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Friday, May 20, 2022

Man sentenced to prison for 2015 Blackstone killing

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
CORRESPONDENT

BLACKSTONE — A 41-year-old man has been sentenced to serve a total of 38 to 40 years in prison after he pleaded guilty in Worcester Superior Court to fatally shooting 33-year-old Kevin Gonsalves in Blackstone in 2015.

William Hodges pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter, intimidation of a witness, and possession of a firearm and ammunition charges earlier this month, according to Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.

“On behalf of the Blackstone Police Department, I would like to extend my thoughts to Kevin Gonsalves’ family and friends, and hope that the resolution of this case will help to bring some closure,” Blackstone Police Chief Gregory Gilmore said. “From the moment the call came in until this suspect was in custody, agencies from across the region worked together to bring justice for the victim. I would like to commend the Blackstone Police Officers who worked tirelessly on this case as well as thank our law enforcement partners who helped us in achieving this outcome, including the Massachusetts State Police, Milford Police Department, Blackstone Valley Counter Drug and Counter Crimes Task Force, and District Attorney Joseph Early and his office.”

Judge Janet Kenton-Walker sentenced Hodges to serve 19 to 20 years on the manslaughter charge and an additional 19 to 20 years on the intimidation of a witness charge, according to reports.

Hodges was sentenced to serve four to five years on the firearms charge and two years on the ammunition possession charge. Those sentences will be served concurrently with the sentence being served in the intimidation of a witness charge, according to DA Early.

“Our prosecutors, Senior First Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey T. Travers, Assistant District Attorney David Feraco, and Assistant District Attorney DonnaMarie Haran worked extremely hard to bring this case to a resolution,” DA Early said. “I want to thank our Chief Victim Witness Advocate Margaret Rwaramba for supporting Mr. Gonsalves’ family through the process.”

Hodges fatally shot Gonsalves on the evening of November 20, 2015, on Mendon Street in Blackstone. Gonsalves went to the address with Hodges under the guise of robbing someone. Hodges shot Gonsalves three times after he got out of a vehicle.

Several law enforcement agencies worked together on this case, according to reports, including the Blackstone Police Department, Milford Police Department, Quincy Police Department, the State Police Detectives assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office, State Police Crime Scene Services, the State Police Dive Team, and personnel from the State Police Crime Lab.

Uxbridge High’s Litzi Loja earns Seal of Biliteracy

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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Courtesy Photo

Uxbridge High School senior Litzi Loja has been awarded the Mass. Seal of Biliteracy.

UXBRIDGE — Senior Litzi Loja has recently become the first Uxbridge High student to be awarded the Massachusetts Seal of Biliteracy.

The award is given in recognition of students who have studied and attained “proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing in two or more languages by the time they reach high school graduation,” according to a statement released by the school.

“After the many challenges that our students have faced, it is indeed an honor to recognize a student like Litzi for her hard work and talent,” said Uxbridge High School principal Michael Rubin. “We certainly hope that with Litzi being the first Spartan to achieve this award that she will inspire others to work hard toward this achievement.”

The award recognizes “the value of bilingualism, encourages students to pursue biliteracy, honors the skills our students attain, and can

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Northbridge Unified Track is off to the races!

Northbridge High School’s Special Olympics Unified Track team has had four meets this year. Northbridge has been doing unified sports since the Spring of 2019. Although it began with track it has expanded to basketball as well. They just competed in the regional sectionals last Monday and all students played.

This year’s team has eight athletes who participate in the 100 meter, 400 meter, and 4x100 meter as well as shot put, javelin and long jump. Jeff Kozik, Nicole Wiegiers and Stevie Bentley are the coaches this season.

Bentley says, “I am so impressed with the athletes this year. Their growth from last season is immense.”

Kozik added, “I have been around sports as an athlete and a coach for most of my life and I have never had more fun than when I am coaching our unified teams and watching them compete. The meets create an atmosphere of competitive camaraderie, where athletes perform to the best of their ability, while at the same time routing for all involved. It is truly a special experience that I am proud to be a part of.”

Wiegiers piggybacked with, “I decided to assist with track because I love sports and encouraging others. Having the ability to spend time with students who also love sports to me is a no brainer. One of my favorite aspects is seeing how everyone works together as a team and encourages each other to do the best they can. I also love how track specifically highlights skills a student has that may not be evident in the classroom. Unified track focuses on promoting and developing the



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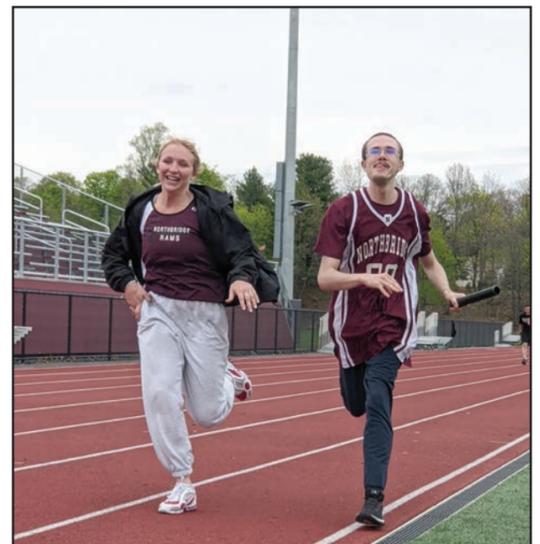
Abby Fraser and Tim Guilliani psych each other up before sectionals

abilities of all students versus what they struggle with. In a world that often zeroes in on deficits it is life changing for everyone to be seen and valued for who they are and their strengths!”

Athlete Lizzie Andrews said her favorite part was winning the yellow & blue ribbons and that she felt so happy winning them.

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Abby Fraser and Colin Tognazzi run in the 4x100 meter relay



Attorney General seeks information regarding Solar Wolf Energy

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — The Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office is seeking information and resident input regarding the business Solar Wolf Energy.

Local police departments said area residents have been impacted.

“We have had at least one victim come forward from Northbridge already,” the Northbridge Police Department released.

In Auburn, police said they have received “several complaints about Solar Wolf Energy, Inc.”

“If you have been impacted by this company we encourage you to share your experience,” Auburn Police said, directing residents to a link on the Attorney General’s Office where residents can fill out a

form.

State Representative David Muradian said that his office is seeking the names of individuals from Grafton, Northbridge, and Upton to send to the Attorney General’s office regarding any “wrongdoing and bad business dealings” with Solar Wolf Energy.

“Local Police Chiefs suggest anyone who feels they were cheated or left hanging with unfinished work that was paid for file a police report with their local police department,” Rep. Muradian said in a statement. “We will still forward names onto the AG.”

Rep. Muradian also thanked his House colleague, Representative Tim Whalen of Cape Cod, who had “brought this forward publicly after hearing from his constituents in Yarmouth who had done business with

Solar Wolf Energy.”

The company was located in Auburn, Muradian added.

“Solar Wolf Energy was apparently collecting payments from customers then abruptly closed their doors and fired their staff days later,” he said. “Though the situation in Yarmouth had the community and state involved in a [town-wide] project, I have instructed my office to collect any names of individuals from my district...who have done business with Solar Wolf Energy and they believe they have been scammed or the work they paid for is not completed.”

Residents with information may email David.Muradian@mahouse.gov or fill out the form, which can be found online at: www.mass.gov/forms/solar-wolf-consumer-questionnaire

Cornerstone Bank and CEO recognized by YMCA of Central Massachusetts

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, along with Chief Executive Officer Todd Tallman were recently awarded the YMCA of Central Massachusetts' Strengthening Foundations of Community Award. For more than 20 years, Cornerstone Bank has served not only as a banking partner to the YMCA, but also provided volunteer and financial support to the organization. Leading by example was Tallman, who is an active and engaged supporter of YMCA's mission and cause.

"I was so honored to receive this award along with my entire organization," said Tallman. "I firmly believe the YMCA of

Central Massachusetts changes the lives of many in our community, and I have been so proud over the past two decades to have a small hand in their success. I want to thank all my colleagues for also adopting those same values and jumping in to volunteer and raise funds for the Y."

Over the years, Cornerstone Bank has supported the YMCA through annual and capital campaigns, youth development program grants, and a multitude of event sponsorships, including the YMCA's Annual Golf Classic. Tallman and the Cornerstone team have also volunteered at the United Way Day of Caring at Camp Foskett, run by the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

"We look forward to a continued part-



nership with our local YMCA," continued Tallman. "The aligned values of the Y and Cornerstone Bank include supporting our communities, educating and enriching the lives of children, and helping our

neighbors in need. Our area of the state is a better place because of the YMCA, and we are excited to continue collaborating with this fulfilling organization."

The Strengthening Foundations of

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BVT's Robotics Team 61 Awarded the District Chairman's Award

UPTON — The Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) Robotics Team 61, The Intimidators, competed against the top robotics teams from across New England during the New England FIRST Robotics Competition (NEFRC) District event held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in April. Team 61 was ranked 24th and came home with the District Chairman's Award.

The Chairman's Award is the most prestigious award at FIRST; it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and embodies the mission of FIRST. It was created to keep the central focus of FIRST Robotics Competition on the goal of transforming the culture in ways that will inspire greater levels of respect and honor for science and technology, and encourage more of today's youth to become science and technology leaders.

"Thank you to everyone who helped make our dream of winning this award a reality," said Ms. Nicole Ledoux, FIRST Robotics Coach, Team 61. "For the past 28 years, Team 61 has proudly repre-

sented BVT at FIRST, and we're all incredibly thrilled to be awarded this outstanding honor."

Chief Outreach Officer Natalia Vazquez (Engineering & Robotics) and Junior Outreach Officer Kate Watchmaker (Electronics & Engineering Technology) are both juniors from Mendon. They are responsible for organizing team meetings and outreach events for The First Robotics Team 61 within the community.

Team 61 provides STEM opportunities for kids at a young age through hosting events at local libraries, volunteering at middle schools to teach students robotics skills, and hosting FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Challenge competitions. "This past year, Team 61 began an Assistive Technology program dedicated to creating products to aid differently-abled people with some of their daily routines," said Kate. "One such example is the development of Hydration Alert, our first implementation of Assistive Technology in Robotics. It was designed to help elderly farmers to stay hydrat-



Courtesy photo

BVT's First Robotics Team 61, The Intimidators, received the prestigious NEFRC 2022 District Chairman's Award during the NEFRC competition at WPI in April.

ed depending on the outside temperatures, prompting them to drink through sensory-based alerts and vibrations."

The Intimidators have worked with the Center for Applied Behavioral Instruction (CABI),

a school for students with special needs, to host different robotics demonstrations and visited their campus to work more interactively in a safe and controlled environment. Through the pandemic, they have remained in contact with

the CABI School and are currently developing a STEM-based curriculum for their students to gain the skills to start their own FIRST team.

"Team 61 has always been more than an intimidating robotics team,"

said Natalia Vazquez. "We prioritize accessibility to STEM and are proud to spread the message of FIRST, and seeing the joy in kids' faces as they drive a robot for the first time is incredible."

Arts in the Valley comes to Milford High School this weekend

On Friday, May 20 from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Blackstone Valley Education Foundation and Green Bean Project proudly present Arts in the Valley. This interactive arts and educational experience, generously hosted by Milford High School, fosters an appreciation of art and culture by showcasing art curriculum utilizing necessary skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and inventiveness that help to shape future careers. Arts in the Valley is a FREE public event.

Beginning in 2006, Art in the Valley, quickly became the largest showing of student fine art in the Blackstone Valley. This year, Arts in the Valley has expanded exponentially and will include an art gallery, performances, free workshops and presentations that highlight the importance of the arts in education as well as the important connection between arts education and workplace success. The event will engage over 1,500 community spectators and students grade k-12 from 15 BVEF member school districts.

Arts in the Valley, also marks the beginning of a collaboration between two local non-profit organizations — Blackstone Valley Education Foundation and Green Bean Project. Blackstone Valley Education Foundation works as a liaison between

local schools and businesses in and around the Blackstone Valley. BVEF programs are consistently fostering relationships, enriching education, and collaborating with educators and businesses to develop the next generation of workers, employers, and leaders. Green Bean Project, a Wellness Arts non-profit organization, offers programs and customized arts experiences to teach skills as well as cultivate creative expression and an appreciation for sharing the joys and freedom of the arts with children of all ages. Both BVEF and Green Bean Project are looking forward to increasing our engagement with the community, students, families, and educators through Arts in the Valley 2022.

Arts in the Valley 2022 will include: Fine Arts Exhibit, 15 Districts K-8 students & Art teachers Live Theater Performances Community Weaving with ValleyCAST Interactive "Do Art NOW!" Workshop Room Community Song Leaders Program Presentation Trademark & Branding for Artists, Caldwell Intellectual Property Law "Your Brain on ARTS" Presentation with Green bean & Amen Clinic NYC Breathe4Change Social-Emotional Yoga Music & Movement with Apple Tree

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Douglas Adult Social Center to host COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

As part of the COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Initiative, the Douglas Adult Social Center is offering free COVID-19 vaccines to people and communities who have been hardest hit by the pandemic.

On June 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., head to the Douglas Adult Social Center (331 Main Street in Douglas, 01516). The Moderna, Pfizer, J&J and pediatric vaccines will all be offered. Preregistration is not required. You may stop in the center that day or call (508) 476-2283 for more information.

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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

MAY EVENTS:

Fire & Ice Adventures Sunshine Club Luncheon May 25 @ 12:00 RSVP by 5/20 this is a presentation about the making and testing of equipment and clothing used for personal protection under adverse conditions. Hear about the adventures of testing this equipment in both extreme hot and extreme cold conditions.

Make your own herb garden May 31 @ 11 am \$10.00 P/P RSVP by 5/19 you will be supplied with 3 plants to create your own herb garden to take home.

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JUNE EVENTS:

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Hearing Aid Cleaning w/ Darcy June 9 @ 10:30 Call to schedule! Stop in Darcy will clean your hearing aids.

Christopher Heights Presentation Free lunch will be served by Christopher Heights June 9 @ 11:30 Rsvp by 6/1. Laura will be here to talk about affordable assisted living for all incomes and asset levels.

Free Police BBQ June 20 @ 12 pm Rsvp by 6/10. The Douglas Police Dept would like to invite you to enjoy a nice lunch and visit. We will also have the musical stylings of Stephen George. The entertainment for this event is being sponsored by the Douglas Cultural Council.

Panini Lunch & Movie \$3.00 "POMS" June 22 @ 12 pm Rsvp by 6/15
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Free Ice Cream & Pictionary June 29 @ 12:30 pm Rsvp by 6/22. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of laughs.

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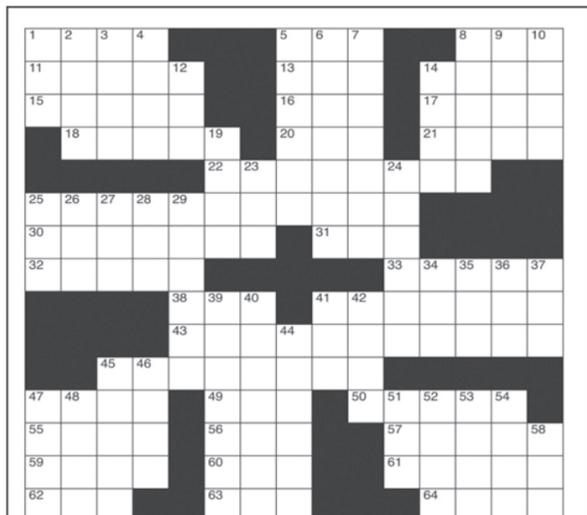
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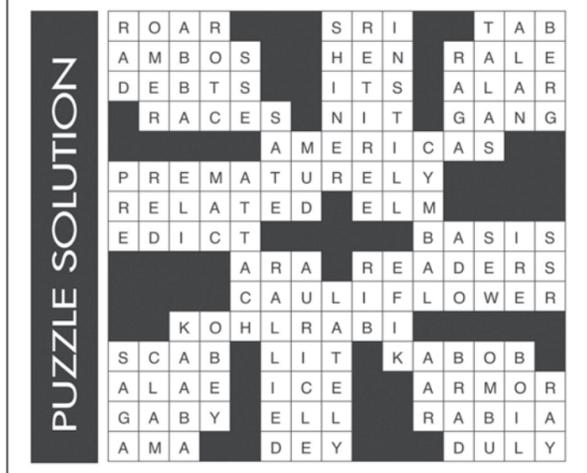


CLUES ACROSS

1. Scream loudly
5. Antidepressant (abbr.)
8. The bill in a restaurant
11. Oblong pulpits
13. Adult female chicken
14. Abnormal breathing
15. Financial obligations
16. Belonging to a thing
17. Winged
18. Peoples
20. College hoops tournament
21. An informal body of friends
22. Region of the world
25. In an early way
30. Connected by kinship
31. Type of tree
32. Official order
33. Foundation for an idea
38. Small, faint constellation
41. Book lovers
43. Vegetable
45. Cabbage variety
47. A way to heal
49. Illuminated
50. Dish that features a stick
55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
56. Solid water
57. Soldier's gear
59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
60. Former measure of length
61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
62. Doctors' group
63. Actress Susan
64. Appropriate

CLUES DOWN

1. Cool!
2. Hebrew unit of measure
3. Swedish rock group
4. College army
5. Black eye
6. One who stopped working
7. Teach a value
8. Rhythmic patterns
9. "MASH" actor Alda
10. "Friday Night Lights" director
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Indian musical pattern
19. Fulfill a desire
23. Water soaked soil
24. Brass instrument
25. Before
26. Popular color
27. Peyton's little brother
28. Partner to cheese
29. Put onto
34. "Much ___ about nothing"
35. A way to mend
36. Anger
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Mobilized
40. Resembles an earlobe
41. Cut of meat
42. Nigerian people
44. Recently
45. Square stone building at Mecca
46. Adhere to orders
47. Adventure story
48. Marine bivalve mollusk
51. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)
52. Actor Pitt
53. Tibetan village
54. A way to change by heating
58. A beam of sunshine



NORTHBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

The Alzheimer's Association presents "Effective Communication". Julie McMurray will be here from the Alzheimer's Association to start off our Caregiver Support series at Plummer Place - Wednesday, May 25th from 10:00-11:00. Explore ways that Alzheimer's and other dementias affect an individual's ability to communicate across different stages and get tips to better communicate with people living with the disease. Sign up by calling Michelle at the Center. Light snacks will be provided.

Calling all Grandparents: bring your grandchildren ages 3-5 to Plummer Place and join us for Storytime and Crafts on Thursday, June 9th and Thursday, June 23rd from 10-11:00am. Please call Amy at the Center to sign up.

Learn to Play Day, Thursday, June 9th from 1-2:00pm. Learn to play Mahjong, Scrabble or Cribbage on our outdoor patio. Don't see a game you like? Bring your own, along with friends to play it with you. Free and open to all. Frosty refreshments will be served. Sign up at the Center or call Amy for more information.

Open Recreation for Corn Hole Players, Mondays from 1-3:00pm.

Scrabble is once again at the Center! Meets every other Monday at 10:00am. Call Jeanne for more information.

Women's Discussion Group and Coffee Hour: our next meeting is Wednesday, May 25, 1-2:00pm. Come hang out with friends and meet new ones in this informal discussion group, topics unknown! Call Amy to sign up or for more information.

Next walk with "Take a Hike" is Tuesday, May 24th at 10:00am. The group will meet in the parking lot at Upton State Forest. Call Jeanne for more information.

"A Celebration of Rodgers and Hammerstein"

with Ruth Harcovitz, Thursday, May 26th at 12:30pm. Come join us for this afternoon filled with beautiful music sung by Ruth Harcovitz and inspired by the musicals Oklahoma, South Pacific, The Sound of Music and many more! Light snacks will be served. Please sign up at the front desk or with Amy.

Outdoor Concert, Wednesday, June 1st, 1-2:00pm: Mark Mandeville & Rianne Richards back by popular demand. Come experience this fresh and refined folk music duo. You don't want to miss this performance, last year filled up fast, call Amy or the front desk to sign up.

Refreshments will be served.

Tim VanEgmond Outdoor Concert, Thursday, June 30th 1-2:00pm. Tim is returning to entertain us with "Forest, Field and Town", a collection of traditional and contemporary songs as well as tales about what draws a community together. Tim entertains with a wide range of instruments, sure to wow the crowd. Refreshments will be served, sign up with Amy or at the front desk.

Check out our shows on Northbridge Cable TV, channel 194, Monday through Friday from 9-11:00am. We show exercise classes for our senior population as well as entertainment.

Computer Help every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30, call to sign up.

Day Trips are back at Plummer Place! Through Best of Times Travel the following day trips are being organized by Amy at the Center:

Wednesday, June 15th "The McCartney Years: Live in Concert", Danvers, MA. \$101pp. Wednesday, August 17th "Takin' it to the Streets: Ultimate Doobie Brothers Tribute Show", Plymouth, NH \$101pp. Wednesday, September 7th "Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise & Castle in the Clouds Estate Tour", \$151pp. Call Amy for more information on any of these trips and to sign up.

Thank you to the Northbridge Cultural Council for their continued support through grants to bring Ruth Harcovitz, Mark and Rianne, and Tim VanEgmond to our Center. We truly value your generous support!

Uxbridge Senior Center to sponsor Outdoor/ Indoor Yard Sale

The Uxbridge Senior Center is proud to sponsor an Outdoor/Indoor Yard Sale for interested individuals in the community. This event will take place on Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Uxbridge Senior Center located at 36 South Main Street. Table spaces are available for rent either inside or outside the center. Please call the senior center to register prior to the event. There will also be a light lunch offered which will include a hot dog, chips and a soda for \$5.

Come shop and have a light lunch, or rent a table and sell some of your treasures! Interested individuals should visit or call the senior center at (508) 278-8622.

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June 2022 Programs

Did you know that the Library provides discount passes for free or reduced admission to over 20 museums in New England? Thanks to the support of the Board of Library Trustees and the Friends of the Library, we are now offering passes to Southwick's Zoo, the Historic New England properties, the Trustees of Reservations properties, and the Peabody Essex Museum. Art, history, nature, and family fun... all with your Uxbridge library card! Reserve a museum pass now by visiting our website.

Summer Reading is almost here — this year's theme is Read Beyond the Path and is focused on nature and the outdoors! Join us for our annual summer reading kickoff party on Thursday, June 30 from 3pm-6pm.

Adult Programs

Mindfulness Meditation - Thursdays, June 9 and 23 at 6pm

Mindfulness is the energy and continuous practice of being aware and awake to the present moment. In this hour-long workshop, you will practice mindful sitting meditation, mindful walking meditation, and mindful breathing in the tradition of Thich Nhat Hanh. Registration is required, please visit our website calendar to register. This program is sponsored by the Board of Library Trustees.

Gentle Flow Yoga - Mondays, June 6, 13, and 27 at 7pm

Join Michelle Forest, a 200HR registered yoga teacher, for a gentle yoga class at the library! Michelle's gentle yoga class combines creative and balanced movements which connect to a theme to help you deepen your practice. Beginners are encouraged and always welcome to attend! Registration is required, please visit our website calendar to register. This class is sponsored by the Board of Library Trustees.

Book-a-Librarian - Wednesdays from 2:30pm-4pm

Need help downloading e-books and audiobooks on your tablet, using online databases, or setting up an email account? Book up to thirty minutes with a librarian for tech assistance. Registration is required, please contact the library at 508-278-8624 x100 or visit our website calendar to register.

Cardmaking Hands-On Workshop - Thursdays, June 9 and 23 at 6pm

Learn about the paper craft of making greeting cards for family and friends with our staff member, Susan. Go home with a couple of your own unique creations. Registration is required, please visit our website calendar to register. This class is sponsored by the Friends of the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

Let's Tangle Sneakers: A Zentangle Workshop - Thursday, June 16 at 6pm

Join Zentangle Teacher, Pam Lisak, on Thursday, June 16, 2022 from 6:00PM-8:00PM at the Uxbridge Senior Center to learn how to add Zentangle patterns to a pair of sneakers. The end result will be a beautiful pair of sneakers that everyone will be talking about! Bring an adult pair of sneakers (canvas or leather) to the class with a \$5.00 mate-

rials fee and the rest of the supplies will be at the class waiting for you. Seating is limited, so be sure to register soon. Please visit our website calendar to register. This class is sponsored by the Board of Library Trustees.

PopUp Library at the Senior Center - Thursday, June 2 and 23 at 11:30am

Coming now to the Uxbridge Senior Center... is the PopUp Library! Stop by during the lunch meal program to sign up for a library card, browse an assortment of books, and learn what your librarians are up to! Please contact the Senior Center at 508-278-8622 to reserve your lunch for these days.

Senior Center Book Club - Tuesday, June 14 at 1pm

At the June meeting of the Senior Center Book Club, we will be discussing The Love Story of Missy Carmichael by Beth Morrey. Reevaluating her past upon finding herself alone at age 79, the protagonist Missy forges unexpected ties with two strangers and their spirited dog in this moving novel, discovering the power of friendship, family and self-forgiveness along the way.

Historical Fiction Book Club - Tuesday, June 21 at 3:30pm

At the June meeting of the Historical Fiction Book Club, we will be discussing The Last Train to London by Meg Waite Clayton. In a story inspired by the Kindertransports of World War II, a Jewish teen's life is shattered by the Nazi takeover before he becomes a member of the Dutch resistance in a life-risking effort to escape Germany.

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's - Friday, June 24 at 10am

Alzheimer's causes changes in memory, thinking and behavior that are not normal aging. Join us for an education program presented by the Alzheimer's Association to learn about the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's. Learn how to identify common warning signs, the importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis, and next steps and expectations for the diagnostic process. Registration is required - please RSVP to the Alzheimer Association's 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900.

Bookies Book Club - Monday, June 27 at 6:30pm

Be part of the conversation — at the June Bookies Book Club meeting, we want to know what you've been reading! Plan on reading a book of your choice and tell us what you liked or didn't like about it. We'll then plan our upcoming book club reads in this casual discussion.

Youth Programs

Baby Storytime Ages 0-2 years (Mondays at 11am) & Toddler/Preschool Storytime

Ages 2-3 years (Wednesdays at 11am) - Have fun with your children during our weekly storytimes, as you engage in songs, rhymes, stories, and movement. This encourages language development, social, and listening skills. Please visit our website calendar to register.

Crafty Wednesdays is in person! - Mornings and Afternoons

Get crafty and creative with your kids every Wednesday! Improves coordination, fine motor skills, and encourages creativity. Alternatively, we will have some crafts ready to go as Take-Homes.

Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins - Thursday, June 9 & 23 at 11am All ages welcome!

Join Deb Hudgins as she leads a fun-filled, theme-based program with songs, rhymes, dancing and more! Please visit our website calendar to register. Brought to you by the Board of Library Trustees.

Little Lotus Yoga with Lindsey - Mondays, June 6th, 13th, 27th at 4pm, Ages 6+

Join Lindsey to practice yoga postures and mindful activities which will help you relax, lessen anxiety, and teach young ones to find their calmness. Please visit our website calendar to register. Brought to you by the Board of Library Trustees.

Lego Club- Drop-in on Tuesdays at 4pm

Lego Club is back! It will be drop-in style. The library will provide all materials for the kids to exercise their imagination, creativity, social skills, and sportsmanship. We will display the creations for 1 week when it will be rotated back to the bins to create again the following week. Ages 5-8

Teen Movie Night! - Thursday, June 9th at 5:30pm

Watch the latest release from Marvel, DC, or Disney or an old favorite! The surprise is only half the fun... Popcorn & beverage provided. Registration is required.

Making n' Baking Virtual Mug Meal - Thursday, June 9th, 6pm, Ages 8+

Encouraging kids' confidence and knowledge in the kitchen. Mixing math, stirring in science, and cooking up culture! Foster their independence while satisfying their hunger with meals they can create on their own. Please join Chef Julie Manning at Simply Focused Coaching to learn how to use simple ingredients to make healthy desserts and meals. This event will take place virtually. Visit our Calendar to register! You will receive an email with the Zoom link and recipe list closer to the event. Brought to you by the Board of Library Trustees.

Drop-in Family Game Night -

Thursday, June 13th at 6pm

Come explore some new board games and learn how to play while bonding with the kids!

Ceramic Tile Art - Thursday, June 16th at 4pm

4 x 4 ceramic tiles to be decorated with different mediums which can be used as beautiful tiles for display or as coasters! This program reinforces creativity, self-esteem, collaboration, community spirit, and exercising appreciation for the differences in expression. Registration is required. Ages 8+

Teen Book-In-A-Bag - Ages 13+ Pick-up June 1-15

"Book in a Bag" is a teen subscription book program. Each month teens can sign up for the program where they will know the theme of the month chosen for the books, which will be checked out for 1 month, and placed in their choice of a tote or drawstring backpack, theirs to keep, with a bag of popcorn, and a motivational poster, Zentangle art, or a Gaming poster, and a surprise item inside. This month's theme is Adolescence & Sexuality. Please visit our website calendar to register.

Teen Game Night - Monday, June 27th at 6pm

We have many new board games for you to try out in the YA Room. Exploding Kittens, Betrayal at the House on the Hill, Pandemic, Wingspan, King of Tokyo, Disney Villainous, Azul, Sagrada, and more!

Summer Reading Kick-Off! - Thursday, June 30th 3p-6p Back Lawn

Join us for some fun at our Summer Reading Kick-off with an opportunity to register for the Summer Reading program in collaboration with Uxbridge District School. We'll have ice cream scoops, drawstring bags with surprises inside, Goldfish Swim School Mascot for photo opportunities, goats to feed, outdoor games with Jumbo Jenga, Cornhole, and Mulkky, and to end the blast, Storyteller Davis Bates will be performing from 5p-6p! This performance is funded, in part, by a grant from the Uxbridge Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Area seniors to view the scenery of Casco Bay

On Thursday, June 16 area seniors are joining Bob Wilby of Paxton to first have lunch at DiMillo's famous floating restaurant on the waterfront of downtown Portland, Maine. After a delicious lunch of either Honey Baked Scallops or Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast, served with New England clam chowder, potato and vegetable, finished off with bread pudding with bourbon sauce, we will have a short walk to the pier.

At the pier, we will board the Casco Bay Lines Mailboat. This is a working boat that delivers mail, freight and groceries to the residents and a few businesses of the many Casco Bay Islands. From the boat we see the beauty of these islands. As we leave the harbor, we will see firsthand the industry of the port of Portland, Maine.

Our Wilson bus will depart the Paxton Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 16. Reservations are needed by May 26 to Bob Wilby. You can email him at rwilby@charter.net or call (508) 792-4662.

Checks should be made payable to Wilson Bus Lines and mailed to Bob at 11 Tanglewood Rd, Paxton, MA 01612 by June 1. With your check, please include your luncheon entree choice.

The cost of this wonderful day on the Maine coast is \$126 per person.

Our trips are open to all area citizens and ages. Please join us! Save the date of Wednesday, July 13, as we travel to Southern Maine for a Lobster Bake.

James Amorello is looking to make history



Courtesy photo

James Amorello

H O L D E N / WORCESTER — At 24, James Amorello is looking to make history as the third youngest State Senator ever elected in the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts, as he vies to become the first person to serve the new Worcester and Hampshire State Senate District.

Amorello was raised in both Worcester and Holden, playing basketball, golfing, and growing up with friends and family throughout the district. James' upbringing led him to understand that hard work leads to success. His uncles, Joe and Jim run A.F. Amorello & Sons, Inc. a company that has been passed down from

father to son for three generations dating back to 1914. Another uncle, Dan Amorello, built Dan Amorello Services, Inc. from the ground up. His father, Robert, is a prominent Worcester County trial lawyer.

James Amorello's experiences living in both Holden and Worcester, give him a unique and informed understanding

of this Senate District and the people living in it. He also

spent a year living in Queens, New York while studying at

St. John's University. "I am excited to have the opportunity to serve everybody in our new Worcester and Hampshire Senate District. People are ready for change in Massachusetts. They are excited to meet a young Republican with common sense ideas and care for people that can be easily applied to the State Senate District," said Amorello.

In addition to his Senate bid, Amorello plays basketball recreationally and serves on the Holden

Board of Registrars. He is also active on the local Republican Town Committee, and manages his investments in the stock market.

Amorello has studied the economy extensively and understands what causes it to react as it does in real-time and on a historic basis. He knows the importance of implementing responsible public policies that work for, not against the people.

"We have all been hurt by failed economic policies, responsible for driving inflation to near record highs," says Amorello. "We must teach financial literacy in schools, and encourage fiscal responsibility in future generations. Additionally, we need to protect small businesses, that provide goods to us and bring value daily. We must make things less expensive for people."

The election is Nov. 8. Those interested in supporting James can donate on winred and by mailing contributions to:

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Friday's Child







Shyanne - 05/15
Age 12

Hi! My name is Shyanne and I am a social butterfly!

Shyanne is a funny, caring, and outgoing young lady of Caucasian descent. She is known as a social butterfly that makes friends easily and enjoys spending time with her peers. Shyanne is also able to hold conversations with the adults in her life and is able to request attention from them in an appropriate manner. Shyanne is very artistic and is an especially talented drawer. She is also interested in participating in sports, such as soccer, track, and jiu-jitsu. Shyanne is special in that she can find the positive in almost any situation and is very insightful. She is very in-tune with her emotions and the emotions of others around her.

Shyanne is a good student overall. She works with her teachers to improve her math skills and appreciates receiving support to complete her homework. Shyanne would like to attend college in the future and would like to pursue a career in teaching. She loves to be helpful and enjoys assisting others with the daily routines in life.

Legally freed for adoption, Shyanne's biological parents have an open adoption agreement to stay in contact with her. She also has siblings that she is very bonded with, so a potential family would need to facilitate these relationships as she grows. We are seeking a family of any constellation, including other siblings in the home. She will thrive in a home with a strong maternal role model that can set appropriate limits and boundaries. Shyanne does well in a family setting and is eager to find her forever home. Social workers would like to find a family that has parented before and understands how trauma affects a child's ability to process emotions. A patient family that is willing to build trust with Shyanne over time is ideal.

<https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/6524>

Can I Adopt?

If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

The process to adopt a child from foster care includes training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you. These steps will help match you with a child or sibling group that your family will fit well with.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.









Increase your perennial garden's beauty this spring



Photo courtesy MelindaMyers.com

Topdressing perennial gardens improves the overall health of the garden, so the plants can thrive.

Give your perennials a boost this spring with a topdressing of compost, aged manure, or other organic matter. It's a great way to revive tired gardens, improve a garden's overall health, and keep vibrant perennials healthy and blooming.

Research found topdressing your garden with compost every year or two provides most, if not all the nutrients that most perennials need. It feeds the soil, which in turn feeds your plants. Let a soil test report and your plant's performance determine if additional fertilizer is needed. Spring is a great time to add this as well.

When purchasing compost, it should appear light and fluffy. Take a whiff, it should not have a strong smell of ammonia, rotting food or another off odor. It should have a rich earthy smell and not be covered in flies or maggots. If jumping worms are a problem in your area, ask your compost provider how they are managing the compost to avoid spreading this invasive pest.

Once you have the needed organic matter, you are ready to get started. Pull the mulch back if needed. Keep it handy, so you can put it back in place once you finish amending the soil.

Topdressing is the first step in the process. Simply spread a one-

to-inch layer of the compost or other organic mat-



GARDEN MOMENTS
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MELINDA MYERS

ter over the soil surface. Be careful not to bury the crown of your plants.

You can leave the compost sitting on the soil surface or lightly mix it into the top inch with a hand cultivator. The earthworms, ground beetles and other organisms will move it down into the soil and around the plant roots where it is needed.

The second step is especially helpful for those with heavy or compacted soils. Once the compost is in place, do a bit of vertical mulching. Use an auger bit on your cordless drill. Simply drill holes into the soil between plants. This aerates the soil and pushes some of the compost into the soil further boosting your efforts.

Vertical mulching helps speed up the process a bit by getting the compost closer to the plant roots and soil organisms that will help incorporate it into the soil. The openings created in the

soil allow air, water and fertilizer to penetrate the soil surface and travel to the root zone.

Then be sure to return the mulch you removed from the garden or add mulch if needed. Maintaining an inch or two of organic mulch on the soil surface not only conserves moisture and suppresses weeds; it also continues to improve the soil. As the organic mulch breaks down, it adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

Investing some time to create and maintain healthy soil goes a long way in making your garden a beautiful part of the landscape.

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 website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Whitinsville's Julia Crosby inducted into honor society at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — The following individuals from the area were recently inducted into the university's Gamma Rho Chapter of The Phi Sigma Biological Sciences Honors Society at Quinnipiac University.

The Phi Sigma Society is the national honor society devoted to the promotion of undergraduate and graduate student research and academic excellence in the biological sciences. The inductees were selected for membership based upon academic major, grade-point average and participation in research.

Career Plans in the Trades Celebrated at BVT Signing Ceremony

UPTON — The Cooperative Education Program (Co-op) at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) held its 2nd annual Career Signing Day on May 6. The ceremony celebrated its senior co-op and career placement students, who announced their career plans and signed a commitment letter to work with their employer after graduation.

This year, the senior class of 2022 had 136 students participate in the Co-op program, which represents double the number of job placements from the previous year and further illustrates the demand of local employers for BVT students. These employable young adults collectively worked almost 55,000 hours, earning a combined \$815,000 salary over the past year.

While advanced degrees are required to enter some professions, in others, you must first convey that you have the skills an employer needs. The 38 seniors who proudly announced the great places they will be working at after graduation had to prove they have what it takes to continue in the skilled trades. The event also recognized the local businesses employing BVT students based on their vocational skills, technical training, and expertise — the new employees are excited to further their vocational education alongside industry experts. "There are many paths to success, and while I am proud of all of our career-focused students, I am particularly proud of these students heading directly into the workforce. Using their high school vocational-technical training to launch their careers is the essence of our mission. They have a lot of confidence in their skills, and it takes guts and grit to go against the cultural grain of heading to college," said Principal Anthony E. Steele. "Congratulations to all of our co-op and career placement students proceeding directly into high-skill, high-wage employment."

For more details, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/careersigningday2022.

Kevin McCarthy from Uxbridge graduates from Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Kevin McCarthy of Uxbridge graduated from Hofstra University in December 2021, earning a BA in Communication Arts.

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y. that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). Our campus is a leafy oasis just a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and professional opportunities. We offer small classes and personal attention, with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 165 undergraduate program options and 175 graduate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services, the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Hofstra University is a dynamic community of 11,000 students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

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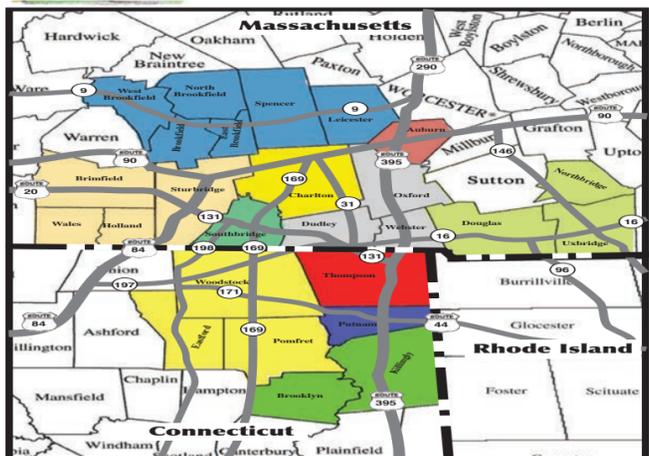
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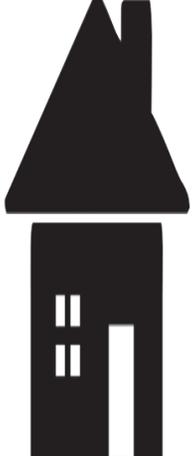
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EDITORIAL

Senioritis: what's it all about?

We've all heard the term 'senioritis' but is this diagnosis real? After some lengthy research, we say absolutely. Senioritis is defined as, 'A supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance.' The end is near with graduation just around the corner, and many seniors can taste freedom, but aren't quite sure what to do with it. Even with some students heading off to college, the fear of the unknown combined with a complete change in the cadence in life is enough to make several seniors come down with a serious case of senioritis. The senioritis is a way to break away from the stress and rigors of 13 years of schooling.

Some signs of the affliction include a lack of motivation, a decline in grades or feeling as though nothing they do in the final months leading up to graduation really matters much. Most students' entire senior years of high school are spent trying to plan for the future, this can be daunting and stressful for these kids, who are still really, just kids. Some symptoms parents should look for include extreme laziness, apathy, spending all of their free time with friends away from home.

Unfortunately, the rapid decline in motivation does not go unseen by universities. After being accepted, many schools will look at a student's last semester, and a substantial decrease in grades raises a red flag. This has admissions offices questioning a prospective student's level of commitment and the question of maturity is also put on the table. If the situation is bad enough a college or university can rescind an acceptance. Each year thousands of students receive such letters. Sometimes a student will enter their freshman year of college already on academic probation. If a student was issued merit aid from an institution, they risk losing those funds.

There are things that can be done to help offset senioritis. One thing a student can do is to set tiny goals such as getting a B or higher on the next quiz or test, or to finish an assignment ahead of time. Working on better ways to study for tests is also crucial. Too much pressure can cause students to shut down so taking some time to relax and have fun with family and friends is a great idea.

Another idea is for parents and teachers to reassure students that life after high school is an exciting time and that not every graduate needs a definitive plan right away. Explain different opportunities for a gap year, including the pros and cons of taking one.

If your child becomes more and more disengaged, it's important to keep them on track. Remembering to reward good behavior is a must. If your child is behaving in such a way that they become emotionally removed, disobedient and disrespectful, taking a gap year might be the best option as college is expensive and tuition should never go to waste. Trade schools, the military or the work force are also excellent options. After all, happiness is the most important driver for success.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baker: Thoughts on upcoming Uxbridge election

To the Editor:

The Uxbridge Election is crucial this year, to help Uxbridge continue its amazing progress. Let's keep Uxbridge moving forward in the right direction.

Selectboard: Stephen Mandile
Jeffrey Shaw

Constituent Service is their moto two of the best. They also played a big part in cleaning up the Modica Financial Mess that hampered this community for years. They played a part in welcoming Steve Sette the Town Manager who has put this Town on the right track. Vote for reliability and strength.

Board of Health: Joann Lindenmayer she came to the Board during the mosquito borne virus in 2019 then the 2020 Pandemic where our BOH worked many [hours] to get us [through] the mess and worked with the TM to bring vaccines to McCloskey building and Senior Center. Joann played a huge part in that.

FinCom: Susan Franz as Fmr Selectboard member Susan was a part of the cleanup of the Modica Financial

Mess with her colleagues. Her opponent was the problem.

FinCom: Peter Arenow a Financial wizard who has worked many years in the Financial field. Perfect for FinCom his opponent is the man Known as Dirty dirt - claim to fame sue the Town and pollute the soil.

FinCom: Paul Paolino serves on School Committee at present but he knows the needs of the community and would fit right in on the Committee.

School Committee: Jon Rota

Barry Deruseaux

Two lifelong Townies Jon's Mom was a School Committee Member for many years and Barry has Planning Board experience that would definitely help with the future needs of the School Dept. Barry's Grandmother was my teacher for many years. Jon has a musical background, wouldn't it be nice to see music get strong backing in Uxbridge again?

MARIAN BAKER
UXBRIDGE

Conservatives have lied, deflected

To the Editor:

Interesting that Jane Keegan finds that the leaking of the SJC Roe v. Wade document is the critical "betrayal of trust," and not the fact that the last 3 conservative appointees to the court LIED about their intentions toward Roe. Each said, under oath during their confirmation hearings, that Roe v. Wade was "settled as a precedent of the Supreme Court," and was "entitled the respect under prin-

ciples of stare decisis," a judicial concept that favors the continuation of established precedent. As evidenced by Ms. Keegan, conservatives are well schooled in the art of deflection. After all, the Jan. 6 insurrection, according to them, was simply "legitimate political discourse," and not an attempt to overthrow our government. Egad.

RICK BEVILACQUA
WHITINSVILLE

Gudanowski: Time to be an Angry American

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. It's time to be an Angry American.

Have you taken a moment to consider what Our President should be saying, but isn't? Biden is unaware, uninformed, and uninterested in your problems.

Baby Formula shortage: "Producers of baby formula have met with me today in the White House, and have worked on a plan to increase production. And I have met with trucking companies to speed the formula to grocery stores across the nation to insure our youngest, most precious Americans get the food they need."

Not a word from Bumbling Biden. He is more interested in abortion than in born babies going hungry. And this guy maintains he is a Catholic?

Inflation: "Today, I have announced that all federal Covid spending will be suspended for 6 months to ease inflation. The injection of federal spending into the economy has boosted inflation to unacceptable levels. We cannot have that."

Deafening silence. The new "inflation tax" of 8 percent on everything hurts poor working families the most. Joe can "taste it" but doesn't feel it. He has not had to pay for anything since he became a politician in 1973. He has no clue.

Gas Prices: "Today, I met with Oil company executives, and we agreed to jumpstart oil and gas production. Our economy, our working families, need affordable gas. Our European friends need gas and oil from us, not from Russia. Climate change efforts are suspended."

You and I know this will never ever happen. Instead, he cancelled oil drilling leases in Alaska and the Gulf. Brace yourself for higher prices on everything.

Threats to Supreme Court Justices: "It is against federal law to threaten any federal judge in order to influence a decision. So, I am ordering the Department of Justice to arrest protestors. I am sending federal marshalls to protect the homes of each Justice who is threatened by mobs. As President, I will defend federal law."

U.S. Statute, Title 18 Section 1507 states: "Whoever, with the intent of influencing any judge ... pickets or parades in or near...a residence occupied or used by such judge... or resorts to any other

demonstration in or near any such residence, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned, or both."

The White House has no comment. The White House believes in peaceful protest. Have you heard what these mobs are screaming outside the homes of our Supreme Court Justices, day after day? How would you feel if a mob was screaming outside your home? Where is the Department of Justice? Not interested in enforcing federal law either in Washington or on the border.

What used to be the Southern Border of the U.S.: "It's a disaster. Since 2 million illegal immigrants have crossed the border after January 20, 2021, it is clear I have made a colossal mistake. I am sending thousands of federal construction workers to complete the Wall, along with 100,000 new border guards to protect our sacred border, and send illegal immigrants back to Mexico to await their hearings."

Oh wait! There's the baby formula! Biden shipped it to illegal immigrants to feed their babies as they cross illegally and break American law daily.

A Great Evil Fraud: A great evil fraud has been perpetrated on the American public. We have no President. He doesn't read the paper. He cannot even read the GIANT LETTERS on his giant teleprompter. Biden has dementia. "They" hid this incapable old man in the basement. Now, on weekends, they hide him in Delaware.

To be fair, he never was a leader. He graduated at the bottom of his law school class and promptly ran for office. He earned the title of "the dumbest guy in the Senate." And "they" made him President. Give the Fraud of the Century Award to those really smart Woke people in the White House and the election boards of Michigan, Georgia, Arizona and Pennsylvania.

Time to be an Angry American. Invoke the 25th Amendment and remove this Presidential Disaster who swore to enforce U.S. law but does not. What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted.

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

Don't take offense from offensive people

Have you ever spent time speaking with friends, acquaintances, or strangers, and you heard a comment that made you upset? Of course you have; you're a human being! Your feelings got hurt, and you were angry. You decided to stay quiet about it, but it kept nagging at you. What they said just wasn't right. The next day, you called one of your friends to discuss how offended you were. You told them the entire story, and then they got offended too!

There is no doubt that people say rude, insulting, derogatory, bigoted, and discriminatory things; it can be jarring and revolting. It might be best to ask them to stop, or you should walk away when someone behaves like this; but do you have to lose your inner peace? Are you obligated to become angry?

As human beings, we possess a quality called "Self Control." We can control how we feel. Fortunately, we do not have control over what others say and do.

I'm not saying that we should allow ourselves to accept the unacceptable. I'm saying that when we find ourselves feeling offended, we should ask the question, "Are they offending me, or am I allowing myself to become offended?"

I have become offended through the years, probably more than most people. I noticed that it wasn't what they said or did that offended me; it was my expectation of how they should behave. I expected people to be a certain way, and when they didn't fit that expectation, I allowed myself to become upset.

I was filming a movie once, and everyone was laughing and having a good time in between takes. I stepped away quickly to charge my phone. When I came back, one of the actors was screaming and yelling. He was offended over a comment somebody made. He ran off set, and filming became seriously delayed. The producer sent several people to try and calm him down.

The actor eventually came back, and we finished shooting for the day. I figured everything had calmed down, but it happened several more times with the same actor over the next couple of months.

He seemed to be more interested in being offended and controlling everything everyone said than simply focusing on being a good actor. When all was said and done, nothing positive was accomplished. There was a lot of gossip behind the scenes, and people were instructed to be careful around him. The people whom the actor found offensive didn't change; they just began walking on eggshells whenever they were nearby.

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me?" If that old saying can be trusted, it leads me to believe that being offended is a choice. It's a choice to allow your inner peace to be taken from you and take on the victim mentality.

Is it better to blame others for offending you? Or is it better to not allow yourself to be offended?

Taking offense is one way of living in the past. It's impossible to grow; it's impossible to be free if we are constantly offended. It's impossible to succeed and accomplish your dreams when we waste our time blaming other people for how we feel. It's holding you back.

We all know that there are people who will never share our views and accept our opinions. Therefore if you live your life constantly offended, it's your choice to do so.

While it may be challenging, it is possible to be free from insult even around the most insulting of people. If you want to be free from being offended by offensive people, it doesn't require you to accept their behavior. It only requires you to understand that everyone is at different stages of growth, and although we all hope they will change, it's not going to happen today, and most likely, you're not going to be the one to change them.

Keep a smile on your face, don't let someone's words distract you from what you're supposed to be doing. If you can do this, you'll be one step closer to living the life you truly want.

ELLIE DISHINGTON
UPTON

High schoolers want (and need) recess too

To the Editor:

While most elementary and middle school students in America receive an outdoor recess, high schoolers rarely are given a break during their school day, even though their classes and learning material are much more strenuous. Although teenagers can sit still for longer than their younger peers, recess in high school is vital for focus, productive learning, and stress reduction.

Providing learning with recess may seem like it would slow down learning progress since it takes away from class time; however, statistics published by the Center for Disease Control reveal how recess actually helps students stay on task when they are in the classroom. When high schoolers have to work for hours straight, it becomes increasingly hard to focus and retain information, especially for those in AP or honors classes with exten-

sive course loads. Therefore, a break from the school can save time and allow students to get more done since it gives them a chance to reenergize, providing them with more brainpower for when they reenter the classroom.

After finding high school boring and tedious, some students may decide that they don't care for classrooms and choose not to pursue any form of higher education. Additionally, when teenagers dread coming to school, their motivation flatlines, resulting in lower grades, infrequent attendance, and fewer social connections. If school systems care for their students and wish they would enjoy learning, seek knowledge, and ultimately be successful in their futures, granting time outside during the school day should be their top concern.

Wild turkey season closing; striper fishing season flourishing

With approximately two weeks left of the spring Mass. wild turkey season, reports of many local hunters harvesting their two birds is good news. However, these same hunters are reporting very few sightings of female turkeys. There are no reports from Mass. Fish & Wildlife of a possible problem with the wild turkeys to date. I have noticed the absence of sightings of wild turkeys in fields, and birds crossing the streets that I travel every day. Other local hunters have also sounded the alarm. Hopefully it is just a change in their feeding habits!

The Providence River is providing some great fishing for stripers, with some porgies starting to show up. The striper fishing should improve dramatically in the next week. The tautog bite is very good and the bite should last a bit longer, before the season closes. Archies Bait & Tackle provided this week's fishing report! Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle reported that striper fishing has been slow, but the tautog fishing was great.

Anglers fishing aboard the Yankee fleet have reported a lot of action catching haddock and cod, although all cod need to be released because of the regulations prohibiting the retaining of cod for a number of years now. A one fish limit was allowed last year for a short



Courtesy photos
Steve Rondeau with his first turkey for this season and his friend Jonathon Walker with his first turkey ever!

period, and anglers are hopeful that at least a couple of cod will be allowed soon.

The strict limits on ground fish like cod, fluke, seabass and stripers is hurting the recreational fishing in



Kellen Morosinskis with a 5 pound-plus large-mouth bass he caught a short time ago.

both Mass. and Rhode Island, and small charter boats are feeling loss of revenue because of less charter reservations.

Trout fishing had slowed last week on some of the Cape ponds according to reports from some of the local anglers that had fished some of them

last week. This happens every year on both fresh and saltwater. The old saying "you should have been here yesterday." Locally anglers have been catching some nice fish this year like brown, rainbow and brook trout for anglers using power bait and stick baits like small Rapalas.

I need to chuckle a bit when I hear a story about a young angler with a cheap rod, reel and worms, that walks down to the water at a local pond and catches a freshwater bass that weighs in at 5 lbs. or more, while a few bass boats nearby that cost thousands of dollars and have professional anglers with all of the latest gear, are having a slow day. It happens all of the time. My brothers and I did the same thing when we were young!

Dog owners should take extra care with their pets at this time of year. Providing a good shelter outside in plenty of shade, and a good supply of fresh water is essential. Up to date immunization against rabies and heartworm, along with other medications, are essential in keeping your dog healthy through the summer months. Vet bills are soaring, and a visit to them can be alleviated with just some extra care during the summer months.

Take A Kid fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!!

Tips to grow 'plants in a pot' for patio or porch

There are many reasons to plant a vegetable garden, among them the security of knowing where the food you bring to the table comes from. The current economy, coupled with food safety issues, has contributed to a surge in backyard gardening – add to that back porch, patio, and windowsill gardening!

For those who don't have room to plant a sprawling plot, container gardens fit the bill. From whiskey barrels to plastic buckets, plants are sprouting up on back decks, front porches, and even on balconies. Many vegetables grow successfully when contained in pots. Benefits include the ability to position the pots to increase growing condition, and a reduced risk of pest invasions.

Crop Pickings: Luckily, some of the best loved vegetables are appropriate for container gardening. Crops that do well include tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, cucum-

bers, beans, as well as, carrots, cabbage, peas, beans, beets, cauliflower and broccoli. In addition, there are many varieties of dwarf vegetables that are specially bred to grow well in containers. Once you've decided which plants to pot up, there are a few general rules to follow to ensure thriving container crops.

Container Choices: The size of the container depends upon the crop that will be grown. Typically most vegetables can thrive as long as there is enough space for proper root development. Shallow rooted crops such as lettuce, peppers, radishes, and herbs require a space at least six inches in diameter with an eight inch soil depth. Tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and beans grow well in deeper buckets, such as five gallon buckets, half whiskey barrels, and deep patio pots. Bushel baskets, half barrels, wooden tubs, or large pressed paper con-

tainers are ideal for growing tomatoes, squash, pole beans, and cucumbers. Note that container plants do best when transplanted from seedlings into the container, allowing for a hardening off period.

Select Soil: The perfect planting material for containers should provide quick and steady drainage with enough water retention to keep the roots moist. Some gardeners suggest a traditional soil mix, others prefer a soil free potting mix that offers a lightweight medium that is free from soil borne diseases. A good rule of thumb is to mix equal parts of sand, garden soil and peat moss. This mixture may be heated in a low oven for an hour to kill any weeds, insects or bacteria.

Water Well: Proper watering is essential for a successful container garden, due to the fact its root system is restrict-

ed. Usually once



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ments of each variety you are growing. Since the container garden offers mobility, moving a pot to ensure it receives sufficient sunlight is a valuable advantage.

Pot Couture: Container vegetable plants can do double duty. An attractive garden pot or two on a deck or patio adds ambiance to an outdoor space. A row of trellised pole bean pots can serve as a decorative barrier along a deck or balcony. And a window box of lettuce, radishes and peppers, not only offers lush greenery, but handy salad pickings at your fingertips.

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

Summer antique destinations

Last week marked the opening of Brimfield and from what I've heard it was a great success. The warm weather brought crowds of happy dealers and shoppers. If you missed this first show, there will be two more opportunities from July 12th through the 17th and September 6th through the 11th. In addition to this special tradition, there are many other shows taking place close to home, or a short day or weekend trip away.

The day before Brimfield's July and September dates, you can attend the Sturbridge Antique Show. The show's website touts 100 dealers with vintage clothing, Americana, jewelry and antiques. It will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel on July 11th and September 5th. Early admission (beginning at 8 AM) costs \$40 while general admission (beginning at 10 AM) costs \$15.

If you're looking to attend a show happening sooner, the Grafton Annual Antiques and Arts Show will be held on June 18th from 9 AM to 3 PM on the Grafton Common. The Grafton Historical Society's website notes that "Antique & Art vendors will line beautiful Grafton Common offering high quality Antiques and craft items for sale."

Want to couple your antiquing with a weekend getaway? The Dover Show & Vintage Market is about an hour and a half away in Dover, NH and will be held on June 11th, July 23rd, August 20th,



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and September 17th. There is free admission from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or you can pay \$6 for early admission.

Also in New Hampshire, tailgate antique shows will be running at Flying Pig Antiques on the following Thursdays: June 23rd, July 21st, August 25th, September 15th, October 20th and November 17th. The fields open at 9 AM and there is free admission.

The 65th Annual New Hampshire Antique Dealers Association Show takes place August 11th through August 13th in Manchester. The Maine Antique Digest describes it as "the best show of its kind in New England." The NHADA website states, "the 65 professional antiques dealers who exhibit at the show save merchandise throughout the year in order to ensure that the show maintains its longstanding reputation for 'fresh-to-the-market' antiques." Thursday admission is \$15 while Friday and Saturday admission is \$10. As a great way to promote interest in antiques among the younger generation, admission is free to those 30 and under.

Also happening later in the summer, the 50th Annual Antiques Fair and Summer Festival will be held August 27th in Madison, CT. The Madison Historical Society describes the show as such: "with many outstanding antique exhibitors from the Northeast,



New York State, the mid-Atlantic states and Florida, this unique fair typically offers eighteenth- and nineteenth-century American and European furniture, along with a wide range of other antiques." It runs from 9 AM to 4 PM with an admission fee of \$6 for adults and \$2 for children.

Some of these shows have been running for so long that they can almost be considered antiques themselves, too. Please confirm that any shows you are interested in attending haven't been canceled or changed before traveling.

We are cataloging more items for

another model train and die-cast car auction from the same West Boylston estate as our previous auctions. We are also planning an online auction of tools, equipment and trailer/storage containers in Oakham, MA. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for a link to the auction and for other upcoming events.

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OBITUARIES

Robert A. Briand, 73

Whitinsville- Robert A. Briand, 73, of Linwood Ave., passed away on Thurs. May 5, 2022 at UMass Medical Center in Worcester after a period of declining health.

He is survived by his partner of 36 years, Linda (Bain) Pettengill, and her children, Jeffrey Larivee of Whitinsville, Robin Johnson and her husband Charlie of Northbridge, and their children Melody and Christopher, Holly Robertson and her husband William of Whitinsville, and their son Liam, and Frank Pettengill and his wife Jennifer of Framingham.

Born in Worcester on August 2, 1948 he was son of the late Arthur and Rita (Roy) Briand and grew up in

the Linwood section of Northbridge. He was educated from Good Shepherd school and graduated from Northbridge High School. Bob worked many years as a dispatcher in the trucking industry. He was also a EMT and volunteer Firefighter for the town of Northbridge for many years. He was a lifelong parishioner of Good Shepherd Church in Linwood.

Bob was an avid reader, and a classic movie buff, who also took pleasure in scenic car rides, and traveling with Linda all around New England.

As to his wishes, his funeral services were privately held at the convenience of his family. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>



U x b r i d g e - Olive "Ollie" Lash Donatelli, 92, of Uxbridge, Massachusetts passed away peacefully on May 11, 2022 while a resident at Advinia of Northbridge.

She was the beloved wife of Adrian A. Donatelli of Uxbridge for 71 years and loving mother to James A. Donatelli of Upton, Mary Donatelli Tonry of Whitinsville and Michael A. Donatelli of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In addition to her husband and children, Ollie leaves behind a daughter-in-law, Susan Emmott (James) Donatelli and son-in-law Michael J. (Mary) Tonry, her grandchildren Kristin and husband Scott Gauthier of Uxbridge, Jessica and husband Adam Boyle of Upton, Christopher Tonry of Seattle, Sarah and husband Ed O'Connor of Denver and Maria Tonry of Westborough.

She was also great-grandmother to Tanner, Braden and Olivia Gauthier and Conor and Tegan Boyle.

She is survived by one brother, Robert Lash of Nashua NH and many nieces and nephews.

Ollie was born December 10, 1929, the daughter of the late John and Irene (Emery) Lash. She was predeceased by her brothers John and Francis Lash.

Ollie grew up in Whitinsville, graduating as vice president of Northbridge High School Class of 1947. She loved being a student and continued to learn and grow all her life; most notably in Production Planning at the former Whitin Machine Works and, after retirement in 1989, developing comput-

er skills that she used daily well into her later years.

Ollie was an excellent self-taught cook and baker and also skilled at needlework, passing down recipes and many cherished pieces of her handiwork to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her "best in the world" pizza is still made by many family members on a regular basis, though it will never be quite as good as hers on a Saturday evening.

She enjoyed watching sports of all kinds, not only on television, but in person, as she and Adrian were regulars in the stands at most Uxbridge sporting events, even after their own children had graduated.

Ollie was most proud of the fact that all her children and grandchildren are successful college graduates.

Ollie's greatest happiness was in raising her children, side by side with Adrian, in a loving home – the best gift they could give their family.

Ollie will be forever remembered for her commitment to family, always putting others first and approaching life with constant positivity and a smile.

The family would like to thank all the caregivers at Whitney Place, Beaumont and Advinia in Northbridge as well as Salmon Hospice for their kindness, compassion and care.

Final arrangements are being coordinated by Buma Funeral Home in Uxbridge. The family will remember and celebrate Ollie's life privately.

If you wish to honor her life, please consider a contribution to the Uxbridge Free Public Library in her name, where Ollie was a Friend of the Library and frequent patron.

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LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21P3710EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Harry F. Bonnet Jr
Date of Death: 08/23/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A-Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Karen A Perry of Blackstone MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Karen A Perry 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 06/07/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Date: May 06, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
May 20, 2022

**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. WO22P1379EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Ted N. Gamble
Date of Death: 03/17/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Per-**

sonal Representative has been filed by

Jie Yan of Whitinsville MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Jie Yan of Whitinsville 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 07/12/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Date: May 10, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
May 20, 2022

**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. WO22P1530EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**
Ronald R Robidoux
Date of Death: 08/17/2010

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Timothy J Robidoux of Chepachet RI** and **Philip S Robidoux of Boston MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Timothy J Robidoux of Chepachet RI** and **Philip S Robidoux of Boston 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 05/31/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Date: May 4, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
May 20, 2022

(SEAL)

**COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 22 SM 001189
ORDER OF NOTICE**

To:

Anne Marie Smith and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*)

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-BC3

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Uxbridge, numbered 25 Park Terrace, given by **Anne Marie Smith to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for Solstice Capital Group, Inc., "Lender"; and its successors and assigns**, dated October 25, 2005, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37790, Page 181, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston,**

MA 02108 on or before 6/13/2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act. Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 4/27/2022. Attest: Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
May 20, 2022

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO22P1632GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO
G.L.c. 190B, §5-30A
In the matter of:
Peggy Bouchard
Of: Whitinsville,, MA
RESPONDENT**

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Blackstone Valley Helath & Rehabil of Whitinsville, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Peggy Bouchard** is in need of a Guardian requesting that **Kimberly Benjamin-Prokop of West Warren, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **06/14/2022**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 12, 2022
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SPORTS

Radford, a junior, helps power Rams past Uxbridge on Senior Day



Nick Ethier photos

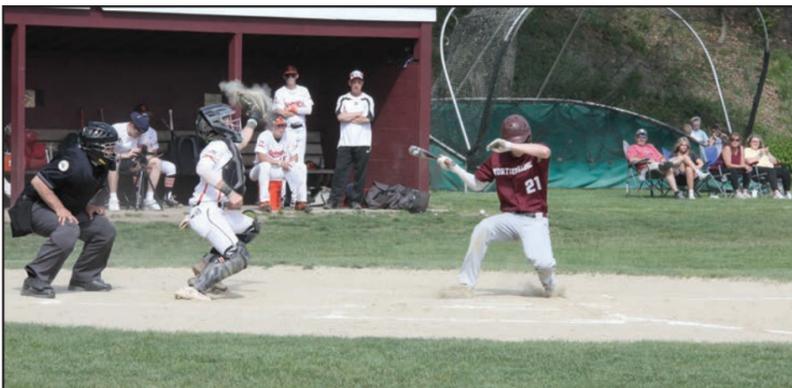
Northbridge third baseman Jared Dermooshegian fields the ball and throws it over to first for an out.



Starter Dom Radford of Northbridge follows through upon the release of a pitch.



Shortstop Charlie Criscola of Uxbridge sizes up a grounder hit his way.



Uxbridge catcher Talen Rosborough squeezes the ball into his glove while Northbridge's Tim Visbeek ducks away from the pitch.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBIDGE — Leave it to a junior to steal the show on Senior Day.

Prior to its varsity baseball game with Uxbridge High on Monday, May 16, Northbridge High took a few minutes to recognize the 10 seniors on the Rams' roster. Once all the pictures with mom and dad, and in some cases brothers and sisters, were taken and the focus returned to the diamond, Northbridge High 11th-grader Dom Radford reminded everyone in attendance that not all the Rams' talented players are soon-to-be graduates.

The right-handed Radford turned in a powerful pitching performance against the Spartans, picking up an impressive

complete-game victory in the Rams' 6-1 win over Uxbridge. Radford allowed Uxbridge its one run on five hits while striking out two and walking two. Radford needed just 78 pitches to complete the feat.

"Our seniors played amazing on Senior Day," said Radford, who had six upperclassmen in the field supporting him. "I knew I had a great defense behind me so I knew I could trust the [strike] zone. Uxbridge is a good team; they're going to hit the ball, that's a given. But, they hit it to my fielders and my fielders made great plays. That's baseball for you."

With the win Northbridge improved to 10-6 overall and snapped Uxbridge's 11-game winning streak. The 13-3

Spartans entered their game with the Rams sporting an 8-0 mark in road games.

The start on the bump was just Radford's second all season; Northbridge coach Keith Verra having used him primarily in relief this year.

"Dom really pounded the strike zone," Verra said. "This was the first time we've really extended a pitcher beyond five innings all year. In the middle of the game Dom had a stretch where he only threw 11 pitches over two innings, so he was efficient as well as being around the plate all day."

"We were preaching before the game that the best defense usually wins games like these, and it did today," added Verra, whose team did not commit an error against the Spartans. "We played good defense behind Dom today."

In the bottom of the second inning Northbridge, which entered the game having won four of its last five games, went ahead, 5-0, by making the most of two singles, two walks and two Uxbridge errors — which came on the

same play by the same player.

Senior Cam Boucher got the Rams' rally started with a sharp single to left field. Boucher then moved to second on a wild pitch. Classmate Jared Dermooshegian followed Boucher's base hit with a walk. Boucher then moved to third and Dermooshegian to second on a single to left field by Zach Tevepaugh.

Jake Costello then worked a bases loaded walk, Boucher scoring on the play to put Northbridge ahead, 1-0. After a fly out by senior Andy Sansone, junior Matt Visbeek hit a hot smash to Uxbridge third baseman Jack Nummela, who in his rush to start a double play, did not field the ball cleanly. When Nummela finally got possession of the ball he threw wildly to first base, the throw sailing past Spartans' first baseman Dylan Donahue.

By the time the dust settled Dermooshegian, Tevepaugh and Costello had all crossed home plate, Northbridge led 4-0, and Visbeek was standing on third. Visbeek scored to push the Rams' lead to 5-0 when Northbridge's next batter, senior Ryan Boyce, grounded out to second base.

The Rams extended their lead to 6-0 in the bottom of the third inning. Senior Aaron Smeglin started off the frame by getting hit by a pitch. Smeglin then stole second base, went to third on a groundout and scored on Uxbridge's fourth error of the game.

Uxbridge scored its lone run in the top of the fifth inning. With one out Brayden Cammuso reached base on a fielder's choice, went to second on an infield single by Charlie Criscola and then scored on an RBI single to right field off the bat of Talen Rosborough. By then, however, it was a matter of too little, too late.

"All year long, even during our winning streak, we've had a play or two that, if they went the other way, would be inning changers or game changers," said Uxbridge coach Peter Rice, whose son, Brandon Rice was one of the 10 seniors honored before the game by Northbridge, which is where the family lives. "In this case we had that inning; we had a couple of mistakes and they ended up scoring five runs."

"An inning like that takes you out of your game," coach Rice continued. "After they had that inning we couldn't do the things we like to do, like bunt and steal. I think that inning and those mistakes took us out of our normal type of game."



Uxbridge's Zack Feeney swings to contact in the first inning versus Northbridge.



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SPORTS

Northbridge High School Athletics holds signing day

Back on Thursday, May 5, Northbridge High School had the pleasure of honoring 12 Student-Athletes who are committed to play a college sport by signing their Letters of Intent! It has been an outstanding year for Northbridge Athletics and our Student-Athletes have done a tremendous job both on the playing surface and in the classroom. "Signing Day" is a tradition we hope to continue for the years ahead and we can't thank all of the family members enough, who were able to attend and help make this a wonderful experience for our Student-Athletes.

College-Committed Athletes

Collin Falconer – Eastern Connecticut State University (Men's Lacrosse)

Nik Hayes – Regis College (Men's Basketball)

Liam Simoneau – University of New England (Men's Lacrosse)

Kenzie Alicea – Fitchburg State University (Women's Lacrosse)

Tim Visbeek – University of New England (Football)

Ryan Boyce – Endicott College (Football)

Chris Rivelli – Framingham State University (Men's Soccer)

Andy Barnicoat-Sansone – Anna Maria College (Baseball)

Ben Krause – Anna Maria College (Football)

James Donnelly – Anna Maria College (Football)

Liz Quimby – Anna Maria College (Women's Basketball)

Jack Tauson – Lasell University (Men's Lacrosse)



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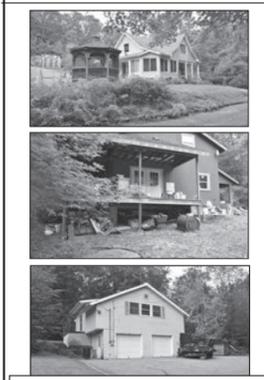
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Sutton Historical Society Happenings

The Society partnered with the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle and the Sutton High School Senior Internship program to provide a 6-week work experience to Sutton senior, Myra Page. Myra's project included cataloging, scanning and uploading the Society's newsletters from 1975-present. Thanks to her efforts, visitors to our website, suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org, can now open an index of articles published, find an article they are interested in reading, and open or print the article right from their home computers or smart phones under the "Newsletters" tab on the homepage. These newsletters contain a wealth of historical information and are definitely worth perusing.

Society members have been busy providing tours to area groups. Recently, the Sutton Striders, a group of Sutton Senior Center members, toured the General Rufus Putnam Museum, Town Center Cemetery, and the Village of Manchaug. Members of the Oxford and Auburn DAR toured the Eight Lots School House. Individuals and groups interested in tours of Sutton's historical locations can contact the Society at sutton1704@gmail.com to coordinate. Self-guided historical site information is available under "MORE" on the Society's homepage at suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org or by scanning the QRCode signs placed at various historic locations owned or managed by the Society throughout Sutton.

June will be a busy month for the Sutton Historical Society. On Tuesday, June 7, from 4 pm – 8 pm, the Society is invited to tour the Samuel Slater Experience located at 31 Ray Street, Webster, MA. (samuel Slater Experience). This interactive "experience" opened in March 2022 and tells the story of Samuel Slater, considered the father of the industrial revolution and the modern factory system. This is not your "everyday" museum. You will be immersed in the time period!! Group

rate admission is \$14 for adults, \$10 for seniors 60+, and \$7 for children. This is a "not-to-miss" event. Mark your calendars and join us in supporting this new museum in our own backyard.

The Town-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, June 18 from 8 am to 1 pm. The rain date is Sunday, June 19. For \$10, your home yard/garage sale will be listed on the map to be included in marketing and distributed to attendees. Spaces are also available for \$10 at the M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop, 6 Singletary Avenue. Registration forms can be found at suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org. The registration deadline is Friday, June 3. Questions can be directed to SuttonTownWideYardSale@gmail.com. Local pickup of donated items is available. No upholstered furniture, clothing or electronics will be accepted. This event is a fun community event and a great fundraiser for the Society. Clean out that attic, basement, or garage, and support a local 501(c)3 at the same time.

Sunday, June 26, the Society will have members available at the General Rufus Putnam Museum, M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop and the Town Center Cemetery for tours in conjunction with the 4th of July Parade. The Parade kicks off at 4 pm so come early and visit us any time after 3 pm. We will be open during and after the parade.

Saturday, July 9 to Sunday July 17 will be our second annual returnable bottle and can drive. Start saving those returnable bottles and cans now. A trailer will be placed at the M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop, 6 Singletary Avenue, for the week. Easy 24-hour drop off. Funds generated from this event help us offset the maintenance costs of our historical locations. Help us keep history alive and get rid of those empties at the same time.

Membership remains open year round. Visit suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org for more information.



Courtesy photos

Plummer Place, home of the Northbridge Senior Center, enjoyed Cinco De Mayo festivities.



Let's Fiesta!



Northbridge Historical Society to meet May 23

Northbridge Historical Society will meet Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Whitinsville Social Library. Following the business meeting led by John W. Walker Jr, election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Dick Vanden Berg, retired history teacher after over 40 years at Whitinsville Christian School, will present an informative and entertaining illustrated talk on the Original Thirteen Colonies that fought the War of Independence against Great Britain. What characteristics did they share? How did they differ? The public is invited to attend; admission is free.

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Most people connect May 5, or Cinco De Mayo, to tacos, Mexican music, fun times, and fiestas! And that is exactly what seniors and older adults experienced at Plummer Place, home of the Northbridge Senior Center, this week! Seniors came out to celebrate in their colorful attire, their serapes and sombreros for the festivities which included a special taco luncheon, special Mexican-themed desserts, maracas, pinatas and free Cinco De Mayo themed raffle baskets to include a fajita maker and a gift card to Cancun's Mexican restaurant!

"The taco luncheon provided by the Mendon Street Kitchen was incredible, the dining room felt like a Mexican street festival as the colors of the Mexican flag (red, white, and green) were on display throughout it, and we enjoyed the pinata and raffle baskets tremendously!" said Gay McCrea, president of the Friends of Northbridge Elders (FINE) group which sponsored the party for Plummer Place.

"It was an incredible day spent with so many of our good friends," said Denise Forgit, Vice Chairman of the Northbridge Council on Aging. "The dining room was filled to capacity and the entire place was alive with good vibes, merriment, authentic food, and lively music!" added Forgit. "It was a really fun fiesta for all who attended."

For more information on Plummer Place, the Northbridge Council on Aging or FINE please call (508) 234-2002.

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‘An Afternoon of Italian Opera’ to benefit Worcester Organ at Mechanics Hall

WORCESTER — The sumptuous and tantalizing sounds of some of the most beloved Italian operas will fill Mechanics Hall on Sunday, May 22 during a special performance to benefit the great Worcester Organ. “An Afternoon of Italian Opera” will feature well-known musical selections, including excerpts from Puccini’s *Madame Butterfly*, Verdi’s *La traviata*, Donizetti’s *Lucia di Lammermoor* and L’elisir d’amore (*The Elixir of Love*), performed by Ukrainian soprano, Olga Lisovskaya, Neapolitan tenor Giovanni Formisano, and Leonardo Ciampa at the piano. The benefit concert, organized by The Friends of the Worcester Organ and held at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main Street, Worcester, begins at 4pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at mechanicshall.org or by calling the Mechanics Hall Box Office at 508-752-5608.

“The Worcester Organ is the centerpiece of our exquisite Great Hall. And it is also the pride of our city, whose past generosity helped pay to build the organ in 1864, as well as restore the Hall in 1977,” said Kathleen Gagne, Executive

Director of Mechanics Hall. “We are grateful to The Friends of the Worcester Organ for organizing this very special celebration of Italian opera to support this magnificent instrument.”

“It is one of the greatest honors of my life to play and compose for the Worcester Organ, which was constructed by the Hook brothers of Boston, among the country’s greatest 19th-century organ builders” said Leonardo Ciampa, Mechanics Hall Composer-in-Residence and organizer of “An Afternoon of Italian Opera.” “This outstanding instrument is truly a “Stradivarius” of organs, one of the best ever built and a treasure that needs constant maintenance and care. With this special celebration, The Friends of the Worcester Organ hope to raise important funds so the organ continues to delight generations to come.”

The doors to Mechanics Hall will open at 3:30pm on the day of the event. The accessible entrance is located on Waldo Street. Elevators are located in the ground-floor lobby and provide access to the second and third floors; there is no elevator access to the balcony. Those who need assistance can contact the Mechanics Hall Ticket Office, Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 4:30pm, by calling 508-752-5608.

Milford Regional nationally recognized for patient safety for eighth consecutive time

MILFORD — Milford Regional Medical Center received an “A” Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for spring 2022. This national distinction recognizes Milford Regional’s achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and error in the hospital. This marks the eighth consecutive period that Milford Regional has received this top grade from the Leapfrog Group.

“Patient safety is our highest priority. Our ability to maintain exemplary performance on this front is only possible due to a commitment by many throughout our inpatient and outpatient settings,” said Milford Regional’s President and CEO Edward J. Kelly. “We take great pride in our comprehensive safety efforts.”

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” or “F” grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading system is peer-reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public. Grades are updated twice annually, in the fall and spring.

“As our health care system continues to feel the strain of the pandemic, I thank the workforce and leadership of Milford Regional Medical Center for sustained commitment to patient safety, day in and day out,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “An ‘A’ Safety Grade is an outstanding achievement, and one that is not possible without a 24/7 effort by the entire health care workforce to protect patients from harm. This community should be proud.”

Milford Regional Medical Center is a full-service, community and regional teaching hospital located in Milford, Mass. and serves patients from more than 20 towns in Central Massachusetts. The 149-bed medical center is a nonprofit, acute-care facility, where more than 300 primary care and specialty physicians are committed to providing exceptional healthcare services to our community with dignity, compassion and respect.

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be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices,” the school released. Research shows that becoming bilingual has “long-term cognitive, cultural and economic benefits.”

“The Seal of Bilingualism is a mechanism by which we can highlight the incredible talent of some of our students and demonstrate how students can become effective communicators in multiple languages,” Rubin said. “Our language department has been ahead of the curve with respect to its instruction, and for educators of both English and Spanish at UHS, they indeed share the credit for their capability, innovation, and reflection over these past several years, to support and enhance the experiences of many students, including Litzl.”

The World Language department of Anna Drakulich, Sarah Gaudet, Molly Hendrickx, and Cecelia Moquete all contributed to the study for the seal of bilinguism. Hendrickx, in particular, supported “many of the assessment efforts toward meeting the bilingual standard,” the school released.

“The Seal of Bilingualism movement is a national effort to value and reward bilinguism and the legislation surrounding it represents a formal commitment by the state to the importance of language learning in this global environment,” a school statement reads. “As part of a comprehensive bill to overhaul English language learning education, the MA legislation called ‘Language Opportunity for Our Kids’ or the LOOK Bill, was signed into law by Governor Baker on November 22, 2017. This legislation and state oversight creates a directive to language programs that the historic grammar-based language instruction is not effective and does not produce proficiency.”

This award intends to recognize students who have achieved proficiency in English as well as one or more additional languages, whether it be a native language, a heritage language, or an additional language learned in school or in another setting. The awards are a statement of accomplishment that helps to signal evidence of a student’s readiness for career and college, and to engage as a global citizen.

For more information about the nationwide adoption please refer to sealofbilinguism.org.

THANKS TO YANKS, PROUDLY SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE, TO SUPPORT ARMY VETERAN TO WASHINGTON



Courtesy photo

Pictured is Michael Shain and Maggie McIssac, representing Thanks To Yanks, a local non-profit that serves those who serve. Thanks To Yanks is financially supporting a 96-year-old Army veteran who served in the Pacific, Mr. Nicholas De Maria and his daughter Ms. Jo-Ann Morgan, to go on a June Honor Flight. Honor Flight sends World War II and Korean Veterans to Washington DC to reflect at their particular war Memorial. Shain said, “we are honored to help support such a great cause” and continued, “People like Maggie allow us to make a positive impact on military families.” For additional information on Thanks To Yanks, please like them on Facebook.

Uxbridge’s Cassidy DeMalia initiated into UMass-Lowell’s Omicron Delta Kappa

LEXINGTON, Va. — Cassidy DeMalia, a native of Uxbridge, was recently initiated into the University of Massachusetts - Lowell Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed 1,971 new initiates from 78 universities during April 2022.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.



Courtesy photo

This piece was done by Amanda Martin of Southbridge.

Southbridge’s Ruth Wells Center for the Arts to hold Water Color Exhibit

The Ruth Wells Center for the Arts, located at 111 Main St., Southbridge, is holding a Water Color exhibit and the public is invited to view this exciting exhibit. Local artists are represented with a collection on display in the gallery. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, 2-4 p.m., and is free to the public. The Ruth Wells Center, also known as the Quinebaug Valley Council for Arts and Humanities, was founded in 1978 and offers art classes, exhibits, workshops and offers space to the Southbridge Historical Society and the Southbridge Garden Club. For more information go to the website, ruthwellscenter.com or the Ruth Wells Center Facebook page.

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Tim Guilliani's favorite part was throwing the javelin and said he felt really good about getting ribbons at sectionals. Tom Dowd said "my favorite part of track was javelin and running because I like to run. I felt happy for the ribbon. I was proud of myself". Angela Lovering followed up with, "my favorite part of track was the javelin because it was fun to see how far I could throw. Also, to be able to get out of the house and be with friends." Claire Green ended with "Unified has been amazing. I joined because of my involvement with Best Buddies and had similar friends in both. My favorite moment has been seeing the awards being awarded and seeing the players' faces light up! I will miss my friends in unified and the awesome times we had."

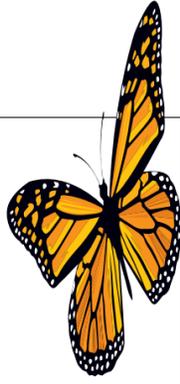
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Kaylie Silva presents at Lasell University Connected Learning Symposium

NEWTON — Kaylie Silva, a Lasell University student from Douglas, presented at the institution's annual Connected Learning Symposium.

Silva presented as part of Access Lasell, an honors program group dedicated to seeing accessibility expanded on the University's campus. They shared an original video, "Global Accessibility at Lasell University," and spoke about their philosophy of accessibility along with their group's three main goals: documenting accessibility barriers, creating a resource page for community members with disabilities, and establishing a community space for students with access barriers. The presentation incorporated the NACE competencies of professionalism, equity and inclusion, and career and self-development.

Since the inaugural event in 2002, the Connected Learning Symposium has, for the last 20 years, offered a community celebration of Lasell University's intellectual and creative achievements. All student scholarship presented at Symposium aligns with National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) in-demand professional competencies.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.



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