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BVT to undergo 'Tiered Focused Monitoring Review'

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UPTON — To monitor compliance with special education and civil rights regulations, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School will undergo a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review in November.

The review, to be conducted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring, will take place during the week of Nov. 15.

The office conducts a review in each district and charter school every three years "to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations," the school released. Areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team pro-

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Courtesy

UHS STUDENTS JOIN TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

On Sept. 27 at Uxbridge High School, three students were inducted into and recognized as new members of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Sophomores Olivia Holden, Samuel Noel, and Lincoln Schiller performed and showcased their varying musical talents for an appreciating audience. This ceremony welcomed live music back into the school after 564 days (but who's counting). Rounding out the night were performances from all the members of Tri-M. Congratulations to the new inductees and let music fill the air!

Grafton Upton Railroad receives grant funding

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

GRAFTON — The Grafton and Upton Railroad Company has recently received a \$500,000 grant that will assist in the Upton trans-load facility track expansion.

The grant comes as part of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's announcement of almost \$3 million in Industrial Rail Access Program (IRAP) grants to enhance rail and freight access, economic opportunities, and job growth.

"These awards successfully leverage public and private funds to provide businesses with improved access to rail and freight infrastructure and make new connections with customers," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We are

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Fire departments release Fire Prevention Month tips and reminders

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENTS

REGION — Does your home have at least one smoke alarm in each bedroom?

If so, you are one step closer to keeping your home and family safe, according to one local fire department. And October—Fire Prevention Month—is the perfect time to ask this question and more to raise fire safety awareness.

The goal of Fire Prevention Month, according to First Alert, is to "raise fire safety awareness" and help ensure that homes and families are protected. The National Fire Protection Association first named the second week of October as Fire Prevention Week in 1922 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Today, Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 3 through 9) and month are celebrated by raising fire safety awareness and educating families, stu-

dents, and communities.

"During this month, fire departments provide education to their communities, and encourage parents and loved ones to practice fire prevention and whole home safety," First Alert released.

Locally, Millville Fire Rescue released an informational statement about the month, reminding residents to test their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and several

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Northbridge shakes off slow start, gets past battling Bartlett



Nick Ethier

Northbridge's Caitlyn Mahoney watches while sending a pass down the field.

Jenna Malone of Northbridge elevates her right foot to be able to control the ball kicked her way.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

WEBSTER — Kristin Strazzulla, head coach of the Northbridge High girls' varsity soccer team, may not have been pleased with the way the Rams opened up versus Bartlett High on Wednesday, Oct. 6 — and a good percentage of that was because of the way the Indians battled — but in the end she was happy

with the way Northbridge regained composure.

The "kick in the butt," as Strazzulla aptly called it, gave Bartlett a 1-0 lead in the game's 21st minute, but the Rams scored the final four goals for a 4-1 victory.

"It was not our best game, but I told the girls at halftime that a good team needs to figure out how to win when they're playing badly," Strazzulla

said. "I think that they came together as a team and figured out how to win. In the second half they played more simply and hard.

"To Bartlett's credit, they played really tough today," Strazzulla continued. "Playing them and knowing that they [only have one win] this season, I wouldn't have known

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Douglas Senior Center to host Halloween party

DOUGLAS — A Halloween Party will be held at the Douglas Adult Social Center on Friday, Oct. 29, sponsored by the Douglas Sunshine Club. Come in costume (optional) for an afternoon of fun and laughs. Prizes to be awarded for costumes plus there will be plenty of refreshments and activity.

Join us for the fun, which begins at noon at the Douglas Adult Social Center (a.k.a. Senior Center), located at 331 Main St., Douglas. All adults welcome. Any questions, call 508-476-2283.



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Waters Farm to host 41st Annual Waters Farm Days

SUTTON — Wrap up your fall festivals with a trip to Waters Farm on Oct. 16 & 17, where the past & present combine to produce a family-oriented weekend full of activities & educational experiences. Waters Farm is a nonprofit, all volunteer run 501(c)3 living history center located on 120 beautiful acres in West Sutton.

This antique engine and tractor show is dedicated in memory of Sten Brote, who passed away last year. He was a perennial favorite with his rare black Mack truck and trailer loaded with a multitude of beautifully restored antique engines. Visit with members from the New England area clubs displaying and demonstrating their antique engines, tractors and doodle-bugs.

Shop at our large selection of craft vendors and enjoy lunch and apple crisp. Watch the antique farm tractor pulls both days. Demonstrations from yesteryears include tours of our working blacksmith shop, shingle mill and maple sugar house. Due to Covid restrictions, the Waters farmhouse will not be

open this year, but we hope to welcome visitors next year to see our fireplace renovation project.

New activities for children include the barrel train rides. Green Bean Kids will be presenting interactive theater activities both days at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., & 2 p.m. The Sutton 4-H will have a petting zoo as well as offering Learn to Show a Cow!

Animal exhibits include Sutton's own Angela Kazanovicz and her horse Aurora, known for their role as The Headless Horseman in The Sleepy Hollow Production at Old Sturbridge Village. Carolyn Stearns, author and storyteller, will be with us both days along with the Molnar's of Donifer Farm in Connecticut with their mammoth donkeys offering demonstrations on all of the amazing things they can do. They will be joined by other donkeys and mules from the area.

We welcome the return of the Massachusetts National Guard offering activities for the family including games, prizes and more. Support the Scout troops fundraising and informa-

tion booths. Stop by at the Darling Barn to see demonstrations including sign carving & painting, tin smithing, and pottery.

Music will be provided by Cruisin' Bruce Palmer. Food and beverages are available onsite. Hay rides run throughout the day traversing the grounds. Sunday features include the Waters Farm car show in the upper field. The annual apple pie baking contest is held at 12:30p. Rules and information will be available on our website.

Exhibitors and volunteers are always welcomed. Craft vendor spaces are still available. Please visit our Web site at www.watersfarm.org.



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Good Shepherd Parish to host annual Holiday Fair

UXBRIDGE — Good Shepherd Parish will host its annual Holiday Fair Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Parish Center (behind the church) and Parish Hall (beneath the church). The fair will feature a selection of crafts, baked goods, cookie walk, more than 50 themes raffle baskets, grand raffle, lunch items, and much more. Please see the Web site at www.goodshepherdlinwood.org for more details, including a list of raffle baskets.

How physical activity can help in the fight against breast cancer



Breast cancer is a complex disease that affects millions of women across the globe each year. Though the American Cancer Society reports that only about 4 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States are under age 40, women of all ages can take steps to protect themselves against this deadly disease.

Exercise benefits women in myriad ways, and that includes lowering their risk for breast cancer. The ACS notes that researchers are increasingly linking exercise to a reduced risk for breast cancer. Though the reasons behind that link remain unclear, some theorize that the positive effects of exercise on body weight, inflammation, hormones, and energy balance could be why regular physical activity helps women reduce their risk for breast cancer.

Body weight and breast cancer

The National Cancer Institute reports that being obese after menopause can significantly increase a woman's risk for breast cancer. In addition, the ACS attributes the rise in hormone receptor-positive breast cancers to an increased prevalence of excessive body weight. Routine exercise is a highly effective way to lose weight and keep weight off, which in turn could lower women's risk for breast cancer.

Being sedentary and breast cancer

Exercise is a not a sedentary activity, and that could be another reason why women who are physically active have a lower risk for breast cancer. The

ACS notes that more than one study has linked sitting time to a higher risk of various diseases, including breast cancer. Researchers with the ACS analyzed data from 77,462 women, who they followed for an average of 15.8 years. None of the participants had cancer when the study started, but researchers found that women who sat for six or more hours per day during their free time had a 10 percent greater risk for invasive breast cancer than women who sat for less than three hours per day during free time.

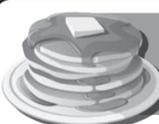
Does physical activity really reduce breast cancer risk?

The human body is complex, and a host of factors, including

those like age that women have no control over, can affect cancer risk. However, engaging in routine physical activity seems to be an effective way for women to reduce their risk for breast cancer. In fact, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation estimates that one-third of all breast cancer cases could be prevented with positive lifestyle choices that help

women maintain a healthy weight, including exercise.

Routine physical activity can be a significant weapon in women's arsenal as they continue their efforts to prevent and overcome breast cancer.



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Friday's Child



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Dasanee Age 14

Hi! My name is Dasanee and I am a talented singer and dancer!

Dasanee is an active teen of African American descent. She is reserved, quiet, and shy at first, but once she gets to know you, she becomes very outgoing and talkative. Dasanee is naturally athletic and she enjoys staying very active. Some of her favorite activities include playing soccer and basketball, swimming, and jumping on her trampoline. She is also musically inclined and is starting to recognize this newfound talent. She recently started taking trumpet lessons and knows

how to play the piano and sing.

Legally freed for adoption, Dasanee would do well in a two-parent family that can provide her with the affection, stability, and structure she needs to thrive. She would very much love for there to be other children in the home, and possibly some pets. Interested families must be willing to help Dasanee maintain her relationship and visits with her brother and aunt.

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.



Brother-sister team opens Ramen shop

DOUGLAS — The brother and sister team of Gino and Jesi Bolandrina (Douglas High School alumni 2012 and 2009, respectively) plus Jesi's fiancé, Nick Pietroniro of Connecticut, has opened a Ramen shop, Kurukuru Ramen: A New Kind of Ramen Experience.

In the Japanese language, Kuru Kuru means whirling, revolving, spinning, going round and round. At KuruKuru Ramen, the team wants to show guests that food is always a revolving experience. The team believes that guests can enjoy delicious, affordable, and unique food anytime, anywhere. Ramen is a soulful food. It can be enjoyed by comfort food seekers just as well as it can be enjoyed by adventurous foodies.

According to Jesi, "KuruKuru dining experience is memorable because it's made by people who truly care about the craft and the quality of your meal, every single time."

Jesi holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Journalism from Northeastern University. She has more than years of experience in restaurant and hospitality positions. At KuruKuru, she leads

marketing, branding, and outreach efforts.

Chief Ramen Chef Gino Bolandrina genuinely loves cooking and loves Ramen. He appreciates the art (and patience) to preparing a deliciously beautiful bowl of ramen. He is not one to cut any corners. Gino had been passionate about food since his childhood. At age seven, he trained at the Heny Sison Culinary School (Manila, Philippines) under Chef Jill Sandique (International ICE alumni and a graduate of the Institute of Culinary Education Pastry & Baking Arts program). Gino's culinary experiences range from apprenticeship (The Ivy Restaurant, Boston), to Cooking Shows (Chef Heny Sison), to employments (Harvard Faculty Club, Cambridge; Pikaichi, Boston), to teaching Japanese cooking (Bay Path Adult Evening School, Charlton). He has traveled to Japan extensively and has enjoyed Ramen in Chiba, Kanagawa, Osaka, Kamikatsu, and Tokyo. At Pikaichi in Boston, where he worked as a waiter then kitchen chef, he honed in his passion for Ramen. He has

over 10 years of experience running and managing Ramen restaurants in the Greater Boston Area. Gino leads menu creation, daily food prep, and all other cooking-related responsibilities at KuruKuru. He works with suppliers, ensures food quality in every meal, and assists with all back-of-house tasks and duties.

Executive Officer Nick Pietroniro is a self-taught chef with a ton of passion for cooking. He began his journey in restaurants at the age of 15 working as a pizza chef. From there, he worked his way up to managing restaurant operations. After spending a few more years in Connecticut, he decided to leave for Boston to expand his knowledge and experience. After managing multiple restaurants, he assumed the role as a research and development chef, where he found his true passion for Ramen. At KuruKuru, Nick runs the restaurant operations and assists in the kitchen to ensure smiles on people's faces.

While plans for a physical location for KuruKuru Ramen Shop are being finalized, multiple pop-up events have



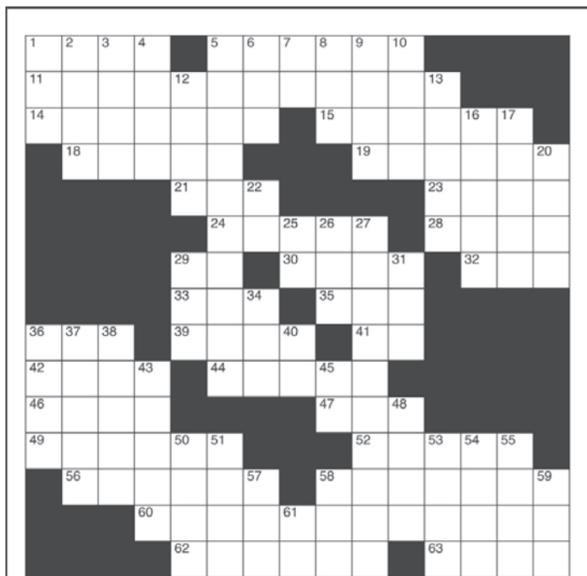
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been successfully held in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. From work parties, birthdays, family gatherings, corporate events, dinner parties,

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Flat-topped hill
- 5. Move upward
- 11. Admiration
- 14. It's useful for serving food
- 15. Kidnap
- 18. One of the Greek Muses
- 19. A type of media
- 21. Sunscreen rating
- 23. Former Michigan coach Brady
- 24. German town devastated in WW2
- 28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
- 29. Leave
- 30. Forearm bone
- 32. Very fast airplane
- 33. Helps little firms
- 35. Defunct economic organization
- 36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
- 39. Feels ill
- 41. Indicates position
- 42. Beverage containers
- 44. Assists
- 46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
- 47. Purpose
- 49. Group of elected officials
- 52. Hebrew prophet
- 56. They help you drink
- 58. Lawmaker
- 60. Charitable
- 62. Doctrines
- 63. Footwear

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Where wrestlers work
- 2. Dueling sword
- 3. Practice fight
- 4. Genus of clams
- 5. Fear of heights
- 6. What some tell their dog
- 7. The Golden State
- 8. When you expect to get there
- 9. Pointed ends
- 10. Extinct flightless bird
- 12. Feeds
- 13. Nape of neck
- 16. Descendant
- 17. Small boats found in Turkey
- 20. To avoid the risk of
- 22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
- 25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 26. Brew
- 27. Feeling of anxiety
- 29. Young girls group
- 31. Perform on stage
- 34. White clerical vestment
- 36. Popular musical awards show
- 37. Bumpkins
- 38. One who acts on another's behalf
- 40. Direction
- 43. Look at with fixed eyes
- 45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
- 48. A large number of
- 50. Type of powder
- 51. Large jug
- 53. ___ Christian Anderson, children's author
- 54. American state
- 55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
- 57. Witness
- 58. Landscapers lay it
- 59. Type of bread
- 61. Of I



Small Stones Festival of Arts presents "Spoon River Anthology" Oct. 16

GRAFTON — Enjoy a dramatic performance of "Spoon River Anthology," Oct. 16, 2 or 7 p.m. at the Community Meeting room of the newly renovated Grafton Public Library, 35 Grafton Common, Grafton. Advance ticketing is required for this free event. Sign-up at www.smallstonesfestival.org. Masks will be required.

Five regional arts organizations – Apple Tree Arts, the Worcester County Camera Club, the Blackstone Valley Art Association, the Shakespeare Club of Grafton and the Claffin Hill Symphony Orchestra have collaborated to create the fourth annual juried fine art and photography exhibit accompanied by art, literary and music programs and juror and artist talks. The festival runs Oct. 15-24.

Directed by Catherine Thornton, "Spoon River Anthology" is a production of Radio Active Theatre of Audio Journal and Shakespeare Club of Grafton. Volunteer actors from each group will perform several excerpts from the acclaimed drama conceived and adapted by Charles Aidman based on poems by Edgar Lee Masters. Technical direction is by Julie Standrovicz.

Cast members include Jen Antkowiak, Mary Ann Brayer, Donna Coleman, Peg Ferraro, Leo Frappier, Lorraine Mason, Jeff Raymond, Manas Sarma, Andrew Shiels and Gary Zelch. Set in the cemetery of the fictional town of Spoon River in Central Illinois, deceased citizens tell the honest, often brutal stories of their lives in a free verse poem style closely resembling an epitaph. Published in 1915, the bestselling anthology is a classic American twentieth century book.

Radio Active Theatre (RAT) produces radio and live programs under the aegis of Audio Journal's executive director Mary Frandsen and Catherine Thornton, a long-time member of both organizations. Audio Journal, a member of the Massachusetts Audio Information Network, serves those who are blind, visually impaired or print challenged.

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Gordon, Defalco lead Tigers past Crusaders

DOUGLAS AVENGES EARLY-SEASON LOSS TO WCS WITH STIRRING VICTORY

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS – The Douglas High girls' varsity soccer team took advantage of a pair of scoring opportunities – one in each half – and then used a shut-down defensive effort late in the game to defeat Dual Valley Conference (DVC) rival Whitinsville Christian School, 2-1, on Thursday, Oct. 7.

With the win the Tigers improved to 6-5 overall and 4-5 in the DVC. The loss dropped the Crusaders to 10-2 overall, 7-2 in conference play. Whitinsville Christian won the first meeting between the schools, 4-0, on Friday, Sept. 17.

"It (the loss to WCS) definitely woke us up," said Douglas eighth-grader Allison "Allie" Gordon, who staked the Tigers to a 1-0 lead, scoring her second goal of the season just two minutes, 20 seconds into the game. "It showed us we needed to be more intense in games. It showed that we needed

to be more aggressive, no matter (whom) we were playing. That earlier loss (to WCS) really awakened our aggressive side."

That aggressive side created a 1-0 lead for the Tigers.

On a push into the Whitinsville Christian defensive end, Douglas sophomore Erika Our <correct spelling> stopped suddenly about 15 yards from the WCS net and unloaded a hard shot. Abbi Cullen, the Crusaders' senior goalkeeper, made a diving save, but couldn't get possession of the ball, which bounded away from Cullen and right to Gordon, who quickly pushed it past Cullen.

"The ball bounced off the goalie's hands right to me," Gordon said. "I was like, 'oh my gosh, I'm open.' I knew we needed to come out strong in this game and this was an opportunity to do that. I knew in a second where I had to place the ball, so I sent it to the bottom left corner. The goalie was

still on the ground; she tried to get up and make a play on the shot but the ball was already by her."

Whitinsville Christian coach Beth Cutler commended Gordon for making the right play at the right time.

"She cleaned it up," Cutler said of Gordon's quick decision making. "That's where she should have been and she was. For us, however, it was a tough way to start the game."

Douglas pushed its lead to 2-0 in the seventh minute of the second half, freshman Olivia "Liv" Defalco scoring – eventually – on a direct kick from 25 yards out. Defalco's line drive went into the crossbar, went directly down, hit Cullen in the back and bounded into the net.

"I really didn't expect the kick to get all the way to the goal," Defalco said. "I was in the zone when I took the shot and as I watched it – and it was like I was watching it

in slow motion – I said to myself, 'this shot has a chance to go in.' I felt really good about the shot when the ball left my foot."

But then it hit the crossbar.

"At that point I'm thinking, 'that should have gone in,'" Defalco said, "and I turn around and start to run upfield and all of a sudden our whole bench is cheering and I'm like, 'wait, what happened?' I was confused for a few seconds but then I realized the ball actually went in the net."

Whitinsville Christian cut its deficit in half 70 seconds later, making it a 2-1 game when sophomore Kate Crowley managed to boot the ball into the net out of a scrum right in front of the Douglas goal, Tigers' goalkeeper Ashley Arnold.

The Crusaders pushed the pace of the game for the remaining 31 minutes, but every time

it looked like WCS was putting together a little offensive momentum the Douglas defense thwarted the threat.

Desi Vega, who co-coaches the Douglas varsity along with Jarred Stand, was asked after the game what was different about the team that lost soundly to the Crusaders just 20 days before beating them.

"We told the girls that they had to come in with intensity. Whitinsville Christian is a quality team; they beat Sutton twice, and they beat Nipmuc. So, we knew we had to play with intensity right from the start and that's exactly what we did," Vega said. "The girls took it to them. They dictated the play, which is what we needed them to do. That first goal within the first five minutes was huge for us.

"We told the team at halftime that Whitinsville Christian was going to come out hard in the second half and that's exact-

ly what they did because that's what good teams do," Vega continued. "We held them off early and then Liv scored to make it 2-0. That was huge for us."

Afterward Cutler focused more on her team's effort, than the outcome of the game.

"My girls battled the whole game; they never quit," Cutler said. "Even with 10 seconds to go they were running as hard as they could. That's who we are. It's not about wins and losses, it's about the fact we compete and we compete for the full 80 minutes.

"They have the best effort; they work together as hard as they can, always," Cutler continued. "You hate to lose any game, but that's a good team over there and we play in a great league. As long as we compete the best that we can, that's all I ever ask from them. We kept fighting, we never quit."

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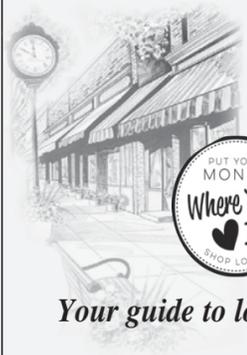
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Walk begins at 9 a.m., rain or shine, and route signs will be posted for the three mile walk to the Community House, Uxbridge Center where prepackaged refreshments will be served outdoors only (to comply with Covid safe protocols). Checks can be made out to CSW/CROP or donate online: www.crophungerwalk/north-bridgema

Please contact Coordinator Tanya Morin at 508-341-6652 or danvillegirl348@gmail.com for more information.

Millbury FCC to host annual turkey raffle Nov. 19

MILLBURY — The Millbury First Congregational Church, at 148 West Main St., will be holding the Annual Turkey Raffle on Friday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. It will take place at the Millbury Senior Center, 1 River St. in Millbury.

The Top 4 Prizes will include:
 Grand Prize-Escape Vacation, location of your choice. Gift Value: \$500.
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In addition, numerous items on display will be raffled off during the evening. Refreshments will be sold during the evening, including hot dogs and other delicious surprises. Please come early and enjoy the fun on Nov. 19. Raffle tickets will be on sale at Goretti's on Oct. 26, Oct. 30, and Nov. 2.



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9	2	1	3	8	5	6	4	7
4	7	3	9	6	1	8	2	5
6	8	5	2	7	4	9	1	3
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We appreciate our local police

Support for police should not be political. Yet here we are. Over the past few days, we have thought a lot about our local police departments, and they truly deserve a shout out of appreciation. Reporters, editors and all of us in the media work very closely with our local officers. We could not do our jobs without their help.

What we have come to know is that police officers are democrats, republicans, independents or simply don't affiliate with any political party whatsoever. The current climate would lead you to believe that if you support police, you're affiliated with one party. This could not be further from the truth.

We see the police logs every week, we know how much stress our officers face on a daily basis, and to make things a bit more challenging, many of our local departments are short staffed.

Our police officers do so much more than we think. The day-to-day tasks do not come without some sort of stress, whether they are dealing with someone with a mental health issue, confiscating drugs, chasing someone who doesn't want to be caught and putting their lives at risk every single day. They are shouted at, assaulted, and disrespected daily. Sure, this comes with the job, however it doesn't mean that it should, or that it doesn't get taxing. Oftentimes it's the same culprits day in and day out they deal with, and we're not sure how they remain calm and professional while doing so, but for that we say thank you.

After an arrest, or any sort of incident, it doesn't end there. There are calls from family members, or those who were arrested, court dates, collecting written testimony and being a part of some tough family situations as well. Responding to motor vehicle accidents that end in tragedy, or all of the other situations that we only see in movies, is actual real life to our officers. Just because we don't see what's happening every day in the lives of our police, doesn't mean that it's not happening.

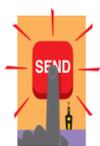
Of course, there are officers in other states and cities that abuse their power, however that is not the case in our smaller communities. Police reform is needed in those places and has been for decades, however we consider ourselves lucky to live in a place where our officers are all top notch. Many officers would agree that police reform is needed.

Being a police officer is a career that has long been praised as a high honor, only to be filled with selfless brave women and men who simply want to keep our communities a better, safer place to live in. Follow our lead and show your local police they are appreciated. We see you, and we thank you.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Critical Race Theory is about political power, not justice

To the Editor:
What I believe. Feel free to disagree. Buckle your seat belt. Things are starting to get serious now.

The Rhode Island teachers' union and the National Education Association (NEA) are suing a parent who requested the Kindergarten curriculum in South Kingston, R.I. The mom wants to know if they are teaching Critical Race Theory.

How outrageous of her to ask what her tax dollars are being spent on. To be fair, the NEA said they had lawyers ready to defend any teacher "accused" of teaching Critical Race Theory. In case they are teaching it, which the NEA says they are not, but they are.

Nicole Solas, our brave hero mom, was told by the principal at her daughter's elementary school that teachers no longer refer to the little children as "boys and girls." The teachers use gender "inclusive" words like "Y'all" or "Hey Youse." That's Bronx for "Hey, you." Or "Good morning, Little Its." Strictly gender neutral. I guess the teachers no longer refer to Mommy or Daddy either. It must be Parental Unit #1. Parental Unit #2. Pure Woke Marxism.

So, Nicole started asking lots of questions. She asked for a copy of the curriculum and how her school discusses race and gender. After the school district refused, she filed Freedom of Information requests for public records. Key word: "public records." Our legislators passed Freedom of Information (FOI) laws so that citizens can get information from our government, the one we pay for, the one that works for us, the people. "Of the people, By the people, For the people."

Nicole requested all emails to or from the Superintendent containing the word "race" or "whiteness" and requested all lesson plans in which the concept of "whiteness as a social construct" is discussed. Nicole hit the third rail of Marxism.

Nicole asked a question that Marxists find really scary: "what qualifications did a music teacher have in order to talk about race with choir students?" Did the music teacher major in "Political Usefulness of Race in Music" like our Secretary of Education, Cardona? He wrote his Ph.D. thesis on "Sharpening the Focus of Political Will to Address Achievement Disparities." Does your

Enjoy the beauty and science behind fall color

The brilliant fall color in our landscapes is a magical transformation that happens each year. And the science behind it is just as intriguing.

Each fall as the days shorten our deciduous trees and shrubs begin this transformation. The plants produce less of the chlorophyll that gives leaves their normal green color. The existing chlorophyll starts breaking down, revealing the underlying pigments of yellow, red or orange.

The carotenoid and xanthophyll pigments assist the chlorophyll in capturing light and producing sugar during the growing season. The beta-carotene contributes to the orange and orange-yellow fall color. Lutein is the most prominent xanthophyll pigment producing bright yellow fall color. There are over 80 different pigments in these two categories contributing to the variations in fall color.

The tannins in leaves contribute to the golden and brown fall colors. These are thought to discourage animals and insect pests from feeding on the leaves and help defend the plants against disease organisms.

At the same time, these plants begin to create an abscission layer between the leaf and stem. This barrier prevents the sugars produced in the leaves from moving down into the roots for storage.

Purple and red fall color, from the anthocyanin foliar pigments, is produced when sugars build up and are trapped in the leaves. This results in brilliant red and purplish-red fall color. Some of these pigments are present during the growing season and can be seen in new growth and mature leaves of some plants. These add color to the garden, help protect the plant cells from high light damage, and may discourage animals and insects from dining on the plants.

Warm, sunny days followed by cool nights without a hard frost mean more sugar and better red, orange, and purple fall color. Sufficient soil moisture helps keep the leaf color bright for a longer period of time. Leaf color fades, turns brown and leaves drop from the tree more quickly during dry fall weather.

Fall foliage is not restricted to deciduous trees and shrubs. The leaves of many of our favorite perennials also turn brilliant colors in the fall.

Solomon's seal and hosta leaves turn a beautiful yellow, echoing the fall flow-

er school's music teacher teach music or race theory? More importantly, do you want to pay the music teacher to teach music or race theory? Anyone for defunding music?

When the NEA and the R.I. Teachers sued Solas to block her Record requests, Solas tweeted: "Throwing down the gauntlet, are we? Game on." That's one Warrior Queen Mom. Solas has had to mortgage her house to pay her legal fees - all because she asked for the kindergarten curriculum. Has the NEA gone insane?

Or Marxist? The Marxist NEA lawyers demand that the judge use a "balancing test that properly assesses the public interest in the records measured against the teacher's individual privacy rights." There are no privacy rights in a public classroom. Every child has a cellphone that becomes "Video on the 6pm News".

The NEA asserts that "it is likely that any teachers who have engaged in discussions about critical race theory will be the subject of teacher harassment by national conservative groups opposed to critical race theory." Yup, scary parents object to segregating America into racial camps. If there is nothing wrong with what you are teaching, why hide it? If you have to hide it, there is something wrong with it. "Don't tell Mommy."

So, Nicole fired back at the union: "You cannot be employed by the state and demand immunity from public scrutiny. That's not how open government works in America. Academic transparency is not a collective bargaining negotiation."

The NEA has vowed to "publicize an already-created, in-depth study that critiques white supremacy, anti-Blackness, anti-Indigeneity, racism, patriarchy, capitalism, and other forms of power and oppression." ["Just Jill" Biden is an NEA member.]

The only people who say that capitalism is oppression are Marxists. Or socialists. Or Progressives. Or Democrats. This is not about racial justice. This is about raw political power and intimidating parents into silence while taking their tax dollars. Are you wide awake yet? What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted.

Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge



Melinda Myers

Each fall as the days shorten, deciduous shrubs and trees like this Arctic Jade Korean Maple begin their transformation as the plants produce less chlorophyll.

ers of witchhazel and yellow leaves of ginkgo and quaking aspen. The delicate heart-shaped leaves of barrenwort, botanically known as Epimedium, turn red in fall. Some of the leaves drop in fall like most trees and shrubs. Others will persist through winter and drop as new leaves and flowers appear in spring.

Perennial geranium and Bergenia leaves turn reddish-purple in fall. Both will persist, adding color to the winter and early spring garden.

Brighten up the fall landscape with the fine texture and amber-gold fall foliage of Angelina sedum and willow amsonia.

The fluffy white seed heads of our native little bluestem complement the copper-red fall color that persists throughout the winter.

Genetics determine the color each plant tends to produce in fall, while weather and the plant's health influence if and how intensely the color will be expressed. Consider fall color when adding plants to the landscape. Then provide proper care to keep them healthy and looking their best throughout the year.

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"You can't win an argument"

A famous quote of unknown origin says, "A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still."

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A year ago, I talked to my good friend in Los Angeles, and he told me about two of his friends who stopped talking to him; they blocked his phone calls and text messages.

He was upset; He knew them for over twenty years; they stopped talking to him because of too many heated political arguments. He ended the conversation by telling me he was done with their friendship forever.

Recently, I've been flipping through the book "How to Win Friends and Influence People" by Dale Carnegie.

I read the book in college, and for a time, I practiced the principles therein. I remember them working fabulously for me. Over time, I forgot some of the valuable lessons, and eventually, they fell out of practice.

I don't know about you, but since 2015, I've heard of many political arguments ruining long-established friendships. I'm embarrassed to admit that I, too, have become entangled in many of these types of discussions; I've learned some hard lessons.

Dale Carnegie says in his book, "You can't win an argument; you can't because if you lose it, you lose it; and if you win it, you lose it."

How is that possible? How can you win an argument and still lose?

Of course, you can win an argument. You can shoot holes in your friend's viewpoint and burn all their logic to the ground. You can show them facts and figures and walk away feeling like you just won a significant debate, thinking proudly to yourself, "I showed them a thing or two!" What you don't realize is that you lost.

Benjamin Franklin said, "if you argue, rankle, and contradict, you may achieve a victory sometimes, but it will be an empty victory because you will never get your opponent's goodwill."

What's more important? Keeping your friendship intact or boosting your ego?

As the old saying goes, "you don't know what you've got till it's gone." Some of us have to learn the hard way; I know I have.

I've lost friends due to arguing, but I never intended it to be that way. I guess that's called "unintended consequences." I think about them a lot and wish I would have just asked them how their family was doing or what was new in their life.

Carnegie goes on to say, in the next chapter, "the surest way to make somebody an enemy is to tell them they're wrong...if you tell someone they're wrong, do you make them want to agree with you? Never! For you have struck a direct blow at their intelligence, judgment, pride, and self-respect... It will never make them want to change their mind."

It's hard to hear something you disagree with but is it really worth the fight? Not every disagreement has to become an argument. There are ways of winning someone to your way of thinking but it doesn't happen by arguing.

You probably didn't become friends with that person because you agree with their politics, so why would you end it because you disagree with their politics?

Back to my friend in Los Angeles; the other day one of the two friends who stopped talking

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The season of hunting and fishing

The month of October brings all forms of hunting and fishing activities for sportsmen. Waterfowl opened this past Monday, Oct. 11, and Pheasant hunting opens this Saturday. If that is not enough for you, deer hunting opens on the 18th of this month, and Massachusetts has started to stock trout in the usual places. Saltwater fishing is also exploding with action both in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. There are a lot of hard decisions to make, but whatever you chose, the time spent in the outdoors with family and friends is priceless. The fall colors on trees also adds to the experiences in the outdoors.

This past Thursday, this writer decided to take advantage of the great weather, fishing for tautog in Rhode Island. After catching a limit of tautog, we decided to head out to deeper water in search of some seabass. A lot of seabass were caught but many were just under size. After a couple hours of fishing in deeper water, we spotted a couple of stripers floating on the surface of the water.



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Soon, many more stripers in the 20-to-26-inch class were floating by the boat. I knew immediately that a dragger was responsible for the dead stripers. I have seen it before. They catch to many fish and they sort out the fish that they can keep and discard the rest. What a waste. Recreational anglers face stricter fishing regulations annually, and this type of waste continues. It just makes you sick!

More sightings of bear are being reported by archers that have cameras out to catch a few photos of deer in the areas that they hunt. If you are hunting deer during the shotgun deer season, it would be wise to purchase a bear permit for only \$5. It is a small price to pay to harvest a black bear.

It did not take long for the surplus deer permits for zone 9 to be sold out

recently. Like maybe six minutes! The sales opened at 9 a.m. and more than 1,300 were gone by 9:06 a.m.! Archery deer season opens on Oct. 18 in zones 1-9. The heavy foliage continues to hamper bird hunting, at a couple of hunting preserves, but will not be gone for this Saturdays opening day in Massachusetts!

This is the time of year that bee stings increase, because they seem to become more aggressive as the cooler weather arrives. Yellowjacket bees often make nests in the ground, making many people unaware that they are there. Wasps are also capable of nasty bites, and can leave the person or persons unaware of the danger they pose to humans. For some humans an EpiPen is a lifesaving tool injecting medication for a bee sting, and is carried by many people to counter act the serious effects of bee stings or spider bites.

Salmon fishing in upstate New York's famous Salmon River is starting to improve, with numerous anglers returning with some great stories on their



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This week's picture shows a young German shorthair pointer ready for the opening of the upland bird hunting season.

fishing experience. It is only going to get better.

Mass. Fish & Wildlife has released their new license fee increases for the next five years. For a complete rundown on all the new increases, go to their Web site. They did not change much from their earlier proposals. The fees will gradually increase over five years. No action on

the sportsman's proposal to allow any one that wants to hunt with a crossbow to do so. Many bowhunters have gone to the neighboring state of Rhode Island to hunt deer, where crossbows are legal!

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club is planning a ham & bean supper on Nov. 13, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each. You can buy the

tickets at the club or purchase them online. Only 85 tickets will be sold. Don't miss out on this great evening with friends and a ham & bean supper. More clubs are also planning suppers in the valley. Stay tuned!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

It's Pumpkin Time!

Although we think of pumpkins as a vegetable, it is officially classifies as a fruit. Pumpkins are not only delicious, they are a rich source of both fiber and vitamin A and naturally low in calories. Best of all pumpkins are very versatile, which have made them the spotlight of many autumn feasts via pumpkin soups, casseroles and hearty pies.

Read on for some pumpkin tips, tricks and ideas:

* Choosing a proper pumpkin for your table is important. Pumpkins should be mature and firm, with taut skin and a nice orange hue. Select pumpkins that feel solid and are heavy for their size. If still growing on the vine, look for stems that are solidly attached to the pumpkin. A general rule to test for maturity is to scratch the skin slightly with a fingernail. A mature pumpkin will resist scratching.

* Keep in mind when choosing pumpkins that the variety you select should fit your need. For example, if you desire a pumpkin for pie, a medium sugar pumpkin, which is typically small and sweet with a dark orange color, is the best choice. For carving, look for well rounded pumpkins that have good color with stem intact. Pumpkins earmarked as Jack-O-Lanterns are usually larger and contain too many strings and seeds to be practical for pie making.

** Preserving and



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Preparing Pumpkins: Pumpkins can be successfully stored for up to six months, as long as conditions are favorable. Storage temperature should not exceed 50 degrees and should be stored in a dry, frost free environment.

** Whole pumpkins keep better if picked leaving two inches of the stem on the fruit. Dry them in the sun for a few days before storing. For safety's sake, wipe pumpkins down with a common disinfectant such as Lysol before storing. Whole pumpkins should not be allowed to touch each other in storage. And be sure to keep an eye out for rot spots that may form. Any pumpkins that are found to be decaying should be promptly removed from the storage area.

* If you want to store pumpkins beyond several months, you will need to preserve them. Several methods of preserving pumpkins are used. Freezing cooked, pureed pumpkin is a favored way to preserve the taste and texture of pumpkin. Sugar or pie pumpkins are ideal candidates for freezing as the pulp is thicker and firmer. To easily prepare

a pumpkin for pureeing, simply place the whole fruit in the microwave for about a minute or so to soften the skin. This will make the pumpkin much easier to peel. Cut the pumpkin in large slices, peel the skin and remove the strings and seeds. Then cut the slices into smaller pieces. Boil the pumpkin pieces until tender, then mash or process the pumpkin pulp until it forms a smooth, thick puree. Those who are considering home canning pumpkin should be advised pumpkin puree cannot be canned due to its thickness, and although some people successfully can chunked slices of the pulp, it is safer to avoid the risk altogether.

* Pumpkin can also be dried, which was a favored method of the colonists. Drying pumpkin must be done carefully in order to kill all the germs that would make it spoil. Here's how to do it the old fashioned way: Split the pumpkin in half and remove the seeds. Remove the skin and cut the fruit into thin slices. Steam for about six minutes. Spread on a tray and dry in the sun (it will take at least two days, and it will take about two days. If flies are a problem, cover with netting. Pumpkin needs to be dried in hot sun so that it dries quickly before it spoils.

** Or, you can dry pumpkin quicker and easier in the oven or microwave; here's how to do it in the

microwave, which is the fastest method:

Arrange thin slices on a microwave safe tray or glass pie plate. You must leave space between the slices so air can circulate around them. Cook on high for 15 to 20 minutes. Check the pumpkin; if it is not crispy; cook again for five minutes, and continue until the dried slices are crunchy. Allow to cool before storing.

* Did you know that dried pumpkin can also be made into a flour, which can be used just as you would all purpose flour in cooking and baking? To do, simply pulverize the dry pumpkin in a food processor.

** Pumpkin Seeds: Many Halloween traditions include gathering the seeds from a carved Jack-O-Lantern to toast in a warm oven. The snack is both healthy and delicious, and the addition of spices gives the humble treat a flavorful punch. Plus, roasting up a batch of pumpkin seeds is not only an annual treat, it's a great way to use up every bit of the vegetable:

To properly toast pumpkin seeds, remove all pulp and clean strings from the seeds. Place seeds in a bowl and stir in melted butter or olive oil and salt to coat the seeds. Spread seeds on a cookie sheet and bake in a 275 degree oven for about an hour or until the seeds are golden brown and crisp. Avoid overcooking as seeds can become hard and tough.

Prefer crisper seeds? Prior to toasting boil the seeds in salted water for about ten minutes, drain and prepare for roasting. Pumpkin seeds:

* P u m p k i n Sprouts: Pumpkin seeds can even be sprouted to use on sandwiches and in salads. Pumpkin seeds are a healthy snack as they are over 30 percent protein and are high in and oil-soluble vitamins A, D, and E. In addition, pumpkin seeds are rich in iron zinc and magnesium.

To sprout pumpkin seeds, place the seeds in a glass jar (Mason jars are ideal) and cover with water just to cover. Secure a piece of cheesecloth over the top with a rubber band. Soak seeds overnight. The next day, drain the water out and place the jar in dark area that is room temperature. Rinse the seeds in the jar at least four times a day. After a few days, you should see the seeds sprouting. Rinse them again and place the jar in the sun for a day or so until tiny leaves form. They are now ready to use as a tasty garnish or salad addition.

** Pumpkin Hummus: Pureed sugar pumpkin adds just the right flavor to this hummus. To do:

Mix together in a food processor until smooth: two cups pureed sugar pumpkin; one 15 oz. can of garbanzo (chi chi) beans; one tablespoon tahini, two teaspoons vegetable oil; one teaspoon cumin; one teaspoon salt;

one eighth teaspoon cayenne pepper; one crushed garlic clove, and three tablespoons of water. Adjust thickness by adding a little water if it is too thick. Makes two cups. Serve with pita bread or crackers.

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

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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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to him called and tried to rekindle their friendship. He asked me, "how should I respond?" I replied, "What do you think you should do?"

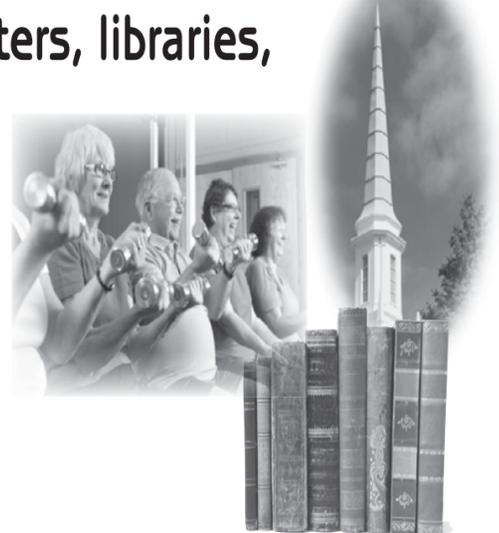
He said that he was going to forgive him and allow the friendship to move forward. He added, "if I don't forgive him and instead hold a grudge, you could interpret that as hatred; I don't want to carry that type of energy inside of me."

Some of us may not be so lucky as to have a good friend call us back after blocking us, but if they do, try and remember Dale Carnegie's advice, "You can't win an argument."

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OBITUARIES

Richard P. Skowronski Sr., 85



Whitinsville- Richard P. Skowronski Sr., 85, passed away peacefully at his home on Wed. Oct. 6, 2021 after a courageous battle with cancer. His loving family was at his side.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Mary A. (Diggins) Skowronski; 3 children, Richard P. Skowronski Jr. and his wife Lynn of Thompson, CT Cheryl and Robert J. Skowronski and his wife Denise of Douglas; 8 grandchildren, Paul, Ricky III, Samuel, Matthew, Brittany, Christopher, Joseph, and Hailey; 8 great-grandchildren, Colin, Kylie, Charlie, Parker, Ashton, Adam, Kaydence, and Landon; a brother, Edmond Skowronski of Tucson, AZ and a sister Carolyn Stalcup and her husband William of Port O'Connor, TX; as well as several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Born in Worcester, MA on Sept. 18, 1936 he was the son of

Edmond and Blanche (Petkus) Skowronski and grew up in Worcester. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran of the Korean Conflict. For 36 years, Richard worked for Wyman-Gordon in Grafton.

Dick enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and perfecting his lawn. His home and yard were a great source of pride for him. Most of all, however enjoyed quality time with his family. Always a gentleman he was a wonderful husband, father, grand and great-grandfather and will be missed.

As to his wishes, Dick will be cremated and services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>



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that. I thought that their attitude and effort in the first half was fantastic."

On the first goal, the Indians' Annika Stockhaus sent an awesome through-ball down to Megan Tucker, who took a couple of touches as she approached the net. Tucker then ripped a shot that went in, giving Bartlett a 1-0 lead.

At that point Strazzulla did not call a timeout — in fact, she didn't say a word

— and the Rams responded almost immediately. About 25 seconds following the Indians' goal, Northbridge's Karlee Battista serviced the ball into the box. Teammate Melissa Sabourin got to it just before keeper Camden Heenan could, depositing her shot into the net for the tying score.

"I really tried not to be as vocal as maybe I could have been because I was really looking for them to step up, so that was huge for us," Strazzulla said of tying the game in such quick fashion.

The Rams then took a 2-1 lead into the half-time break following Lily Allen's goal in the 30th minute. Battista took the corner kick that led to Allen's strike.

Strazzulla was then pleased with her team's play in the second half, as the Rams controlled the ball and limited Bartlett's chances.

"We went to four in the back and my senior captain, Caitlyn Mahoney, played center back and I felt like she took a little more control, switched the field of play and

helped us spread out," the coach explained.

Sienna Mastroianni scored in the 43rd minute after Jenna Malone made a nice play and shot on net, which resulted in a rebound. And Battista rounded out the scoring with a booming shot in the final minute. Hannah Dorenzo (two saves), Madison Thibeault (one) and Natalie Zborowski (one) split time as goalies for the Rams.

The win boosted Northbridge's record to 5-4-1 as they prepare for a potential bid in

the Division 4 State Tournament, where they are ranked 11th as of press time. The top 32 teams will play in States.

"Every win is a big win for us. To see them battle through a less than ideal start and to come out in the second half, I think it shows a lot of character and I was pretty proud of them," Strazzulla said.

Meanwhile, Bartlett head coach Mike Moroney was also proud of his team's performance.

"I have a very thin roster and not a lot of

subs, but every game that goes by they are learning everything that I have asked of them," he said. "I'm super proud of the way they played. They've given it all season long. I don't think the record shows what they have done."

Following the defeat, the Indians are now 1-10.

"They show up all the time. Win, lose or draw, it doesn't matter," said Moroney.

Heenan played well in net for the Indians, registering 15 saves.

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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. WO21P3262EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: gabrielle J Lafrancois Date of Death: 06/07/2021

To all interested persons:

Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Gaybe-Ann Hamel of Lehigh Acres FL**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Gaybe-Ann Hamel of Lehigh Acres FL** 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 11/02/2021.**

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: October 04, 2021

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
October 15, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Docket No. WO21P3241EA Estate of: Conrad Victor Dube Also Known As: Conrad Date Of Death: July 31, 2021 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE G.L. C. 190B, § 3-306

To all persons who have or may have some interest in the above-captioned estate by Petition of **Nancy E. Bennet of Upton MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Nancy E. Bennet of Upton MA has been informally appointed as the of 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. October 15, 2021

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL

ESTATE

(12 Beane's Lane, Northbridge)

By virtue and execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by T & V Realty, LLC to John Bourque dated November 1, 2006 and recorded at Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 40094, Page 180 ("Mortgage"), as assigned to Commonwealth National Bank by assignment dated June 11, 2008 and recorded with said registry in Book 42996, Page 208, as further affected by a certain First Amendment to Mortgage Deed dated October 28, 2011 and recorded with said registry in Book 48057, Page 184, and further affected by an Assignment of Mortgage to Fairway Financial Realty, LLC dated September 26, 2017 and recorded with said registry in Book 57868, Page 43, of which the undersigned is the present holder ("Mortgagee"), for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 on the premises at 12 Beane's Lane, Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts together with the buildings thereon, located on the southerly side of Beane's Lane and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the ground on the southerly line of said Beane's Lane, said point beginning being the northwesterly corner of the premises herein described:

THENCE N. 72° 50' E., by the southerly line of said Beane's Lane, seventy-four (74) feet to a drill hole in a stone;

THENCE S. 17° 10' E., by land now or formerly of George W. Rice Company, one hundred forty and 73/100 (140.73) feet to a point;

THENCE S. 62° 41' W., by land now or formerly of George W. Rice Company seventy-three and 6/10 (73.6) feet to an iron pin in the ground at land now or formerly of the Worcester Street Railway Realty Company;

THENCE N. 40° 15' W., by said land now or formerly of said Worcester Street Railway Realty Company, forty-nine and 5/10 (49.5) feet to an iron pin in the ground;

THENCE N. 48° 15' E., nineteen and 64/100 (19.64) feet to an iron pin in the ground;

THENCE N. 17° 10' W., by land now or formerly of the Heirs of Philippe Laval, one hundred (100) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 15,690 square feet of land, more or less.

Said premises being shown and identified as Lot "B" on plan of land entitled "Subdivision of Land owned by George W. Rice in Village of Rockdale, Northbridge, Mass. August, 1952", which said Plan is recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 184, Plan 57.

The above-described premises shall be sold subject to and with the benefit of all rights of parties in possession, easements, restrictions, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, outstanding tax titles, building, zoning and other land use laws and all permits

and approvals issued pursuant thereto, including without limitation, orders of conditions and existing encumbrances of record created prior to said Mortgage, if there be any. Said premises are to be sold subject to the right of redemption of the United States of America, if any there be.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) by certified cashiers or bank check will be required to be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder, the high bidder shall endorse said check payable to Fletcher Tilton, PC, attorneys for the Mortgagee, and tender said check to Mortgagee with the execution of the memorandum of sale.

The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days from the date of sale by certified or bank check. The successful bidder shall be required to sign at the time and place of the sale a Memorandum of Sale in form to be prepared by Mortgagee containing the above terms and any other terms announced at the time and place of the sale. **TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by Foreclosure Deed to the second highest bidder provided that the second highest bidder shall deposit with counsel to the Mortgagee, the amount of the required deposit(s) as set forth herein within three (3) business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and title shall be conveyed to said second highest bidder within thirty (30) days of said written notice. Mortgagee also reserves the right to step into the shoes of a default by the high bidder, and consummate a sale of the Property to the Mortgagee at the price bid by the high bidder.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to continue the sale from time to time by public announcement at the time and date of the original or any continued sale. Mortgagee also reserves the right to cancel the auction at any time.

In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in the Mortgage shall control. **OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF SALE.**

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DUDLEY - 10 Camelot Circle 9 Rm, 4 BdrM, 2.5 Bath, 2,520' Center Hall Colonial featuring an In-Ground Pool on a 28,131' Lot! The Entry Foyer w/Guest Closet! SS Applianced Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Spacious Dining Area, Tile Flr, Pantry Closet, Recessed & Pendant Lighting! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Chair Rail! Formal Liv Rm w/Crown Molding! 13.6x27' Fam Rm w/Fireplace w/Wood Pellet Insert, Soaring Cathedral Ceiling, Ceiling Fans & Skylight! Half Bath! 3 Season Porch! 1st Flr Laundry! The 2nd Floor w/4 Bdrms! Spacious Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Vanity! C/Air & Vac! 2 Car Garage! Fire Pit! Many Updates! Original Owner - Pride of Ownership! **\$570,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 62 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 51' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic Panoramic Lake Views! 11 Rooms, 6 Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms, 3,269' AC'd Colonial! Custom SS Applianced Granite Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/Cherry Hardwoods! Lake Facing Living Rm w/Cathedrals, Cherry Hardwoods! Slider to Waterfront Deck! Spacious 1st Flr Master Bedroom w/Full Bath, Cherry Hardwoods & Walk-in Closet! Fireplaced Lower Level Family Rm! 1st & 2nd Floor Laundries! 2 Car Garage! **\$979,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 305 Beacon Park! Lake View 1,280' 5 Rm Townhouse - 10 Acres Park Lake Grounds w/Panoramic Lake Views! Yr Round Living or as 2nd Home - Summers on the Lake - Winters in Florida! Move-in Condition! Applianced Kit! Din Rm w/Slider to the Composite Deck! Frplc Liv Rm w/Wall to Wall Carpeting & French Dr to the Deck! Updated Half Bath! Spacious Master w/Wall of Closets & Full Bath w/Recent Sky Light! 2nd Bedroom w/Wall to Wall Carpeting & Full Bath just outside its Door! 2 Bdrms & 2.5 Updated Baths! Garage w/Opener! Lakeside Heated Pool & One of the Best Sandy Beaches on the Lake! Canoe Rack! Rented Boat Dock through 2022, Longer Possible! Great Fireworks Viewing! **\$335,000.00**

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OXFORD - 10 BEVERLY STREET

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June Cazeault * Laurie Sullivan * Matthew Ross * Lori Johnson-Chause * William Gilmore II * Brian Bohenko

DUDLEY - 10 MILL ROAD

Beautiful family home! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, newer windows & heating system. Mini split system. Hardwoods. Lg eat-in kitchen /Corian counters & Island Warming fireplace with handsome mantel. Generous dining room, spacious enough for your family gatherings. lower level fireplace family room. Harmon pellet insert! 2 car garage. **Reduced \$340,000.**

WEBSTER - 23 EMERALD AVE.

Extraordinary Find! Beautiful 2 Family! Owner occupied with pride and it shows. Grand Front Entry! 3,012 SF +/- living area. 12 rooms, 6 bedrooms, 2 updated Baths. 2nd Flr - Granite Countertops! High ceilings & Hardwood Floors, Modern Kitchens. Manicured 13,525 SF Lot with a Hip roof 3 car garage! **\$439,900**

WEBSTER - 135 LAKE STREET

A RARE FIND! A TRULY ABOVE AVERAGE-TOP NOTCH-HIGH QUALITY-TWO FAMILY! SPACIOUS, CLEAN, UPDATED! Apt# 2 - 1,536 SF+ & 3 BRs, 2nd Flr Apt# 1 - 1,290 SF+ & 2 BRs -1st floor. Oil & Natural Gas Heat. Hardwood flrst granite tops. Enjoy the L-Shaped Covered Farmers Porch! Level Lot! **\$399,900.**

PUTNAM CT - 89 PERRY ST UNIT# 250

Heritage Pines Condo Town House - Everything one would expect and then more! 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, all Hardwood floors, granite, stainless steel appliances, central air, 2 decks, 2800 sq ft +/- of finished living area., and so much more! **\$319,900.**

WOODSTOCK CT - 110 JOY RD

WELCOME TO MIDNIGHT FARM! 1876 Antique Colonial. Included separate Building - Studio/Store both situated on 2.5 Acres Professionally Landscaped! 5 Bedroom, Lg Living room, Fireplaced Dining room, Library, Master Bdrm, Renovated Kitchen! 3 Stall Garage! Picturesque Location! **\$455,000.**

Featured Island Listing! Webster Lake - 22 Long Island

Once in a lifetime opportunity to own a Webster Lake Waterfront Cottage on Long Island! Properly named the "Grand View". Sandy beach, boat house! Antique Cottage w/5 Rms, 3 BRs, a stone fireplaced w/pellet stove, eat-in kitchen w/modern appliances, full bath! washer/dryer. Screened porches. Included, 25% ownership share in a main land waterfront lot at 38 Point Pleasant Rd, in sheltered Mumford Cove! land provides boat slip & winter storage. A FAR AWAY PLACE NEAR BY! **\$389,900.**

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LAND WEBSTER/OXFORD/DUDLEY/DOUGLAS

Oxford - 2 Merriam Rd 80 +/- Wooded Acres in Oxford & Charlton! Great Location for Horses! **ON DEPOSIT \$329,000.**

Oxford - 4 Leicester St - Approx. 8.47 ACRES! River Frontage Possible to be Subdivided! **\$89,900**

WEBSTER - DOUGLAS RD 26 ACRES ON SUGARLOAF HILL. 1000+/- ft of frontage! **SORRY, SOLD! \$200,000**

Webster - Cooper Road 2 Buildable Lots! Water & Sewer Access. Zoned Lake Res. **ON DEPOSIT! Each \$24,500.**

FITCHBURG - UNIT# 109 CONSTITUTION DR

Chamberlain Hills Condo! 6 Rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 & 1/2 Baths. Finished lower level! Hot water baseboard by Natural Gas! Low Condo fee# \$202/Mo. **\$247,000.**

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Webster Lake - 300 Killdeer Island

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! A WEBSTER LAKE waterfront property on Killdeer Circle, you won't want to miss! Offers a prime waterfront location! 64' of water frontage and a gently sloping landscape to waters edge. Crystal clear, sandy bottomed shoreline. Everyday is a new day at the Lake! Nicely arranged floor plan. 5 rooms 2 bedrooms, 2 baths! Walk out lowerlevel to nice size patio! Garage. **\$650,000.**



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WEBSTER - 401 TREASURE ISLAND CONDO

WEBSTER LAKE! Treasure Island Townhouse! UNIT# 401 Quiet summers on big & beautiful Webster Lake! 6 Rooms. Open Floor Plan! Dining Area. Hardwood Floor & Carpet. Master Bedroom, W/2 Closets, Master Bath! 2-1/2 Baths Total! Slider to Deck & Slider to the Patio! Natural gas heat! 2 Boat Slips! Heated Pool! Natural Sandy Beach! **\$439,000.**

Webster 3 Units \$369,000

2 family with 2-2 bedrooms apartments, modern kitchens and bathrooms. Two 38 foot garages with 11' garage doors. Third unit is a 400 sq. ft. garage with automatic garage door and burglar alarm. Located on dead end street.

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Dudley Tri-Level \$399,900

9 rooms 3 bedrooms 1.5 bath with attached garage. Two fireplaces, formal dining room, entertaining size living room. 26'x22' family room with fireplace. Large rooms throughout. Possibility of 1st floor office with 1/2 bath. Lots of extras.

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cess, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students, the school added. "In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process," BVT released in a statement. "The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring will send all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report."

During the onsite review, the Office of Public School Monitoring will interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council, according to reports. Other onsite activities may include "interviews of district staff and administrators, reviews of student records, and onsite observations." To request a telephone interview, parents and other individuals may call Michael McDonald, Public School Monitoring Chairperson, at 781-338-3746. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the department said it will make the necessary arrangements.

BVT added that a report will be provided to the district within 60 days of the onsite visit. This report will include information about "areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements" and areas in which the district requires assistance to "correct or improve practices."

When it's released, the public will be able to access the report at www.doe.mass.edu/pgs/review/cpr/reports.

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other steps that members of the community can take to ensure their homes and families are safe.

As far as smoke alarms, Millville Fire Rescue reminded residents that there should be at least one smoke alarm in each bedroom, outside all sleeping areas, and on every level of the home. All alarms should be working and have new batteries, the department added.

It is also important to know what kind of alarm you have and how old the alarms are.

"Remember, if your alarm is older than 10 years it's time to replace it," Millville Fire released.

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pleased to partner with these companies and continue to strengthen our transportation system through the development of reliable rail infrastructure projects."

The Grafton and Upton Railroad serves the I-495 Transportation corridor, providing access to all of New England, according to the company. IRAP is a "competitive state-funded public/private partnership program" that provides financial assistance to eligible applicants to invest in industry-based rail infrastructure access improvement projects, according to MassDOT. Applicants must match public funds with private funds, with private funds accounting for at least 40

Everyone in the home should know the sound of the smoke alarm, and alarms should be tested every month to ensure they are working. Also, it is wise to develop and practice a "home escape plan" and meeting place with the family, Millville Fire stated.

"Practice the plan together...Don't practice it until you get it right, practice until you can't get it wrong," Millville Fire Rescue released.

In Uxbridge, the Uxbridge Fire Department visited the Taft Early Learning Center for Fire Prevention Week. The department said it was "emphasizing the need for parents to test smoke alarms with their children in the area, so they can recognize the noise they make."

October is also a great time to "go outside by a campfire and roast marsh-

mallows with the family," Millville Fire Rescue continued, adding several safety tips for the campfire season.

Campfire safety advice included: never leave a fire unattended; put a fire out completely before leaving it; use a fire pit with sticks and twigs, and do not use treated wood lumber or construction materials; adults should make and monitor the fire at all time—fire should not be left alone with children; use a match to light the fire, never lighter fluid or flammable gasses; keep water nearby, like a hose, to make sure the fire stays contained; and pay attention to the wind—if it is windy outside, do not start a campfire.

"Be careful of kids and pets," Millville Fire released. "No running around fire and get rid of all tripping hazards around the fire."

percent of a project's total cost.

The Fiscal Year 2022 recipients include the Grafton and Upton Railroad Company, which is providing 40 percent of the project cost, MassDOT announced.

"As we collaborate with employers to support these freight and rail projects, we are improving the transportation system and enhancing local development and job growth," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "These partnerships will help expand and increase efficiency of operations, providing long-lasting benefits for the entire Commonwealth."

The IRAP program received applications from freight rail-supported businesses across the Commonwealth. Projects were approved based on meet-

ing program requirements and the level of public benefits they offered such as system preservation, mobility, economic development, and safety, the department released.

"The IRAP program has been extremely valuable in supporting the needs of rail and freight while creating jobs and enhancing economic growth," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. "It's important to note that investing in rail and freight infrastructure helps reduce truck traffic on our roadways, thereby reducing congestion and greenhouse gas emissions."

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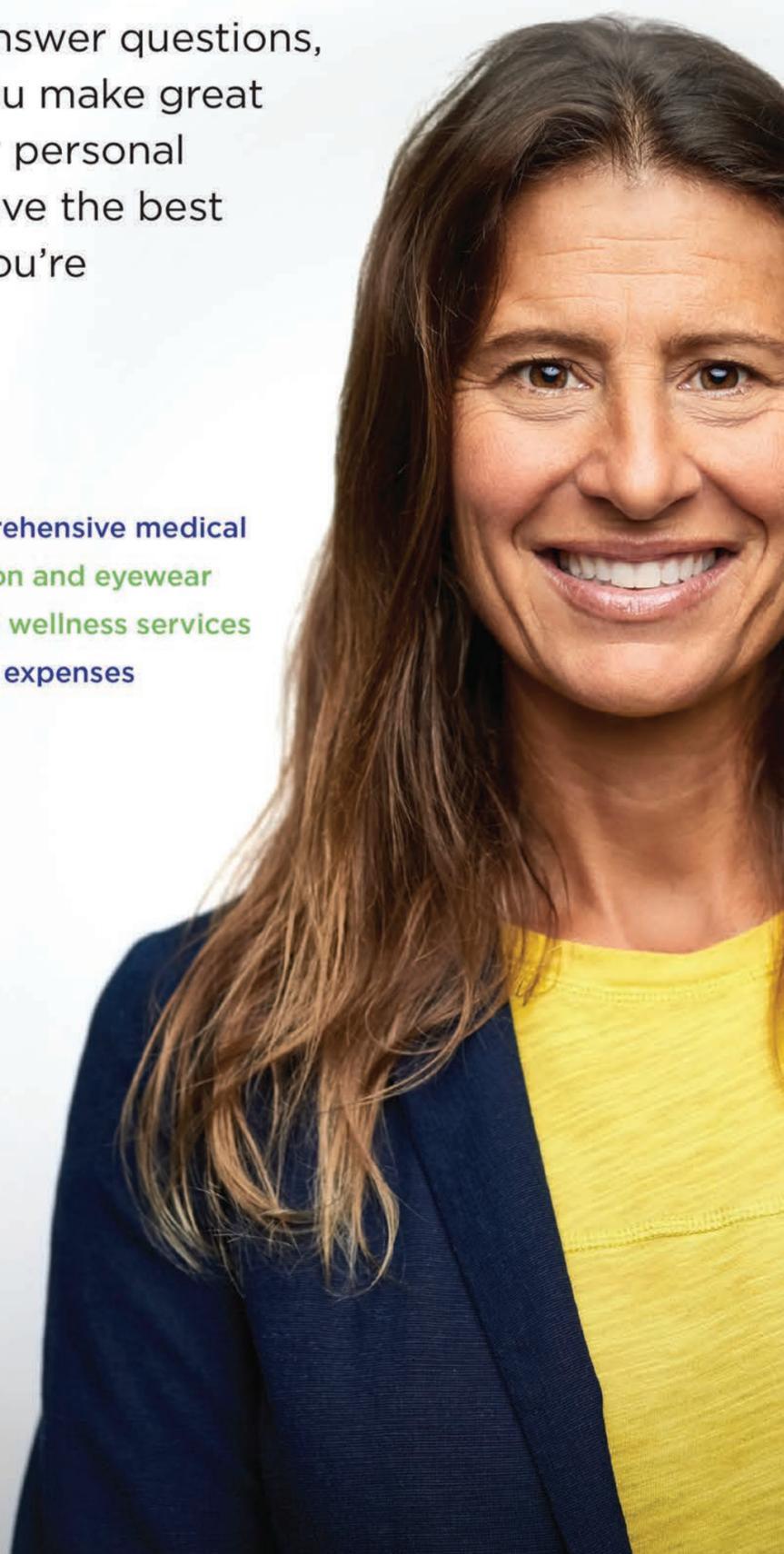


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