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Police participate in 'Bright Lights' event for pediatric cancer patients

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — Members of the police department recently lit up their blue lights and sirens for pediatric cancer patients as part of UMass Memorial Medical Center's annual "Bright Lights" event.

"A small gesture of turning on our fancy blue lights and hitting that siren button hopefully brought just a little bit of enjoyment to the youngest of patients who have been dealt an unfair card in life...cancer," Sutton Police shared in a statement. "Behind our cruisers, in the upper floors of that building were the very kiddos we wanted to show our support to."

According to the department, the event had been coordinated by UMass PD Sgt. Brett Rand; there were cruisers from Bolton, Holden, Massachusetts State Police, Worcester, Clark University, Hopkinton, and Veteran's Affairs PD participating in the event, Sutton Police released.

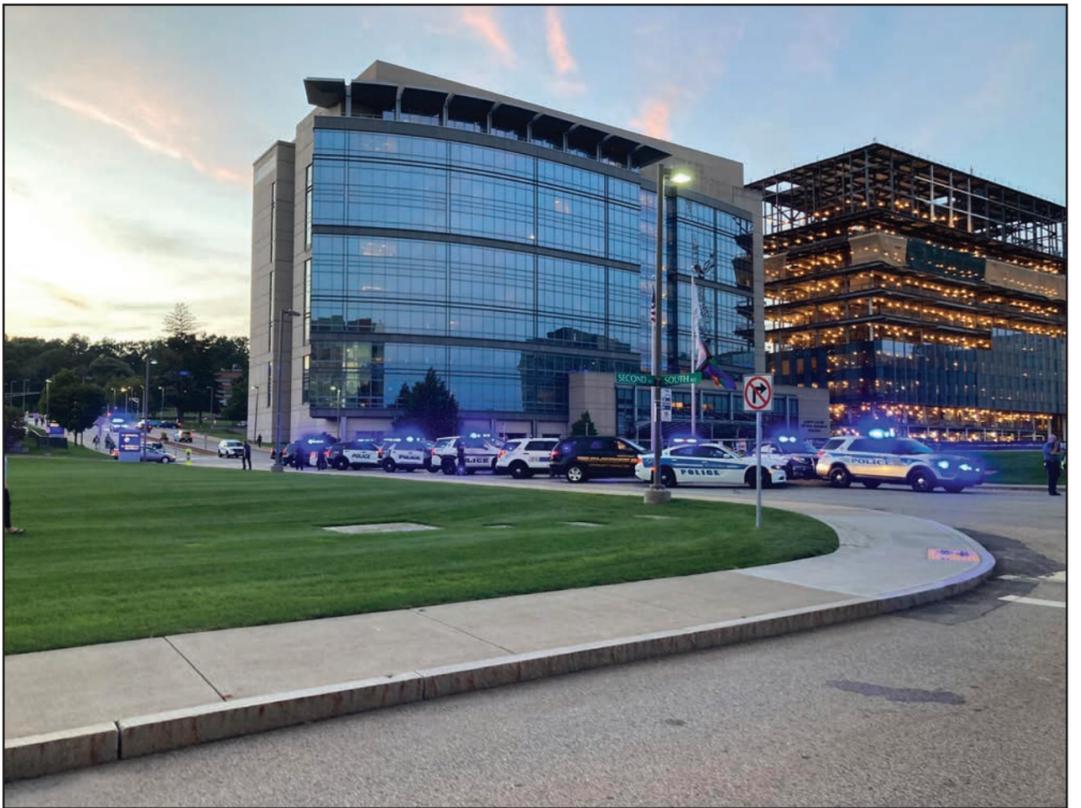
"We took a small ride around the hospital grounds... to make sure everyone could see us," the department added.

The Holden Police Department confirmed that it participated in the event; in a statement, they added that the event is held to "show support for the pediatric cancer patients and to bring awareness to the children."

The Princeton Police Department also shared that it had participated in the event.

"By turning on our blue lights and siren, we were able to send our love and support to the youngest of patients, who are currently fighting a courageous battle. We wish everyone inside the best," the department shared in a statement, adding "stay strong and keep fighting."

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Search for Amazon package prompts police involvement

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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GRAFTON — With help from the public, the police department has been able to identify an individual who was originally wanted for questioning related to the "accosting of two females" near the Town

Common last week.

It turns out that this individual had actually just been searching for an Amazon package that was delivered to the wrong address, police said in an update.

"This event can be interpreted as a misunderstanding and there was no ill-intent

by any involved party," the police department shared in a statement on social media.

Originally, police had released a statement seeking the assistance of the public to "attempt to identify" a male wanted for questioning "related to the accosting of two females in

the area of the Grafton Town Common" on Sept. 22.

It was reported that the individual, described by police as "a white male, standing approximately [six] feet tall, having a slim build weighing approximately 170 pounds," had

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Douglas hosting Oktoberfest event tomorrow

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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DOUGLAS — The annual Oktoberfest is back—tomorrow—and bigger than ever.

"There was a time when they raced horses down Main St., Douglas," event organizers shared. "This year...we will once again be closing Main Street (and Depot Street) to traffic and opening it up to our friends and neighbors."

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Douglas Cub Scouts holding can drive and popcorn fundraiser



DOUGLAS — Come support Cub Scout Pack 316 by visiting us at the Douglas Fire Department at 64 Main St., Douglas, from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 8. We're accepting clean, redeemable cans and bottles. There will also be deli-

icious popcorn available for sale, and all money raised will directly support our Scout Pack!

Our Pack provides lifelong memories and friendship for elementary school aged children in Douglas MA and the surrounding area. Scouts

participate in many fun and exciting activities—including camping, fishing, hiking, launching rockets, Pinewood Derby races, and more! Our Scouts also serve the community through service projects such as cleaning up trash for Earth Day

and honoring fallen service members by replacing American flags on the graves of veterans in our local cemetery.

If you're unable to make it during the listed times, you can donate online by visiting <https://trails-end.com/store/scout/>

P94X0TJZ, where you'll find other delicious treats not available in person. Heroes and Helpers donations are also available -- send a gift of popcorn to our first responders, troops at-home or overseas, veterans, military families, local food banks,

and charitable organizations! Don't worry, your purchases can ship anywhere in the United States.

For more information on Pack 316, please reach out to douglaspack316@gmail.com.

Armenians of Whitinsville funded by Mass Humanities grants

WHITINSVILLE — Mass Humanities announced today it has awarded \$713,876 in Expand Massachusetts Stories (EMS) grants to 42 cultural nonprofit organizations across the Commonwealth, including the Armenians of Whitinsville. The funded projects will surface new narratives about the people and ideas that shape Massachusetts.

The Armenians of Whitinsville was awarded \$7,500 for their project “Whitinsville Armenians, Stories

Past to Present.” The project will produce ten to fifteen oral history recordings from Armenians with ties to Whitinsville. The recordings will sit on the Armenians of Whitinsville project website alongside recently translated and subtitled recordings of Armenian Genocide survivors done in the 1970s. They will also reside with the University of Southern California Center for Armenian Studies for research purposes.

The project will Expand Mass Stories through oral histories that will explore issues around the diaspora, the transformation of the Armenian community of Whitinsville, and how their identity has changed over the last 130 years. The oral history project will dovetail into a web-based project organized over the last 12 months and recently launched, www.armeniansofwhitinsville.org. They will sit inside both the Recordings section and inside their family collection,

providing additional narrative and context. If interested in contributing your story, please contact the project through info@armeniansofwhitinsville.org.

Rooted in Mass Humanities’ mission to create opportunities for the people of Massachusetts to transform their lives and build a more equitable Commonwealth, the new EMS initiative kicked off last year with support to projects across the state that included audio tours, documentary films, oral histories, and public events. The new grant program will strive to promote an equitable and inclusive society that recognizes all people’s perspectives, especially those that have been marginalized and underrepresented.

This latest round of funding will continue to focus on projects that surface and share the histories and experiences of traditionally overlooked communities.

“At this critical juncture in the history of our state, we see these projects as the sparks for a needed reimagining of our past and a new vision for our future,” said Brian Boyles, Executive Director of Mass Humanities. “We believe Massachusetts can only truly thrive when all residents participate in creating, learning and sharing the stories of Massachusetts.”

The grants are made possible through Mass Humanities’ partnership with Mass Cultural Council, the state’s cultural agency, as well as a two-year, \$700,000 partnership with the Barr Foundation that was announced in August.

In addition, Mass Humanities strived to fund projects led by members of the communities where the stories originate, and projects based in smaller organizations. Of the 42 grants, 62 percent have people who identify as BIPOC among their project leadership; and 60 percent of the organizations funded have operating budget under \$500,000 and 48% have operating budgets under \$350,000.

“To make lasting change, we need to respect and support the storytellers and storytelling spaces where traditions and narratives take root,” said Boyles. “We hope that these important voices and community-based organizations can lead the way in reckoning with our history.”

Organizations interested in learning about future grants should follow Mass Humanities on social media @masshumanities and visit their Web site.

About Mass Humanities
Mass Humanities, a non-profit based in Northampton, conducts and supports programs that use history, literature, philosophy, and the other humanities disciplines to enhance and improve civic life throughout Massachusetts. Since its founding in 1974, the organization has provided millions of dollars in support of thousands of humanities projects across the Commonwealth. Established as the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Mass Humanities is an independent programming and grant-making organization that receives support from the NEH and the Massachusetts Cultural Council as well as private sources. For more information, visit www.masshumanities.org.

Milford Regional to host “Mammograms & Mimosas” Oct. 23

MILFORD — In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and National Mammography Day, Milford Regional Medical Center will host “Mammograms & Mimosas,” a screening event for those who are due for their annual mammogram screening. “Mammograms & Mimosas” will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event is sponsored by Milford Regional’s Cancer Committee and is being planned in concert with the hospital’s Department of Radiology and

The Breast Center at Milford Regional Medical Center.

The Cancer Committee is led by oncologist/hematologist Natalie Sinclair, MD, who explains that the group was interested in supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month with its annual cancer screening event. “We hope this encourages women who have been putting off their annual screenings to participate in our event and make it an enjoyable morning,” said Dr. Sinclair.

In addition to the screening mammogram, participants will be offered free breakfast pastries, coffee and non-alcoholic mimosa drinks. Participants must be due for their annual screening mammogram and claims will be processed for insurance payments.

Space is limited and registration is required. Call 508.422.2665 and reference “Mammograms & Mimosas” when scheduling your Oct. 23 screening. Visit milfordregional.org for more information.

Local mortgage expert offers free in-person homebuyer seminar

MILFORD — Michael Shain of Bay Equity Home Loans will host a one-hour home-buying seminar on Oct. 26 at Milford High School, 31 W. Fountain St. The in-person event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

How property values are determined The negotiation process and tips to get your offer accepted The role of the real estate attorney

Registration required. Call 508.478.1119 or visit <https://milfordcommunityprogram.activityreg.com/> and click on

the “One Night Workshops” button in the “Adult Programs” box. Select “Homebuyer Seminar” to sign up.

Even if you can’t attend, Mike invites your questions. Call 508-330-8487 or email mshain@bayeq.com.

About Mike Shain Shain has more than 30 years of banking and mortgage lending experience.

About Bay Equity Bay Equity is a full-service retail mortgage lending

institution that prioritizes personal relationships. Founded in 2007 and licensed in 48 states and the District of Columbia. For more about Bay Equity Home Loans, visit: www.bayequity-homeloans.com.

News from Uxbridge Congregational Church

UXBRIDGE — The church is coming to life after the summer heat. Church School is started and welcoming new children who would like to come. Our classes are held for students from age three thru Sixth Grade.

Worship is at 10 a.m., and everyone is welcome.

Our Prayer Shawl group will have a table at the Mendon Country Fair with many homemade gifts.

Our big news: The Ham and Bean Supper is back. It will be held on Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. in the Community House of the church. For tickets or more information call 508-244-7849. Tickets are limited.

Uxbridge Congregational Church brings back ham & bean suppers

UXBRIDGE — We have heard from so many people who have missed our Ham & Bean Suppers during COVID. We are happy to announce that we will again hold one this fall on Oct. 29. Mark your calendars. The dinner will be held in the Community House at 5 p.m. behind the common.

Our menu will consist of Baked ham, baked beans, homemade potato salad, coleslaw, rolls and brown bread, beverage and dessert. Our tickets will be \$12, children under six, free. Tickets are limited and we recommend getting them in advance. To reserve tickets or for more information, please call 508-244-7849. There will only be a few at the door. We will accept Take-out orders.

Raffles will be available. We hope to see all our old friends and many new ones.

COVID bivalent booster vax clinic available

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Senior Center is proud to announce that we will be collaborating with the Uxbridge Board of Health and the Salmon VNA to sponsor a COVID Pfizer Bivalent Booster Vaccination Clinic at the Center, located at 36 South Main St., Uxbridge. This event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m.-noon.

Participants must pre-register on-line at:

<https://home.color.com/> Or contact the center at 508-278-8622 for assistance to register. No walk-ins will be accepted, this clinic is for anyone 12 years of age or older. Transportation to and from the clinic is available, if requested. Please have the dates of your vaccinations and your health insurance information available when registering.

New Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Vaccines FAQ’s:

1. What are the updated boosters? The new COVID-19 booster vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer are updated versions of the original vaccines. The updated boosters were recently authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC.
2. Who should get the new booster?

Anyone age 12 or older who completed a primary COVID-19 vaccination series or received a booster dose at least two months ago should get the updated booster as soon as possible.

3. Why do I need a booster? Staying up to date on vaccines, including boosters, is the most effective way to prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. While vaccine protection decreases over time, boosters restimulate the immune system and increase vaccine efficacy again. Boosters are an important defense, even if you’ve already had COVID.

4. When and where can I get a booster? Updated boosters will be available in Massachusetts starting the week of September 5, 2022. You can

get a booster at many locations across the Commonwealth, including where you received previous vaccines. Locations include doctor’s offices, hospitals, pharmacies, and community health clinics.

5. Where can I get more information? You can visit www.mass.gov/covidbooster for the latest information. Your booster does not need to be the same vaccine brand as your original COVID-19 vaccination. The communities of Uxbridge, Northbridge, Mendon, Douglas, Upton, Milford, Bellingham, Blackstone, Hopkinton, Millville, Sutton and Oxford are welcome.

We express our appreciation to the Uxbridge BOH and the Salmon VNA for helping us keep our communities safe!



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Manchaug Pond Foundation cleaning up!

D O U G L A S — The Manchaug Pond Foundation will be holding their Fall Clean Up of scenic Manchaug Pond on Saturday, Oct. 22, volunteers are invited to join members and Friends of the Manchaug Pond Foundation in cleaning up Manchaug Pond and its watershed. Volunteers with boats are also welcome to help us clean up coves.

The effort is scheduled to take place Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon with volunteers meeting at the state Public Access Boat Ramp on Torrey



Road in Sutton. Volunteers will hit the pavement with garbage bags in hand to clean the roadsides, shoreline, and boat ramp - all areas within the Manchaug Pond watershed. Good company, beautiful scenery, safety vests, rubber gloves, and garbage bags will be provided. We ask that everyone follow state regulations for social distancing. Rain date will be Sunday, Oct. 23, and the rain date notice will be posted on the Manchaug Pond Foundation's Facebook page and Web site.

The Manchaug Pond Foundation's educational events look to improve the water quality of the pictur-

esque 380 acre community lake, which lies within Douglas and Sutton, through the education of the many users and watershed residents. Educational information on residential Low Impact Development (LID) techniques such as landscaping with buffer zones and rain gardens to limit runoff of fertilizer nutrients are available on the Foundation's website. Educational materials have been made possible by the MPF's previous two water quality grants awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. For more information, visit manchaugpond.org.

Soter serves 1,600th meal to seniors and those in need

UXBRIDGE — On Sept. 16 at his annual Senior Center Lobster and Chowder Luncheon in Uxbridge, State Rep. Michael Soter announced that he had served his 1,600th meal of 2022. The luncheon has been an annual occurrence in Bellingham, Blackstone, Millville, and Uxbridge's senior centers, and they are held by Soter in order to assist those struggling with fixed income, as well as encourage service within the community.

The annual luncheon was first introduced back in 2011, while Soter was serving as a member of the Bellingham Selectboard, with the help of other town officials in Bellingham. Since then, the event has grown each year and is now a tradition that both the senior citizens of the town and those public officials that organize it look forward to.

Soter was joined that day in Uxbridge by several local and state officials, business owners, and senior center staff, and honored each of their contributions to the event by presenting them with official citations from

the Massachusetts State House. Soter spoke of the importance of community service and outreach from elected officials, and the role it has in the context of a community.

"I'm happy to follow the lead of my friend and colleague, Soter, in making sure that every person in Uxbridge and the surrounding district knows that we're thinking of them," commented State Rep. Joe Mckenna. "This picnic at the end of the summer is a small gesture that goes a long way in showing that we care about everyone here in town."

"At an event like this, you get to really experience the commitment that Soter has to his community," said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. "This is unprecedented. I have never seen a Rep. hold the kinds of events that he does, and I'm honored to be a part of it."

Uxbridge Council on Aging Director Lisa Bernard said, "The Uxbridge Senior Center sincerely appreciates

the fantastic lobster roll luncheon sponsored by State Rep. Mike Soter. It was a great day to celebrate Rep. Soter's continued dedication, commitment, and service to the Uxbridge community. Our seniors had a wonderful day and this celebration helps make a difference to so many during this difficult time."

"I am very blessed to have such supportive friends and colleagues with me here today as I serve my community. Everyone that is present today is here because they have contributed to this event in the past or present," commented Soter. "I feel that it is often understated how much of a difference a warm meal and some conversation can make in a person's life. It has been a very successful year in terms of community service, and I am very thankful for the opportunity to help people in all of the towns in the district."

Soter stated that he knows there is nothing that the community cannot accomplish moving forward if they work together.

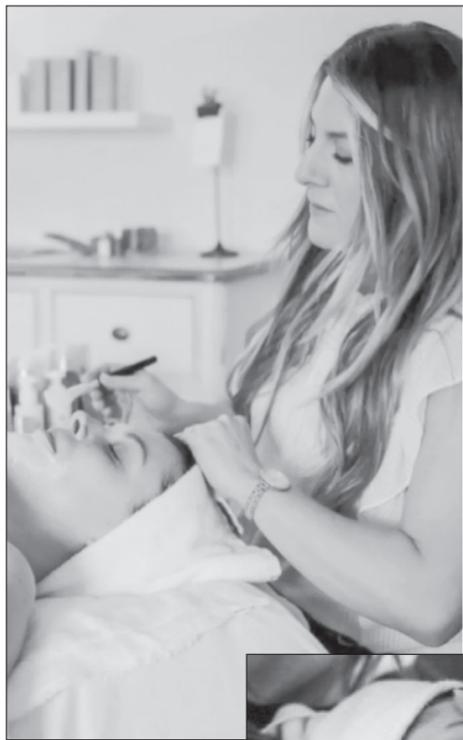
St. Peter Parish hosting pork roast dinner "To Go"

NORTHBRIDGE — St. Peter Parish in Northbridge is having a Pork Roast Dinner "To Go." Pick up will be on Saturday, Oct. 22 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 per dinner and include salad and dessert. All orders must be purchased in advance. "Pay It Forward" purchase an extra dinner and we will deliver it to someone in need in our local community. Please call 508-234-2156 or email parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.

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Milford Regional receives five-star rating for overall hospital quality

MILFORD — The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released its 2022 overall hospital quality star ratings, and once again, Milford Regional Medical

Center has received a five-star rating; the highest rating given by the national agency. Milford Regional was one of only 11 hospitals in Massachusetts

and 429 hospitals nationally to receive the five-star rating, which is based on data compiled from 2021. MRMC received the same five-star rating last year.

“Receiving this highest possible rating from CMS is significant and only comes with a full team effort,” said Milford Regional Medical Center’s President & CEO Edward Kelly. “The rating speaks volumes to the caliber and collaboration of

our clinical, support and administrative teams in ensuring such excellence.”

CMS’ ratings are calculated by taking the weighted average of the hospital’s score from each of the five measured categories which include mortality,

safety of care, readmission, patient experience and timely and effective care.

CMS developed the star-rating program to help consumers choose highly-rated hospitals based on comparing data on the CMS hospital compare Web site.

DOUGLAS ADULT SOCIAL CENTER

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:
All our daily activities are free of charge.
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

Announcement:
In September the painting class started something new! Introducing watercolor and pen n ink projects. If you have not checked out paint class, now is a great time. We will continue with our current reverse glass painting, slate and canvas painting.

If you need to see a SHINE counselor you may contact the senior center and we can set this up for you.

OCTOBER EVENTS:
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC, October 6 & 31 from 10 am to 12 pm. Please call the center to schedule.
Presentation of the Town of Douglas history, October 3rd @ 12 pm. Come enjoy lunch and learn about the town and maybe share something you may know. Sub sandwiches will be served for lunch at \$4. per person. RSVP before 9/27

Hearing aid cleaning with Darci October 5th @ 10 am. Please call the center to schedule.

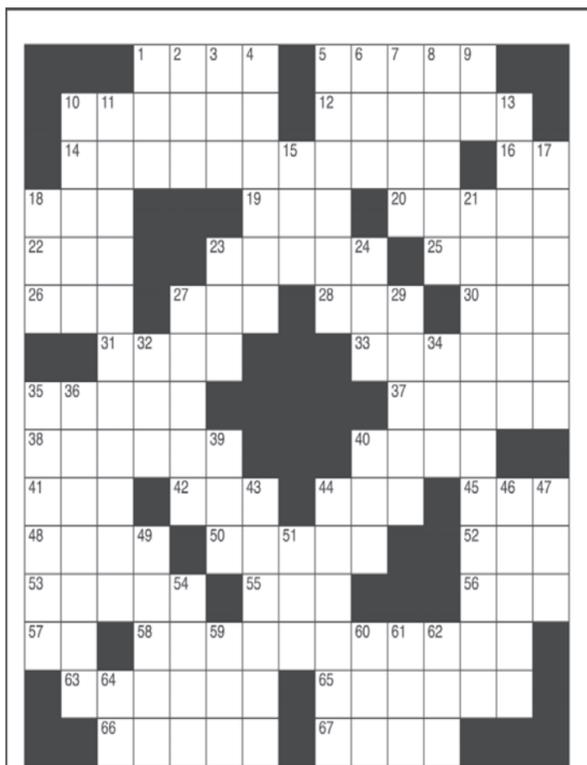
SMILE DAY October 6 @ 12pm there will be live entertainment and a free pizza lunch & dessert. Join in the fun and games on this happy day! This event is sponsored by the Douglas Cultural Coucil. RSVP before 9/30

Good Energy October 12th @ 11:30. Come in with your most recent electric bill for a bill audit and see if you could save money by changing your supplier. This is a great money saving opportunity. This is not a solar energy company. Refreshments will be served. RSVP before 10/6

Sunshine Club is having “The Driveway Chicks” Ukulele players on October 14th @ 11:30, refreshments will be served. RSVP before 10/7

Candle making and refreshments October 26th @ 11:30. All items needed to make scented candles is supplied. RSVP before 10/21

Sunshine Club Halloween Party October 28th @ 12 pm. There is no charge for this event, costumes are encouraged! Refreshments served, games played, and a lot of laughs. RVSP before 10/21



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Crops sown in winter in India
- 5. Nursemaids in East Asia
- 10. Investigates
- 12. Treated like a child
- 14. About religious belief
- 16. Widely used exclamation
- 18. Car mechanics group
- 19. Not good
- 20. Indigenous people of Alberta
- 22. Everyone has one
- 23. Fencing sword
- 25. Soaks
- 26. The human foot
- 27. Of she
- 28. Erythrocyte (abbr.)
- 30. Soldiers
- 31. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 33. Playwright O’Neill
- 35. Stone parsley
- 37. Small stones
- 38. Gas descriptor
- 40. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 41. Jeans manufacturer
- 42. NHL great Bobby
- 44. Cool!
- 45. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 48. Winged
- 50. Partner to “oohed”
- 52. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 53. Coated
- 55. Furry household friend
- 56. Chinese principle underlying the universe
- 57. Prefix meaning “within”
- 58. Makes easier
- 63. Transferred property
- 65. Branched
- 66. Hillsides
- 67. Abba __, Israeli diplomat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Eggs in a female fish
- 2. Military mailbox
- 3. Unit to compare power levels
- 4. Line on a map connecting similar points
- 5. One who accepts
- 6. Partner to cheese
- 7. Ancient Greek sophist
- 8. About hilus
- 9. Southeast
- 10. Where actors ply their trade
- 11. Beloved Philly sandwich
- 13. Intend
- 15. Talk excessively
- 17. Bronx cheers
- 18. Drain
- 21. Renews
- 23. Monetary unit in Asia
- 24. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 27. Carthaginian statesman
- 29. Aged
- 32. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 34. Firearm
- 35. Consolation
- 36. An island in the north Atlantic
- 39. Pitching statistic
- 40. Disconsolate
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Call it a career
- 46. Behave in a way that degrades someone
- 47. Health insurance
- 49. Recommend
- 51. Baltic peninsula
- 54. Father
- 59. After B
- 60. Bar bill
- 61. Doctors’ group
- 62. 2,000 lbs.
- 64. Equal to one quintillion bytes.



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WCS hosting open house

WHITINSVILLE — Join Whitinsville Christian School for an All-School Open House on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 p.m. and discover the many ways we are Inspiring Minds and Igniting Hearts. The evening will include a school tour, presentations from the elementary, middle, and high school administrators, and a parent/student panel. Whitinsville Christian School is located at 279 Linwood Ave. in Whitinsville. Please RSVP at whitinsvillechristian.org.

Give back this Breast Cancer Awareness Month

PinkHippy.org selected to benefit in Big Y Community Bag Program

REGION — Reduce single-use plastic in the environment and give back to those in need in the local community, all while supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month at Big Y. PinkHippy.org has been selected by local Big Y store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Community Bag Program for the month of October!

The Big Y Community Bag Program is an easy way for shoppers to give back to the local community and the environment as part of the reg-

ular shopping routine. Every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag sends a \$1 donation to a non-profit local to the Big Y in which it was purchased.

As part of this ongoing program, every Big Y location a different local non-profit is selected to benefit from the sale of the reusable Community Bag. PinkHippy.org was selected as the October beneficiary in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month by local store leadership at the store located at 505 East Main Street,

Southbridge MA. PinkHippy.org will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag purchased at this location in October.

"This is such a powerful way to give back to a worthy cause as part of your regular shopping routine," said Del Bachand, President of the Board of Directors of PinkHippy.org. "Non-profits at the local level, like us, are in need of community support. This program offers the perfect opportunity to support the environment, give back locally

and raise awareness during this Breast Cancer Awareness Month!"

PinkHippy.org is a non-profit based in Webster. Founded in 2014, PinkHippy.org works to provide free integrative therapies, services and support to cancer patients in our local communities with a focus and women and men with breast. Learn more about PinkHippy.org by visiting www.pinkhippy.org.

For more information about the Big Y Community Bag Program, please visit bigy.bags4mycause.com.

OBITUARIES

Lois E. Tucker, 80

Uxbridge — Lois E. (Beaudoin) Tucker, 80, of Uxbridge passed away on Fri. Sept. 23, 2022 at the Milford Regional Medical Center, Milford. She was the wife of Wayne Tucker.

Mrs. Tucker had worked for the Town of Uxbridge -Dept. of Public Works for over 20 years. Previously, she had worked at the former Dennison Manufacturing Co. in Framingham in her earlier years where she met her husband, Wayne.

Lois was born in 1942 in Framingham, the daughter of the late Ernest and Alice (Matthews) Beaudoin and was a graduate of Framingham High School.

Timothy Tucker of Uxbridge; two daughters, Lisa Haley and her husband James, and Paige Ryan and her husband Shannon all of Uxbridge; a brother, Ernest Beaudoin and his wife Nancy of Falmouth; a sister-in-law, Ann Tucker of MI; 5 grandchildren, Chip and his wife Khaelan, Harlie, Madison, Aidan, and TJ; 4 great-grandchildren, Destiny, Zachary, Mia and Colton and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held on Wed. Sept. 28, 2022 from 5-7 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 101 N. Main St., Rte. 122, Uxbridge.

Funeral services will be held Thurs. Sept. 29, 2022 at 10:30 AM in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Uxbridge.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave. 16th Floor, NY, NY 10001.

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WCS hosting Christian College Fair

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Approximately 20 Christian colleges and universities from all over the United States will be represented. Students and parents will be able to pick up catalogs, brochures and meet college representatives. A financial aid representative will also be available during the evening to answer questions about financial need. A Financial Aid Seminar will also be offered for parents and stu-

dents from 6 - 6:45 p.m. For more information, please visit christian-collegefairs.com.

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EDITORIAL

The voice of the young is more important than ever

We have heard much buzz from younger voters recently regarding the upcoming midterm elections, and the overwhelming consensus among them, is that their votes do not count. While there are exceptions to this rule, we figured we would stress to our younger counterparts how important it is to pay attention and to head to the ballot box.

The youth voice is important whether you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian, or something in between. Important issues in every election directly relate to concerns students and young professionals have, which is even more reason to arm yourself with knowledge. Truth be told, younger voters are needed now more than ever. Issues that concern students are college tuition reform, healthcare and federal job programs to name a few. You may not care now, but you may care a few years from now when choices politicians make, begin to affect your life, and they will.

Young voters make up almost 50 percent of the voting population, giving you a stronger voice than you think, making your votes collectively more influential across the board. An interesting bit of trivia is that youth votes declined by 2 percent from a record of 52 percent in 2008. In 2016, 19 percent of those ages 18-29 voted in the presidential election. Those ages 45-64, however, made up for 49 percent of the vote.

You may not think your vote counts, but, every vote counts. Oftentimes, politicians will win by a small margin as low as 20 votes, especially in local and state races, proof that your vote DOES matter. Young people that want to inspire change need to find the candidate who represents their values best, and cast their votes.

With news at our fingertips these days, it's easier now more than ever to educate yourself regarding politics. Sure, it may seem boring and often times it is, but educating yourself on current events and the issues will serve you well. One bit of advice is to not believe everything you read or see and to always fact check your sources. Protect your interests and use your voice, after all this is what democracy is all about.

Do not be discouraged or intimidated to vote, it's easy. You have a right to be at the polls just like every other American. Bring a friend and go grab some lunch or breakfast afterwards, making it a fun occasion.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Say no to the state's proposed tax hike

To the Editor:
What I believe. Feel free to disagree. Our electric bills will go up 64 percent this winter, and the geniuses in the State House want to hike your taxes, too.

Be wise, be informed. Vote No on the looming new tax hike in Massachusetts.

Have you considered how Beacon Hill is proposing to raise taxes again in Massachusetts while they sit on a \$3 billion surplus? By law, they owe us a refund. When do you think we will receive it? You know the answer.

A tax amendment question is on the November ballot to change the Massachusetts Constitution. This is no small thing. It proposes a tax hike on "millionaires." Most people who read only the headlines will say, yes - tax the rich! But who will be hurt and who will gain?

First, politicians will gain. They get more money to spend on so-called social justice, removing racist roads, advancing critical race theory, and celebrating the 57 varieties of genders. Not improved education or mass transit.

The politicians promise to spend the money on education and transportation. This "promise" is as old as the Dukakis years. Forty years of promises. We have a \$13 billion new tunnel and highway in the heart of Boston, not improved mass transit.

A pretty teacher in the new ad states that the pandemic stretched schools to the breaking point. But the student population in Massachusetts is falling. According to WBUR, public higher education has had 10 years of enrollment declines. Enrollment in community colleges is down 33 per cent. Boston Public Schools enrollment has "plunged 14 percent over the past five years," says the Boston Herald. The total number of Massachusetts' secondary students has dropped 4 percent. Pre-kindergarten enrollment is down 30 percent.

But we have built new schools! We have Taj Mahal schools, not Taj Mahal students. Ask any student to do a simple math problem. They consult their phone.

This new Tax bill is promoted by "Raise Up Massachusetts." Who are they? Check the website. "A coalition of faith-based and labor groups." No churches are listed. No St. Pat's, no

Trinity Episcopal. Here is a sample: "Coalition for Social Justice, National Organization for Women, National Abortion Rights Action League..."

Fair Share, another proponent of the Tax Hike, lists its major donors: "Massachusetts Teachers Association, National Education Federation, American Federation of Teachers, American Federation of Teachers Solidarity Fund, American Federation of Teachers of Massachusetts." What a surprise.

Who will be hurt by the new Massachusetts tax on "millionaires?"

Our "farm to table" farmers. An MIT professor emeritus of economics said that the tax will target the sale of small businesses and homes. He said: "Our state already has the biggest budget surplus in history." The Tax Foundation said that the \$2 billion of the new tax will be offset by people leaving the state. Every day, 800 people move to Florida. Every day (not including illegal immigrants).

The Federation of Independent Business said the tax will harm small businesses already hurt by the pandemic. "The business owners who spent a lifetime building their business, providing jobs, paying taxes, participating in their communities, will be penalized with a higher taxes when they sell their business to retire."

The new tax promise? "Our communities will benefit from better schools and colleges to prepare a well-educated workforce and a more reliable transportation system that gets employees to work." In 40 years of Democrat control, have they improved mass transit? Have they improved education? You know the answer.

What happened to the billions of tax dollars allocated in Old Joe's Covid relief bill? The Secretary of Education has no idea how the money has been spent. One state paid its teachers \$10 million in bonuses. I bet that improved education.

Do not believe the lies to get you to raise taxes. Vote No on the ballot question to Raise Taxes Again in Massachusetts.

signed, your local Power to the People activist,

*Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge*

Sutton voters to consider quorum for town meetings

To the Editor:

On Monday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Town Meeting fall session, the voters of Sutton will be presented with and decide on a citizens' petition "To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Bylaw 3 Town Meeting/Town Election to include the requirement for a quorum of 1.5 percent of the registered voters, with a minimum of 100 registered voters, for all annual spring and fall town meetings adjusted annual on January 1 of each year."

Currently, Sutton does not require a quorum. Why is a quorum important? According to the Secretary of State's Citizen's Guide to Town Meetings ([www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cispdf/Guide to Town Meetings.pdf](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/cis/cispdf/Guide%20to%20Town%20Meetings.pdf)), "The quorum in some towns is zero; if only a single citizen appears, the Town Meeting may start and conduct business." Sutton's own Select Board, in August of 2020, communicated to Sutton's Planning Department (www.suttonma.org/sites/g/files/vyh-lif3901/f/minutes/20-08-31.pdf) their decision to eliminate articles that might be controversial from the fall town meeting for three reasons, with the third reason stated "With a limited attendance at town meeting a vote for or against an article can be easily stacked." How is a limited attendance town meeting defined? One voter, 10, 50, 67?

Sutton has a somewhat unique annual meeting which is actually a biannual meeting. Bylaw 3 of the General Bylaws details that the meeting is broken into two dates, with the spring session being held the second Monday in May and the fall session held on the third Monday in October. Of the 312 towns in Massachusetts, only a handful have a town meeting broken out between two dates. Sutton's Home Rule Charter Section 2-4 discusses how the first meeting is primarily concerned with matters involving expenditure of town funds and the second meeting shall be considered an annual meeting. Voters must attend both meetings to fully understand all issues being presented to the residents and have their voices heard. A review of town meeting minutes from October 2009 to May 2022 (excluding the 2020 town meetings held during the Covid pandemic) indicates that eight of 12 (67 percent) of spring town meetings had over 100 voters attending, while he fall town

meetings had only four of 12 (33 percent). Additionally, May 2013 and 2021 had 84 and 96 attendees, respectively, which is within striking distance of the requested quorum on the citizens' petition. The difference between spring and fall attendance could be a result of Sutton's voters simply not realizing that we have a biannual meeting vs. a single spring annual meeting like most of the other towns in Massachusetts.

How do other towns meet or exceed their quorums? Some mail the warrant to each home; some utilize a reverse 911 call the day prior to a meeting; most post the meeting on a public notice board or on their town's Web site. Sutton's General Bylaws contain a disclaimer to electronic posting in Bylaw 3, Section 3.3 whereby "in the event technological or practical impediments to such posting occur, failure to so post shall not affect the validity of the town meeting." With one notice board on the Common and most residents no longer subscribing to paper media, how are elected and appointed officials sure that the community is aware of the upcoming meeting? Clicking on the calendar on Sutton's homepage for the fall 2022 town meeting date does not currently list a meeting location.

What happens if a town cannot raise a quorum? This happened most recently in Spencer. After failure to raise a quorum in May, an emergency order was sought from the Attorney General for a temporary reduction of quorum from 100 to 50 for that particular meeting, which was postponed and rescheduled to June. This was a one-time adjustment, with the Spencer quorum remaining at 100 going forward.

Voter apathy is not an excuse for not requiring a quorum. Voters need to understand that if we do not make the decisions, the decisions will be made for us. The result of Covid is that many town government meetings are hybrid, with in-person and Zoom components, as well as meetings recorded for future viewing. This is a move in the right direction for keeping the populace informed. However, Sutton voters must show up in person for both the spring and fall town meetings. Whether Sutton voters are for or against the citizens' petition for a quorum, they need to show up on Oct. 17 and have their voices heard and their votes counted.

*Christine Watkins
Sutton*

Learning to lead

Lately, I have been trying to read more. I bought a book I have been told to read many times, but I have never been interested enough till now. Reading it has caused me to have significant reflections on the last few years.

Do you have a dream you want to accomplish? Does it seem too big? Does it seem like maybe if you tried to accomplish it, you would be biting off more than you can chew?

It would be wise for you to examine the conditions before you commit. Look at the market you are trying to enter, give yourself and your abilities an honest assessment, read the necessary materials, and listen to the experts. These will serve as your roadmap that you can navigate to success should you decide to commit.

I never thought the dream I was trying to accomplish was too big, but I heard from my business partner that my dad confessed to him early on that he thought what we were trying to accomplish may not be possible!

One of the chapters in the book discusses that to navigate successfully to your dream, you will need to find a balance between faith with facts! Some people have their heads up in the clouds so high that they never bother to look at the facts. It is essential to assess the situation and strike a balance. Also, you do not want to be so fact-oriented that you cannot dream and have faith, but knowing the facts of the situation will keep you grounded and let you know if you need to scale it back.

Once you find the balance between faith and facts and decide to keep moving forward, it is important to realize something. It was the biggest realization I have had in a long time; a reality check.

For the last few years, I have worked with a team of people who are all experts in their field to accomplish a big vision. I believe in the dream and what we are doing; I have balanced the faith with the facts, and I was naive enough to think that is all I needed: a great team and a grand vision.

I learned something while reading this book that I should have known, and maybe subconsciously, always have known. Just because you have an excellent vision for the future, a great team, have balanced faith with facts, and are willing to work hard to make your dream a reality does not mean you will get there.

The book I am talking about is "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" by John C Maxwell.

In it, I discovered something quite profound. No matter how positive you are, how beautiful your vision is, or how hard of a worker you are. You will never rise higher than your leadership ability.

If your vision is a 10, but your leadership is only a 5, you will only accomplish half of your vision. Wow! If you have a big dream, you would like to accomplish, that should send shivers down your spine.

It is not the size of the vision and the execution of it that will ensure success. It is not your work ethic; it is not your positive attitude. All of these are essential, and combined, these qualities will take you a long way, but one of the determining factors in how far you can advance your vision is your ability to lead!

According to Maxwell, your success will never surpass your leadership ability. Your leadership level is the cap on how high you can take your vision.

That made me nervous to read that; I have never thought of myself as much of a leader.

The book was worrisome in many ways but also provided strong reassurance.

Maxwell says, "Champions don't become champions in the ring- they are merely recognized there...if you want to see where someone develops into a champion, look at their daily routine."

In the same way that investing in the stock market will not make you instantly rich, you can never become a leader in a day. It only happens through consistency, regular learning, practice, and focus. You can learn to lead!

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Time for tautog

Fishing was great on all fronts this past week. Matt Fontaine and this writer fished for tautog this past Wednesday in Rhode Island, and had little trouble catching our limit of three fish each, along with some impressive seabass. The parking lot was full of boats and trailers again when we arrived, but they all vanished when we got to our fishing spot. They were obviously chasing Albies and stripers, so we had the whole area to ourselves. We later found out that the striper fishing was red hot in front of Newport, and Albies were in front of Carpenters Beach.

Fortunately, Matt & I love catching bottom fish like Tautog and seabass, and this week's picture shows the results. They are excellent eating fish, and also provide us with some great fishing. Using light fishing rods, these hard fighting fish are fun to catch while using green crabs for bait. I always cut the crabs in half, and also remove the legs of the crab before placing them on a #3 cir-



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cle hook. I seemed to be doing OK last week, until my fishing buddy Matt was catching all the big tautog.

He said that he was leaving the legs on the crabs after cutting them in half; I decided to give it a try. As soon as I hit bottom with the bait, I felt a sharp hit, and I found myself battling a large tautog. Bringing the fish to the surface took a while, and I was enjoying every minute. Matt quickly grabbed the net and scooped up the impressive fish. Just a simple change in presenting the bait made the difference, and it makes sense. Seabass were also hitting the crabs, and although we caught many of them, we came up two short of our limit. Fishing for these two species is only going

to get better in the next two or three weeks. If you have a youngster that you want to get hooked on fishing, now is the time to go, but you need to use a boat to get to the fishing grounds, that is only half a mile off shore.

Bird hunters are getting their gear and dogs ready for the upcoming pheasant season, which opens on Oct. 15, statewide for the first year. A reminder that anyone hunting pheasant in Mass. need to acquire a pheasant stamp, at a cost of \$10, along with a 2022 hunting license. Numerous youth pheasant hunting opportunities are available this year. Check them out in the 2022 abstracts. The daily bag limits for pheasant hunters are two birds, but new this year, there is no limit on annual pheasant bag limits.

Waterfowl season in Mass. opens on Oct. 10 this year, with a six-bird daily bag limit. The recent heavy rain should make hunting local streams and rivers, a lot better, as most areas had dried up due to the lack of rain this year. Hunting



Courtesy

This week's picture shows Matt Fontaine of Uxbridge with a couple of nice tautog we caught last week in Rhode Island.

ivers and streams from a boat or Kayak, should provide some great shooting opportunities for duck hunters this year. Geese also open on Oct. 10, and with most corn fields cut, hunting should provide plenty of action, even though there numbers

have dropped off significantly. Migrating geese should change all of that, as they stop off in cornfields to feed and rest a day or two before moving on during their annual migration. Note: A state and federal waterfowl stamp is needed to hunt

ducks and geese, and non-toxic shot is also required. Your firearm cannot hold more than three shells total!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Harvesting red and green tomatoes

Nothing beats the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. Harvesting when they are fully ripe ensures the best flavor for eating fresh, cooking, and preserving.

Visit your garden often and watch for the fruit to turn from green to fully colored. Then leave them on the plant for five to eight days. Vine-ripened tomatoes have the best flavor for using fresh or preserving.

Check plants regularly and keep harvesting, so the plants continue to produce. This also reduces problems with insects and disease organisms attacking overripe or rotting fruit. Store mature, fully colored tomatoes in cool, 45-to-50-degree conditions with high humidity. They will last



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about seven to 14 days in these conditions. When growing indeterminate tomatoes, you will notice the plants keep growing and producing more flowers and fruit until the frost kills the plant. Redirect the plant's energy from sprouting new blossoms and fruit to ripening the fruit that is already on the plant. Prune off the stem tip of indeterminate tomatoes about a month before the average first fall frost in your area. This allows the existing flowers to develop into fruit and the existing fruit to mature before the end of the growing season.

Extend the harvest season with the help of floating row covers. These fabrics allow air, light, and water through, but trap heat around the

plants. Protecting plants from the first few fall frosts often provides time for more tomatoes to ripen.

Sometimes you cannot protect plants from frost or hungry critters prevent you from leaving the tomatoes on the plant to fully ripen. You can pick any tomatoes that are starting to show color before the killing frost and finish ripening them indoors. The blossom end should be greenish white or starting to color up. Use blemished and cracked fruit right away since these do not store well.

Store green and under-ripe tomatoes in a cool 60-to-65-degree location to maximize their storage life. Set the tomatoes on heavy paper spread apart so they are not touching. Or wrap them individually in newspaper so the fruit do not make direct contact. This helps prevent rot spreading from one fruit to the next.

These tomatoes will ripen over the



Melinda Myers

'Tye Dye' tomato in the garden with red and green tomatoes to harvest.

It's Apple Season!

Nothing quite captures the senses of the autumn season as the native apple, and for many area families the New England apple harvest is celebrated with an annual drive to a country orchard. A "a day on the farm" is not only an opportunity to stock up on fresh fruit, but a chance to take stock of good old fashioned New England values. A short hike or hayride to trees laden with crisp, red apples promises an abundance of both fruit and family fun. With several orchards within the Stonebridge Press region, pick-your-own apples, freshly pressed cider, hot apple treats and a variety of seasonal farm goods are just a short drive away.

New England Apples: New England is known for its distinct variety of apples. The area's hot summers, cool fall days, and rocky soil are credited with the production of big, red apples with a unique mix of sweet and tart flavors.

McIntosh leads the pack in production of New England apples, accounting for two-thirds of the region's crop. Other classic regional varieties are Cortland, Empire, Macoun, Red Delicious, and Rome. Additional favored New England varieties include Mutsu, Gala, Golden Delicious, IdaRed, Jersey Mac, and Paula Red.

The apple's rich New England history is evident in the many heirloom varieties of apples that were discovered here and are still grown at a sprinkling of established apple farms. Among them are Early Mac, Lodi, Baldwin, Northern Spy, Roxbury, Russet, Pippin, and Red Gravenstein.

Sharing shelf space with the classics and heirlooms (and often a top pick today) are a breed of apples, dubbed the "hybrids." Since the late 1980s area orchards have introduced newer hybrid varieties grown to hold up better in storage and look more attractive to the consumer. Braeburn, Honey

Crisp, Gala and Ginger Gold, Jonagold, Crispin, Fuji, Pink and Lady are some top selling hybrids. I recently discovered the RubyMac variety, and as a loyal Macoun fan, I have to admit the RubyMac rivals my all time favorite!

**** Old Fashioned Apple Recipes:** Read on for some tried and true apple recipes that spotlight the area's harvest:

Ann Tuttle's Apple Pie (from Breezeland Orchards)

Baked each autumn and during holiday time, the homemade pie, made from fresh orchard apples, is a Tuttle tradition. Once again, this column shares her family recipe:

Ingredients: apples; 3/4 cup sugar; 1 tsp. cinnamon; 1 tbsp. minute tapioca; 1 tbsp. water; 1 tbsp. butter

Preparation: Roll out dough for bottom of pie plate. Peel and slice apples to generously fill pie plate. Mix and sprinkle the sugar, cinnamon and tapioca on top of apples as you put in the slices. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of water and 1 tablespoon of butter (in little dabs) on top. Cover with top crust. Cut 3 or 4 slices in top crust. Bake at 425° for 20 minutes and then 375° for 25 minutes.

**** Classic Baked Apples**
Sugar, nuts and spices transform ordinary apples into a comfort food dessert, thanks to this classic mid century baked apple recipe.

Ingredients: Six apples, peeled, cored and sliced; 1/2 cup white sugar; 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour; 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon; 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg; 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves; 1/2 cup raisins; 1/2 cup chopped walnuts; 1/2 cup whole milk

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 2 quart casserole dish, or coat with non-stick cooking spray. Place apples in a large bowl.



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

In a small bowl, mix together sugar, flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Stir spice mixture into apples until evenly distributed. Fold in raisins and walnuts. Spoon into prepared dish. Pour milk evenly over apple mixture. Bake in preheated oven for 45 to 60 minutes, or until soft and bubbly. Allow to cool slightly before serving.

**** Baking Powder Biscuit Apple Dumplings**

Old fashioned apple dumplings made with baking powder biscuits have been a favorite fall treat for generations.

Biscuit Ingredients: 3 cups flour; 4 teaspoons baking powder; 2/3 teaspoon salt; 1/4 cup shortening; 3/4 to 7/8 cup water or milk

Filling Ingredients: apple; 2 tablespoons butter; one cup sugar; one tablespoon flour; 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Directions: Sift dry biscuit ingredients, cut in shortening, then liquid and knead lightly. Toss on floured board and pat, roll lightly to 3/4 to 1 inch thick and cut as for biscuits.

Put a quarter of a raw apple in each biscuit and fold in carefully. Place in baking pan (rough side down) and pour sauce over them with is made from 2 tablespoons butter; one cup sugar, one tablespoon flour, one pint boiling water and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until apples are done when tested with a fork.

**** Slow Cooker Apple Butter**

What's better than delicious homemade apple but-

ter? How about a recipe that is nearly effortless and fills the house with the scent of steaming apples and cinnamon?

Ingredients: 15 medium or ten large apples, cut into chunks; one cup brown sugar; one teaspoon cinnamon; one teaspoon vanilla extract; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon ginger; 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg.

Directions: Mix apples, sugar and spices. Place into crockpot and cook on low for 8 hours. Puree to desired consistency using an immersion blender, food mill or food processor.

**** 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.

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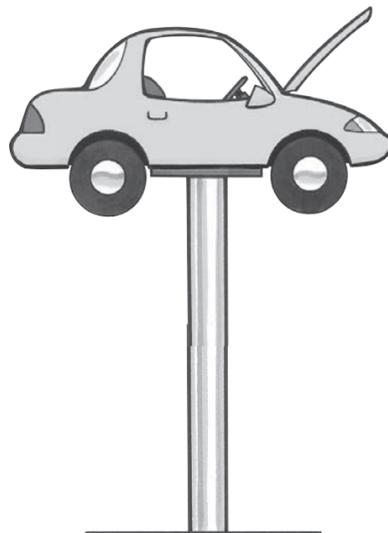
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Youth hockey returns to Northeast Connecticut

CT Outlaws to offer instructional and recreational programs at Pomfret's Jahn Rink

POMFRET, Conn. — The long-time tradition of youth hockey in Northeastern Connecticut is about to enter a new chapter. Beginning this season, the Connecticut Outlaws will provide learn-to-skate, learn-to-play, and hockey skills programs at Pomfret School's Jahn Rink.

Outlaws Hockey will continue the tradition of Griffin Youth Hockey which over the past 50 years has established a rich legacy of teaching hundreds of children in our area to skate, play, and love the game of hockey.

Now, those opportunities will

be provided by the Connecticut Outlaws, a program affiliated with the Central Mass Outlaws who play out of the New England Sports Center in Marlboro. The Central Mass Outlaws feature learn-to-play and hockey skills programs under the tutelage of former NHL and NCAA Division 1 stars.

Long-time GYHA coach skating instructor Andre Bessette will oversee skating and hockey skills programs for the coming year and will continue to team with several of his experienced GYHA coaches. Andre has helped hundreds of young kids

learn to skate, play their first hockey games, and develop into high school and hockey players.

Over the past 10 years, the Outlaws have grown into one of the largest programs in the Premier Hockey League of New England. Under the current board of directors the program more than doubled in that time, with 18 Outlaws teams competing at various levels last season. The Outlaws Hockey program also oversaw teams and programs of the Tri-Valley Youth Hockey program.

Outlaws hockey strives to teach the fundamentals of ice

hockey to make it fun, safe, and inclusive for all children interested in trying out the sport. We will continue the tradition of offering Instructional, Recreational, and Travel programs for everyone from first-time beginners to accomplished players. Additionally, top players will be offered to opportunity to play in Tier 1 leagues through the Outlaws.

House League programs will continue for all players ages five and up for the coming season. Young players will progress from half-ice to full-ice games.

"We are thrilled to share our

passion and experience for the incredible game of hockey with young players in Northeast Connecticut," said the Outlaws Hockey Board of Directors. "We look forward to building upon the great history of Griffin Youth Hockey in the coming weeks."

Programs at Jahn Rink will begin in October. All players interested in learn-to-skate, learn-to-play, and House League hockey should register immediately at <http://www.outlawshockey.com>.

LEGALS

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Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO20A0037AD
CITATION G.L.c. 210, § 6
In the matter of:
Remmi Lee Davis-McPhail

To:
Tamra Jordan Davis
Mark William McPhail

any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been filed by said court by **Susan E Davis** of **Whitinsville, MA** in requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

Remmi Lee Davis

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERE-TO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Worcester ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00AM) ON: 11/22/2022**

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

Date: August 10, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

September 16, 2022

September 23, 2022

September 30, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO22P3207EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Bonnie E. Brown
Date of Death: 04/27/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Mark T. Mitchell** of **Tunxhannock PA** and **Lawrence P. Brady** of **Key Largo FL**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Mark T. Mitchell** of **Tunxhannock PA** and **Lawrence P. Brady** of **Key Largo FL** 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 08/18/2022.**

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: September 16, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,

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Docket No. WO22P3208EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Karen J McCabe
Date of Death: 08/03/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Jennifer L Stoddard** of **Barre MA** and requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Jennifer L Stoddard** of **Barre MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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

Date: September 19, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate

September 30, 2022

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF

THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 22 SM 002673
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Delmar Joao Morais**

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Uxbridge, numbered 24 High Street, given by Delmar Joao Morais to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Plaza Home Mortgage Inc., dated October 1, 2020, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 63404, Page 149, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 10/31/2022 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER Chief Justice of this Court on 9/16/2022.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson,

Recorder

September 30, 2022

TOWN OF DOUGLAS
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The Town of Douglas seeks bids for #2 heating fuel supply, not to exceed 10% biofuel, to municipal buildings for the upcoming winter, estimated volume 21,275 gallons. The contract for the desired item will be awarded to the responsive and responsible vendor offering the lowest price per gallon. The bid packet is available on the Town website at www.douglas-ma.gov and must be submitted to the Town Administrator no later than 12:00 PM on Friday, October 14, 2022. The Town of Douglas is an equal opportunity service provider and employer.

September 30, 2022

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO22C0451CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Cay Ellen Den Herder

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Cay Ellen Den Herder** of **Uxbridge MA**

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

Cay Ellen DenHerder

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 10/11/2022. 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: September 12, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman

September 30, 2022

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Case No. PJ22-003283
CARE AND PROTECTION,
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PARENTAL RIGHTS
FOR PUBLICATION,

Notice to JENNIFER LEIGH DRISCOLL and any and all parties in interest. In re: BRYAN DANIEL DRISCOLL born on 01/27/2022 Case Number PJ22-003283.

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families has filed a Petition in the Rhode Island Family Court to terminate your parental rights. The Petition is scheduled for a hearing at One Dorrance Plaza Providence RI 02903 on 10/20/2022 at 9:00 AM. If you do not appear on 10/20/2022 at 9:00 AM an Order will enter terminating your parental rights to the child(ren).

Ronald J. Pagliarini,
Administrator/Clerk, 9/8/2022
September 30, 2022

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 22 SM 002680
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Jeffrey R. Hamel; and Cheryl A. Hamel

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

U.S. BankTrust National Association,

as Trustee of Bungalow Series III Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Uxbridge, 140 Brookside Drive, given by Jeffrey R. Hamel and Cheryl A. Hamel to Household Finance Corporation II, dated September 20, 2003, and recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31783, Page 75, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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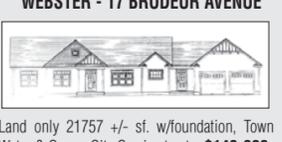
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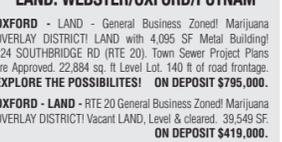

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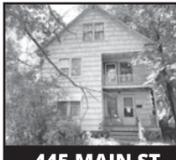

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From left, Whitinsville Christians' Kate Crowley and Douglas' Meghan Brazeau go after a loose ball, with Crowley advancing it down the field.

Sadie O'Toole of Douglas has the open field to carry the ball toward Whitinsville Christian's goal.

Whitinsville Christian's Gillian McGee, right, stabs at the ball to poke it away from a hard-charging Cadie Bouchard of Douglas.

Tigers' Mooney, Whitinsville Christian's Johnson score late to produce well-played draw

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

NORTHBRIDGE — Whenever the Douglas High and Whitinsville Christian girls' varsity soccer teams meet, it tends to be a competitive and well-played contest. And that theory once again proved to be true last Wednesday, Sept. 21 when the Tigers traveled to the Peter T. Koopman Athletic Complex to tangle with the Crusaders.

"I think every time we play Whitinsville Christian it's an intense game. We know we're going to get their best game and they're going to get ours. It's always a battle," said Douglas co-coach Desi Vega.

"It's always a battle," added Whitinsville Christian head coach Beth Cutler. "We're equally matched in a lot of senses. Great game."

After a scoreless first half of play the Tigers netted a goal in the 67th minute, only for the Crusaders to bury the equalizer some six minutes later. The end result was a well-played 1-1 draw, with Douglas' record standing at 2-1-1 and Whitinsville Christian's at 3-2-1.

The Tigers scored their goal as a result of a penalty in the attacking box. Douglas' Sadie O'Toole made a move toward goal, and she was tripped up by the Crusaders' Meadow O'Connell.



Nick Ethier

Margaret Johnson of Whitinsville Christian (15) redirects the ball away from an attacking Douglas player.

Madison Mooney then took the penalty, depositing her shot into the lower left-side portion of the goal.

"One of our seniors, one of our captains stepped up and buried the PK," Vega said of Mooney.

Jarred Stand, the Tigers' fellow

co-coach, noted that he allows the players on the field decide who will take the kick. Some of the girls suggested Mooney, and she obliged.

Whitinsville Christian's O'Connell made up for her penalty on the Crusaders' tying goal. She sent a pass down the field in stride to Margaret Johnson, who had — at most — a half-step on the Douglas defender. Johnson kept the defender in check, took a couple of touches and found the back of the net for the goal.

"I couldn't be more proud," Cutler said of the response to the Tigers' goal. "I tell them all the time, we have to compete for 80 minutes no matter what, and I mean that. Their response was awesome."

"It was a beautiful play," added Cutler. "Meadow saw Margaret with great grace and poise, and she buried it in the net. She had somebody right on her back the whole way with the keeper coming at her. That was a world class goal."

Both teams hope to have solid seasons as the year progresses.

"We just had to replace one starter, that was Morgan [Berthiaume], and we got Kate Wall back this year. She had surgery on a torn ACL. We're hoping for good things," said Vega.

Whitinsville Christian, meanwhile,

lost seven seniors on a team that allowed only six goals in 16 regular season games. Their current roster doesn't include a single senior.

"We're in a moderate rebuild because we have our core in the midfield and we're bringing in new players and mixing them in. We're learning how to play together," said Cutler. "I think we'll compete, get better every week and hopefully we'll be ready for the playoffs when they roll around."

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UMass Memorial said that this annual event is “a night that is so very bright” for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

“Each year, this special gathering leaves everyone smiling and feeling so much love,” UMass Memorial shared in a statement on social media.

According to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

“This month, we honor those with pediatric cancer. St. Jude won’t stop until no child dies from cancer,” the organization shared.



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approached two different females as they walked on or near the Common. One female was identified, and the second female left the area prior to the arrival of police personnel, according to the police statement.

As a result of the original state-

ment released by police, the department shared that a citizen was able to “provide information that led to the identification of the involved individual.”

“It was determined the individual was searching for an Amazon package

that was delivered to the wrong address,” police reported. “We are grateful for the public’s help in bringing this investigation to a swift conclusion. Neither the person who reported this incident, nor the person searching for the missing pack-

age did anything wrong.”

The police department encouraged residents to report “suspicious activity” to the police.

“We thank the involved subject for his candor and cooperation,” the department added.

OCTOBERFEST

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The event, which is expected to welcome thousands of visitors to the town, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to event details, and promises “live music, games, rides, food, a car show, fundraisers, and little dog races.”

“This yearly tradition grows each year and this year is no different,” organizers added.

The 2022 event will feature Worcester brewer “Greater Good” in the beer garden, with music from the Rusty Spike and Big Jon Short, event organizers shared. There will also be an authentic soda jerk experience, a second train, tricycle racing for all ages, a hayride from the schools, and additional parking.

Downtown will be filled with more than 125 ven-

dors selling crafts items and services of all kinds, event details said.

“Such a large event creates special traffic and parking considerations,” the organizers added.

According to the Douglas Police Department, Route 16 (Main Street) will be closed to through traffic starting at 6 a.m. Westbound car traffic will be detoured onto Cook Street to B Street and then to Mechanic Street, police said; eastbound will be detoured onto Mechanic Street to B Street, and then to Cook Street.

“TT Units and all heavy commercial trucks weighing over 12 tons will not be able to utilize this detour and will be required to seek alternate routes,” police said. “All traffic patterns and prohibited parking areas will be clearly marked.

Vehicles parked in prohibited area will be towed at the owner’s expense.”

Event organizers announced that a Pinewood Derby Race that had been planned for the event has been canceled.

“While I think it was a great idea, it just didn’t get the traction (read: participation) we needed to be able to run it this year,” a statement on the Douglas Octoberfest Facebook page reads. “We are already floating out some ideas for next year to hopefully make it a successful addition to Oktoberfest...I am really sorry to anyone who has invested their time and energy into building one. Please contact us for a full refund and hopefully, we can make this happen in the future.”

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Hi! My name is Nicholas and I love sports and want to be on a sports team!

Nicholas is a sweet and polite boy of Hispanic descent. He loves pets and is compassionate to all who know him. He also has a very funny sense of humor and can joke around easily with others. Being well-groomed and clean is very important to Nick. In his free time, Nick loves to listen to hip-hop music and play basketball. He also enjoys video games but would prefer to be outside being active and burning off his energy rather than being inside. Nick has many friends, is very sensitive to others’ feelings, and tries to help out those who he feels are struggling. He is a role model in his program. When a new kid arrives, Nick takes them under his wing and mentors them. He provides comfort to other kids when they are upset. He is very well-liked by both his peers and adults in his living setting. He is a loyal friend. He receives support services in school to help with expressive and receptive language and reading. Nick does perform very well in math. Due to the lack of foster families, Nick lived in a residential program much longer than needed but recently moved in with a foster family. He is doing great living in a family environment.

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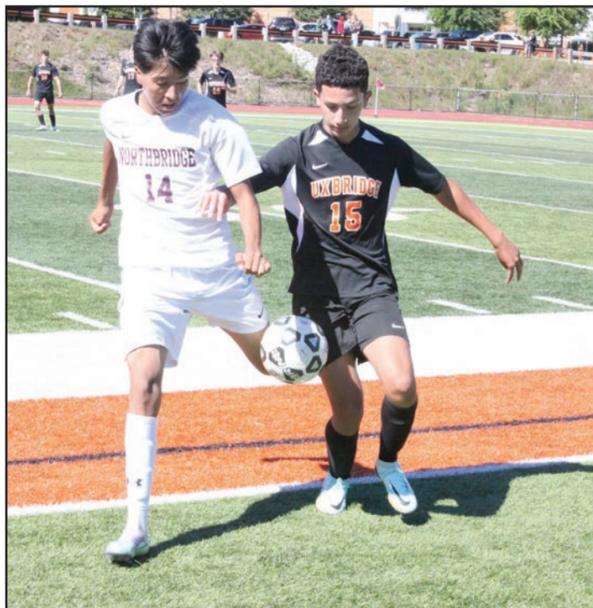
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From left, Northbridge's Lucas Baby and Uxbridge's Alan Mages compete for the ball, which falls perfectly between the two players.



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Tyler Richardson of Uxbridge clears the ball out of his team's defensive end as Northbridge's Lucas Baby approaches.



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Kevin Acevez of Northbridge, left, and Uxbridge's Ali Alomar tangle as both go for the ball.



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Northbridge keeper JP Bolduc dives to make a save during an Uxbridge penalty kick.

Uxbridge loses lead, but rallies late to upend Rams

By Nick Ethier
Sports Editor

UXBRIDGE — A season ago the Uxbridge High boys' varsity soccer team finished with a record of 6-7-3, narrowly missing out on a berth into the State Tournament by one point. And after a 2-3-1 start this year, the last thing the Spartans needed was a loss to Northbridge High when the two tangled on Saturday, Sept. 24.

But following a 65th minute goal by the Rams' Zach O'Meara — where O'Meara had a penalty kick that was saved by keeper Thatcher Kling, only for O'Meara to deposit the rebound into the net — Uxbridge trailed 2-1.

"We gave up the penalty to go down and then we had to light a little fire under ourselves to get back in this game and I think we did," said Spartans' head coach Bruce Chartier.

Uxbridge's response included a pair of goals off the foot of Lex Lovell — in the 67th and 71st minutes, respectively — as they rallied for a 3-2 victory.

"This was important for us to win this game to get to the .500 level because our upcoming games are difficult," Chartier said of contests played after press time against the likes of Grafton High, Oxford High and North Middlesex Regional. "In this league, no matter who they are, they're going to play you tough."

Despite the Spartans coming out "a little flat," in Chartier's words, Uxbridge made a few on-field changes and were awarded the game's first goal in the 31st minute. There, Max Martone took a left-footed free kick from 20 yards out. After the initial save from Northbridge keeper JP Bolduc, the Spartans' Ali Alomar and the Rams' Owen Orlandino raced after the rebound. They appeared to simultaneously touch the ball, it bounding into the open net.

Northbridge tied the game just before halftime when they took advantage of a free kick from 40 yards out. O'Meara's kick was deposited just above the reach of Kling and just under the crossbar, and it was a 1-1 game.

O'Meara had another free kick in the second half — this one from 39 yards — and it hit the crossbar. But moments later the Spartans were called for an inadvertent handball in the box, which called for the aforementioned penalty kick. O'Meara took the PK and followed his rebound to put the Rams ahead.

"Zach's got a strong foot and can position the ball really well," Northbridge head coach John Battista said of O'Meara's overall strong play.

Uxbridge tied the game at 2-2 in the 67th minute following some commotion in the Rams' defensive goalmouth. Lovell emerged with the ball and scored.

Then, in the 71st, Martone was fouled in the box. Lovell took the PK and scored in the upper portion of the net for the winner.

Northbridge is now 1-4-1, but Battista has seen plenty of emotion and desire from his inexperienced team.

"With young guys, the precision is not there quite yet. They're getting there. What I see a lot of is there's a lot of heart on this team. They fight hard," Battista said of his 23-man roster, which includes 14 freshmen and an eighth grader. "What we run into a lot of is physicality. I've got four, five, six freshmen out there at a time and they physically can't make that move. They're going to get there."

"This year's not really about the record. I want to make the Tournament and they want to make the Tournament, and we're fighting toward that, but I want to see growth out of these young kids," added Battista. "But I never want to look past this year. I've got seniors that are battling hard and playing well."

With Uxbridge also looking to make the Tournament, Chartier hopes that this win will instill confidence in his now 3-3-1 club.

"When you're in a tight game and you can hold on and win, that builds confidence. And when you build confidence, you can progress," Chartier concluded.

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Oxford's defensive stand enough to defeat Spartans, remain unbeaten

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

UXBRIDGE — With both teams looking for 3-0 starts to their respective seasons, it should come as no surprise that the contest between the Oxford High and Uxbridge High varsity football teams came down to the wire.

With the Spartans trailing, 19-14, but driving down the field late in the fourth quarter — looking to put a bow on their Homecoming Weekend on Saturday, Sept. 24 — the Pirates' defense stepped up to secure the victory.

Uxbridge began the final drive on its own 13-yard line with 2:55 to play, but the Spartans moved the ball all the way down to Oxford's 10 to set up a first-and-goal. From there, the Pirates allowed a 3-yard run on first down and then Zak Parmenter sacked quarterback Kellen Lachapelle for a couple yard loss. Following a spiked ball to clock it on third down, Oxford didn't allow a touchdown on the final running play, ending it at 19-14.

"I was ready for the defibrillator," joked Jeff Clarkson, head coach of the Pirates. "We put a ton of time into every week, but we put so much time into this week."

Clarkson credited defensive coordinator James Small and his other coaches.

Regarding Parmenter's sack on second-and-goal: "That is Zak Parmenter, just being a leader," said Clarkson. "He does it with his action, his play."

"It was hard getting through that line, but I saw an opening and crawled right through it," Parmenter said of the sack.

Parmenter added that he was "a little nervous" as the Spartans marched down the field — which included Lachapelle completing passes of 13 and 27 yards, as well as rushing for a 24-yard gain — but then he "looked around and saw all my brothers. I knew we had to get through this and I saw their faces and it was just like mine. We wanted this win."

Uxbridge head coach Matt Blood said that his team incurred too many errors throughout the game, which led to the close loss.

"We had way too many mistakes in every phase of the game," he noted.

Regarding the final drive, Blood said the following: "We haven't done exten-



Uxbridge's Nathan Noyes lifts teammate Ryan Labonte into the air following Labonte's touchdown versus Oxford.

sive practice of our two-minute stuff, but our offense is relatively simple. It also helps, too, that our quarterback can extend plays."

But the third down spike could have been avoided, a normal offensive play taking place instead.

"There was some miscommunication between myself and the quarterback, and we should have been able to run two plays there," said Blood.

Oxford struck first in the first quarter, quarterback Lucas Lambert connecting with Brett Morgan on a 41-yard passing touchdown. Lambert kicked the extra point, and it was a 7-0 game.

Uxbridge then cut the deficit down to 7-6 in the second quarter when Ryan Labonte (15 carries, 60 yards, TD; 1 defensive INT) rushed into the end zone from 4 yards out. And the Spartans grabbed a 14-7 halftime lead when they scored 13 seconds before intermission. Lachapelle (6 of 11, 98 yards) hooked up with Liam Rigney on a 50-yard connec-



Uxbridge's Anthony Fair cuts inside while rushing the football to avoid Oxford defender Lucas Lambert.



Quarterback Kellen Lachapelle of Uxbridge squeezes through Oxford's defensive line while calling his own number.

tion, and Anthony Fair rushed in the two-point conversion.

The Pirates made it a 14-13 game in the middle of the third when Lambert found Morgan for a second time, again from 41 yards out. And the Pirates scored the winning points with 8:52 remaining, Lambert scoring on an 8-yard QB keeper.

Clarkson said that Lambert (8 of 17, 168 yards, 2 TD's, 1 INT; 8 carries, 35

yards, TD) may have been more hit-or-miss than his usual self, but that the signal caller got the job done at the end of the day.

"When he takes off, he's usually a little bit more fluent than he was today. I just think today it was a big game and he was trying to play more reserved. But when it came down to it, he did what he had to do," said Clarkson.

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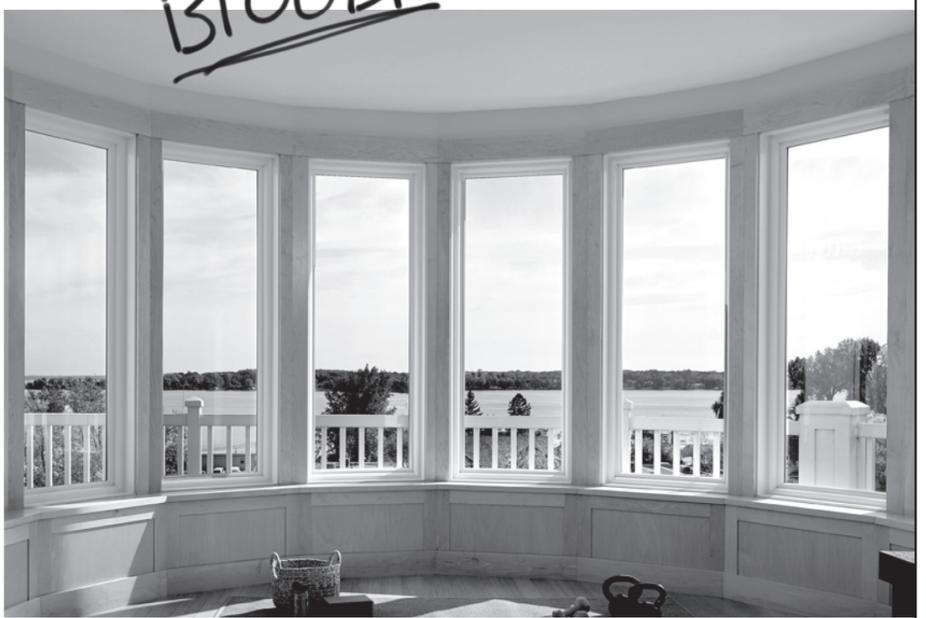
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Hot start helps Rockets fend off Northbridge

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

AUBURN — All it took was a combined time of 3 minutes, 29 seconds to start the first two quarters for the Auburn High varsity field hockey team to build a 2-0 lead on Northbridge High on Thursday, Sept. 22. The Rockets took that 2-0 lead into halftime and eventually built the advantage up to 4-0 before holding off the Rams for an eventual 5-2 victory. “We were trying to score early and often, so we got the score early part down,” Auburn head coach Heidi Tatum said with a laugh.

The Rockets’ Giana Candelaria scored first, with 1:29 gone to open the game. Maeve Whittemore provided the assist.

Whittemore then doubled Auburn’s lead to 2-0 with exactly two minutes gone in the second quarter. There,

Whittemore fired off a high shot into the cage.

Whittemore extended the Rockets’ lead to 3-0 with 1:30 remaining in the third quarter when she shot a laser that Northbridge goalie Caroline Lambert initially saved. But the shot carried so much momentum that it ultimately got past Lambert and went in the net.

“We actually play this game in practice called Animal Ball. I always tell the girls, ‘In the circle, you should be an animal,’ and [Whittemore] actually gets that,” Heidi said of Whittemore’s ferociousness in the circle coupled with her hard shot.

Whittemore finished off a hat trick, scoring her third goal with 7:55 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Rams then attempted their comeback bid, scoring twice in

the span of three minutes. First, Ava Connors serviced in a penalty corner that Sophia Boisseau received. Boisseau then shot from deep range, the ball finding the back of the cage.

Northbridge’s next goal saw Katherine Kibbe dribble the ball through a defensive double team before sending a pass down low into the circle. Connors collected the pass and scored to trim the Rams’ deficit down to 4-2.

“They had a good fourth quarter, but like I told them you need a full 60 minutes. You appreciate the effort finding the back of the net and we’ll move on from there and build momentum,” Northbridge head coach Kerin Buma said of the comeback and the game in general.

Auburn scored with 3:45 to play to end the threat of a complete

Ram comeback, Candelaria scoring her second of the game.

“I think that fifth goal you saw was an answer because they know about the goal differential,” Tatum said of not only trying to win games, but also winning by up to four goal to maximize the amount of points a team can earn for Power Rankings to reach the Division 3 State Tournament.

The Rockets are now 3-1 to open their season.

“We beat Notre Dame and that was a good win because they beat us last year, we beat Tantasqua who beat us last year, we just beat Northbridge who beat us last year. Our one loss was to Algonquin, a Division 1 team with a good record,” said Tatum, who added that reaching the State Tournament is “absolutely” the team’s goal.

Northbridge, meanwhile, is 1-2-1, and Buma noted that her team’s slow start in this game was the main reason behind the loss.

“I think it was just getting off on the right foot, trying to find that balance. Just trying to get into that mindset and getting caught flat,” she said.

In the game, Northbridge was credited with 12 corners and the Rockets seven. In turn, Auburn goalie Jordyn Bolduc made a save in three quarters of play and Samantha Jess had three stops in the fourth quarter. Lambert made five saves for the Rams.

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