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Sutton Assessor recognized on retirement

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — Principal Assessor Joyce Sardagnola has retired after 35 years of service.

“Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the town and residents,” the town released in a statement.

During its Aug. 9 meeting, the Select Board recognized Sardagnola for her service; she said during the meeting that her retirement started on July 29.

“Sutton’s been very good to me,” Sardagnola said during the meeting. “I’ve been working here a long time, I know everybody. I’ve been very happy.”

Select Board Clerk David Hall described the work that Sardagnola has done and her effort as “amazing.”

“You just said it... you’re happy, which explains why somebody can show up for 35 years and do the kind of work that you’ve been doing,” he said.

Sardagnola added that she recently welcomed a



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Sutton Select Board Chairman Jeff Bannon presents a service award to Joyce Sardagnola as she retires.

new great-grandchild.

“I moved to Sutton in 1972 and most of my life has been here at the Town Hall,” she said, adding that people were “not just taxpayers or people with

questions,” but “family.”

“Joyce, you are just a wonderful person,” said Board Member Jesse Limanek, further describing her as “kind and gracious and helpful.” “Your

dedication to this town is unquestionable.”

“I know everyone in town has had nothing but wonderful things to say about you,” added Board Member Wendy Mead.

“I really appreciate your kindness and the service that you’ve given this town,” said Board Vice Chair Jonathan Anderson.

Select Board Chair Jeff Bannon added that 35 years at any job is hard, but Sardagnola’s job is “particularly hard” because of the subject matter, which is “confusing to everybody” he said.

“The thing that gets me is the attitude that you’ve had all those years...when people come to see you, it’s not usually a happy kind of visit that people are coming here for,” he said. “Yet you kind of roll with it...people come away feeling ok and they understand it. That’s really a gift I think that you’ve had for all these years.”

“Best wishes for all the days of your retirement,” Bannon added.

Police encourage pedestrian safety

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

GRAFTON — The police department is reminding residents of several pedestrian safety tips.

“An important part of our mission is to educate adults and children on how to stay safe when walking and cycling on town streets,” Chief of Police Normand A. Crepeau, Jr. released in a statement, adding that the reminders are important “since there are no sidewalks on many of our backroads.”

The Grafton Police Department offered the safety tips for “pedestrians and drivers who encounter pedestrians.”

According to police, pedestrians are encouraged to cross the street only at intersections and use marked crosswalks where available.

“Do not cross in the middle of the street or between parked cars,” Chief Crepeau shared.

“Drivers are not expecting pedestrians to cross mid-block and you are more likely to be struck if you do this.”

Pedestrians should avoid wearing headphones or using their phone when crossing the street; police added that they should keep their head up and make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets.

“Continue to watch out for traffic the entire time you are in the crosswalk regardless of whether or not you have the right-of-way,” police shared. “Your life may depend on it.”

Avoid walking in traffic where there are no sidewalks, but if you must walk on a road that does not have sidewalks,

“walk facing traffic,” according to the safety tips.

Wearing bright colors or reflective clothing is also encouraged for those walking near traffic at night.

“Carry a flashlight when walking in the dark,” Crepeau shared.

And children should not cross streets by themselves or be allowed to play or walk near traffic.

“Kids are small, unpredictable, and cannot judge vehicle distances and speeds. Never allow a child under 10 to cross the street alone,” Crepeau released. “Always hold your child’s hand and teach children to never run or dash into the street.”

Police also added for drivers that one can “encounter pedestrians anytime and anywhere.”

“Even in places where they are not supposed to

be found,” Chief Crepeau said. “Pedestrians can be very hard to see, especially in bad weather or at night. You must keep a lookout and slow down if you can’t see clearly.”

Stop for pedestrians who are in a crosswalk, even if it is not marked, police said.

“When you stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, stop well back so that drivers in the other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop,” police added. “Cars stopped in the street may be stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross. Do not pass if there is any doubt.”

And residents are asked to be especially attentive around schools, playgrounds, athletic fields, and in neighborhoods where children are present.

“Drive there like you would like people to drive in your own neighborhood,” Crepeau added.

It’s a drive in!



Courtesy

Joe Cutler of Douglas and friend check out his 1949 Cadillac Club Coupe at Uxbridge Lions Car Show.

LIONS CLUB PUTS OUT CALL TO AUTO ENTHUSIASTS

UXBRIDGE — Competitors, shine up those beauties and come on down to the Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Rd. in Uxbridge, on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pick your spot and participate in the Fourth Annual Lions Club Car Show. All car classes are welcome from Antique to Muscle to Foreign Cars and Trucks. Bring down that motorcycle, too.

The registration fee for every category is only \$10. Admission to the public is free. For convenience, registration can be made in advance, but not required, by making checks payable to Uxbridge Lions Club,

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Police “Youth Academies” see success

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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REGION — Two local police departments have teamed up once again to host summer youth academies.

Participants in this year’s Northbridge and Uxbridge youth police academies went on station tours, learned about drones, saw a K9 presentation, and much more.

According to police, the “Youth Academy” is a free, one-week program open to any Northbridge or Uxbridge resident who will be entering grades five, six, seven, or eight as of September 2022. An academy at Uxbridge High School was held at the end of July, while an academy at Northbridge High School was held last week.

The Northbridge Police Department hosted 22 fifth-through-eighth-grade students from Northbridge, Uxbridge, Whitinsville Christian School, and Our Lady of the Valley School. On day one of the academy, attendees went on station tours and tours of the cruisers, along with some “marching in formation,” according to the department. Students also participated in mock motor vehicle stops with the help of Northbridge Police Officers Jordan Tredeau and Ryan Falvey, the department released in a statement on social media.

Uxbridge Police Sergeant Josiah Morrisette spoke with the Northbridge students about drones and “how useful they are to police,” the department released.

“Our public safety partners from the Northbridge Fire Department came to visit in the afternoon. Perfect timing with the high heat,” police released. “The kids got a chance to run the hoses and see some equipment in the ambulance.”

On day three, Defensive Tactics Instructors Sergeant Brian Patrinely of the Northbridge Police Department and Sergeant Keith Stratton of the Uxbridge Police Department taught the academy-goers all about “Use of Force,” along with practice on handcuffing. In the afternoon, Mike Breton from New England State Police Information Network visited to discuss computer forensics and “how he can enhance digital photos, video,” and voice data “that helps police all over New England solve cases,” police added.

Day four of the academy brought Northbridge Police Det. Sgt. Rick Gorman and Detective Jeff White, who presented a class on what detectives do and also showed the kids all the different ways to collect fingerprint evidence.

“The kids were really into the [hands-on] work that the detectives had for them,” Northbridge Police shared.

In the afternoon, Northbridge’s Sergeant Ryan Levesque—also a member of the CEMLEC Regional SWAT team—came in with his gear to discuss the teamwork required to be on a SWAT team.

“The kids loved trying the gear on,” police added.

On the final day of Northbridge’s academy last week, the Uxbridge Police K9 team of Officer Thomas Stockwell and K9 Bear held a demonstration.

“The kids had a blast watching the K9 Handler team demonstrate a few of their capabilities,” Northbridge Police shared, adding that “this team is always a fan favorite.”

The department described the week as “amazing,” thanking the officers who presented to the class from both departments.

“It’s truly a team effort,” the department shared in a statement. “It’s a win for all involved.”

Meanwhile, the Uxbridge Youth Police Academy was held at the end of July. The department described it as a “very exciting couple of days.” Participants went on a station tour and learned how to conduct motor vehicle stops as well, instructed by Uxbridge Officer Ryan Mastromatteo and Northbridge Officer Sean McDevitt. There was a visit to the Uxbridge Fire Department to check out some of their equipment, police shared.

Students saw a presentation on Crime Scene Investigation from Detective Steven Prior of the Uxbridge Police Department and tried on some SWAT equipment after a presentation from Sergeant Levesque. There was also defensive tactics training from Sgt. Stratton and Sgt. Patrinely; in the afternoon, Sergeant Kalkwarf of the Environmental Police spoke to the participants about the Environmental Police and their unique role in law enforcement.

“After an enjoyable PT session, Sergeant Morrisette of the Uxbridge Police and CEMLEC Drone Unit conducted a presentation on drones and their use, and even took one for a flight demo,” the department shared, adding that the Uxbridge Academy also participated in a demonstration from K9 Bear and Officer Stockwell.

“We hope the participants enjoyed their time, had fun, and learned along the way,” Uxbridge Police released in a statement.

DA, Sheriff's office team up for job fair

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Recognizing the myriad job search challenges facing residents who were convicted of crimes, the Worcester County District Attorney and Sheriff teamed up for a special event last week.

Held at the MassHire Central Career Center in Worcester, the Aug. 11 job fair focused on finding occupations for residents with a criminal record. The event was hosted jointly by Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., and Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis.

More than 20 local employers participated in the job fair, which was open to all residents. A special emphasis was placed on connecting employers with residents who have served their time and are looking for a fresh start.

With most job candidates now facing

comprehensive screening procedures, including CORI checks and other background checks, it can be difficult for those with convictions on their records to find work. Gaps in resumes may also cause employers to balk at considering candidates who have been incarcerated. The result is often a return to criminal activities to make money for their families, officials said.

“We know how important a job is to giving people a sense of purpose, and we also understand the barrier a criminal record can create,” Early said. “Gainful employment has been shown to reduce recidivism rates and increase long-term addiction recovery, therefore making our communities safer. This is good government. People are not defined by their diseases or their history, and we applaud the companies participating in the job fair for seeing that.”

The Worcester County District Attorney’s Office previously hosted an expungement training program in 2019 to help the public understand when a criminal record can be cleaned by expungement. The DA’s office also remains a participant in



Courtesy

Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., (right), recently organized a job fair with Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis (center). Several local organizations and companies participated.

Worcester’s Re-Entry Task Force alongside many community partners.

“I’ve always believed that the best social program is a job,” said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. “Nothing is more important than the dignity and self-respect of earning a paycheck. Job fairs are a direct pipeline for individuals who’ve become involved in the justice system.”

Officials thank the Worcester County DA and Sheriff for their efforts in assisting residents as they attempt to gain traction after leaving lockup. For many residents, all it takes is one employer’s trust and belief in their abilities to set them on a track for career success, officials said.

Other job fair attendees were eager to show employers the skills and knowledge they gained while behind bars. Several career training and vocational services are available to inmates while serving their sentences.

“We love collaborations, especially when it allows us to focus on target pop-

ulations and work with organizations who provide resources to specific job seekers,” said Janice Ryan Weekes, the Executive Director of MassHire Central, which has locations in Worcester and Southbridge. “This job fair is a continuation of our work with this population. Prior to the COVID pandemic, we were working behind the walls, in collaboration with the Sheriff’s and District Attorney’s offices, to help this population get job ready.”

Participants of the August 11 job and resources fair included: Mass Rehabilitation Commission; Worcester, Massachusetts, Veterans, Inc.; Nouria; FedEx; DCU Center; Taco Bell; Amazon; Ocean State Job Lot; Eastridge Workforce Solutions; Table Talk Pies, Inc.; The Davis Companies; UPS; and the Transportation Security Administration, among several others.

To learn more about career resources available to job seekers in the Commonwealth, visit www.mass.gov.

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Friday's Child



Desiree

Hi! My name is Desiree and I love to dance and read books.

Desiree is of Caucasian and Hispanic decent. She is an energetic girl who is full of life. Desiree loves playing with dolls, singing, dancing, and reading books. She also enjoys gardening with her foster parents and is very proud of what she has produced in her garden. Desiree is able to be redirected and follows directions with assistance. She can have a difficult time with the word “no” but with support she is able to process and move forward. She gets along well with older foster sisters and her foster parents and enjoys family gatherings. She is described as having a great imagination and dreams

about places that someday she would like to visit and explore.

She has made a lot of progress over the previous school year. She is in the 4th grade in school year 2021-2022 and enjoys school. She is friendly and gets along well with others. Desiree receives weekly therapy and counseling. In therapy she is learning to use her coping skills to manage her emotions and express her feelings.

Freed for adoption Desiree will need a patient and structured home life. She would well in a two female or single female household. Older children in the home would be best. She has a younger brother living in western MA with whom she will need to maintain regular in-person contact.

<https://www.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/6030>

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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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Pictured, left to right, facing, are Mila Cales of Troop 64720 a Junior and Selina Cales of Troop 65017, a Brownie, and Mike Shain, the founder and president of Thanks To Yanks, recently Thanks To Yanks received a generous donation of Girl Scout Cookies. This taste of home was sent to the 182nd battalion of the Massachusetts National Guard this is currently deployed in the Middle East It is part of the Thanks To Yanks mission to always remember and appreciate those who serve and protect our freedom. “A package from home is always welcome to reminds those who serve that they are not forgotten,” said Shain. For information about Thanks To Yanks, please like them on Facebook.



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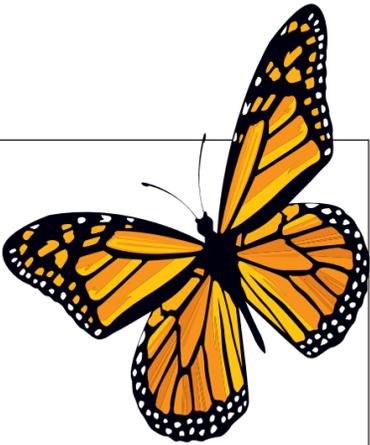
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Cornerstone Bank awards 16 college scholarships to local graduates

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout central Massachusetts, is proud to announce the 16 recipients of their scholarship awards program for local high school graduates. Each chosen graduate is awarded \$2,500 to assist with college expenses.

“Cornerstone Bank is proud to help students in our community reach their educational goals,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “We want to foster the growth and development of the next generation of business and finance professionals, and congratulate these 16 exceptional stu-

dents on their achievements, wishing them continued success.”

This is the list of the 2022 scholarship recipients along with the name of the school they plan to attend in the fall:

- Kiana Barnes of East Brookfield, Nichols College
- Emma Blomquist of Holden, University of Massachusetts, Isenberg School of Business
- Madeline Duke of Shrewsbury, Indiana University
- Hunter Goguen of Brookfield, Nichols College
- Alexis Goodney of Leicester, Bentley University

- Abigail Hill of Brimfield, Westfield State University
- Nhi Huynh of Worcester, Harvard College

- Brian Langevin of Sturbridge, University of Alabama
- Owyn Law of Dudley, Quinnipiac University
- Colin Minarik of Webster, Bentley University
- Samuel Murillo of Charlton, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
- Christopher Murzycki of Spencer, Worcester State University
- Arieta Nasto of Worcester, Villanova School of Business
- Brennan Ogert, Nichols College
- Lauren Potvin of

- Charlton, Worcester Academy
- Nina Zurawski of Charlton, Suffolk University

To be considered for a scholarship, each student had to:

- Be a 2022 high school graduate
- Anticipate being a full-time student at an accredited, degree-granting institution of higher education
- Anticipate studying in a business or financial field
- Demonstrate achievement and high standards in academics, extracurricular activities and community involvement
- Submit an official transcript and GPA from

their guidance office

Submit a one-page essay

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News from Beginning Bridges

BeginningBridgesCFCE. weebly.com – Facebook: Beginning Bridges CFCE – Emurray@smoc.org – 508-278-5110

Beginning Bridges CFCE’s vision is that children, youth and families reach their full potential now and in the future. Our mission is to work with families and community partners to create the conditions for children, youth and families to thrive socially, academically and economically. Funding for the Coordinated

Family & Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) is provided by the Massachusetts Dept. of Early Education and Care (EEC) and sponsored by South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC-Childcare/Head Start). Beginning Bridges CFCE has funding for the towns of Mendon, Northbridge, Upton & Uxbridge. Currently, our FREE comprehensive services include weekly indoor and outdoor parent/child playgroups. We also offer parent education programs, the Ages & Stages Developmental Questionnaire

and can connect families to community resources.

Upcoming Events-Registration is required for all upcoming events. Links can be accessed on our website or contact Emily Murray at 508-278-5110 or Emurray@smoc.org. Please check our website and Facebook page for our Fall 2022 Newsletter.

Tuesday, 9/06 - Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 to 11:00am at Upton Town Library, 2 Main Street, Upton. Check the Upton Library web-

site, as the group location can vary while the new library is being built.

Thursdays, 9/08 - Coffee and Conversations, 9:30 to 10:30 am at Taft Public Library, 29 North Ave in Mendon. Join us for an informal drop-in playtime where families will be able to build social connections, learn about early childhood development and family friendly resources. Please bring your own coffee. Muffins from Muffin House Cafe will be provided.

Tuesday, 9/13 - Open House,

9:00am to 11:00am, at the Uxbridge Playcenter, 9 North Main Street, Uxbridge, MA, lower left office, meet playgroup facilitators, register for fall groups, ask questions about participation.

Wednesday, 9/14 - Playgroup Registration closes. Find registration information in the Fall Newsletter posted on our website.

Wednesday, 9/21 - Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 to 11:00am at Whitinsville Social Library, 17 Church Street, Whitinsville.

BVAA sets the scene for 2022-2023

REGION — The Blackstone Valley Arts Association is back and in action after the Pandemic years. We did remain active during the Pandemic with virtual shows and demos. We did so to try to keep everyone motivated to continue their creativity. It was one way to combat depression and hopelessness. We have since come out of doldrums with our first 3 open shows. Our Spring show had a wonderful

turn out of all media types.

Our next show was our popular series show. Members were challenged to present three works of art in similar style, content, size, color etc. Winners of this show were 1st place-Bob Evens a trio of photos depicting abandoned articles. second place Steve Paulson, a trio of watercolors. Third place James Hunt for a series of photos depicting the demolition of Draper Mill

in Hopedale. Honorable Mention Leslie Breault for a series of amazing abstracts, Betty Havens for ocean scenes, and Marilyn Rocks for landscapes. We then had six amazing teens share their creativity with the community.

Our next show is open for participation to the area community. It is titled “4th Annual A Show Of Hands.” We want to see our areas creative spirit, at work. Deadline for submissions

is Sept. 3, with drop off at Uxbridge Open Skies Gallery at 5 S. Main St. on Sept. 3 as well. Please see our social media sites for direction.

Our meetings will begin with live demos on, Sept. 20. We are presently organizing the list of demonstrators. Check our web site frequently for the list. All meetings are open to the public, they start at 6:30 p.m., at the Open Skies Gallery in Uxbridge.

We have offsite shows as well. Valley Cast at the Aldrich Gallery on Douglas Rd. will present. “My Favorite Art Show”. Members of BVAA will choose their favorite work of art to be presented at this show. Opening reception will be held Sept. 16 from 5-7 p.m. The show will end Sept. 28. Plenty of time to see what we

feel is our best efforts in creativity. The BVAA has art work showing at Hunter’s Tavern in Grafton Center, and at MJ’s in Grafton, and at Milford Local Access TV on S. Main Street, Milford.

Membership begins in September. See our Web site at BVAA.ORG for the form.

Douglas Library book group meets Sept. 13

DOUGLAS — The next meeting of the Douglas Library Intrepid Readers book group will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m. The Intrepid Readers will be discussing David McCullough’s “The Great Bridge: the epic story of the building of the Brooklyn Bridge.” The writing is superb and the author is an ace at describing history to both the new learner as well as to history masters. Available in book form or on CDs for audio listeners. Call the library 508-476-2695 and they’ll get what you need. New members always welcome. Homemade refreshments, inspired by the title being discussed, will be served.

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Mark DerMugrditchian, a local author, road warrior and American adventurer, delighted an audience at Plummer Place last week as he presented a trip he took across the country on his motorcycle back in 1977-1978. “Mark is a great speaker and his enthusiasm in sharing his story, featured in his novel ‘4 Strokes West,’ entertained all of the folks who attended,” said Amy Cowen, program and volunteer coordinator. DerMugrditchian happily autographed copies of his book as participants enjoyed jovial conversations and shared their own special stories with him. One of the seniors in attendance was Tom Koopman, an 89-year-old Northbridge resident who rode his own motorcycle to the event to hear Mr. DerMugrditchian speak. “I have known Tom for many, many years,” said Kelly Bol, Plummer Place director. “Seeing Tom still enjoying his hobby and having the means and health to be here with us today was absolutely wonderful!” she added. Mr. DerMugrditchian’s book may be purchased on amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com. For more information on Plummer Place please call (508) 234-2002.



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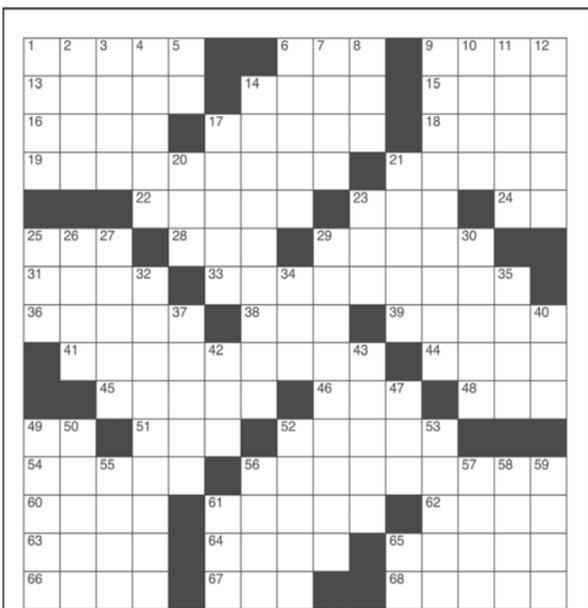


Phyllis Marie (Hamm) Normandin (formerly Brown) born January 4th, 1937, passed away on Tuesday, July 19th, 2022 peacefully and gracefully, just as she lived her life, joining her Savior Jesus and beloved husband Leo Normandin. She was also preceded in death by her parents Hartley and Ruth (Morton) Hamm, and her brother Richard Hamm. She leaves behind her daughter Robin Brown, son Paul Brown, two grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and many extended family members and devoted friends. Phyllis was a 52 year Douglas resident where she taught 4th grade for 27 years. (Full obituary on Legacy.com) A memorial service will be held on Sat. Aug. 27th 11:00 a.m. East Douglas United Methodist Church.



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CLUES ACROSS

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- 6. Swiss river
- 9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 13. Like coagulated milk
- 14. Lima is its capital
- 15. Lying down
- 16. Jai __, sport
- 17. Egyptian statesman
- 18. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
- 19. Renovated
- 21. Chadic language
- 22. 18-year period
- 23. Beverage container
- 24. Natural logarithm
- 25. The "mecca" of basketball
- 28. A way to darken
- 29. Mackerels
- 31. Actor Pitt
- 33. Places to buy seafood
- 36. True firs
- 38. Neither
- 39. Fencing sword
- 41. Italian pastas
- 44. Island nation close to the U.S.
- 45. Begets
- 46. Resembles a pouch
- 48. __ student, learns healing
- 49. Sodium
- 51. Indicates position
- 52. The world has one
- 54. Partner to pains
- 56. Photographer
- 60. Chew the fat
- 61. Culture of the British Iron Age
- 62. Weaverbird
- 63. Advice or counsel
- 64. Asian nation
- 65. Brought on board
- 66. German river
- 67. Airborne (abbr.)
- 68. Leaf-footed bug genus

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mark left behind
- 2. Cry weakly
- 3. Ancient region in modern Syria
- 4. Farewell
- 5. Blue grass state
- 6. Genus of mosquitoes
- 7. S. Israeli city
- 8. You can get stuck in one
- 9. One who mistrusts others unjustifiably
- 10. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
- 11. Tigers legend Fielder
- 12. Make more attractive
- 14. Horses
- 17. Slight projection in typefaces
- 20. Male parent
- 21. Jack and Jill are two
- 23. After B
- 25. Licensed for Wall Street
- 26. Missile with about 600-mile range
- 27. Goddesses
- 29. A day kids love
- 30. Oily secretion
- 32. One-tenth of a meter
- 34. A father's male child
- 35. One point east of southeast
- 37. Silk garments
- 40. Cool!
- 42. The color of anger
- 43. Trade profession
- 47. It can get you around
- 49. Mother-of-pearl
- 50. Hurt
- 52. Legendary slugger Hank
- 53. Polio vaccine developer
- 55. Incline from vertical
- 56. Sea creature
- 57. Actress Kate
- 58. Affirmative votes
- 59. Nothing
- 61. Pie __ mode
- 65. Expresses surprise



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A Memory Café is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss/challenges and their care partners. It is a time to socialize, make new friends, have a good time and enjoy some refreshments!

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this program!

Our Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, is happy to answer any questions, call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

Millbury Friendly Visitor Program
Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provided by telephone

Volunteers call clients to check in with them, chat and hear a friendly voice

For more information on coordinating a Friendly visitor

Call the center at 508-865-9154

SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)
Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Call for an appointment & required documentation

508-865-9154

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3RD Thursday of each month at 2 P.M.

Take home a Floral arrangement that you create!

Cost is \$15 includes all materials and class
Price may vary based on project
Minimum of 15 people

Call or stop by the center to RSVP a week before classes 508-865-9154

Worcester County Sheriff's House Numbering Program

Designed to assist emergency personnel in locating homes!

Will create a custom wooden house number sign Free of Charge!

If interested come by the Senior Center or call us at 508-865-9154

Meet with a representative from Senator Moore's office!

Wednesday, September 14th
One Wednesday every month between 11 – 12 P.M.

All are welcome to meet and discuss issues of importance or looking for assistance

Any questions please call 508-865-9154

COVID-19 BOOSTER APPOINTMENT ASSISTANCE

We will assist Millbury Senior residents

If you do not have access to a computer and need help scheduling an appointment for the Booster

Please call the center at 508-865-9154

SENIOR WORK – OFF PROGRAM

For Eligible seniors, 60 or older that are residents of Millbury

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For more information or to pick up an application please call the center at 508-865-9154

SENIOR CENTER EXERCISE CLASSES!!

LIGHT EXERCISE CLASSES
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(Free!)
TAI CHI
Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. (class is \$3)

YOGA
Thursdays 9 – 10 A.M. (Class is \$3)

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES!

WII BOWLING
Mondays at 12:30 P.M.

MAHJONG
Mondays at 12:45 P.M.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.

CRIBBAGE
Tuesdays at 1 P.M.

SOCIAL BINGO
Wednesdays at 1 P.M.

Bring your pennies!
PITCH
Thursdays at 1 P.M.

DULL MENS CLUB
Thursdays at 10 – 11 A.M.

No reservations required for any of our activities or exercise classes!

Lunches are served Monday through Friday 12 P.M. at the Senior Center

The menu is available on the town website, www.townofmillbury.org

Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page.

A 48 hour reservation is required.

Friends of Millbury Senior Center Transportation

Transportation is provided for Millbury Senior Residents

Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

We travel one town out in each direction including Sutton, Grafton, Auburn and Worcester

A 48 hour notice is required for scheduling rides (business days)

Rides are free until January 1st

For more information or to schedule transportation call the center at

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BLACKSTONE

\$375,000, 243 Lincoln St, Jolicoeur, Gary, to On The Flip Side LLC.

DOUGLAS

\$800,000, 99 Webster St, Pollinger, Christina M, and Pollinger, Joshua J, to Steele Jr, James A, and Hampton-Steele, Melissa.

\$506,000, 6 Arch St, George FT, and George, Thomas L, to Hill, Gretchen.

\$430,000, 12 Depot St, 3 BS T, and Keminich, Bonnie J, to Mckenna, Bryan, and Decristofaro, Anna.

\$400,000, 80 West St, Cammuso, George, and Cammuso, Pamela, to Oconnor, Meaghan M.

\$215,000, Legacy Cir #6, 2nd Generation Partners, to Davis Street LLC.

\$10,000, Monroe St, Tetreault, Veronica, to Davis Street LLC.

NORTHBRIDGE

\$1,711,000, Castle Hill Rd, Bernon Family Realty Assn, to Vander-Baan, Alexander J, and Vander-Baan, Alexandra P.

\$675,000, 132 Fowler Rd, Smith, Kelly J, to Medeiros, Cassandra, and Medeiros, Ruth.

\$450,000, 236 Goldthwaite Rd, Mathews, Lauren, to Torrey, Sherrie.

\$310,000, 2128 Providence Rd, Latour, Denis F, and Latour, Michael D, to Stgermain, Matthew.

\$260,000, 33 Hillside Dr, Odonnell, Anthony N, and Odonnell, Brittany, to Leonelli, Judith A, and Leonelli, Nicholas.

\$245,000, 38 Whitin Ave, Bernon Family Rlty Assoc, to Vander-Baan, Alexander J, and Vander-Baan, Alexandra P.

\$244,000, 34 Whitin Ave, Bernon Family Rlty Assoc, to Vander-Baan, Alexander J, and Vander-Baan, Alexandra P.

\$160,000, 34-36 Hope St, Degmar Realty LLC, to EB RT, and Elkinson, David.

\$100,000, Emond St #2, Wante, Logan K, and Wante, Kristina M, to BD Homes LLC.

\$100,000, Emond St #3, Wante, Logan K, and Wante, Kristina M, to BD Homes LLC.

\$965,000, 21 Murphys Way, Pizarro, Sean, to Pollinger, Christina, and Pollinger, Joshua.

\$510,000, 140 Crownshield Ave #140, Akkoyunlu, Tarik, to Johnson, Daniel M, and Johnson, Laura A.

\$500,000, 310 Millville Rd, Caswell, Donna L, and Caswell, Miles L, to Haganey, Melissa A, and Lafond, Mitchell J.

\$494,990, 96 Crownshield Ave #96, AutumnRidge Condo LLC, to Manzotti, Antonio G, and Campagnone, Jordan N.

\$390,000, 26 Marywood St, Evers, Hillary J, to Linnane, Molly V, and Linnane Jr, James P.

\$344,000, 10 Gentry Ln #10, Deletti, Aaron N, and Deletti, Priscilla, to Manning, Mark E, and Gilfoyle, Mary A.

\$40,000, Waterman Way, Butler, Julie M, and Butler, Vernon J, to Pallotta, Kevin, and Pallotta, Lauren.

UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

36 South Main St.

Lisa Bernard – Director
Gail Boutiette – Outreach Coordinator
Donna Oncay – Transportation Coordinator
Omer Boucher – Van Driver
Sally Selvidge – Activities Coordinator
Pat Ordway – Chef

Directors News

Save The Date! Friday, September 16th BBQ sponsored by State Rep. Mike Soter. This outdoor-tented luncheon will include a lobster roll, chowder and a surprise ice cream dessert. Tim Brooks will provide the entertainment! RSVP is required; sign up early because this event will fill up fast!

Beginning July 16, 2022, dialing “988” will route calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. In 2020, Congress designated 988 as a new three-digit dialing, texting, and chat code for direct connection to support for anyone experiencing substance use issues, a suicidal crisis, or mental health-related distress. When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen to callers, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources as necessary.

Tri-Valley now has Behavioral Health Services available. Tri-Valley professionals are available to provide assessment and evaluation regarding behavioral/mental health needs as well as other personal needs of the older adult in addition to clinical triage and support. Contact Tri-Valley at 508-949-6640 or call the senior center for more info.

Thanks,
Lisa

Upcoming Flu Clinic at the Uxbridge Senior Center – October 18th from 9 am – 12 pm. Call the senior center to sign up. Thank you to Hannaford’s Pharmacy for helping us keep our seniors safe!

Thursday, September 1st – 10:30 am – 11:30 am – Veterans’ Services with Carl Bradshaw by appointment only. Call 508-278-8622 to sign up.

Friday, September 2nd – 12:00 pm – Lunch & Learn with Chief Montminy ~ His guest speaker will be Donna Hardy, Assessor’s Administrative Assistant. She will talk about Veteran & Senior Applications for Statutory Exemptions. Please call ahead to reserve your lunch.

Monday, September 5th – The Senior Center will be closed in observance of Labor Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Thursdays, Sept 8th & 29th – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm – “PopUp Library”. Books will be on display to check out, library card sign-ups, book hold pick-ups, etc. This program being offered by the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

Thursday, September 8th – 1:30 pm – Rock Flower Craft with Sally. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Please call ahead or stop in to sign up.

Tuesday, September 13th – 1:00 pm – Uxbridge Library Book Club. They will be reading The Sweeny Sisters by Lian Dolan. You are welcome to join us for lunch on this day. Please remember to RSVP.

Tuesday, September 13th – 1:00 pm – Benefit Enrollment Specialist – Tri-Valley, Inc. Call the senior center to book an appointment with Katelynn Wackell. Next date will be Oct. 11th.

Thursday, September 15th – Trip to

American Heritage Museum in Hudson with Sally! Admission: \$20 each & Veterans cost will be \$18.00 per person. Lunch at Wendy’s after visit. Call ahead to sign up or stop in. Seating is limited on van and pick up starts at 9:00 am. Be sure to bring extra money for lunch!

Friday, September 16th – 12 noon – BBQ Sponsored by State Rep. Mike Soter! This outdoor-tented luncheon will include a lobster roll, chowder and a surprise ice cream dessert. Tim Brooks – The Crooner at Large will provide the entertainment. RSVP is required; sign up early!

Monday, September 19th – 12 Noon Shotgun Start - 16th Annual Elderly Connection Golf Outing will take place at the Whitinsville Golf Course. Please consider contributing to this event. The Elderly Connection is our fundraising arm of the senior center and helps support services, programs and additional items that are not in our municipal budget. Thank you to all! The senior center will be closed this day as there will not be any lunch served. Buffet dinner is available at the golf course for \$30 per person. Please RSVP by September 2nd.

Wednesday, September 21st – Movie Trip to Blackstone Valley 14 Cinema De Lux with lunch at Wendy’s. Senior movie ticket price: \$7.75 and popcorn & soda \$4.50 – Movie & Time TBA and space on van is limited.

Thursday, September 22nd – 11:30 am - Lunch Outing to the new Beef Barn in N. Smithfield, RI. There will not be lunch at the center. Sign up early to reserve your seat! Cost will be \$15 per person with these meal choices: roast beef sandwich, grilled chicken sandwich, hamburger or cheeseburg-

er. Meals include fries, soda or coffee & piece of either apple, blueberry or Boston cream pie.

Monday, September 26th - 1:30 pm – “Ask the Attorney” with Attorney Ralph Tepper by appointment only. Please Call 508-278-8622 to schedule your appointment at the Uxbridge Senior center.

Tuesday, September 27th – 9:00 am – SHINE Appointments available for health insurance questions with Pat Nectow. Please call 508-278-8622 to schedule.

Tuesday, September 27th – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Ask the Nurse Free Blood Pressure Clinic with Celeste Kopech, Salmon Health VNA. RSVP to participate and to join us for lunch.

Thursday, September 29th – 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm – Make Up Zumba Class with Amy at the McCloskey School.

Card Game played on Monday and BINGO on Wednesday during our congregate lunches.

Computer Class Tutoring every Monday – 3:00 pm by appointment only. Please call ahead to sign up.

Hannaford grocery shopping every Tuesday. Pick up begins at 8:30 AM. Please sign up in advance by calling us at 508-278-8622 to reserve your seat on the van.

Knitting Club every Tuesday @ 1:30 pm – Come join the fun!

Every Wednesday @ *10:00 am – Sally’s Walking Club. This is weather permitting. Meeting spot is the

Blackstone Valley Greenway located on Adams Street in S. Uxbridge. This is incorporated with The Walk Mass Challenge! *No Walking Club on Sept. 21st.

1st and 3rd Wednesday – September 7th & 21st @ 10:00 am – Bank & Pharmacy Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance.

Every Wednesday - “Canasta” Hand, Knee & Foot Card Game – 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Please call to sign up and join in on the fun!

2nd and 4th Thursdays – September 8th & 22nd – 8:30 am - Shaws/Ocean State Shopping Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance.

Medical Transportation is accepting appointments. Call 508-278-8622 to schedule your rides.

The senior center is in need of the following donations: Newly packaged napkins, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, ground regular & decaf coffee. We thank you for your support!

Feel free to contact us at 508-278-8622 or visit us on our web page at Uxbridge-ma.gov/coa or like us on our FB page or by googling Uxbridge Senior Center and our new YouTube Channel or even dropping by.

- <https://www.Facebook.com/UxbridgeMASeniorCenter>
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNh_RIq99rucmFH-UO7VFBw
- <https://www.uxbridgetv.org/schedule/192>

DOUGLAS ADULT SOCIAL CENTER

331 Main St.
(508) 476-2283
Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-noon

DAILY ACTIVITIES:
Monday: Painting class 10am to 12:30pm, Balance & Strength Exercise 10am, Mat yoga 2 pm
Tuesday: Cribbage 9:30am, Zumba 9:30am, Bingo 12:00 pm, Technology Class 1pm, Jenga or Connect4 2pm
Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10am, MahJong 1pm
Thursday: Chair Yoga 9:30am, WII Games 11am, Hand and Foot card game 1 pm
Friday: Balance & Strength 10am

AUGUST EVENTS:
Good Energy will be here Wednesday August 24 at 11:30. They will be discussing the cost of elec-

tricity and how changing your supplier could save you money. This event is one you won’t want to miss out on! You do not need to be a Douglas resident. Bring your most recent electric bill for a comprehensive audit. Refreshments will be served. RSVP before 8/17

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:
The center will be closed on the 5th in observance of Labor Day.

Shyr! Faye is doing a presentation on Ruth Bader Ginsburg on September 13th @ 12 pm. Appetizers will be served, you may call the center to sign up. This event is sponsored by our local Cultural Council.

Bemis Nursery is back and doing Orb Planting, September 14th @ 11 am. Refreshments will be available. The cost for this event is \$10.00, you can sign up and pay at the center. RSVP

before 9/6

Resinate Cannabis will be here September 20th @ 11:30. They will be speaking about medical cannabis and its benefits. Taco Bar lunch is available for \$4.00 per person. RSVP before 9/14

Memorial Pancake Breakfast in honor of David Cortese is on September 27th @ 10:30 am.
RSVP before 9/20

Hannaford’s Market is here on September 29th @ 11:30 for a cooking presentation and a discussion on easy, in expensive meals for one person. Samples will be distributed. RSVP before 9/20

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

CAR SHOW

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P.O. Box 455, North Uxbridge, MA 01538. Be sure to include pertinent information like name, phone number, vehicle make/model.

Anticipating a large number of competitors, judges will choose the top 24, in addition to a Best in Show singled out. Spectators will choose their favorite indicating The People’s Choice Award. The 2021 Best in Show was awarded to Bob Lee from Millbury’s 1965 Shelby Cobra. The People’s Choice award honored Jeff Richard’s 1970 Ford Mustang. A new record for the Lions Car Show was set at 110 participants making it a great success at the Valley Chapel venue.

Local businesses and organizations

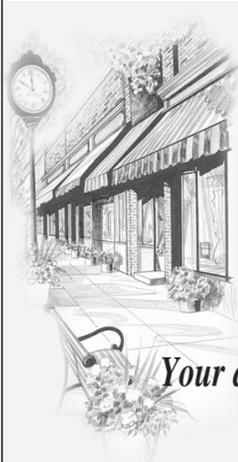
can support Lions Club charities and local projects by being Bronze \$25, Silver \$50, Gold \$100, and Platinum \$200 sponsors. An area displaying supporting businesses and/or products will be prominently located and on-air advertising announcements will occur ranging from 1 to 15 depending on sponsorship level. Checks may be sent to the Lions Club post office box or contact President Diane Seely at dmseely@hotmail.com.

Spectators can expect a lively and entertaining atmosphere with music, picnic fare, the Sweet Wise Ice Cream Truck, fresh popcorn, and cold soda and more while roaming the aisles of amazing vehicles proudly displayed by knowledgeable owners. The rain date for the Lions Car Show is Saturday, Oct. 22.

The Uxbridge Lions Club is a member

of Lions International which is the largest service organization in the world with clubs in 205 countries with more than 1.4 million members. Locally, the Uxbridge Lions support many organizations including school programs, student scholarships, First Night, Uniquely Uxbridge, Uxbridge Senior Center, the Food Pantry, Uxbridge Little League and Girls’ Softball and Flag Football. Recently, it took over the Beautify Uxbridge Project. While the club donates to Lions International charities, its focus remains with local needs.

President Diane Seely is excited about the Fourth Annual Lions Club Car Show, noting, “The community has been very supportive and the cars and their owners are such fun for us all. I hope people come and bring their kids to see these amazing vehicles.”



Community Connection

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September 2022 Programs

FALL BOOK & BAKE SALE - SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

This year's Friends of the Library Fall Book & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 9am-1pm. The Friends will start accepting donations on September 6th. Donations, including books and DVDs, may be dropped off at the Library in the back entryway to the Children's Room.

CANNING, FREEZING, & DEHYDRATING - GARDENING PROGRAM

Got way too much production from your garden this year? No problem! On Monday, September 15 at 6:30pm, join us for a presentation from Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens about the easiest and best ways to preserve your food to last a year or more. Blackstone Valley Veggie Gardens offers lectures on a variety of gardening topics throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Registration is required for this Board of Library Trustees-sponsored program.

NEW MICROFILM SCANNER

Did you know that the Library maintains a microfilm collection of local newspapers, featuring publications from as far back as 1868? Thanks to a generous donation and the support of the Board of Library Trustees, we are excited to offer a new microfilm scanner that makes this collection more accessible to library patrons. These newspaper microfilms offer a fascinating glimpse of Uxbridge in the past, and by scanning articles to a USB or email, you can continue your research from home.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Register now:

- Gentle Flow Yoga - Mondays, September 12, 19, and 26 at 7pm and Thursday, September 1 at 7am
- Mindfulness Meditation - September 8 and 22 at 6pm
- PopUp Library at the Senior Center - September 8 and 29 at 11:30am
- Canning, Freezing, and Dehydrating - September 15 at 6:30pm
- Cardmaking Hands-On Workshop - September 22 at 6:15pm
- Book-a-Librarian - Need help downloading e-books and using other library digital resources? Contact the library to book a 30-minute appointment with a librarian for hands-on tech assistance. Wednesdays from 2:30pm-4pm.

Join a Book Club:

- Uxbridge Senior Center Book Club - The Sweeney Sisters by Lian Dolan, September 13 at 1pm
- Historical Fiction Book Club - Boone by Karen Joy Fowler, September 20 at 3:30pm
- Bookies Book Club - Take My Hand by Dolen Perkins-Valdez, September 26 at 6:30pm

YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

Register now:

- Teen Book-In-A-Bag (ages 13+) - Pick up your book-in-a-bag between September 1-15
- Little Lotus Yoga (ages 6+) - September 12, 19, and 26 at 4pm
- Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins (all ages) - September 8 and 22 at 11am
- Yarn Letters Craft Program (ages 8+) - September 7 at 3:30pm
- Teen Movie Night - September 15 at 5:30pm
- Making n' Baking Virtual Mug Meal (ages 8+) - September 15 at 6pm
- Family Candy Bar Bingo (ages 8+) - September 17 at 3:30pm
- Sea Glass Windchimes (ages 8+) - September 21st at 3:30pm
- Henna Design for Teens (ages 12-19) - September 22 at 6pm
- Virtual Fortnite Tournament - September 26 at 6pm

- Storytimes (registration required):
- Baby Storytime (0-2 years) - Mondays at 11am
- Toddler/Preschool Storytime (2-3 years) - Wednesdays at 11am

Drop-In Programs:

- Crafty Wednesdays - Wednesday mornings and afternoons
- Lego Club - Tuesdays at 4pm
- Library Lawn Games - Saturdays from 11am-1pm
- Teen Game Night - September 1 at 6pm

Please visit the Library's website at uxbridgelibrary.org or call us at 508-278-8624 to inquire about our upcoming programs or to register to attend! Many of our programs are supported by the Uxbridge Board of Library Trustees and the Friends of the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

Douglas High School Celebration Graduation committee hosting pasta dinner

DOUGLAS — On Friday, Sept. 23, the DHS celebration graduation committee will host pasta dinner fundraiser at Douglas High School, 33 Davis St. in Douglas. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. Dinner includes pasta, meatballs, sauce, salad and breadsticks donated by Olive Garden and delicious desserts.

"As a parent of seniors who were able attend over the years, it was great to know that they were attending such a safe event while making lifelong memories. It is an incredible peace of mind," states Det. Sgt. Aaron McLaughlin from the Douglas Police department.

Currently, the DHS celebration graduation committee needs to raise over \$20,000 in funds to make this a successful event. All proceeds from the pasta dinner will benefit the Douglas High School Senior all night celebration.

The cost of the dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 children under 12 years old. CASH tickets sold at the door.

About DHS Celebration Graduation
DHS Celebration Graduation is an all volunteer 501(c) (3). On the night of graduation, the graduating class attend an all inclusive, up all night event at PINZ, at no cost to them. Buses will be provided to take them to and from the event which keeps them off the roads and in a safe environment, while allowing them to celebrate their accomplishment with all of their friends. The night is filled with food, fun, entertainment and surprises for each student. This event is completely paid for by our corporate sponsors, parents/guardians, and the community.



PEOPLE FACT!

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ANSWER: PLAY

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Vacation
SPANISH: Vacaciones
ITALIAN: Vacanza
FRENCH: Vacances
GERMAN: Urlaub

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to traffic. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 10 = A)

A. 11 10 22 21
Clue: Automobiles

B. 13 19 8 19 21 15 22 9 10 5 21
Clue: Persons walking

C. 21 10 7 19 15 12
Clue: Condition of being protected

D. 22 3 10 8 17 10 12 21
Clue: Places to drive

Answers: A. cars B. pedestrians C. safety D. roadways

Open Sky Community Services to host Health Fair at Alternatives Within Mill

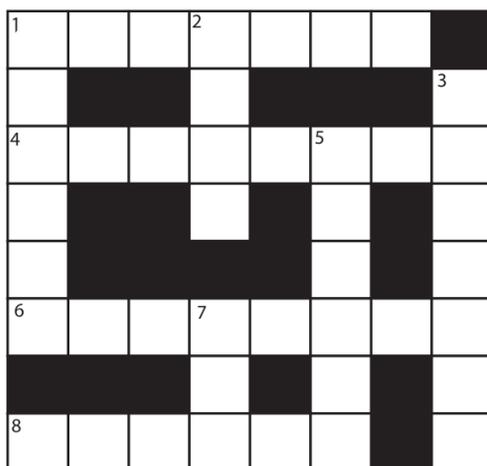
WHITINSVILLE — Open Sky Community Services invites the community to a free Health Fair at the Whitin Mill, 50 Douglas Rd. in Whitinsville on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. The fair will feature a variety of free exercise classes including classes from Brave Yoga, Beatz Dance Studio and Tai Chi with Ron Allen. There will be exhibitors representing different areas of health and wellness including Nutritionist Michelle Mix from Hannaford, students from the Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical High School Health Services shop, Special Olympics Massachusetts and many more! In addition, there will be a Chili Cook Off and healthy snacks.

This free event is open to anyone in the community and is a great opportunity for school groups, families, and senior citizens. We are still accepting vendors for the health fair. If interested, please contact Shannon Gwinn at (774) 922-7577 or Shannon.gwinn@openskycs.org.

About Open Sky Community Services

Open Sky Community Services, Inc. offers a wide range of services for adults, adolescents, and children experiencing mental health challenges, developmental and intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, brain injury, homelessness and other complex challenges throughout Central Massachusetts. Open Sky, which was formed in 2018 through the affiliation of Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. and The Bridge of Central Massachusetts, has over 1,200 dedicated employees and an annual budget of \$90M with more than 100 programs throughout the region. For more information, please visit www.openskycs.org.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Water hobby
- 4. Type of flowering tree
- 6. National park
- 8. Takes pleasure in

DOWN

- 1. Related to one another
- 2. Seek out
- 3. Comes together
- 5. Women
- 7. Sense of self-importance

Answers:
Across: 1. Fishing 4. Magnolia 6. Yosemite 8. Enjoys
Down: 1. Family 2. Hunt 3. Gathers 5. Ladies 7. Ego

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1858: CHARLES DARWIN PUBLISHES HIS THEORY OF EVOLUTION THROUGH NATURAL SELECTION.
- 1914: BRUSSELS IS CAPTURED DURING THE GERMAN INVASION OF BELGIUM DURING WORLD WAR I.
- 2020: JOE BIDEN ACCEPTS THE 2020 DEMOCRATIC PARTY NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT VIA A VIRTUAL SPEECH.



BOND

a relationship based on shared feelings or experiences



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: PERSON RIDING A COASTER

SUDOKU

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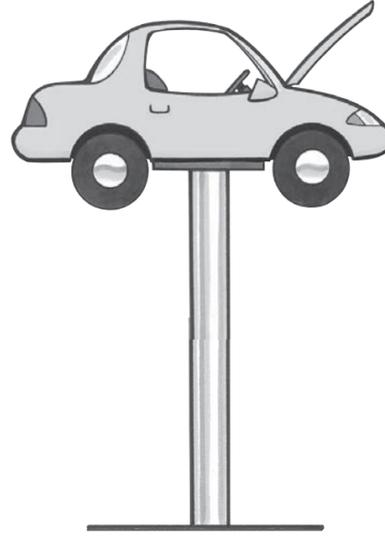
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EDITORIAL

Still “Hopelessly Devoted”

There was more sad news this past week, when we learned that Olivia Newton-John passed away at the age of 73 from breast cancer. Her husband, John Easterling, told reporters that she passed peacefully in her California ranch.

Newton-John, born in Cambridge, England, rose to fame after getting her start as a country singer, and appeared in many commercials. When she was just five years old, her family moved to Australia. A few years later, Newton-John won her first talent contest. At the age of 15, she formed an all girl band with her friend Pat Carroll, called Pat and Olivia.

Her big break, however, was when she landed the role as Sandy in the movie “Grease” in 1978, starring along side John Travolta. Newton-John was 27, yet easily passed for a 17 year old high school student!

In prior interviews, Travolta noted that their chemistry was indisputable.

Newton-John herself said, “When we walked inside the room together, it was magic, everyone saw it.”

Years later, Newton-John said of Travolta, “I had a great love and support from him and the feeling was mutual. We were attracted to each other however we never would date because we were both involved with other people at the time and both of us have a loyalty streak that runs deep.”

Other unforgettable roles include the cult classic “Xanadu,” a 1980 musical starring Newton-John, Gene Kelly and Michael Beck. The title Xanadu is the name of the nightclub highlighted in the film. One of our reporters, on hearing of Newton-John’s death said, “We must go buy roller skates, stat.” The disco themed film is now a cult classic.

Her father was a World War II veteran with British Military intelligence, and a professor of German literature. Her mother Irene’s father was a physicist who won a Nobel Prize. Newton-John was the first in her family to be involved in theatre and entertainment.

In 1981, her hit “Physical” became the number one single of the decade. She has sold over 100 million records.

After three decades of battling cancer, Newton-John funded research for plant based medicine and created the Olivia Newton-John Foundation Fund.

From her indelible film performances to the soothing vocals on her numerous albums, we salute the spirit of this singular artist, and will always remain “Hopelessly Devoted” to her.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I hope you ‘like’ my letter

To the Editor:

I am writing to alert everyone to a new pandemic that is amongst us. No, it’s not Covid or one of its many variants. No, it’s not Monkeypox, or any other medical condition, as a matter of fact. What is the pandemic that has silently permeated our lives over the last few years? Are you ready? It’s the “like virus.” This insidious disease affects the old and the young. It unfortunately strikes at all levels of education. Years ago, it was confined to a social group known as the Valley girls. How it has transitioned to the general population is unknown.

According to Webster, “Like” is an extremely versatile word. It can be used as a noun, a verb, an adjective, an adverb and a conjunction! But I don’t think Webster expected it to be used the way those afflicted by the virus are using it.

When I, like, found this out, I was, like, astounded. I, like, hear this word, like, all day long, and I have like come to not like it! It, like, makes intelli-

gent people, like, sound stupid. It, like, makes your conversations sound, like, lazy. People who were obviously, like, communication majors in college and are, like, now on TV or radio must be, like, making their professors, like, cringe when they hear them. I wonder if the more mature folks out there have, like, succumbed to the virus in an attempt to sound, like, younger. The young ones were, like, never corrected by like parents or teachers. My grown educated children, like, have it. My favorite sports talk shows are, like, wrought with the disease. Unfortunately, no drug companies are, like, working on a vaccine. Even Fauci hasn’t, like, spoken of it.

I would like to recommend that we all become conscious of the proper use of the word “like,” as I have done in this sentence. Let us all work together to eliminate this terrible disease. This is something that I would like very much!

GERRY LAFOND
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Gudanowski does her homework

To the Editor:

I just want to say that we really enjoy all of Bev Gudanowski’s letters! I have learned a lot just reading these letters all of these months. We see some totally disagree with her, but we say she’s spot

on and hope she continues to write and educate so many of us in these current events! You certainly do your homework, Bev! Hope to meet you some day.

PHYLLIS KUIK
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The rest of the story....

To the Editor:

That was the tagline of famous Chicago radio host Paul Harvey, back in the day. He would use it as forerunner to exposing the truth behind a purposely ambiguous or misleading statement. I never thought that I’d be channeling Paul Harvey, but here we go again. The rest of the story:

The Energy Policy Act that provided Solyndra with funding was actually passed during the Bush administration, not during Obama’s. It authorized some \$15 billion for loans to wind and solar energy projects. Thank you George Bush. In 2009, Solyndra received, from the U.S. Department of Energy, the 1st loan issued under this act, a \$535 million loan guarantee. In addition to the Energy Act loan, Solyndra raised another \$1.4 billion privately, more than double the amount of the government loan. At that time, as a result of the on-going financial crisis, millions of American workers had lost their jobs. The Obama administration, by pouring billions of dollars into rapidly ascending technologies, hoped to revitalize the job market and spur new economic growth. Solyndra ultimately failed, as many startups do, because, in part: its cost substantially exceeded its revenue; it experienced heightened market competition from the Chinese, who started selling solar panels at 50 percent less; and there were internal leadership struggles and poor management decisions. Bev says the company never produced any energy, but Solyndra sold \$106 million in solar panels, installed on about 1000 rooftops, and generated 300 megawatts of energy. The good news is that Bev is rounding way down for a change, instead of way up. But this is not about the success or failure of a single company, it’s about the Obama administration, taking the first active measures to combat climate change. Bev says: “Obama’s Green Plan produced virtually no real gain...” The rest of the story:

“Despite the blockbuster failure (of Solyndra), the government’s loan program actually turned out to be a success. By November 2014, the program had allocated \$32.4 billion to dozens of projects. At that point, \$3.5 billion had already been returned while the government garnered an additional \$810 million in interest payments. Furthermore, the program did end up supporting the creation of some meaningful businesses. The most notable example became Tesla Motors, founded by Elon Musk, which managed to repay its loan within three years.”

The important fact is that, through this program, solar energy conversion technology was developed and proven viable. If Bev would come out of her mother’s basement more often, perhaps she would notice all the local homes with installed rooftop solar panels. Thank you, Barack Obama. Bev also says Obama promised to ‘retrain Americans who lost their jobs due to his green “Not so Great” Deal. (Is this the same thing as the fore mentioned ‘Obama’s green plan’?) The rest of the story:

President Obama promised “to create 5 million ‘green’ jobs,” not ‘retrain Americans who lost their jobs...’ According to Politifact: “Back in 2012, we rated his campaign promise as ‘In the Works’, because while the promise has a 10-year window, the funding had all but

disappeared. Since then, the number of “green” jobs has increased, but it’s hard to say if it will reach 5 million.”

Note the phrase - «the funding had all but disappeared”. A president can’t authorize spending on anything. That’s the job of Congress. For all but the first 2 years of his presidency. Obama was constrained by a Republican controlled or split congress, dead set against any climate change funding.

From Bev: “Forbes Business News, on July 16, 2021 said this: “The hard truth is that renewable energy is not currently capable of handling America’s growing energy demands, and remains unlikely to do so.” Duh! Who has ever said, or believed that America, or any other country, could just flip a switch today, and be completely dependent on renewable energy? Isn’t the plan to gradually convert to renewables once infrastructure and resources are in place? And it’s only “unlikely to do so” given that one of the two parties that control our government is owned by the fossil fuel industry and will do everything in their power to restrain progress towards that goal. Again...DUH!

From Bev: “Democrats have been in office for 40 years and still haven’t saved the planet”. The rest of the story:

Biden - 2 years, Trump - 4 years, Obama - 8 years, Bush - 8 years, Clinton - 8 years, Bush - 4 years, Reagan - 8 years. That’s a total of 42 years - 18 Democrat, 24 Republican. Among her other faults, Bev isn’t real good at math. At least during the Democrat’s 18 years, they have been making some effort to save the planet.

From Bev: “Oh, and \$80 billion to double the size of the IRS. Just what taxpayers want!” The rest of the story:

The IRS funding does not double the size of the IRS. The money is to be spent over the next 10 years, and is targeted mainly for new hires to replace the normal attrition due to retirements, job changes etc. Any additional hires are to be targeting large corporations and wealthy individuals who currently pay little or no taxes. As a taxpayer, that is exactly what I want. I begrudgingly pay my taxes, because of the benefits they provide me, even if I don’t always agree with where the tax money goes. But my burden would be much relieved, if all the loopholes were closed, and everyone paid their proportional share.

From Bev: “John Kerry, the Climate Czar, refuses to release any Freedom of Information documents... Obama and Biden...blah, blah, blah.” The rest of the story:

“It’s been 299 days since climate czar John Kerry was asked to share his staff payroll.” I have no idea why Kerry would refuse to share staff payroll information. Does it have anything to do with a discussion of climate change, or is it just a juicy tidbit to stimulate one’s right-wing prejudice? As for Obama’s home on Martha’s Vineyard, maybe it doesn’t have the right exposure for solar panels? My house doesn’t. I also didn’t notice any solar panels on Mar-A-Lago, as the FBI investigates espionage charges against der Fuhrer Trump. I guess Bev just forgot to mention that. I almost hope that there is some scandal in the Kerry affair. After all, the Trump administration incurred 250 criminal indictments, the Obama

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Decisiveness

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Over the last several weeks, I’ve discussed five traits you need to develop to accomplish your dream. Today, I will write about the sixth most crucial quality. None of these necessarily have to be in a particular order. Everybody’s dream is different, and so is how you will accomplish it. Desire, Faith, Specialized Knowledge, Imagination, and Organized Planning are a requirement in whatever order. The sixth is decision.

I have read that a lack of decision is one of the most significant factors that lead to failure in accomplishing dreams. The opposite of decision is procrastination. I’ve written about procrastination before; we’ve all done it. It’s a dream killer. With so many distractions at our fingertips, putting off your dream day after day is easy until you lose all motivation and eventually convince yourself it wasn’t meant to be. Some say procrastination is the number one reason people fail to accomplish what they want.

There is much written about successful people. If you read about them, you’ll notice at least one similarity: once they’ve considered all the relevant information, they make a decision quickly, and they’re slow to change their mind. On the other end of the spectrum, people who fail are often prolonged to make decisions and change their minds frequently.

When you do make a decision, you must act! Once you decide, you will discover those around you who try to convince you that it’s a bad idea, that you’re too late, or that it’s been done before. You may experience the judgment of family or friends. You could open the newspaper and read an opinion piece that makes you wonder if you should change your mind.

There are over nine billion people in the world, which means there are unlimited opinions. If you open up to your driver on the way to the airport about what you’ve decided to do, they’ll probably tell you how you’re doing it wrong or how you shouldn’t do it at all.

When you begin to feel yourself persuaded by the opinions of others, consider this: do they have the desire, faith, specialized knowledge, imagination, and organized planning that you have? If the answer is yes, then you should listen! If it isn’t, stay the course, and become hardened in your determination.

It’s good to be open-minded and hear the opinions of others but don’t act on them. Don’t be easily moved by someone who knows nothing of what you’re trying to accomplish. Stay the course, follow through, and be strong. If you’ve done the work and put in the time, why would you allow your dream to be toppled by those who don’t have the knowledge or desire you have?

Has it been done before? Maybe you’ve decided to do it differently. Perhaps you’re going to do it better. Possibly you’ll be the one to change an entire industry and how it works. The six qualities I’m writing about are so powerful that the opinions of a trillion people couldn’t prevail against just one person who carries them out diligently.

Take special care to keep quiet about what you’re doing. Don’t tell anyone except those on your team, people you’ve entrusted to help accomplish your dream, and those who have complete sympathy and agree on what you plan to do. Those are the people whose opinions you might consider. Telling anyone else will only expose you to ridicule, sarcasm, eye-rolling, jealousy, envy, and naysaying, even from those you thought were on your side.

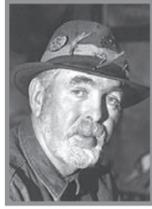
Some might say that if you do this, you’re just putting yourself into an echo chamber of people who will echo back to you what you want to hear.

Suppose you have the desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and imagination and have worked to create an organized plan. In that case, it means you’ve already considered the opinions of others and have decided to move forward anyway. You don’t need to hear their opinion anymore.

Once you’ve decided, keep your eyes fixed ahead of you, don’t look back; run the race to the end. Never give up; never give in because you have put yourself in a special class of people who have made the decision.

Sunrise on the sea

Finally, we got a break in the heat this past weekend, and the fishing was great for seabass & bluefish. This writer and Matt Fontain made a trip back to the Westport River this past Friday to try fishing for a few more seabass, and hopefully a few more bluefish, and possibly a striper. We left Uxbridge at 4:15 a.m. and arrived at Westport at 5:15 a.m., as there is very little traffic during the early morning hours. The tide was still coming in, and would continue to do so for a couple more hours, until it reached high tide. There was only one boat & trailer in the parking lot which seemed a bit odd. Because of the full moon, the tide was running a bit strong, which can produce some great fishing.



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After launching the boat, we were on our way, with the sun slowly rising in the East. I took a quick photo of the sun rising with the Westport Bridge in the background! Although the picture is black and white, I snapped the photo anyway, and included the photo in this week's column. Anyone that has seen sunrises and sunsets on the ocean, can relate as to how beautiful they can be. It is a slow ride from the ramp area to the opening of the breakwater because of all the boats that are moored along the way, with numerous signs, declaring a no wake area. As we entered the mouth of the river, Matt throttled the motor into high speed, and we were at our fishing spot in short time, as the seas were quite calm.

We were doing some bottom fishing, so there was no reason to drop the anchor. Using light rods and conventional reels loaded with 40-pound test braded line, I dropped my high low rig tipped with a small piece of squid to the bottom! The high low rig consisting of two circle no # 3 hooks, make the rig ideal for catching seabass, and other bottom feeding species like huge scaup, fluke, and an occasional bluefish or striper. That is why I love fishing on the ocean. You never know what kind of fish is going to hit your bait. As soon as my bait hit the bottom, I had a strike. The fish was immediately hooked, and was reeled to the boat. It was Just a couple of short seabass, but catching doubles of under-size seabass on light rods, is a lot of fun and a great way to get a kid hooked on fishing.

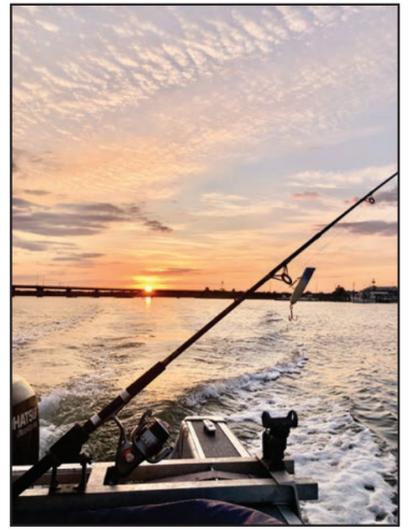
The drift was a bit fast because of the high tides, but the fish were biting. Between Matt and I, we had to catch over 100 seabass, but most were just a bit undersize. We did manage to catch a few keeper seabass, with the largest 19 inches, along with a few fluke. During our early morning fishing, we also had a school of bluefish breaking on the surface of the water. I quickly grabbed my fishing rod that already had a surface popper on the line. The first cast had a seven-pound bluefish hooked up, and the line was screaming, as it left the reels spool. Bluefish have a lot of fight, and made numer-

ous runs, before it was brought to the boat. I looked around to see what Matt was doing, as he is always ready with the net. He was standing there with his arms folded.

"Hey."
"Are you going to net my fish?"
"No."
"You put it in the paper last week that you did not like my netting capabilities."
It took a minute or two to convince him that I was only joking. He slowly picked up the net, and did a Great Job! Matt quickly grabbed his fishing rod and rigged it with a surface popper also! A huge bluefish came bursting out of the water on his first cast, and was immediately hooked up. Matt had a big smile on his face, as he battled the fish for approximately 10 minutes. Yes, I netted his fish.

The days catch of seabass, fluke, bluefish, three hammerhead sharks, scaup & sea Robbins, quickly tired out this elderly angler, and Matt was also ready to go. The fish that we retained were all placed on a bed of ice in the LiveWell immediately after catching them. Bluefish need to be placed on ice as soon as they are caught, as all our fish are. We had gone a longer distance on the water to find the fish, but it was all worth the effort.

As we approached the boat ramp, we noticed a Harbor Police boat tied up to the dock. There was a couple of anglers waiting to launch their boats so we had to wait 15 minutes or so! When our turn came, Matt quickly powered the boat to the dock, and exited the boat. He sprinted up the ramp to his parked vehicle.



Ralph True

This week's picture shows the recent sunrise at the Westport River!

One of the Harbor Patrol police were ticketing numerous vehicles, and Matt's vehicle was about ready to have a \$25 ticket placed on his vehicle, but Matt convinced him to allow us to pay the \$5 fee in the box at the ramp entrance. The way this guy was writing tickets; it was evident that very few if any had paid the \$5 fee. It is unfortunate that the ramp was paid with sportsmen's monies, and we still need to pay again!

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

An Array of Timely Harvest Tips

It's picking season and fresh garden produce takes a front row seat at the dinner table. From harvesting herbs to picking the perfect corn, read on for some tips to enhance your harvest haul!

If you're harvesting herbs from the garden this season, take note of these quick and easy tips!:

* When chopping fresh herbs such as basil and tarragon, sprinkle the leaves with a few drops of olive oil. This effectively slows the darkening of the chopped leaves.

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

*To enhance the flavor of dried herbs, simply chop up some fresh parsley with them!

** Hot Peppers are a seasonal garden favorite! Here are some hot pepper hot tips that take your tasty peppers from the garden to the table!:

*After picking hot peppers, you can dry them by stringing through the stem with sewing needle thread or fishing line. Then hang in a sunny window. Thin skinned varieties dry the best.

*To Freeze peppers, wash, dry, cut off the stem and leave the seeds in. Freeze in containers or plastic bags. They'll taste "fresh" any time you eat them.

*Here's how to make your own gourmet crushed peppers: Broil dried hot peppers until they start to darken. Let cool and crush in blender.

Sweet ears of corn on the cob are an anticipated summer treat worth waiting all year for. Read on for tips to pick and cook corn this season:

*Did you know the sugar content of garden corn is highest late in the day? In fact it's perfect to pick the ears just in time for supper.

*Want that newly picked ear of sweet corn to stay fresh longer? The key is keeping the corn cool using this tip. Pick ears either early in the morning, or late in the day and immediately husk and place the ears in an ice bath, until the ears are cooled to about 37 degrees. Then place the corn on the cob in zip-lock plastic bags in the refrigerator. They should stay fresh and sweet for up to two weeks.

*Evaluating ears of corn can be a challenge at farm stands or grocery stores as ripping down the husk to inspect corn is a definite no-no in the marketplace. To ensure a quality ear, look for bright green husks that are



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slightly moist. The silk should be slightly sticky and a pale golden color. If you press gently against the husk you should be able to feel the kernels.

* Also look for corn with lots of silk, as that means there are lots of kernels inside!

*And be sure to check out the bottom of the ear, where it was cut off the stalk. If it is brown, the ear was likely not picked that day.

*Did you know corn on the cob will lose up to 25% of its sugar content after just six hours of storage at room temperature? That is because from the moment it is picked, the sugar in the corn begins to convert to starch. To keep corn at optimum taste, keep corn chilled at about 36 degrees.

*The golden rule of corn on the cob is it should be eaten the same day it is picked. If that's not possible, keep it refrigerated and use within three days to ensure good taste.

*Never husk corn until you just ready to cook it. While stripping the husks off in the supermarket may be a tempting convenience (especially since some keep a barrel there for that purpose),

you'll lose out on flavor. Keep corn in the refrigerator with the husks intact until you can cook it. This helps to slow down the sugar to starch conversion, thus maintaining its sweetness longer.

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.

Design a bird-friendly landscape

Temperature extremes, drought and storms take a toll on our landscapes. Sometimes a bit of pruning, proper care and patience is all that is needed to help plants recover. Other times, plants need replacing. It is always sad to lose a favorite plant. The memories, time and money invested are lost, but it presents an opportunity to grow something new.

Consider creating a bird-friendly landscape when selecting replacements for failing and dead plants. Working with nature is a great way to support birds without the use of feeders.

Look for seed, berry and nectar producing plants that attract songbirds. You will enjoy the color and motion these birds add to your landscape. Plus, 96 percent of terrestrial North American birds feed upon insects, helping you manage garden pests.



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flowers whenever they are suited to the growing conditions in your yard. Native plants, birds and insects have co-evolved over time, making them a great source of food and shelter for native birds. Audubon's Native Plant Database provides lists of plants suited to your location.

Consider plants with year-round appeal. Evergreens provide screening and a backdrop for other plants and shelter for the birds. Junipers come in a variety of sizes and shapes and tolerate hot dry conditions once established. Choose hemlocks for those shadier locations. They require moist well-drained soil and shelter from winter wind and sun.

Deciduous trees and shrubs – those that lose their leaves in winter – can provide multiple seasons of beauty with flowers, fruit, fall color and interesting bark. Many of these also provide shelter and food for songbirds. Serviceberries have multiple seasons of beauty and produce edible fruit you and the birds will enjoy in June. Dogwoods, including red twig and pagoda, have flowers for pollinators and late summer fruit for the songbirds. Winterberry is an excellent source of winter food. You will need at least one male for every one to five female plants for pollination and fruit to form. Grow these in full sun to light shade and moist acidic soil.

Reduce the risk of injury and the inconvenience of accidentally knocking out power, cable or other utilities while making bird-friendly additions to the



Melinda Myers

Evergreens, like this yew, provide year-round appeal and shelter for birds.

landscape. Contact Diggers Hotline at least three business days before you get started planting. Just call 811 or file a request online at <https://call811.com/811-In-Your-State>. They will contact all the appropriate companies who

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admin had zero, and so far, Biden has 0. So we need to spice things up a bit, don't you agree, Bev? We want to be part of the mob.

As I've asked before, I hope you have noticed the pattern here - Uxbridge Aesop posts something completely false or misleading, and I have to provide the rest of the story. It's a game that I am tired of. If you enjoy having your intelligence insulted, or being gaslighted, by all means, keep reading her fables. Maybe even read them for laughs! She has an agenda, and doesn't let facts get in the way of promoting it. I'm appalled at how brazen and unrelenting it is. Maybe she has no grandchild-

will mark the location of their underground utilities in the designated work area. August 11 has been declared 811 Day to remind everyone to call 811 prior to any digging project.

Your efforts now to welcome birds into your landscape are sure to provide much beauty and enjoyment for years to come.

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 her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

dren that she fears will inherit an uninhabitable planet. Or she just doesn't care. Just recognize that in today's media-driven world, it's a daunting task to become and remain an informed, and knowledgeable citizen, without which American democracy will fail. You can have your opinion about climate change and its causes, but your opinion is worthless if not based on facts. So be diligent in your search for, and source for truth.

I've enjoyed the challenge of putting my ideas down on paper, after years of writing only my signature on checks. I am thankful for the letters, phone calls and Facebook messages thanking me for responding. Now I leave it up to you.

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QCC receives close to \$500,000 for nursing labs

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) was recently awarded \$499,815 in Skills Capital Grant funding, which will be used to update three nursing labs at its Healthcare and Workforce Development Center, located in downtown Worcester. The labs enable nursing students to have hands-on training on the most state-of-the-art equipment, which is crucial in preparing them for a career in the field of nursing.

“QCC’s nursing programs have always provided nursing students with the most current, up-to-date equipment and training to ensure students are ready to immediately enter the workforce,”

said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. “QCC is one of the largest providers of nurse education and practical nursing in Massachusetts and staying up-to-date with technology is vital

in continuing to supply the Commonwealth with skilled healthcare workers.”

The Skills Capital Grant will not only fund equipment for the nurse education lab, but also the simulation lab and practical nursing lab, where students prepare for an Associate Degree in Nursing or a Practical Nursing Certificate.

“Technology in nursing is constantly changing and advancing, which allows nurses to improve efficiency, communicate effectively, and most importantly provide safer care. This grant will allow our nursing students to train on the newest equipment and most current technology, similar to what is being used in acute, critical, and long-term care settings. The equipment funded by the Skills Capital Grant will better prepare students to enter the nursing workforce,” said Dean of the School of

Healthcare Pat Schmoel.

QCC will use the grant to supply the nursing labs with simulation manikins that allow students to apply the skills they’ve learned in a controlled environment. These highly life-like manikins come in models to represent infants, four- to seven-year-olds and adults. Students can check vital signs, assess symptoms, and practice procedures such as tracheotomies. The grant will also cover a Pyxis medication dispensing system, hospital beds, patient lifts and an Electrocardiogram (EKG) machine.

The Baker-Polito Administration’s Skills Capital Grant program has been funding career education technology since 2015. The latest round included \$22 million given to 70 educational institutions.

Milford Regional Physician Group hosting Walk-In Wednesdays

MILFORD — Looking for a career in healthcare? We’re hiring! Stop by to speak with our HR team about the amazing opportunities available at MRPG.

When: Wednesday, Aug. 24 & 31
Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location: 9 Industrial Rd., Suite 5, Milford

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Text: 774-737-3412
Visit: www.milfordregionalphysicians.org/careers

Milford Regional Physician Group, (MRPG) Inc. was established in 1992 and is one of the largest physician practice groups in the MetroWest and Blackstone Valley Region. MRPG, along with Milford Regional Medical Center, forms the Milford Regional Healthcare System, and consists of 43 primary care and specialty practice sites, including over 130 physicians, 82 advanced practitioners, and 630 total staff. The group is principally comprised of primary care providers, including: internal medi-

cine, pediatrics, med-peds, family medicine, and adolescent medicine. MRPG specialties include: breast surgery; cardiology; diabetes education; ear, nose and throat surgery; endocrinology; infectious disease; hospital medicine; neurology; obstetrics and gynecology; orthopedics; pulmonology; rheumatology; sleep medicine; sports medicine; urogynecology; urgent care; and urology.

A member of the Milford Regional Healthcare System and an affiliate of MassGeneral Brigham Community Physicians Organization (MGBPO), our offices are located throughout Bellingham, Franklin, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Medway, Mendon, Milford, Northbridge and Upton, with our corporate headquarters located in Milford, Massachusetts. Our employees enjoy the opportunity to live and work within their own community, providing a much more personal touch.

For more information about MRPG’s services, practices and physicians, visit www.milfordregionalphysicians.org, follow us on Facebook @MilfordRegionalPhysicianGroup, or call our New Patient Liaison at 1-833-GET-MRPG (438-6774).

VCC Harvest Festival returns to Northbridge Common Sept. 24

NORTHBRIDGE — Come join us at the Fair! The 2022 Harvest Festival, sponsored by the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the Northbridge Town Common. (The rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 25 from noon until 4 p.m.).

A 14 year tradition on the Northbridge Park common across from Village Congregational Church on 5 Church St. Whitinsville, MA. brings our community a full day of arts, crafts, farmers market, food court, entertainment, children’s activities, face painting, music, a huge variety of raffle prizes, a tag sale at church and a very special quilt raffle! The handmade, queen size quilt (91 by 91 inches) was designed, appliqued, quilted and donated by church member, Denise Lemoine. Tickets for this beautiful quilt can be purchased in advance online at Go.rallyup.com/2022vccquiltaffle or the day of the festival.

All proceeds from the festival and quilt raffle benefit our wider missions:
* Thanksgiving & Easter food baskets for families in need. * Crop Hunger Walk
* NAC Food Pantry and Peace of Bread Mission
* School supply drive for local students
* Donations to local service agencies
* Blackstone Valley Emergency Warming Centers

Treat yourself to a wonderful Fall day at the VCC Harvest Festival, a unique slice of life and family fun in a historical New England town.

Douglas holds Open Space and Recreation Plan public forums photo contest

DOUGLAS — The Douglas Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee will host a two-part public forum to give the public a chance to listen to an overview of the plan, review survey results and discuss the plan’s draft goals. Danielle Marini of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission will lead the presentations.

The first forum will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Center at 29 Depot St. The public is urged to attend in person or to participate virtually via this Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85718859392> with Meeting ID: 857 1885 9392. To dial in call 1-646-876-9923.

Part Two of the public forum will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27. Folks are encouraged to swing by the Old Douglas Town Common anytime between 10 a.m. and noon to share their suggestions and vision for the future of open space and recreation in Douglas. Refreshments provided!

As part of the presentations the public is asked to submit photos of their favorite Douglas open space and recreation images to dmarini@cmrpc.org. All submitted photos will be included in the Open Space and Recreation Plan. At the workshops attendees will vote for favorite photos, and the winner will be selected for the cover of the plan! To be considered in the contest, please submit all photos by Friday, Aug. 12. If possible, please provide high-resolution photos.

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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 Linda D. Blair to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Ditech Financial LLC, dated December 22, 2017 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58275, Page 380 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Ditech Financial LLC to LoanCare, LLC, recorded on November 16, 2021, in Book No. 66544, at Page 143 for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 4:00 PM on September 2, 2022, on the mortgaged premises located at 553 Sutton Street, Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
Land situated in the Town of Northbridge in the County of Worcester in the State of MA

A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON AND ALL THE PRIVILEGE AND APPURTENANCES THERETO BELONGING, SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE, IN SAID WORCESTER COUNTY, ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF SUTTON STREET, THE ROAD LEADING FROM THE VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE, SO-CALLED, IN THE TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE TO THE TOWN OF SUTTON, IN SAID WORCESTER COUNTY, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER THEREOF AT A CORNER OF A WALL ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF SAID SUTTON STREET AND AT LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF ONE ADAMS; THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION BY SAID ADAMS LAND, TWO HUNDRED (200) FEET TO A POINT; THENCE AT A RIGHT ANGLE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION, ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN (115) FEET TO A POINT; THENCE AT A RIGHT ANGLE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION IN A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE FIRST COURSE ABOVE MENTIONED, TWO HUNDRED (200) FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SUTTON STREET;

THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION BY SAID SUTTON STREET, ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN (115), MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF THE BEGINNING.

For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18550, Page 365.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

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

LOANCARE, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

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August 5, 2022
August 12, 2022
August 19, 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. WO22P1479EA

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Elaine V Ballou

Date of Death: 03/11/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Kenneth Ballou of Douglas MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that

Kenneth Ballou of Douglas 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 09/06/2022**. 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: August 11, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
August 19, 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. WO22C0347CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Devon Ronald Zayas

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Devon Ronald Zayas of Whitinsville MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Dameon Ronald Zayas

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 09/06/2022. 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: August 04, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

August 19, 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. WO22C0373CA

CITATION ON PETITION TO

CHANGE NAME

In the matter of:

Sammie Lee Foster, Jr.

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Sammie Lee Foster, Jr. of Northbridge MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Sammie Foster, Jr.

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 09/13/2022. 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: August 08, 2022

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DUDLEY – 5 Elizabeth St! 6+ Rm Ranch! Featuring Frp'd Liv Rm w/Recessed Lighting & Guest Closet! Eat-in Kit w/Tile Flr! 3 Bdrms w/Hrwd Flrs, 2 w/Ceiling Fans & Dble Closets! Hall Bath w/Tile Floor! Finished Lower Level! 2bd25' Frp'd Fam Rm w/Recessed Lighting & 2nd Bthrm w/Shower! Possible Kitchenette or Office! Laundry & Utility Rm! Wired for a Generator! Economical Gas Heat & Hot Water! 3 Season Porch! Garage! **\$364,900.00**



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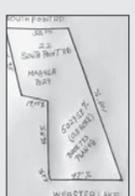
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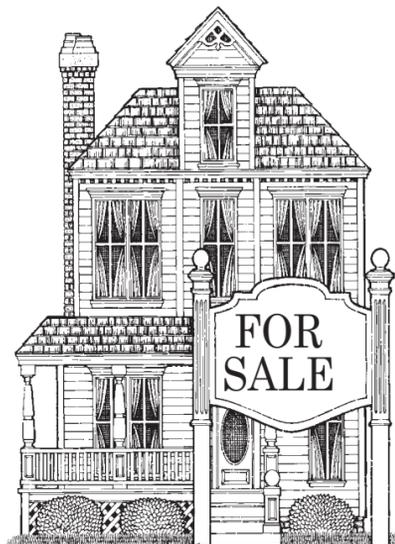
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SPORTS

Worcester South tames shorthanded Tantasqua, then wins Auburn Summer League championship



BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — What a difference five days makes.

The semifinal and final rounds of the Auburn Recreation and Culture Girls' Summer Basketball League were scheduled to be played on Thursday, Aug. 4. An off-the-charts heat index — coupled with National Grid's notification to summer league director Kristen Pappas that, because of the high heat index, power to Auburn High School, site of the games, would be lowered to the point that the air conditioning units at the building would not be able to be turned on — moved the games to Tuesday, Aug. 9.

That rescheduling had a dramatic affect on the seventh-seeded Tantasqua Regional team which, if its semifinal round game with top-seeded and undefeated South High of Worcester had been played on Aug. 4, would have had 15 of its 17 players in attendance.

So, instead of battling the Colonels

with an experienced nucleus of players that would have included rising senior Hannah Johnson, rising juniors Nicole Vejack and Elizabeth Thompson, and rising sophomore Maggie Johnson, the Warriors showed up with a seven-player roster that included a rising junior, three rising sophomores and three incoming freshmen.

Tantasqua battled throughout the game, but the Warriors lost to South, 46-13. South went on to finish the summer league without experiencing the bitter taste of defeat, beating fifth-seeded Quabbin Regional in the championship game, 48-27. Quabbin advanced to the final with a 33-28 victory over third-seeded Sutton High in the semifinal round.

Other area schools which competed in the Auburn Summer League were: Auburn High; Blackstone Valley Tech; David Prouty Regional; Grafton High; Leicester High; Northbridge High; Quaboag Regional; and Uxbridge High.

“What was so disappointing to us



Nick Ethier photos

Tantasqua Regional was the only Stonebridge Press affiliated school to reach the semifinal round of the Auburn Recreation and Culture Girls' Summer Basketball League. Tantasqua lost to Worcester South in the semis, and South went on and won the championship over Quabbin Regional.

about the decision to reschedule the semifinals and the final was the fact that the last time we played them we had the majority of our regular players and we gave them their toughest game of the regular season,” Tantasqua coach Matt Ezzo said. “The last time we played them we trailed by just six points at halftime and they only won the game by 13 points, after winning most of their games this summer by 30-plus points.

“It was one heck of a good game the last time around,” Ezzo continued. “This time was a different story.”

Playing for Tantasqua in the semifinal against South were junior-to-be Angie Reno, sophomores-to-be Maya Gidopoulos, Gianna Nichols and Eleanor Leland, and freshmen-to-be Sofie Ezzo (coach Ezzo's daugh-



ter), Jules Petersen and Maeve Early. Gidopoulos finished the game with six points, Nichols three, Early two, and Reno and Ezzo one each.

All of the Warriors that played against South are, or will be, Tantasqua students except for Nichols. Coach Ezzo said Nichols, a Sturbridge resident, attended Marianapolis Prep in Thompson, Conn., last year but is considering returning to Tantasqua this year. According to coach Ezzo, Nichols and her parents have until Aug. 31 to decide where she will attend school for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Matt Ezzo was quite complimentary to South following the defeat.

“That's a tough team, no doubt about it,” coach Ezzo said “I don't think I've ever seen a high school team shoot the percentage they shot from the field. Everything they threw up went in the hoop. In the first half I think they hit about 80 percent of their shots. It was amazing.”



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SPORTS

Millbury gets hot late to beat Quaboag, win Auburn's Summer Basketball League



BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AUBURN — For the Quaboag Cougars, the championship game of the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' Summer Basketball League must have felt like the hoops equivalent of the first time you're allowed to back your father's new car out of the driveway. Everything's going fine and then you step on the gas pedal instead of the brake and you slam dad's new ride into the massive oak tree across the street.

Thanks to a 7-0 run to end the first half and a quick start to the second half, fifth-seeded Quaboag led Millbury, the No. 13 seed, by two points with 15 minutes remaining in the game, played Aug. 8 at Auburn High.

A not-so-funny thing happened to the Cougars on the way to winning the title, however. At that point, the Woolies went on a 19-4 run, and from there cruised to a 64-48 victory, capturing the school's first-ever Auburn Summer League championship.

Quaboag advanced to the title game with a 61-33 win over third-seeded Uxbridge High in the semifinal while Millbury defeated David Prouty Regional, the No. 2 seed, 40-33, to claim its spot in the final.

Other area schools which competed in the Auburn Summer League were: Auburn High; Bartlett High; Bay Path Regional; Leicester High; Oxford High; Shepherd Hill Regional; Southbridge High; and Tantasqua Regional.

"My kids ran out of gas; they got tired, but we can't use that as an excuse," Quaboag coach Fran Elliott said. "We were happy to make it to the final, but Millbury beat us and I congratu-

lated them for that. There are no sour grapes."

Quaboag trailed, 23-19 with two minutes left in the first half. The aforementioned 7-0 spurt, capped by a Chase Potvin (six points) 3-pointer, gave the Cougars a 26-23 lead heading to the second half. Quaboag led, 34-32, when its shooting touch went cold and Millbury took full advantage.

The Woolies scored in every conceivable fashion — a 3-pointer, a put-back, a bank shot, a short jumper, and five layups — to take command of the game, building a 51-38 lead with eight minutes to play in the game.

Ryan Fernandez led the Quaboag attack with 16 points while Owen Stevens added 15 and Matt Tiberi tossed in nine.

"All of these guys are great kids. They're all very coachable. When I say they're coachable it's because you explain something to them one time and they've got it," Elliott said. "Owen, Ryan and Matt, they all lit it up in the first half. In the second half we couldn't make a basket. It all went to heck in a hand basket in that second half."

Quaboag's roster against Millbury featured one rising senior, two rising juniors and four rising sophomores.

"I think this team is going to be good in the regular season," Elliott said. "These kids lost a year to COVID. Some schools played, but we didn't. So this summer league was a learning experience for a lot of our guys. I told the kids to go out and have fun. I told them to experiment and that's what they did. Guys would pass up a good shot because a teammate had a better shot. I was very pleased with the way



we played tonight."



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Quaboag Regional was the Stonebridge Press affiliated school that reached the final of the Auburn Recreation and Culture Boys' Summer Basketball League. Quaboag lost to Millbury High for the title.

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UXBRIDGE — The P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization), Chapter R held a meeting and garden tour recently at the home of Georganne Roe. P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women;

educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

P.E.O. has 6,000 chapters across the United States and Canada. The P.E.O. began as a bond of friendship among seven young women in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and is now one of the oldest women's organizations in North America. According to the P.E.O. website, "since its inception in 1869, the nonprofit has helped more than 105,000 women pursue educational goals by providing more than \$321 million in grants, scholarships, awards, and loans."

The garden tour, attended by members of the Chapter R, Worcester was also attended by guest, Lilly Bolandrina of Douglas. Bolandrina is a 2020 graduate of Douglas High School and an incoming junior at Boston University major in Economics. "I enjoyed the garden tour," said Bolandrina.

"It is interesting to see all the varieties of Lillies," she exclaimed. "Spending time with the P.E.O. ladies are both fun and educational."

The garden tour featured the homeowners' love of art and life in many forms, from annuals to perennials, and florals to trees and shrubs. The outdoor event was inspired by the pandemic-driven continued emphasis and embrace of outdoor living.

This garden tour included a bonus narrative of trivia, plant identification, and personal & historical anecdotes of Georganne Roe. Attendees learned a few new gardening tips, enjoyed the colorful and fragrant blooms, and breaths of fresh air! Lucky attendees even got to

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Sutton Historical Society to host speaker

SUTTON — The Sutton Historical Society, Inc. will host Christie Higginbottom, Garden Research Historian, on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. in the First Congregational Church, 307 Boston Road, Sutton. Her presentation, entitled, "An infinite variety of fruit: Historic New England Apples," should be a New England crowd pleaser.

This program will explore the roles played by apples at the table and on the farm landscape in the past, and will celebrate the revival of interest happening today. Hundreds of historic apple varieties were born in New England cider orchards from the early 1600s to the late 1800s. These apples comprise an extremely diverse collection with evocative names such as "Roxbury Russet," "Westfield Seek-No-Further," "Sheepnose," "Maiden's Blush," "Hubbardston Nonesuch," and Sutton's own "Sutton Beauty." The historic Sutton Beauty variety was cultivated by Stephen Waters in 1757. New saplings of the Sutton Beauty were recently planted at Sutton Historical Society locations thanks to the efforts of Jon Clements, UMASS Amherst. The Society is proud to be cultivating such an important part of the town's history.

Higginbottom has worked as a costumed interpreter at Old Sturbridge Village since 1981. She coordinated the historic horticulture program researching, planning and planting the re-created kitchen and flower gardens at the museum's historic households. She also supervised the Village's Herb Garden collection, a garden exhibiting over 300 varieties of historic herbs.

Now retired from full-time work at OSV, she continues to work in costume part-time – most often in the gardens, and to present garden programs for the Village.

She lectures at museums and historic sites, garden clubs, historical societies, colleges and libraries. She writes and consults on historic gardens and their interpretation. She enjoys teaching home gardening classes at New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill and the Northeast Organic Farmers Association.

This program is free to all members and the general public of all ages. Please join us to learn about apple history and to usher in the 2022 apple picking season.

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