not the name. Six months after marketing the drink, Griggs renamed it 7-Up. I’m happy to report today’s 7-Up is just as delicious, but without the addition of lithium.

Pie in the Sky: Remember Scooter Pies? For many babyboomers, the big, marshmallow sweets were a lunch bag staple. But Moon Pies were the true predecessor of Scooter Pies. In fact, while we in the northeast call the marshmallow, graham cracker and chocolate snacks Scooter Pies, other parts of the country know them as Moon Pies. And here’s why: In the early 1900s a representative of a North Carolina mill bakery asked coal miners what they would like to eat as a snack. The miners said they wanted something “solid and filling” that could easily be transported in a lunch pail. When asked how big the sweet snack should

Smoking Sub: Who would’ve thought novelty Pez candies started out as a smoking deterrent? In 1927 an anti smoking advocate created the peppermint candies as a substitute for cigarettes. It’s name “Pez” comes from the German word “pfefferminze,” which means peppermint. When Pez was imported to the United States in 1952, sales failed to impress. But when the inventor revamped the product and targeted it to children, complete with character dispensers, sales went through the roof. As we all know, old Pez dispensers are hot collectibles today, with rare examples fetching hundreds of dollars each.

B&J Secret Recipe: While I was researching food origins and facts, I came across Ben and Jerry’s secret recipe for Cherry Garcia Ice Cream. Here it is as printed in “Ben and Jerry’s Homemade Ice Cream and Dessert Book.” (I know it has nothing to do with the theme of the column, but since it’s ice cream season, why not!) Ingredients: 1/4 cup shaved plain chocolate (Ben and Jerry prefer Hershey’s Special Dark Chocolate candy bars); 1/4 cup fresh Bing cherries, halved and pitted (you may use canned cherries, but be sure to drain the syrup); two large eggs; 3/4 cup sugar; two cups heavy or whipping cream; one cup milk. Directions: Place the shaved chocolate flakes and the cherries in separate bowls. Cover and refrigerate. Whisk the eggs in a mixing bowl until light and fluffy, one to two minutes. Whisk in the sugar, a little at a time, then continue whisking until completely blended, about one minute more. Pour in the cream and milk and whisk to blend. Transfer the mixture to an ice cream maker and freeze following manufacturer’s directions. After the ice cream stiffens (about two minutes before it’s done), add the chocolate and the cherries, then continue freezing until the ice cream is ready. Makes grateful one quart. ***

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three 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.

The importance of family traditions

Family traditions are meaningful to me. The older I get, the more important it is to preserve these annual happenings in hope that they will be passed down through generations. One of these traditions for our family is barbecued pork spareribs on Memorial Day. This year, I’m teaching my nephew, son-in-law, two sons and oldest grandson the recipe and methods. I’m sure they may add their special tweaks to the recipe but I’m confident the basics will remain.

I was 13 years old when my dad called me over to the grill and began teaching me. It may have been the first time my father spoke to me and treated me as an adult. Cooking ribs in the Moore household was serious business and I felt a sense of pride that my father was entrusting me with this almost sacred responsibility. I didn’t understand it then, but from that day forward, ribs on Memorial Day were my responsibility, and has been since that moment.

I realized a few months ago that I’ve waited too long to pass the “tongs” off, so this holiday weekend was important. It represented a “changing of the guard” for our holiday tradition.

Cooking for me is an art form. There are specific techniques that create the repeated desired results. Over the years, there have been slight changes in methods and ingredients. I’m sure this next generation will do the same. I’ve added a few ingredients to my cooking pallet and have slowed the cooking process down to create a more tender result, but over the last decade, the recipe and process had reached the point, that in my mind, created the perfect slab of Moore Family barbecue spareribs.

And of course, the barbecue jokes or “dad jokes” begin. “Why should you never BBQ on your roof? The steaks are



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too high.”

For those of you who enjoy cooking, I barbecue ribs in three basic steps. First, I remove the membrane from the bone side of the ribs and apply a rub of salt, pepper, smoke paprika and brown sugar. I then slowly smoke them with apple wood for three hours. Next, I wrap the ribs in aluminum foil and apply a little apple cider vinegar, butter and honey and place back on the grill for two hours. Then the final step is to unwrap them, put on a thick coating of sauce and put them back on the grill. Check them every fifteen minutes or so, making sure they do not overcook and dry out.

The weekend was everything I hoped for. My students took the process as serious as I hoped they would, and next year, it will be their responsibility. The ribs were a bit rushed because the teaching process set us back a bit and as such, they were not as tender as usual. Next year will be better. I’ll just sit back, watch, try to keep my mouth shut and enjoy a responsibility-free holiday for the first time since I was thirteen.

Ribs of course are not what’s most important for this holiday. Another tradition is sharing the importance of why we celebrate Memorial Day. So many have given so much and it’s important not to forget their ultimate sacrifice.

So, what are your family traditions? A Utah woman felt so strongly about her family fudge recipe that she had it engraved on her tombstone. Is there something you hold so dear that it’s important to you to continue after you’re gone? It’s never too late to begin.

And maybe it isn’t passed down to you from generations before. Maybe it begins with you?

Oh ... one last dad barbecue joke ... “My dad always said he would go to his grave with his famous BBQ rib recipe. On his death bed, he had me lean in to tell me the secret ingredient. That’s when I knew it was Thyme.”

Laughter is brightest when food is best.

Irish Proverb

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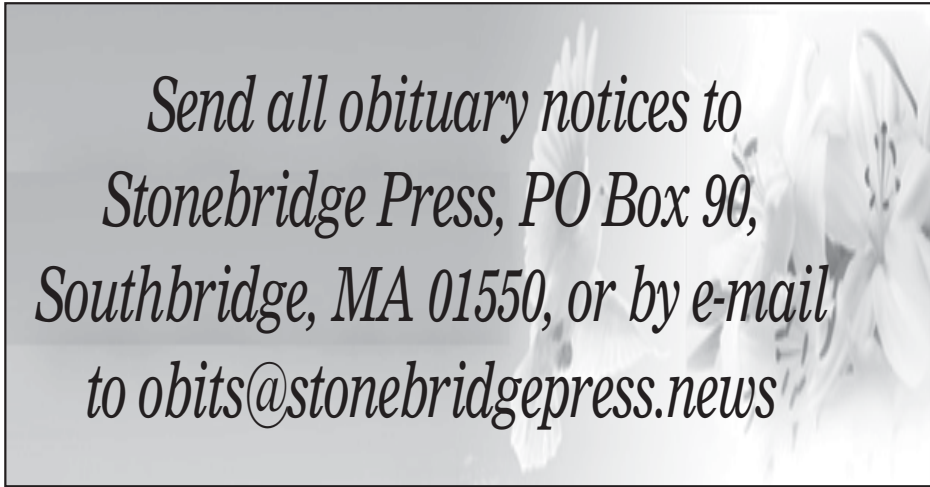
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Garden-fresh vegetables help fight cancer



Melinda Myers

Tomatoes contain lycopene, a powerful antioxidant with many health benefits, including lowering the risk of certain types of cancer.

Cancer prevention starts on your din-

ner plate; actually, it starts in the garden. Growing your own nutrient-rich cancer fighting vegetables allows you to grow pesticide-free vegetables, harvest them at their peak, and use them right away, ensuring the highest nutrient value and best flavor.

Be sure to include some broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, and turnip greens. These cruciferous vegetables release cancer fighting substances that help fend off lung, breast, liver, colon, and prostate cancer. Three weekly servings of these vegetables can greatly reduce your cancer risk. Include these vegetables in your stir fries, as a side dish, as an appetizer or eat them fresh as a snack.

If your space is limited, these plants can easily blend into your current garden space. The bold texture and form of red cabbage makes an eye-catching focal point. Turnips can easily be mixed with flowers or planted between longer season vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant. Or mix some kale in with your



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

flowers; the color and upright growth habit creates a nice vertical accent in the garden or containers.

Another popular vegetable that is a cancer-fighter, the tomato, can easily be grown on any size balcony or landscape. And nothing beats the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. Whether eaten fresh, juiced, sauced, or added to your favorite dish, this lycopene vegetable (a powerful antioxidant) will help in the fight against cancer.

To grow tomatoes, all you need is a container of potting mix or a sunny spot in your landscape. Save space and reduce pest problems by growing these vines on a stake, in a tomato cage or supported by any decorative structure. Compact varieties like Patio Choice Yellow Cherry, Early Girl Bush, Window Box Roma, and Red Robin are just a few you may want to try.

Always select a tomato variety suited to your growing conditions. Check the plant tag to make sure you have enough warm frost-free days for the plant to

grow and produce in your area. Include fiber rich beans in your garden and meals. Regular consumption of this natural source of antioxidants and phytochemicals can help reduce the risk of certain cancers. Go vertical, growing pole beans on a support if space is limited and for making harvesting much easier. Save a bit of room for red onions. Research at the University of Guelph found red onions had high levels of quercetin and anthocyanins that help fight cancer. Start onions from sets or plants and harvest when the bulbs are full-size, and the tops begin to yellow and topple.

Not only will you improve your health by growing your own nutrient-rich vegetables you will also improve your well-being. Tending a garden can help improve your mood and reduce stress.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Her Web site is www.melindamyers.com.

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P1692EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Irving F. Orrell, Jr.
Date of Death: 09/05/2020**

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/15/2021**.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. **WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**
Date: May 17, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

June 4, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P1701EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Amy C Banner
Date of Death: 11/07/2019**

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and

objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/15/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Date: May 21, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

June 4, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO17P2510EA
Estate of:
Eileen De Michele
Also known as:
Eileen DeMichele
Date of Death: 03/02/2017
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Alan De Michele of Croton On Hudson NY** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/01/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court
April 29, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
June 4, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21C0198CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Kaitlin Tiana Mirles**

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Kaitlin Tiana Mirles of Whitinsville MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Kaitlin**

**Tiana Truscott
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/22/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 24, 2021**

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

June 4, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P1694PO
TRUST CITATION
The Irving F. Orrell, Jr.
Revocable Trust
In the matter of:**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **Patrick M. Orrell of Princeton MA** requesting for the appointment of a Successor Trustee. **You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 06/15/2021.**

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

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 18, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

June 4, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. 21P1507EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Diana Lynn Vicaire
Date of Death: November 8, 2020**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Crystal M Rainville of Woonsocket RI** **Crystal M Rainville of Woonsocket RI** has been appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or re-

stricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

June 4, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO19P1650EA
Estate of:
Elizabeth A Aldrich
Date of Death: 04/13/2019
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Rebecca AE Aldrich of Uxbridge MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, and Second account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/22/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court
May 21, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
June 4, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P1570EA
Estate of:
Daniel W. Deschene, Sr
Also Known As:
Daniel Walter Deschene, Sr
Date Of Death: January 27, 2021
NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kathryn Ann Deschene of Whitinsville MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Kathryn Ann Deschene of Whitinsville MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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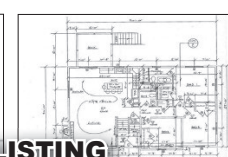
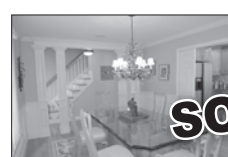
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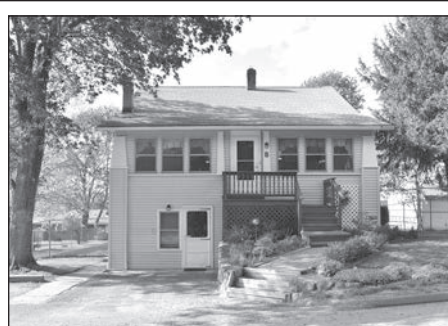
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	3	1	6
	0		6
6			14
12	8	6	

3	5	9
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Solution

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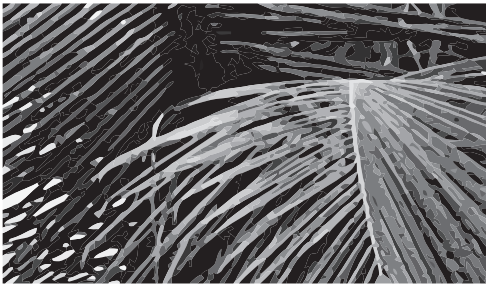
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	7	6						
	5			1		7		
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		2			5	9		
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8		7	4					

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5	2	6	1	3	4	7	9	8
4	5	9	2	7	8	6	3	1
7	4	9	5	6	8	2	3	1
8	1	6	5	7	3	4	9	2
9	7	2	3	1	8	6	5	4
2	4	8	9	5	6	7	1	3
7	1	3	4	5	6	9	8	2
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