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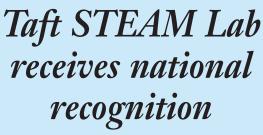
Friday, June 2, 2023

# Senior-laden Spartans top Tyngsborough for CMADA Class B crown

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS EDITOR

SHREWSBURY — The spring of 2022 was a memorable one for the Uxbridge High girls' tennis team. The Spartans went 14-4 in regular season play and won their first three games in the Division 4 State Tournament, all on the road as the No. 21 seed. Uxbridge eventually lost in the Final Four to eventual state champion and top seeded Hamilton-Wenham Regional.

Because of that success, expectations were high for the Spartans this year and, not only have they matched them, but they have exceeded those standards. Uxbridge won its first 16 regular season games (13 by final scores of 5-0, the other three being 4-1) and were awarded the No. 1 seed in the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association's (CMADA) Class B Tournament. There, the Spartans defeated No. 8 Auburn High in the quarterfinals (5-0) and the fifth seeded Advanced Math and Science Academy



BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

UXBRIDGE — The Taft Early Learning Center STEAM Lab has recently received national recognition after being named a distinguished school for STEM curriculum and career readiness.

The school is one of 492 across the country to be recognized as a 2022-23 Project Lead The Way Distinguished School.

We are honored to receive this recognition," a school statement reads. "Ms. Gallerani has done an outstanding job integrating [Project Lead The Way] with 100 percent of our students in Kindergarten through Grade 3."

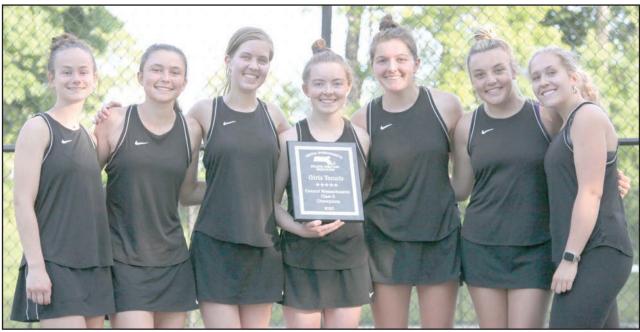
Project Lead The Way (PLTW), a nonprofit organization serving millions of PreK-12 students and teachers across the U.S., recognized the schools for "providing broad access to transformative learning experiences for students," according to a press statement.

"The hands-on experiences and opportunities that have been provided to students in our STEAM Lab and the partnerships we have formed with our other district buildings has vertically aligned us K-12, as well as provided early exposure to a multi-

tude of career pathways for our youngest learners."
The PLTW "Distinguished School" recognition honors schools "committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs," according to reports. To be eligible for the designation, the STEAM Lab was required to have more than 75 percent of the student body participating in the program and had to offer at least one PLTW "Launch Module" at each grade level during the 2021-22 school year.

"We are proud to recognize Taft STEAM Lab for their commitment to providing students with exceptional educational experiences while ensuring equitable access to PLTW programs," said Dr. David Dimmett, PLTW President and CEO. "We congratulate them on this achievement and celebrate their important work empowering students with the knowledge and skills to succeed, not only in

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The Uxbridge High girls' tennis team is all smiles after capturing the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association's Class B Championship over Tyngsborough High, 5-0, on Friday, May 26 at St. John's High.

(AMSA) in the semifinals (4-1) to set up a match with No. 3 Tyngsborough High in the final, played Friday, May 26 at St. John's High.

And, in less than an hour of game time, Uxbridge easily dispatched the Tigers, 5-0. The Spartans lost to AMSA in last year's CMADA Final, so the win this time around was extra sweet.

The dominance was totally unexpected, but the thing I just explained to them is the fact that the way they go about winning, losing, whatever it may be — in this case it's been winning for quite a while — there's no attitude," explained Uxbridge head coach Joe McCourt. "Each and every one of them is their biggest fan, they root for each other. It's a nice group of seniors, and a committed group of underclassmen come to everything. They're

McCourt added that the CMADA Championship was well deserved." He added: "Beating AMSA on the way here was nice."

Last season, all seven spots were filled by juniors. Now, as seniors, they are thriving even more. Those players include Julie Compston (No. 1 singles), Sophie Compston

(No. 2 singles), Samantha Hinchcliffe (No. 3 singles), Avery Guillette and Bella Nolan (No. 1 doubles), and Ella Haker and Abby Sanches (No. 2 doubles). The team knows what they have accomplished so far, plus what's at stake in the upcoming Division 4 State Tournament.

"I feel like this team has been so good for so long, and to have something physically to show for it is a really good feeling," said Sophie Compston of winning CMADA and the coinciding plaque.

'I think it's a good first step going into the playoffs. We knew that we wanted to come in here and not only win, but dominate this tournament to show everyone that we're not just here to make the Final Four again but to make it to a State Championship," added twin sister Julie Compston. "Winning this is a good first taste, but

Hinchcliffe, who noted that winning the CMADA Tournament was "a big goal," said that practice—including winter sessions at Fore Court Racquet & Fitness Club in Cumberland, R.I. — has made the Spartans perfect so

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# Douglas library to hold 'Building Public Forum' in July

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

DOUGLAS — The Simon Fairfield Public Library will host a Library Building Public Forum on Thursday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m.

'History is decided by the people who show up," said Library Director Justin Snook. "On July 20, we want you to show up."

According to Snook, the discussion will be led and moderated by Mary Braney, an independent library building specialist who is consulting with the library's Board of Trustees to prepare a "library

building program." "This building program is what an architect will look at when designing an upgraded facility, so it is pretty important," Snook added. "That makes this public forum pretty important, so please come if

During the public forum, which will be held at the library at 290 Main St. in Douglas, attendees

will have a chance to voice concerns, hopes, and opinions regarding what they "would like to see happen" when the library is renovated, said Snook. The Trustees of the Library began a capital campaign in 2020 with a goal of \$400,000 to address the library's "basic necessities," including an entrance to the building that is accessible, code-compliant paved parking, an elevator to provide access to both floors, and an accessible public restroom.

"Everyone knows we need to remodel for accessibility and ADA compliance, but what else?" Snook asked. "What services do you think are going to be important to you and your household over the next few decades?'

There are reasons to "hope that a building redesign may be in the works within the foreseeable future," Snook added, the most significant being an announcement of a public library building construction grant program by the Massachusetts

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# Douglas Adult Social Center offers fishing day event



Courtesy Photos — Patrice Rousseau

Courtesy Photos — Patrice Rousseau From left: Lori Joubert, Austin and Tansy from DCR, and Representative Joe McKenna.

DCR and the Douglas Adult Social Center.

"These events help to build on the wonderful sense of community we have in Douglas," McKenna said. "It was great to allow the senior community an opportunity to enjoy the State Forest, and Wallum Lake in particular, which is such a gem in this region.'

Attendees Sally, Janet, Pam, and Brenda described the event as a great and fun way to get outside and meet

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Seniors from the Douglas Adult Social Center and other special guests recently enjoyed a fishing day.

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI

DOUGLAS — Local seniors joined a few special guests earlier this month for a fishing day event at Wallum Lake.

"We caught a few fish, laughed a lot, and enjoyed the beautiful weather," said Patrice Rousseau, Director and Outreach Case Manager with the Douglas Adult Social Center.

Attending the event were State Rep. Joseph McKenna (18th Worcester), Lori Joubert, and staff from the State Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

'Seniors were treated to free fishing poles and bait for their use," Rousseau said. "We fished...at Wallum Lake ramp from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and enjoyed a picnic

luncheon, courtesy of Lisa Farley.' McKenna said he was "very happy to support and participate in this fishing day" in partnership with the

BLACKSTONE VALLEY TRIBUNE Friday, June 2, 2023

# Memorial Day remembrance at Taft Early Learning Center

**UXBRIDGE** Traditionally, the pub-Uxbridge lic schools hold assemblies the Friday before Memorial Day to honor veterans who gave the "last full measure of devotion" for their country in wars. Unbelievably, for consecutive years, volunteer veteran members of the Uxbridge Flying Squadron have visited each school.

It all started after the Civil War when local veteran-soldiers rode on horseback, literally 'flying' among the Town's many one-room school houses to promote patriotism and love of country among the students. That spirit continues today, a truly remarkable record of which Uxbridge should be inordinately proud as a



Pictured are veteran participants displaying unique stars, hand-painted by third graders, as 'thank you' tokens their visit.

community.

The morning's program, beautifully designed with red white and blue stars, flags, and poppies, a symbol of 'remembrance' from the WWI era, was opened with welcoming remarks by Taft the Daniels. Wheelock Chapter, Daughters

American Principal Jennifer Revolution, was Bellville, followed invited to read the by the Pledge of stirring words of Allegiance and "The American's National Anthem Creed." Jane F. sung by Sydney Keegan gave a Once short history of its again, the Simeon meaning dating to the beginning of WWI and bio of its author William

Tyler Page, concluding its simple 100 words represent our political 'faith' and 'duty' as citizens (www. USHistory.org).

Musical selections, sung by all third grade students, included "Oh, I Love

America" "You're a Grand Ole Flag." Two poems, "Dear poems, Veteran and "I Am Wearing a Poppy," were read by Ivy Leaming and Emma Walton and Grace Leon and Liam Power

service branches were represented under the Flying Squadron leadership of John Keeler. Eleven members from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard shared special

words of wisdom with the students. Everyone stood at attention for program's conclusion with Taps performed by Sydney Daniels and a Moment of Silence in Remembrance.





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# Local DAR chapter awards scholarships

DOUGLAS The Captain Job Knapp Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of American Revolution (NSDAR) awardtwo graduating students each a \$500 scholarship in honor of former chapter mem-Marcelyn



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Pictured left to right: Chapter Regent Noveline Beltram. DeSousa, John Karagosian, Dr. Elizabeth Karagosian, and Hayle Ortla.

Karagosian. The recipients are Hayle Ortla and Mayra DeSousa both from Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical High School. These exceptional students will be continuing their education in the

Mrs. Karagosian's husband John Karagosian daughter Elizabeth Karagosian were attendance to present the scholarships. Dr. Karagosian sponsors the scholarship in honor of her mother

Karagosian was a 30-year member of the NSDAR and was descended from many patriots who served in the Revolutionary War. A Past Regent of the Capt. Job Knapp Chapter, she also served as Chapter Chaplain. She also served as State Librarian, Vice Regent, and for three years as State Regent. After serving as State Regent, she was honored with the title of Honorary State Regent.

The National Society Daughters the American Revolution, founded 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. It is a nonprofit, non-political, volunteer women's service organization. Any woman who has an ancestor who fought in or rendered aid in the American Revolution may be eligible for membership in DAR. For more information, please contact Chapter Regent Noveline Beltram at noveline@veri-



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# Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy celebrates Africa Day!

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy celebrated Africa Day on Friday, May 26. The Practical Nursing Class of 2023 officially celebrated the African culture through displaying traditional outfits to mark this year's Africa Day.

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director joined the special celebration at Bay Path's campus, 57 Old Muggett Hill Road. She wore a special necklace and a pair of sandals from Kenya.

Bolandrina said: "Africa Day is an occasion to strengthen Africa relations and recognize the contributions of our African faculty, students, and alumni."

This year, the Practical Nursing Class of 2023's celebration of Africa Day immediately followed Mock interviews for PNP 125 Transition into Practice facilitated by Professor Sarah Watson, MSN Ed, Professor RN. Watson completed her Licensed Practical Nurse (St. Francis School of Nursing), Licensed Practical Midwife (Monze School of Midwifery), and Diploma in RN (Kitwe School of Nursing) all in Zambia, Southern Africa prior to coming to the Professor



Photo shows, from left: Fidelis Mensah, Andrew Pereira, Angela DiGregorio, Paulina Asante, and Gretheline Bolandrina.

Bachelor Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing Leadership Management, and Master of Science in Nursing Education, all at Canyon Grand University. South Africa has been included as one of the main countries in the celebrations.

Ghana was also a huge part of the day. Sisters Nataly Acheampong and

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Paulina Asante who both reside in Worcester were both originally from Ghana. The practical nursing students and faculty shared stories from their African countries. Other activities included photoshoot featuring the Practical Nursing students in their African traditional and African-inspired attire, along with pinning proposals for Professor Jennifer DeFilippo and Dr. Ana Olivar. Fidelis Mensah of Worcester, a UNICEF Club Officer, from Kenya actively participated in the celebra-

"We honor our connection to Africa; we have many successful African students and alumni of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. It continues to be a

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joy for all of us to see them succeed," (OAU), on May 25, said Bolandrina. 1963.

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"To date, many African alumni participate in mentoring current students," she said. "The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty is diverse, and the celebration was used as the occasion to deepen our knowledge about Africa and to celebrate our faculty, students, and alum-

ture and heritage."
Africa Day
was previously
known as African
Liberation Day or
Africa Freedom
Day It is the annual
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program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

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**CLUES ACROSS** 

5. Descendant of a notable family

10. Following accepted norms

14. Having a shape that reduces

18. Records electric currents

28. A baglike structure in a plant

1. Sloping position

12. Root vegetable

drag from air

16. Integrated circuit

of the heart

19. Used to anoint

20. Japanese city

22. After B

23. Muffles

26. Vase

25. Pass over

27. Soft touch

33. Degrade

or animal

31. Israeli politician

**CLUES DOWN** 

1. Hill or rocky peak

3. Type of light

5. Flaky coverings

7. Part of the eye

9. Negative

4. Test

2. Initial public offering

6. Former NFLer Newton

15. Historic college hoops

17. Hut by a swimming pool

18. Defunct European monetary unit

tournament

21. Feeds on insects

23. Adult male

24. Melancholic

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8. Roman god of the underworld

30. Patti Hearst's captors

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35. Type of wrap

38. Avoids capture

41. Decay

48. Frosts

50. Dipped into

in soccer

55. Needed for yoga

57. South Dakota

58. Printing system

65. Highest points

66. Social division

27. Sheets of glass

32. Not good

29. Slang for famous person

34. "Ghetto Superstar" singer

36. Used to make guacamole

43. Ancient Egyptian name

39. Midway between south and southwest

35. The "World" is one

53. Comforts

56. Ands/

37. Polyurethane fabric

40. Vegetarians avoid it

44. Vessel to bathe in

42. Soviet Socialist Republic

45. Inches per minute (abbr.)

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# Silver Club hosting "Jersey Boys" trip

Christopher P, and Regan, Linda S, to 24, there is a trip planned to see the show "Jersey Boys" at The Theatre by the Sea by The Silver Club of the Uxbridge Senior Center. Lunch will be at Bravo by the Sea, the restaurant at the theatre. The choices will \$451,000, 648 West St, Howes, Wayne be oven roasted haddock, roasted chicken breast, or pasta primavera. Bus pickups will be at the Millbury Park and Ride in Millbury and at the cost including driver gratuity is \$150.

Make plans for September! There is also a five-day trip Sept. 11-15 to Lancaster, PA to see the show "Noah" at Sight and Sound Theatre. Call Sue at 508-476-5820 for more information for either of these trips.

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# Cornerstone Bank donates \$25,000 to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, donated \$25,000 to support programs and services at the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

"We are longtime supporters of our local YMCA because we recognize the important role the organization plays in the lives of our neighbors," said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. "Our donation will be put toward four programs that benefit a diverse range of local residents."

YMCA programs that will benefit

· The Achievers initiative, which supports the next generation of college students with academic assistance, adult mentorship, college prep programming and career workshops, all designed to help teens find their unique paths to higher education and beyond.

• The Numbers in the Sun program, through which an experienced math teacher delivers high-quality academic programming to children to reinforce their mathematic core compe-



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Left: David Connell, President & CEO at YMCA of Central Massachusetts. Right: Todd Tallman, President & CEO of Cornerstone.

tencies and comprehension in fun and engaging ways.

• LIVESTRONG, a 12-week health and wellness program that connects cancer survivors and their families with a network of physical activity programming and emotional sup-

port at no cost to participants.

 The What's for Dinner weekly meal service that provides an assembled package of groceries to families and seniors in need. On average, 500 meals are distributed monthly.

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# Open Sky to hold 38th Annual Valley Friendship Tour on June 3

WHITINSVILLE — Open Sky Community Services, a nonprofit behavioral health and human services organization, will host the 38th Annual Valley Friendship Tour community event and fundraiser on Saturday, June 3 at Alternatives' Whitin Mill in Whitinsville.

The Valley Friendship Tour is Open Sky's signature fundraising event for the agency's more than 100 programs throughout Central Massachusetts that serve children, adults, and families with mental health challenges, intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance use disorders, brain injury, homelessness and other complex challenges.

Individual and team participants of all ages and abilities can choose from a one-mile walk, 5K run or walk, or a 30-mile bike ride through the Blackstone Valley. The opening ceremony begins at 9 a.m. The all-day event also features lunch, live music, raffles and yoga on the Dennis H. Rice Community Plaza at the mill.

Since it began nearly four decades ago, the tour has raised more than \$3 million in support of individuals and families in Central Massachusetts, with close to \$140,000 raised in June of 2022. Many local businesses are taking part in the festivities, led this year by Champion Sponsor The Shop at Whitinsville.

Alternatives' Whitin Mill is located at 50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, Mass. The Valley Friendship Tour was the signature fundraising event for Alternatives Unlimited for 33 years. In 2018, Alternatives affiliated with The Bridge of Central Massachusetts to form Open Sky Community Services. The Valley Friendship Tour continues to be the agency's widest-reaching fundraising event, attracting participants from throughout Central Mass. as well as nearby Connecticut and Rhode Island.

For more information and to register, go to openskycs.org/vft.

About Open Sky Community

Open Sky Community Services is a 501(c)3 nonprofit agency based in Worcester, Mass. that has been opening doors for individuals in our community for over 50 years. The agency provides a wide range of services throughout Central Massachusetts for children, adults, and families with mental health challenges, intellectual and developmental disabilities, substance use disorders. brain injury, homelessness and other complex challenges. Open Sky Community Services has over 1,200 dedicated employees and more than 100 programs throughout the region, supporting over 5,000 individuals annually. Open Sky is committed to www.openskycs.org.

## Region celebrates legacy of Rick Hoyt

BY KEVIN FLANDERS

REGION — Officials and residents throughout the region are celebrating the life of Rick Hoyt, who teamed up with his late father Dick to build a local racing team that inspired generations of ath-

Rick Hoyt, 61, passed away last week due to respiratory complications. His father died two years earlier, in March of

"It is with profound sadness that the Hoyt Family announces the passing of our beloved brother and uncle, Rick Hoyt," read a statement released by The Hoyt Foundation. "As so many knew, Rick, along with our father, Dick, were icons in the road race and triathlon worlds for over 40 years and inspired millions of people with disabilities to believe in themselves, set goals, and accomplish extraordinary things."

Born and raised in Holland, Rick Hoyt was diagnosed at a young age as a spastic quadriplegic with cerebral palsy. Although doctors once recommended that he be placed in an institution, he overcame all odds with the help of his family.

In the spring of 1977, Rick told his father that he wanted to participate in a five-mile benefit run for a lacrosse player who was paralyzed in an accident. Even though Dick had no experience at the time as a long-distance runner, he agreed to push Rick in his wheelchair for the race. They wound up completing all five miles and race equity and is on a journey to finishing in next to last place, but far more learn, grow, teach and transform. Important than the results was the jour-For more information, please visit | ney they were starting together. In the following years and decades, the father-son duo took part in over 1,000 races, including marathons, duathlons, triathlons, and Ironman competitions. Additionally, they traversed the contiguous United States in 1992, completing 3,735 miles in just 45 days.

Of all the competitions Team Hoyt participated in, the Boston Marathon was always a favorite. They officially hit the 1,000-race milestone during the 2009 Marathon.

'Rick Hoyt will always be remembered as a Boston Marathon icon," read a statement released by the Boston Athletic Association. "We are fortunate to have been able to call Rick a friend, mentor, pioneer, and Boston Marathon finisher. His legacy will live on through the Rick and Dick Hoyt Award, which is presented each April around the Boston Marathon to someone who exhibits the spirit of Team Hoyt through advocacy and inclu-

Beyond their accomplishments in athletics, Rick Hoyt and his family were also pioneers in education. Rick's mother, Judy Hoyt, fought to change laws and enable her son to be educated alongside his non-disabled peers. In 1975, at the age of 13, Rick was admitted into a public school system, and he later graduated from Boston University with a degree in special education.

'Rick and Dick Hoyt were true icons of the Boston Marathon, and together they inspired people far beyond the borders of Massachusetts," read a statement released by Governor Maura Healey. "This is an enormous loss. My heart goes out to the Hoyts and the entire Boston sports family.'

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# Bay Path's David Macharia: An LPN, a leader and a resident care manager

CHARLTON — "I have a great sense of responsibility. I strive to improve the quality of life of all residents," said David Macharia, a licensed practical nurse and a 2019 alumnus of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy.

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, is grateful for Macharia's sharing updates of his nursing journey.

"David is caring, attentive, patient and gracious, and he does it all with utmost humility," Bolandrina, explained.

"He was equally attentive when he was a student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. With all the nurse burnout,

especially during COVID, it's refreshing to see a nurse maintain being patient-focused," Bolandrina, added.

Macharia's care, leadership, and demeanor are what have made him a top nurse, well-suited for the resident care manager position.

When Macharia graduated from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, his dream to become a nurse became a reality after successfully passing the NCLEX-PN on his first try. He initially worked at Benchmark Senior Living in Worcester, but his family moved to Spokane, WA. So Macharia moved as well, landing a position at Columbia Crest Center in Moses Lake, WA. But all that time, he had the



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#### **David Macharia**

leadership roles on the horizon.

His mother, who is also a nurse was his inspiration and encouraged him to 'go for i̇́t."

"I 'went for it' and I endured, even the rigorous 10-month practical nursing program," said Macharia. "I started the resident care manager position last April and I am enjoying the new role. I finally have a great work-life balance.'

As resident care manager, Macharia

reports directly to the Director of Nursing Services. His primary focus areas include development and documenting care plans and changes in resident condition and quality assurance of care.

While at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Macharia was elected Student Representative, was a member of the UNICEF Club, a member of the Mock Code Team, a recipient of MassHire Grant, District & State Champion for SkillsUSA Medical Math earning silver medals, attendee for SafeTALK and Innovation Summit at Northeastern University, nominee for Clinical Excellence Award and the Massachusetts Vocational Association Outstanding Post-Secondary Student of the Year Award. He is certified in Mental Health First Aid and Dementia Care.

Prior to moving to WA, he was instrumental in facilitating scholarships for current practical nursing students. He continues with his philanthropy, which he says is very uplifting.

"I am abundantly blessed, and I am forever grateful," Macharia said.

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure

# exam. Visit www.baypath.net. Milford Regional's Golf Classic

FRANKLIN — Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation, the philanthropic partner of Milford Regional Medical Center, will host its 34th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, Aug. 21 at Franklin Country Club. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this charitable event which helps support the highest

The Aug. 21 tournament begins with a 9 a.m. shotgun start and concludes with a reception, during which raffle prizes and event/golfer accolades will

Proceeds from the Golf Classic sup-

"For more than three decades, the highly anticipated Golf Classic has been a cornerstone fundraiser for Milford Regional," said 2023 Golf Committee Chair Joyce Gilmore. "Not only will this year's event be a wonderful day to enjoy with friends and colleagues at our beautiful host course Franklin Country Club, but it also highlights the generous spirit of our sponsors and attendees whose participation has such a mean-

In addition to Gilmore, the 2023 Golf Committee includes Katherine Cunningham: Michelle D'Aniello and Nancy Davidge, Dean Bank; Shefali org for more information.

Desai, Rockland Trust and chair of MilfordRegionalHealthcareFoundation; Steve Frohbieter, Milton CAT; Brooke Littleton-Fitzgerald, Human Services Management Corporation; John Morte, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Commonwealth Real Estate; Derek Plourde, Charles River Bank; Joe Soares, Bright Insurance Agency, Inc.; and Carla Tuttle, Oliva's Market.

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Local residents receive degrees at

# Worcester Polytechnic Institute's 154th undergraduate commencement

WORCESTER — President Grace Wang and Board of Trustees Chair William Fitzgerald presided over Worcester Polytechnic Institute's 154th Commencement exercises on May 13. marking the first time for both in their respective positions. In her remarks, President Wang, who officially joined WPI in early April, applauded the graduates for their dedication, persistence, passion for their field of study, and achievements. "You have earned your place among generations of exceptional WPI alumni. I hope you will take the opportunity, as they did, to push boundaries, explore unknowns, and deliver a tangible

and profound impact to the world." In his commencement address to undergraduates titled, "Don't Switch Off Your Conscience," Congressman James P. McGovern, who represents the Massachusetts second congressional district, urged graduates not to forget about the moral and ethical consequences of their work. "I ask you to stay true to yourself and the values you have learned at WPI. As citizens of the world, you have a responsibility to the greater good. To ask yourself not only what is profitable, but what is just. To ask yourself not only what is efficient, but what is equitable. And to ask yourself not only what is innovative, but what is honorable."

McGovern received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at the event. Honorary degrees were also bestowed upon Shankar Balasubramanian, the Herchel Smith Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at Cambridge University, and John T. Mollen, former chair of WPI's Board of Trustees.

The undergraduate student speaker was Susanna Oppong, biology and biotechnology, who led the graduates in a resounding cheer, "I am here because I am resilient!" Recalling the unprecedented times the Class of 2023 has faced, Oppong said "They say resilience is born through experience and I truly believe that the resilience of our generation has come from the situations we have endured as students and how we have gathered as a community to advocate for them. We have broken through the stereotypes given to our generation and created the definition of our destiny."

The following students were bestowed

Allison Colon-Hevliger of Northbridge

majored in Mechanical Engineering

Lauren Flanagan of Douglas majored in Computer Science and Data Science

Emily Frick of Uxbridge majored in Biomedical Engineering

Theron Howe of Douglas majored in Civil Engineering

Bridget Redgate of Uxbridge majored

in Computer Science Amelia Sadlon of Whitinsville majored

in Biology and Biotechnology

Kali Sander of Uxbridge majored in **Environmental Engineering** 

Hannah Smith of Uxbridge majored in Biology and Biotechnology

Bradley Sprunger of Uxbridge majored

in Mechanical Engineering Desmond Woodson of Douglas majored

in Civil Engineering About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

# Worcester Polytechnic Institute announces Spring 2023 Dean's List

WORCESTER — A total of 2,054 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI's spring 2023 Dean's List. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real" said Professor Arthur C. Heinricher. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students."

The following students were on the Dean's List for Spring 2023:

Jonathan Adams of Douglas, class 2024, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Christina Aube of Douglas, class of 2024, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering and Robotics Engineering

Battista of Northbridge, class of 2024, majoring in Biomedical Engineering

Tyler Bliss of Whitinsville, class of 2026, majoring in Aerospace Engineering Maline Demers of Uxbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology and Biology and Biotechnology

Lauren Flanagan of Douglas, class of 2023, majoring in Computer Science and Data Science

Kelly Heffernan of Whitinsville, class of 2024, majoring in Biology and Biotechnology and Professional Writing Philip Heney of Douglas, class of

2025, majoring in Computer Science and Robotics Engineering Jocelyn Hinchcliffe of Uxbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Biology and

Biotechnology Cullen Jacene of Northbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Mechanical

Megan Jacene of Northbridge, class of 2023, majoring in Mechanical

Ryan Martin of Douglas, class of 2024, majoring in Management Engineering

Robert Mellen of Uxbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Robotics Engineering Dimitar Milev of Whitinsville, class of

2026, majoring in Aerospace Engineering Cristian Oliveira of Uxbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Robotics Engineering

Adam Pratt of Uxbridge, class of 2026. majoring in Mechanical Engineering Mikayla Prue of Douglas, class of 2025,

Psychological Science Kali Sander of Uxbridge, class of 2023, majoring in Environmental Engineering

majoring in Biomedical Engineering and

Christopher Smith of Northbridge, class of 2026, majoring in Computer Science

Hannah Smith of Uxbridge, class of 2023, majoring in Biology and Biotechnology

Myles St. Jean of Whitinsville, class of 2025, majoring in Computer Science

Clarice Stumpf of Uxbridge, class of 2025, majoring in Biochemistry

Molly Vincent of Douglas, class of 2024, majoring in Mechanical Engineering

Bryan Wheeler of Douglas, class of 2026, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering

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ing science; and more. www.wpi.edu

"History of the Whitin Family with Bill Ballou", Wednesday, June 14th 9:30-10:15am. A unique opportunity to learn about one of America's Industrial Revolution families from right here in the Blackstone River Valley. Mr. Ballou was born in Whitinsville and is a local writer for the Telegram & Gazette. Light refreshments, sign up in

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help her with emotional and social needs. She enjoys being involved in school activities. She has been described by others as possessing "a love of laugh", fun sic close by to listen to. She is very close to her siblings especially her older sister who lives close. They contact with each other and also enjoy virtual calls with each other

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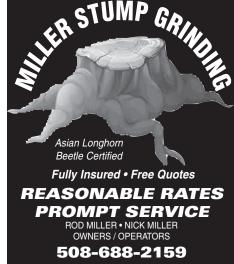
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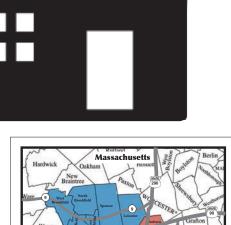
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# Editorial Never forget the price of our freedoms

We wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to our readers, family and friends who have served or who are currently serving in our armed forces. We all should take the time to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, while you were relaxing, enjoying some barbeque and a big plate of pasta salad, we hope that all of you out there took a moment to pause, even if it was undetected, and ruminate about the individuals who were brave enough to afford to us this freedom. Pick a battle and try to imagine, if you can, what it would be like if you were on the front lines. Those of us who have never served can't possibly imagine what this would feel like, however we can appreciate, recognize and commend the courage of those who are no longer with us and those who continue to serve.

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

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

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

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2008, President Bill Clinton signed the "National Moment of Remembrance Act" which designated the time be at 3 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, New York as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

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

An estimated 38 million people in America traveled over the holiday weekend, and 2.5 million travelers boarded flights, making Memorial Day is the fourth busiest travel day of the year.

In New York, Washington, D.C and Chicago, you can find the largest parades in the country. Because of the three day weekend, many Americans threw parties and barbecues or headed out of town for a mini getaway, but we should never forget the reason for it all.

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# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Why not vote?

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, May 23, Uxbridge had its annual town elections. Since this is the first year I am eligible to vote, I was (and am) proud to participate. I was still taking in the moment, walking out of McCloskey, when I remembered an interaction I had with a friend beforehand.

Earlier in the day, I asked a friend if they were going to go vote. That question earned a laugh. "For what?" my friend said, "You don't know anyone on the ballot." I thought nothing of their response at the time, but allow me to dig a little deeper.

As an 18-year-old who voted for the first time, I guess I am naïve. I don't have any prior experience. That said, am I wrong in asking: why not vote? If a voter doesn't know the names of the people on the ballot, does that make them any less qualified to vote? If a voter does know the names of the people on the ballot, does that make them any more qualified to vote? The answer to those questions, no matter what it is, is completely irrelevant. In our country, no prior knowledge or qualifications are needed to vote. If there were, that's called a literacy test... and... well... those were finally outlawed in 1965 after being acknowledged as wrong (and racist). So, now that we have clarified that it shouldn't matter if you know the names or proposals on the ballot,

the question remains: why not vote?

I hear a lot of talk, especially from people my age, about how their vote doesn't matter. They say town elections don't matter. Questions on the ballot don't matter. The

problem I see with this is how people determine whether or not their vote is worth casting. Unfortunately, what makes something "matter" is the political attention attached to it. Referendums, initiatives, and local positions do indeed matter, but they aren't, let's say, very thrilling. I'm sure a heated debate would be more likely to occur over the 2024 presidential candidates than question 3 on Tuesday's ballot. What's sad is that using the phrase "my vote doesn't matter" basically translates to "this isn't exciting enough". The focus of voting is lost. What used to be a civic duty is now more of an action to follow the crowd.

So, just to be clear, our local elections and proposed amendments do matter. I personally think local politicians affect us more than the federal ones do (but what do I know? I'm 18). Even if you still think local elections don't matter, vote for the spirit of civic engagement. Be involved in the community. After all, your vote acts as a signal to those running that people actually care and appreciate what they are doing for the town. Regardless of the job description, running for a position is a commitment, and participating in the election is an acknowledgment of the step the candidates take for us.

To all of the candidates, whether you have lost or won, thank you for running. Thank you for caring. There are plenty of people in this town who value the work you do. Our community would be quite lost without you.

Sophie Compston

# Congratulations, Mr. Wickstrom!

To the Editor

As seen at Uxbridge's recent annual gathering, it takes a special mindset and personality to stand behind the podium at Town Meeting. Keeping various steps of parliamentary procedure outlined in Town Meeting Time 'in order' as well as sometimes rowdy attendees is no small accomplishment.

An honest, fair-minded person always gives credit where due. To set the (ancient) history record straight, the title of "longest serving Moderator" belongs (forever one assumes!) to the long-deceased Elton Jones of Carney Street who served behind the podium for 30+ years!

Meanwhile today, hats off to Ed Maharay

for surviving the battles over four terms with dignity and always-accurate-rulings, because it is not for the faint of heart! In the 1990s Moderators were almost exclusively male attorneys, but through four election cycles I was privileged to preside over many super-contentious Town Meetings. For the record, my size 6 shoes have been very ably filled by others since 2002, and I am delighted to welcome Mr. Maharay to the 'Twelve Year Club' with membership of two... so far.

Mr. Wickstrom will serve Uxbridge well in years to come, so good luck and congratulations, Mr. Moderator!

Jane F. Keegan Uxbridge

# Honoring ordinary American heroes

To the Editor:

It's time to honor American heroes and heroines. Ordinary Americans who step up to do the hard necessary things.

Jeff Neil of Exeter, New Hampshire stepped out of his seat on an United Airlines aircraft recently and stopped a deranged man trying to stab a flight attendant and open a door during flight. Neil tackled the man to the floor and, with other passengers, held him down until the flight reached Boston. [Why did no women passengers step up and hold him down?] We need more men like Jeff Neil.

Like the two Nashville police officers who stormed into the Covenant Presbyterian school, without helmets, or having any situational info, to find and kill the shooter.

Have you taken a moment to consider the ordinary American men who fought for freedom in World War II? Who flew bombers or fought on countless fronts, came home to ordinary jobs and rarely talked about their heroics? And the women who stepped out of line during the war and learned to weld and rivet, build aircraft and tanks, and break enemy encryption codes? They never bragged. Never on TikTok

World War II was one of our finest hours, and the film director, Steven Spielberg, recognized it. He honored those hours in a film as a tribute to his Dad who served in combat. Spielberg called World War II "the most significant event of the last 100 years." Spielberg's films include "Jaws," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Schindler's List," and "Saving Private Ryan." Have you seen it? Time to see it.

Screenwriter Robert Rodat wrote the script "Saving Private Ryan" after studying the true story of Sgt. Frederick Niland, whose three brothers were serving in the military. In May 1944, one was shot down over Burma. Missing, presumed dead. In June, two more Niland brothers were killed on D-Day. Frederick went missing during the Normandy invasion. The U.S. Army ordered that he be found, rescued and sent home to his parents. He was.

The U.S. War Department had developed this "sole survivor" policy in 1942 after the five Sullivan brothers had been killed in the sinking of the USS Juneau during the Battle of Guadalcanal. From Waterloo, Iowa, of all places, George, Francis, Joseph, Madison, and Albert were killed when a Japanese submarine torpedoed their ship. On the morning of

Jan. 12, 1943, as the boys' father was preparing for work, three uniformed men approached his door: a lieutenant commander, a doctor and a chief petty officer. The naval officer said to Mr. Sullivan, "I have some news for you about your boys." Mr. Sullivan said: "Which one?" The officer replied, "I'm sorry. All five."

That scene is re-enacted in "Saving Private Ryan." Tough to watch.

Ordinary American women also step up to do the hard necessary things. While physical heroics are not the usual style of women, many physically brave women have served and died in the military I have written about them. But there are some things that women just do better than men such as the meticulous fine work of breaking encryption codes

and reading maps.

These were the women code breakers of World War II, 10,000 of them. They were math whizzes in high school, math teachers, college students in physics and math, or good at solving problems. The U.S. Navy and Army recruited them to do the top secret work of breaking German and Japanese encrypted

We would not have won the war against the Nazis of Germany and the fanatical Japanese who desired a world empire, had it not been for the dedicated, steady, persevering women who worked in 24/7 shifts, hot bunking in tiny apartments in Washington or living in dormitories. The women code breakers never talked about their perseverance, math brilliance, or thousands of American lives saved.

"Code Girls" by Liza Mundy is their compelling story. The film "The Imitation Game" is an excellent re-telling of how the British broke the German Enigma code. May Spielberg one day tell the story of the American women code breakers.

Eat, work, pray. Honor American Exceptionalism. The only antidote to crazy. Signed,

Bev Gudanowski Uxbridge

P.S.: Thank you to the Vietnam Era helicopter pilot who helped us install a flag at my Dad's stone in St. Patrick's Cemetery on May 26. Despite surgery, the veteran pilot was still working to install flags to honor veterans' graves. My Dad, Floyd Gudanowski, served in the U.S. Navy, South Pacific Theatre, World War II.

# Right and wrong don't matter to Republicans

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. It's time of reckoning for Republicans.

Have you taken a moment to consider that Massachusetts was the seventh, not the fourth, worst state for 'out migration' of residents, last year? The 'rest of the story' is that 90 percent of those who left last year, said it was because of retirement, job, or family reasons. That leaves 10 percent who left, primarily because of the high cost of housing. Who controls housing costs? The Marxists? We need more affordable housing. Do you think Sudbury, Weston, Dover and Winchester want affordable housing built

in their neighborhoods? As for the rich people who are threatening to leave because they will have to pay a little more for the privilege of living in Massachusetts, who cares! Massachusetts is considered the 11th best state in the country to live in, as far as general quality of life. Almost half of the 10 higher-rated states are out west - Idaho, Colorado, Montana, Washington, etc., where people walk around with rifles and MAGA hats. Another was New Hampshire, where you saw the cheering at CNN's Trump Town Hall, and which benefited, according to the study, from 'being near MA resources! These

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# Fishing Tips and Tricks



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Days "gone fishin" are the simple pleasures lifelong memories are made of. Whether relaxing on the shore of still waters, or wrangling in a temperamental trout, the sport of recreational fishing remains a popular activity for all ages.

Fishing enthusiasts can enjoy the waterways in Massachusetts knowing that the state is ranked among the top ten states for fishing. In fact, a 2022 study by Lawnlove.com also revealed the Bay State had the highest number of fishing competitions, and the sixth-most marines per 100,000 residents. Read on for some tips to up your odds of reeling in the big one!

Free Fishing Weekend Many memorable fishing tales begin at the waterways in the region. Once a year the state waives its licensing laws for a weekend, allowing residents of all ages the pleasures of a day "gone fishin'."

On Saturday and Sunday, June 3 and 4, Free Fishing Weekend offers an opportunity for fishers of all ages to toss their line into statewide waters whether or not they are licensed. While licenses are usually required, during Free Fishing Weekend in Massachusetts, the state's licensing policy will be waived during these two days.

No license is required to fish any public lake, pond, reservoir, stream, or river in Massachusetts from 12 a.m. Saturday, June 3 until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 4.

Fishing Tips from Expert Anglers
Dropping your line into the waters this
weekend? Here are some tips to help make
your time at the fishing hole more productive

Successful fishers make it a habit to change their line. Fishing line has memory- it will retain the twist, nicks scrapes, and it gets weaker every time it is used. Don't chance losing the "big one" to brittle line!

And be sure to match your hook size to your bait: small for small, large for large. It makes a difference in holding your bait, and in how many strikes you will get.

Take a valuable fishing tip from old timers who say "if you find the bait you'll find the fish." To do this efficiently, they make it a habit to scan the water for bird activity. Follow the birds, who follow the bait, and you'll likely find the fish!

When throwing into the wind, drop your rod tip to the water right after making the cast. You'll get more distance and will also get the slack out of your line in case you get bit just when the bait hits the surface. If you leave the rod held high, the wind will make an arc out of your line and you'd lose control of the bait.

Still no bites? It could be your bug repellent. Never handle bait after applying it as the scent will keep the fish away.

Tips to Track Trout

\* Did you know Rainbow Trout favor 56 degree water? Find that temperature and you're sure to find the fish! If it's cold out, trout can typically be found on the surface of a lake. If it's hot out, they'll be deeper in the water.

\*Remember, trout have tough mouths. Keep your hooks sharp - and use a number 4 hook for best results!

\* Want to up your odds of trout for supper? When lake fishing, dip your crawler in the oil from a can of smoked oysters!

\* Trying to tempt the best trout. Try this secret recipe from anglers: Combine two ounces of cod liver oil with 20 drops oil of anise. Mix well. Dip your bait in the mixture and string up the trout!

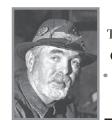
Bait and Catch It's summertime and the fishin' is easy if you use an old fashioned bait recipes. They're tried and true secret weapons from successful fishermen - but best of all, you can whip them up with ingredients from your kitchen cupboards! \*Anglers swear refrigerator biscuit dough is a great bait for trout. Just pull a raw biscuit apart and start reeling in the "big one!"

\*Even fish love spicy food, as this super lure recipe will attest. Mix together 8 ounce ground aniseed or fennel seed and two ounces ground allspice. Sprinkle 1/16th oz. oil of cloves over the above and mix. Store in tightly sealed jars for a few days while the odors blend. Put a drop on fish bait.

\*If you're fishing with salmon eggs or worms, don't forget to add a miniature marshmallow to the hook to keep your bait buoyant!

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Sturbridge.a 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!

# Rabbits, rabbits everywhere



THE GREAT OUTDOORS **RALPH TRUE** 

By the time you read this column, Memorial Day will be over, and boat ramps and road traffic will be back to some type of normality. Whatever that is! Hopefully, you took some time out of the holiday to pay tribute to all of our veterans, and to all those that paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep our freedoms, and way of life safe.

Saltwater fishing was pretty good this past week, with numerous reports of anglers catching their limit of four seabass in Buzzards Bay. The new size limit of 16 and a half for seabass in Mass. was easy to fill, but stripers were spotty in many areas. The new size limit on stripers changed on Friday, May 26 in Mass. The new slot limit was reduced by three inches, making legal stripers 28 to 31 inches. It really does not make any difference what anglers think about the new slot limit. Attending public hearings and making recommendations may as well be thrown in the wastepaper basket. Further cuts are being discussed on stripers if they do not get a good year of population growth. It is not the recreational angler that is causing the problem! Draggers and commercial fishing is raping the ocean's fish populations, and they will continue. I know you have heard it all before, but it is just crazy and unnecessary!

Fluke fishing is starting to improve in both Mass. & Rhode Island. Squid strips and jigs seem to be the hottest bait so far

Rabbits are everywhere in Central Mass. this year. Trying to grow a garden is not easy. This past week, I had at least eight rabbits spotted in my neighbor's yard, and three in mine. There was one huge rabbit that ran from my neighbor's yard and stopped in my driveway. It was the size of a snowshoe hare. I hunted rabbits for many years, and rarely harvested a cottontail rabbit the size of that one. The native cottontail rabbits are the New England cottontail, and the non-native are the Eastern cottontail. The Eastern cottontail was introduced into New England in the 1900's. The Eastern rabbit has pretty much taken over in Mass. woodlands, and they are here to

Very few hunters own beagles today in the area, but back in the day there were many hunters that owned two or more for hunting purposes. Every Saturday, my two buddies met up with me to hunt rabbits, and it was great. Today, there are too many homes, and private property to hunt rabbits in our area. The Cape still has some rabbit hunting going on, and north & west of our area still has some rabbit hunting.

Snowshoe hare are extremely rare in Central Mass., only because the anti-hunting groups stopped the sportsmen from transporting them live from Canada, approximately 15 years ago or longer. Local Rod & Gun Clubs purchased them from a trapper in Canada and stocked them in local covers, hoping to have the hare breed and have young in the wild here. Each litter of hare contains one to eight young, and grows to maturity in about one year. Cottontail rabbits have up to three litters a year, and can have up to six or more young in their litters.

A large bear was spotted recently in Webster Mass. and was spotted by a local



Courtesy

This week's picture is Scott Lambert 25-pound striper.

fisherman. He was fishing at Webster Lake, and observed the bear slip into the water and swim to the opposite shore-

line. That had to be exciting!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them rods

# Becoming an informed collector



ANTIQUES, **COLLECTIBLES** 

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summer unofficially underway, you might be heading out to more

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estate sales, yard sales, flea markets, and antique shows. Here are some tips to help you make that next great find and avoid buying something you might regret later.

Knowledge is power when it comes to antiques and collectibles. The more you know about what you're collecting, and the more you know about antiques in general, the more likely you are to find a great piece. Antique dealers used to have libraries with reference books and price guides, but now you easily look up selling prices on online auction sites or pay for auction results on websites like worthpoint.com. You can also find a lot of information for free. For example, on our website, centralmassauctions.com. we offer advice about items that are selling well and tips for evaluating paintings.

If you're more inclined to learn in-person, many places also offer live antique courses. Old Sturbridge Village has previously offered live antique courses. Historic Eastfield Village (which is located between Pittsfield, Mass. and Albany, N.Y.) is offering classes this summer on 19th century printing and weaving in the

rural Northeast, among other topics. Attending live auctions is also a good to learn Myers is a colum- collectibles. When I first started learning nist and contrib- about antiques, I attended an average of three auctions a week. Attending in-per-Birds & Blooms son offers the opportunity to view items and even handle them. The auction staff may also be available to answer any questions. If you attend auctions on a regular basis, you may see people who also attend expertise to write regularly. Making connections with other bidders can be helpful when you are buy-Web site is www. ing or selling. Some experienced bidders when listening to people during the preview though because an auction is a competitive situation. People may not want to share what they know about items, and may intentionally mislead you on a piece that they are also interested in.

Dealers at antique shows are often happy to share information about items they are selling because, the more they describe the items, the better chance they have of finding a buyer. Many dealers specialize in an area that interests them. You can find dealers specializing in a wide variety of items from Shaker furniture to antique phonographs. When I used to sell at Brimfield, I spoke with other dealers during slow times. Many are also collectors of the items they're selling and are passionate about their items. I learned a lot from those conversations.

Happy antique hunting this summer! Feel free to email me if you make that

Our online auction of antique and vintage toys, baseball cards, sports memorabilia, guitars, and pop culture collectibles is currently underway and ends on June 21st. We are also running an estate sale of a home in Chicopee packed full of antiques, collectibles, dolls, and thousands of other items on June 23, June 24, and June 25. We will have another online auction later this month starting with sterling silver, nautical paint ings and memorabilia, other art, pocket watches, stoneware, duck decoys, antique firearms, and a wide variety of other items. It will end in late July. Please visit our Website, https://centralmassauctions.com, for links to upcoming events. Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula

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### Keep plants thriving despite the heat of summer



GARDEN MOMENTS MELINDA

MYERS year's Last record-high temperatures across much of the country took a toll on gardens and landscapes. Once again, above-normal summer temperatures growth. are in the forecast Further for many regions the country. Adjusting how you

manage your gardens and landscape evergreen can help plants thrive as temperatures rise. plants Water thoroughly promote deep Mulching drought-tolerant roots that help boost the plants' resistance. Wait until the top few inches of soil are crumbly and moist before watering most plants. planted Newly perennials, trees, and shrubs need shrub stems, and attention more the crowns of other and water than plants to avoid rot. drought-tolerant plants or established ones with more robust root systems that better

to absorb more moisture. During dry extended care periods, even established. drought-tolerant Incorporate and established organic plants may need supplemental Water early in

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the day to reduce water lost to evaporation. Avoid late evening watering that leaves foliage wet at night, increasing the risk of disease. Apply water

directly to the soil above the plant roots using soaker hoses or drip irrigation whenever possible. Water is applied where needed and the slow, steady flow of water is better able to infiltrate the soil and moisten the roots with less run-

off. Check soil moisture daily in container gardens and several times a week for raised beds. Both dry out more quickly than in-ground gardens and need be watered

more often. Save time and water by incorporating Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets into growing mixes. This sustainable product is made from wool waste. University research found it reduced watering by up to 25% and increased air space in the soil, promoting healthy plant

conserve water by spreading a two- to three-inch layer of shredded leaves, needles, or shredded bark mulch over the soil in garden hot afternoon sun. beds and around Container gardens trees and shrubs. can be moved to a conserves moisture, keeps roots cooler and moist, and suppresses weeds. As the organic mulch decomposes, it adds nutrients and organic matter to the soil. Just pull the mulch away from tree trunks,

Include plants that are more tolerant of the weather conditions in your area. Those that tolerate both heat and cold extremes will thrive with once

matter like compost into the soil. It helps the soil accept and retain water so you will need to water less often. It also adds nutrients to the soil so over time you will need to fertilize less

Use a low-nitrogen, slow-release fertilizer if your garden plants need a nutrient boost. These types of fertilizers release small amounts of nutrients over an extended period. The low level of nitrogen reduces the risk of damaging heat-stressed

plants. Remove weeds from garden beds and borders as soon as they appear. These "plants out of place" steal water and nutrients from your desirable garden plants. Plus, many harbor insects and



Melinda Myers

Provide heat-stressed plants in containers relief by moving them into the shade during

diseases that are harmful to your

garden plants. Provide stressed plants with a bit of shade from the during heat waves. Add a bit of temporary shade to garden plants that are struggling to survive in the blazing hot sun. A strategically placed chair, lattice, or umbrella may be all that is needed. As tem-

peratures drop, you can move plants back in place and remove the temporary shade. Your garden will

greatly benefit from these changes to your summer garden care. Melinda Myers

has written more

than 20 garden-

ing books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2ndEdition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment raaio program. uting editor for magazine was commissioned Wild Valley Farms for her this article. Myers' *MelindaMyers.com.* may be willing to offer advice. Be careful

## The journey is the destination Positively about what you're doing.

Renowned motivational speaker and entrepreneur Jim Rohn said, "There are times when you just lose; no matter what you do, it's that kind of planet." You could be passionate about

what you do, work ten-hour days, love your family, be honorable, and ultimately, you can still lose! Does that mean you did something wrong? Only sometimes.

Humans strive to comprehend the world, drawing patterns and expecting consistent outcomes. We prefer a neat universe where hard work and dedication lead to success. But life doesn't always adhere to these rules.

As a former high school and college swimmer, I experienced this firsthand. I woke up at dawn, diving into morning practices before the school bell rang, and slipped back into the pool each afternoon when classes ended; I always smelled like chlorine and loved it.

My passion for swimming was the compass guiding my efforts. Yet, despite my dedication and undying love for the sport, I couldn't compete at the elite level.

What had I done wrong? In essence, nothing! Being a professional athlete just wasn't in the cards. The realization stung, of course. I mourned losing what I believed was my calling, grappling with feelings of failure and disappointment. But then, I remembered another nugget of wisdom from Jim Rohn.

Asked in one of his lectures about knowing when to give up on something and try something new, Rohn humorously replied that he knew it was time to change course when he ran out of money. That's a good reason. Another good

reason is when you run out of passion. I often talk about never giving up, never giving in, and striving to achieve your goal no matter the odds, and I still believe that, but also you need to be passionate

I quit the swim team mid-way through my junior year in col-

SPEAKING **TOBY** MOORE

lege. Why? I ran out of passion when I realized I couldn't compete as an Olympian. Some would say I'm a quitter,

but if you no longer feel enthusiastic about your current goal, you should consider a new direction. Without passion, sustaining your motivation is almost impossible. You must love what you do.

The focus is not on throwing in the towel but actively channeling your energies toward more productive pursuits.

Sometimes, you may only need a break; after some time away, you may discover your passion again. That's great! Return to what you love.

How did I lose my passion?

Despite consistent efforts, I wasn't making the progress I needed to achieve my dream. It was only then that I realized it wasn't suitable for me.

So, how does one know what to turn to next? The answer lies in uncovering what stirs your soul.

It is often said, "Whatever you don't use, you lose." Hence, exercising the ability to chase your dreams, and stirring your innate desire, is crucial.

Embracing a new direction is a delicate process. After deciding to move on from an unfulfilled dream, don't beat yourself up reliving the past. Doing so can crush your new vision and dampen your plans. Forgive yourself; you haven't failed but are on the path to your true

Another reason to pursue a different dream is that your values change. What seemed like a worthy goal in the past may no longer align with your current reality. It's imperative to ensure that your goals resonate with your present self and

not an outdated version of you. Life, as we all know, is an ever-changing

journey - an expedition marked by phases of growth, learning, and evolution. As we navigate through these stages, our perspectives inevitably shift and expand, giving rise to new values, aspirations, and self-understanding.

Clinging onto an outdated goal is like adhering to a defunct map; it can lead you somewhere, but likely not your desired destination. Allow yourself to revise your dreams. If they no longer resonate with you, then move on.

As Jim Rohn famously stated, "If you don't like where you are, move! You aren't a tree." Embrace change as your companion, and constantly remind yourself that the journey is the destination.



# ROOFING



# **OBITUARIES**

## Jerome M. Kuik, 83

Jerome M. Kuik, 83, of Uxbridge, MA, passed away while in Bradenton, FL, after an illness, surgery, and complications while in rehab. Jerome was born on February 16, 1940, in Waupun, WI, and was the son of Martin and Christina Kuik. He married Phyllis Kuik, his wife of 63 years, and moved to Chicago, IL, for their first years of marriage. They later moved to Whitinsville, MA., Jerome is survived by his wife, Phyllis,





children (along with 5 spouses), and 10 great-grandchildren, with 2 more on the way. Visitation was held 4–7 PM Wednesday, May 31, at Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, Whitinsville, MA. A Celebration of Life will be at 10:30AM, Thursday, June 1 at the Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 26th Street Chapel, is in charge of the arrange ments. In lieu of flowers.

donations may be made to Whitinsville Christian School. Condolences may be made to www.brownandsonsfuneral. com.

#### **STEAM**

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STEM subjects, but also more generally in life and career."

Studies indicate that students decide 'as early as elementary school" whether they enjoy—and think they're good atmath and science.

Whether designing a car safety belt or building digital animations based on their own short stories, PLTW Launch students engage in critical and creative

thinking, build teamwork skills, and develop a passion for and confidence in STEM subjects," a press statement reads.

Taft STEAM Lab is part of a community of PreK-12 schools, colleges and universities, and corporate and philanthropic partners across the country "united around a passion for providing students with inspiring, engaging, and empowering learning opportunities."

For more information about PLTW's recognition program, visit pltw.org.

#### LIBRARY

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new people.

Sally said.

Pam added.

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Board of Library Commissioners.

"The Trustees hope to be ready with a strong application in 2024, and a strong application needs community input," Snook said.

There will also be additional focus

"I will definitely be at the next one,"

"The big fish I was trying for got away,"

The Douglas Adult Social Center is

Additionally, the center is offering

June 8: Annual Police/Senior Barbecue

June 15-August 31: Binge Watch

Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; attendees will watch

at the Beagle Club, noon-3 p.m.; RSVP by

several upcoming events this summer,

planning another senior fishing day

event in September, Rousseau said.

groups and discussion opportunities for those who cannot make this forum but would still like to participate in the

"We'll find a way to get your input," Snook said.

As of press time, the building funds for library upgrades stood at \$161,272. For more information, visit mysfpl.org.

June 16: Park Ranger Luncheon with the Sunshine Club, noon; cold lunch will be served for \$5.00.

June 21: Movie & Lunch, noon; stuffed chicken breast, potato, vegetable, and dessert for \$4. Movie is "Begin Again."

June 27: Wellness Clinic with Nurse

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July 13: Movie & Lunch; BLT, pasta salad, and dessert for \$4. Movie is "80 for Brady," and attendees may wear their favorite Patriots attire.

July 13: Hearing Aid Clinic with Darcy. 10 a.m.; attendees can have their hearing aids checked and cleaned.

19: Sodium/Hydration July Presentation, 11:30 a.m. with lunch; broccoli, chicken alfredo, salad, and dessert for \$4.

## "Anne with an Ē."

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evacuees' houses will be sold, and their jobs illied, by people movin on up, as George Jefferson used to say. We will recover the tax revenue. Since the rich tend to use more of our natural resources and facilities - because they can afford more - their exodus, if it ever materializes, will leave more for the rest of us. As you can see, the campaign to overturn the millionaire tax, is already underway. Don't forget that the bottling industry and other self-interest groups spent almost \$10 million to convince Mass residents to vote against the extension of the bottle bill in 2014, because it would be 'inconvenient, and expensive (five cents, refundable) to be responsible with your wine and sports drink empties. Just think of the burden we avoided!

More from last week: "Add to that, our rulers are also pro-criminal, pro law-breaking." Exhibit 1: GOP Rep. George Santos. Yes, Rachel Rollins was an abomination, and is out of State government. She violated the law. She is removed from office. Which should be the end of the story. Instead, we get a breathless, word-for-word recap of everything that transpired, including what she had for breakfast, and what time she went to bed. That's the difference between Democrats and Republicans. The law-and-order party only believes in law and order, when the other side is in the wrong. Rollins is out. Al Franken is out (over a joke photograph, without even being given the benefit of a hearing!) George Santos, on the other hand, has been indicted on 7 felonies, admitted publicly to his many lies, and is still in the Republican House, voting on critical legislation. The 120 or so Republican Congressmen and women who were involved in, or supported the January 6 insurrection haven't been expelled. They even refused to participate in the investigation. Yet, our intrepid Uxbridge chronicler, in her weekly demagoguery, has failed to do a deep dive into this travesty.

No one asked, but I dislike Merrick Garland. I think he has dragged his feet going after Herr Trump and his henchmen despite their myriad crimes. Striving to be politically independent, Garland appointed David Weiss to conduct the Hunter Biden investigation,

and Jack Smith to investigate Trump and the stolen documents. His office also opened the investigation into Rollins, because of "ethics concerns surrounding Rollins that threatened to undermine Attorney General Merrick Garland's efforts to restore the Justice Department's reputation for political independence after tumultuous years under Republican President Donald Trump." So, Garland is being criticized for taking that initiative against a Democrat? William Barr, Trump's Attorney General, on the other hand, killed the Mueller report, protected Trump at every opportunity, and then hired Durham to waste 4 years trying to dig up something against the FBI - headed by a Republican - for investigating Trump/Russia. Barr, after enabling 4 years of open corruption, and 2 impeachable offenses, is now out on his redemption tour, trying to excuse his behavior by criticizing the guy whose presidency he unabashedly covered for.

But, our main story tonight concerns "Marxists," the new boogeymen conjured up by some local, and intended to strike fear into the hearts of everyday citizens. Marxism is the basis of, and more popularly referred to, as 'communism' - fear of which I thought had been put to rest with the end of the Vietnam War. The basic tenets of Marxism are: dialectical materialism, historical materialism, the theory of surplus value, class struggle, revolution, dictatorship of the proletariat and Communism. Can anyone tell me what these mean? Do you think our 'local history realist' knows?

For purposes of elucidation, I invited three renowned Marxists to provide their thoughts on L'affaire Rollins. Professors Groucho, Harpo, and Chico Marx agreed to weigh in. (Zeppo was unavailable, as he, along with Moe, Larry and Curly, are assisting Bev with her next Opinion piece.) Here is what they told me: "Rachel Rollins was Cocoanuts! Her Monkey Business got her into Duck Soup! She went Crackers, and what should have been simply A night at the Opera, became A Day at the Races, resulting in an embarrassment of Horse Feathers! She should be sentenced to A Night in Casablanca, (the Marxist equivalent of 5 years in Attica.)' Thank you, Professors Marx.

One last point - how dare anyone criticize Jill Biden for 'just' having a PhD in Social Justice! Henry Kissinger 'just' has a PhD in political science. Want to laugh at his 'posturing' as 'Doctor' Kissinger? Jill has returned class and dignity – along with 'white' Christmas - to the White House. Maybe if Dr. Biden had nude photos posted all over the Internet, she would gain the respect of Uxbridge's most practiced fear-monger? Or, maybe said fear-monger should just get a life, and, for a change, emulate "Be Best." Fat chance.

Rick Bevilacqua Whitinsville

## QCC announces Dean and Merit Lists

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its Spring 2023 Semester Dean and Merit Lists. A total of 439 students were named to the college's Dean's List and 826 students were named to the Merit List.

Dean's List

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester are named to the Dean's

• All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted).

• Semester Quality Point Average (QPA) must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher.

 All courses must be college level Auburn: Logan Alexander, Emily Briddon, Jacqueline Cetrone, Zoe Coleman, Kelly Do, Erika Goff, Daquan Gooch, Emelis Henriquez, Angel Medina, Chanel Napoli, David Zona

Blackstone: Reno Caretta, Jacob Ridlon, Declan Shave

Brookfield: Emily Pope, Tay-Lynne Pope, Vanessa VanGerven

Charlton: Molly Cloutier, Emanuel Desouza, Zenyah Figueroa, Jordan Goulas, Jordan Keefe, Kellen Kinnes, Vitor Kuhn Scariot, Haley LaFortune, Jessica Lapierre, Amanda McDermott, Alexia McFarlin, Chase McKenney, Nicole Mulvey, Hanna Palmer, Jordyn Poirier, John Price, Maged Samwaeil, Dylan Smaltz

Cherry Valley: Cilia Lannon

Dudley: Anthony Awad, Mina Boktor, Isabella Freitas, Thalia Hernandez, Nicole Karp, Emily Kolodziejczak, Christopher Lincoln, Amanda Wisnowski

East Brookfield: Grace Haight

East Douglas: Caroline Beaird, Hayden Krasner, Hannah Rosenkrantz, Ashley Schofield

Fiskdale: Drew Howard

Grafton: Jeremy Barrett, Evan Ducharme, Harrison Klumpenaar, Brinna Smith

Holland: Haley Dulmaine, Zane

Leicester: Camden Crocker, Nikolas Dagostino, Jason Edson, Jackie Long, Cassidy Saksa

Milford: Shanay Patel, Amanda Silva Millbury: Gabriella Bianchi, Clarence Johnson, Madison LeClaire, Eric Renaud, Julia Silva Santiago, Nicholas Terp, Stephanie Xiao

Millville: Amelia Tober

North Brookfield: Liam Carlson, Deborah Hill North Grafton: Fadi Alkoht, Sean

Manning, Holly Martin North Oxford: Shannen Hennessy,

Gracyn Mauch

Northbridge: Vivian Adams, Bronte Chosta, Nicholas Cleary

Oxford: Joseph Gallant, Allison Hamel, Ashley Hamel, Chloe Hatstat, Blake Lentine, Amanda Listewnik, Brandon Pen, Julie Viola, Tyler Wilson

Rochdale: Stephen Collins, Kailyn

South Grafton: Nicholas Fobert

Southbridge: Kandy Alvarado, Kendall Barton, Evan Duffey, Bianca Fantaroni, Daniel Fuentes, Rosalie Groleau, Giovanni Hernandez, Anthony Lang, Emily Maldonado, Jacob McDonald, Ogocnukwu Nwasoiu, Abigaii Laurent, Venus Streeter, Payton Vega, Amber Warden

Spencer: Matthew Heffernan, Thomas Heffernan, Lourdes Morales, Kyle Paquette, Kyle Sadusky, Yujia Wei

Sturbridge: Abby Arena, Brian Gagnon, Ryan Manners, Zoe Melanson Sutton: Aliyssa Courville, Katherine Fields, Conor Hickey, Disha Khanna, Amanda Moulton, Tehreem Zainab

Upton: Adrienne Guertin

Uxbridge: Hailey Bergman, Antonio Demalia, Alexandra Gonzaga, Abigail Hanscom, Solomon LeFrancois, Jeremy Lutton, Nicholas Maracle, Justin Meola, Abigail Vanderbrug

Wales: Jalissa Gardner

Webster: Makayla Blanchard, Ashley Denham, Sean Flynn, Hlaing Htoo, Karma Lama, Falonne Modjom, Kasey Pechie, Jullia Pinheiro, Beatriz Roman, Kyle VanCott, Tyler Verrier

West Upton: Logan Quinn, Omer Rona Whitinsville: Alison Beaupre, Melissa Sue Chenevert, Hunter Fabri, Alianna Georges, Patrick Spain

#### **Merit List**

Students who meet the criteria below and have earned six or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits, are named to the Merit List:

 All grades must be "C" or higher. (No grades of "I" or "X" are permitted). Semester Quality Point Average

(QPA) must be 3.50 or higher, and cumulative QPA must be 2.00 or higher. All courses must be college level

Auburn: Zahraa Alshammari, Diana Bies, Hannah Chapdelaine, Angela DiTommaso, Laura Keister, Paul Landry, Hao Mai, Emily Mills, Anthony Miranda, Maria Misenti, Aidan Owusu Mensah, Julia Paz, Matti Phaneuf, Sara Rufli, Matthew Seaman, Cameron Szalay

Blackstone: Jordan Geoffroy, Joshua Johnson, Molly Malloy

Brimfield: Haileigh Chase, Lillian Morrell, Tye Zola

Brookfield: Kerry Gromosky, Jordan Miller, Hailey Myers

Charlton: Caitlyn Bussiere, Christopher Chute, Jordan Daigneault, Theresa Duke, Johnson Ebe, Natasha Emco-Rollins, Kaliana Gonzalez, Loriauna Graika, Jacob Heywood, Abigail Joesten, Lindsey Rodriguez, Hannah Sharma, Rebecka-Dawn Walley, Demerice Wolfenden

Cherry Valley: Stephanie Grayum Douglas: Jason Michalski

Dudley: Aria Butler, Yakeydy Calderon, Katelyn Cathey-Johnson, Xavier Collazo, Shannon Germain, Michaela Goritsas, Michael Grant, Grace Jocson, Daniel Kelley, Heather Lamprey, Julie Milner, Kalli Rojas, Nicholas Ruo, Clarice Smith, Ann Marie Taylor, Nicholas Whitley, Gabriel daSilva

East Douglas: Jessica Bates, Abigail Bonneau, Ashlinn Collins, Britni Conner, Hunter Dunn, Gladis Fonseca, Jacob Masi, Marlene Muika, John Murphy, Mark Pepin, Ethan Soyinthisane

Fiskdale: Carina Holt, Tristan Shaw, Warren Zelenak

Grafton: Haley Becotte, Mackenzie Collins, Amber Dumas, Chad Duplessis, Michele Medeiros, Abigail O'Toole, Debokkawe Pannasiri, Catherine Spinney, Tracy Torteson, Audrey Ziegler Holland: Beau Boudreau, Robert

Smith, April Swanson Leicester: Ryan Butler, Amy Carr, Amanda Frascolla, Linnette Lamptey,

Constantino Rodriguez Milford: Mariana Ferraz, Ian Flannery,

Kyle Perry, Anthony Rodriguez Millbury: Mari Alkhamisi, Katherine Bloom, Sandra Bravo, Jacob Brodeur, Kyliegh Corey, Christian Donaldson, Eva England, Ivie Lapointe, Melissa McMillen, Lily Nguyen, Kailey O'Neil, Lucas Ogasahara, Abdoul Aziz Salim Ouedraogo, Michael Quitadamo, Drassan

Simon Millville: Danielle Zaloudek

North Brookfield: Kristina Blankenship, Marisa Dunphe, Valeria Gimenez Fandino, Kyle Pagnoni

North Grafton: Franklin Burkey, Riley Cass, Ella Gulledge, Nathan Jewers, Rabia Mateen, Brooke Nyren, Julia Pampalone, Christopher Whisenant

North Oxford: Antony Bradford, Nicole Dayutis, Julianna Marcoux

Northbridge: Aaron Bishop, Kyran Bishop, Krystal Bonafilia, Sarah Bowen-Catlin, Katrina Havey, Octavia Zahoruiko, Anthony Zanca

Oxford: Samantha Balko, Nina Cardoni, Alexandra Chumsae, Tommy Estevez, Wilfrid Fotso Tasse, Ariana Gelardi, Jennifer Gum, Kimberly Lindsey, Ellie Makowiecki, Brady Parmentier, Nicholas Rawson, Kelly Ritchie, Jared Torosian

Rochdale: Isabelle Maynard South Grafton: Nicholas Carter, Nahum Echevarria-Jordan, Anthony Fisher, Tiffany Maynard, Nicole Parella, Joseph Salib, Joshua Steinbrecher

Southbridge: Kristina Bachand, Mikayla Battaglia, Kasey Chickering, Joseph Clem, Christina Crosby, Caitlyn Deliddo, Yarielis Diaz, Kelaia Espinoza, Margaret Githui, Scarlet Guzman Gil. Catherine Hamblin, Rhiannon Hogan, Denise Inthirathvongsy, Hilary Lapan, Hilda Maldonado, Caleb Powell, Jose Quinones, Mayra Ramsey, Milady Rentas, Alexa Rivera, Luzyvette Sagastibelza-Lopez

Spencer: Engy Abdelmasih, Caitlyn Berthiaume, Katherine Boria, Melissa Consiglio, Sarah Decker, Ashton Evans, Gary Janke, Mary Kagotho-Saydee, Matthew LaBaire, Eric Lammi, Kayla McQueston, Stefanie Natale, Halie Parham, Danielle Provencher, Michael Roy, Nathaniel Rybicki, Christine Shute, Melissa Trottier

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West Brookfield: Emily Barrett, Israel Hickey, Karlie Mason, Heath Swope

West Upton: Catherine Aviles, Gianna Dowd, Kendal Rodriguez

Whitinsville: Cameron Deforest, Randy Diaz. Travis Gould, Emily LaFleur, Amy Mikulecky, Joshua Pinoos, Erin Vierck

# Stonehill College celebrates Class of 2023

EASTON — A total of 548 students processed at Stonehill College's 72nd Commencement on Sunday, May 21, including the following local students.

Hannah Callinan of Uxbridge Kelly Heney of Douglas Brooke Riccitelli of Uxbridge

Matthew Worthington of Uxbridge About Stonehill College Stonehill College, a Catholic institu-

tion of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts,

it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person. Through more than 100 academic

programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.



# **LEGALS**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court Probate and **Family Court Department WORCESTER**, Division Docket No 23C0169CA **Summons By Publication** Gabriel Bruce Desjarlais, Plaintiff

#### , Defendant

To the above named Defendant: A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Gabriel Bruce Desjarlais, seeking Change of

You are required to serve upon Heather Greene Plaintiff-whose address is 191 Farm Street, Blackstone, MA 01504, vour answer on or on before August 8, 2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Worcester.

Witness, LEILAH A. KEARNY, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Worcester, this 198th day of May 2023.

Stephanie Fattman Register of Probate Court June 2, 2023

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 Michael E. Richard and Daniel R. Nelson, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services L.P., dated August 10, 2007, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41635, Page 69, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services L.P., to Green Tree Servicing, LLC, dated February 9, 2012, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48525, Page 264; by assignment from Ditech Financial LLC f/k/a Green Tree Servicing, LLC, to NewRez LLC d/b/a

December 31, 2019, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 61686, Page 368; by assignment from NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for BKPL-EG Series I Trust, dated September 10, 2021, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66034, Page 302; and by an assignment from U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for BKPL-EG Series I Trust to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for BKPL-EG Holding Trust, dated November 8, 2021. recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66633, Page 339, 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 the 12th day of June 2023, at 19 Orchard Street, Blackstone, MA 01504, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, To wit:

A certain parcel of land situated on the easterly side of Orchard Street in Blackstone, Massachusetts, known as Lot #1 as shown on a plan entitled "Division of Land in Blackstone, MA 27 Orchard Street Owned by Richard J. Constance M. Bousquet dated June 17, 2004 prepared by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., 104 Mendon Street, P.O. Box 312, Uxbridge, MA and recorded at the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 813, Plan No. 72.

Lot #1 contains approximately 2.72 acres of land.

Subject to a Typical Setback Line as shown on said plan.

Subject to two Order of Conditions dated October 13, 2004 and recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 34835, Page 336 and in Book 34835, Page 345.

Being a portion of the land conveyed to Richard J. Bousquet and Constance M. Bousquet dated September 15, 1969 and recorded wit Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 4978, Page 400. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagors by deed recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds herewith. BK 41635 PG

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

Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by wire transfer to Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

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

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of BKPL-EG Holding Trust, Present holder of said mortgage,

By its Attorneys, Demerle Hoeger LLP 10 City Square, 4th Floor Boston, MA 02129 (617) 337-4444 May 19, 2023 May 26, 2023 June 2, 2023

**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. WO23P1790EA **CITATION ON PETITION FOR** FORMAL ADJUDICATION

**Estate of:** Mary Jane Gravel

Date of Death: 12/19/2022 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by

Shane A. Gravel of Blackstone MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Shane A. Gravel of Blackstone MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** 

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

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/27/2023.

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,

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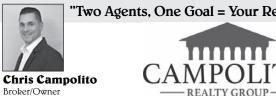
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# **SPORTS**



Nick Ethier

Julie Compston of Uxbridge watches her backhand sail over the net.





Uxbridge's Bella Nolan follows through on her



Uxbridge's Sophie Compston smashes a serve.



Avery Guillette of Uxbridge puts racket to ball on a serve.

Tournaments.

"They had the

best match of their

career a couple of

matches ago, and

they haven't let

'said McCourt.

Julie Compston

said that the whole

team is getting bet-

ter as the season

did a really good

job of peaking at

"Last year we

rolls along.

Uxbridge's Abby Sanches prepares to serve

the ball up. al results against pressure because it's our last shot at Tyngsborough (13-3) were as follows: it, but we like the pressure," she said. Julie Compston

"We like feeling

We definitely do."

Julie Compston

pulled no punches

when she said how

far she wants to get

more games," she

said of reaching

the State Final.

mess around. We

want to get better

'We don't come to

"We want five

in June.

Jasim, (6-0, 6-0) that urgency and we like feeling like Sophie we have a chance Compston defeated at winning some-Ginelle Cote, (6-0, thing, which we do. 6-1)

> Samantha Hinchcliffe defeated Meshwa Patel, (6-1, 6-1)

defeated Atena

Avery Guillette and Bella Nolan defeated Caitlin Kayla Moro, (6-1,

Ella Haker and Sanches Shea

Samantha Hinchcliffe of Uxbridge clobbers a backhanded return.

#### **TENNIS**

continued from page **A1** "I think that we've grown a lot. Last year we got so far and that showed us what we're capable of. We've practiced so hard," said Hinchcliffe. "It's Hinchcliffe. not like the other teams are bad and we're great they're good — I'm just really happy with how much we've practiced."

Trust has also played into the opartans start.

"We have a lot of trust that the others will do well, so that's really a calming force," said Sophie Compston, who is undefeated in singles play this season. "And all of us individually are really great players, so combined with the trust and the skill I think that it's total awe-

doubles The tandems are both undefeated, and McCourt noted

someness."

Nick Ethiei

(Right) Ella Haker of Uxbridge approaches the ball before sending it back over the net.

that Haker and Sanches have been



playing even better once he told them that their spots

on the roster are solidified for the CMADA and State

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the right time, and I think we're doing the same thing this year," she mentioned. "We're playing our best tennis right now and we're about to go into the tournament, so it's defi-

Uxbridge learned of their seeding for the State Tournament on Saturday, May The No. 8 Spartans will host No. 25 Abington High (10-8) on Thursday, June 1 at 3 p.m. There may be some pressure to go far because of the team's record

nitely a good sign."

embraces it. "You always have pressure to do well, and I think because we're seniors we have a little more

and seeding, but

Sophie Compston

said that she

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Abby defeated Clasby and Lila Kilmon, (6-0, 6-0)

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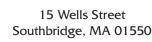
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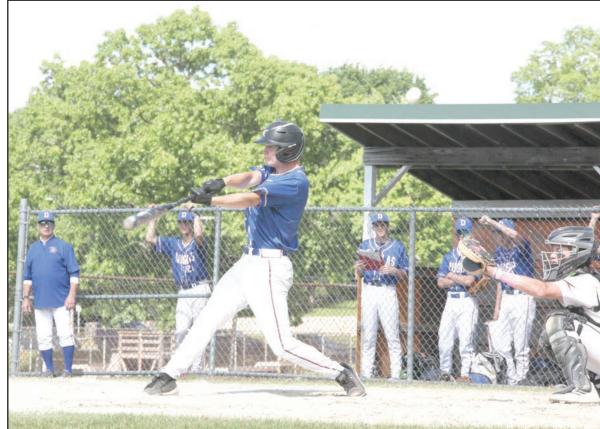
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# **SPORTS**

# Uxbridge capitalizes on opportunities to take down Douglas

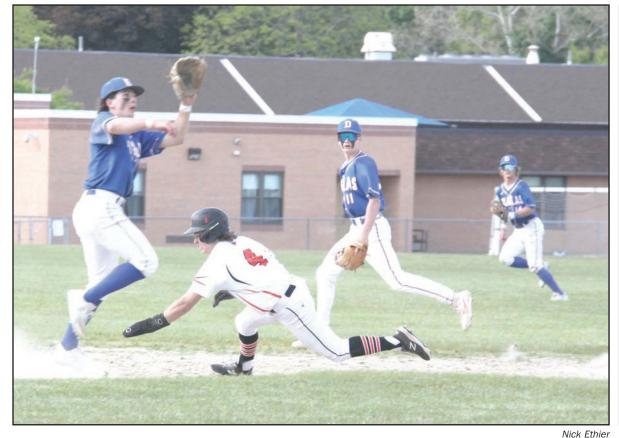


Uxbridge starting pitcher Jack Nummela prepares to release the ball toward the plate.



Nick Ethier

Griffin Berard of Douglas swings the bat and fouls a pitch straight back.

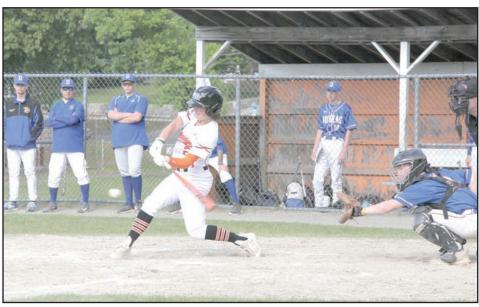


Braden Cammuso of Uxbridge successfully steals second base.



Douglas' Ethan Vassar pitched a complete game versus Uxbridge.

Griffin Berard of Douglas scoops the ball at first base to record an out against Uxbridge's



Uxbridge's Liam Kaferlein swings away versus Douglas.

BY NICK ETHIER

UXBRIDGE — Following the conclusion of the Uxbridge High versus Douglas High varsity baseball game — played Thursday, May 25 at the McCloskey Middle School Field — a semifinal round matchup in the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association's (CMADA) Class C Tournament, both coaches agreed on what was the difference in the top seeded Spartans' 5-1 victory over the fifth ranked Tigers.

"They gave us a couple of guys on base with the hit batters and walks early on. We did the same thing with them. The difference was we executed and were able to generate a few runs out of it, where they stranded a few runners," said Uxbridge head coach Peter Rice.

"They're an extremely athletic team, and they grind. If you give them small opportunities, they'll take them," added Douglas head coach Mike Brousseau. "On the flip side, we leave two on, two on, three on, we don't crack the surface.'

The Spartans (14-6), who defeated No. 8 Ayer-Shirley Regional 5-3 in the quarterfinals, will play No. 3 Millbury High (12-8) in the CMADA Class C Final (after press time).

Against Douglas, Uxbridge scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning and single runs in the second, fifth and sixth frames. The Tigers, meanwhile, scored once in the seventh and stranded 11 runners on base.

Rice credited his starting pitcher, Jack Nummela, with getting better as the game wore on.

"He struggled early on in the first three innings and then he stepped up the last three innings after that,' explained Rice. "He was pitching great and only let up a couple hits all game.'

Nummela pitched the first six innings — Grady Walsh tossed the seventh after Nummela hit the first batter of the final inning — and allowed one earned run on four hits with two strikeouts, four walks and four hit batters. Walsh allowed a hit while striking out one.

Rice also gave credit to his defense,

particularly that of second baseman Aidan Blood (who was part of seven defensive plays) and outfielders Braden Cammuso (left), Liam Kaferlein (center) and Tanner

Offensively, the Spartans generated just three hits off Douglas pitcher Ethan Vassar (6 innings, 5 runs -2earned — 1 strikeout, 3 walks, 3 hit batsmen) but scored on a hit by pitch and a groundout in the first inning. Another groundout scored a run in the second inning, a wild pitch plated another in the fifth and an error scored the team's final run in the sixth.

"We were able to steal some bases, push them over and score on a passed ball or a groundball," said Rice.

Douglas scored its run in the seventh inning when Ryan Bonin was hit by Nummela's final pitch and scored on a Griffin Berard RBI double to center field. Colin Loehr, Owen Gray, Josh Farrell and Colton Howard had the Tigers' other base

Brousseau noted that his team,

yet" when they opened the season with a 9-4 loss to Uxbridge back on March 31. Douglas was then 4-5 after nine games before rattling off an eight-game winning streak heading into the latest contest with the Spartans.

"What they are, are a lot like these guys, grinders," said Brousseau of his Tigers. "They know how to stay in the game. The last four games in a row we took the first punch. We know how to stay in."

Douglas, perennially a Class D team, was making its initial Class C appearance and defeated No. 4 Tyngsborough High in the quarterfinals before playing the Spartans.

They're Goliath, and we're kind of David. We like playing at the higher level," said Brousseau, as Douglas will next play in the Division 5 State Tournament.

Uxbridge will take part in the Division 4 State Tournament following the CMADA Tourney. The State brackets were released after press

Liam Kaferlein. Gauthier (right).

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# Local students graduate from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER — Holy Cross celebrated nearly 762 bachelor of arts degree recipients at its 177th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 26 at the

DCU Center in Worcester. U.S. Senator an honorary degree. Peter Welch '69 of Vermont, a Class of 1969 alumnus, delivered this year's address to the Class of 2023 and received

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Vincent D. Rougeau, president of the College, presided over the celebratory event, bestowing the honorary degrees and greeting each graduate as they crossed the stage.

In his remarks, Welch said the social mission of Holy Cross - that achievements should be shared and used for the betterment of others - left an indelible mark on him.

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In addition to Welch, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Rosanne

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The following local students earned degrees:

Tiyana-Marie Bassim of Douglas, Magna Cum Laude

Neal Nasuti of Douglas

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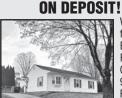
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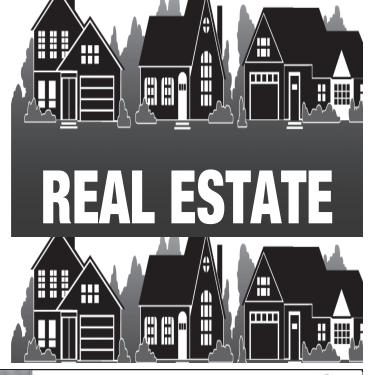


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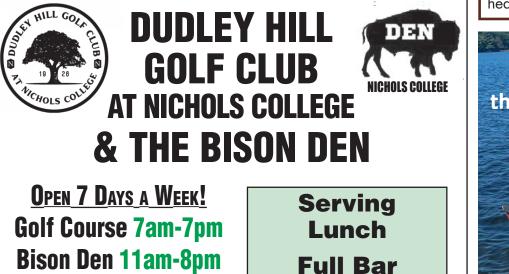






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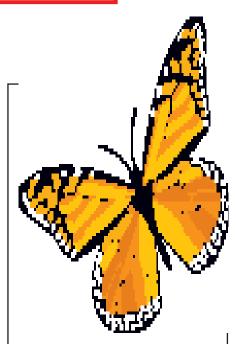
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