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Friday, August 2, 2024

DA provides funding for safe post-graduation celebrations at local high schools

REGION — Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. provided funding to support safe post-graduation events at three local high schools, including Blackstone/Millville Regional High School, Northbridge High School, and Uxbridge High School, thanks to his annual grant program, which helps keep students from driving impaired.

“These events should be times of celebration for our students and their families, but these celebrations can turn into tragedies. We know that life can and often does change in the blink of an eye, especially when alcohol or drugs are involved,” Early said. “Our goal is to prevent tragedies before they happen by encouraging students to celebrate in safe, fun environments.”

This year, the District



Attorney’s office awarded a total of \$25,000 in grants to 21 different schools across Worcester County to fund events, organized and overseen by dedicated adults, that offer drug- and alcohol-free alternatives where students can celebrate after events like prom and graduation.

The office has been providing these funds to schools for six years. District Attorney Early felt it was vital to continue supporting these programs and is once again utilizing his Drug Forfeiture Reinvestment Program to provide these funds. Funding to support these grants was previously provided by the Massachusetts Office of Victim Assistance Drunk Driving Trust Fund.

Uxbridge to launch study of older residents

UXBRIDGE — As is true across Massachusetts and the United States, the population of people aged 55 or older in Uxbridge is growing. According to the recent American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau, it is estimated that there are 4,863 over 55 years of age adults living in Uxbridge, constituting 35 percent of the total Uxbridge population.

The Uxbridge Council on Aging and the Uxbridge Senior Center want to ensure its services and programs are meeting the needs of Uxbridge residents as they age, now, and in the future. The Council on Aging, in partnership with researchers at the UMass Boston Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging, is conducting a study to evaluate the needs of older adults in Uxbridge.

“Uxbridge is a great place to live for people of all ages and we want to make sure it stays that way. Our senior population is growing. The needs of our older residents will continue to evolve. We are very excited to be spearheading this assessment to understand the needs and interests of our ag-ing residents and adapt services accordingly,” said Lisa Bernard, Director of the Uxbridge Senior Center.

The study involves a multi-pronged approach to information gathering including interviews, focus groups and culminating in a town-wide survey of residents 55 years of age and older. The survey will be sent out to residents this coming September. A postcard and other communications will be coming in September alerting you to the survey.

“I really hope as many adult residents as possible take part in the survey. We will make sure that the launch of the survey is widely publicized,” says Bernard.

Bernard sees this as a great opportunity for older residents to have a voice in helping to shape the future of programs and services for the town’s older residents. Results from the assessment will be available at the end of 2024.

For more information, please contact Lisa at the Uxbridge Senior Center at 508-278-8622 or email at lbernard@uxbridge-ma.gov.

Bay Path graduate recognized with two citations

CHARLTON — Massachusetts State Sen. Ryan Fattman, through Amanda Galonek Hellyar, MPA, Deputy District Director and Special Projects Coordinator from the Office of Sen. Ryan Fattman, Worcester & Hampden, presented a citation to John Martin Wanjiru.

State Rep. John J. Marsi, Jr. also presented a citation to John Martin Wanjiru as an acknowledgment for his accomplishments and award as the MassCTE.org Post-secondary student of the year, Central Chapter. Citations are awarded to constituents who have reached a significant personal or professional milestone.

Ryan C. Fattman currently serves in the Massachusetts State Senate. Previously, he represented the 18th Worcester district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives as a Republican.

John J. Marsi, Jr. is currently serving as a Republican member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from the 6th Worcester district.

Both Senator Fattman and Representative Marsi honored John Martin Wanjiru at his graduation and pinning ceremony June 21 at the Overlook Performance Arts Center.

John Martin Wanjiru of South Grafton graduated with the PN Class of 2024.

“What an honor to witness and celebrate this recognition for our nursing graduate,” said Getheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director. “We



are proud of John Martin for this achievement and grateful to both Senator Fattman and Rep. Marsi.”

John Martin pursued a career in nursing, having been motivated by his experience as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Certified Home Health Aid (CHHA), and a direct support professional.

“Giving the best version of a nurse whenever I will be working, to create a positive environment for the residents and colleagues,” John Martin noted.

He spends his free time giving back to those who give their service to the country. He collected items for care packages that were sent to soldiers. He spoke in front of the Practical Nursing Class of 2024 about this initiative. Care bags were filled and donated to the https://militarymissions.org/ sent via USPS at 570 Delzan Place, Suite 10, Lexington, KY 40503. He felt encouraged and empowered to show appreciation to the veterans.

John Martin was a CNA at the River Terrace Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center since 2021. From 2019 to 2022, he was a direct support professional at Venture Community Services. Originally from Kenya, he obtained his certification at Kenyatta University (Nairobi, Kenya for CISCO Networking Academy, 2012). He completed his secondary education at Kiamuya Secondary School (Nyeri, Kenya 2009).

John Martin is certified in BLS/HCP CPR, mental health first aid, and dementia care. As a member of the PN Class of 2024 he was a member of the admissions panel interview and coordinated the Alzheimer’s Association memorial luminary during the longest night in December. Through https://www.betherecertificate.org/ he received his Be There Certificate. The Be There Certificate is a self-paced learning experience designed to increase mental health literacy. The training provides knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to safely support anyone who may be struggling with their mental health. From “It provides a deep understanding of Be There’s 5 Golden Rules — a simple but actionable framework on how to recognize when someone might be struggling with their mental health, your role in supporting that person, and how to connect them to the help they deserve.”

Douglas Oktoberfest brings fun, music, and magic back to Main Street!

DOUGLAS — Mark your calendars for the annual Douglas Oktoberfest, happening on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Street in Douglas. This beloved event promises a day full of festivities for the whole family.

This year’s Oktoberfest will feature a vibrant beer garden, serving locally crafted brews from Greater Good. Enjoy live music by the talented Jon Short as you sip your favorite drinks.

The event will also host the ever-popular little dog races down Main Street, an exciting spectacle for attendees of all ages. Four stages of entertainment will ensure there is never a dull moment, offering a variety of performances throughout the day.

Families can look forward to a wide array of games and activities



designed to engage children of all ages. Street magic will dazzle and amaze as Ed the Wizard performs illusions and crafts balloon animals throughout the day.

With over 100 vendors, there will be plenty of opportunities to shop, eat, and explore unique local products and treats.

Vendor and Volunteer Information: Interested in joining the festivities as a vendor or volunteer? We welcome your participation! Please reach out to us at douglas.oktoberfest@yahoo.com or visit www.douglasoktoberfest.com to apply for a vendor booth or to offer your help.

Come and celebrate autumn with your community at the Douglas Oktoberfest. We look forward to seeing you there!

About Douglas Oktoberfest

The Douglas Oktoberfest is an annual event that brings the community together for a day of fun, entertainment, and celebration. From music and games to local vendors and magical performances, it is a highlight of the fall season in Douglas.

Fairlawn Church women’s Bible study begins fall season Sept. 12

WHITINSVILLE — Coffee Break, a non-denominational community Bible study for women, will open its fall season with a study on the “Fruit of the Spirit,” beginning on Thursday morning, Sept. 12. The author writes, “Nothing can compare to the beauty of this fruit that displays the very character of God:

- Love that doesn't quit, that keeps giving when others have given up
- Joy that fills the heart even in the most desperate circumstances
- Peace that surpasses our ability to understand
- Patience that endures, trusting in God's wisdom and timing
- Compassionate kindness for others in their weakness
- Genuine goodness that reveals the holiness of God
- Faithfulness that stands firm and even grows stronger through testing (temptation) and trials
- Gentle strength that makes even the weakest and most insecure feel loved and safe
- Self-control so disciplined that it guides us to do what is right.

If you're looking for this kind of fruit in your life, this study--based on Galatians 5:22-23 and other scriptures--is meant for you."

The study will be in small groups at Fairlawn Church. Refreshments are provided, and child care is available for infants through pre-school age. Coffee Break is free and open to anyone in the community and is held each Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Fairlawn Church. Coffee Break offers women in the Blackstone Valley an opportunity to read and discuss the Bible, share questions and concerns, and develop new friendships. Each lesson is independent, so if you can't attend every week, you won't feel "lost." There's no "homework" required, and no previous Bible knowledge is necessary. Study guides and bibles are provided free of charge.

Fairlawn Church is located at 305 Goldthwaite Road (off Hill Street) in Whitinsville. For directions, questions, or to get more information, call Ginette at 508-234-4806 or visit fairlawncr.org/outreach/coffeebreak.cfm.

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\$550,000, 140 Blackstone St, Caughey, Mark W, to Davis, Debra, and Davis, Joshua.

\$460,000, 28 Power St, Bertoni, Nicholas D, and Bucchanio, Taylor M, to Houghton, Amelia, and Houghton, Kristina D.

\$200,000, 10 Huntington Ave, Savini Donald R Est, and Solinko Sr, Theodore W, to Pizarro Holdings LLC.

DOUGLAS

\$625,000, 60 Gilboa St, Barnatt, Michael, and Barnatt, Jennifer, to Morgret, Leslie D.

\$565,000, 50 Glen St, Corcoran, Richard R, to Bourdeau, James E.

\$535,000, 171 Yew St, Loper, Kristin B, and Loper, Kristopher, to Sargent, Geoffrey, and Sargent, Samantha.

\$450,000, 6 Railroad Ave, Lamarco, Linda A, and Lamarco, Grace V, to

Quintin, Tracey M.

\$75,000, 233 Yew St, Sherman, David A, and Sherman, Claudia M, to Stevens, Leslie M.

NORTHBRIDGE

\$629,385, 54 Crestwood Cir #54, Stone Hill Partners LLC, to Purkis, Christine A.

\$580,000, 50-52 Ash St, Piper Properties LLC, to Davila, Paulo.

\$430,000, 33 Spruce St #33, Pichel, Kathleen, to John R Grendol Lt, and Grendol, John R.

\$365,000, 27 Arcade St #27, Aube, Kristen L, to Stone, Catherine.

\$225,000, 64-66 Edgemere Ave, Viola Michalik Lt, and Michalik, Viola R, to Mirles, Colin A.

UXBRIDGE

\$709,000, 85 East St, Ttk Real Estate LLC, to Mctague, Daniel, and Mctague,

Dianne.

\$700,000, 49 Capron St, Murray, Sean S, and Murray, Mary J, to Biggins, Michael, and Biggins, Alieya M.

\$620,000, 168 Sutton St, Bloem, Randall H, and Bloem, Mary A, to Thibodeau, Aksel.

\$580,000, 98 Linwood St, Schoonmaker, Jeffrey H, to Falcone, Steven P.

\$575,000, 133 Hecla St, Souza, Luciano P, to Peroba, Filipe A.

\$570,000, 33 Julia Dr, Turcotte 2nd, Jean B, and Turcotte, Briana, to Westberg, Keith M, and Westberg, Marilyn J.

\$546,450, 51 Pouts Ln #51, West River Homes LLC, to Machamer, Cheston J, and Machamer, Casey A.

\$541,000, 64 Oak St, Makowski, Ernest E, and Makowski, Jeannine L, to Sweeney Jr, William F, and Sweeney, Catherine.

\$519,900, 35 Pouts Ln #35, West River Homes LLC, to Dannibale, Jessica, and Creed, John.

\$490,000, 40 Lake St, Studley, Amanda F, and Graham, Chelsea R, to Moore, Mary A.

\$470,000, 19 Susan Pkwy, Capogna, Frank R, and Leventer, Sarah, to Finnan, Colin, and Finnan, Laura.

\$459,000, 21 Bruce St, Sylvester, Michael J, and Sylvester, Erin, to Dasilva, Wallace M, and Meireles, Jackeline B.

\$379,900, 42 William Ward St, Smith, Arielle, and Smith, Ashley, to Tebeau, Derek, and Anderson, Meghan.

\$341,000, 264 High St, Db Ventures LLC, to Alexander, Kylie R, and Mangano, John R.

\$320,000, 305 Mendon St #2, Saxton, Hellen M, to Lana, Filipe B.

\$279,400, 21 Bailey St #1B, Katz, Cynthia, and Davis, Joshua, to Dolliff, Brian, and Tetreault, Cheryl.

\$180,000, 79 Buffum Rd, Hanny, Scribner T, and Hanny, Janice K, to Stewart, Aaron J.

\$135,000, 150 Henry St, Gornall, James C, and Gornall, Susan P, to 150 Henry Street Rt, and Haldeman, J M.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Nasal mucus

5. Hairs on the back of a dog

11. Ones who build anew

14. Consume too much food

15. Praised

18. Provides weapons

19. Become less lively

21. Engine additive

23. Thought or suggestion

24. South Korean city

28. Midday rests

29. Expression of acidity or alkalinity

30. Group of rockers

32. Very fast airplane

33. One who is paid to do something
35. Buzzing insect

36. Monotheistic religion founder

39. Strong dark beer

41. Blood type

42. Square measures

44. Honorific titles in NW Semitic languages

46. Present

47. Afflict in mind or body

49. Duty

52. Municipality in Stockholm

56. In a normal way

58. Rode a bicycle

60. Charitable

62. Verandas

63. Uncredited

CLUES DOWN

1. No seats available

2. Russian river

3. A European river

4. Phrase

5. Idol

6. Keyboard key

7. Prefix indicating mutual

8. Kilometers per hour

9. Set an example

10. It's among the "Great" ones

12. VVV

13. Murdered

16. Icelandic poems

17. Seas

20. Famed cartoonist

22. Partner to "Ma"

25. Equal to one quintillion bytes

26. Speak incessantly

27. Disquiet

29. Parts per billion (abbr.)
31. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)

34. S. American plant

36. Monetary unit of Thailand

37. Regions

38. Baseball legend Yogi

40. Ancient Egyptian notion of spiritual part of humans

43. Fishing net

45. Tinseltown

48. MacBeth's wife was one

50. Took a spill

51. Adversary to pets

53. Town in Galilee

54. Secret racist society (slang)

55. About aviation

57. Longing or yearning

58. Hawaiian dish

59. Field force unit

61. Partner to "Pa"

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Class is \$10 per person
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Tuesday, July 30th at 10:30 A.M.
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from Senator Moore's office!
Wednesday, August 7th
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CLASSES!
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Wednesdays at 10:30 A.M. (Class is \$3)
YOGA

Thursdays 9 – 10 A.M. (Class is \$3)
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MAHJONG
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CRIBBAGE
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BLOOD PRESSURE
CLINIC
Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.
SOCIAL BINGO
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Bring your pennies!
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Thursdays 1 – 3 P.M.
COLORING
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12 P.M. Friday 11:30 A.M.
The menu is available on
the town website, www.town-ofmillbury.org
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“MEMORY CAFÉ”
Please join us on Tuesday,

August 27th 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.
Refreshments will be
served
A Memory Café is a month-
ly gathering for people with
memory loss / challenges
and their care partners. It
is a time to socialize, make
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Plummer Place Home of the Northbridge Senior Center

(508) 234-2002
Plummer Place Café is back
at our Center, catered by The
Neighborhood Kitchen. We will
serve delicious meals on Mondays
and Tuesdays for \$8.00 per meal.
You must call to sign up, space is
limited.
We are accepting donations for
our Plummer Place Café. Heavy
duty plasticware utensils, heavy
duty plates large and small, bowls,
napkins, plastic cups, crystal lite
packs, bottled water either large
or small, creamers, Shaw's gift
cards. We appreciate all donations
to help our café run successfully!
Plummer Place's 1950's Retro
Sock Hop and Themed Luncheon,

Thursday, August 8th from 12:00-
1:30pm. Relive the 1950's with
us, fea-turing Roger Tinkell
who will perform an upbeat pro-
gram to include a wide variety
of pop and rock songs. \$10/ticket
with a 2-ticket limit per person,
Northbridge residents have pri-
ority. This performance is sup-
ported in part by a grant from the
Northbridge Cultural Council,
a local agency supported by the
Mass Cultural Council, a state
agency.
Calling all singers: start-
ing Thursday, September 5th
at 2:30pm, join our first ever
Plummer Place Singers Group.
Raianne Richards will lead you as

a group, to develop your skills, to
enjoy the camaraderie, and to per-
haps sing for others. If you would
like to join this group, please call
the Center to sign up. They will
meet weekly, and the cost is \$5 per
week.
We need volunteer out of town
medical drivers! This is a very
important service we provide at
Plummer Place for seniors who
cannot drive to their medical
appointments. If you can spare
some time, even if it is one day
a week, it would be much appre-
ciated. Drivers are reimbursed
for their mileage. Call Michelle
or Amy if you would like more
information or to volunteer.

Rock n Roll Yard Sale at Blackstone Valley Music

UXBRIDGE — Come cele-
brate Blackstone Valley Music
in its 16th year of operation at
6 Mendon St. in Uxbridge!
On Saturday, Aug. 10 (rain
date of Aug. 11), Blackstone
Valley Music will hold our
first Rock n Roll Yard Sale,
from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. with live
music presented by students
and staff, children's activities,
a store-wide sale of new/used
musical instruments, equip-
ment, and much more. Tour
BVM, meet teachers who will
be demonstrating a variety of
instruments, and take advan-
tage of a huge summer sale of
our existing inventory. Food
options will be available right
around the corner by Mendon
St. Kitchen and if you've not
yet visited the new coffee shop
nearby, Honeysuckle, make
this a day to support local
businesses right in the heart
of downtown.
If music lessons have been

on your mind, whether for a
family member or yourself, let
our quality staff of educators
help make that happen. While
supplies last, most student
level instruments will be on
sale for up to 40% off and our
lesson administrators will be
available to meet your sched-
uling needs.
In September 2024, the
newly established nonprofit
Blackstone Valley Music &
Performing Arts Collaborative
will be taking over BVM
from longtime owner Doug
Williamson. Come celebrate
our bright future as we con-
tinue to provide quality music
instruc-tion and programs for
our community. Please visit
[www.blackstonevalleymu-
sic.com](http://www.blackstonevalleymusic.com) or call 508-278-7211
for more information. This
indoor/outdoor event will
take place at 6 Mendon St.
in Uxbridge which is easily
found behind the library.

Ryan W. Paxton of Uxbridge graduates from Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Ryan W. Paxton
graduated Summa
Cum Laude from
Western New
England University
with a BSE in Civil
Engineering/
Environmental
Engineering.
The under-
graduate cerem-
ony was held on
Sunday, May 19, at
the MassMutual
Center in down-
town Springfield.
More than 520
students received
their degrees. The
top fields of study
were Mechanical
Engineering,
Marketing,
Psychology,
Criminal Justice,
and Sports
Management.
In his remarks,
President Robert
E. Johnson
pushed students
to embrace every

challenge as an
opportunity for
growth: "As you
navigate the uncer-
tainties and oppor-
tunities that lie
ahead, remember
that you possess
the influence to
inspire, innovate,
and transform our
global society."
Nina Sullivan,
who will gradu-
ate with a degree
in Forensic
Chemistry, was
selected to deliver
thestudentaddress.
"For me, every
day at Western
New England
University since
the first semester
of freshman year
contained an 'I
can't wait' moment.
Everything was so
new, and I couldn't
wait to do it all,"
added Sullivan
as she addressed
her fellow gradu-

ates. "After every
accomplishment,
each 'I can't wait'
moment became
an 'I did it' moment;
each experience
became a memory
that I can look back
on forever."
The Western
New England
University gradu-
ating class of 2024
hailed from 21
states: California,
Colorado,
Connecticut,
Florida, Georgia,
Illinois, Kentucky,
Massachusetts,
Maine, Michigan,
New Hampshire,
New Jersey,
Nevada, New
York, Ohio,
Pennsylvania,
Rhode Island,
South Carolina,
Texas, Vermont,
and Virginia.
Graduates also
came from Canada,
India, Malaysia,
and Pakistan.
Western
New England
University (WNE)
is a private, nation-
ally ranked, com-
prehensive institu-
tion with a focus
on preparing
work-ready and
world-ready gradu-
ates. Founded in
1919 in Springfield,
Massachusetts
as a division of
Northeastern
College, WNE's
215-acre suburban
campus serves
more than 3,700
students, includ-
ing over 2,500
full-time under-
graduates. More
than 47,000 alum-
ni have earned
degrees through
its 90+ undergrad-
uate, graduate, and
professional pro-
grams at Colleges
of Arts and
Sciences, Business,

Engineering, and
Pharmacy and
Health Sciences,
and School of
Law. Students
come from 39 U.S.
states and territo-
ries and 23 coun-
tries. Of 45,104
living alumni, 30%
remain within the
region, residing in
the four Western
Massachusetts
counties and north-
ern Connecticut.
WNE is classi-
fied among nation-
ally ranked univer-
sities in US News
and World Report,
and among the Top
100 Undergraduate
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Friday's Child




Aaminah
Age 9
Registration # 8076

Hi! My name is Aaminah
Aaminah loves to sing, dance,
go to her gymnastic classes,
color, play outside and watch
movies. She will soon be joining
a local Girl Scout troop and is so
excited about it. In school she re-
ceives some assistance in writ-
ing and reading as well as sup-
port services for her social and
emotional needs. She has been
described as sweet with a vivid
imagination but can so be very
impulsive and will freely says
what is on her mind. She current-
ly has an incentive plan for daily
and evening activities which has
been set by her program.
Aaminah has 4 siblings with
whom she is very close and will
need a family that can commit
to keeping her in contact with them
on a regular bases by phone,
virtually and in-person. The ideal
family for her should be trauma
informed, patient, and supportive.
Aaminah will also need a 2 parent
family with no other children in
the home or much older children.
Aaminah's new family must be
trauma informed, patient, support-
ive, able to set and adhere to these
limits as well as being loving and
understanding. It is suggested that
a family for Aminah would be one
that would be a visitor to her on a
regular basis, preferably weekly,
until such time as Aaminah feels
that she can trust and becomes
bonded to this family.

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mine if adoption is right for you.
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with a child or sibling group that
your family will fit well with.
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EDITORIAL

Beyond memes and headlines — the imperative of informed voting

In an age where social media dominates the landscape of information dissemination, it's too easy to fall into the trap of making decisions based on quick headlines and catchy memes. However, the upcoming election is of such paramount importance that it demands a deeper level of engagement from every voter. The stakes have never been higher, with one candidate making unprecedented claims that, if elected, no one will ever have to vote again because they'll have it "fixed real good." On the other side, a candidate is fiercely advocating for the preservation of American freedoms. This is a critical moment in our history, and we must take it seriously.

The rhetoric of patriotism and freedom has been used by both sides, often skewed and manipulated to serve political agendas. However, we must look beyond these slogans and closely examine what the candidates are truly saying. The promise of never having to vote again is a direct threat to the core of our democracy. Imagine if the Democratic nominee made such a statement—there would be widespread outrage. Yet, when the Republican candidate makes this claim, it is somehow normalized. This normalization is dangerous and undermines the very foundation of our democratic process.

Democracy is built on the right to vote. It is the cornerstone of our political system and the means through which we, the people, hold our leaders accountable. Any suggestion that this right could be taken away should be met with fierce resistance. It is not just a political issue; it is an existential threat to the values upon which our nation was founded. When a candidate threatens to erode this right, it is a call to action for all citizens to rise above party lines and defend the principles of democracy.

In this election, more than ever, we must be vigilant and well-informed. It is not enough to rely on snippets of information from social media. We must delve into the policies and promises of each candidate, understanding their implications for our future. We must listen to what they say and, more importantly, believe them. Their words and actions are a reflection of their intentions, and we must take them at face value.

The narrative that one side is the sole defender of patriotism and freedom is a distortion. In reality, the fight to maintain government out of our personal decisions and to preserve our freedoms is being waged by those who are committed to upholding democratic values. The threat to our democracy is real and immediate. If we are to preserve the freedoms we hold dear, we must act now.

For those who are still uncertain about the gravity of the situation, I urge you to do your research. Look beyond the memes and headlines. Seek out reliable sources of information and educate yourself on the stakes of this election. Understand that democracy is a fragile system that requires our active participation and protection.

This election is a defining moment in our history. The choice we make will determine the future of our democracy. We cannot afford to be complacent or misinformed. We must take the candidates at their word, understand the implications of their promises, and vote to protect our democratic rights. This is not just another election. Do not be fooled by party lines or catchy slogans. Believe in the power of your vote and use it to safeguard the principles of freedom and democracy.

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's review Biden's "accomplishments"

To the Editor:

I had a good laugh after reading a recently letter to the Editor from the frequent writer from Whitinsville. In his article, he said, "The Biden administration has set the record for accomplishments for the American people in a single term." Really? You left us all in suspense, Mr. B. Just what are all these "accomplishments?" Tell us, please. While we are waiting for your answer, I thought a more important thing to ponder is whether these "accomplishments" are for the good, or to the detriment of, the American people. Let's talk about a few of Biden's "accomplishments," shall we?

He has opened our borders to unvetted illegal migrants. Many have committed violence against Americans, which has caused misery to them, their families and friends. Many have entered the country by presenting fraudulent identifications that are thrown to the ground and discarded as soon as they are released into the country on their way to who knows where to do who knows what. Not only that — 1.7 million gotaways have entered the country. And those are just the ones we know about. Do you think they broke into the country for noble purposes? Fantastic accomplishment, Mr. President! Nice job!

And what is your solution? Well, simply hire more border agents to facilitate the entry of hundreds of thousands more unvetted aliens into the country. My solution — close the damn border until we figure it out. If that takes years, then so be it. Stop putting the lives of Americans in jeopardy. Our border policy should not be an American suicide pact.

Let's look at another great "accomplishment" by President Biden that you must be especially proud of, Mr. B.

In January and February of 2023, the Chinese government launched a high tech spy balloon and maneuvered it across the interior of the United States. Instead of immediately disabling it over

the rural western part of the country, our highly accomplished President let it hover and gather intelligence, in real time, exactly where the nation's most sensitive and powerful weapons are stored. Only when the balloon completely crossed the country and did all its surveillance did our brave President take action and shoot it down over the Atlantic Ocean. Great accomplishment, Mr. President. You made the country proud.

And now for the crown jewel of accomplishments. It looks like it's Mr. B.'s favorite because he mentions it in almost every one of his articles. And it's none other than the Iran Nuclear Deal. I'm going to have to get in the weeds a little bit with this, but it's important, so I hope you'll stay with me.

Mr. B. claims that President Trump's withdrawal from the Iran Nuclear Deal is the reason that today, Iran is on the cusp of having a nuclear weapon. Let's take a closer look at that.

The Iran Nuclear Deal was signed by President Obama in July of 2015. It went into effect in January of 2016. It assured the world that Iran would have limitations in its development of centrifuges (equipment used to enrich uranium) and in the level at which the uranium could be enriched. Because of this limitation, it prevents Iran from having the ability to develop a nuclear bomb. However, there were sunset clauses put in this agreement. These clauses would allow these limitations, as time went by, to go away. For example, one clause stated that in 10 years, starting in 2016, which means just a year and a half from now, the centrifuge restriction would be lifted, giving the Iranians the capabilities of enriching uranium to higher levels. Another clause stated that in 15 years, again starting in 2016, restrictions on the level of uranium enrichment would be lifted, opening the pathway for Iran to legally, per the agreement, develop a

nuclear bomb.

So here's the question: What fool would agree to a nuclear deal with Iran that allows Iran to run out the clock on the agreement, thus legally allowing them to develop a nuclear bomb? What kind of fool would even trust Iran to play fair in a game of Jacks, let alone trust them in a nuclear deal?

In 2018, when Trump was in office, he withdrew from the deal. He then placed devastating banking and oil exporting sanctions against Iran, reducing their oil exports to a trickle, which virtually bankrupted them. This economic collapse caused massive protests in the streets of Tehran, threatening to overthrow that regime.

That is the way you stop Iran from getting a nuclear bomb. You don't sign a worthless piece of paper. You bankrupt them, cause internal unrest and bring them to their knees. And it looked like it was working. But then Biden gets elected, and what does he do? He ignores the sanctions and supports Iran by letting them export their oil again. Now they are back in business, and all that money they are getting from the sale of their oil is being used to support their proxies in the neighborhood that are attacking Israel and threatening us and our assets.

Mr. B., if you trust Iran to honor the deal, promising to only use their nuclear program for energy purposes and to never make a nuclear bomb, then you trust our enemies, especially that enemy, just a bit more than I would. But then again, you trust Biden to defend this nation. I trust Trump. So there you go. And if, by chance, you don't trust Iran, like most Americans don't, then you would know why Trump tore that worthless piece of paper up and flushed it down the toilet with all that other stuff.

Thank you for reading, and may you all enjoy fair winds and following seas.

*Jim Krikorian
Whitinsville*

Appreciation for Mr. Ralph True

To the Editor:

Eighteen years ago, my wife and I moved into the Valley with our Family. I had recently gotten into Fly fishing but had never hunted. As we discovered Ralph's weekly column, The Great Outdoors, our interest grew. My youngest (Son) was very interested in Sporting and over time we became entranced with his stories and the cycles of the seasons. We did our research and thanks

to the many pointers and advice from Ralph, we have enjoyed several years in the field and on the water. I've found it fascinating to listen to Ralph's stories and the rituals he has celebrated with his family, friends and even his Dogs. Additionally, I feel like I know him to be a good man. He has always expressed a passion for young people to be involved in Sporting and to act as stewards of the environment. I will miss his weekly

column.

More importantly, I would like to thank Mr. Ralph True for his years serving the Valley Community and his inspiration.

Take a kid fishing and keep them rods bending

Tight Lines, Ralph!

With best regards,

*Bill McGowan
Northbridge*

Slavery in the Americas did not originate in the U.S.

To the Editor:

Did you know that the real history of slavery in the Americas started in South America, and not in the Good Old U.S.A.? "Diversity and Racism" experts [questionable to say the least] are teaching our students that "racism is a power structure that only benefits white Americans. Therefore, black people are incapable of being racist." Does that pass the logic test? No. How about the common sense test? No. The Marxism test? Yes!

Historically, slavery was a South American thing. Did you know that the Portuguese invented plantation slavery in 1480? 200 years before the Americans? Did you know that South American illegal immigrants speak Spanish and Portuguese because of the slave trade? From the 16th to the 19th century, Spain and Portugal brought 10-12 million Africans to the Caribbean and South America.

The Portuguese shipped five million African people to Brazil! Did you know that Brazil is home to the largest population of African people outside of Africa? Ninety million. Brazil's original population of African descent people increased by only a small multiple (18) because so many died in slavery under the Portuguese.

In contrast, our original population of African descent [500,000] increased by a multiple of 82! There are 41 million African Americans. There would be more if Marxists did not encourage them to choose abortion: 19 million since 1973.

How many El Presidentes in South America resemble indigenous people or African descent people? They are all white Spanish or Portuguese descendants.

Who is the El Presidente of Brazil? Luiz Inacio da Silva (Portuguese and Italian descent) - a white European. Over- Lord Obrador of Mexico? A white Spanish European descendant from generations of Spanish overlords.

Mexico now states that it refuses to accept any illegal immigrant [10 million sent to us through Mexico] that Texas may send back to them. Do you ever hear any Racism Expert ever complain about Mexico doing this? No.

After World War II, Venezuela encouraged immigration of Europeans, Italians, Portuguese and Germans to "whiten the country." Today, their beauty pageants celebrate light skin and straight hair. But Benedict Biden is helping racist Venezuela by actually flying illegals from Venezuela to the U.S. using the Border Patrol Asylum app! He flew 320,000 illegal "asylum seekers" last year to the U.S. from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Columbia, and Ecuador. We have limo service to pick up illegals in other countries.

Biden is busy making our country greatly diminished, like him.

Seventy per cent of slaves in South America worked on Spanish sugar cane plantations. They also cultivated produce. Today, check your fruit label to see where it comes from. For example: Green melons - Guatemala, Honduras, Black grapes - Peru. Sweet Spanish onions - Peru. Coffee, El Salvador.

The Spanish and the Portuguese reserved the best jobs for the indigenous tribal people in South America: mining. Spanish colonial authorities compelled expendable Indians to do back-breaking labor in gold and emerald mines.

Have you ever heard of the Nuestra Senora de Atocha? This Spanish treasure galleon was built in Havana for the Spanish King in 1620 - at the time our religious refugees, the Puritans, were landing hungry, cold, sick and poor on Cape Cod.

The Atocha was part of a fleet of Spanish ships that sank in a hurricane [climate change!] in the Florida keys in 1622 on their way back to Spain. It took two months to load the immense treasure on the Atocha in Panama City. In September 1622, 28 ships set sail for Spain. Each ship carried South American treasure. The Atocha carried \$500 million in silver from Bolivia, Peru and Mexico, gold and emeralds from Columbia, and Venezuelan pearls. All products of slavery.

The hurricane sunk 8 Spanish ships in the Florida Keys and Tortugas. When the news reached Havana, Spanish rulers sent ships to salvage the treasure. Indian slaves dove for it. The Spanish treated Indigenous people as expendable. Why are the Spanish a special diversity group today? They deserve no such deference.

The Spanish recovered some cargo, but not the Atocha. In 1975, Mel Fisher found silver, gold and emeralds in the Atocha wreck, but most of the gold and emeralds remain in the sandy shipwreck off Florida.

South America must teach Broken-Border Queen Kamala about the root causes of illegal immigration: the Spanish and Portuguese. Sue them for invader reparations.

Don't Support them. Deport them.

*Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge*

"..beating a dead horse",,,,,, If only!

To the Editor:

While I appreciate the 'respect' proffered by Mr. Krikorian, I am unable to reciprocate due to my ethical standards requiring that 'respect' be earned. The K-man has proudly admitted "I'm a big Trump supporter. Love that man!" How am I supposed to 'respect' that? Has he not been present on earth for the past eight years? Has he not witnessed the first-ever attempt to upend a free and fair presidential election? Has he not lost a family member or friend because of Trump's mishandling of Covid? Has he not read the mea culpas of Tony Schwartz - author of "The Art of the Deal" - and Bill Pruitt - producer of "The Apprentice" - for misleading the American people about the real Trump, and being partially responsible for the conning that led to his presidency? Has he not read the NY Times condemna-

tion of Trump? So 'splain it me, Lucy! - what makes him love a corrupt, racist, pathological lying, misogynistic, treasonous, convicted felon, fraud and sexual abuser? Cmon, Special K - fess up, in your own words..... tell your readers.

While you're at it, define the 'principles' that you exhort Trump supporters to align with? Republicans have 'principles?' I can't wait to hear this one. Trump said he is going to suspend the constitution, so why would any Republican use it as 'your base for evaluating the candidate'? If we elect a Democrat as president, what will happen in the next four years that will "cause America not to survive?" Do the Dems have an equivalent to Project 2025, that essentially ends democracy and all the freedoms we have come to take for granted? Are Dems on a mission to make it harder for people to

vote? Back up your statements, please.

Special K was right about two things - 1: my head did explode while reading the unmitigated nonsense to which he so willingly signed his name. That's the equivalent to wearing a t-shirt proclaiming, "I'm Dumb." Linda Lacki responded to his piece of fiction last week, so I chose to scrap my already-prepared rejoinder, in deference to her articulation. But to answer his question of what I would say if Joe Biden were found guilty of something - I would want him impeached! Same as I want Bob Menendez removed from Congress after his conviction for fraud, and put in jail. Right and wrong, and the rule of law don't end at political party boundaries. That tenet distinguishes Dems from the GOP. As an example, consid-

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The Peach Harvest is In!

Nothing says mid-summer like a sweet, juicy peach, and here in New England, the long awaited peach crop is in! In celebration of the sweet harvest, this week’s column offers the following “peach primer.” **

Perfect Peaches: Using three of your senses will confirm when a peach is perfect to eat:

See: Ripe peaches should have reddish and yellow hues. Peaches that show any tinge of green are not yet ripe. Also, a fully developed peach at its peak of ripeness should be round; typically, oblong peaches aren’t yet ripe. Smell: Take a sniff. You should



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be able to smell a sweet, familiar scent when a peach is fully ripe. Touch: Peaches should be slightly soft to the touch, with a little give. Hard peaches are not ripe. **

Rev up Ripening: If the peach is hard, you can accelerate ripening

by placing it in a brown paper bag for a day or two. If you have multiple peaches, do not pile peaches in the bag, rather spread them out so they do not touch.

Or, perch peaches on a kitchen windowsill to speed up ripening.

Ripened peaches will keep their flavor for up to five days in the vegetable crisper drawer of the refrigerator. **

Have too many ripe peaches? Try freezing them. Cut unbruised fruit up and freeze on a cookie sheet. Once frozen, place the chunks into a plastic freezer bag. These sweet morsels can be used for smoothies, fruit salad, cobblers, and more as they should stay fresh up to six weeks when properly frozen. Try this quick and easy Peach Yogurt recipe using peach chunks straight from the freezer (from JustATaste.com):

Ingredients: Four cups frozen peach chunks; 3 tablespoons honey; ½ cup plain yogurt; one table-spoon fresh lemon juice.

Directions: Place the frozen peaches, honey, yogurt and lemon juice into the bowl of a food processor. Process until creamy, about 5 minutes.

Serve the frozen yogurt immediately or transfer it to an airtight container and store it in the freezer for up to 1 month. **

Want frozen peaches to keep their flavor longer? Peaches can last up to one year in the freezer, according to the National Center of Home Preservation if you follow this process:

1. Wash, peel, and remove pits from peaches.
2. Place peaches into a freezer-safe container, leaving at least 1/2 inch of headspace.
3. Pour water or syrup over the peaches to cover. To make a syrup, dissolve sugar in luke-warm water and mix until clear. You can use anywhere from 10% to 50% sugar in your syrup.
4. Place the peach-filled container labeled with the date into the freezer. **

Nutrition: A medium peach has 0.5 grams of fat, 0 grams of cholesterol and sodium, 15 grams of carbohydrate, 13 grams of sugar, 2 grams of fiber and 1 gram of protein. **

Peaches are also an antioxidant, diuretic, expectorant, and a laxative. Studies show the potassium in peaches, coupled with the fiber of the fruit, can help lower blood pressure. **

Peaches are considered a super fruit. they contain anti-inflammatory antioxidants, therefore, peaches can be an effective treatment for skin inflammations, such as allergies. **

Peaches’ Past: As noted previously in this column, peaches were first grown in China, traced as far back as 551 BC. Peaches are a member of the same family as the rose, which accounts for its sweet fragrance. But early peaches, which were tiny and tart with a larger pit and lots of fuzz, barely resembled today’s plump, juicy fruits. Despite its shortcomings, the historic peach earned its place in early Chinese folklore, as it was considered to bring luck and immortality. In fact, today, the Chinese still consider peaches are proper birthday gifts.

Strains of early peaches attracted favor and the tasty fruit traveled from China through Europe and finally to the “New World,” gaining legions of fans along the way. The Romans fondly dubbed peaches “Persian Apples,” for the country that first introduced the sweet fruit to the west. Louis XIV of France was so fond of peaches that he once awarded a pension to the man who provided him with peaches from Montreuil, a suburb of Paris.

While Spanish explorers brought the peach to America, Native Americans are credited with spreading their cultivation. Eventually, Georgia was named the Peach State, for its abundant peach crops, which flourished in the warm, southern climate. **

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED

Why do so many love Trump?

To the Editor:

“If you haven’t guessed by now, I’m a big Trump supporter. I love that man.”

I have spent many years trying to understand why anyone would turn our country over to a man who has no real respect for or ‘love’ for our country and our way of life. I have read books/articles, listened to, and tried to learn the possible reasons for this phenomenon: a cult centered on Trump.

Very respectfully, you may be the one to finally answer the question: How can you love our democracy and ‘love’ Trump? The two seem completely antithetical. He is an early boomer. A man of 78 years old who wishes to take us back to the 1950s. You will likely remember those times. None of it was good for the rights of anyone besides white cis males. Anyone else in our country did not have those same rights you did even as a child, and you must be smart enough and aware enough to know that. So, pick one or any or all of the possible reasons listed below, but as my dear departed mother and Shakespeare used to say: “Tell the truth and shame the devil!” Why do you ‘love’ Trump?

His heroes are strong men in training and lovers of dictatorship, including Putin, Kim, XI, and Orban. This man doesn’t believe in the rule of law, obviously. He treats women, people of all colors, immigrants, the handicapped, and just about everybody with disdain, rudeness, and continual disrespect. And you ‘love him’?

Other posited reasons may also include white males adoring him because of their racist hearts. They love that our founding fathers created white privilege in the colonies. And they are happy to continue to claim that for America and themselves. And yet we could be in the final throes of white nationalism, so is that what matters most? There are the small-town theories: “Trump certainly made it almost acceptable in our psyches to name call, to lie, to manipulate, to be very aggressive instead of civil,” Bowman said. “I really feel he’s changed politics, probably, if not forever, for a certain, significant period of time.”

Other rural theories: he will cut taxes, he’s ok with no masks, he hates

elites too, so most of us not having college degrees doesn’t matter, and rural resentment that big black cities get more of the government pie.

Irony upon irony: “New research shows that workers who earned less than about \$114,000 on average in 2016 saw “no change in earnings” from the corporate tax rate cut, while top executive salaries increased sharply.”

Initial research suggests, “Republican-majority counties experienced higher COVID-19 death rates compared to Democratic-majority counties, largely due to lower vaccination rates among Republicans.” “Trump’s worst toadies hold degrees from Harvard and Yale. Did they learn anything?” (Reich) “Traditional blue states contributed more federal taxes than red states.” “Many red states received more in federal expenditures than they contribute in taxes.” WalletHub notes in research they have completed, “Eight of the 10 most federally dependent states were Republicans while seven of the 10 least federally dependent states were Democratic, which suggest that overall Republican states are more dependent upon federal assistance than Democratic ones.”

Perhaps the draw is simple: you want to keep your personal AR-15, and only Trump can make that happen. Is it support for sexual misogyny exhibited in his sexual abuse conviction? Are you confused about pronouns or the need for gender-affirming care? A past report from IL AG noted “thousands of previously reported incidents of child sexual abuse by clergy in conservative-leaning religious institutions over the past few decades.” The article citing this notes a total lack of incidents by drag queens. Are you offended by all types of library books being available to everyone? CRT in the class-rooms or anywhere? DEI? Could it be performance art by Trump that delights you? Do you feel more important by wearing his hat, walking in his sneakers, or waving his flag? Was it watching The Apprentice? His rallies do encourage participation, but he is always politically incorrect and can’t stop talking about his lengthy list of grievances. The constant insults, jokes, nicknames, and his ability to suggest no other strongman but him could save

Vive La France!

Who so forth-rightly sail along with their mighty ship captain Donald the Trumpeteer. Who we all witnessed can duck to the deck with a newly pierced ear faster than the Secret Service and the rest of us could even imagine was possible for an old gold duffer.

Meanwhile, in the uniquely French brand of devoutly patriotic behavior, with their Olympic opening, France has very much thumbed their collective noses at just about every terrorist group on the planet. Not the least of which is the Taliban and their best friends here in America, the leaders and rank and file members of the Democratic Party.

Who knew the French had such a wicked sense of humor that they could so effortlessly top Monty Python with a mere vignette that was so expertly guillotined into pieces? Mercilessly mocking the movie versions of the entire Harry Potter book series. Doing so in one of the most surreal of French library settings.

Where, sans the usual mime makeup, the French versions of Hermione, Harry and Ron Weasley toss totally unnecessary pages of movie dialogue three sheets to their library’s inner wind to better draw us in as moviegoers. Only to slam the door in our faces after they romp through the not-so-mean streets of gay Paris.

And who among us could have guessed that only through French eyes could we glean the true meaning and intent of “Imagine” by John Lennon? Which, for decades among us English speakers, sang out like a rock and roller who for some very personal reasons had set himself on an inescapable path to death. Most likely by drug overdose.

Instead, we all can now see the entire package of “Imagine” for what it was. John Lennon’s atheistic nightmare of what it will be like if ever the entirety of the world’s nuclear missiles were somehow launched in a matter of minutes.

Tick, tick, tick... boom, boom, boom. Tick, tick, tick... boom, boom, boom.

Does the nucleated pulse instilled by those words sound at all familiar?

And yet throughout the entirety of that unbelievably stunning opening ceremony their French patriotism whispered ever so discreetly to us all. Doing so in the most egalitarian of ways. With it now as clear as the finest French crystal that to them there can be no greater honor, duty or privilege than to be counted as citizens of their great republic.

With all of that and more summed up in what will forever remain as the most magical of patriotic words.

Vive la France!

Stephen Gambone
Northbridge

Remember the horrors of “Chuckie”

To the Editor:

Since June’s presidential debate, our heads are spinning like “Chuckie” in those campy horror films. Even those who don’t follow current political maneuvers must be aware of the chaos; wondering what the heck is happening today.

First, the world became (uncomfortably) aware of the President’s poor verbal and cognitive capability. Not unexpected by many, who had warned of physical and mental decline for some time, but shocking nonetheless. Ringing hollow everywhere were denials of a cover-up, doubling-down on (false) “vim and vigor” testaments. Even the dullest witted now see fact. “Chuckie” heads are spinning.

Second, as Oval Office loss was envisioned a bloodless coup developed. After pressuring and disenfranchising 14 million primary voters, the President removed himself to “save democracy,”

but the true ‘threat’ lies in how this un-democratic process unfolded! With the world watching, the baton of power was ripped from current hands and literally transferred with regal fanfare to the VP. “Chuckie” heads spin as the media paints new shades of ‘lipstick’ to rewrite or erase in voter minds the most extreme, progressive agenda of the new Presidential ‘nominee.’

Third, in the midst of all this backstabbing drama, a former President and current candidate to reclaim the office survived assassination by a 20 year old. Capitol Hill testimony revealed such depths of incompetence and complacency the Secret Service head resigned, and then Christopher Wray, FBI Director, compounded the problem by casting doubt if a “bullet or shrapnel” had actually pierced the candidate’s ear. Unbelievable when people were injured and one died protecting his wife and two

children for heaven’s sake! “Chuckie” heads keep spinning!

Fourth, when the Prime Minister of Israel, our strongest Middle East ally, spoke to Congress, the one who aspires to be commander-in-chief was absent- a deliberate diplomatic insult. Meanwhile, actual rioters, not-mostly-peaceful-demonstrators exercising free speech were: destroying property, burning Old Glory while hoisting Palestinian flags, and defacing monuments with “ Hamas is coming” at Union Station with barely any police interference. “Chuckie” heads are spinning!

As of now, any heads not glued in a forward-facing position are in danger of exploding from verbal and visual hypocrisy. Do not be fooled. To ease ensuing headaches until Nov.5, replace “Chuckie” with a “bobble” head”; then vote!

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Poor flowering and fruiting in the vegetable garden



Another summer of above-normal summer temperatures in much of the country may be taking its toll on your vegetable gardens. Temperature extremes can interfere with flowering and fruit set, resulting in poor flowering, blossom drop, and a lack of or misshapen fruit on tomatoes, peppers, squash, and more.

The impact of temperature on plants depends on the stage of the plant's development. Plants ready to flower or developing fruit during times of optimum temperatures will be fine but plants that are ready to flower or develop fruit during more extreme temperatures experience problems.

Tomatoes thrive in warm, sunny conditions but when daytime temperatures rise above 90 degrees Fahrenheit and night temperatures remain above 70 degrees Fahrenheit blossom drop and poor fruit development may occur. This combined with low humidity and the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky and doesn't move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination, the flowers won't be fertilized, and fruit will not develop.

On the other hand, when night temperatures are below the optimum of 59 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit, less viable pollen is produced so fewer fruit will form. Cooler temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit can result in misshapen fruit and cat-facing. Fortunately, this malformed fruit is still tasty and safe to eat.

Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity. When temperatures climb to 95 degrees or higher, the pollen is sterile and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells. Pepper plants also experience poor fruit set when night temperatures drop below 60 degrees or rise above 75 degrees.

Flowering in squash and cucumber plants is also influenced by temperature and other environmental factors. These plants typically produce separate male and female flowers. The male flowers usually appear first, and it is not until both the male and female flowers are present that pollination, fertilization, and fruit production can occur.

The research found cool temperatures, bright sunlight, and shorter days encourage female flower production while male flowers are more prolific during warmer



Melinda Myers

Cooler temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit can result in misshapen fruit and cat-facing as seen in this photo.

temperatures, less sunlight, and close spacing. Flowering on squash and cucumbers is also impacted by nitrogen fertilization. Too much can prevent female flower formation while insufficient amounts can reduce the number of male flowers.

In addition, rainy weather or improperly applied pesticides that prevent bee activity and pollination can also result in malformed cucumbers.

These aren't the only vegetables impacted by temperature extremes. Eggplants, a close relative of tomatoes and peppers, do not set fruit until night temperatures are above 55 degrees. Beans stop flowering or the flowers die when temperatures rise above 85 degrees.

The simplest solution is to wait for optimum temperatures and proper humidity levels to return. Once this happens, the plants will begin

producing fruit. Be sure to harvest regularly to keep the plants producing.

If poor productivity caused by weather is a yearly problem, consider planting varieties better suited to these extremes, adjust the planting times, and if needed, find a more suitable growing location.

When the harvest is delayed, extend the season with the help of row covers. These fabrics allow sunlight, air, and water through while trapping heat around the plants. Loosely cover the plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or landscape staples when frost is forecasted. You can leave the fabric in place for the remainder of the year. Just lift it to harvest and secure the fabric when done.

If this summer's weather leaves you disappointed with the harvest, remember there is always next year.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening

books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"*

instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden*

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Sandra L. “Sandi” Crosby, 48

Sandra L. “Sandi” (Meade) Crosby, 48, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 22, 2024 at home with her loving family by her side, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Scott F. Crosby; 3 children, Cole, Madison, and Chloe; her parents, Dana R. and Leisa J. (Girard) Meade of Douglas; a sister, Shannon M. Burns also of Douglas; her grandmother Sheila Brown aka: “GG”; her brother-in-law, Stephen Burns; nieces and nephews, Grace, Mason, Lily, Wesley, and Darius; as well as the dogs, Gus and her beloved French Bulldog Ivan; several aunts, uncles, cousins and many great friends. She was predeceased by her brother Darryl Meade in 2016.

Born in Worcester on October 2, 1975 Sandi grew up and attended school in Douglas. She worked in child care for several years before she became a full time Mom and homemaker. Her greatest joy was being a mother and was affectionately referred to as “mom” not just by her children but also to their friends and her nieces and nephews. Sandi would take no nonsense but at the same time be the “cool mom”. She



was dedicated to fitness, going to the gym and staying strong by working out 3-4 times a week. She loved to cook, often finding and trying new recipes of all sorts, and had an overall passion for food of all types. Sandi also enjoyed camping around New England, spending time with friends and always enjoyed a good book. Another passion she had was tending to her many plants and sharing her botanical knowledge with her friends and family. Sandi carried a lot of love, for a lot of people and her closest friends coined the term “Sandi Love” for that reason. She will be missed and always cherished.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, August 17th from 2-6 PM at the Whitinsville Golf Club, 179 Fletcher St., Whitinsville. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sandi’s memory may be made to Why Me & Sherry’s House, providing support for families with childhood cancer; Donate online, or via mail at 1152 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

Consistency

Pursuing a dream can be very challenging. If you're like most people, unless you have financial backing, you're probably juggling a day job, a night job, taking care of a family, and then pursuing your dream.

Once you decide to pursue your dream, it's often easy to get started because, at this early stage, you have all the motivation. You're convinced of success and can see a future where your hard work pays off in a big way. You picture the people you'll help, the industry you'll revolutionize, and the competitors you'll surpass. This vision fuels your enthusiasm and propels you forward with energy and optimism.

But once you've laid the foundations, you may see flaws. Things may go differently than planned. You'll undoubtedly encounter many roadblocks. You might feel you've tried so hard for so long that you need a break.

Days turn to weeks and weeks into months, but suddenly, you remember your dream, get a burst of inspiration, and go at it again. You start getting some results, but there's still a long way to go. You work your socks off for a while, doing those 16-hour days and making sacrifices, but then life gets in the way. Family obligations may arise, your day job demands more time, and you may put your dream on hold again, still

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unwilling to let it go. Maybe you have a friend, acquaintance, or even family member who pursued their dream, and you're in awe of how far they have gotten.

Out of frustration, you pick up the phone and give them a call, all while wondering how on earth they've managed to make it all work.

Luckily, they answered your call and gave you 30 minutes of their time. They ask you a series of questions, and you give them all the answers, detailing the ups and downs and the starts and stops.

Suddenly, you hear their Aha moment. They have an answer, and as you eagerly await, they say, "My friend, it seems you've got a consistency problem," and it hits you like a bolt of lightning. Consistency!

The word reverberates as you think of all the times you started and stopped.

Your friend says that they, too, had the same problem, and one day decided to work on their dream every single day, even if it was just half an hour or one small task. They never took a break; they just kept churning.

It's not about large bursts of effort but small, persistent, daily efforts. You set tiny goals that you know are achievable, and you keep doing them daily. You realize that consistency is one of the most potent ingredients for turning your dreams into reality.

As the days turn into weeks and the weeks into months, you start to see progress. Your business begins to grow steadily. The challenges stay, but your consistent efforts help you navigate them better. You find that consistency builds momentum, and momentum keeps you moving forward.

What are some things that will make you inconsistent? Drugs and alcohol are certainly significant factors. While some people claim substances like marijuana or alcohol make them more productive, over time, they often find the opposite to be true. When they quit, their productivity usually improves significantly.

Other things that can lead to inconsistency include procrastination, which creates a cycle of stress and rushed work, and lack of sleep, which severely impacts focus and energy levels.

Poor time management without a clear plan or schedule can lead to distractions and overwhelm. A negative mindset, filled with self-doubt and pessimism, can sap motivation.

Unhealthy relationships can drain your energy and focus, pulling you away from productive habits. Constant distractions from social media, emails, or a noisy environment can also break your flow and hinder consistent progress.

Ultimately, you learn that consistency is not just a habit; it's a powerful force that transforms aspirations into achievements. It's the difference between those who succeed and those who don't.

Dedicate yourself to your dream every single day. Let consistency be the engine that propels you toward your goals and turns your aspirations into reality.

LETTER

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er what the Dems did (unfairly) to Al Franken. Contrast that with how Republicans let George Santos pollute the halls of Congress until the stench was so bad that even they couldn't stand it. Hunter won't be pardoned, which according to K's hypothesis, makes Joe not a 'good dad'. It also makes him not a narcissist, putting his own self-interests before the rule of law.

While on the subject of 'pardons,' look at the people pardoned by Trump while in office. He granted executive clemency to 237 individuals charged or convicted of federal criminal offenses, including former campaign staff members and political advisers Paul Manafort, Roger Stone, Michael Flynn, Stephen Bannon, and George Papadopoulos. The vast majority were persons to whom Trump had a personal or political connection, or persons for whom executive clemency served one of his political goals. A significant number were convicted of fraud or public corruption. The New York Times reported that during the closing days of the Trump presidency, individuals with access to the administration such as former administration officials, (one was Rudy Giuliani), were soliciting fees to lobby for presidential

pardons. Trump didn't wait for the Supreme Court to end the rule of law, he did it on his own

2: You aren't alone in not being able to understand Mr. G. If it helps, just consider his thesis that conspiracies lurk around every corner – at rotaries, in Darwin's travels, and within the emancipation proclamation; there is a mystical 'zero chord' in music; Ike has a secret crush on Robert E. Lee; and the bible is rife with – not satanic passages – but the blues. In fact, Robert Johnson and Blind Lemon Jefferson are referenced (in their biblical persona's of Amos and Andy) in the Old Testament, Crossroads 12:23. Go forth and boogie down!

Apparently, Jane 'word salad' Keegan hasn't read Project 2025, nor its doppleganger Agenda 47 (the name was changed to protect the guilty). So Jane - which of my predictions 'maunders' into the lunacy realm? In 2015, I wish people had heeded the predicted disaster that Trump would be. You, I'm sure, also considered that prognostication-turned-reality as lunacy. But maybe, if heeded, half a million Americans would still be alive. Maybe the word 'truth' would still have meaning. Maybe America wouldn't be on the brink of dictatorship, because Trump made it okay to be racist, reac-

tionary and uninformed. Maybe all the people who want to take America back to the Stone Age would still be too embarrassed to come out from under their rocks. Please join Special K and tell us why you support Trump. Which of his qualities and lack of humanity do you admire? Then all we sane people can scream "Are you kidding me?", while our heads explode.

Re Bev's 'Economics 101' – providing a simple three-word definition of inflation is not a lesson in economics. Defining what causes inflation would qualify. But you have no idea what it is, and it would only blow your entire, never ending false claim that "it's Biden!!". The fact that inflation is coming down now is obviously killing you!

Next week's quiz question: A list was just released, naming the 12 states with the highest poverty rates. All 12 are red states, primarily in the south. Since the Republican Party is the 'party of the people,' all for 'the little guy,' and not just for the morbidly rich elites, how do you explain this seeming contradiction? Answers must be 500 words or less, submitted on yellow, lined paper. Penmanship will factor into your grade.

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Western New England University celebrates Dean's List students

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University (WNE) takes immense pride in recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of over 670 students who have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

A WNE education provides career-span agility through a curriculum grounded in professional/experiential studies, enhanced by the liberal arts, and enriched by mentored research that equips graduates to adapt and succeed in the workplace of the future.

Thomas Andolina of Uxbridge is working toward a BA in Psychology.

Lex Lovell of Uxbridge is working toward a BS in Computer Science.

Sarah Johnston of Uxbridge is working toward a BSBA in General Business.

Thomas Schreiber of Uxbridge is working toward a BSE in Civil Engineering.

Nicholas LaPolt of Douglas is working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

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

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Local residents named to Clark University Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — The following local residents were named to Clark University's Spring 2024 Dean's List:

Ally Grace Dunphy, of Douglas was named to first honors.

Woody Michael Garrigan, of Whitinsville was named to first honors.

JJ E. Gifford, of Whitinsville was named to second honors.

Coulton S. Manning, of Northbridge was named to first honors.

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Braden Murray from Whitinsville graduates from Emerson College

BOSTON — Emerson College awarded approximately 1,045 undergraduate degrees to the Class of 2024 during the 144th Commencement at Agganis Arena in Boston

on Sunday, May 12. Braden Murray from Whitinsville received a BA in Media Arts Production. During the ceremony, the College honored award-winning executives, creators, and Emersonians for their contributions and efforts to the arts, communication, and greater humanity.

Randy Barbato '82, acclaimed director, producer, and co-founder of World of Wonder, the multi-platform entertainment company behind the Emmy Award-winning show "RuPaul's Drag Race", and Emerson Trustees Doug Holloway and Al Jaffe received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. Barbato '82 delivered the commencement address.

"I do want you to take the time to discover yourself in the world. Trust the timing in your life. Things will not turn out how you planned," said Barbato. "It's experiences that create the opportunities. It's the experiences that build your endurance and connections with another and remind you to refine your confidence."

About Emerson College
Based in Boston, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has approximately 4,161 undergraduates and 554 graduate students from across the United States and nearly 70 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs at Emerson Los Angeles, located in Hollywood, and at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands. Additionally, there are opportunities to study in Washington, DC, London, China, and the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland, Mexico, Cuba, England, and South Africa. The College has an active network of more than 51,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

Others will be on Saturday Sept. 14 with Mass

Save participating offering energy saving tips, and Sept. 28, in conjunction with Upton's annual Heritage Day celebration. This season's final VFW yard sale will be October 12. Each is from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with coffee and donuts available during the morning, then hot dogs, chips, and cold drinks at lunch time. Parking is free. Seller spaces are \$10

Upton VFW flea markets continue Aug. 10

UPTON — With fall cleaning time fast approaching, this is an excellent time to participate in another of the Upton VFW's summer series of flea markets, this one on Saturday, Aug. 10 at Post headquarters, 16 Milford St. (Route 16), next to the Upton Community Center.

each or for an additional \$5, the post will furnish a banquet sized table. Reservations are not needed, but further information can be provided via the VFW Facebook page, or by calling Post member David Kennedy at 508-529-3314. Kennedy heads up these events that benefit the Post, its members, and the community. There are no rain dates.

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO24P1467EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Dorothy Pestana Derby
Also known as:
Dottie Derby
Date of Death: 11/07/2023**

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/20/2024**.

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

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 15, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
August 2, 2024

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Dennis Novinger and Kyla Novinger** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean and Whitaker Mortgage Corp. dated August 28, 2007, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41721, Page 193, as affected by a Freddie Mac Flex Modification Agreement dated April 30, 2018, and recorded in Book 58933, Page 109, and as affected by a further Freddie Mac Flex Modification Agreement dated April 30, 2018, and recorded in Book 59025, Page 36; said mortgage was then assigned to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2020-2 by virtue of an assignment dated April 6, 2022, and recorded in Book 67428, Page 85; and further assigned to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2020-2 by virtue of an assignment dated August 12, 2022, and recorded in Book 68148, Page 72 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will

be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 12:00 PM on **August 28, 2024**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 121 Border Street Unit C, 117-127 Meadow Pond Condominium, Whitinsville (Northbridge), MA 01588. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:
The Condominium Unit known as C, in the Condominium known as 117-127 Meadow Pond Condominium, situated at 117-127 Border Street, Whitinsville, County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a Condominium created by Master Deed dated December 4, 2006 and recorded on December 5, 2006 in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 40282, Page 305.
The Post Office Address of the Unit is: 121 Border Street, Unit C, Whitinsville, Massachusetts 01588.

The Unit is shown on the floor plan of the Condominium recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed in Plan Book 851, Plan 25, and on the copy of the portion of said plan recorded with the first deed of this Unit, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, Section 9. Said Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 16.666 percent interest in the Common Elements, as described in the Master Deed, and any amendments thereto.
The Unit is intended for residential purposes and such other uses as are set forth in the Master Deed.
Said Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the provisions, including all obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities, contained in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, and as amended, the provisions of the Master Deed and floor plans of the Condominium, as amended, and the Declaration of Trust dated December 4, 2006, and recorded on December 5, 2006 with said Registry of Deeds in Book 40282, Page 325, and as amended.
Being a portion of the premises conveyed in a Deed dated October 1, 1984 and recorded on October 3, 1984 with said Registry of Deeds in Book 8392, Page 242.
Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

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The Trial Court
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225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO24P2375EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Peter Grant Lavallee
Also known as:
Peter G Lavallee
Date of Death: 08/05/2009**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Colleen Ann Lavallee-Alteri of Rome NY** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Colleen Ann Lavallee-Alteri of Rome NY** 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 08/20/2024**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 22, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
August 2, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO24P2254EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Donald O Frigon
Date of Death: 05/072024**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Elizabeth D Bijesse of Greenville RI** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Elizabeth D Bijesse of Greenville RI** 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 08/13/2024**.

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

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 10, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
August 2, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO24P2051EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Grace Virginia Burns
Also known as: Grace V Burns
Date of Death: 8/31/2022**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jane E Pawlowski of Webster MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Jane E Pawlowski of Webster MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/27/2024**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
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Local students gaining real-world experience with summer internships at Cornerstone Bank

WORCESTER — This summer, Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is hosting nine college students in its internship program. The goal is to provide them with hands-on experience that complements their studies and allows them to explore career opportunities and begin to build a professional network.

“We are committed to providing these bright students with solid work



Courtesy

Pictured left to right: Bella Smith, Reese Levansavich, Collin Heenan, Zach Hebert, Kevin Skagerlind, Will Pieczynski, Jack Seery, Sam Quink and Jack Gaudette.

experience that integrates what they learn in the classroom with real-life experiences in a professional setting,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “They gain valuable skills, work on meaningful projects and make professional connections. We also benefit from their enthusiasm and perspectives, so it’s a win-win situation.”

This year’s group of interns includes:

- Investment Services Intern Jack Gaudette from Sturbridge attends Elon University in North Carolina.
- Retail Intern Zach Hebert from Dudley attends Nichols College in Dudley.
- Commercial Lending Intern Collin Heenan from Holden attends Worcester State University.
- Community Relations Intern Reese Levansavich from Auburn attends Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire.
- Investment Services Intern Will Pieczynski from Fiskdale attends Villanova University in Pennsylvania.
- MIS (IT) Intern Sam Quink from Sturbridge attends the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.
- Facilities Intern Jack Seery from Brookfield attends the University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- Community Relations

Intern Kevin Skagerlind from Holden attends the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

• Learning and Development Intern Bella Smith from Sutton attends Assumption University in Worcester.

The Cornerstone interns attend an orientation on their first day before joining their respective departments and have regular check-ins to ensure they are getting what they want out of their experiences. The students also have opportunities to engage in community support efforts, attend Cornerstone Bank events and network with each other.

“At the end of the summer, we ask them to reflect on their time with us and provide feedback,” said Tallman. “This allows us to continue to refine the internship program to make sure we are providing truly valuable experiences.”

Cornerstone’s internship program started in 2021 and is open to both high school and college students. It offers both part-time and full-time internships, with most students choosing to intern for 38 hours per week. Each intern goes through an interview process so that they can be placed into the department that best aligns with their goals and interests.

All interns are paid and are eligible to get school credit upon completion of the program.

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