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Junior Police Academies teach law enforcement to youth

BY KIMBELRY PALMUCCI

NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge and Uxbridge Police departments teamed up recently to host their Youth/Junior Police Academies, which taught students various aspects of law enforcement such as criminal investigations, crime scene processing, K-9 activities, and more.

Two free, one-week programs—open to residents of Northbridge or Uxbridge who will be entering grades five, six, seven, or eight as of September 2021—were held during the past two weeks.

According to Northbridge Police, week two of the academy began last week with a class at the police department.

"Chief Timothy Labrie gave the cadets a welcome and overview of the department," Northbridge Police shared, adding that students were also given station and cell block tours and a chance to sit in the cruisers.

Students also attended a demonstration by NPD Sgt. Richard Gorman and Officer Ryan Falvey to learn the techniques of the correct way to conduct a motor vehicle stop, police said.

"Kids had a blast deciding whether to give their instructors tickets or let them off with a verbal warning," the department shared.

On day two of the academy, Sgt. Josiah Morrisette of the Uxbridge Police Department and the CEMLEC Regional Drone Unit came to show the class his drones. The students learned how the drones oper-

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BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS The Douglas-based Simon Fairfield Public Library has deployed summer-reading "StoryWalks"—one at Douglas Orchard and Farm and another at the Southern New England Trunkline Trail.

Library Director Justin Snook said the StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vt., and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. According to the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, based in Vermont, StoryWalks innovative and "delightful" ways for children, and adults, to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time.

"Laminated pages from a children's book are attached to wooden stakes, which are of installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you're directed to the next page in the story," the library released.

StoryWalks have been installed in 50 states and 13 countries, including Germany, Canada,

will once again be closing down Main Street, Douglas, and hosting one of the largest events in the Blackstone Valley. This year we not only celebrating the return of Oktoberfest, but also the 275th birthday of Douglas!

We will be bringing back favorites such as the Weiner Dog and small dog race, train rides, bouncy rides, car show, and more. The Beer Garden tion craft beers.

Among the new features for Oktoberfest this year, will be the tricycle races held in the front lot of the Webster First Credit Union. The tricycle racers will have to weave their way through tight turns to beat the clock and their friends. An ice cream truck and even an authentic soda jerk stand will ensure another incredible event for all ages.

We are also excited to

Off! In collaboration with the Olive Branch Lodge, Douglas Oktoberfest will be hosting a rib cook-off competition with a grand prize of \$500 going to best in show. This is going to be an old school smokefest to see who will have bragging rights for the best ribs in the Valley.

The event is going to wrap up with a celebration of Douglas' 275th birthday, complete with a custom artisan cake from Turn To **OKTOBERFEST** page **A10**

Soter announces \$15,000 Innovation Pathways Grant for UHS

UXBRIDGE On July 20, Rep. Michael Soter announced that the Commissioner the Department Elementary Education, Secondary Jeffrey Riley, released the latest round of Innovation Pathways grants. In this round of funding, Uxbridge High School received \$15,000 for its Business and Finance pathway.

Launched in 2017, Turn To WALKS page A10 Innovation Pathways are designed to create strong partnerships with employers to expose students to career options and help them develop knowledge and skills related to a particular field before they graduate

high school. Innovation Pathways provide students in traditional high schools career-oriented education that is too rarely available outside of vocational programs, according to Education Secretary James Peyser. These pathways don't train students for specific occupations but prepare them for a variety of educational and career opportunities in a broad industry or sector.

The Uxbridge High School will be using the funds to develop curriculum and provide teacher professional development for their business and finance program. Specifically, administrators will be evaluating how they can merge outcomes for business,

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Small Stones Festival of the Arts announces live exhibit with new programs

GRAFTON — The 2021 Small Stones and photography categories. Awards estival of the Arts (SSFA) returns Oct. will include first, second and third cash Festival of the Arts (SSFA) returns Oct. 15 to the Great Hall, at the Grafton Town House, One Grafton Common, Grafton to present a live fine art and photography juried exhibit with an opening reception to announce the winning artists.

Four regional arts organizations -Apple Tree Arts, the Worcester County Camera Club, the Blackstone Valley Art Association and the Shakespeare Club of Grafton have collaborated to create the fourth fine art and photography exhibit accompanied with music and literary programs, juror and artist talks and an art collection presentation. Extended festival hours run Oct. 15-24 for the free exhibit.

Exhibit hours are Saturday, Oct. 16, and Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 17, and Oct. 24, noon to 4 p.m. at the Great Hall. New weekday hours run Oct. 20-22, 4 to 7 p.m.

The Festival's Art call opens Aug. 15 for submissions of artwork. Photography and all forms of two-dimensional artwork are welcomed, with a maximum of three entries per artist. The Art Call will remain open until midnight of the day, 500 entries are received. All artwork meeting acceptance criteria will be displayed online. Artists may submit artwork beginning Aug. 15 at www.smallstones2021.artcall.

A distinguished panel of six jurors (three for each category) will select 144 works to appear in the exhibit and printed exhibit catalog as well as select cash prize winners in fine art prize winners, juror's choice and a popular choice award for each category. Cash awards are \$500 for first; \$250 for second; and \$100 for third place. A 2021 hardback exhibit catalog will be sold online in late November.

Fine art category jurors include Carol Arnold, a Putney Painter group member and first place prize winner in the best figure/portraiture category of the June 2020 Plein Air Salon Art Competition; Charlotte Wharton, a highly accomplished portrait, plein-air and genre artist, whose work is displayed in national and European collections; and Susan Swinand, a prominent painter with preference for water media, who has taught at Worcester Art Museum, Clark University and Wellesley College Greenhouses.

The jurors for the photography category are David DeMelim, founder and managing director of Rhode Island Center for Photographic Arts; Jessica Roscio, director and curator at Danforth Art Museum, who has held positions at the National Museum of Women in the Arts and Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; and renowned fine art portraiture photographer Al Weems, whose work is widely published and displayed.

The Festival has added new venues including the recently renovated and expanded Grafton Public Library. The Shakespeare Club of Grafton has organized a diverse literary track. Radio Active Theatre and Club members will perform excerpts from "Spoon River Anthology" on Oct. 16, 2 and 7 p.m.

discuss his new book, "Cross of Snow, A Life of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow" and Barbara Basbanes Richter will talk about her translation of Fanny Reybaud's nineteenth century French novel, "Mademoiselle de Malepeire" on Oct. 22, 7 p.m. Assumption University professor Dr. Daniel Mahoney will talk about the correlation between George Orwell's classic books and how totalitarian governments corrupt and manipulate language on Oct. 23, 3 p.m.

Several additional programs include a discussion by artists about their work on Oct. 17, 2 p.m. and a presentation by jurors regarding their thoughts and perspectives about their favorite Festival artwork at 3 p.m. Art collector Tom Saupe will present "Eclectic Eye: Collecting Art on a Limited Budget" on

The mission of the Small Stones Festival of the Arts is to elevate the practice and appreciation of fine art and photography in the Blackstone Valley and beyond. The Festival is under the aegis of fiscal sponsor, Grafton Arts, Inc., a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization.

Sponsorships are available to help support the Festival. Please contact Chair Ken Crater at ken@smallstonesfestival.org. The Festival appreciates the support of the Cultural Councils of the towns of Grafton, Millbury, Northbridge, Shrewsbury, Sutton and Westborough; The Town House Tavern, One Grafton Common; and Yesod Foundation, Inc. For more information, visit https://smallstonesfestival.org.

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BRWA hosting

WHITINSVILLE — The Blackstone River Watershed Association (BRWA) is sponsoring a Blackstone Needs Assessment Public Comment Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 5 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in partnership with the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program (NBEP) and the Blackstone Heritage Corridor. The meeting will be held at the Blackstone Heritage Corridor office in the Linwood Mill Building located at 670 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville. All residents of the Blackstone Valley are welcome to find out more about this exciting project that brings new life to the work of so many organizations and individuals concerned with the natural environment of

Led by the Narragansett Bay Estuary

Narragansett Bay Estuary Program and the Blackstone River Watershed Association will present highlights struction project funding in of the Blackstone Needs Assessment Project. There will be ample time for of project elements that can questions and comments from members be implemented through the of the public. Refreshments will be proviaea auring the meeting. Pre-register

You can view the Blackstone Needs Assessment document here: https:// www.nbep.org/blackstone-needs-assess-

public meeting on needs assessment

the Blackstone River watershed.

Program (NBEP), the Blackstone River Needs Assessment Project brings together partners from across the Blackstone watershed. Over the last year and a half, NBEP brought diverse stakeholders together through a series of workgroup meetings providing an opportunity for local interests to identify and prioritize needs. By September 2021, the group aims to collaboratively identify actionable needs that catalyze new projects to improve the water quality, native habitat, and watershed resilience.

Representatives

Local communities receive funding for "Complete Streets"

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

REGION — Millbury, Northbridge, and Uxbridge are among the 18 communities across the Commonwealth that have recently been awarded \$6.05 million to fund local multimodal infrastructure projects that improve travel for bicyclists, pedestrians, public transit users, and people using other forms of transportation.

Gov. Karyn Polito, Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler, Highway and Administrator Jonathan Gulliver announced that the funding comes as part of round one of the Fiscal Year 2022 Complete Streets Funding Program.

A "Complete Street" is one that enables safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation, according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, which administers the program. Complete Streets

Funding Program aims to "teach communities about Complete Streets and encourage the integration of Complete Streets into regular local planning practices."

According to reports, Millbury received has \$225,501 to install pedestrian, bicyclist, drainage, and landscaping improvements along Elm Street from Harris Place to River Street, providing "key improvements to pedestrian and bicyclist safety."

Northbridge received \$400,000 to provide "crossimprovements and wayfinding" for the Mumford Riverwalk at the intersection of Linwood Avenue and Cross Street, as well as to construct a side walk on the southbound side of Linwood Avenue to the Mumford Riverwalk, MassDOT announced. The project will also reconstruct a section of sidewalk in front of the Northbridge Middle School sports fields and improve the existing crossings on the north side of Linwood Avenue between the Northbridge Middle and High Schools.

Uxbridge has received \$399,316 to improve safety, mobility and accessibility for residents with pedestrian improvements around Whitin Elementary School. This includes constructing accessible curb ramps at Rogerson Crossing and Londonderry Way and reconstructing 1,100 feet of sidewalk along the east side of Granite Street to Hartford Avenue. The project will also replace the crosswalk at Rogerson Crossing and two crosswalks at Londonderry

Since its launch in 2016, 235 municipalities have worked through the program to adopt a local Complete Streets Policy and 205 municipanties nave aavancea even further to develop an approved Complete Streets Prioritization Plan. MassDOT reported. A representative from each municipality registered with the program also attends a training course to learn about Complete Streets.

"The Complete Streets Funding Program has awarded \$61 million in funding through 190 grant

awards since 2016 to support municipalities in their ongoing efforts to improve their transportation infrastructure, build safe, convenient and easily accessible transportation networks and to facilitate economic development opportunities," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "This program continues to make great strides in increasing mobility and connectivity to ensure that safe transportation options are available throughout the Commonwealth."

Municipalities may apply for up to \$400,000 in conone application. Examples program include sidewalks, multimodal paths, bicycle at http://thebrwa.org/BNA lanes, improved street lighting, and pedestrian signalization at crosswalks or intersections.

more information about the Complete Streets Funding Program, www.masscompletestreets.com.



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Hofstra University congratulates Dean's List students

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Hofstra University congratulates the students named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean's List.

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Bryant University students named to Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have been named to the Deans' List for the spring 2021 semester.

Jillian Sylvia, class of 2024, from Uxbridge Caroline Meizen, class of 2021, from Douglas Savannah Schreiber, class of 2022, from Uxbridge Abigail Labrie, class of 2021, from Whitinsville Lindsey Guyton, class of 2023, from Uxbridge Karni Murray, class of 2022, from Uxbridge Olivia Forest, class of 2024, from Douglas Kierra Kurtyka, class of 2024, from Uxbridge Ashley Whalen, class of 2024, from Uxbridge James Olivieri, class of 2024, from Douglas Isabelle Azize, class of 2023, from Uxbridge Connor Dudka, class of 2024, from Whitinsville Congratulations on this outstanding achievement! **About Bryant University**

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Elms College names local students to Dean's List

CHICOPEE — The College of Our Lady of the Elms has named the following students from Worcester County to the dean's list for the spring 2021 semester of the 2020-2021 academic year. To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.

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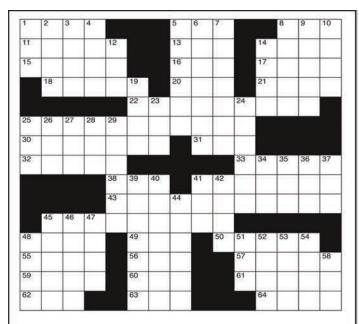
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- 5. No seats available
- 8. Health insurance organization 41. Venezuelan capital
- 11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- 13. Defunct European economic organization
- 14. Dutch word for "language"
- 15. Hard to penetrate
- 16. When you'll get there
- 17. Iranian city
- 18. Small fishes
- 20. Dry white wine drink
- 21. Turkish city
- 22. U.S.-born people 25. Synthetic resin
- 30. Major nerve in human body 31. Type of recording
- 32. Small drum 33. Alters
- 38. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 43. Free of deceit
- 45. Member of Ancient Hebrew nation
- 48. Competition 49. Launch an attack on
- 50. Cavalry sword 55. Spiritual leader
- 56. One point east of due south
- 57. Afflicted 59. Database management system
- 60. Snakelike fish
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Small drink 63. Not wet
- 64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Father 2. Performed perfectly
- 3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid 4. Thin, compact object
- 5. One attempting to find
- something 6. No longer working
- 7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
- 8. Book of Genesis character 9. Volcanic craters
- 10. Brand of American automobile 44. Pleasantly (slang) 12. Hip hop icon Kool Moe
- 14. Bangladeshi monetary unit 19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
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Emmanuel College announces Spring 2021 Dean's List

BOSTON — In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College in Boston has named nearly 900 students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students earning Dean's List include:

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This year's festival will feature a Pick-Your-Own flower field, professional photo mini sessions with Carolyn Tay for \$25, flower arranging workshops, informative farm tours for all ages, kids crafts, live music by Dave Johnson, local artisan vendors, and the Hometown Poke Food Truck. Admission will be \$10 and includes 5 free flowers. Additional cut flowers will be \$1 each. Kids under 10 are free.

This festival is held in memory of Carolyn Ambrose, CHP's Development Manager who passed away in 2019 after a brave battle with cancer. All proceeds support Community Harvest Project's mission to engage and educate volunteers to grow fruits and vegetables for hunger relief.

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Spirited Tantasqua comeback falls just short in Summer Basketball League final



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Tantasqua's Shea Coleman drives to the net while being guarded by a Grafton defender.



Kelsie Wotton of Tantasqua attempts to make move past a Grafton defender.

BY KEN POWERS SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER — Trailing by eight points with less than two minutes to play, the Tantasqua girls' basketball team staged a spirited comeback, cutting its deficit to a single point before falling in the championship game of the annual local summer league, 29-21, to Grafton, at All Saints Academy on Thursday, July 22.

For many years, the league has been played at Auburn High School, but after not being held in 2020 because of COVID-19 and the accompanying global coronavirus pandemic, the league was moved to Webster for 2021. The league is expected to return to Auburn High next summer.

Tantasqua, the top seed, advanced to the final by defeating eighth-seeded Leicester, 32-21, in a semifinal round game played earlier on July 22. Grafton, the No. 6 seed, punched its ticket to the title game by upsetting fourth-seeded Blackstone Valley Tech, 36-27, in the other semifinal. Tantasqua finished with an 8-2 record while Grafton ended the season 6-5.

Tantasqua trailed, 23-15, with 1:40 remaining in the game.

With 1:32 to play, Warriors' sophomore Gabby Scanlon (a team-high eight points) cut the Gators' lead to six (23-17), by hitting a pair of free throws. With 1:24 left, following a Grafton miss, Tantasqua rising senior Sophie Law (four points), scored on a layup after a left-to-right drive through the lane. Law's basket pulled Tantasqua to within four points of the lead, 23-19.

With 1:06 to play, after a Grafton turnover, Kelsie Wotton, a rising junior for the Warriors, made it a two-point game, 23-21. After a strong drive to the basket, Wotton laid the ball in softly off the glass.

Grafton called timeout following the Wotton basket, regrouped, and hit six consecutive free throws, four



Maggie Johnson of Tantasqua fights with a Grafton player for control over the ball.

by Kait Cahill, to seal the victory. Cahill, a soon-to-be senior for the Gators, finished with a game-high 11 points, 10 coming in the second half.

Tantasqua was coached in the summer league by Emmy Cherry and Ainsley Way, who along with Madison Varney, would have been seniors on last year's Warriors' team, had the team been allowed to play. While Cherry acknowledged that defeating Grafton would have been great, it was not the true focal point of Tantasqua's summer league season.

"Throughout this whole entire summer league the team played tremendous defense," Cherry said. "But playing in this summer league was more about the players getting to know each other and learning how to play with each other. This summer league was about building for next year."

Tantasqua played its semifinal and final without two rising sophomores, Nicole Vejack and Angelina Reno, who were away on vacation.

Way agreed with Cherry about the fact that team bonding was the ultimate goal of participating in the summer league.

"It's about getting the girls used to each other. There's a lot of new, younger girls that are probably going to be on varsity next year, on this team, and a lot of new freshmen, too, who may be on the varsity," Way said. "It was a great season. It was really fun to coach these girls."

Way is headed to the University of South Carolina to further her education while Cherry is headed to Curry College in Boston, where she is planning on being a member of the Colonels' women's basketball team

Law spent her spring season participating in track and field. Despite never having thrown the discus before, Law finished first in the event in both the SWCL meet and the Central Mass. championships, and came in fifth in the state meet. She was pleased the school decided to enter a team in the summer basketball league.

"Normally we don't do the summer league, but this summer season was really a lot of fun. There are going to be a lot of new players on next year's team, so it was good to play with them and get to know them," Law said. "It was good to be doing something, basketball-wise, this summer. Because of COVID no one is really in the shape they want to be in."

Other teams that took part in the summer league included Northbridge High, David Prouty Regional, Auburn High and Quaboag Regional.



Tantasqua's Sophie Law attempts to drive to the basket for a layup while being guarded by Sofia Hillerstrom.



Tantasqua's Gabby Scanlon drives past a Grafton defender in an attempt for the hoop.



Alexis Cutler of Tantasqua tries to steal the ball from a Grafton opponent.

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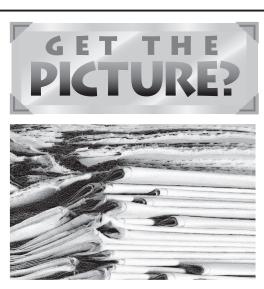
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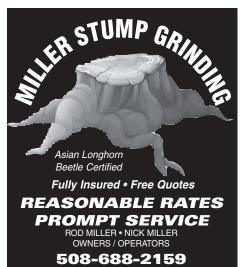
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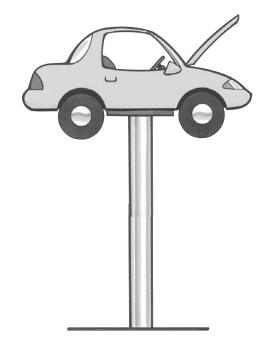
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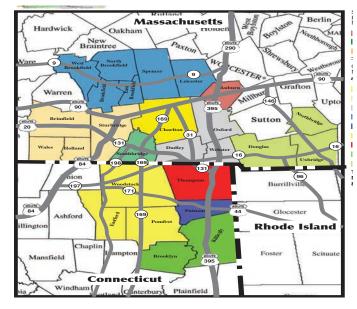
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Moon madness

Is what 'they' say really true regarding the full moon? Do people actually turn into 'lunatics?' We're not so sure, but science has much to offer on the topic, with the next full moon now literally on the horizon.

Some people claim that they become unexplainably moody for a few days or have trouble sleeping. Some say they experience breakouts or other aches and pains that affect the joints. Typically, when people are observed acting slightly less than normal, you will hear the phrase "it must be the full moon."

Logically, it makes sense that because the tides are higher during the full moon phase due to the pull of gravity that our bodies which are made up of 80% water would experience some sort of side effect as well.

Studies show that tides in large lakes undergo minimal tide changes during the full moon. Tides take place twice a day in the ocean, which could mean that we would be 'off center' twice a day, however that isn't the case from what we currently know according to science.

Some myths claim that the full moon can incite epileptic seizures in people, however a study in 2004 showed no such connection.

As far as bouts of psychiatric outbursts, one study in 2014 showed an increase of emergency room visits within 24 hours of the full moon however a study in 1996 showed no significant difference. The term 'lunatic' is derived from the word 'Luna' the name of the ancient Roman goddess. Aristotle and Hippocrates once implied they thought the moon was at fault for abnormal behavior.

Interesting was the study that took place in Colorado, where researchers found that the risk for pet injuries increased by 23 percent during the full moon phase. Proven is that wild animals behave differently during the full moon in that the light effects their hunting habits.

As for sleep deprivation, we all know that before modern times the moon provided light during the nighttime hours. During the full moon, the increased amount of light was said to have wreaked havoc on those with bipolar or seizure disorders. Many people say they have trouble sleeping during a full moon however no studies have indicated a scientific correlation as of yet.

As far as myths go, the claim that a full moon increases fertility and births is as old as time. The truth is that fertility methods based on moon phases have proved inconclusive, as did the effect on gravitational pull to induce labor.

February is the only month that may not experience a full moon because each full moon appears every 29.5 days. A super-moon takes place when a full moon coincides with the moon's closest approach to earth. The last time we witnessed a super-moon was in 2015. The next one will occur in 2033. Some say that the full moon is an unlucky sign if it happens on a Sunday. Interesting to note is that the name 'Monday' is from the Old English word Monandaeg, which means 'moon day'. Another fact is that on March 28, the Royal Air force used the light from a full moon to attack Lubeck in Germany during WWII.

When there are two full moons in one month, the second one is called a 'blue moon.' This occurrence takes place every three years. A red moon happens when the full moon phase occurs during the same time as a lunar eclipse.

The man on the moon that we often see during a full moon, is nothing more than dark areas called basaltic plains and the lighter colored highlands of the moon's surface. Making sense, and interesting is that between 1765 and 1813, the Lunar Society of Birmingham, England met during the full moon because the extra light made the walk home safer.

July is said to be the best month to get married because it falls between the planting and harvesting of crops. The term 'honeymoon' is named after the first full moon in June for this reason.

We can't mention a full moon and not mention werewolves. Old folklore claimed that if you slept outside under a full moon on a Wednesday or a Friday you could turn into a werewolf. Perhaps the most entertaining spin on this myth, aside from the Universal Pictures' influential 1941 classic "The Wolf Man" with Lon Chaney, Jr. is the 1985 film "Teen Wolf" starring Michael J. Fox. If you haven't seen it, you might want to pull it from the dusty archives during the next full moon for a celebratory showing. For those with prefer straight-up horror, we also recommend "The Howling," "Wolfen," and of course, "An American Werewolf in London" (but make sure you've sent the little pups to bed first!).

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is anyone at the wheel?

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree.

Have you taken a moment to ask whether anyone is at the helm of our nation?

I am at the White House. Knock, knock. Hello? Anyone home? No. The President is in Delaware, on a Thursday. The Woke Child Mob running the White House haven't a clue how to run anything so they are hiding behind locked doors. They have been in politics their whole lives. They have never actually worked in a Real Job. One was a waitress one summer on college break.

Each one has only "worked" as a legislative intern, or a political canvasser, or a Congressional aide. Would you hire someone with that resume to do anything in your company? No, me neither.

Here are the urgent matters that require immediate action from the White House:

1. Crime: Murder rates are up in every major liberal city: Chicago (30 percent increase in murders since 2019), New York (shootings are up 166 percent), and most distressingly, Washington, D.C. (homicides are up by 43 percent compared to 2020). Last week, a six-year-old child was murdered by stray bullets just outside the Capitol area. Gunfire outside the Nationals Baseball Park, during a game no less, sent fans running and hiding. The murder rate in D.C. is at a 16 year high.

D.C. Police Chief Robert Contee is "mad as hell." On Friday, he said law enforcement had issued warnings that the loss of police officers would cause a big problem. Chief Contee said there have been "intentional efforts" to defund his Police department. "We don't really have the ability to hire officers right now," he said, noting that the Department was down 215 officers. He criticized the judicial system. He said: "The justice system that we have... is not functioning the way that it should. The courts are not open. That is a fact. Barely open...so cases from last year that happened during COVID of violent criminals that have not been disposed of, where do you think those individuals are? They're in the community." Killing others in the community, which is 47 percent African American. Chief Contee is African American, by the way. Is anyone listening?

Does anyone find it ironic that, just when most police departments are fully integrated (in D.C., the force is 56 percent African American officers) and these officers finally have achieved good union jobs and pensions, there is an attack on the legitimacy of police? What is wrong with this picture?

2. The U.S. Southern Border:

Somewhere near what used to be the U.S. Southern border with Mexico, nearly one million illegal immigrants have crossed over. That's one million, with an M. Our immigration laws, passed by the very Congress-humans who now object to them, are strict, if enforced. The border agents have been told to stand down.

So now, one million illegal immigrants have been "processed" [whatever that means] since January of the New Administration, and then settled on buses for dispersal into our country, who knows where. Many have Covid, but we know that illegal immigrants are not infectious. Are they up to date on their vaccinations for Dyphtheria, Mumps, Measles? Who knows? Who cares? The White House will not even release the number of staffers who contracted Covid from the Texas Democrat state legislators who flew to D.C. - without masks. Hiding, rather than taking a vote. How Texan of them. All hat and no cattle, as they say.

For those who watch CNN, here is a news bulletin: Biden is the 2021 Nero, fiddling while Rome burns. Every time I see him on TV, he is having a grand time being President, but being President is not fun and games. You work 24/7. The President has to be on duty like the U.S. Navy, cruising all the trouble spots while we sleep in liberty, borders secure, crime stopped. God help us. What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted.

BEV GUDANOWSKI UXBRIDGE

Memories my father gave me

BY TOBY MOORE

As Gary Moore's son, I had a unique vantage point to get to know my father in a way that almost nobody else could. He was a fantastic father!

I observed how he treated his family, close friends, distant friends, business associates, and strangers. He treated everybody with respect.

As a boy, I sat in his office, playing with toys, listening to his phone calls, and watching how he conducted his meetings. He was filled with enthusiasm

He was at almost all of my Karate tournaments, soccer games, and swim meets. When I failed, he brought me up. When I succeeded, it was a celebration. He was a source of constant encouragement.

Every day, he said to me, "Toby, you can do anything you want in this world and be successful, as long as you don't hurt others in the process." I usually rolled my eyes, "I know, dad," sometimes taking for granted that I had a father who believed in me.

I watched as he crawled his way from the bottom to the top of one business and then did it again with another. I watched him succeed, and I watched him fail; I observed how he dealt with it all. I didn't always understand, but the memories remain, and upon reflection; I couldn't have asked for a better role model.

The phrase "practice what you preach," goes back thousands of years. The Roman playwright Plautus said, "Practice yourself what you preach." I can say with complete confidence my father practiced what he preached. Did he have his failings? We all do, but even in his failings, he was quick to get back on track.

How was he able to do this? Was it because he listened to Zig Ziglar, Tony Robbins, Jim Rohn, and other motivational speakers? Was it because of the hundreds of books he studied on human excellence? Was it his belief in what Jesus taught in the gospels?

Actions speak louder than words, and you can usually tell what somebody believes by their actions. My father's actions displayed precisely what he believed.

When I was a child, there was a mother and her son who rode their bikes by the office every day. There was a barbershop next door, and one day the mother took her son for a haircut. When finished, they walked out to find the boy's bike was stolen. With tears in their eyes, the mother explained to my dad that she didn't have money to buy him a new bike. My father was struggling financially during those days, but still, he bought her son a new bike the very next day. He and his mother were overjoyed from this act of kindness.

My father had hundreds of employees throughout the years. Every once in a while, he'd catch one of his employees stealing. When caught, they were brought into the office for a meeting, and a couple of them cried and begged him for forgiveness. He forgave all of them and usually gave them a second chance. They became his very best and most trustworthy employees.

He performed in the Drum & Bugle Corps as a young man. As an older man, he partnered with a ministry in town and helped to teach dozens of middle school and high school kids how to play. One early morning he received a call from one of the kids who had nowhere else to turn. He was in jail and needed help. My father woke up, drove his car a couple of hours to the other side of Illinois, bailed him out, and brought him back home.

My father truly believed in all the principles he wrote about in this column. He believed in people. He believed in love, peace, kindness, generosity, compassion, mercy, second chances, and the ability for anyone to change. No matter how low somebody sank, he believed they could turn it around and become a shining light in the darkness.

Perhaps that's why his funeral had hundreds of people who came to give their condolences. He impacted the world around him in a positive way. He wanted the best for everyone. His actions will echo into eternity and confidently testify that he practiced what he preached.

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Is Roth IRA better for young workers?



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If you're in the early stages of your career, you're probably not thinking much about retirement. Nonetheless, it's never too soon to start preparing for it, as time may be your most valuable asset. So, you may want to consider retirement savings vehicles, one of which is an IRA. Depending on your income, you might have the choice between a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. Which is better for you?

There's no one correct answer for everyone. But the more you know about the two IRAs, the more confident you'll be when choosing one.

First of all, the IRAs share some similarities. You can fund either one with many types of investments - stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. And the contribution limit is also the same – you can put in up to \$6,000 a year. (Those older than 50 can put in an additional \$1,000.) If you earn over a certain amount, though, your ability to contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced. In 2021, you can put in the full \$6,000 if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) is less than \$125,000 and you're single, or \$198,000 if you're married and file jointly. The amount you can contribute gradually declines, and is eventually limited, at higher income levels.

But the two IRAs differ greatly in how they are taxed. Traditional IRA contributions are typically tax-deductible (subject to income limitations), and any earnings growth is tax-deferred, with taxes due when you take withdrawals. With a Roth IRA, though, your contributions are never tax-deductible – instead, you contribute after-tax dollars. Any earnings growth is tax-free when withdrawn, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't take withdrawals until you're at least 59 and a half.

So, which IRA should you choose? You'll have to weigh the respective benefits of both types. But when you're young, you may have particularly compelling reasons to choose a Roth IRA. Given that you're at an early point in your career, you may be in a lower tax bracket now than you will be during retirement, making the tax-deduction of traditional IRA contributions less beneficial. So, it may make sense to contribute to a Roth IRA now and take tax-free withdrawals when you're retired.

Also, a Roth IRA offers more flexibility. With a traditional IRA, you could face an early withdrawal penalty, in addition to taxes, if you take money out before you're 59 and a half. But with a Roth, you'll face no penalty on withdrawals from the money you contributed (not your earnings), and you've already paid the taxes, so you could use the money for any purpose, such as making a down payment on a home. Nonetheless, you may still want to be cautious about tapping into your IRA for your spending needs before you retire, since IRAs are designed to provide retirement income.

If your income level permits you to select a Roth or traditional IRA, you may want to consult with your tax advisor for help in making your choice. But in any case, try to max out on your IRA contributions each year. You could spend two or three decades in retirement – and your IRA can be a valuable resource to help you enjoy those years.

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The closing days of summer

July is almost gone, and with four weeks left in August, summer is quickly coming to an end. Fishing on all fronts will be fantastic as the waters cool and fish become a lot more active. Hopefully, strong storms like they are having out West will not mate-

rialize in the Northeast. With Covid on the rise again & with different variants, another winter like last year would be hard to deal with on all fronts. Vaccines are still available and residents that have not received their shots of the vaccine for covid, need to step up to the plate and receive them ASAP.

While fishing on the Westport River last week we observed numerous osprey diving into the water to catch a meal. It is amazing how the huge birds can soar more than a few hundred feet in the sky and spot a potential meal. The force that they hit the water to grab their prey is also amazing. A few weeks ago, while fishing the Providence River, my brother and I were live lining porgies. Normally, when a porgy comes to the surface while fishing, it is a sign that a fish is chasing it and a strike is imminent.

Suddenly, from above, a large osprey spotted the floundering porgy on my line, and within a second, he had the live porgies in his grasp, and was flying away with it. I found myself reeling in an osprey from above. I gave the rod a good hard tug and the osprey dropped the fish. I quickly reeled in the live porgy, that was not in good shape, after being held with the osprey's talons. My brother Ken and I had a good laugh, and moved to another location to fish away from the osprey. Fortunately, the large bird did not become entangled in the line, or have the hook become imbedded in his feet. Cutting the line would not have been an option, as the bird could become entangled in the line at a later

Update! The Port-o-Potty at Westport boat ramp has been brought up to healthy standards, and will hopefully stay that way. It also put all towns on notice that manage boat ramps for the state, that their portable restrooms THE GREAT **OUTDOORS**

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under cover, so that they are not attracted to it, should keep them moving out of your area. Many people love to see the bears in their area, but need to keep a safe distance from them. All zones in Mass. now have hunting seasons for bear. You need to check the Mass. Hunting abstracts for dates and zones that you plan to hunt. A bear hunting permit is also required.

ers. One local angler took a trip to Block Island this past week and caught a couor too small because of the slot limit. He tried bottom fishing and could only catch a few undersize fluke. He traveled from one side of the Island to the other. Fished around the windmills and numerous other spots that often yielded a few fish for the dinner table.

per pound. Constant fishing by dragent. That is why they call it fishing and not catching!

I was sitting at one shop, a customer need to be kept clean for their residents received a call from an angler that was

that subject! Bear sightings are

and guests. Enough for

Saltwater fishing has been good for some anglers, and frustrating for othple of stripers that were either too big

When all was said & done, they headed back to the boat ramp. He told me he had put 60 miles on his boat that one trip when he had returned back to the boat ramp. He did retain a couple of fish that yielded him one and a half pounds of fish. It figured out to cost the two anglers close to \$100 gers in the areas, sure had him frustrated. Seabass fishing on the Cape is still yielding some nice fish, but this past week had anglers catching a lot of shorts. I know I was there! One local angler from Douglas was Jig fishing for seabass and managed to catch his limit, but he also had a hard time catching his limit of five legal-size fish. Large scaup were also caught. Every day is differ-

Hanging around a couple of Bait & Tackle Shops in the area, sure gives this writer a wealth of information. While



This week's picture shows an angler at the Quabbin Reservoir with a 19-pound lake trout.

tuna fishing a number of miles off of Block Island this past Sunday. He was battling a giant tuna that was hooked up almost two hours. Just listening to the angler had my back aching! I do not know if the angler landed the huge tuna, but anglers have already had a

great tuna fishing season.

This week's picture shows an angler at the Quabbin Reservoir with a 19-pound lake trout. Nice fish!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Antiques, collectibles and estates profile: Kris Casucci



This week's column will focus on a local antique dealer. Kris Casucci of Brookfield, Mass. runs an antique shop, an auction house, antique shows and antique tailgate shows. She also sets up at antique shows in the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states. Somehow, she still finds time to garden in her spare time.

Along with her husband Paul, Ms. Casucci ran successful antiques tailgate shows at the Walker Homestead in Brookfield, Mass. The pandemic led them to move the tail- WAYNE TUISKULA gate shows to New Hampshire.

Their Flying Pig Antiques group shop and Flying Pig Auctions were already located in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, about 20 minutes from Keene, New Hampshire and Bellows Falls, Vt.

In a recent phone interview, Casucci traced her love of antiques back to her youth. Growing up in her parents' mid-century home, she was surrounded by antiques that had been passed down through her family. In 2008 or 2009, she made a career change from her real

estate title examiner job and opened an antique shop. Casucci said that she has a passion for antiques and the personalities of each item. She specializes in country and primitive antiques with stoneware as one area of focus

Like all types of antiques, the country and primitive antiques market is always changing. Casucci said that "Simple Life" magazine was popular with her customers. She would see items in "Simple Life" and know that her customers would be looking for those items. "Simple Life" went out of publication and things are less predictable now, but she did note several recent trends. She finds customers have "a greater interest in early stoneware." Her businesses sell a lot of painted furniture and she told me that "blue seems to be making a comeback." She also noted that shaved brooms (from the

18th and early 19th centuries) have been selling well, with some bringing over \$1,000.

Casucci had some good advice for collectors, suggesting that "they buy what they love," adding that "someone else is going to like it too." She also offered helpful perspective when looking for items saying collectors should look for "something that makes that piece more special than the one next to it."

Beginning with her own grandchildren, Casucci finds time to help young people who

are interested in antiques. She believes it's important to "encourage each child that's in your life to appreciate old things." She added, "I think it is really important, especially in this technical age where everything is instantaneous." Casucci also helps mentor young people who are interested in antiques. For example, she and her husband have been helping a young man who is about 20 who has been picking since he was 12 to pursue his interest in antiques.

Casucci's next antiques and primitive goods show will take place at the Walker Homestead on Sept. 25. You can see the 1698 estate and you could even find that special piece that will be perfect for your home.

We have three upcoming auctions. We'll be auctioning a 1962 Corvette, two 1950s Corvette project cars, boat motors and other memorabilia. We will also be running a sports card & memorabilia auction as well as a model railroad and die-cast car auction. I'll be appraising Boylston, Mass. on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Later this year, I'll be virtually appraising items on Nov. 13 for the Townsend Historical Society. My "Evaluating your Antiques" class will take place at Bay Path Evening School in Charlton on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Please visit our Web site for more details on upcoming events: https:// centralmassauctions.com

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Bacari Age 14

Hi! My name is Bacari and I can tell you about space and meteorites!

Bacari is a healthy and happy teen of African American descent. He is active and energetic and enjoys walking, playing basketball, and participating in other outdoor activities. Bacari warms up to people as he gets to know them and enjoys socializing with others. He enjoys art and crafts and expressing himself through narrative writing. Bacari also enjoys discussing space and meteorites. People who know him say that he has a great sense of humor.

Bacari does well in school, and although he is currently unsure of the type of career he would like to pursue, he enjoys animation and creating cartoons and comics.

Legally freed for adoption, Bacari is looking for a forever family that he hopes will be loving and structured, but not too strict. All family constellations will be considered, including those with older or younger children in the home. Bacari does have biological connections that an adoptive family would need to help him maintain. He also feels connected to his community and would love to have that fostered as well.

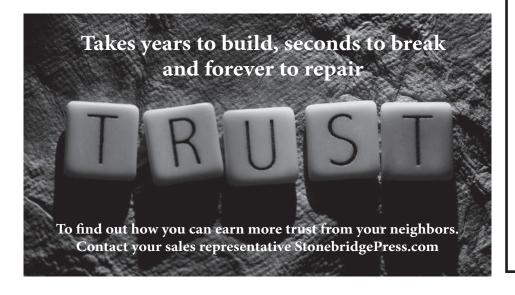
Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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





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OBITUARIES

Reverend Dennis J. O'Brien, 70



UXBRIDGE-Reverend Dennis J. O'Brien, 70, a priest of the Diocese of Worcester for 44 years, died on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Father Dennis is survived by his brother, John F. "OB" O'Brien and Bethany

Pomfret of Whitinsville, his uncle, John J. O'Brien of Whitinsville and aunt, Mary Jane O'Brien of Whitinsville, several cousins, friends, brother priests, classmates, and loving parishioners. He was predeceased by his parents, an infant brother Dennis O'Brien in 1950, and cousin William D. "Danny" Maher III.

Born in Whitinsville on June 17, 1951 he was the son of William F. and Rita M. (Ducharme) O'Brien and was raised in Whitinsville. Father Dennis attended St. Patrick's School in Whitinsville and was a graduate of St. Mary's Central Catholic High School in Milford. He studied for the priesthood at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT, St. John's Seminary, Brighton, and the North American College in Rome. While in Rome, Father studied at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, where he received his bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology in 1976. He completed his deacon internship at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, West Boylston, and was ordained by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan on June 18, 1977, St. Paul Cathedral in Worcester.

Following ordination, Fr. Dennis was assigned for the summer to Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Hopedale before returning to Rome for graduate studies at the Institute of Spirituality of the Pontifical Gregorian University. He received his Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 1978 and returned to Sacred Heart Parish as associate pastor. In 1981 he was assigned to the faculty of St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School, Fitchburg. In 1983 he was named to the faculty of Holy Name Central Catholic High School, Worcester. He received his master's degree in Administration and Supervision from Boston College in

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1985 and was appointed headmaster of Holy Name on July 11, 1986. In 1993 he entered the novitiate of the Cistercians of the Strict Observance at St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer. He spent more than four years with the Trappist community over a period of seven years.

In 1996, Father O'Brien was appointed the first director of the Father James Fitton House for Priestly Formation in Leicester and taught in the diocesan Permanent Diaconate Program. He has served as associate pastor of St. Leo's Parish, Leominster, St. Mary's Parish, Shrewsbury, and Saint Joseph's Parish, Fitchburg. In 2005 he was named pastor of St. Theresa the Little Flower Parish in Harvard and later was appointed pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Bolton as well. After the two parishes were merged in December 2008, he became the first pastor of the newly formed Holy Trinity Parish. He was named pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Leominster on June 30, 2012. He retired as pastor in 2017. He has been in residence at St. Mary Church in Uxbridge since 2017. Father O'Brien was the Dean of Deanery X, which included Leominster, Fitchburg and Lunenburg, and was chairman of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council. He has been an Associate of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary since 1984. For the last three years Father O'Brien has served as Minister to Priests for the Diocese of Worcester.

A concelebrated Funeral Mass took place in St. Mary's Parish, 77 Mendon St., Uxbridge on Friday, July 23, 2021 at 11:00 am, with the Most Rev. Robert. J. McManus as Principal Celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Whitinsville. There are no calling hours. Instead, a Prayer Vigil was celebrated on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm in St. Mary Church, Uxbridge. In Lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Fr. Dennis may be made to: Priest Retirement Fund of the Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: http:// www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

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finance, logistics, and entrepreneurship.

"As we continue to develop career pathways that merge student interest with the needs of our community, we are grateful for the support of the Commonwealth and the ability to access these resources to support our staff," said UHS Principal Michael Rubin. "We will continue to move forward, which means keeping essential skills, industry-recognized credentials, and strong academics cohesively linked in every student's experience."

Soter commented, "I'm proud of what the Uxbridge High School has accomplished under the leadership of Principal Michael Rubin. The UHS Innovation Pathways are top-notch. Teachers, administrators, parents, and external stakeholders are all working to ensure these programs succeed."

Soter stated that he will continue to support local school districts through the various grant application processes that exist in the Commonwealth. Soter continues to fulfill his promise to the district by ensuring strong school funding for the benefit of local students.

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ate and what the drones would be deployed for, police shared, and also saw a demonstration of a Search and Rescue mission where Northbridge Officer Thomas DeJordy "may or may not have been lost in the woods and the thermal imaging camera helped locate him."

During the course of the academy, students also: met with a visitor from the Massachusetts Environmental Police Department, who showed them some of the equipment they use; heard a presentation from Northbridge Detective Sgt. John Ouillette, who came to talk to the class about being a detective as well as crime scene investigations; and experienced a demonstration from the Northbridge Fire Department, who visited to "show the kids one of their trucks, all their gear, and the kids even got a chance to spray the hoses."

Students also received a Defensive Tactics and Use of Force demonstration from Instructors Sgt. Brian Patrinelli of the Northbridge Police Departmentand Sgt. Keith Stratton of the Uxbridge Police Department.

Additionally, Sgt. Ray Sherbourne of the Holden Police Department and also a member of the CEMLEC Regional SWAT Team came to address the cadets later that day. He brought along the Team's Bearcat, SWAT truck, police said.

"The cadets really enjoyed all the cool gear and especially the truck," Northbridge Police shared, adding that Sgt. Sherbourne came to the academy two weeks in a row.

In Uxbridge, students also attended a demonstration from Uxbridge Officer Thomas Stockwell and K9 Bear.

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Millbury based Cake Shop Café. And don't miss a special dance celebration performed by the talented team from Dance Sensations.

We are still booking our entertainment for the event, if you are a band, musician, comedian, artist, magician or have an act that defies categorization,

and would like to share your talents with town, let us know!

Vendors and Rib-Off contestants can sign up using the forms on our website: www.douglasoktoberfest.com

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England, Bermuda, Russia, Malaysia, Pakistan, and South Korea, Kellogg-Hubbard added.

"When I created the StoryWalk Project in 2007, I knew I had a great idea; I just didn't anticipate how well it would be received across the country and beyond," Ferguson wrote in a statement. "The idea was quite simple actually. Take the pages from a children's picture book, attach each one to a stake and line them up along a path for folks to read and enjoy."

Locally, the first StoryWalk is at Douglas Orchard and Farm, 36 Locust Street. According to Snook, it begins in the apple trees next to the concert pavilion and wraps around a couple rows of the orchard.

"The story right now is 'The Little Library' by Margaret McNamara and G. Brian Karas," Snook said.

Farm hours are Thursday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the StoryWalk will also be available during the Saturday night concerts happening throughout the summer.

The Douglas library's second StoryWalk is on the Southern New England Trunkline Trail, starting at the Depot Street parking lot.

"From Main Street, turn onto Depot and follow it until it dead-ends at a walking trail. You can't miss it," Snook said, adding that the story featured right now is "Night Walk" by Marie Dorleans.

Snook added that if you take your child out for a StoryWalk, there is a URL listed on the last sign that leads to a fun questionnaire to fill out for a summer reading prize. The library plans to switch out the stories a couple times before summer is over, he added.

"A big thanks to the Friends of the Library and Douglas Cultural Council for funding these StoryWalks, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation and Douglas Orchard and Farm for hosting them," Snook said.

For more information, visit mysfpl.org.

Uxbridge resident Jillian Sylvia named to President's List at Bryant University

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement. Jillian Sylvia, class of 2024, from Uxbridge, has been named to the President's List for the spring 2021 semester.

The President's List is an academic distinction reserved for Bryant's highest achievers who earn a GPA of 4.0 or better for at least 12 semester hours of work.

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<u>LEGALS</u>

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Charles L. Erickson and Deborah F. Erickson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB dated September 13, 2007, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41852, Page 362, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated May 20, 2016 and recorded in Book 55462, Page 20; said mortgage was then assigned to Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. by virtue of an assignment dated April 27, 2020, and recorded in Book 62543, Page 212, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUB-LIC AUCTION at 11:00 AM on August **12**, **2021**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 7 Surrey Drive, Juniper Hill Condominium, Uxbridge, MA 01569. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mort-

The condominium unit known as Condominium Unit Number 7 Surry Drive, hereinafter called the "Subject Unit", in the condominium known as Juniper Hill, a condominium, hereinafter called the "Condominium", established by

Master Deed dated March 28, 2002 and recorded on March 28, 2002 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 26259 at Page 063; as amended by the First Amendment, recorded in said Registry on June 21, 2002 and in Book 26832 at Page 351; as amended by the Second Amendment, recorded in said Registry on September 11, 2002 as instrument #174926; and as further amended by the Third Amendment, recorded in said Registry on November 5, 2002 as instrument No. 220732, hereinafter called the Master Deed. Being the same property conveyed from Paige Russell Homes, Inc. (a Massachusetts Corporation) to Charles L. Erickson, and Deborah F. Erickson in Deed Recorded 11/07/2002 in Book 28020 Page 73 of Registrar of Deeds for Worcester County, Massachusetts. Address: 7 Surrey Dr.; Uxbridge, MA 01569 Tax Map or Parcel ID No. 250-

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and

stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

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Dated: June 24, 2021 Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc.

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

FINE's 120 Club, their biggest fundraiser, is back July 1 – November 18th. For \$20 you can buy a 120 ticket and be entered every week to win \$20. On the final drawing, November 18th, you have a chance to win \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 or \$100! Call the Center for information or come in to buy a ticket at the front desk.

Plummer Place will resume our Day Trip program through Best of Times Travel. We will be going on our first trip on September 21st to the Danversport Yacht Club to see "Home Again, A Carol King Tribute". Luxury bus, lunch and the show are \$96/person. Call Michelle for more information or to sign up.

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

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

Bingo is back at Plummer Place. Mondays 1:00-3:00pm. We have a new caller with new games being played.

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

Our Billiard Room is now open every day and we are looking for those interested in a Billiard League starting in September, call us if you would like to

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

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

Our computer expert, Paul Holzwarth is back to help you with your computer needs. Paul also assists with IPads and cell phones. Call to make an appointment for Wednesdays 1-3:00pm.

"Take a Hike" Walking Club is new to Plummer Place. Our Outreach Coordinator, Jeanne White, will lead the group on bi-weekly walks at various trails in our area. Call to sign up with

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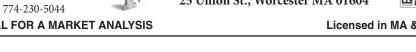
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can put their research to work immediately. Blueberry plants are still available from some nurseries for those who are ready to plant now.

Select the blueberry plants suited to your growing conditions. Northern highbush blueberries are productive and suited to moderate climates with at least two months of temperatures below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Southern highbush blueberries only need 200-300 hours of 32-45 degrees Fahrenheit in winter to produce fruit. This makes them a good choice for those gardening in milder climates. Lowbush blueberries are low-growing varieties native to Northeastern United States. Half-high blueberries are a cross between low and high bush blueberries, tolerating -35 to -45 degrees Fahrenheit, making them a good option for colder climates. Rabbit-eye blueberries are large shrubs and suited to areas with long, hot summers and mild winters.

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attractive foliage, adding to their ornamental appeal. The Leaves of Pink Icing variety is a mix of pink, blue and deep green. Boxwood enthusiasts will enjoy the foliage and dark blue fruit of Blueberry Buckle. And for those who cannot get enough fruit, check out Perpetua that produces two crops a year.

Find a sunny, well-drained location where your plants will thrive, produce a bountiful harvest and you can enjoy their beauty. Although most blueberries are self-fertile (vou only need one plant to produce fruit), you'll get better results when growing several in your landscape or containers. Consider including several varieties with different ripening dates to extend the harvest

Blueberries are particular about their growing conditions. They prefer moist, well-drained and acidic soils. Properly prepare the soil by adding organic matter like compost, aged manure, or peat to the planting bed. Or grow your blueberries in a container filled with quality potting mix. Water in-ground and container plantings often enough to keep the soil moist. Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or shredded bark to keep the roots cool and moist and add organic matter to the soil as the mulch breaks down.

And don't forget to protect your harvest from hungry birds. Cover plantings with netting or try scare tactics to keep the birds and other wildlife from devouring your harvest.

Once you harvest your first ripe blueberry, you will discover there is nothing better than the flavor and satisfaction of consuming something you grew yourself.

Melinda Mvers has writ-

ten more than 20 gardening books, including The Midwest Gardener's Handbook and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How Grow Anything' DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment program. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Readers Share Favorite Tips and Tricks

As summer peaks and life becomes busier this time of year, finding ways to make life a little easier is especially appreciated! From timely tips to

cleaning strategies, the following submissions from readers are sure to save you time and money this season!

A backyard gardener takes recycling to the next level with this ingenious tip!

I found the hot sleeve on my morning coffee cup is useful for more than just protecting my hand. I have a lot of collard greens growing in my garden. One issue I have come across while growing collards is the cutworms - they emerge from the soil and eat through the stems of the plant. I used to wrap the stems of my collard plants with newspaper to prevent cutworms from killing my plants, but I discovered the sleeve from my morning coffee cup is a perfect size and material for the task. When young plants have just begun to sprout, simply stick the coffee sleeve into the dirt encompassing the base of the plant, pushing it one or two inches down into the soil. For mature plants, detach the seam of the coffee sleeve and wrap it around a cluster of stems, reattach at the seam again, and push the sleeve down 1-2 inches into soil. This can also be done with tomato plants.

Kevin Turner Whitinsville, MA

This busy mother offered the following trio of tried and true

For a quick breakfast I use Birchbenders (just add water) non GMO pancake mix and use a tablespoon to make lots of little

TAKE THE HINT KAREN TRAINOR

quarter size pancakes. I use coconut oil to give them a cake flavor and portion a bunch of snack bags with five or six in each. I keep them in the refrigerator and the kids just grab a bag and eat them

cold without syrup or you can heat them up and offer a little ramekin of syrup or honey for dipping.

I always keep a bag of dollar tree party balloons on hand. My kids constantly get their hats wet all summer. The trick I use to keep the hat shape is to blow up a balloon into a wet hat and let it dry.

Window cleaning is a pain, so I made my husband do it and could not believe his method!

He used one of those garden gallon containers with pump hose spray handle and filled it with water, a cup of vinegar and 2 Tbs. of Dawn dish detergent. He opened the screens and just power washed all the dirt right off of the window! They looked new!

Laurie Sutherland Charlton, MA

Instead of stockpiling your freezer with overripe ripe bananas for banana bread, try this reader's easy, yet effective trick to keep the fruit fresher longer:

If you want to keep bananas from ripening too soon, simply wrap stem with aluminum foil.

Sandra Pratt

Brookfield, MA

This super simple kitchen tip solves a common culinary chal-

For a quick way to separate hot fat from the broth, pour it in a paper or foam cup and pierce the side of the cup with a sharp point near the bottom. Drain the liquid into a pan until you see the fat come out then tip the cup

back to stop the flow. Paul Davignon Uxbridge, MA

This trick eliminates the dirty work when it comes to the most dreaded household chore:

To freshen up your toilet bowl and to remove mineral deposits/ stains from hard water drop one or two Polident denture cleaning tablets in the toilet and let sit for about 20 minutes. Run a quick brush around the bowl and flush. The tablets will kill germ and remove stains from the bowl with no harsh chemicals or smell.

Sturbridge, MA

A longtime loyal reader shares her strategy to save the spices!

Many spices are affected by humidity and are so expensive. Just put them in a baggie and store in the freezer – they stay

Always learning and still loving cooking and baking at 86! Claire Horvath

Sturbridge MA

Opening hard plastic (clamshell) packaging can cause cuts as well as frustration! Thankfully, this reader found a better (and safer) solution:

Rather than struggling with scissors you can safely open a plastic clamshell package by using a can opener the same way you use it on a can.

Donna Lewandowski Charlton, MA

This reader's tip for drying sneakers not only prevents tangling laces, but keeps shoes in tip

If you dry sneakers in the dryer, you know that laces can come untied and tangled despite your best efforts. Even if you remove the laces, they still get twisted. In addition, the shoes get banged around as the dryer

turns. This method solves both problems:

Keep laces in the shoes and tie laces together at the top and hang sneakers in the inside door of the dryer. Leave the knot outside the door and close. The sneakers will dry from the heat of the dryer, yet will not tumble. Problem solved!

Lois O'Leary Brookfield, MA

Prize Winner

Congratulations to Donna Lewandowski of Charlton, whose name was drawn for the three course Dinner for Two at the Public House!

She offered the safe and simple trick above for opening clamshell plastic packaging.

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

three course dinner for two at historic Publick House

Your tips can win you a great

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

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



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We've decided to change it up for Summer and instead of a crossword puzzle, we've created a scramble. We hope you'll enjoy this challenging puzzle! Please find the answers (business names) on the ABC's of SUMMER on page 2. We will unscramble for you and announce a winner of a \$25 Gift Card to an ABC Business in the August 27th issue.

Please mail to ABC's of Summer Scramble, P. O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550 or take a pic and email to jsima@stonebridgepress.news by August 18.

Good luck! Address Phone_

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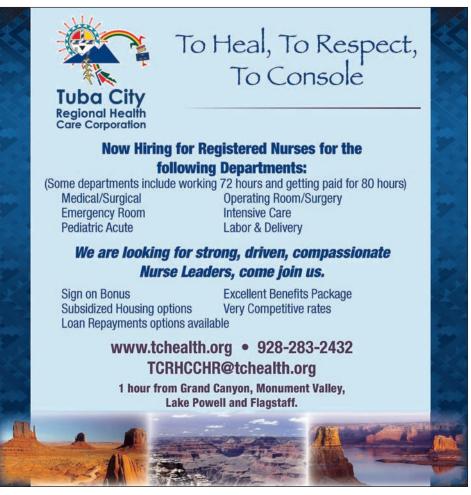
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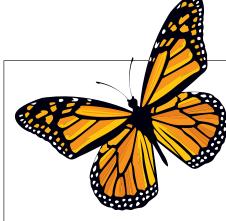
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