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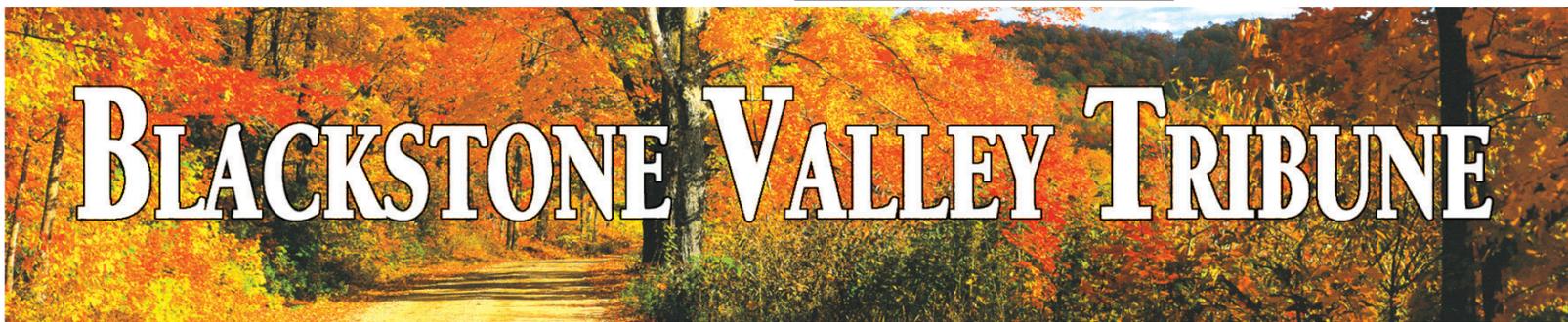


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Three juveniles apprehended after school lockdown

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS — Two schools were placed on a lockdown last week after reports of a masked subject in the area who stated he “had a bomb,” according to police.

No weapons or explosive devices were located, police released, and three juveniles have been apprehended “without incident.”

According to reports, the incident occurred on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at approximately 3:45 p.m. The Douglas Police Department released in a press statement on social media that it had received a report from a concerned parent regarding a “masked subject” in the area of the Douglas Elementary School stating that he had a bomb; he then began running into the woods between the elementary school and Douglas High School, according to reports.

“Police immediately responded to both schools, cleared the athletic field, and placed them in lock down while the threat was investigated,” the Douglas Police Department released.

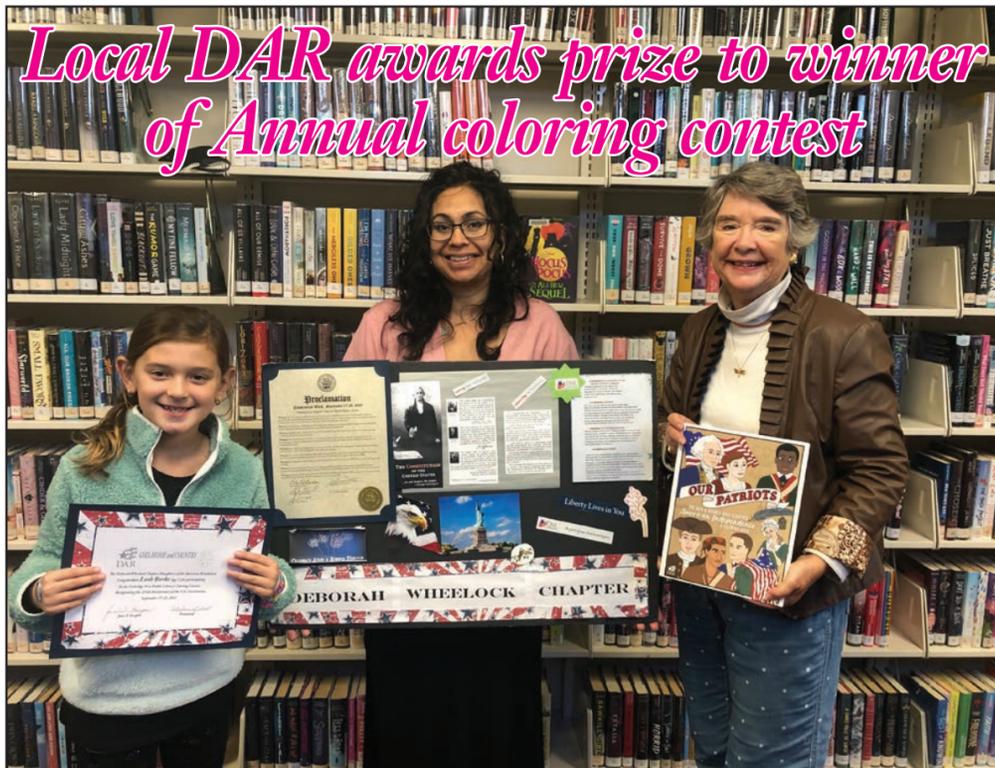
A short time later, police said three students were located in the woods matching the description given by the caller; they were apprehended without incident, police said, and no weapons or explosive devices were located.

“The juveniles were transported to the station and acknowledged their involvement in the incident,” police said, adding that the juveniles were released to their parents. “However, charges may be filed in the Juvenile court.”

The Douglas Police Department added that it is working closely with the Douglas Public Schools to “ensure the safety of our students at all times.”

“Both departments take all threats seriously and are committed to holding those responsible for these types of actions accountable,” Douglas Police shared.

Local DAR awards prize to winner of Annual coloring contest



REGION — For six years, the Deborah Wheelock Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has co-sponsored a coloring contest with the Uxbridge Free Public Library to celebrate Constitution Week, recognized each year by Federal law from Sept. 17-23. To honor the 235th anniversary of the signing of this seminal document in America's history, it is a fun opportunity for those ages five to 10 to learn about colonial times and how this country was founded. Promoting this important event, Sonya Campbell, Assistant Director, reported many young patrons were excited to take multiple coloring pages home to complete.

One such artist, Leah Burke,

a second grader at the Taft Elementary School, colored a beautiful depiction of a hand, ready to sign the Constitution, holding a feathered quill pen. Daughter of Sarah and Kessick Burke of Uxbridge, she is pictured with Ms. Campbell and DAR member Jane F. Keegan receiving a certificate of participation and her prize.

The prize, “Our Patriots—Men & Women Who Achieved American Independence,” is more than a simple coloring book. Published by New South Books of Montgomery, AL and labelled an ‘educational activity for young people’, the book was conceived and written by the NSDAR. Its fifty-plus pages highlight facts of historical

interest about individuals' lives during colonial times. Men and women of significance in early American history were selected, representing each of the thirteen original colonies. The book is available through Amazon or from the DAR Store in Washington, D.C. (call toll free: 888-673-2732).

Founded in 1892, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution promotes education, historic preservation and patriotism as prime Mission objectives. If interested in joining over a million women who have volunteered time and talent to community service over the decades, contact deborahwhe-lockDAR@gmail.com.

Locals to be featured in “The Nutcracker” at Hanover Theatre



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WORCESTER — Tchaikovsky's “The Nutcracker,” sponsored by Berkshire Bank, will return to The Hanover Theatre on Nov. 25 & 26 at 2 and 7 p.m., and Nov. 27 at 1 p.m.

Local students will be featured in The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts' annual performance of The Nutcracker this Thanksgiving weekend.

“The Nutcracker” is an enchanting two-act ballet by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, first performed in Russia in December 1892 and based on the stories of E.T.A. Hoffmann and Alexandre Dumas. The story revolves around Clara, a young girl who receives a nutcracker doll as a Christmas gift, and enters a magical world where the Nutcracker and other characters come to life.

The following Sutton and Uxbridge residents will be playing a role in this upcoming production. Turn To **NUTCRACKER** page **A13**

Local magician arrested on child pornography charges

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — A resident who has worked as a magician for more than 20 years, performing for children as young as kindergarten age, was recently arrested on a child pornography charge.

Scott Jameson, 45, of Sutton, was charged with one count of possession of child pornography, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts.

According to the criminal complaint, in February of 2022, federal authorities were contacted by Action Pour Les Enfants (APLE), a Cambodian Non-Governmental Organization founded to prevent child sexual abuse and exploitation to report that Jameson possibly engaged in inappropriate behavior with minors in Cambodia. According to the report, Jameson was allegedly observed “improperly interacting with a young Cambodian boy at a park.”

Additionally, according to the report, two pre-teen Cambodian boys informed APLE employ-

ees that Jameson allegedly “slept with them in their bed on more than one occasion” but they did not report any sexual abuse.

“Federal authorities in the United States were notified that Jameson, a dual citizen of the United States and Ireland, had again travelled to Cambodia on Aug. 28, 2022,” the U.S. Attorney's Office released. “Upon his return to the United States on Oct. 19, 2022, Jameson was stopped at Logan Airport. During a search of Jameson's belongings, agents located a video which appears to have been produced during his most recent trip to Cambodia, depicting the genitals of a young boy, five to seven years old, who appears to be of Asian descent. A separate device contained over 100 images of apparent child pornography, including an image depicting a boy approximately 8-10 years old, nude from the waist down.”

During a subsequent interview with law enforcement, Jameson stated that he has worked as a magician for more than 20 years, regularly performing at libraries and private and fami-

ly events across New England, usually for children as young as kindergarten age and up to the eighth grade, according to reports.

The charge of possession of child pornography provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

“Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case,” the U.S. Attorney's Office released.

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division, Joseph R. Bonavolonta, and Sutton Police Chief Dennis J. Towle made the announcement. Assistance in the investigation was provided by United States Customs and Border Protection, Homeland Security Investigation, and the Sutton and Littleton Police Departments.

“Det. O'Rourke assisted on scene with the investi-

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Infrastructure issues on “Vision 2050” agenda

BY GUS STEEVES
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REGION — As part of the ongoing “Vision 2050” process, Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission called on area DPW, Water and Sewer folks to opine on key issues facing their towns in an online forum last week.

According to CMRPC Executive Director Janet Pierce, the goal is to create “a comprehensive picture of infrastructure needs for our entire region,” and the timing is good “with the federal funding coming down the pike.”

That funding was a major factor in a large number of the participants’ comments, with towns citing competing needs — roads, water, sewer, stormwater, broadband, building projects, staff needs, and other expenses — all vying for a too-small pool of local funds. In many towns, those needs are further constrained by strong local opposition to increased property taxes and need outside grants to happen.

One of the areas sparking the most concern is stormwater — water from rain or snow that ends up either in the town’s sewer system, causing erosion and other issues on the land, or polluting the rivers. Several years ago, the federal government started requiring communities to plan and create bylaws for it, without providing funds. That’s

left most towns having no real way to afford the millions it’ll cost to fix the problems.

“Stormwater is a whole different animal. It’s unseen and nobody sees the benefit” of fixing it, Charlton’s Peter Boria observed.

Brookfield Planning Board Chair Sharon Mahoney agreed, saying improving infrastructure in general will increase the tax rate, but people “don’t seem to understand that improved infrastructure will attract business” that can help offset that rate. She already sees a lot of complaints, making the key issue “educating the public about how these dilemmas work together.”

Sturbridge (and former Southbridge) DPW Director Heather Blakeley noted there are “drainage problems all over the place,” some of them natural. In some places, “if you stand on the road bed, you’re looking up at the beaver dam,” with the risk of breach endangering the road. But “if you follow the letter of the law, you really can’t do much,” she said.

Several towns see issues with well contamination from state highways, and need help to expand their water/sewer systems to provide service to those residents, Blakeley added. At the same time, some towns still have old asbestos/cement water lines that need

replacing, but “don’t have the capacity to raise taxes to go there,” she said. Often, they also have trouble “finding people that are qualified” with the necessary licenses (she specifically cited CDLs) to work for the town.

Southbridge Sewer Superintendent James Merchant noted his town has “a big I&I issue,” referring to “infiltration and inflow,” where water from outside sources ends up getting into the sewer system and getting treated. In many cases, that water is essentially clean; it comes from leaks, illegal connections, sump pumps and other sources. It’s particularly an issue after major storms, when the flow to the sewer plant can reach or briefly exceed its permit capacity.

Spencer’s Jim Laplante agreed, noting his town has a \$20 million I&I pipe project in the works, on top of a \$47 million treatment upgrade that’s risen by \$10 million due to inflation and materials costs. He said he’s approached state legislators for help because “that’s going to be an unbearable economic impact on the public.”

Regarding other infrastructure, the forum focused mostly on energy issues. Several people cited concerns about dealing with National Grid to address gas leaks or their towns lacking gas at all. Blakeley noted her dealings in with them in Southbridge “couldn’t

get a straight answer” regarding local business requests to tap into the gas lines, handling problems with trenching in roads, and even “making heads or tails” of billing issues surrounding solar credits, which also go through National Grid.

Douglas’s Matt Wojcik said his town is particularly concerned the grid does not have extra electric or gas capacity to grow. Douglas is now seeing two large warehouse projects under construction, but the utility has said they can only have a quarter of the electricity they need.

To address that, Douglas is looking into building locally-owned microgrids. That prompted my comment (wearing my town council hat) that our towns need to be able to take advantage of the area’s rivers for small hydropower projects, with today’s technology having far less ecological impact than old methods. Several years ago, Dexter-Russell tried to do that on their dam off River Street, but gave up due to the cost and hassle of dealing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

In the chat, Wojcik agreed, saying he knows of a small hydropower project in Woonsocket that was “very simple and reliable. Trying to permit that now? Impossible.”

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QCC’s respiratory care Program celebrates Respiratory Care Week

W O R C E S T E R — Quinsigamond Community College’s Respiratory Care program is doing its part to give a new generation of respiratory therapists the essential skills needed to provide respiratory care.

“Respiratory therapists play a vital role as part of the healthcare team. As cardiopulmonary specialists, they provide services for patients from the first breath they take in the delivery room, to the last breath they take, and the many breaths in between,” said Amy Hogan, director of Clinical Education, and assistant professor of QCC’s Respiratory Care program. “We help people breathe better by administering medications, providing

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This year marks the 40th Anniversary of Respiratory Care Week, established in 1982 by then President Ronald Regan, in addition to the profession turning 75 years old. QCC’s Respiratory Care program was established in 1967 and is the oldest respiratory program in Massachusetts.

“All of our students are taking classes in person and are getting frontline exposure to patients who are struggling to take a breath... this includes COVID-19 patients. Our students get hands-on experience in both the lab and clinical setting learning how to care for the sickest and most vulner-

able of patients,” said QCC’s Respiratory Care Program Director Keith Hirst.

In 2021, and again in 2022, QCC’s Respiratory Care program received the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) Credentialing Success Award for having more than 90 percent of their graduates pass and obtain the RRT credential over the past 3 years, and for meeting on-going programmatic thresholds as set forth by CoARC. QCC is one of a handful of associate degree programs that have received this award.

“This award speaks to the quality of the program and

the outstanding job that the academic and clinical faculty have done in preparing the students to be successful not only in their board exams but also in their future employment,” Hirst said.

QCC’s respiratory therapists are involved with telehealth, patient education, disease management, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (a form of cardiopulmonary bypass), pulmonary rehabilitation, as well as being more involved with the management of the patient.

Hirst noted that as the U.S. population ages, so too will an increased incidence of respiratory conditions, thus leading to an increased demand for respiratory therapy services.

According to the U.S. Bureau

of Labor Statistics, employment of respiratory therapists is projected to grow 23% from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the 8% average growth rate of all occupations, with a current national average base salary of \$60,000. Recently, US World News and Report listed Respiratory Therapy as the #6 Health Care Profession Job and #16 overall in their Top 100 jobs.

“This makes QCC’s program vital not only for the Worcester area, but also for Massachusetts as a whole,” Hirst said.

For more information on QCC’s Respiratory Care program visit www.QCC.edu/respiratory-care or email the Respiratory Care program at respiratorycare@qcc.mass.edu.

Sutton, Douglas receive ‘Community One Stop for Growth’ grants

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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SUTTON/DOUGLAS — Two local communities have received grant funding through the state’s Community One Stop for Growth portal.

Sutton has received an award of \$3.6 million, according to reports; Douglas has received \$529,300 as part of the FY23 round, which includes more than \$143 million in grant awards as announced by the Baker-Polito Administration. The funding supports 337 local economic development projects in 169 communities.

“Since taking office, we have been proud to make significant investments in helping our cities, towns and local partners achieve their economic development goals through a range of grant programs and legislation aimed at advancing the diverse needs of municipalities across the state,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “The projects awarded funding...build upon that work and will create jobs, build housing, revitalize spaces and empower communities in every region of the Commonwealth.”

Sutton was awarded a \$3.6 million grant for the Wilkinsonville Sewer Rehab project, the town released.

Milford Regional’s annual fundraising gala & live auction set for Nov. 5

MEDWAY — Mélange 2022 Gala and Live Auction — “A Lifeline to Our Future”—the signature fundraiser for Milford Regional Medical Center, is scheduled to take place on Nov. 5 at The Willows at Medway. This year, the region’s much anticipated annual benefit will be held in person following a virtual format for the past two years.

Since 2005, the Mélange Gala has been providing crucial funds needed to support the most immediate needs of the hospital.

“We’re thrilled that the Mélange Gala is returning to an in-person event this year,” said Milford Regional Medical Center President & CEO Edward J. Kelly. “Not only will it be a remarkable night for everyone to enjoy, but most importantly, it helps support our mission of providing outstanding care and services to the communities we serve.”

Mélange 2022 will be hosted by Salmon Health & Retirement. Celebrity auctioneer Paul Zekos of The Zekos Group will host the live auction portion of the evening that will feature high-ticket bid items, ranging from travel packages to once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

This year’s event is chaired by Anthony and Susan Consigli.

“It really is an honor for Susan and I to be chairing this event,” said Anthony Consigli. “For more than 18 years, the Mélange Gala has been bringing the Milford Regional community together for a common cause that continues to play a vital role in the future of the hospital.”

“The tremendous support from our sponsors so far has created a wonderful momentum leading up to Milford Regional’s cornerstone event. Their commitment plays such a significant role in the success of our much-anticipated Gala,” said Co-Chair Susan Consigli.

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“This grant will be used to fund infrastructure upgrades and construction of two pump stations to ensure reliable service for the 1,000-plus existing users of the system,” a list of grants reads. “This project will accommodate projected increases in flow per the latest Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.”

And according to the list of grants, Douglas has received \$529,300 and will use the funds for “design and engineering to produce bid documents and specifications for North Street infrastructure improvements.”

“This work will support the development of 220 acres of industrially zoned land,” the grant list reads.

These grant awards were made through Community One Stop for Growth, according to the Governor’s Press Office, which is a single application portal that provides a “streamlined, collaborative review process” of 12 state grant programs that fund economic development projects related to: community capacity building, planning and zoning, site preparation, building construction, and infrastructure. MassWorks is the largest program

in the One Stop portfolio and is awarding \$100 million in grant awards this year, according to reports. “Our administration has made partnering with cities and towns and fostering relationships with local leaders a priority, and through the One Stop we’ve been able to streamline their process of applying for grant programs while making the Commonwealth an active partner in local economic development strategy,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “From small towns to Gateway Cities, the programs in One Stop, like MassWorks, are delivering funding to meet the unique needs and priorities of our individual communities.”

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Blackstone Valley Chamber welcomes John Penrose to Annual Meeting

WHITINSVILLE — Join the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce (BVCC) on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 16 for our 44th Annual Meeting & Awards Breakfast. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m., and our ambitious program starts at 8 a.m. As is tradition, the meeting will be held at Pleasant Valley Country Club, 95 Armsby Rd., Sutton. Pre-registration is required and the public is welcome to attend. We are proud to announce UniBank as our presenting sponsor.

The BVCC Annual Meeting & Awards Breakfast is always well attended and met with great anticipation as we recognize leadership from around our Blackstone Valley region with our special awards ceremony. Please visit www.blackstonevalley.org/events to view this year's award categories and to nominate a recipient.

This year's keynote speaker is John Penrose, CEO of Leading Indicators Systems, Inc., and the Boston-based

inventor of the revolutionary new tool that measures emotions, AgileBrain. This is a neuroscientific tool proven valuable when making hiring decisions and creating successful team members within your business. We all know from our own personal experiences, that emotions play a significant role in human behavior that affects our everyday lives, careers, and businesses. AgileBrain is able to pinpoint unmet emotional needs unlocking powerful insights for individuals, teams, and organizations. It takes just a quick 3-minute online test to make a determination. As an experiment, everyone who preregisters will receive a link to take an anonymous AgileBrain test. At the breakfast John will reveal an aggregate of the results.

"I am excited to present John Penrose as our keynote speaker this year! AgileBrain is a cutting-edge study that can be invaluable in finding the right employees to combat the "Great Resignation". It is loosely based on the

neuroscientific principle featured in the movie "Money Ball". This is going to be a great interactive presentation," said Jeannie Hebert, President and CEO of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Register online at www.blackstonevalley.org/events. Members \$65 or \$600 for a table of 10. Non-Members \$75 or \$700 for a table of 10. Please RSVP by Nov. 7 to guarantee your seat. For more information, please contact Liz O'Neil at 508-234-9090, ext. 102 or email Liz at, loNeil@blackstonevalley.org.

The Mission of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce is to preserve and enhance the economic vitality of the Blackstone Valley by addressing the needs and concerns of businesses and providing leadership, support and resources in connection with issues which impact commerce and the quality of life in the Valley.



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The daylily 'Zagora' shines brightly in the mid-summer garden. It is just one of thousands of varieties to choose from in the most varied of all plant families.

Garden Club hosting open house Nov. 10

WHITINSVILLE — The Blackstone Valley Gardeners, celebrating their 30th year, will host an Open House for anyone who loves gardening on Thursday, Nov. 10. The meeting will be held in the community room of the United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave. in Whitinsville. For easy access, enter through the parking lot that is behind the shops on the south side of Church Street, and use the rear entrance of the church. The meeting will be a great opportunity to see what this area garden club is all about. It's free, and there is no obligation.

A brief hospitality gathering will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the evening's program, "A Passion for Daylilies." Speaker Barbara Hall will explore the world of daylilies, a flower that many consider one of the most useful and easiest of all perennials for the home garden.

Barbara is a lifetime gardener and a founding member of the Blackstone Valley Gardeners. She was also the owner of the former perennial nursery, Tapestry Gardens, and has been involved with the Uxbridge Community Gardens since its inception.

"For a long time, I didn't like daylilies very much," she admits, "but I have come to realize just how varied and beautiful they can be."

Each month, September through June, the Blackstone Valley Gardeners feature a speaker on a topic of gardening interest. Monthly speakers come from throughout New England, funded by the club's very successful annual plant sale. Come enjoy the fellowship of other gardeners, both novice and skilled, at the BVG meeting on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

Touchstone students study Blackstone River Valley watershed

GRAFTON — This fall, middle school students at Touchstone Community School in Grafton embarked on an interdisciplinary study of the Blackstone River Valley watershed.

Students studied watershed conditions on Touchstone's campus which sits on a hill directly above the beginning of the West River, one of Grafton's three cold water fisheries and also includes a newly acquired island on Lake Wildwood (West River Reservoir in Upton). The class hosted guest speakers Stefanie Covino from Clark University who is the project manager of the

Blackstone Watershed Collaborative, as well as Jim Straub and Kara Sliwoski from DCR's lakes and ponds program. Students visited Lake Wildwood and collected samples which they brought back to the classroom for observations and testing. Students developed a data tracking system to use to track ecolog-

ical changes on the lake for years to come. The class plans to use this data collection to act as stewards and advocates for this piece of the watershed.

To round out their study, students created oral history presentations about numerous aspects of the history of the watershed including, indigenous struggles, industrialization, abolition, the civil war, family stories and immigrant experiences in the valley. Students plan to record these presentations and link them to a topographical map they are making of the region. Once the map is done, anyone with a cell phone will be able to take a historical tour of the Blackstone created by Touchstone students.

"This project is very fun and interesting because we got to figure out the height of the hills and make maps of real life places that are actually affected by pollution," said Elora Grilly age 12.

Touchstone Community School is a project-based, hands-on, pre-K through grade 8 school in Grafton, where the student experience remains at the center of the educational process. For more information about Touchstone's progressive education

programs, integrated social and emotional curriculum, and joyful learning environment, go to www.touchstoneschool.com or call 508-839-0038.

Douglas library auction brings in more than \$16,000

DOUGLAS — The Friends of the Simon Fairfield Public Library would like to thank the community, all the volunteers, generous donors, and bidders for their continued support for the auction. We are pleased to announce that book sales, the on-line auction, and other donations more than \$16,000 have been raised this year alone and transferred to the library building fund. The balance in the fund is currently more than \$145,000. Future donations are always welcome anytime and can be mailed to the Simon Fairfield Public Library, P.O. Box 607, Douglas MA 01516. Thank you again for all your support as we continue to approach the funding goal for renovations ear marked for handicapped accessibility at the library.

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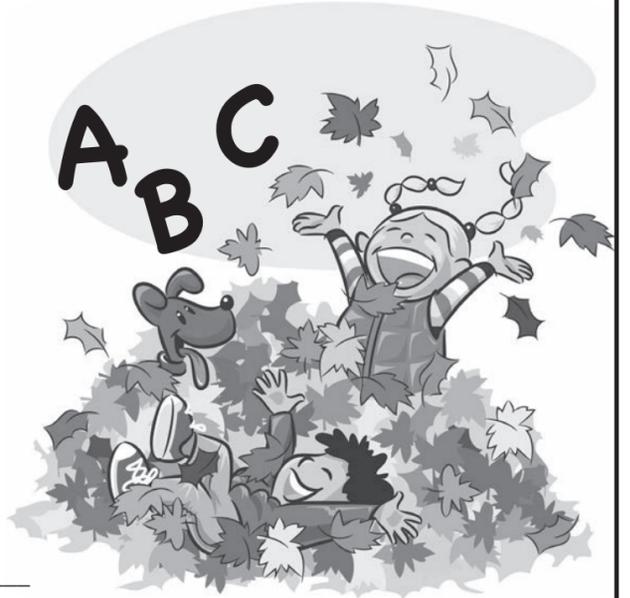


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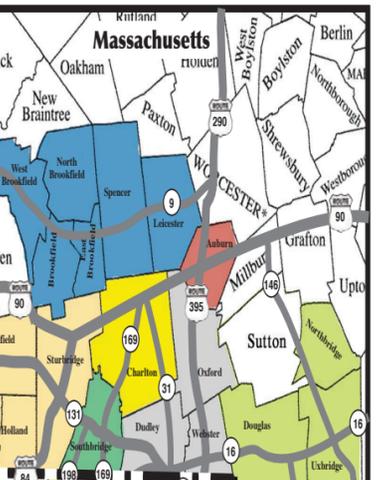
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“There are many kinds of strength, and no one kind will suffice”

On Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was en route to give a speech in Dallas, Texas. He was assassinated before reaching his destination, but already written was a speech he was to deliver at the event. Here we are years later reading his words that call for unity and peace. We have taken portions out due to space, however our hope is that this decades old speech will translate into the present. This speech delivers an important message as we head to the polls next week. Remember to vote for the best candidate in any area and try not to fall into the trap of voting along party lines. Local elections should go to the person who is the biggest champion for your area, with the most experience, full stop. Do your due diligence in researching candidates and do not fall prey to smear campaigns. Follow your gut, and most importantly do your civic duty, by voting. The speech reads as follows:

“This Nation’s strength and security are not easily or cheaply obtained, nor are they quickly and simply explained. There are many kinds of strength and no one kind will suffice. Ignorance and misinformation can handicap the progress of a city or a company, but they can, if allowed to prevail in foreign policy, handicap this country’s security. In a world of complex and continuing problems, in a world full of frustrations and irritations, America’s leadership must be guided by the lights of learning and reason — or else those who confuse rhetoric with reality and the plausible with the possible will gain the popular ascendancy with their seemingly swift and simple solutions to every world problem. “There will always be dissident voices heard in the land, expressing opposition without alternative, finding fault but never favor; perceiving gloom on every side and seeking influence without responsibility. Those voices are inevitable. But today, other voices are heard in the land — voices preaching doctrines wholly unrelated to reality, wholly unsuited to the sixties, doctrines which apparently assume that words will suffice without weapons, that vituperation is as good as victory and that peace is a sign of weakness. “We cannot expect that everyone, to use the phrase of a decade ago, will “talk sense to the American people.” But we can hope that fewer people will listen to nonsense. And the notion that this Nation is headed for defeat through deficit, or that strength is but a matter of slogans, is nothing but just plain nonsense. “Above all, words alone are not enough. The United States is a peaceful nation. And where our strength and determination are clear, our words need merely to convey conviction, not belligerence. If we are strong, our strength will speak for itself. If we are weak, words will be of no help. “I have spoken of strength largely in terms of the deterrence and resistance of aggression and attack. But in today’s world, freedom can be lost without a shot being fired, by ballots as well as bullets. The success of our leadership is dependent upon respect for our mission in the world as well as our missiles — on a clearer recognition of the virtues of freedom as well as the evils of tyranny. “Finally, it should be clear by now that a nation can be no stronger abroad than she is at home. Only an America which practices what it preaches about equal rights and social justice will be respected by those whose choice affects our future. Only an America which has fully educated its citizens is fully capable of tackling the complex problems and perceiving the hidden dangers of the world in which we live. And only an America which is growing and prospering economically can sustain the worldwide defenses of freedom, while demonstrating to all concerned the opportunities of our system and society. “My friends and fellow citizens: I cite these facts and figures to make it clear that America today is stronger than ever before. Our adversaries have not abandoned their ambitions, our dangers have not diminished, our vigilance cannot be relaxed. But now we have the military, the scientific, and the economic strength to do whatever must be done for preservation and promotion of freedom. “The strength will never be used in pursuit of aggressive ambitions — it will always be used in pursuit of peace. It will never be used to promote provocations — it will always be used to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes. “We, in this country, in this generation, are — by destiny rather than by choice — the watchmen on the walls of world freedom. We ask, therefore, that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility, that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint, and that we may achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of “peace on earth, good will toward men.” That must always be our goal, and the righteousness of our cause must always underlie our strength. For as was written long ago: “except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain.”

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take time to thank your plumber

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. Time to thank our American workers.

Have you taken a moment to consider who has done the most important things for us during the pandemic (that is now over according to Genius Biden)?

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We thank our doctors and nurses. But let us not forget: without the plumbers, the electricians, and cleaning staff, the doctors and nurses cannot do what they do.

The medical facility must be clean, plumbed, heated, and have electricity. And where does the electricity, reliable electricity, come from? A nuclear power plant, a gas-fired power plant, an oil or coal-fired power plant. Not from solar or wind power. Do you want your surgery to depend on solar power? Me neither.

And where do we get the fuel to power the plant to make the electricity to power the hospital to allow the doctor or nurse to heal you?

Why, bad old fossil fuel. Black gold. Our own American oil, gas, coal, and nuclear fuel. Remember, under President Trump, we were energy independent. When can , solar or wind power replace these resources? Maybe never. Certainly not today.

Did you know that the greatest medical milestone of the last century and a half, according to the British Medical Journal (BMJ), is not the doctors? It’s sanitation. Wait, what? The plumber and the sewer system? Yup.

Sanitation even surpassed vaccines or contraception. 11,000 BMJ members from around the world voted, putting antibiotics in second place and anesthesia in third.

Johan Mackenbach of Erasmus University Medical Centre in Rotterdam, who championed sanitation, said: “I’m delighted that sanitation is recognized by so many people as such an important milestone. The general lesson, which still holds, is that passive protection against

health hazards is often the best way to improve population health.” Wow, not doctors or nurses or all the smart people.

Sewage disposal and piping clean water into homes makes all lives healthier. You can see this at work in developing nations when clean drinking water and sewage are introduced. This is proof, according to Mackenbach, that “you do not have to know all about disease causation to intervene effectively.”

So let us thank our sanitation workers, water department employees, and plumbers who continued to keep our sewage and water systems running. [According to Mike Rowe, for every five plumbers who retire, only two new young ones replace them!]

Thank you also to the oil delivery workers, the oil burner repairmen, the electricians, carpenters, and trades people who worked throughout the pandemic delivering, repairing, fixing and working so you could be warm and have lights.

Now we come to the question, who exactly is staying at home and saying it is unsafe to return to work? Many government employees were furloughed with pay. The courts were closed. Judges with very comfortable wages, paid by We the People, stayed home. They could not “work” because it was too dangerous. Lots of folks at Twitter worked from home too; thank goodness, they are now fired.

May I venture to say that the people who have been working all this time are better off than those who stayed at home? They have had normalcy and freedom.

Could you be a plumber, an orderly in a nursing home, a Walmart employee, or a spaghetti sauce factory worker? Could you study HVAC at the technical high school or home heating technology instead of cosmetology? Be brave. Be courageous. Be a tradesman or tradeswoman. We all need you.

My policy is to thank anyone whom I see actually working - from the gas station attendant to the bagger at the grocery store. “Thank you for working.”

And next time you think your doctor is superior to your plumber, think again.

Signed, your local realistic radical,

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

Desperation!

To the Editor:

“I love the smell of desperation in the morning!” Not exactly Lt. Col. Kilgore’s declaration from “Apocalypse Now,” but close enough to the sentiment. Republicans are so desperate that they now resort to dropping napalm on opposition candidate’s looks! Poor John Fetterman...wandered off the site of a horror film! How Christian of our self-professed ‘wide awake Realist.’ I guess by demeaning Fetterman, we will be distracted from the fact that Oz is a purveyor of junk vitamin supplements, ala Alex Jones, so egregious that he was censured by Congress for his diet scams. He also doesn’t live in Pennsylvania, where he’s running for office. Apparently, we’ve learned nothing from the last phony TV con man that was elected.

Because she thinks that we are two chromosomes short of a turnip, Bev expects us to believe that in two years, Joe Biden has unleashed the dystopia that Trump described in his inauguration speech six years ago. I’m surprised that her first sentence wasn’t “Dear Stupid People.” So if Trump told us that her list of ‘Biden failures’ existed in 2016, how can Biden be responsible now? Have we all overestimated ‘Biden Magic?’ In a short two year period, in the wake of an attempted insurrection and the worst pandemic in 100 years, shouldn’t he have literally turned America into the Garden of Eden by now? Strangely, even though not a single Republican voted for one of Biden’s ‘failures’ - the Build Back Better Act - they are now taking credit for the money that red states are getting from the Federal government. Another ‘failure’ that went unmentioned - in two years, Biden has produced 700,000 new manufacturing jobs, while Trump lost 180,000 during his four years. My kind of “failures.”

I give Tribune readers more credit - none of us believe that Biden had anything to do with Russia invading Ukraine. Putin speculated that Trump left America so divided, and NATO so disillusioned with America, that he could take Ukraine with no outside interference. He guessed wrong. America, with the exception of Tucker Carlson, Kevin McCarthy, Ted Cruz and several other GOP and Fox Friends-of-Putin, answered the call of historical precedent. This would not be a replay of

1930’s Germany.

As for inflation, Sunday’s Boston Globe ran a story of how corporate execs are keeping prices high, despite their costs coming down, saying “we aren’t going to be giving this pricing back” because it means bigger profits for their companies and massive payouts to their shareholders. “We’re telling people, this is the new price and if you don’t like it, please don’t place purchase orders.” Look at the billions in oil company profits! Biden’s fault?

Life for most of us will sour if Republicans gain control - they are dying to eliminate the Affordable Care Act; per Kevin McCarthy, they are planning to cut Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid; we will see eventual abandonment of Ukraine and degrading of NATO; there will be more attacks by white supremacists and other militia groups, more intimidation and armed ‘watchers’ at voting locations, even more radical GOP candidates - if that’s possible; there will be more claims of ‘voter fraud’ if Republicans lose elections; there will be laws governing what you can read, what your children can learn, what you can say, which religion you have to espouse, which gender you have to be, and what women can do with their bodies. There will be institutional corruption reminiscent of the Trump administration. It will be fascism, plain and simple. We are getting a preview of life under a Republican regime, by watching the goings-on in red states. Like what you see?

Republicans never talk about their policies - if they even have any. Their only discernible ‘policy’ is to obstruct - to be against everything - and then blame everything on the other side. That, and the super-duper, high powered, less expensive health care plan that they have been promising for six years. Are the turnips still holding their breath? Be smart. Vote blue. Preserve American democracy.

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Local memorabilia auction



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In previous columns, I’ve noted that finding historical objects is one of the most enjoyable parts of my job. I am especially interested in local history, so the auction I’m currently cataloging, featuring Worcester related items from the early 1700s through the 20th century, has been

especially exciting.

Most of the impressive collection is comprised of items from other Massachusetts and New England towns. Some of the earliest pieces are land deeds and other legal documents from the area. Several books printed by printer and revolutionary war soldier, Isaiah Thomas of Worcester, are also part of the collection.

The collection includes many books about Worcester and towns in Worcester County from the early 1800s. There are also bound editions of the Worcester Massachusetts Spy and other newspapers from the late 1700s and early 1800s. Additionally, it features local history books from many towns throughout Massachusetts.

Beyond the books, the collection has plenty of other items that will appeal to local collectors. There are many pamphlets, price guides and other materials from factories when Worcester was an industrial center; postcards showing points of local interest in the city along with local fire and police badges, and some taxi badges, just to name a few. Norton Company produced stoneware crocks and jugs, and they will also be represented in this auction.

Advertising items are always popular with collectors. A corner of the hall is set up like an old pharmacy. Apothecary jars, a mortar and pestle, and other medical items are displayed like they would have been in a drug store during the turn of the century. The collection was moved from a closed Torrington, Connecticut drug store to the Worcester location where it is currently housed.

A recreated country store occupies the opposite corner of the room. There are multiple tin cans of cleaners, soap and food products that you would have seen in a country store during the turn of the century.

There are also large signs advertising Andreson and Patterson (Worcester) Ice Cream, a large Cincinnati Water Purifier by Ross Brothers Washburn and Moen Steel Barb Fencing (barbed wire) sign. Ross Brothers distributed seeds via mail from their Worcester location.

Worcester is known for producing Valentine’s Day cards, and this collection includes some from the 19th century along with a Whitney Valentines card sample book circa 1930s. Hopefully this collection of items from the “Heart of the Commonwealth” offers something that will warm your heart.

The auction will open for bidding in mid-November. There will be a preview in Worcester (I’ll provide the location in my next column) on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4. The auction will end on Monday, Dec. 7 and local pickup will be available on Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 11.

Bidding ends on Nov. 15 for our online jewelry, coins and sterling auction. The sports card and memorabilia auction with the rare Virginia Brights baseball tobacco cards ends Nov. 17. The auction with art, historical memorabilia, antiques and collectibles will begin in a couple of weeks. I hope to see some of you this Saturday, Nov. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Leicester Senior Center to raise money for the Leicester Historical Society. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

Please contact us at www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@centralmassauctions.com for antiques and collectibles auction services.



Watch out for deer collisions



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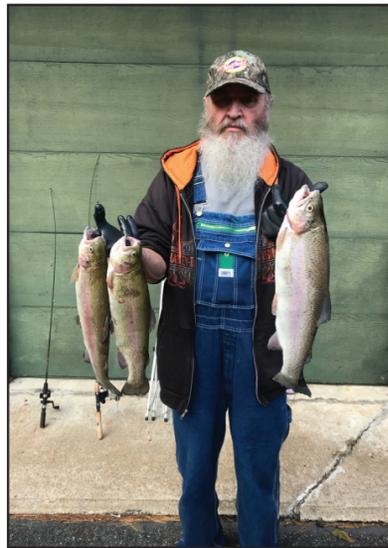
This past weekend was perfect for any outdoor activities. Fishing for trout in local trout stocked waters had anglers catching some 15 inches to 17-inch rainbow trout. Fishing cape ponds also had anglers catching some impressive trout. One angler fished Peters Pond and caught numerous large rainbows. Fishing freshwater ponds at this time of year is extremely enjoyable, and you basically have the ponds all to yourself, as most anglers have put their fishing rods away for the year, and are out deer hunting or bird hunting.

Numerous large bucks have been harvested in Massachusetts to date, and hunters are encountering many deer during their time in the woods. Numerous deer are also being involved with car deer collisions. The rut has already started and bucks are spotted



Bob & Corey Lepage with a couple of king salmon they caught recently on the Salmon River in Upstate New York.

chasing does, which is the reason for the increased car deer accidents. Drivers are reminded that many deer will be



This week's second picture shows Steven Dizek with a few nice rainbow trout he recently caught at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club.

crossing roads, as the bucks chase them for mating, as they do every year. Severe injury or death can result to

passengers or drivers if you become involved with a deer collision. Drivers that hit and kill a deer with their automobile can keep the deer if they want it. Drive safe and remember to pay attention to the road, as a deer can seem to come out of nowhere.

Saltwater fishing continues to provide some great fishing for stripers at the canal, and bottom fishing for tautog and seabass on board charter boats, is slowing because of the economy. Cod fishing in Rhode Island has also slowed!

Many anglers have started to winterize their boats and many have already taken the time put them away for the season. Fogging your outboard motor and adding a stabilizer to your gas should help ensure the motor will be ready for spring fishing.

This week's two pictures show Bob & Corey Lepage with a couple of king salmon they caught recently on the Salmon River in Upstate New York. The second picture shows Steve Dizek of Northbridge, with some nice rainbow trout he caught, while fishing at his favorite fishing hole. Nice fish!

Take a Kid fishing & keep Them Rods Bending!

Rediscover the Convenience of the Crock Pot

Few modern appliances match the convenience of a crock pot. There's no doubt about it, the slow cooker is making a comeback - even if it does have to share counter space with the air fryer!

With the chilly weather upon us, the pleasure of coming home to a hearty, comfort meal cannot be overstated. Thanks to the ease of absentee cooking, even harried households can enjoy a comfort meal every night of the week.

In celebration of the slow cooker, this week's column will spotlight an array of delicious recipes that are so easy, they can be compiled before you dash out the door in the morning. Just add a salad and you're good to go!

Saucy Maple Country Ribs

Ingredients: One and a half pounds country style boneless pork ribs; one third cup pure maple syrup; one tablespoon soy sauce; two tablespoons fresh chopped onion; one half teaspoon garlic powder; one quarter teaspoon each cinnamon, ginger, and allspice; dash of pepper

Directions: Place pork in the crockpot. Combine

remaining ingredients; pour over pork. Cover and cook on low for 7 to 9 hours.

Chicken Breast A L'Orange

Ingredients: Three chicken breasts, halved; one can of cream of celery or cream of chicken soup (Campbell's has a Healthy Request choice); five mushrooms, sliced; two sweet potatoes, peeled and quartered; two thirds cup flour; one half cup freshly squeezed orange juice; one half teaspoon orange rind, grated; three tablespoons flour; one teaspoon salt; one teaspoon nutmeg; one half teaspoon cinnamon; two teaspoons brown sugar; one dash each of pepper and garlic powder.

Directions: Rinse chicken breasts and pat dry. Combine two thirds cup flour with salt, nutmeg, cinnamon, pepper and garlic powder. Thoroughly coat chicken in flour mixture. Place sweet potato slices in bottom of crock pot. Place chicken breasts on top. Combine soup with remaining ingredients and stir well. Pour soup mixture over chicken breasts. Cover and cook on low heat for 8 to 10

hours or on high setting for 3 to 4 hours, or until chicken and vegetables are tender. Serve over hot buttered rice.

Shortcut Chile

Ingredients: one pound lean ground beef or turkey; one small onion; chopped; one teaspoon salt; one bay leaf; one teaspoon chili powder (or more to taste); one teaspoon Worcestershire sauce; two 8 ounce cans tomato sauce; two 16 ounce cans kidney or pink beans, drained.

Directions: In skillet or slow-cooking pot with browning unit, break up beef with fork and cook until lightly browned. Pour off excess fat. In slow cooker, combine meat with onion, salt, chili powder, bay leaf, Worcestershire sauce, tomato sauce, and kidney beans. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 7 hours. Remove bay leaf before serving.

Chicken Cassoulet (recipe from Perdue Organic products)

Ingredients: 1 package Perdue Harvestland organic boneless skinless chicken breasts, thin sliced; 2 cans (16 oz.



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each) cannellini or white beans, drained; 1 can (16 oz.) stewed tomatoes; 1 1/2 tsp. chopped fresh rosemary (or 1/2 tsp. dried, crushed); 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

Directions: Place chicken, beans, tomatoes, rosemary and pepper in a slow cooker. Stir to combine. Cook covered 6 to 8 hours on low, or 4 to 6 hours on high.

All Day Apple Butter
Note: This recipe is easy but requires monitoring, so save it for a day you are home

Ingredients: Five and a half pounds of apples, peeled and chopped; optional sugar (up to three cups) as desired; two to three teaspoons cinnamon; one quarter teaspoon each ground cloves, salt.

Directions: Place apples in slow cooker. Combine sugar, cinnamon, cloves and salt; pour over apples

and mix well. Cover and cook on high for one hour. Reduce heat to low; cover and cook for 9-11 hours or until thickened and brown, stirring occasionally (stir more frequently as it thickens to prevent sticking). Uncover and cook on low one hour

longer to thicken the butter. If desired, stir with a wire whisk or immersion blender until smooth. Spoon into freezer containers, leaving one half inch airspace. Cover and refrigerate or freeze.

Crock pot hints:
*Place root vegetables, which take longer to cook, such as carrots and potatoes, in the bottom and around the sides of the slow cooker. Meat should be placed on top of vegetables.

*To speed up the cooking time of most recipes, including soups and stews, follow the rule that one hour on High is equal to two hours on Low. This conversion does not apply when cooking desserts.

*Do not lift the lid while the slow cooker is cooking, unless otherwise indicated in the recipe. The loss of steam adds an additional 15 to 20 minutes to the cooking time.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The time has come — vote on Nov. 8

To the Editor:

Rather than automatically fill-in a circle beside a "D" or "R" name, when Election Day dawns, make it a thoughtful rendering of judgement on important issues and how current policies have affected families and livelihoods. Nov. 8 allows for both 'choice' and 'referendum.' Merriam Webster cites one definition of choice as "that which is most excellent; the best part" and referendum means "referring measures (i.e., candidates & ballot questions) ... to the electorate for approval or rejection; a method for ascertaining the will of a group...." Voters are smart and can separate wheat (honestly held core values/positions) from chaff (empty campaign

rhetoric)! Cast a ballot for those you have decided are most likely to deliver on pledges to improve individual circumstances in our tomorrows.

Recent polls indicate an awakening of many to stark realities that now burden every man, woman and child into future generations! A short laundry list of concerns in the forefront of voters' minds includes: 8.2 percent (vs. 1.4 percent in '20) inflation of price of goods and services; gasoline and home heating oil spikes due to new rules curtailing our previous independent energy status; rampant crime due to 'no bail' laws and lax DA's; steep decline in students' math/reading scores due to prolonged remote learning vs. in-classroom instruction during pandemic; FY '22 Homeland Security reports show 2.3-plus million illegal aliens arriving due to 'open borders' across southern/western states with our tax dollars 'supporting' them, not counting 90+ suspected potential terrorists and estimated 599,000 'got-aways'; and thousands of deaths due to Fentanyl flood courtesy of China via Mexican cartel smugglers.

Obviously, the litany is longer... but clear cause-and-effect conclusions about 'policies' can be drawn on every subject. The general consensus in most polling report cards is "not good" about the country's current course. Moving ahead, those applying derogatory terms (ever more frequently and indiscriminately in debate) to innocent millions should be firmly rejected! STOP using divisive labels like 'liar,' 'racist,' 'fascist,' 'Nazi,' "threat to democracy," 'cold-hearted,' 'power hungry,' etc., that do not represent the vast majority who identify with either party!

On Nov. 8, accept the challenge of St. Augustine that "anger, hope and courage make change."

JANE F. KEEGAN
UXBRIDGE

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

Friday's Child



Bacari
Age 16

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

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

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

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

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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.



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**THE COMMONWEALTH
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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION
HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC
INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Project File No. 608171**

A Live Virtual Public Informational Meeting will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Reconstruction of Route 122, Susan Pkwy to Route 16 project in **Uxbridge, MA**.

WHEN: 7:00PM, Wednesday, November 9, 2022

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Reconstruction of Route 122, Susan Pkwy to Route 16 project. All views and comments submitted in response to the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project includes approximately 1.3 miles of Route 122 (South Main Street) from Susan Parkway to Route 16. The proposed improvements consist of removing and resetting of curbing and edging and new curbing, pavement milling and resurfacing, full-depth pavement reclamation, full depth roadway widening, reconstruction of sidewalks, addition of sidewalks, pavement markings for bicycle lanes, stone masonry walls, pedestrian curb ramps, excavation, minor drainage improvements, and signing and pavement markings.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us).

Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting. This Live Virtual Public Informational Meeting or a cancellation announcement will be hosted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

JONATHAN GULLIVER
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E.
CHIEF ENGINEER
October 28, 2022
November 4, 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. WO2P3582EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Dyanna L Rondeau
Date of Death: 07/29/2022**

To all interested persons:
A Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Mary E Anderson of Whitinsville MA** and requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Mary E Anderson 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 11/22/2022**. 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: October 20, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 4, 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. WO22C0507CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Jean Harry Kohn**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Jean Harry Kohn of Uxbridge MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Harry Jean Kohn

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/22/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 19, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
November 4, 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. WO94P1020VE1
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Lloyd L Parkhurst
Also know as:
Lloyd Leo Parkhurst
Date of Death: 01/13/1994**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will has been filed by **Robert Parkhurst of Bellingham MA** and requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Robert Parkhurst of Bellingham 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 11/15/2022**. 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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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 18, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
November 4, 2022

**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Alan P. Budd, Deborah J. Budd to East/West Mortgage Company, Inc., dated February 8, 1994 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16057, Page 212, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

East/West Mortgage Company, Inc. to Countrywide Funding Corporation, recorded on February 14, 1994, in Book No. 16057, at Page 222
Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. to Green Tree Servicing LLC, recorded on August 9, 2013, in Book No. 51336, at Page 345
Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC sometimes known as Green Tree Services LLC to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, recorded on October 22, 2018, in Book No. 59575, at Page 356

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., formerly known as Countrywide Funding Corporation to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., recorded on October 31, 2018, in Book No. 59622, at Page 264 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on December 2, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 11 Michelle Lane, Unit 11, Shudd Condominium, Blackstone, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
Unit No. 11 ("Unit") in the building located at 11 Michelle Lane, Blackstone, Worcester County, Massachusetts, No. 11 ("Building") of the Condominium known AS SHUDD Condominium ("Condominium"), Blackstone, Worcester County, Massachusetts, a Condominium established by the Grantor pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A, by Master Deed dated 1993 recorded with Worcester Registry of Deeds on 2-14-94, in Instr. 20187 ("Master Deed") which Unit is shown on Floor Plans of the Building recorded simultaneously with said Master Deed and on the copy of the portion of said plans attached hereto and made a part hereof, to which is affixed the verified statement of a Registered Land Surveyor in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A. The Post Office address of the Unit and the Grantee is Unit No. 11, 11 Michelle Lane, SHUDD Condominium, Blackstone, Massachusetts. Said Unit is conveyed together with: 1. An undivided .50 percent interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium as defined and described in said Master Deed. 2. An easement for the continuance of all encroachments by the Unit on any other Units or common areas and facilities existing or if any such encroachment shall occur hereafter as a result of (a) settling of the building, or (b) alteration or repair to the common areas and facilities by or with the consent of the Condominium Trustees, or (c) as a result of repair or restoration of the Building or a Unit after damage by fire or other casualty, or (d) as the result of condemnation of eminent domain proceedings.

3. The right to use the common areas in common with the owners of other Units, as provided in the Master Deed. including an easement in common to use any pipes, wires, ducts, flues, cables, conduits, public utility lines and other common facilities located in any of the other Units or elsewhere on the property and servicing the Unit. 4. The exclusive right to occupy, subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as may be established by the Trustees of the Condominium ("Trustees") together with a duty to maintain with respect to repairs required in whole or in part on account of such occupancy, parking spaces as shown on the Plan. 5. An exclusive right to use the decks and parking space, if any, appurtenant to the Unit as set forth in the Master Deed. Said Unit is conveyed subject to: 1. Easements in favor of all other Units and in favor of the Common Areas and Facilities for the continuance of all encroachments of such other Units or Common Areas and Facilities now existing or which shall occur hereafter as a result of

(a) settling of the building, or (b) alteration or repair to the Common Areas and Facilities by or with the consent of the Trustees, or (c) as the result of the repair or restoration of the building or a Unit after damages by fire or other casualty, or (d) as the result of condemnation or eminent domain proceedings. 2. An easement in favor of all other Units to use the pipes, wires, ducts, conduits, cables, public utility lines and other common facilities located in the Unit or elsewhere on the property and servicing such other Units and fully set forth in the Master Deed. 3. An easement in favor of all other Units to permit maintenance of such common facilities as are located therein. The Trustees have a right to access each Unit at reasonable times and in such manner as not unreasonably to interfere with other use of said Unit to inspect the same, to remove violations therefrom, and to maintain, repair or replace the common areas and facilities contained therein. 4. The provisions of the Master Deed and the By-Laws of the SHUDD Condominium dated 1993, recorded with County Registry of Deeds on 1993, Book Page ("By-Laws") and Floor Plans of the Condominium recorded simultaneously with and as part of the Master Deed, as the same may be amended from time to time by instrument recorded with said Registry of Deeds, which provisions, together with any amendments thereto and the Rules and Regulations from time to time adopted thereunder, shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in the Unit, is family, servants and visitors, as though such provisions were recited and stipulate at length herein. 5. The provisions of said Chapter 183A as it may be amended from time to time. Unless otherwise permitted by the By-Laws of the Condominium, no use may be made of the Unit except as a residence by one (1) family Unit, or two (2). No business use may be made of any Unit or of any part of the Common Areas and Facilities, provided however, that a Unit Owner or occupant may use a portion of his Unit for such office and studio use as is customarily carried on as incidental to the use of a single family residence. No structural alteration or addition to the Unit shall be made without the prior written permission of the Trustees of the Condominium. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 16057, Page 196.

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OBITUARIES

William Benjamin Brouwer, 83



Douglas- -William Benjamin Brouwer, 83, died Friday October 21, 2022, at home. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Carol (Hoisington) and two daughters to whom he denied nothing: Nada Brouwer Vericker and her husband Chris, of Franklin, and their daughters Madalaine and Caroline, and Nina Brouwer, of Putnam, CT, and her daughter Grace Lamb Wilson: a sister Anna Mae Wassenar, in Philadelphia; nieces and

nephews and beloved dogs, all of which he called "Daphne". He was predeceased by his brother, Raymond Frank Brouwer.

Bill was born in Northbridge, July 6, 1939, a son of the late William Brouwer, a Friesian immigrant, and Evelyn Dakin, a Yankee farm girl. He graduated from Worcester State College and was a junior high school Science teacher for thirty-five years in the Northbridge schools.

A United States Navy veteran, he served as a Yeoman and as a Peace Corps volunteer in Lesotho. For decades, Bill served as Treasurer of the Northbridge Historical Society and the Meadow View Gun Club. He was a member of Sturbridge Village as well. He was proud of his post and beam home, which he dismantled in Sutton and reassembled in Douglas, as well as the Meadow View Gun Club, a Whitin Machine Works supper club for middle management. Bill enjoyed caring for his property, woodlot and his 1952 John Deere tractor, as well as hunting trips to Vermont and fishing trips to Maine.

At his request there are no public services. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com



Gloria V. Beaudoin, 86



Whitinsville- Gloria V. (Poulin) Beaudoin, 86, of Fletcher St., passed away on Mon. Oct. 24, 2022 at St. Vincent's Hospital, peacefully with her loving family at her side. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Roland W. "Rollie" Beaudoin.

She is also survived by 2 children, Robert R. Beaudoin and his wife Cathy of Whitinsville, Linda M. Sasso and her husband David Tivnan of Worcester; 3 grandchildren, Kelly Veau of Douglas, Caitlyn Beaudoin of Whitinsville, and Trevor Sasso of Burlington, VT; 2 great-grandchildren, Nathan Loveless, and Anna Veau; her sister Lorraine Pietruszka of Northbridge, and several nieces and nephews. She was sister of the late Constance Dion and Claire Bernard.

Born in Whitinsville, MA on January 24, 1936 she was the daughter of Ernest and Nelida (LaFlash) Poulin and was a lifelong resident of Northbridge.

Gloria worked as a private secre-

tary for Whitin Machine Works, Elmwood Adams Co., and Paul Whitin Manufacturing Co. She then was employed as the office administrator at Our Lady of the Valley School in Uxbridge for 25 years until her retirement in 2001. A 1953 Gold Medal graduate of Northbridge High School, she enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles, taking cruises, and watching her New England sports teams. For 25 years, she traveled with Rollie on Foxy Travel bus trips. A longtime member of St. Patrick's Church, she also served on their Welcome Committee.

Her funeral will be held from Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St., Whitinsville on Thurs. October 27 with a Mass in St. Patrick's Church, 1 Cross St., Whitinsville at 10 AM. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Calling hours were held on Weds. Oct. 26 from 4-7 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Gloria's memory may be made to: Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, 75 Mendon St., Uxbridge MA 01569. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

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<p>WEBSTER - 17 BRODEUR AVENUE</p> <p>Land only 21757 +/- sf. w/foundation, Town Water & Sewer, City Gas in street \$140,000.</p> <p>Option 1 - Custom Build your HOME! Option 2 - Build a 3 Family! Option 3 - Build a 2 Family!</p>	<p>WEBSTER LAKE - 0 PATTISON RD</p> <p>LAND - Terrific opportunity 14,798 Sq. Ft. of LAND. CONSERVATION APPROVAL for proposed Building. MASS DEP# 313-1167. 248 +/- Road Frontage. 279 +/- Water Frontage. Town Water & Sewer accessible.</p> <p>\$250,000.</p>	<p>DUDLEY - 48 HAYDEN POND ROAD</p> <p>WATERFRONT - ON HAYDEN POND Nicely updated ranch. Cathedral ceilings, skylights, partially covered deck! quartz counter top, stainless steel appliances! Master with half bath. set back a distance from the road, having a long paved drive. assisted sale \$525,000.</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p>	<p>WOODSTOCK • 540 NORWICH WORCESTER TURNPIKE RTE 169</p> <p>ELEGANT, AUTHENTIC COLONIAL on HISTORIC WOODSTOCK HILL!</p> <p>SORRY, SOLD!</p> <p>\$689,500.</p>
<p>LAND: WEBSTER/OXFORD/PUTNAM</p> <p>WEBSTER LAKE LAND - 22 SOUTH POINT RD Architectural Plans included! \$315,000.</p> <p>OXFORD - LAND - General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! LAND with 4,095 SF Metal Building! 124 SOUTHBRIDGE RD (RTE 20). Town Sewer Project Plans are Approved. 22,894 sq. ft. Level Lot. 140 ft of road frontage. EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES! \$795,000.</p> <p>OXFORD - LAND - RTE 20 General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! Vacant LAND, Level & cleared. 39.549 SF \$419,000.</p> <p>PUTNAM - LAND Zoned General Business 29 acre 103' frontage. Water, Sewer, & city gas available. 2 street entrances. \$125,000</p> <p>OXFORD - 2 Merriam Rd 80 +/- Wooded Acres in Oxford & Charlton ON DEPOSIT \$329,000</p>			

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Girls on the Run Worcester County hosting 5K event Nov. 20 at Assumption

WORCESTER — Girls on the Run of Worcester County will host its 5K event on November 20th at Assumption University. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that uses fun running games and dynamic discussions to teach life skills to girls in third to eighth grade. During the ten-week program, girls participate in lessons that foster confidence, build peer connections and encourage community service while they prepare for an end-of-season celebratory 5K event.

Participation in the 5K event on November 20th is open to the public and all proceeds from the event will benefit Girls on the Run of Worcester County. Last season's 5K consisted of more than 800 participants, including program participants, volunteers, families, and community runners. Registration cost is \$40 prior to the event, and \$50 the day of. The fee includes a medal at the finish line.

Bib pickup for the event is at 8 a.m. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 20 at Assumption University and early arrival is suggested. Celebration activities for GOTR participants start at

8 a.m. Girls will have the opportunity to utilize temporary tattoos, colorful hair chalk, and more to get them excited and ready for the race. For more information about the event, how to register, and volunteer opportunities, visit www.gotr-worc.org.

About Girls on the Run Based in Charlotte, N.C., Girls on the Run is a nonprofit organization with local Councils in all 50 states. Founded in 1996 with 13 girls, Girls on the Run has now served more than two million girls. Over the course of the program, girls in third through eighth grade develop social, emotional and physical skills to successfully navigate life experiences. The program culminates with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K event. With the largest 5K series by number of events in the world, Girls on the Run hosts more than 330 5Ks per year. Girls on the Run is included as a top research-based program in a Social-Emotional Learning Guide developed by researchers at Harvard University and has been recognized by the National Afterschool Association (NAA) as one of the most influential after-school programs. Girls on the Run is offered in more than 13,000 across the US. Visit www.gotr-worc.org to learn how to get involved in your community.

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JAMESON

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gating agencies when the suspect was taken into custody," the Sutton Police Department added in a statement on social media.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kristen M. Noto of Rollins' Worcester Branch

Have you ever heard of "Quiet Quitting?"

Quiet quitting is when you do what is required of you at your place of work and no more.

Some describe quiet quitting as a coping mechanism to avoid burnout from chronic overworking. According to psychologists and advocates of quiet quitting, it's a way to put mental health first, emphasizing that your life is not your work and your worth is not based on your productivity.

Mental health is crucial; everyone is different, and the solution to one person's problem may not be the solution to another person's problem.

As I pondered quiet quitting, I had the nagging question, If I were to become a quiet quitter, does that mean I could no longer go "Above and Beyond?" Could I still "go the extra mile?"

I remember when I was looking for a job once, and my father's advice to me was to tell the manager, "I'll show up early; I'll leave late, I'll do more than is expected of me, and I'll do it all with a smile." And then actually do it.

If I was a quiet quitter, could I still do that?

One quiet quitter said, "Quiet quitting isn't about quitting because we literally still show up to work; we just don't go the extra mile because we aren't paid for it."

Being overworked and underappreci-

ated is an awful, degrading experience, and refusing to go the extra mile is a way to take back control or at least make you feel like you have control.

On the other hand, earning a promotion is usually because the person who earns it is known for going the extra mile even when they weren't paid to do so.

Another quiet quitter hilariously said, "I thought quiet quitting was when someone was employed but stopped working. Then I learned that quiet quitting isn't quitting; it's simply doing all your work without doing any extra duties! Quiet quitting is literally just doing your job!"

I was laughing after I read that. It's a good point! When you put it like that, it can make a lot of sense! I guess it all depends on what you want out of life.

I heard an old saying not long ago, "Make yourself so valuable at work that you can't be fired." How do I do that?

Some of your value as an employee depends on the type of job and duty that you are performing. There are some jobs where you can be valuable to the team and practice quiet quitting, and then there are other jobs where quiet quitting won't be compatible.

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Extend amaryllis season with doubles that are grown in the northern hemisphere. Start these amaryllis bulbs any time before January for flowers in mid to late winter. Sweet Nymph has layers of creamy white petals that are decorated with coral pink stripes. The blossoms add romantic charm to any setting. The extra-large flowers of Giant Amadeus change colors as they go from bud to mature bloom. The blossoms

start out mostly white with a fine red outline. The color of the petals gradually intensifies to blushing pink, rose, and coral.

Doublet is another stunning winter-blooming double. Its flowers feature narrow petals in a variety of widths, all with red and white candy cane stripes. You can expect two or three flower stalks from each bulb and as many as a dozen flowers. For more subtle beauty, consider double amaryllis Elvas with white petals outlined in red.

New varieties of single amaryllis can be equally dramatic. Opal Star is an early bloomer with slightly longer and narrower petals than most. Its muted, pale red flowers feature a chartreuse and white star in the center that extends to the tips of the petals. Cape Horn has broad, rose-pink petals and a white star. Remember to plant these early-blooming amaryllis in the fall so you can share living bouquets for the holidays.

Keep the flowers coming with varieties that bloom in January and February. Terra Cotta Star is sure to attract

attention with its striking colors and exquisite details. The salmon, rose, buttercream and pistachio petals have dark red veining that makes each blossom a standout. Yellow Star is another unique variety with elegant ivory and lime green flowers that are sure to lift your spirits. Rosy Star's exquisite flowers feature snowy white petals and a rose-pink blush.

Don't underestimate red amaryllis as there are many exciting variations to choose from. Charisma is an early-blooming single with petals that display an ombre effect of red and white. Gervase and Flamenco Queen are later blooming singles with a similar fade on their petals. For extra bold red and white flowers, consider single amaryllis Spartacus or Minerva, and the double variety Splash.

Order your amaryllis bulbs early for the best selection. When the bulbs arrive, store them in a cool, dry dark place until you are ready to plant. After you pot up the bulbs, place them in a warm, bright location to encourage them to break dormancy. Once the first bud emerges, you can expect to have flowers in two to four weeks. Enjoy all the beauty that growing amaryllis (Longfield-Gardens.com)

provides with only minimal care.

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 instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Longfield Gardens for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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SPORTS

Northbridge, Uxbridge play to a tie as postseason awaits



Nick Ethier photos

Attackers from Northbridge and defenders from Uxbridge battle during a Rams' corner kick.



Melissa Sabourin of Northbridge plays the ball into open space.



Isabella Nolan of Uxbridge dribbles the ball and looks ahead for the next play to be made.



Northbridge's Karlee Battista winds up to kick a shot on goal as Uxbridge's Julie Compston defends.



Uxbridge's Siobhan Twohig-Mann uses her head to move the ball down the field.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

NORTHBRIDGE — Whenever the Northbridge High and Uxbridge High girls' varsity soccer teams have done battle over the course of the past two seasons, it's always been a close game. In 2021 the Rams and Spartans played to 0-0 and 2-2 draws in regular season play, only to get matched up in the Division 4 State Tournament Round of 16. There, they were tied 1-1 through regulation before Northbridge pulled out a 2-1 overtime victory.

Then, in 2022, the Rams won a 1-0 game on Sept. 24 with the rematch taking place Saturday, Oct. 29 at Lasell Field. And,

like most of the previous matchups, the game ended in a tie — this time 1-1.

The Spartans were a little more pleased with the result than Northbridge was, though.

"This one feels good, this one feels really good," said Uxbridge head coach Allyson Durkin. "The girls are proud of themselves. Not one of them gave up, which says a lot. It was a mentally, emotionally and physically draining game, so for them to hold the full game was really something they're proud of and I'm proud of."

"If we play hard and play well we can be satisfied with the result, but today was not our best

performance. Soccer is a funny game, you can dominate or be 'the better team,' but that doesn't mean you win the game," added Kristin Strazzulla, head coach of the Rams. "Take nothing away from Uxbridge, who played us tough today."

Perhaps the reason for the difference in opinion was because Northbridge had the field tilted in Uxbridge's defensive zone for the majority of the first half but were unable to score. Spartans' defender Isabella Nolan and keeper Alicia Gauvin stood out in the first 40 minutes, with Gauvin making 10 of her 16 saves in the half.

"Our defensive line is able to be extremely

ing what they're good at. [Northbridge] drives to the corners and they cross it over. We study the film and we understand. For us to be able to defend that, it just shows flexibility," said Durkin, before turning her attention over to Gauvin. "Alicia Gauvin, man. She's just gained so much confidence. She's more vocal and able to come out more confidently."

Thanks to the defense keeping the game scoreless, the Spartans struck first in the game's 54th minute when Kathryn

Cahill pulled off a great individual effort. Cahill ran through a 50/50 ball, raced past multiple Ram defenders, fought off a final defender and worked the ball past Northbridge keeper Madison Thibeault (four saves) before shooting into the open net for No. 17's 22nd goal of the season on her 17th birthday.

"That's her game, she never gives up. Especially when she has the possession, she's able to capitalize. Putting the ball in the back of the net is her specialty," Durkin said of Cahill.

The Rams responded a minute later to tie the score. Sienna Mastroianni and Ellory Manning combined on the goal in a freshman-to-freshman connection, Mastroianni sending a right-to-left crossing pass to Manning, whose shot beat Gauvin.

"Very proud of their attitude to keep heads up, stay positive. This team does not get down on each other," Strazzulla said of the Rams' response. "Beyond that is a goal by freshman Ellory Manning assisted by freshman Sienna Mastroianni, which is huge for us and a combination we will look for in the tournament."

The game remained

deadlocked over the final 25 minutes, and Uxbridge will take its 7-5-6 record into the postseason.

"The girls are excited. We're going into the playoffs with a bit of a high," said Durkin.

The Rams had one regular season game remaining, and they defeated Bay Path Regional, 5-0, on Monday, Oct. 31 to finish 13-3-2.

"We are very excited for the postseason, the girls have put in a lot of work. I hope our experience last season, coming from

behind and winning two games in overtime, advancing to the Elite Eight, these experiences will be key to mental toughness and work ethic," said Strazzulla. "We have a fantastic group of athletes and the support from their families and our community has been fantastic. We look forward to taking the tournament one game at a time and continuing to play hard for each other."

The Division 4 State Tournament bracket will be revealed after press time, but both the Rams and Spartans are looking at high quality seeds. Northbridge was ranked No. 2 in the most recent Power Rankings, Uxbridge 10th.

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SPORTS BRIEF

Wong named MIAA Boys' Lacrosse Official of the Year

Long-time local high school boys' lacrosse referee Randy Wong has been named as the 2021-2022 MIAA Boys Lacrosse Official of the Year.

"Having been selected for this award among multiple candidates, you stood out based on your dedication to the sport and officiating credentials," MIAA Associate Athletic Director Richard L. Pearson said in a letter commending Wong. "It is with pride we will honor you as a representative of this important aspect of athletic competition."

Wong was recently recognized at the MIAA's game officials banquet on Oct. 25 at the association's headquarters.

Wong joined the Eastern Massachusetts Lacrosse Officials Association in 2002 and will complete his 22nd year of service on the field this spring. He has held various lacrosse leadership roles as a certified trainer and observer; Central Mass co-chair; and Board Secretary. In addition to his high school officiating, he is also a men's college lacrosse official as well as a youth lacrosse referee and assigner of youth officials in the Central Mass. area.

Those interested in becoming a lacrosse official should contact newlaxref@gmail.com or visit the EMLOA website http://emloa.org/become-a-ref/.

SPORTS

Spartans rally to defeat Mansfield for undefeated regular season



Nick Ethier photos
Uxbridge's Kendall Gilmore, left, pokes the ball away from a Mansfield player.



Ellie Bouchard of Uxbridge moves the ball away from Mansfield players by pushing a pass toward the right sideline.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

UXBRIDGE — Standing in the way of an undefeated regular season for the Uxbridge High varsity field hockey team was Mansfield High, and the Hornets struck first in their meeting on Friday, Oct. 28, when Ava Adams placed her shot into the cage about midway through the first quarter. That 1-0 lead lasted into the halftime break and, trailing for the first time at any point in any game this year, the Spartans needed to dig deep and find a way to rally.

"You could see that every opportunity that we had went wide and their goalie [Lily Danehy] made some great saves [17 total stops]. You could definitely tell that it just wasn't falling for us in the first half," Uxbridge head coach Kelly Rosborough said of the play over the first two quarters before revealing her message to the team at intermission. "It was just to get in the game, it's not over. We have plenty of time to play, let's just take care of business."

Business was certainly taken care of, as the Spartans registered the final eight goals — three in the third quarter, five in the fourth — to win an 8-1 decision and cap off an 18-0 regular season.

"Once you open Pandora's box, it is unleashed," said Rosborough.

Uxbridge spread the offense out to get the job done. In order, Ellie Bouchard, Kendall Gilmore, Julianna Casucci, Amelia Blood, Meghan Smith, Aubrey Bouchard, Brooklyn Kaferlein and Abby Sanches were the goal-scorers, with Smith (two), Gilmore, Casucci and Blood adding assists.

"That's how it's been all season, which makes it really special to know it's not just one contributor," said Rosborough.

On the defensive side, Bailey Dzivasen stood out in stopping any potential Mansfield (7-9-2) attacks, particularly with the Hornets leading and trying to add another goal. And goalie Julia Okenquist finished with two saves. Playing in all 18 games this season, Okenquist had 12 shutouts and allowed only eight goals. In comparison, the Spartans were able to tally 127 times.

"I give credit to them," Rosborough said of her team accomplishing the undefeated record and amazing +119 goal differential. "It was one game at a time and they took each game as it was with their preparation and their fitness and their skills, and they put it all together."

Now the Spartans will turn their attention to the postseason, where they look to defend

their Division 4 State Championship. Uxbridge will be the No. 1 seed when the brackets are released, which came after press time. In the meantime, Rosborough will focus on components of the game that can occur, like overtime and shootouts, which are not part of regular season play. The Spartans will also try out new penalty corner plays.

"You don't want to run the same thing that people know what you're doing," she said of reinventing offensive corners.

Rosborough knows that all potential opponents will bring their 'A' game with hopes of bringing the Spartans down, much like Mansfield did in the early going.

"They have to be that much sharper because those teams always want to knock off the No. 1 seed. That's what everyone's goal is," said Rosborough.



Uxbridge's Julianna Casucci dribbles the ball into open space.

Beavers simultaneously host pair of Central Mass. Tournament games



Blackstone Valley Tech's Marley Koopman takes a touch on the ball while dribbling to open space.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Jack Dunham handles the ball while on the rush.

MENDON — The Blackstone Valley Tech soccer programs took advantage of the New England Futbol Club (NEFC) fields on Wednesday, Oct. 26 when the Beavers hosted Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Class B Tournament games in the quarterfinal round. The boys' team was seeded second and played seventh ranked Lunenburg High, while the girls' squad, seeded fourth, took on No. 5 AMSA (Advanced Math and Science Academy). Both games took place simultaneously.

In the boys' game, Lunenburg scored twice before the Beavers countered with a goal from Marek Rutowski, with Ryan Sauter assisting. That cut the deficit down to 2-1 at halftime, and BVT rallied from there to defeat the Blue Knights, 4-2. A penalty kick stop by keeper Mason Door kept momentum on the Beavers' side. From there, Joseph Hehir scored the tying goal, with Matthew Drons assisting in the 48th minute. Drons then scored the go-ahead and insurance goals (in the 60th and 78th minutes), with Jack Dunham and Hehir assisting on those strikes.

The boys then played in the tournament semifinals against No. 3 Hudson

High on Friday, Oct. 28. The Beavers were able to hold on and defeat the Hawks, 4-3, advancing to the championship against No. 1 Oakmont Regional, which took place after press time. The record for BVT entering the Division 4 State Tournament will be 14-2-2 since the Central Mass. final came after the cutoff date put in place by the MIAA.

In the girls' tilt last Wednesday, Valley Tech unfortunately couldn't shake off allowing a first half goal and they lost a 1-0 decision to AMSA. Next up was a consolation game against No. 6 Lunenburg High on Friday, Oct. 28. There, the Beavers and Blue Knights tied, 1-1. Valley Tech will enter the Division 4 State Tournament sporting a record of 10-6-2.

Blackstone Valley Tech athletics competed in other Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association tournaments as well.

The volleyball team reached the Class B championship game as the No. 2 seed before falling to top-ranked Nipmuc Regional, 3-0, on Saturday, Oct. 29. Set scores were 25-21, 25-16, 25-19 for the Warriors. Before that, the Beavers beat No. 3 Groton-Dunstable Regional in the semifinals, 3-0, and No. 7 Monty Tech in the quarterfinals, 3-0.

The field hockey team also competed in Class B and were the No. 4 seed. They edged No. 5 Auburn High in the quarterfinals in overtime, 4-3, before falling to No. 1 Oakmont Regional in the semifinals, 5-0, on Oct. 27.



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