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Worcester County overdose response program adds recovery coaches

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE Implementing a \$1.2 million federal grant, the Worcester County District Attorney's Office has assisted in adding recovery coaches to an ongoing overdose response program launched with the county's 60 police departments in 2020.

The program, Critical Incident Management System (CIMS), has been used by local police since March 2020 to collect overdose data and respond to non-fatal overdose victims to offer services, according to a press statement. Within 48 hours, a plainclothes officer-often police accompanied by a recovery coach-responds to the home of an overdose victim and offers a path to treatment, program details read.

"The opioid epidemic has forced law enforcement to challenge the traditional role of police,' said Uxbridge Police Chief Marc Montminy. "We've decided to be an entry point into the recovery system instead of the entry point to the criminal justice system."

Montminy recently announced a program that the Uxbridge department, as well as the Blackstone Valley Opioid Task Force, is funding to provide scholarships to



Uxbridge Police Chief Marc Montminy.

30 new coaches.

"With this new project, we've been welcomed with open arms," added Craig Maxim, Senior Director of Behavioral Health Operations at Continuity, Family which is providing recovery coaches to 26 communities through this grant. "It's a very big change in terms of how law enforcement, behavioral health, and substance use providers work together. This program is very gram, 60 percent of follow-up visits resulted in individuals either accepting services or reporting they were already seeking services, according

to reports. While some police departments had protocols in place that involved responding with recovery coaches, the grant funding implemented by the District Attorney's Office has added partnerships with three local community agencies so that all police departments in the county will have access to recovery coaches.

'We have seen how valuable recovery coaches are. They often have first-hand experience, which helps them relate to and better guide those who've recently suffered an overdose,' said Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. "We are so grateful for the continued work of all our police departments and the agencies who agreed to help us support this program by providing access to dedicated recovery coaches. We know this will save lives.'

The \$1.2 million in grant funding was awarded to the Worcester County District Attorney's Office in November 2020 by the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance, according to a press statement.

While awaiting the release of funds, the office worked to form official partnerships with all the police departments and community agencies to launch the program.

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Local towns honored with regional award

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI BUNE CORRESPONDE

REGION — Three local towns have recently been recognized for efforts to collaborativeadvance economic lv development. Douglas, Sutton, and Uxbridge have received the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission's Responsible Award" Regionalism in recognition of their participation in a virtual three-town planning board public hearing for the Blackstone Valley Logistics Center project. 'The efforts put forward to collaboratively and responsibly advance, review, permit, and pro-

mote economic development to benefit each town and the region was com-mendable," the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) released. "They serve as an example to all local officials that working with neighboring communities is not only possible but regionally responsible.' The CMRPC hosted its 2022 annual meeting and award dinner earlier this month in Sturbridge. The event saw approximately 150 attendees and 20 remote attendees, according to reports, which included awardees, CMRPC delegates and commissioners, community leaders, and CMRPC

staff.

Additionally, the shared organization that Jeanne Gniadek, Blackstone Vallev Partnership for Public Health administrator,

an example to all local officials that hope to succeed by working together."

Founded in 1963, CMRPC provides "a varietv of services to its con-

those who wish to become recovery coaches, hoping to support a class of 20 to

unique in that way. In 2021, the first full year of the CIMS pro-



GRAFTON — The Select board has re-established its Assistant Town Administrator position and appointed William Blake—who has worked for the town since 2021—to the role during its meeting last week.

According to town officials, the Selectboard voted unanimously during its June 21 meeting to re-establish the position of Assistant Town Administrator and to affirm the appointment of Blake to the position, effective July 1. Blake has worked for the town since January 2021 as the Management Analyst and Communications x-ray equipment; on the Specialist in the Town Administrator's Office, the town released.

'In this position, he worked closely with the Town Administrator and the Board on improving communication, as well as creating and updating town policies," a town statement reads. "Moving into his new position he will play a greater role in the overall operations of nature of late-Victorian Grafton's government and will continue to support medicine. the Town Administrator and Board in executing their vision."

Blake has prior experience working with both state Blackstone Public Library agencies and municipalities, town officials released. He holds a Master's in Public Administration, as well as a Master's in Political Science from Suffolk University.

"We have discussed re-establishing this position throughout the budget process, both at the [Selectboard] level and at the Finance Committee," said Town Administrator Evan Brassard. "There is a clear value to having this position in the Office. William has shown great skill in his current role, and I have no doubt about his continued success in the new position."

"William is one of the most passionate, well-educated people that I know, who is very excited about Municipal Government which is not something that you run across too often," added Mat Often, Vice Chair of the Selectboard. "Everything that I have seen from William has been fantastic, so I am in full support of 19th century. Guests will this."

For more information, visit www.grafton-ma.gov.

received the "Regional Collaboration Award" in recognition of her "commitment to the health and well-being of those in the Blackstone Valley, especially through her service to the Blackstone Valley Partnership for Public Health."

"The cooperative spirit of local public health in Central Massachusetts is made possible by each member's dedication to their residents and their community," CMRPC released. "They serve as

stituencies and brings a regional perspective to planning and devel-opment," according to the organization. One of 13 Regional Planning Agencies in the state, CMRPC serves the city of Worcester and 39 surrounding communities in the southern two-thirds of Worcester County. CMRPC's programs include transportation, geographic information systems, and regional collaboration and communitv planning.

Victorian medicine's horrors & life-saving discoveries to be revealed at Blackstone Public Library

BLACKSTONE - Doctors had access to other hand, if a surgeon dropped his scalpel on the floor, he simply picked up the instrument and continued to operate with it. Such is the paradoxical

On July 14, the will host a performance titled Myths & Miracles of Victorian Medicine. Guests will discover some of the primitive practices and surprising discoveries associated with medicine in the latter part of the 1800s.

Fictional Victorian lady Miss Myrtle Mills will escort guests on a journey through the head-scratchsurprisingly ing yet advanced state of medicine in the latter half of the

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Victorian lady and self-proclaimed medical expert Myrtle Mills will reveal the horrors, paradoxes, and life-saving discoveries of late-Victorian medicine at the Blackstone Public Library on July 14.

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RELENTLESSLY Healing Health Care

New treatments are being pioneered by UMass Memorial Health for conditions that range from repairing abdominal aortic aneurysms to changing the way lung cancer biopsies are performed.

A man with an aortic aneurysm, which is a weak spot in the wall of a major blood vessel that can be fatal if it ruptures, is told that nothing can be done to help and that he should get his affairs in order. Then he learns about a procedure at UMass Memorial Health called FEVAR that could save his life.

A worried patient has a biopsy on a suspicious spot on her lung. While she is still asleep from the anesthetic, the biopsy is reviewed by a cytopathologist who determines the spot is cancer, so the surgeon immediately removes it. And a process of treating lung cancer that normally takes months is performed in a couple of hours.

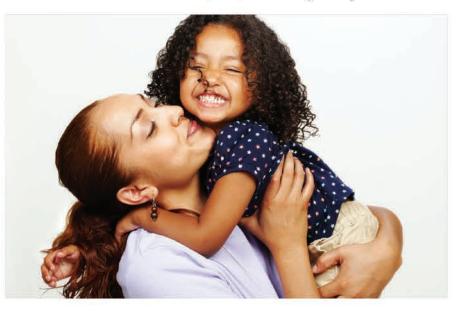
Another patient needs hospital-quality care. But in this case, her home becomes a hospital, outfitted with monitors and medical equipment. Daily visits from the hospital staff make it possible for the entire "hospital stay" to occur in the comfort of her own bed and surroundings.

These are examples of innovation at its finest, innovation that is transforming health care by making it more accessible, cost-efficient and, yes, more human. And nowhere is that commitment to innovation stronger than at UMass Memorial Health, where clinicians like Constantinos (Taki) Michaelidis, MD, a home hospitalist and medical director of the health system's Hospital at Home program, are devoting their careers to making health care better for all.



This is about making health care more convenient, more accessible and more personalized, to better treat the whole person."

Hospital at Home is just one example of the work that is catapulting UMass Memorial Health to national recognition as a leader in the transformation of health and health care. Eric Dickson, MD, the health system's president and



CEO and a practicing emergency medicine physician, says, "UMass Memorial Health's mission is to ensure that everyone in our region, regardless of means, has access to outstanding care. The best way to make that possible is to find new and better ways to make health and health care available and more effective through cutting-edge technolgies. Here, we strive to put innovation to work in the real world, for the purpose of helping everyone live their healthiest lives."

UMass Memorial Health's Hospital at Home program is allowing some patients to go home earlier to recover, or even avoid an overnight stay altogether.

"We are bringing safe, effective, human-centered hospital care to patients in the comfort of their homes. Our broader Hospital at Home vision is centered in UMass Memorial Health's anchor mission, which is to make health care available for all people in our region, and you can't fully address health equity if you don't address the challenges people face in their daily lives that adversely affect their health," Michaelidis says.

"So, not only does the Hospital at Home program make it possible to provide care in a setting that is more conducive to healing," says Michaelidis, "but when we're in the home, we can also see their other needs and help address those, too, like the need for transportation to get them to their appointments. Mark Maxfield, MD, is a thoracic surgeon and a member of a team that has helped pioneer the ROADAT procedure, a procedure available nowhere else in New England. ROADAT stands for Robotic One Anesthetic Diagnosis and Treatment. ROADAT is the lung cancer biopsy procedure that streamlines the process of identifying and treating lung cancer from a six-week process to just one day, saving time, money and endless nights of worry for the patient and family. "There is a very different culture here than you find at other places. Work gets done here. Physicians are drawn here for the opportunity to be a difference maker, to put research to work and save lives. UMass Memorial Health is about healing," Maxfield says.

Andres Schanzer, MD, a vascular surgeon who heads up the FEVAR program at UMass Memorial Health agrees.

"FEVAR, which stands for Fenestrated Endovascular Aortic Repair, is a highly specialized procedure that is performed through a trial at only 10 medical centers in the country," Schanzer says. "If we didn't make it available here, those diagnosed with complex aortic aneurysms and in danger of dying would have no option and no hope. We're able to provide that hope because of a culture that not only supports innovation, but also is relentless in its desire to make it available to people who need it."

For more information on all the ways UMass Memorial Health is bringing breakthrough health care to the region, visit ummhealth.org/relentless.



East-West rail a key part of state transport planning

BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Extending passenger rail west of Worcester was a big topic of a recent CMRPC online forum, with shuttle services for non-rail towns "considered and monitored as the ridership increases.'

In our area, the key railroad under consideration is the CSX line that runs through Charlton, but the P&W line heading to Webster also came up. In both cases, the lines are currently almost entirely freight.

According to State Sen Eric Lesser, Worcester found that opening the rail link to Boston was "a key, key part" of Worcester's "renaissance" in recent years, and he sees that as an example "of what we can do in greater Springfield." The towns in between would also benefit; for example, Grafton and Westboro both have MBTA stops and have seen significant development in part due to them.

Former Mayor and Lt Gov Tim Murray

said that happened in Worcester, where "development takes place in concentric circles around Union Station" now. Years ago, that station was vacant and dilapidated; today, developers "invariably" include rail access as a reason why they come to Worcester, he said.

East-West rail "will pull more opportunity and job creation" into our region, Lesser said, adding he thinks it will also help "close our racial wealth gap." But the state has for years not really invested in rail "outside of a handful of zip codes.'

US Rep. Jim McGovern agreed, noting this funding is federal and is being geard to regional projects, not necessarily communities. He said Massachusetts stands to get about \$12 billion of the bill's roughly \$40 billion for rail, which he described as "the single largest investment in passenger rail since the creation of Amtrak." While that's in the current infrastructure bill, some related bills are also in process, including one by Sen Ed Markey dubbed the "Brain Train Act" that McGovern

said will "enable the Department of Transportation [DOT] to make intercity passenger rail really take off.'

"We're at a unique moment that's making me optimistic, and I say that despite all the other crap that's happening in Washington," he said.

To him, the state needs to "be ambitious in what we can achieve. ... The state is overflowing with money" and what matters is to "make sure it's not all spent in one place."

But he also stresses, "this money's not there forever," so Massachusetts needs to ask for it and have a clear idea what to do with it. "I don't know whether in my lifetime we'll get this infusion of federal money for infrastructure ever again," he said.

While it might benefit the state to have a rail authority as some states

have, Mass DOT can apply for funds while the Legislature creates one, Lesser added.

The east-west rail is a key part of the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission's current process to write a new long-range transportation plan. Planner Yahaira Graxirina said this is beginning now, with workshops in various area towns in the near future. The draft should be available by June of 2023, including scenario plans. She noted CMRPC wants to work with communities "to come up with some projects to put in the pipeline," but did not think communities are eligible to apply for these funds directly. (By that time, McGovern had departed to cast a vote.)

That plan's Web site is www.cmrpc. org/2050connections.

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XBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2021-2022 school vear.

Grade 8

ORNE

High Honors: Aidan Arsenault, Ella Bain, Novelle Bousquet, Boyalla, Gaurav, Sebastian Bradwin, Lauren Cabral, Morgan Charbonnier, Kason Chludenski, Rachel Coleman, Addison DeMarco, Brady Esposito, Alison Fleming, Jadyn Flood, Olivia Friis, Kendall Gilmore, Brooke Gniadek, Lola Grube, Mazen Hamza, Ethan LaChapelle, , Julianna Lopes, Daniel Mach, Brayden Mackin, Coner McQuilkin, Niamh McSweeney, Daniel Noel, Erin O'Day, Julia Brynn Okenquist, Keira Paul, Jake Richardson, Jacob Rivet, Erin Roche, Haylee Romasco, Andrew Tamsky, Jacob Tavares, Abigail Thompson, Grady Walsh, Parker Waugh

Honors: Alexander Aldrich, Camden Bartlett, Taylor Bettencourt, Amelia Blood, Kaleb Chabot, Tyler Constantineau, Macy Cullen, Breanna Donahue, Hunter Douangsavanh, Samuel Dow, Colin Dwyer, Logen Erickson, Isabella Field, William Fisher, Nicholas Fortier, Zachary Fortier, Sophia Freire, Danika Grabowski, Camden LaChapelle, Jeffrey Laflamme, Lily LaLiberte, Mateo Lame, Cameron McIsaac, Wilson Obiocha, Joshua Paulino, Daniel Pimentel, Liam Powers, Alex Rivera, Thayla Santos, Autumn Smith, Brian Stumpf, Zachary Tilton, Zachary

Turcotte, Cody Veneziano, Austin Walusiak Honorable Mention: Angelica Afonso, Jacob Cahill, Heidi Doyon, Aubrey Ellis, Caleb Gonyea, Daniel Horne, Isaac Kling, Luke Lewandowski, Liam Ramirez Palmer, Mikaela Ravanales, Jullian Rosenburg, Hunter Sheard, Riley Spicer, Thatcher Sweeney, Odin

Grade 9

Tripp, Sydney Vanderzicht

High Honors: Ali Alomar, Maria Aprili, Elyse Bouchard, Sydney Daniels, Maxwell Deary, Rogan Devlin, Timothy Devlin, Bailey Dzivasen, Evelyn Ferreira, Ewan Fortin, Katharine Fox, Lillyanna Gallant, Alicia Gauvin, Shane Gilmore, Addison Griffiths, Shane Guillette, Alyson Haley, Matthew Hinchcliffe, Thatcher Kling, Sumeyve Kovuncu, Milla Mace, Macen Martone, Aidan Nolan, Darren Oliver, Danielle Olson, Natalie Orr, Brianna Pare, Olivia Pirrotta, Maxwell Roy, Stella Roy, Alanna Russell, Hunter Schiller, Colin Spencer, Michael Stark, Landon Sweet

Honors: Joshua Alt, Catherine Buma, Nicole DeSouza, Jenna Devine, Liam Kaferlein, Shawn Lemovitz, Hunter Levesque, Kyle Lincoln, Isadora Malta, Awaab Mohamad, Abigaile Oliveira, Diya Patel, Bruno Sampaio, James Sanford, Dominic Silva, Marrodox Sisowath, Caroline Usenia, Ashton Watt, Denning Yoffe

Honorable Mention: Jillian Dimo, Jesse Doyon, Hunter Fontaine, Chase Henault, Mykah Leshinski, Riley McDonald, Max Meagher, Natalee Pendleton, Talen Rosborough, Jack Sullivan

Grade 10

High Honors: Rylie Beland, James Bernard, Aidan Blood, Benjamin Bourgeois, Kathryn Cahill, Braden Cammuso, Cameron Caso, Matthew DiLibero, Brynn Doherty, Syrianna Dousangsavanh, Luke Esposito, Madison Fairweather, Olivia Gray, Olivia Holden, Catherine Hughes, Kahlea Lachapelle, Kellen Lachapelle, Elizabeth Lewis, Grace Linsley, Jessica Lutton, Aiden Marquez-LeRoy, Sara Morton, Brianna Moss, Gage Nichols, Ella Pezzullo, Phetmany Phianesin, Phoenix Cooper, Avari Powers, Benjamin Roerden, Payson Roy, Lincoln Schiller, Siobhan Twohig-Mann, Zoe Wojnowski

Honors: Alanah Allard, Evan Arsenault, Dylan Bibeault, Luke Boisvert, Parin Boyalla, Ashlee Brodeur, Thomas Costa, Emma Demers, Luke Dow, Andrew Flynn, Nathan Fuoss, Carter Gilmore, Brianna Hughes, Hailey Kinyanjui, Sean O'Day, Liam Rigney, Lukas Ritacco, Mason Sanford, Christopher Szajna, Ellie Thompson, Cheyanne Uvezian, Emma Walker, Brayden Wilcox

Honorable Mention: Samuel Abdel Nour, Rosario Astorga, Mason Baptista, Veda Cotter, Lucas DeFreitas, Jalyn Gingras, Gavin Hallfelder, Samantha Jones, Aiden Joyce, Iris Marcello, Luke McCuin, Pedro Milhomens, Nathan Noyes, Jack Numella, Shane Okenquist, Joseph Romasco, Sebastian Soares, Maria Sobrinho, Samuel True

Grade 11

High Honors: Maren Anderson, Lily Brayman, Kelsey Brooks, Victor Cardoso-Collins, Julie Compston, Sophie Compston, Myah DeLang, Jessie DeMalia, Jason Fontes, Carl Nathan Gallawan, Tanner Avery Guillette, Samantha Hinchcliffe, Gauthier. Paige Irving, Eleanor Kimball, Lex Lovell, Alan Mages, Trevor Masnyk, Edson Mendes, Isabella Nolan, Grace Orr. Morgan Ouellette, Alexandria Patterson, Kylie Paul, Julia Philbrook, Audrey Phillips, Olivia Phillips. Casey Prior, Samantha Qualters, Tyler Richardson, Makayla Ross, Aidan Russell, Abigail Sanches, Sadie Schultzberg, Meghan Smith, Troy Spencer, Jack Tasick, Sabrina Tibedo, Madison Tousignant, Lindsay Vario, Megan Wingfield

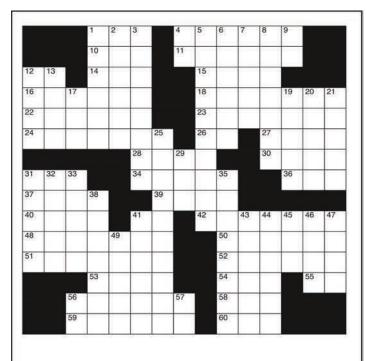
Honors: Bruce Alberto, Dominick Alicea, Joshua Cristina, Domenic D'Araujo, Tyler Erickson, Anthony Fair, Drew Gniadek, Evan Grube, Chloe Guertin, Briana Hawes, Colleen Kenny, Sameer Khan, Timothy Makynen, Maximus Martone, Patrick McDonnell, Gianna Noyes, Matthew O'Neill, Zachary Oliveira, Laela Pendleton, Chris Reid, Theodore Rigney, Isabella Ristaino, Khalil Torku, Braeden Watt, Coral Young

Honorable Mention: Nathan Cole, Katie Cullen, Dylan Donahue, Logan Donnelly, Tia Jacobs, Marissa Manning, Samuel Mason, Nolan Ray, Aidan Ross, Ailionora Thompson

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SCHOOL HONOR ROLL ORTHBRIDGE HIGH

NORTHBRIDGE — Northbridge High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Highest Honors

Grade 12: Azan Baig, Sara Bedigian, Alexander Dineen, Kyla Dominguez De Los Santos, Daniel Fung-A-Fat, Caitlyn Mahoney, Dev Patel, Tyler Richards

Grade 11: Abby Barnatt, Karlee Battista, Meghan Cummiskey, Caroline O'Brien, Kathryn O'Brien, Caitlin Porcelli, Nina Syzmanowski, Keira Touhey

Grade 10: Esha Baig, Samantha Brody, Sarah Cowen, Kayda King, Mia Pellegrino, Amanda Smith, Mary Sullivan, Natalie Zborowski

Grade 9: Abigail Bergeron, Monica Colon-Heyliger, Rowan Phillips

High Honors

Grade 12: Samantha Billmyer, Matthew Bol, David Castellon Palma, Adam Chen, Lauren Ferreira, Olivia Guest, Aiden Lubas, Mallorie Mercer, Jordan Rice, Christopher Smith, Celia Walker

Grade 11: Brynn Burt, Molly Conroy, Yeva DerKosrofian, Hannah Direnzo, Coulton Manning, Kayla Munson, Graham Williams

Grade 10: Elizabeth Andrews, Lillianna Avila, Ryan Bedigian, Gary Bunis, Evan Carrachino, Abigail Caya, Britnei Chen, Madelynne Driscoll, Ryan Flaherty, Timothy Guiliani, Ainsley Hogan, Joseph Mazzarelli, Zachary O'Meara, Rachel Sawyer

Grade 9: Ava Lamonda, Juliette Lannon, Isabelle

Tyler Bliss, Sydney Boudreau, Fiona Casey, Nicholas Cleary, Molly Consigli, Collin Falconer, John Gifford, Kayla Kamishlian, Maeve Kelly, Gabriel LaTour, Grace Lavoie, Isaac Maynard, Anthony Reed, Christopher Rivelli, Aidan Roy, Zackary Savage, Aaron Smeglin, Patrick Smith, Zoe Taylor, Brent Turgeon, Colton Verra, Lindzy Winslow

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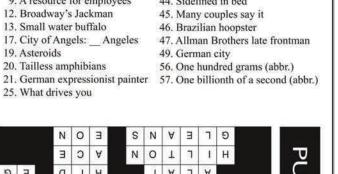
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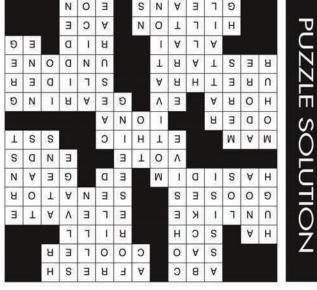
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DOUGLAS POLICE **HOLD ANNUAL** SENIOR BARBE-CUE

Douglas Police held their annual barbecue for the seniors of Douglas at the Adult Social Center on Monday, June 20! It was such a great event! We had this event annually prior to Covid. It was so nice to have this event again and to see so many Officers and Seniors together. All of the officers cooked, served and shared laughs with the seniors. Our entertainer Stephen George was provided with funding from the Douglas Cultural Council. Attached please find some photos of the event for your publication.





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Bay Path celebrates 50th graduation



CHARLTON — On Sunday, June 5, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School celebrated the Class of 2022's Graduation at the DCU Center in Worcester with 272 students receiving their diplomas and over 2000 family members and friends present. This year, the school proudly marked its 50th year of operation.

The graduation program began with the Pomp & Circumstance processional, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Adelina Giaquinto of Southbridge, and a welcome address Superintendent-Director Mr. by Kyle Brenner. Marisa DeJesus from Charlton provided the Valedictorian address, class president Tyler Verrier of Webster delivered the Student Address, and Ethan Shanbaum of Southbridge

read the Salutatorian Address.

Following the Salutatorian Address, the senior class officers presented a class gift, awards were presented by Director of Student Services Mrs. Nancy J. Ferriter-Alpine, and the presentation of diplomas were given by District School Committee Chairman Mr. David H. Grenier, Superintendent-Director Mr. Kyle Brenner, Principal

Mr. Clifford C. Cloutier, and Dean of Students Mr. Daniel T. McGowan.

This year's graduating class was advised by Mrs. Johanna Giles and Mr. Alan Greenough. Class officers were Tyler Verrier, President; Marisa DeJesus, Vice-President; Marlee Donohoe, Treasurer, and Paige Osche, Vice-President; Marlee Secretary.

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational

the fourth quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Technical High School has released its honor roll for

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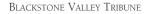
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Editorial

Juneteenth is more than just one day

Last year, President Joe Biden signed legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday. The House approved the legislation in an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 415-14. All 14 who voted against the legislation were Republicans, despite even former president Donald Trump's support of the holiday.

This day commemorates the actual end of slavery in our country, a day that should be celebrated by all. An entire race of people was now free, two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, what's not to celebrate? If that bothers anyone, we have to wonder why. Adding a Federal Holiday does not negate, nor take away from any other holiday. It just doesn't.

In 1776, just under 100 years earlier, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

However, not all Americans were 'free' until June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3, which stated that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, "all slaves are free." Several months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subjected to

OPINION

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR The American quilt

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. It's time to be "We the People" on July 4.

Have you taken a moment to consider us, "We the People?" Philippians Chapter 4, verse 8, reminds us: "brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things." It's a good lesson for me. Is it a good lesson for you?

Before I retired, I worked for a large organization in Boston. With people from Dorchester, South Boston, and Roxbury. From Haiti, Jamaica, Barbados, St. Kitts. From Chicago, Louisiana, and Utah, of all places. Americans all, we were a multi-colored quilt. Best job I ever had. Best boss I ever had.

Some of my fellow 5,000 employees spoke with a French Haitian accent or a strong Southie accent. Some had a clipped British West Indies accent. Some had a Louisiana drawl with traces of Chicago. Proud of our work, we were a team. We worked hard. When we met to discuss a project or a problem, first we talked about our families. "How's your family doing?" and "How are you doing?" Then, we got down to business. We didn't talk politics. Well, sometimes we did.

When there was a problem between employees, a mediator was assigned. Issues were teased out and resolved. Handshakes all around. When the problem was serious, an investigation was conducted. Everyone was heard. Everyone got his or her say. Management took action. It was not all smooth sailing, but we moved on.

Before that, I had worked for an organization loaded to the gills with Harvard University grads. So fancy! No one ever asked how my family was doing. But my boss had something of Mr. Fezziwig ["A Christmas Carol"] in him. I am grateful.

Which job did I prefer? You know the answer: The one in which we were all in it together, and all came from different backgrounds. Widely different backgrounds.

We were like the small town baseball

My cross to bear..

team where you need everyone from the cop's child who pitches to the doctor's child who bats to the landscaper's child who runs like the wind. On the softball team, the janitor's daughter has an arm that blisters home plate. The teacher's daughter hits to third base, and we cheer.

You got along with everybody because you never knew when you would need somebody. Everyone should have a great job like that, a small town like that. An "America The Beautiful" quilt. Have you ever heard the late great Ray Charles sing "America The Beautiful," and improvise the lyrics?

"America, America, God shed His grace on thee America, I love you America, you see My God he done shed his grace on thee And you oughta love him for it 'Cause he, he, he, he crowned thy good He told me he would, with brotherhood From sea to shining Sea Oh Lord, oh Lord, I thank you Lord."

This is Ray Charles' America. It's my America. It's Mark Robinson's America. You say, who is Mark Robinson? Why, he is the first African American Lt. Governor of North Carolina. He grew up poor in Greensboro, the ninth of 10 kids. His Mom, a custodian. His Dad, a carpenter. You can see Robinson on YouTube. If you dare. [Mark Robinson, Greensboro City Council, 2018, YouTube].

He states unequivocally: "I hear people talking about this group or that group... but what I want to know is when are you all going to start standing up for the Majority? And here's who the Majority is: I am the Majority. I'm a law-abiding citizen...and when that Second Amendment was written, whether the Framers liked it or not, they wrote it for Everybody. And I'm Everybody. "Yes, he is.

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent and praise worthy, think about such things." Philippians 4:8.

Happy Fourth of July! God bless our American quilt. What say you?

Signed, as George Washington did, your most humble and obedient servant, Bev GUDANOWSKI

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You have what it takes

I was raised with the idea that the most successful people in the world failed more than they succeeded. My dad taught me that no matter how often a person fails if they apply themselves, have a strong work ethic, and have a positive attitude, they will eventually succeed.

I've met many people who had the opposite belief. They thought

POSITIVELY POSITIVELY SPEAKING TOBY TOBY TOBY TOBY TOBY That you either have it or you don't, and there isn't much room for improvement. The provethe prove-

MOORE

I had the great opportunity to meet and be coached by the fastest swimmer in

the world for a time. His name is Tom Jaeger, and he earned seven gold medals.

Before I met him, I assumed he got to where he was because of his hard work ethic and will to win. That was true, but I also learned that he never lost a race in his life. When it came to swimming, he won way more than he lost.

Most actors in Hollywood have to audition for years before they book their first job; it takes hundreds of auditions before becoming a star. That's true for the vast majority of actors, but there is a tiny percentage who begin working right away.

There are always exceptions to the rule. For the 99.99 percent of us, how can we make it to the top?

I was listening to Malcolm Gladwell's lecture on why some people succeed, and some don't. He talked about students in western cultures versus students in eastern cultures and their approaches to math. It turns out that eastern students score far higher at math than their western counterparts. Why?

Listening to his lecture made me see a huge contradiction in my life. I did think that I could succeed at anything as long as I had the right attitude, but I also had a conflicting belief that I was terrible at math and there wasn't much I could do to improve. It's just how my mind worked. I was good at English, history, and the arts but terrible at math. According to Gladwell, western students think success in math lies in their innate ability; either you have it, or you don't. Whereas in the east, the attitude to solving a math problem is very different. Their philosophy is that all math problems are solvable by almost anyone. They believe that anyone can be good at math, given enough time and dedication. When I was in math class, I didn't try hard. Why? Because I believed I was bad at math. Why would I try? I didn't think I had the mind for it. Listening to Gladwell made me realize that my approach to math was wrong. I could have done much better if I had the patience and determination!

President Abraham Lincoln's order.

During that time, Union presence was weak in Texas, therefore enforcement wasn't strong, allowing people to still own other people. Anytime evil is undone, as it was on that day in 1865, it should be celebrated.

Lawrence Alexander, an African American from New Hampshire, shared his thoughts on Juneteenth: "Feeling ambivalent about celebrating Juneteenth? Feeling like a national holiday is a tad too much? Well, that's how many of us feel about July 4th. July 4th is an 89 year head start on freedom for every American except African Americans. July 4th is like throwing me a birthday party at another kid's house on their birthday and making me serve cake. Juneteenth is an opportunity to acknowledge that our mutual freedom is inexorably linked to everyone's liberation. Juneteenth is the only holiday where 'All lives Matter."

In current times, the goal is for all law abiding Americans to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as one another. Such a simple concept yet so many continue to feel threatened by our differences. How great would it be if everyone was just kind to each other, despite our differences, why is that so hard? The fact is, it's not hard to try to understand each other. Maybe we may never understand each other but that's ok. We can guarantee that anyone you meet, has something in common with you, even if it's something as simple as preferring Pepsi over Coke. Start there.

Make it a point this week to seek someone out who lives and feels completely different than you and just be kind to them. It is possible to have different views on different topics yet still possible to treat each other with respect and dignity. We all deserve that, no matter who you vote for, what you look like, what you do for work or who you love.

Addressing Americans, the President said, "The promise of equality is not going to be fulfilled until we become real, it becomes real in our schools and on our Main Streets and in our neighborhoods,"

To the Editor:

Apparently, quotations are like opinions - everyone has one.

Here's my contribution: "The purpose of separation of church and state is to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries." — James Madison, fourth President of the United States.

But I digress. Apparently, it is little understood that one can be individually 'religious' and still be of the mind that religion should play no part in the governing of a country. After all, isn't that why the Puritans came to America - to escape state-controlled religious constraint? You can put your hand on a bible and swear to obey something - if that bible holds some significance within your religious beliefs - yet still maintain that religion plays no further role in doing your job, post oath. The 'bible' symbolism means nothing to a non-believer, a hypocrite, or someone of a different religion. Corrupt, treasonous ex-president Trump (that description makes the epithet "Mumbling Joe" seem like a compliment, doesn't it?), flaunted the bible at every opportunity. Yet he subsequently lied over 30,000 times, broke all norms and conventions of his position, enriched himself and his family at the expense of taxpayers, was a serial philanderer and sexual abuser, and planned and attempted a coup against the country and constitution he swore on a Bible to uphold and protect! Then there was Richard Nixon....I won't even go there. Thus, 'swearing on a bible' is simply a symbolic relic, and serves no other purpose or restraint on human behavior.

We are now seeing the first results of the incursions that religion has made into our government, despite the founders' warnings - the overturn of Roe v. Wade, and the ruling that parochial schools are eligible for government funding. Don't be fooled - this is the result of the religious right's assault on both bodily autonomy and the separation of

church and state. No one has the right to use your body against your will, even to save your life, or the life of another person. You can't be forced to donate blood, or marrow, or organs, even though thousands die each year on waiting lists. No one can harvest your organs after death, without your explicit, written, pre-mortem permission. "Are Christians under attack?" In a word...No! But certain 'Christians' are attacking the rest of us. You can be a 'Christian,' as I grew up. and be "free to express your religious beliefs." The rest of us don't care. What we don't want is YOUR beliefs shoved down our throats, with the help of a complicit government. Looking closely, are these people really even 'Christians,' or are they 'fascists'...the line is blurring. They want to tell us what books we can be read; what math and history can be taught in schools; what words can be used; what sports kids can play; and how old one can be (as young as 13!) to get married. A public school is no place for a bible, or a Torah or a copy of the Quoran. It's 'public' - funded by taxes paid by all Americans, not just Christians. School is a place to learn ABC's, civics, history and other useful things, not a place to be brainwashed by religious dogma.

As for "how god's hand has been at the tiller of our national ship," I guess you should ask the Native Americans and African Americans about that. Either they just missed the boat, or 'god' only cares about white people, even though the historical Jesus Christ was most likely dark-skinned. What say you?

Be aware - this is just the beginning of the attack by these so-called Christians - there is word that gay marriage and even contraception are among their next targets. Before we know it, America will be the country that people leave in search of freedom, religious or otherwise. Our freedom is under attack. This is the time to be an Extraordinary Democratic Patriot.

> RICK BEVILACQUA WHITINSVILLE

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It appears that attitude is everything when it comes to math. Can this attitude towards math be applied to other areas of life? Of course, it can.

Before Elvis Presley became the King of Rock, his music teacher told him he had no aptitude for singing. He failed many times on his way to the top; finally, he got a chance to perform at The Grand Ole Opry. The audience didn't receive him well; the manager threw him out of the venue. What if his attitude was, "I just can't sing and perform?"

Steven Spielberg was rejected from the University of Southern California's film school. One of the first films he made, 1941, was considered a flop. What if his attitude was, "I just don't have the ability to make a good film?"

Oprah Winfrey was a news anchor early in her career; one day, she was demoted to a minor role on the daily news show. What if she said to herself, "I just don't have the mind for media?"

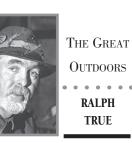
For the 99.99 percent of us, we will often fail on our way to accomplishing our dreams. It's inevitable. Don't let it get you down. Instead, have the attitude that you have what it takes, you can be who you want to be, and if you choose, you can even be good at math

Fishing in upstate New York

Upstate New York is the place to be if you want to really catch big brown trout. This week's photo is a testament to the fantastic fishing that can be enjoyed in Lake Ontario. This writer and my fishing buddies of not that long ago, made sure we

went to lake Ontario a couple of times a year. The late Jack Cunningham and Peter Opperwall joined this writer for many years on our annual trip to New York with this writer's boat in tow. My 21-foot boat was easy to tow by my Chevy van taking only five and a half hours from Uxbridge to our destination at "Winnies Waterfront" house on the waterfront in Sodus Bay.

After arriving at our home away from home for one week, we immediately launched the boat, and tied her up to the dock in front of our small but comfortable house for the week. The whole weeks expenses totaled a bit over \$100 each. We enjoyed catching daily limits of brown trout, the largest weighing in



At 21 pounds, and a couple of salmon during our weeks stay. The home that we stayed in is no longer available, as the couple that owned the camp have since passed away. Them were the days. Fishing is as good as it ever was today, and anyone that enjoys catching big fish

need to make the trip to Lake Ontario once in their life.

We caught many browns on streamer fly's trolled with copper wire, but we also caught many fish on planner boards, which held three lines on each side of the boat. Many browns were caught using this method of fishing right at dusk. The salmon were caught using downriggers and lures, of which type I cannot recall. Nights at the camp were always crazy, enjoying each other's company and remembering our trips from earlier years. Life can pass you by very fast and if you enjoy fishing, you need to make at least one trip to Lake Ontario. made another trip to the Quabbin Reservoir again this week, but the details of their trip were not available at the time of this writer's column, as the deadline is Monday at noon.

Striper fishing has been nothing but fantastic last week at the canal, and at other weekly hotspots. The top bait was mackerel chunks drifted during slack tide. One angler stated it was the best day of his life, fishing for stripers. A lot of monster stripers in the 40-pound class were reported last week also. Unfortunately, they had to be released to fight another day, because of the slot size limit.

Seabass continues to dominate the fishing craze, with most anglers filling their daily limit ,with some of these great eating fish. Although the daily limit per angler is only four fish in Mass. and two in Rhode Island anglers are willing to spend the time and money catching these prize eating fish. Depends on who you talk to; some fluke fishing anglers are doing OK, while others continue to complain about the recreational size limit in Rhode Island. Freshwater anglers are continuing



to catch some impressive smallmouth bass in local lakes and ponds. Some real nice bass are coming from Wallum Lake and Webster Lake, to mention a few.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold another league archery shoot this Sunday, starting at 7 a.m.! The event is open to the public!

Take a Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

My brother Ken and his son Mark

A Potpourri of Assorted Tips and Tricks

This week's column features a smorgasbord of helpful hints and household tips to make this season's chores a whole lot easier. From gardening strategies to saving money without feeling the pinch, read on for a round of assorted hints:

If you are mulching the garden this season, you should know many mulches will bind nitrogen from your soil, so before purchasing a particular mulch, do some research. Cocoa mulch adds nitrogen to your soil and can be used as an amendment, unlike other products. Take newspaper and lay it in sheets over your garden beds. For best results, cover with a thick layer of compost, well mixed with cottonseed or bloodmeal. This combination will break down perfectly over the winter.

Wondering how to store all those onions and other garden root vegetables through the winter? If you don't have a root cellar, pack styrofoam packing peanuts into a wooden crate. As long as the vegetables are kept cool and dry, this method will do the trick.

Want a reason other than fresh produce to dig in the dirt this season? You got it! Studies revealed women fifty and older who gardened at least once a week had higher bone density than those who jogged, walked, swam or did aerobics.

Before you don your outdoor apron, keep in mind these BBQ tricks of the trade! Try putting lemon peels in your grill next time you are grilling some chicken. It adds a super smell and a flavor essence to poultry. And when using a dry rub, always allow the meat to cook for approximately half of the total time before applying any basting sauce.

Going green doesn't have to cramp your style! Simply shutting off the water while you brush your teeth saves up to 1,800 gallons of water

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Sticks and stones..."



per person per year. And switching to cold water for two laundry loads a week can save up to 500 pounds of CO2 per year! Not to mention the money you save by conserving!

If this weekend finds you "gone fishin", try this tip! 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 vou'd lose control of the bait.

Want an excuse to say "pass the pasta" more often? Nutritional scientists have proved certain foods are fixes for less than perfect moods. Studies show pasta, which is rich in complex carbohydrates can help relieve anxiety and help fight depression. ** If tending to your out-

door garden has taken a toll on your trusty old house plants, help is on the way! Just stir together one package of granular dry yeast and one quart of warm water. Mix it well and water plants with the elixir monthly to perk up your plants!

Looking to sharpen your memory? Did you know positive thinkers have heightened memory? A positive attitude's been shown to stimulate the brain, so avoid negative people and situations. And talk less and listen more to boost your memory.

If you're harvesting herbs from the garden this season, take note of these quick and easy tips! When chopping fresh herbs such as basil and tarragon, sprinkle the leaves with a few drops of olive oil. This effectively slows the darkening of the chopped leaves.

Here's an easy foolproof way to store fresh basil, cilantro, parsley, tarragon, and other delicate herbs that preserves their fresh from the garden taste! Stand herbs in a tall glass or mason jar. Fill halfway with water and add a pinch of sugar. Then place a plastic bag loosely over the top of it all and place in the refrigerator. Now your herbs will keep their fresh taste for a week!

It's flea market season, and here's a dealer tip to renew old wooden picture frames without refinishing. Just brush with a mixture of one cup olive oil and a half cup lemon juice. For best results, apply with a paint brush to get into crevices. Let dry, buff and polish if needed.

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

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

Sampling samplers



I often find samplers in old New England estates that we handle. You might better know them as needlepoints and, according to the Milwaukee Public Museum, they were typically made to develop "young girl's stitchery skills for both practical and ornamental purposes."

Samplers have a lengthy history. The collections at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London include samplers from Egyptian burial vaults dating back to the 14th or 15th century. The first book of sampler patterns dates to 1520s Germany. Samplers were also used as reference works in Tudor England. John Palsgrave's 1530 Anglo-French dictionary described them as an "exampler for a woman to work by."



Antiques, Collectibles & Estates wayne tuiskula

The Smithsonian website reports that the first American example "was made by Loara Standish of the Plymouth Colony about 1645." They note that samplers with letters and numbers were created by young women to develop the skills needed to run the familv household. Academies and schools arose in the late 1700s and early 1800s where young women learned to create "decorative motifs such as verses, flowers, houses, religious, pastoral, and/or mourning scenes.

Antique samplers typically feature the letter "I" instead of "J" and the letter "V" instead of "U" because "I" and "J" weren't part of the Latin alphabet. "S" was also often replaced with the printers' "S" which looks more like an "F."

While some embroiders still make samplers today, antique samplers are highly sought after by collectors. Recent auction results for 10 samplers showed prices ranging from \$75 for a simple one from 1825 to \$2,200 for an impressive 1837 sampler. The 1837 piece was crafted by a nine-year-old girl from Onondaga County, New York. The letters were block script and cursive and it also depicted a house and trees along with a memorial to her father. Rare, highly detailed pieces can bring substantial prices.

Betsy Wardwell's 1797 sampler featured the words ""May spotles inocence [sic] & truth my every action guide and guard my unexperienced youth from arrogance & pride" written in needlepoint. She also created a house, birds on trees and two courting couples with a border of flowers and birds. Wardwell was a student at the Mary Balch School in Providence, Rhode Island. Samplers by students of the Mary Balch School are prized by collectors for their complex composition and intricate stitching. Wardwell's 1797 piece sold for \$329,600 in 2007.

The Huffington Post reported that a New Jersey schoolgirl's sampler broke an auction record in 2012. The sampler displayed an intricate needlepoint home with trees along with a front yard with different bird species, a cow, and person on horseback. The top of the piece was arched with ornate scrollwork and the girl's name who made it, Mart Antrim, as well the date, 1807. The highest bidder sewed it up for \$1,070,500.

Our major online auction this fall will include a collection of samplers. Our sixth session of model trains, diecast cars, models and other toys from a West Boylston estate will end on July 13th. We will be running an estate sale in Walpole, Mass. on July 16. I'll be appraising items at the Leicester Senior Center on November 5th and we are planning other events for the fall. Please visit our website https:// centralmassauctions.com for links to upcoming events.

Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer/Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique, Collectibles Auctions and Appraisal Services www. centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@centralmassauctions.com

SEND US YOUR NEWS!!!



To the Editor:

This is my last exchange with the Whitinsville writer because it must bore some, annoy others, and merely fuels the proverbial, pointless [tit for tat] contest. But before leaving this 'commentary battlefield', let me set the record straight on his lengthy June 24 response to my concise writing on June 17. Disagreement with my opinions is acceptable but deliberate (?) 'twisting' of my words is not! I stand proudly in front of, beside and behind clear meanings of these statements:

First, as often stated publically, I am no shill for any political party. Categorizing "this esteemed contributor" (your words) in that regard is unacceptable. My letters reflect nothing more than common sense thoughts harbored by many.

Second, "disinformation" was never equated with "dictatorship"! What I said was: "to stifle speech and the power of the pen... by calling it disinformation is the definition of dictatorship..." Censorship, however disguised, damages democracy!

Third, as specifically stated upfront, the Jan. 6 event was not excused but (it was reasonably) suggested "at least as much attention should be paid" to current problems. Do not insult anyone's intelligence by contending that conveyed the idea "government can't walk and chew gum" (your words) at the same time. Perhaps debatable another time but unacceptable now to misconstrue my words to suit your narrative!

Fourth, to imply the expressions in our seminal documents are not rooted in a Judeo-Christian philosophy, because they have not been achieved in the fullness of time, contradicts historical fact (documentation easy to find). And spare us a tutorial on the Constitution's structure, because I am confident the reference to the protections provided therein was comprehended by a majority of readers.

Lastly, cease more embarrassment in the name-calling department ("Uxbridge Coven")! Indeed, no serious-minded person accepts calls for 'unity' when "your audience is those who have at least earned a high school diploma, not those who have received an 'honorary' one." You claim status as a "good writer... addressing your audience" (your words)! Faithful Tribune readers must wonder if your June 24 message should (understandably) be taken as universal insult, not as compliment!

There's nothing more of a printable nature to say to the Whitinsville writer except anger, hope and courage make change.

JANE F. KEEGAN UXBRIDGE



Clyde E. Whittaker, Jr.

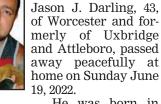


Northbridge- Clyde E. Whittaker, Jr., died Tuesday, June 21, 2022, in the Milford Regional Medical Center after a period of declining health. His wife of 28 years, Sharon E. (Williams) Whittaker, prede-

ceased him in 2014. Clyde leaves 6 children: Brian Whittaker and his wife Diane, of Douglas; Lori Lange and her husband Michael, of Tulsa, OK; Julie Kuchenbrod, of Milford; Lynn Whittaker and her partner Paul Marks, of Northbridge; Keith Whittaker and his husband Scott Weiser, of Sutton, and Holly Mawn and her husband Sean, of Northbridge; 3 step-children: Cindy Rogers and her partner Ralph Hensley, of CA; Kim Duca and her husband Greg, of Whitinsville; Al Rogers and his wife Fran, of SC; 5 grandchildren: Ryan, Ian, Lauren, Paige and Calvin; 5 step-grandchildren: Vincent, Elizabeth, Casey, Fiona and Siobhan; 3 great grandchildren: Tenlie, Cole and Isabel; and two sisters: Barbara Robinson, of Tuscon, AZ and Claudene Polselli, of Grafton.

Born in Belfast, Maine on March 5, 1939, he was the son of Clyde E. and Alma (Gross) Whittaker, Sr. He lived in Maine until his family moved to Upton when he was 8 years old. After attending the Upton schools, Clyde worked as a Master Certified welder for many years before he began a career as a truck driver. During the late 70's-early 80's he served as an auxiliary police officer for the town of Northbridge. Clyde was an avid outdoorsman; he enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting.

Donations to honor Clyde's memory and his love of animals may be made to Tuft's Veterinary Medical Care, 200 Westboro Rd., North Grafton, MA 01536. Private services will be held at a later date. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome. com



Jason J. Darling, 43

WORCESTER

He was born in Woonsocket, RI in 1978, the son of David A. Darling and the late Sharon (Warblow) Krouse and had attended Uxbridge High School.

Jason possessed a kind spirit who was always giving, generous, grateful and devoted to his family. He had a gift at making people feel at ease and was happiest doing acts of kindness. He also enjoyed fishing, riding dirt bikes, family time, and running a well rig. He

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Jason J. Darling, 43

loved his dog "Junior".

He was the devoted father to Joseph Amza Darling of Mendon. In addition to his father David and his fiancée Sharon of Uxbridge, he is survived by his longtime girlfriend Angela DellaGrotta

of Worcester; three brothers, David A. Darling, Jr. and his wife Jill of Uxbridge, Dennis W. Parker, Jr. and his wife Joy of Warren, and Sean T. Darling and his wife Robin of Uxbridge, several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visiting hours were held Monday June 27, 2022, 2022 from 6 – 8 PM in the Buma Funeral Home, 101 N. Main St., Rte. 122, Uxbridge.

Funeral services were Tuesday June 28, 2022 at 10 AM in the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Uxbridge.

Perennial gardens for beauty all season

Create long lasting beauty and pollinator appeal in your landscape with the help of perennials. With a little bit of planning, you can have flowers, foliage and seed heads that add interest to your garden yearround.

Select perennials

including native plants that thrive in the sunlight, soil, and moisture conditions in your garden. Incorporate several inches of compost or other organic matter into the top eight to 12 inches of soil to improve the soil so your perennials will be healthy, showy, and longlived plants.

As you select your plants, consider seasonal foliage and flower color as well as texture. Warm colors like red, orange, and yellow make large areas appear smaller, energize the space, and make it feel warmer. Cool colors of blue, green, and violet make small areas feel larger, hot areas seem cooler, and create a sense of tranquility.

Large leaves and flowers are bold and create a focal point while small flowers and narrow leaves create a sense of depth when used in the back of the garden and they make a nice backdrop for bold textured plants.



foliage, fall color, and persistent seeds capsules for winter inter-Nonaggressive est. catmint (Nepeta) varieties flower all summer long with minimal maintenance. End the season with showy goldenrod (Solidago speciosa). Its bright

yellow flowers add a burst of color to the fall garden and provide food for pollinators migrating through or overwintering in your garden. The dried flowers add interest to the winter garden.

Include some ornamental grasses. Their fine foliage is a great addition to the garden and most come into their full glory in fall. Leave them stand for winter and enjoy the motion and texture they provide.

Don't let gardening in the shade stop you from creating season long beauty. Consider shade lovers that add multiple seasons of beauty to those shady spots in the landscape like barrenwort (Epimedium), variegated Solomon's seal, and coral bells.

Let your healthy perennials stand in the garden all winter long. Their dried leaves, stems and seed heads provide winter interest and help attract birds to the garden. They also provide winter homes for many beneficial insects. You'll enjoy the motion and color the birds and standing perennials add to drab winter days. Start taking pictures of your landscape throughout the year. Then look for opportunities to add year-round perennial beauty to your gardens and landscapes. Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything' DVD series and the nationally-syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Brown of Douglas selected to serve as 2022 SOAR Orientation Group Leader at Western **New England University**

SPRINGFIELD — Jessica Brown of Douglas was selected to serve as Orientation Group Leader (OGL) for the 2022 Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) program at Western New England University.

OGLs are students who have consistently modeled solid citizenship and active participation in the Western New England Community. They are selected for their strong communication skills, their leadership qualities, and their ability to build relationships with students and families.

SOAR helps set the stage for academic readiness and successful community integration to Western New England



University. OGLs help new students transition during SOAR by providing entering students and parents with information and structure for effective adjustment to the university environment.

Brown is working toward a BS in Health Sciences with Pre-Physician Assistant Concentration.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30% remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts

Maximize beauty in every square inch and extend your budget with plants that provide multiple seasons of interest.

Look for opportunities to include spring flowering bulbs like daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and grape hyacinths into the landscape. Although their blooms are relatively short lived, these spring beauties are sure to brighten the garden and help chase away the winter blues. Add these to your fall planting list

Include some spring, summer, and fall blooming perennials with season long foliage, fall color or winter interest. You will find many great options at your local garden center. Plants like Siberian Iris (Iris sibirica), hardy in zones 3 to 9. tolerates full sun to part shade, has beautiful flowers in spring, nice



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. WO22C0262CA **CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME** In the matter of: Faith Gabrielle Twomley A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Faith Gabrielle Twomley of Whitinsville MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Teagan Grayson

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/12/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 16, 2022 Stephanie K. Fattman

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Melina Mvers

Perennial plants like Siberian Iris (Iris sibirica) tolerates full sun to part shade and provides year-round interest.



DAILY ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Painting class 10am to 12:30pm, Balance & Strength Exercise 10am, Mat yoga 2 pm

Tuesday: Cribbage 9:30am, Zumba 9:30am, Technology Class 1pm, Jenga 2pm

Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10am, Hand and Foot card games 11 am, Knit & Crotchet 12pm, MahJong 1pm

Thursday: Yoga 9:30am, WII Games 11am

Friday: Balance & Strength 10am. first and third Friday Checkers with Patrice 10:30am, second and fourth Friday Scrabble with Jennifer 10am

JULY EVENTS:

The center will be closed Monday July 4th in observance for Independence Day.

Worcester Talking Library Thursday July 7th @ 12 pm. Grilled cheese or tuna sandwich lunch will be served, the cost is \$3.00 per person for lunch. RSVP before 7/1 They will be discussing their services and application process. You can receive large print books by mail, join the large print book club in a bag. They will show you how to use a talking book player, or enjoy dial a story.

Fill your spice jars Tuesday July 12th @ 11 am. RSVP by 7/1 Learn a little about different herbs and how to use them. The cost of the event is \$5.00 and each person will get to make 2 jars of herbs to take home. This event is sponsored by The Douglas Cultural Council. Coffee & donuts will be available.

Emergency To Go Bags Wednesday July 13th @ 11:00 am. RSVP before 7/5 The state will be here to discuss emergency safety situations and hand out free emergency kits to everyone. French toast casserole and sausage will be served for lunch. The cost is \$3.00 per person.

Lunch & a Movie July 19th @12 pm. RSVP before 7/13 We will be watching "Rescued by Ruby" and a pasta lunch will be served. The cost for lunch is \$3.00 per person.

Hearing discussion with Darcy Thursday July 21st @ 11:30 RSVP before 7/15 Refreshments will be served.

If you have any questions please feel free to call the center at 508-476-2283

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Erin Rohan Toomey named to Husson University's President's List

BANGOR. Maine — Whitinsville resident, Erin Rohan Toomey, has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Spring 2022 semester.

During the spring semester, Toomey was enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management program.

Students who make the President's List must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted for the semester, and achieve a 3.80 to 4.0 semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

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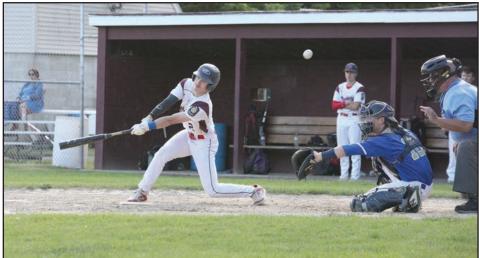
SPORTS

Poor performance leads to Post 74 defeating Northbridge Legion, 5-2

Loss came two days after Post 343's SIGNATURE VICTORY OVER MILFORD



Northbridge starting pitcher Zach Feeney unfurls a curveball for a first inning strikeout.



Northbridge's Cam Athanas fouls the ball up and out of play.

BY NICK ETHIER SPORTS EDITOR

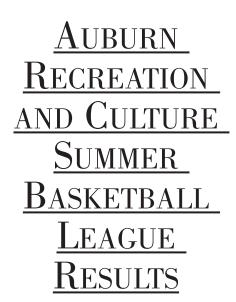
NORTHBRIDGE — Back on Tuesday, June 21, the Northbridge American Legion Post 343 baseball team came away with a signature win at Milford's Fino Field, defeating a strong team in Post 59, 13-3. But Northbridge manager John Demagian knew that his club would be in for a tough one two days later when hosting Framingham Post 74.

Northbridge is now 6-2, but Demagian warned that without playing well the record could turn south. "That could turn into 6-7 real fast if we

play like that," the manager said. Against Framingham, Post 343 struck

first in the bottom of the first inning when Cam Athanas and Matt Landry (1-for-2, 2 walks) drew one-out walks. Zach Feeney then singled deep into the hole at shortstop to load the bases. There, Nick Artura was hit by a pitch to drive on a run. But Northbridge left the bags full when Connor Donahue and Jared Dermooshegian hit into fielder's choices.

Kyle Chan's RBI single and a wild pitch scored two runs





I knew there was going to be some letdown after Tuesday, but this was beyond what I thought," said Demagian. "Scoring two runs isn't going to cut it."

Post 343 lost the game, 5-2, and didn't play particularly well. The offense had just three hits, the defense turned in four errors and the pitching had a walk, three hit batters and two wild pitches that scored two runs.

We had trouble fielding the ball, walks, balls to the backstop — it wasn't a clean game, obviously. If we want to win, we've got to play better," Demagian said.



Northbridge third baseman Jared Dermooshegian throws the ball over to first base to get Framingham's Rodrego Ramirez out in time.

and gave Post 74 a 2-1 lead after the top of the second, but Post 343 tied the score at 2-2 in the home half of the frame. Athanas plated Dom Radford with a sacrifice fly to center, but after Landry and Feeney walked to load the bases, Framingham got out of the jam by striking Artura out.

Northbridge left the bases loaded in the first two innings and instead of the game being tied, Post 343 could have jumped out to a big lead.

"Early in the game we had the bases loaded and we couldn't get anything. We didn't put a lot of good aluminum on the ball tonight," said Demagian.

Framingham starting pitcher Alex Tosi was done after the first two innings, and in came Pat Chapin. All Chapin did was work the final five innings, allowing just one hit — a Landry double in the seventh inning — and a hit batsman while striking out six.

"He was throwing off-speed, changeup, and we were chasing," Demagian said of Chapin's performance.

Framingham won the game in the top of the fifth inning with three runs to take a 5-2 lead. Connor Cowern hit an RBI double to left field, Rodrego Ramirez followed with an RBI single up the middle and the third run scored on a wild pitch.

Feeney pitched the first 5-2/3 innings for Northbridge, with Radford retiring all four Framingham (4-5) batters he faced.

"You can't take a break in this league," Demagian said of Northbridge's lackluster performance. "You've got to come to play every day and we didn't come to play today. Every team is good and has the potential to beat you if you don't show up. "We'll be better. We have to be," Demagian continued.

Post 343 was better in that signature victory versus Milford. 15 "We were down 3-0 and we fought back. We put the ball in

play, got some hits and put up an eight-spot in the seventh inning," Demagian said of turning a 5-3 lead into a decisive 13-3 decision over Post 59.

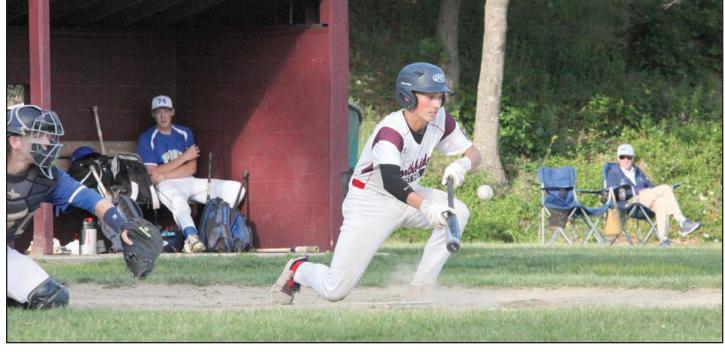
Once again Auburn High is playing host to the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' and Girls' Summer Basketball Leagues. The boys, with 16 high schools participating, are scheduled to play on Mondays and Wednesdays, with the girls and their 14-team league, to compete on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The girls began the summer action on Tuesday, June 21, and the results are as follows:

Girls' Summer League Tuesday, June 21 Blackstone Valley Tech 28, Auburn 18 Grafton 30, David Prouty 15 Northbridge 45, Leicester 23 Notre Dame Academy 30, Quabbin 24 Quaboag 29, Sutton 24 Uxbridge 32, Tantasqua 28 Worcester South 62, Worcester Tech

Thursday, June 23 Tantasqua 36, Quabbin 25 Worcester South 43, Sutton 15 Uxbridge 40, Auburn 9 Worcester Tech 59, David Prouty 13 Leicester 35, Blackstone Valley Tech 32 (OT)

Notre Dame Academy 26, Grafton 14 Northbridge 18, Quaboag 17 Standings Uxbridge (2-0) Worcester South (2-0) Northbridge (2-0) Notre Dame Academy (2-0) Blackstone Valley Tech (1-1) Grafton (1-1) Leicester (1-1) Sutton (1-1) Worcester Tech (1-1) Tantasqua (1-1) David Prouty (0-2) Auburn (0-2) Quabbin (0-2) Quaboag (0-2) Boys' Summer League Wednesday, June 22 Auburn 53, Grafton 51 Bartlett 57, Leicester 35 Bay Path 55, Millbury 33 David Prouty 64, Oxford 38 Quabbin 50, Sutton 39 Quaboag 43, Tahanto 31 Shepherd Hill 55, Tantasqua 33 Uxbridge 45, Southbridge 30



Nick Laflamme of Northbridge gets low and tries to bunt the ball into play.



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COACHES

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Partner agencies involved in the recovery coach program include Community Program for Addiction Recovery, GAAMHA, and Family Continuity.

"We're very fortunate to have a progressive and forward-thinking D.A. like District Attorney Early who's providing those in law enforcement with the tools we truly need working out in the field," said Fitchburg Police Chief Ernest Martineau, speaking on behalf of the Central Mass. Chiefs of Police. "Law enforcement has a front-row seat to what's going on out there. We have an obligation to use everything in our power to lessen the impact on our community. CIMS has been a valuable resource to my department."

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learn about disease prevention; kitchen-cupboard medicines and patented "remedies"; pregnancy protocols; the difficulties for aspiring women physicians, and scientific discoveries that formed the roots of medicine in 2022.

Janet Parnes, owner of Historical Portrayals by Lady J. Millis will portray Myrtle Mills. Janet also portrays Massachusetts War heroine Deborah Sampson, First Lady Dolley Madison and the fictional Etiquette Expert of 1890. For information, visit her Web site at www.women-history.com.

Myths & Miracles of Victorian Medicine will take place on Thursday, July 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Blackstone Public Library 86 Main St., Blackstone. Free of charge. Register on the Library's Web site at tinyurl.com/ BlckLibVict. Call the Library at 508-883-1931 with questions.

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Koopman Lumber & Hardware acquires Boilard Lumber

WHITINSVILLE Koopman Lumber, a family-owned and -operated business since 1939 with 10 locations in eastern Massachusetts, today announced it has acquired Boilard Lumber, another family-owned and -operated retail lumber yard providing quality building supplies since 1936 in Indian Orchard.

"We're excited about the opportunities this merger presents," said Dirk Koopman, COO. "It's an honor to partner with a business as well-respected as Boilard Lumber, and to expand our business into western Massachusetts. We have an experienced transition team, and our goal is a smooth transition for every employee and customer. We'll offer additional product lines, enhanced capabilities and greater resources, all in the capable hands of the same staff who know their customers and their business needs."

Boilard Lumber adopted the Koopman name on June 27. All Boilard employees were welcomed to remain on staff and Robert Boilard, vice president, will remain as General Manager.

"After 86 years of continuous family ownership, we are happy to have found another business that shares our history and values to continue our legacy in western Massachusetts," said Mike Boilard, president, Boilard Lumber. "It was important to us to turn the reins over to people who are as committed as we have been to both our customers and employees. The Koopman family fits that bill."

Koopman Lumber offers three fullline lumber, hardware, paint, lawn and garden stores in Whitinsville, Uxbridge and North Grafton; one lumber, hardware, paint and design center in Sharon; a full-service paint store in Milford; lumber yards and kitchen



Left to right: Tony Brookhouse, Denise Brookhouse and Dirk Koopman.

design centers in Hudson, Andover and Fairhaven; and distribution centers in Uxbridge and Sutton.

About Koopman Lumber & Hardware Family-owned and -operated since 1939, Koopman Lumber & Hardware has 11 Massachusetts locations including three full-line lumber, hardware, paint, lawn and garden stores in Whitinsville, Uxbridge and North Grafton; one lumber, hardware, paint and design center in Sharon; a full-service paint store in Milford; lumber yards and kitchen design centers in Hudson, Andover, Fairhaven and Indian Orchard; and distribution centers in Uxbridge and Sutton. They specialize in building materials and supplies including lumber and hardware, moulding and millwork, tools, power equipment, windows and doors, engineered lumber, kitchen and more. An extensive network of outside sales professionals serves most of New England delivering expertise in lumber, millwork, kitchens and paint. To learn more, visit koopmanlumber. com.

About Boilard Lumber

In 1936, Adelard Boilard began to provide the western Massachusetts building community with mason supplies. His mission was to provide customers in the community the highest quality service and superior quality building products. Along with their staff, they are armed with widespread knowledge and new technologies. They remain committed to providing the building community with the best possible values, those of which have given the company its distinguished reputation. To learn more, visit boilards.com.



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American International College announces Spring 2022 Dean's List

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International College (AIC) in Springfield, Massachusetts, has named 486 students to the Spring 2022 Dean's List. Dean's List students are full-time students who have achieved a 3.3 to 4.0 GPA. AIC congratulates

S P R I N G F I E L D these dedicated scholars. Jackson Haker, of Uxbridge

Morgan Martellio, of Uxbridge

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield,

Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education. and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunitv for its students and the community.

Justin Medeiros named to Head of School Scholar Honors List at Pomfret School

POMFRET, Conn. Justin Medeiros of Douglas from the Class of 2023 was named to the Spring 2022 Head of School Scholar Honors list at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, Justin earned a grade point average of at least 4.00 and received no grade lower than an A-.

Founded in 1894, Pomfret is a small independent boarding and day school serving grades 9-12 plus postgrads. Set on a stunning 500-acre hilltop in Northeastern Connecticut, our students come from around the country and the world to find purpose and meaning in their lives through

a transformational educational experience. In 2021, Pomfret was ranked one of the best private high schools in America. To see how we're inspiring the next generation of change makers and problem solvers, visit www. pomfret.org today.

Anna Maria College announces Dean's List

PAXTON — Anna Maria College recently announced academic honors for students named to the Dean's List for Spring Semester 2022. Anna Maria College awards Dean's List recognition to students enrolled in a full-time undergraduate day program in good standing who have attained in the previous semester a GPA of 3.5 with no grade lower than "B" for a minimum of four courses.

The following Massachusetts students achieved Dean's List:

Auburn

Hubbard, Elizabeth Domenic Mattress, Matthew Mange, Abigail Lloyd

Blackstone Rachel Koch

Charlton Jenna Johnson, Bobbilyn Baillargeon, Drew Paulhus, Connor McNamara

Douglas Jadalis Gomez

Dudley Tiffany Sousa, Taylor Hubert, Jacob Zablocki, Ethan Quinn, Allison Donais

East Brookfield Richard Laporte, Jr.

Grafton Ryann Molinari, Megan Wajer



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Oxford Brian Gionet, Ama Asiamah

Southbridge Brooks Chernisky

Spencer Laurie Cowgill, Hannah Rybicki

Sutton Sabrina Mansfield Mornea, Trevian Grenon, Bryson Grenon

Uxbridge Callie Bucchino, Madison Haley

West Brookfield Kathryn Barnes, Robert Howard

Webster Peter Walsh, Kayla Berthiaume, Alvssa Wentworth, Dominic Esposito, Liza Welch

Whitinsville Alicia Ross

Erin Wiehn named to Honors List at Pomfret **School**

POMFRET, Conn. - Erin Wiehn of Northbridge, from the Class of 2023, was named to the Spring 2022 Honors List at Pomfret School. To achieve this level of distinction, Erin earned a grade point average of at least 3.330 and received no grade lower than a B.

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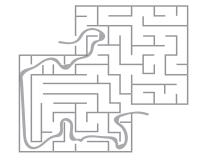


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