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Friday, May 17, 2024

## If you build it, they will come

### Blackstone Heritage Corridor volunteer inspires cleanup participation

WHITINSVILLE — Northbridge resident Yvette Ayotte Kind, a Blackstone Heritage Corridor volunteer, has been working tirelessly on cleaning up her community. She volunteers regularly to pick up litter. She created a Facebook group called Northbridge Litter Brigade to share her efforts and recruit others to join her. As a result, a local business, Cutting Edge Custom Graphics, donated safety vests with Northbridge Litter Brigade printed on the back, and a local resident donated litter pickup sticks.

"We live in a beautiful little town with many waterways and lots of wildlife," she noted. "By picking up for our town, our wildlife, and the town lives a cleaner and better life."

In celebration of Earth Day this year, she hosted a



Pictured here are (left to right) Northbridge Fire Department Lieutenant Ethan White, Firefighter Nathan Postero, Pat Morrisette, Firefighter Tom Nardelli, Yvette Ayotte Kind, Firefighter Logan Picard, and Captain Tom Valdivia.

cleanup on April 6th that attracted a half dozen volunteers who filled 30 trash bags in just two

hours. Photos from her event were posted to social media and caught the attention of Northbridge

Professional Firefighters L3338, who offered to lend a hand at a future cleanup, which she scheduled for

May 11.

"We believe our duty to the community we serve extends beyond responding to emergency calls," noted Lt. Ethan White of the Northbridge Fire Department. "So, when we saw Yvette's Facebook group, we knew it would be a great way to give back and help out someone who is doing the same for the town she loves."

Another Northbridge resident and Corridor volunteer, Pat Morrisette, joined the cleanup effort, and the group picked up 20 bags of litter at different sites in town.

If you are interested in helping or would like to learn more about the Blackstone Heritage Corridor volunteer program, contact Molly Cardoza, Director of Volunteer and Community Engagement at 508-234-4242 or email volunteer@BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.

### Free summer concerts return to Alternatives Whittin Mill

WHITINSVILLE — ValleyCAST, the arts and culture arm of Open Sky Community Services, announces the return of its Free Summer Concert Series featuring a wide variety of high-quality music performed by some of the best talent from the Blackstone Valley (and beyond). Bring your dancing shoes and enjoy Rock n' Roll, Big Band, Country, Folk, New Orleans Jazz, Bluegrass, Classic R&B, Funk, Reggae, Blues, and even a Symphony Orchestra.

The concert series, now in its 15th year, is one of ValleyCAST's most popular events at the Alternatives' Whittin Mill drawing hundreds of people of all ages, abilities, and walks of life to the Dennis H. Rice Community Plaza every Thursday night all summer long.

This year, the Concert Series kicks off with a special night of art and music featuring two bands playing back-to-back on Thursday, June 27 from 5-8 p.m. Ash & Eric, an award-winning Worcester based married duo with strong instrumentals and amazing vocals will open the Concert Series and the new art exhibit "The Notion of Play; Hopscotch" in the Spaulding R. Aldrich Heritage Gallery at the same location beginning at 5 p.m. Followed by the popular Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band with over 60 talented musicians from 6:30-8 p.m.

The Free Summer Concert Series then continues every Thursday evening on the plaza from 6-8 p.m. from July 11 through Sept. 5 at the Alternatives'

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### Douglas locals present at Asian Festival at Harvard Square

CAMBRIDGE — Joseph & Grehline Bolandrina of Douglas assisted with the second Asian Street Food and Music Festival at Harvard Square last Sunday, May 5. The Church Street Parking lot had street food vendors, food trucks, Asian merchandise vendors, and was festively adorned with banderitas (small pennants) to reflect the colors of the Filipino flag (red, white, blue, and yellow). The month of May is celebrated as the Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Asian culture, music, arts, contributions, and history were all on display and celebrated at Harvard Square.

The Bolandrina family were grateful to be in attendance and assist in the celebration marking 32 years of honoring the many contributions

and accomplishments of Asian Americans, Pacific Islander Americans, and Native Hawaiians. In 1992, the month of May was designated by President George H. W. Bush as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The Asian Street Food and Music Festival was organized by the Harvard Square Philippine American Alliance (HSPAA), a non-profit organization where Grehline serves as one of the Board of Directors. The Asian Street Food and Music festival was held in partnership with the Harvard Square Business Association's 39th Annual May Fair. The annual celebration of Spring featured three stages of live music highlighting an array of genres including folk, Afro Pop, rock, funk and more!



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and Music Festival was an exciting and vibrant event that offered a terrific opportunity to celebrate the diversity of Asian culture. New this year was the addition of an Asian Beer Garden. Live music performances that featured sounds from different Asian countries created a lively and energetic atmosphere.

Lilly Bolandrina, Douglas High School Alumna (2020) a senior at Boston University performed traditional Filipino dances with Iskwelahang Pilipino (www.ipbahay.org). The Asian Street Food and Music Festival was supported by the Philippine Consulate General in New York, Harvard University Office for Equity, Diversity,

Inclusion & Belonging, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Science, and the Harvard Philippine Forum.

Joseph Bolandrina was co-MC and helped introduce an array of Asian artists and performers. Other Asian groups, leaders, and families enjoyed food and goods on booths set up by other local Asian-owned businesses.

"I am looking forward to the October celebration highlighting the Filipino contributions to American life," adds Grehline. "In October, we celebrate the Filipino American Festival! We will continue to share our stories, our history & culture, to uplift and encourage awareness reflective of global citizenship."

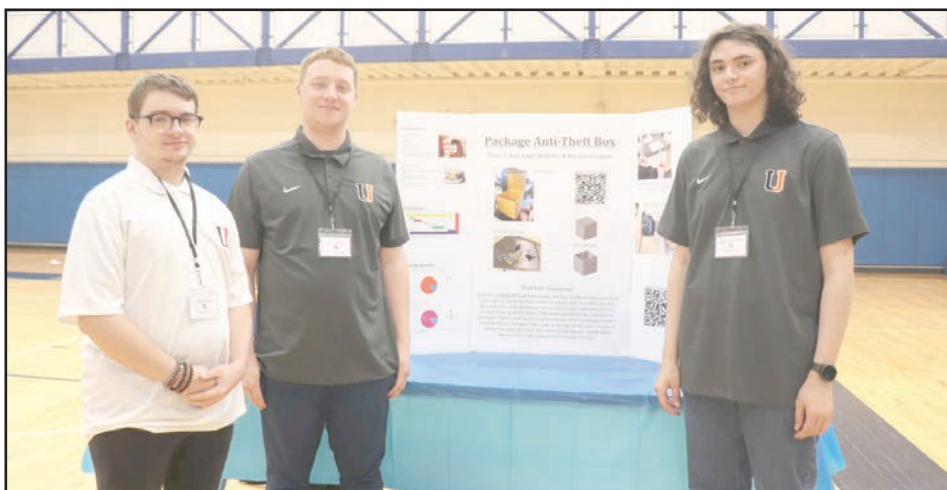
### UHS students present Engineering and Computer Science inventions at Medway Innovation Showcase

UXBRIDGE — Superintendent Michael Baldassarre and Principal Dr. Michael Rubin are pleased to share that Uxbridge High School students showcased various Capstone projects during the 2024 Innovation Showcase at Medway High School on May 1.

The Innovation Showcase at Medway High School was expanded this year to include students from Uxbridge High School and Wayland High School. Twelve Capstone projects were displayed in total, four of which were presented by Uxbridge students.

The UHS projects included:

- Package Anti-Theft Box by Sean O'Day, Gage Nichols and Harrison Lopes
- Car Curriculum by Ezekiel Hamel, Lucas Defreitas and Luke Dow
- Golf Swing Tracker by Brianna Moss, James Bernard and Dylan Bibeault
- UHS Wi-Fi Network Speed Issues by Samuel Abdel-Nour, Chris Szajna and Nathan Fuoss



From left: Uxbridge High School students Gage Nichols, Sean O'Day and Harrison Lopes with their project, Package Anti-Theft Box, at the Medway High School Innovation Showcase on May 1.

During the showcase, judges viewed each project and asked students about their process, challenges and final product. The teams were evaluated on how well they defined and researched their problem and developed clear objectives; how well they designed a prototype, communicated the construction process, tested their prototype, acknowledged shortcomings and discussed next steps; and how well they present-

ed their project, used effective visual aids and responded to questions posed by the judges.

"The Innovation Showcase was a valuable experience for our students, allowing them to present their work and receive feedback from industry professionals and local educators," Rubin said. "Our student teams have put a lot of time and effort into their inventions and designs over the past several

months and we thank Medway High School for welcoming our students to this fantastic event."

Students across Massachusetts are also preparing for an Industry-Applied Learning Student Showcase to be held in Boston on May 10 by the One8 Foundation and the Mass Learning Project. Students in grades 5-12 will share their STEM and Applied Learning projects with industry profession-

Courtesy

# Worcester Polytechnic Institute students complete intensive research projects

WORCESTER — At Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology that addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the uni-

versity's 50-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality

of people's lives and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of Integrative & Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat - all valuable perspectives

for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

The following students were part of a team that completed an intensive project:

**C o n n o r** Chartier, class of 2025, majoring in Computer Science and Interactive Media and Game Development - Technology from Uxbridge, was part of a project titled Informing a Potential CBDC Pilot Study in New Zealand  
**J e r e m i a h** Morgan, class of

2025, majoring in Biomedical Engineering from Uxbridge, was part of a project titled Designing a Model Community Food Security Collaborative

**J o c e l y n** Hinchliffe, class of 2025, majoring in Biology and Biotechnology from Uxbridge, was part of a project titled Social Media Outreach Strategy for Students on FASD  
**I s a b e l l a** Ibrahim, class of 2025, majoring in Mechanical Engineering from

Northbridge, was part of a project titled Examining Humanitarian Innovation and Continuous Improvement

**M i k a y l a** Prue, class of 2025, majoring in Biomedical Engineering and Psychological Science from Douglas, was part of a project titled A Journey to Regenerative Urban Renewal in Bادهavnsgade

**M a l i n e** Demers, class of 2025, majoring in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology and Biotechnology from Uxbridge, was part of a project titled Developing Resources to Support Aging Folks and Caregivers

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific,

technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber; data, and security systems; learning science; and more. [www.wpi.edu](http://www.wpi.edu)

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**Proceeds to benefit St. Joseph's Church**

## Hattie Tauson recognized at Stonehill Student Life Awards

EASTON — Hattie Tauson, a member of Stonehill College's Class of 2024 from Northbridge, was recently honored at the institution's Student Life Awards, held Sunday, April 28, 2024. Each year, this program celebrates campus community members for their outstanding contributions to

the betterment of Stonehill. For more information on the 2024 Student Life Awards, visit Stonehill College's Web site.

About Stonehill College  
Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inher-

ent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

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  - The night before
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  - Adult males
  - Stiff untanned leather
  - Before
  - Atomic #18
  - Beer mug
  - Nostrils
  - Type of chef
  - Midway between north and east
  - They —
  - Splits
  - Walk in a timid manner
  - Preserved animal skin with hair
  - Popular donut shop item
  - You smear it on bagels
  - Don't know when yet
  - Equal to 10 amperes
  - Synthetic acrylic fiber
  - One point south of due east
  - Of mixed ancestry
  - Home of the Pyramids
  - A way to change color

- CLUES DOWN**
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
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  - One from the U.S.
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  - San — Obispo, in California
  - Not healthy
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  - Arugula genus
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  - Makes a monarch
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  - Sprinkle
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  - Freshwater fishes
  - Vermont town
  - Man-made device
  - Entrap
  - Places to store important things
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  - Greek mythological nymph
  - Gregory —, American dancer
  - Denotes past
  - Becoming popular again
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  - An extra seed-covering
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  - Deli sandwich staple
  - Skateboarders love them
  - Mandela's party
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May 27 for Memorial Day Storytime Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30 AM  
Ages 1-6  
Join Miss Heather in the Children's Room for Storytime! We will read about a variety of topics, sing, play games, and do a fun activity or take home craft! Space is limited, registration is required. Registration opens one week prior to the event.  
Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins Wednesdays at 10:30 AM  
Ages 1-5  
Join Miss Deb for plenty of singing,

dancing, games, stories and fun for everyone! Space is limited, registration is required. Registration opens one week prior to the event.  
Storytime Playtime! Fridays at 10:30 AM  
In this new storytime session, we will be learning and singing lots of hand rhymes with movement activities geared towards babies and young children. At the end of the session there will be lots of playtime to connect and make friends! Ages 0-4. Registration is required.  
The Historian is In Wednesdays

from 2-3 PM  
Drop-in between 2-3 on Wednesdays to get in-person assistance with your local history research from historian Carol Brouwer.  
Memoir Book Club  
Wednesday 5/22 at 6 PM  
Join us in a discussion of "Unmasked: My Life Solving America's Cold Cases" by Paul Holes. Books are available for pick up at the library. Ebooks are available via Overdrive/Libby. Meeting takes place at the library. Snacks related to the book will be provided. Please register.

Book Club for Introverts  
Thursday 5/30 from 6-8 PM  
Come gather at the library with fellow book lovers to read and relax. There are no assigned readings. Bring your own book or browse and borrow one of the library's. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Meeting starts at 6, silent reading starts at 6:30. Small talk is not required. Please register.  
Fiction Book of the Month  
Monday 6/3 at 6 PM  
June's book is "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman. Books are available for

pick up at the library. Ebooks are available via Overdrive/Libby. Meeting takes place at the library. Refreshments provided. Registration required.  
Coffee Hour  
Friday 6/7 from 10-11 AM  
Stop by the Library on the first Friday of the month for a cup of coffee with the Library Director in the Tween & Teen Room. Have any questions for Rebecca about the Building Program? Need some help using the library's apps or online catalog? Interested in volunteering? Come chat.  
The Whodunnits

Tuesday 6/11 at 11 AM  
Discuss "Small Mercies" by Dennis Lehane. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk or via Libby. Refreshments provided. This new book club for readers of mystery, suspense and true crime meets the

second Tuesday of each month. Registration required.  
Craft Night for Adults  
Monday 6/24 at 6 PM  
Create a paper cascade using magazines, twine, and metal hoop. For adults 18+. Registration required.

**Estate/Yard Sale**  
**Saturday and Sunday, May 18th and 19th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
**110 Leland Hill Road Sutton, MA**  
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## 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 9:45 to 11:45, Balance & Strength Exercise 12 pm, Mat Yoga 2 pm  
Tuesday: Walking club 9 am, Cribbage 9:30 am, Zumba 9:30 am, Bingo 12:00 pm, Technology Class 1pm (call to make an appt.)  
Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10 am, Darts 10 am, MahJong 1 pm  
Thursday: Walking club 9 am, Chair Yoga 9:30 am, Hand and Foot card game 12:30 pm

Friday: Balance & Strength 10 am  
MAY EVENTS: The center will be closed on Monday May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.  
Wellness Clinic: Monday May 6th & Tuesday May 21st 10 am to 12 pm. Nurse Ann will be here to check blood pressures, blood sugar, and discuss any concerns you may have.  
Lunch & a Movie Thursday May 23rd @ 11:30: Join us in watching Tom Hanks give another outstanding performance in "Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." Lunch is Chicken broccoli Alfredo, salad, & dessert for \$4.00 per person. Please RSVP before 5/16. Please call the center to sign up, 508-476-

2283.  
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JUNE EVENTS: The center will be closed on Wednesday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.  
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Informational Presentation Thursday June 6th @ 11:30: Kathryn from Registry of Deeds & Stephanie Fattman will start with a discussion on deeds, home-steads, trusts & estates. Followed by Joseph D. Early who will be here to give a presentation on SCAMS targeting older adults, and tactics

scammers use to scam you. Learn ways to protect your personal identifying information. There will be lunch served immediately following. Ham & cheese sandwiches, pasta salad, & dessert. Lunch is \$4.00 per person. Please RSVP before 5/31. Please call the center to sign up, 508-476-2283.  
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## Local students inducted into Lambda Epsilon Sigma

EASTON — Stonehill College students were recently inducted into Lambda Epsilon Sigma, the institution's academic honor society. The organization recognizes outstanding juniors and seniors who have demonstrated an excitement for both learning and sharing their knowledge.  
Hattie Tauson of Northbridge  
Rory Paul of Uxbridge  
About Stonehill College  
Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was

founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 387-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the

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## EDITORIAL

### Embracing nature's flourish: The case for No Mow May

As we wind down the month of May, a rare opportunity has presented itself, with a chance to change our relationship with our lawns and embrace the beauty of nature's unruly charm. "No Mow May" is a movement that encourages homeowners and communities to refrain from mowing their lawns for the entire month. While it may initially sound unconventional, this initiative carries several benefits for both our environment and our well-being.

No Mow May supports biodiversity. By allowing our lawns to grow freely, we create habitats and food sources for a variety of insects, birds, and small mammals. Native wildflowers, clovers, and grasses flourish, attracting pollinators such as bees and butterflies that are crucial to our ecosystem's health. Through this simple act of not mowing our lawns, we actively contribute to the preservation of local flora and fauna, helping to restore balance to our landscapes.

No Mow May presents an opportunity for us to reconnect with nature and foster a sense of wonder in our surroundings. As we witness the transformation of our lawns into vibrant meadows, we are reminded of the cyclical nature of life and the beauty found in untamed spaces. Stepping outside and immersing ourselves in these naturally evolving environments can be a source of inspiration, relaxation, and a respite from the demands of our daily lives.

Further, No Mow May holds significant environmental benefits. By refraining from mowing, we reduce our carbon footprint and conserve valuable resources.

Critics may argue that unkempt lawns present a sense of neglect or an invitation for pests. However, it is important to distinguish between neglect and intentional cultivation of natural spaces. No Mow May encourages us to redefine our perception of what a "perfect" lawn looks like, allowing for a shift in aesthetics that prioritizes the health of our ecosystems over conforming to conventional norms.

Let your lawn be a canvas for nature's masterpiece, even if just for a few weeks!

# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

### The Lord of Fraud

To the Editor:

I've read that everyone has something that they are good at. It's just a matter of discovering what that 'something' is. We all know that Donald Trump is good at lying - more than 30,000 fact-checked, mostly or complete lies, over a four year period. That's 21 lies told each day of that four-year period, weekends and holidays included - quite a prodigious output. But Trump turns out to be a triple threat - he's good at lying, good at cheating, and good at fraud! Let's look at his uncanny proficiency at, and propensity for committing fraud:

Trump University was a fraud - A federal court approved a \$25 million settlement with students who said they were duped by Donald Trump and his now-defunct Trump University. (2018)

The Trump Foundation was a fraud - "A judge Thursday ordered President Donald Trump to pay \$2 million to an array of charities as a fine for misusing his own charitable foundation to further his political and business interests. (2019)

The Trump Organization was found guilty of fraud - A jury in Manhattan has found former President Donald Trump's company guilty of a long-running crimi-

nal tax fraud scheme that lasted into his presidency. Fined \$1.6 million, the maximum allowed. (2023)

Trump's Truth Social accountants accused of fraud - the firm was accused of "massive fraud" by the Securities and Exchange Commission for falsely signing off on regulatory filings that didn't meet accounting standards. (2024) I don't think they committed fraud for their own benefit, do you?

Trump's persona is a fraud, as Tony Schwartz has detailed. It is the product of fictional books, and a fake 'reality' TV show. He is a totally fraudulent media creation.

This is just the fraud we know about, over the last few years. I don't have the time, or enough paper, to detail his shady or illegal scams occurring before this, or his sexual abuse charges, although the Stormy Daniels campaign finance fraud case is being litigated as we speak. But practice makes perfect!

From Steven Beschloss, award-winning writer; journalist, editor and filmmaker, commenting on the new Time magazine article on Trump - "If he wins": "If you read the article you may be led to believe that Donald Trump has

a systematic plan to pursue his darkest desires. TIME also made available a full transcript of Cortellessa's two interviews with Trump, from which he distilled the Time article. Honestly, I barely survived reading the transcript because it vividly displays how profoundly unfit this man is—morally and particularly intellectually—to be anywhere near the levers of power. They reveal a deeply untrustworthy man untethered from reality, swarming in lies, absorbed by grievance, unable to grapple with policy nuance and dependent on empty slogans to motivate himself. None of this is surprising, but when you read through the hours of interview material, you can see just how shallow his thinking is, how unreliable are his pronouncements and equivocations, how utterly ill-equipped he is to confront the complexities of our modern world—and, really, how crazy it is that serious people are forced to take this man seriously. My mind drifts to Rex Tillerson, Trump's first secretary of state, privately calling his boss a "[expletive] moron."

This is the guy you want as America's president?

*Rick Bevilacqua  
Whitinsville*

### It's criminal

To the Editor:

It's criminal. \$1 billion for illegals in Massachusetts. No funds for farmers who were flooded in 2023. I repeat, \$1 billion for illegals - Republican restrictions were rejected by the Marxists in Boston. And still no financial help for our farmers.

Did you vote for fiscally irresponsible politicians who never work for you? Let's fix the potholes before we set fire to \$1 billion tax dollars for criminal invaders.

Headlines: Illegals from Guatemala stole \$238,000 from Home Depots all the way from Cranston, Rhode Island to Norwood, Massachusetts. They were bailed out, \$1,000 cash for each Guatemalan, by a "Providence [illegal] woman."

They also bought a new house in Cranston, for cash. They wired the mortgage company cash. Can you do that? They bought two brand new cars for cash - a Ford 150 and a Ford Lino-va for loading the stuff from Home Depot. Did I mention they paid cash for a home? While living on our hand-outs.

What happened when they were arrested three times - I repeat, three times - in Massachusetts? Their felony thefts will be reduced to misdemeanors because after all, they are poor deserving wonderful folks from Guatemala who are thieves.

When they were arrested in Boston in December of 2022, the prosecutors told the judge that they had several arrest

warrants out for them in Worcester and ICE detainers. The prosecutors asked the judge to revoke their bail.

The Judge released them. The Judge must be a conservative white Christian Nationalist MAGA Nazi Republican, don't you think? Thank you to Howie Carr for being a real journalist and reporting the crimes like an old fashioned crime reporter.

Can you guess whether they showed up for their court appearances? Nope.

The "Providence woman" who bailed them out made deposits in the bank of \$246,000 in cash plus other wire transfers of \$50,000 each. Wow, just like Hunter Biden! Do you have this kind of happy cabbage to deposit in the bank? Or for a house? Or for a brand new Ford climate-destroying truck? Me neither.

Homeland "Sometimes" Security finally arrested them. The complaint states that their Ford truck license plate did not match the make and model of the vehicle and was "registered to a person unknown." What a surprise.

The Homeland Security complaint says that "Despite arrests in numerous states, the target subjects repeated the same pattern of conduct with little regard for the consequences." They know their felonies will be reduced by Marxists to misdemeanors, they will get bail and disappear until the last few good ICE agents find them and deport them. ICE AIR, one way ticket to Hell.

Did you know that crime is down a

whopping 67 per cent in Venezuela? President Trump tells the truth when he says that the Third world is dumping out their jails and mental institutions and saying "Adios and good luck in America!"

We must change our ridiculous Right to Shelter law before we end up with a \$26 billion dollar deficit like California. "The Right to Shelter law is hereby amended to state that any assistance under this law shall require a five year residency in the state and proof of U.S. citizenship."

Thank you, Creepy Joe, for making criminal cartels wealthy to the tune of \$13 billion on the backs of illegals. The Creepy Feeble One is a weak, unprincipled politician who says "Don't." His lemmings repeat "Don't." Comrade Healey is coming for your F-150's, your money, whatever isn't nailed down. She needs it to fund criminal invaders and climate change nuts.

The number one issue for Massachusetts voters? Illegal invasion. Second, inflation. Where does the climate change fall in the WGBH poll? Only 2 percent care.

\$1 billion for illegals this year. \$1 billion for illegals next year. \$0 for farmers who were flooded in the torrential rainstorms of 2023. \$0 for us.

Police the border. Add more razor wire. Deport them all. No exceptions. If you want to come to the U.S., apply legally, wait your turn; no cutting the line.

*Bev Gudanowski  
Uxbridge*

### Trump the Trojan Horse

To the Editor:

The obit hasn't been written yet, the death has occurred, and the autopsy is pending: The Republican Party is no longer. Don't be confused; at best, "Trump" is the titular name of a political party that is actually running against the Democratic Party in 2024. He is the official 'anointed,' 'Trojan horse' for Christian Nationalism (CN), a political movement in its own right that "is about power." At least, "Power in the 'right' hands." (Time)

A study, "Make America Christian Again" (Sociology of Religion, 2018), suggests that "Christian nationalism remains strongly and positively associated with voting for Trump." "While support for Trump has been linked to several other potential factors like class-based anxieties, sexism, anti-black animus, xenophobia, and Islamophobia," Christian nationalism shaped the voting choices of Americans who viewed a "Trump presidency as a defense of the country's perceived Christian heritage and a step toward the restoration of a distinctly Christian future." Don't imagine that CN plays by 'Christianity's rules.' The ideology is "particularly conservative and an ethnocentric expression of Christianity." (Time, Whitehead) Cultural assumptions include comfort with authoritarian control and who will be considered a true American. CN is also a leading predictor that the January 6th riots were justified and "true American patriots may have to resort to physical violence to save the U.S." "Comfort with violence is a natural byproduct of CN's obsession with power." (Time, Whitehead)

Some see Trump as a "tool"—used by God in this particular moment in history that will be dispensed with when he is no longer

serving God's purposes. (Jamieson 2016) Trump's assigned CN directive is straightforward: "The purpose of government is to preserve and protect the Christian understanding of civilization, otherwise known as Christendom." (Schaetzl) Whitehead notes: "Christian nationalism operates as a unique and independent ideology that can influence political actions by calling forth a defense of mythological narratives about America's distinctively Christian heritage and future." "The genius of the founding fathers is they understood that Christianity could not only stand on its own but would thrive without being written into the laws and founding documents of the country. In fact, it was likely their own faith that led them to this conclusion. Many of the founding fathers—Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Madison, and Monroe—practiced a faith called Deism. Deism is a philosophical belief in human reason as a reliable means of solving social and political problems. Deists believe in a supreme being who created the universe to operate solely by natural laws—and, after creation, is absent from the world. This belief in reason over dogma helped guide the founders toward a system of government that respected faiths like Christianity while purposely isolating both from encroaching on one another not to dilute the overall purpose and objectives of either." (CAP, Rathod) The founding fathers, "had no intention to found the country according to Christian doctrines." (CAP, Rathod) Anecdotally, in response to a petition wanting Christian

nation recognition, Washington stated, "...the path of true piety is so plain as to require but little political direction." "This perspective accounted for the absence of any regulation respecting religion in the Constitution." (Wald)

"The idea of Christian Nationalism is not so much about the nuts and bolts of Christianity; it's about the idea of 'we want to go back to the way things were seventy years ago when white Christian people basically dominated every facet of American life and society. And if you're a white Christian, you look at the future where white people are not going to be the majority, where Christianity is rapidly declining, you long for an era when you were in a privileged position in American life.'" (Burger) "This brand of religious nationalism appears to be unmoored from traditional Christian ideals and morality, and also tends toward authoritarian figures and righteous indignation." (Gorski) In fact, (Torba/Isker), "Christianity and Judaism are distinct, incompatible, and irreconcilable religions" - no Judeo-Christian principles here. Ok, let's go there, and as you might imagine: (Torba/Isker) "All mankind need to believe in Jesus or they will perish in their sins, Jews included." To be explicit, Christian nationalism is not Christianity. Instead, it is a political movement about power and control—sense a theme here? And what political movement does our 'dictator for the day' want to imbue his administration with? Well, Project 2025 by Heritage, of course. According to Posobiec, the goal of all of this is to 'replace democracy with

a Christo-fascist regime," The Christian Nationalist manifesto that spells this out is none other than Project 2025 by Heritage. (Watkins) Their goal is simple, "America is a white, Christian nation; the founders intended for Christianity to be our national religion, and CNs everywhere feel it is their responsibility as Christians to compel everyone to live by the truths of the Bible." Get it; there is no other way to live unless it is by their bible, certainly not yours or none at all. One is not allowed to think for themselves when god knows the way. The language of their bible becomes the language of our government, the latest Christo-fascist regime. Their "bible is god's infallible law, and so it should be the basis for all laws." (Watkins)

There will be no 'we the people.' Referendums, elections, and judicial decisions don't matter; only god's word.

"They will deny anything that conflicts with their interpretation of god's law. They are already governing that way in many red states; it's how they will govern nationally if they win in November." (Watkins) The Greeks created their Trojan horse "using a sacred creature and type of wood to appeal to their target's basic interests," ensuring the lost war for the Trojans who couldn't see beyond the facade. Trump was chosen for the same reason: to deceive the masses and deliver a win for Christian nationalism. Your vote for the Heritage Project 2025 Trojan horse loses the 'war' to preserve and protect 250 years of democracy for all Americans.

*Linda Lacki  
Northbridge*

### Faithless and feckless

To the Editor:

Lately, "faithless" and "feckless" describe many government actions: not observant of promises, false, disloyal, deceptive, unstable (faithless); spiritless, weak, worthless (feckless). Just one is supremely ironic: a day after his Holocaust Remembrance Day speech, the President announced certain weaponry would be withheld from Israel which is beyond understanding in wartime. Removing Hamas leaders and fighters from their final hiding place in Rafah has potential to free Palestinians in Gaza from an oppressive regime and offers greater hope for lasting peace between them and Israel.

Deeds count, not words. Henceforth, an ally should doubt any American stand-and-deliver promise when recalling abandonment of Afghanistan and slow walking of aid to Ukraine. Now, deni-

al of appropriate aid to our staunchest, democratic ally in the Middle East only emboldens every opposition group in the area. Will our allies forsake us someday if/when another 9/11 arrives here?

Hamas is no 'benign' entity but a terrorist organization eternally sworn to wipe Israel off the world map, i.e., "From the river to the sea." Since 1948, they have represented an intractable enemy against which the Jewish State always has had to defend itself, and who (unprovoked) broke a cease fire while innocents slept. On Oct. 7, Hamas finally crossed an invisible red line and Israel vowed "no more."

The international community, including the U.S., was rightly horrified and condemned Hamas' actions in starkest terms seven months ago, pledging "100 percent support" for Israel's stated aim. Even Arab nations favored defeat of the terrorist organization to ensure future stability

in the region, but inexplicably refuse to accept Palestinian refugees! Now, Israel is willing to "go it alone" to achieve its goal (survival) while our current leaders lack stalwart decision-making capability.

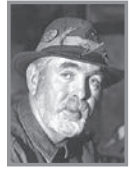
Iran, Russia, China and some here applaud Nazi-like, anti-Semitic protestors who are not about peace, 'Free Palestine', 'Save Palestinians', release hostages (dead or alive), or free (protest) speech. At its core, student and outside agitator rhetoric is anti-American! Like Hamas, if allowed to continue with impunity this cancer will spread sucking ever more tax dollars to curtail lawlessness. Faithless, feckless leaders need to be rejected soon before we, too, are totally abandoned to inhabit a 'shell' of a country filled with more illegal immigration, inflation, eroding commerce, property and foundational values!

*Jane F. Keegan  
Uxbridge*

#### Letter submission policy

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

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Turkey hunting is starting to improve as toms start to find new areas to look for love. Many hens are already sitting on their eggs. More sightings of turkeys roaming fields and side roads, are a sure sign that toms are on the hunt for romance with a new lady.

Freshwater fishing for trout, and numerous other species of fish have anglers becoming more serious about their sport. Wachusett Res is providing better action for lakers, salmon and as this week's second picture shows smallmouth bass.

Local ponds and rivers are also producing some nice trout for anglers to enjoy catching. Mass. will continue to stock trout until Memorial Day in most areas, and will stock areas a bit later if the trout become available.

Deer are also having their young this month, and residents are asked not to get too close to a young deer, or attempt

# Toms are looking for love

to pick it up if they think the fawn is abandoned. The mother is not too far away and often hides their young as they do every year.

Waterfowl are also having a very good year hatching out their young. Local geese have been spotted with a good family of goslings, and ducks also seem to be having a good hatching of their young.

Numerous ospreys in the Uxbridge area have been spotted catching fish in local ponds and carrying them off to feed their young. Ospreys were nearly wiped out locally when the DDT poison was used to kill mosquitos and other insects. Watching ospreys diving into the water at high speeds to catch fish is extremely entertaining, and they can dive down up to three feet to catch a fish.

Wildlife is in good shape locally & with the help of sportsmen's money, they should stay that way.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Courtesy  
Peter with a nice smallmouth bass from Wachusett Res recently!



Courtesy  
This week's second picture shows Alex with his first turkey ever. Nice bird!

## Readers Share Favorite Hacks and Hints

It's time to take a peek into the Take the Hint! snail mail and virtual mailboxes. Thanks to all the readers who have taken time from their busy schedule to send in their great tips for dealing with the little nuisances in life. And remember readers, your tip puts you in the running for a three course dinner for two at the Publick House! From reusing common items to adding creativity to keeping the birdbath clean, the following tips from readers are sure to make the season's hassles a little easier to handle!

save time and money!

1. Dryer wipes: I don't use them in the dryer; I put them in plastic totes when I store clothes, Christmas items, curtains, etc. They give a pleasant smell to the clothes.

Then when I remove the wipes from the totes, I use them to clean the bathroom sink and tub and/or use them dry on a Swiffer (use two and push into holes on back) for a quick pick up.

2. Used tissue paper: I cut it up into a convenient size and use to wipe grease out of pans and as a quick way to clean the kitchen floor when food drops there.

3. Alcohol pre-moistened towels: Restaurants sometimes give these out with messy foods. Use to wipe your hands after making meatballs, meatloaf, cutting chicken up, etc. I wet the ones that have dried up. They also can be used for doing a quick kitchen counter or floor pickup.

These ideas enable one to recycle items normally discarded after one use.

Cynthia Vlasaly  
Whitinsville, MA

This reader's tip uses copper's natural algicide properties to solve a common garden challenge:

Love birdbaths but hate potential mosquito



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infestation due to standing water? Toss three or four copper pennies into your birdbath, it keeps the water clean, clear, and mosquito free!

Note: Pre 1982 pennies were made of copper, KJE

No address submitted

Talk about Yankee Ingenuity! From a quick fix to a creative keepsake, this reader always comes up with useful ideas:

Here's a solution I found for when the hard plastic ring on a new pump shampoo bottle cracked: Luckily, in my odds and ends drawer, I always tuck in one spare pump from a previous empty bottle just for such emergencies. I was able to remove the broken and put on the replacement in seconds! Time to watch for a new spare. This works for hand lotion or glass or kitchen cleaners too!

I recently dug into my sewing and craft basket to embellish a child's book. I simply attached a heart of

craft fur to a Baby Animal book with open and peek windows. This easy addition offered a touch sense to go along with the peek and surprise to the story book. Personalize it more by writing a personal inscription.

Viola Bramel  
Northbridge, MA

Prize Winner  
Congratulations to Nancy Asplund, whose name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Publick House. She shared her tick removal method above.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great 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 (or whenever enough entries are received) 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 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.

## We're all "built differently"

Whenever we see individuals excelling in their fields, people who are highly skilled—whether in athletics, business, stock trading, acting, writing, culinary arts, scientific research, medicine, education, or trades—we often dismiss their success with a wave of the hand and a remark: "Well, they're just built differently."

Of course, in certain cases, that might hold some

truth. For instance, I once had the privilege of getting to know an Olympic Gold Medal winning swimmer, the fastest man in the world at the time. I assumed his success mainly stemmed from his meticulous diet, rigorous supplement regimen, and relentless training routine.

I was surprised to learn I was only

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partially correct. Indeed, he was built differently in many ways, possessing the physical and mental attributes that few can claim.

While it's good to recognize the greatness in others and to admire their natural advantages, the core of their success often lies in relentless perseverance and an unwavering commitment to their goals.

Consider how

there may have been others with the raw talent of Tom Brady, but without his extraordinary work ethic and dedication, they never reached similar heights.

I can't help but think that sometimes, when people remark, "They're just built differently," they are perilously close to crafting excuses for their lack of suc-

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# Community Connection

## Friday's Child

**Marie**  
Age 13

**Hi! My name is Marie and I love dancing!**

Marie, whose pronouns are she, he, they/them, is kind, engaging, and resilient. Marie's foster family and teachers describe them as friendly, playful, and affectionate. Marie loves dancing and will dance for hours in the afternoon but is shy to show off their dance moves. They also enjoy going on daily walks for fresh air. Marie's favorite restaurants include Chinese buffets and McDonalds and their favorite meal consist of fried chicken sandwiches with coke products.

<https://adopt.mareinc.org/waiting-child-profiles#gallery/child/6138>

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

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.

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Gardeners know and research is proving that gar-

dening, even viewing a garden, as well as spending time in nature is good for the mind, body, and

spirit. It improves strength and flexibility, lowers blood pressure, and elevates our moods. This is also true

for the youngsters in our lives. Recent studies found that school-aged children who participate in outdoor



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**Research has shown that gardening and spending time in nature is beneficial to kids, including but not limited to better vision, increased focus, and a stronger immune system.**

activities have better vision than those who spend most of their time indoors. Children who engage in nature and gardening are more focused, score better on exams, and are less likely to develop or exhibit symptoms of ADHD. And kids who play outside and get a bit dirty also have stronger immune systems.

Help get the kids in your life involved in gardening. There are a variety of ways to get youngsters involved no matter how much space or time you have.

Consider giving each child their own garden space or a container garden to design, plant, and tend. Containers are a great option when planting space and time are limited. And just about anything can be grown in a pot. An old 5-gallon bucket or washtub with holes drilled into the bottom,

well as successes. Kids like to water even at an early age. The biggest challenge is getting the water to the plant but that will come with time, practice, and a few water-soaked outfits. Your efforts will be rewarded when your child takes over watering your container gardens.

You may notice kids often find bugs and worms more interesting than plants. Use this as a gateway into gardening. Get kids involved in worm composting or hunting for earthworms in the compost pile. They will have fun on the worm hunt while helping you turn your compost pile.

Use the "Pluck, Drop and Stomp" method to manage garden pests. Point out the bad guys and the damage they do. Be sure they know to watch for the good guys and leave them be to help the garden grow. Then have the children pluck the bad bugs off the plant, drop them to the ground, and stomp on them. This eco-friendly pest management strategy also burns some of that excess energy.

Include lots of color in the garden and containers. Michigan State University surveyed kids before creating their children's garden. They found kids were much more excited and likely to participate when a garden is filled with color.

And as the flow-

ers are maturing and your family is overrun with vegetables, consider sharing the harvest and a few bouquets of flowers. Giving helps children grow into caring, well-rounded adults. And food pantries in your community are always in need of fresh produce. Most of the food-insecure people in our communities are kids and seniors who greatly benefit from fresh nutritious vegetables.

Be sure to end the growing season with a harvest party. Use your homegrown produce to prepare a picnic or fancy dinner for family and friends. Then use some of those beautiful flowers you grew to decorate the table.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Corona Tools for her expertise in writing this article. Myers' Web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

## Latest antiques and collectibles auction news

Before I discuss the latest auction news, I'd like to thank Dotti Durst and everyone from the Learning in Retirement group who attended my presentation on downsizing hosted at Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson, Conn. last week.

Now diving into recent auctions news, a piece of history from a tragic event from over 100 years ago recently set an auction record. John Jacob Astor IV was the great grandson of John Astor, the fur trader that founded the family fortune, according to Britannica. Astor IV was on the board of several corporations and founded several restaurants including the Astoria, which later became the Waldorf Astoria. He was the wealthiest man aboard the Titanic when the ill-fated ship sank in 1912. Astor IV perished when the ship hit an iceberg. When his body was recovered, he had a Waltham 14-karat gold "pocket watch, diamond ring, gold and diamond cufflinks, 225 pounds in English notes, and \$2,440," according to CBS. Astor IV was in his 40s



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES  
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and had married an 18-year-old woman in 1911. The couple went on an extended honeymoon in Europe and Egypt while waiting for gossip about their marriage to die down. They were on their way back to New York when the Titanic sank. Astor IV reportedly asked if he could join his wife on a lifeboat because of her "delicate condition." When he was told that he needed to wait for women and children first, he is said to have thrown his gloves to his wife and lit a cigarette while the ship sank. Astor IV's watch sold for \$1.46 million last month, an auction record for any object from the Titanic.

Some rare collectibles are now being offered in



an online auction that ends on June 1st, according to Fox News. A wide variety of collectibles are already reaching impressive figures with three weeks of bidding remaining. A 1986 Nintendo NES Entertainment System unopened in the box is at \$17,000. An engraved silver and gold-plated belt buckle worn by Harry Houdini has already reached \$27,000. A painting by Bob Ross, who taught painting on his "Joy of Painting" television show, has a current bid of \$45,000.

Other pieces from that sale are expected to bring even more. In 1953, Marilyn Monroe appeared on the cover of the first issue of Playboy magazine. The highest graded copy at a 9.6 out of 10 is expected to sell for half a million dollars. A jersey that Mickey Mantle wore during his 1957 MVP season is expected to bring in the millions. A

high-grade Michael Jordan rookie card sold for over \$1 million in 2022. A newer but rarer Michael Jordan card surpassed that mark. Only one 2003-2004 Upper Deck Logoman (NBA logo) patch card with a Michael Jordan signature was ever printed. It's expected to sell for between \$3 million and \$5 million. It's been over 20 years since Michael Jordan played in the NBA and he's still setting records.

Our sports memorabilia, sports cards, and comic books online auction begins soon. There is still time to consign coins, art, gold jewelry, sterling silver, historical items, advertising signs, and other antiques for our summer online auction. Please visit our website <https://centralmas-sauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

Contact us to consign items or for auction information at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer / Appraiser Central Mass Auctions for Antique, Collectibles Auctions and Appraisal Services [info@centralmas-sauctions.com](mailto:info@centralmas-sauctions.com) or (508-612-6111).

## St. Peter's offers Basic Life Support/CPR and First Aid Training opportunity

WHITINSVILLE — The American Heart Association Basic Life Support course will be offered in June and is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Whitinsville. Two

classes are available: The first is a two-day class on Thursday, June 13 and Friday, June 14, starting at 6 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish, 39 Church Ave., Northbridge.

The second class will be offered as a one-day class on Saturday, June 8 starting at 9 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 77 Prescott Rd., Whitinsville. Cost of the class

is \$85. To register for either class or if you have questions, please contact St. Peter's Parish at 508-234-2156 or email: [parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org).

## Dean College announces honor society inductees

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce that Lia Zajas of Uxbridge has been inducted into the following honor societies for their

academic achievements: Golden Key International Honour Society. Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin

Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, asso-

ciate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

## CONCERTS

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Whitin Mill, 50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville. In case of inclement weather, the concerts move indoors to the Singh Performance Center at the same location.

Concertgoers are invited to wander in and out of the Heritage Gallery during the concerts to explore "The Notion of Play; Hopscotch" exhibit which will be open to all concertgoers from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday nights and during regular gallery hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. This multimedia exhibition marks the grid in a child's game of Hopscotch as a starting point and quickly diverges into various topics, including play, gender, mathematics, philosophy, literature, and art history. Extending across cultures, continents, and time, hopscotch imagery was discovered on painted greyware in Ancient India and has been report-



ed to have been used as endurance training for soldiers in the Roman Empire. The exhibition, created by eight multi-media artists, plays hopscotch by evoking movement and conveying a sense of passing through geographical areas or fields of endeavor. The last day to see this exhibit is during the Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Concert on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024. Free Summer Concert

Series schedule:  
June 27: Two Concerts back-to-back  
Ash & Eric from 5-6:30 p.m.  
Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band from 6:30-8 p.m.  
July 4: No Concert  
July 11: Clafin Hill Symphony Orchestra's Summer Winds from 6:30-8 p.m.  
July 18: Mark Mandeville & Rianne Richards from 6:30-8 p.m.  
July 25: Catnip Junkies from 6:30-8

p.m.  
Aug. 1: Chuck & Mud and the Hole in the Dam Band from 6:30-8 p.m.  
Aug. 8: Country Wild Heart Band from 6:30-8 p.m.  
Aug. 15: Chris Moyses from 6:30-8 p.m.  
Aug. 22: Blackstone Valley Bluegrass Band from 6:30-8 p.m.  
Aug. 29: Le'Mixx Band from 6:30-8 p.m.  
Sept. 5: Studio Two Beatles Tribute Band from 6:30-8 p.m.  
The 2024 Free Summer Concert Series is generously sponsored by UniBank of Whitinsville, Open Sky Community Services, ValleyCAST, and the Northbridge Cultural Council, which is funded by the Mass Cultural Council.  
For more information with links to each band's Web site, visit [opensky.org/summerconcerts](http://opensky.org/summerconcerts).  
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Meditation Group meets every Thursday at 9:30am, all are welcome. Learn how to meditate and how it can benefit your health!

"Knock on Wood" Folk-Rock Duo Concert featuring Howie Newman, Monday, May 20th at 1:00pm. Howie is joined this year by a top fiddler in our area. The duo will perform classic rock covers and funny original songs. This performance is supported in part by a grant from the Northbridge Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council,

a state agency. Sign up in the main office, light refreshments will be served.

Scrabble Group will meet on Monday, May 20th at 10:00am, new players are always welcome.

Take a Hike Walking Club will meet Tuesday, May 21st at 10:00am, location to be announced. Call Jeanne for information.

Art History Program on the Saturday Evening Post, Wednesday, May 22nd at 1:00pm. From the 1920's to the 1960's, the Saturday Evening Post was one of the most widely circulat-

ed and influential magazines for the American middle class. We will learn about the history of the magazine and look at some of the charming cover illustrations. Sign up in the main office, light refreshments will be served.

Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 22nd at 10:30. Cameron Sutphin Acoustic Concert, Friday, May 24th at 10:00am. Solo performer from the popular New Leaves Duo will be back to entertain us with a collection of original material and classic country and folk cover

songs. Sign up in the office.

Plummer Place Pluckers Patriotic Concert, Wednesday, May 29th at 2:00pm. Join us for a sing-along ukulele concert of your favorite patriotic songs. All are welcome, sign up in the office.

Our Tech Café for May 29th has been cancelled.

AARP "Six Pillars of Brain Health", Thursday, May 30th from 1:30-2:30pm. It's never too late to take charge of your brain health. In this session, you will learn about the six pillars of a brain-healthy lifestyle. Sign up in the main office.

## News from Beginning Bridges

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Beginning Bridges CFCE's vision is that children, youth and families reach their full potential now and in the future. Our mission is to work with families and community partners to create the conditions for children, youth and families to thrive socially, academically and economically. Funding for the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) is provided by the Massachusetts Dept. of Early Education and Care (EEC) and sponsored by South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC-Childcare/Head Start). Beginning Bridges CFCE has funding for the towns of Mendon, Northbridge, Upton &

Uxbridge. Currently, our FREE comprehensive services include weekly indoor and outdoor parent/child playgroups. We also offer parent education programs, the Ages & Stages Developmental Questionnaire and can connect families to community resources.

Upcoming Events- Registration is required for all upcoming events. Links can be accessed on our website or contact Emily Murray at 508-278-5110 or [Emurray@smoc.org](mailto:Emurray@smoc.org).

Please check our website and Facebook page for our latest Newsletter:  
Monday 6/3/24 - Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins, 9:30 to 10:00am at Upton Town Library, 9 Milford Street, Upton. Register on the Upton Town Library website.  
Wednesday, 6/5/24 - Coffee and Conversations

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

Wednesday 6/12/24 - Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 to 11:00am at Whitinsville Social Library, 17 Church Street, Whitinsville. Register online at the Whitinsville Social Library website.

Our Summer Newsletter will be out in June with information about summer programming. Stay tuned!

# “Coexisting with Coyotes in the Commonwealth” June 13 in Upton

UPTON — magazine, Metacomet Land Trust, a conservation nonprofit, will host a free program on how humans can learn to coexist with coyotes now present in the region. Mass Wildlife biologist Meghan Crawford will offer her perspective as a “Community Engagement Biologist” who has watched and learned from wild animals who might live in and around the back yards of suburban Massachusetts.

The program is part of the Land Trust’s annual meeting on Thursday, June 13 at the Upton Community Center, 130 Milford St., Route 140 in Upton. The public is invited. The general meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by the program.

In a recent issue of MassWildlife

magazine, Crawford not only describes in detail the life and habits of our Eastern Coyotes, now prevalent around the Commonwealth, but she also tackles the issues which arise when coyotes arrive in residential areas. Her talk will include the reasons coyotes can frequent backyards and local parks as well as offer some suggestions on “hazing” individual animals so they learn to avoid people.

Crawford says that she hears at least weekly from residents around the state asking for advice about coyotes near their homes, family and pets.

“While every coyote conversation (with a resident) has unique circumstances, many can be boiled down to a single question: How am I supposed to live



with coyotes?” Crawford writes.

In addition to her background in wildlife management, Crawford has more than 10 years of experience increasing the public’s understanding of the natural world as a science educator in museums, zoos, and environmental education centers.

Lisa Moszczynski, president of the nonprofit conservation organization, said, “We invite the public to bring friends and family to this program. Metacomet is hoping the presentation will give us a unique perspective on our environment and one that will also help us better understand our role in it.”

also share about 8-11 percent of their heritage with domestic dogs

Source: Mass Wildlife Magazine

Formed in 1988 by open space advocates, the land trust is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of open space and natural resources in the communities of South Central Massachusetts. Metacomet Land

Trust works in the communities of Norfolk, Franklin, Wrentham and Bellingham in Norfolk County and in the Worcester Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, Uxbridge and Webster.

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## Saint Peter’s Parish yard sale set for June 1

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 cess. This mindset undermines their potential and creates a barrier to personal achievement by attributing success solely to inherent qualities rather than effort and determination.

differently,” you mean athletes who meticulously analyze game footage to improve their tactics, who spend extra hours practicing beyond team sessions, and who focus on both mental and physical conditioning, then yes, they’re built differently.  
 If it refers to a

businessperson who relentlessly networks and fosters relationships, always the first to arrive and the last to leave the office, continuously scouting new market trends and innovations to stay ahead—yes, they’re built differently.  
 If you’re talking about artists or

writers who commit to daily practice, constantly seek feedback, find new inspirations, and balance their intuitive gifts with a rigorous work ethic to hone their craft—indeed, they’re built differently.

Or perhaps you mean the entrepreneur who is a

perpetual learner, not deterred by failure but using it as a stepping stone, managing to keep their passion ignited, driving innovation, and inspiring others. Then, absolutely, they are built differently.

Sometimes, people are simply willing to do whatever it takes to reach the

next level. They’re what you might call go-getters.

Many times, their only natural gifts are drive and desire and their willingness to put their ego aside and continue to learn.

But does that mean they’re built differently because they possess the drive that others

lack? Perhaps, but it’s not always so clear-cut.

Many behaviors, choices, addictions, and habits can severely undermine motivation. I’m sure we’ve all experienced this in our way. While I generally consider myself a motivated go-getting,

I’ve learned that engaging in certain behaviors zaps my willpower.

These actions trigger what feels like a chemical imbalance that leaves me struggling to get out of bed, moping around with a bitter attitude, and wondering what the point of it all is.

For me, specific behaviors can devastatingly impact my motivation, plunge me into depression, and rob me of the desire to engage with life.

It’s easy to make excuses, succumb to bitterness, feel tired, angry, or depressed, and convince yourself that you don’t have what it takes, but at the end of the day, being ‘built differently’ can be a choice.

The fundamental difference between someone who is seen as ‘built differently’ and someone who is caught up making excuses often lies in their mentality.

Ultimately, being ‘built different’ means choosing to be different. It means choosing the harder path, the one less traveled, and the one that leads to genuine, hard-earned success.

The next time you admire someone who seems effortlessly successful, remember that we all possess unique capabilities. Each of us has the potential to excel in ways that are distinctly our own. We’re all built differently, and embracing that fact allows us to unlock our own paths to greatness.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 The Trial Court  
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 Worcester Division  
 Docket No. WO24P1382EA  
 Estate of:  
 Scott L Benson  
 Date Of Death:  
 03/31/2024  
 INFORMAL PROBATE  
 PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner  
**Krystin A Benson of Uxbridge MA**  
**Krystin A Benson of Uxbridge MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
 May 17, 2024

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 The Trial Court  
 Probate and Family Court  
 Worcester Probate and Family Court  
 Court  
 225 Main Street  
 Worcester, MA 01608  
 (508)831-2200  
 Docket No. WO24C0192CA  
 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

In the matter of:  
**Sarah Julie Haggas**  
**A Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Sarah Julie Haggas of Uxbridge MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
**Sarah Julie Riendeau**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 06/11/24. 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: May 01, 2024  
 Stephanie Fattman,  
 Register of Probate  
 May 17, 2024

**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. WO24P1532EA  
 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
 Estate of:  
 Lorraine H Lavallee  
 Date of Death: 12/16/2023**

To all interested persons:  
 A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Diane M Deorsey of Whitinsville 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:  
**Diane M Deorsey of Whitinsville MA** appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration** .  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
 You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:  
**10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/04/2024.**  
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**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**  
 A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: May 07, 2024  
 Stephanie K. Fattman,  
 Register of Probate  
 May 17, 2024

**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. WO24P1514EA  
 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
 Estate of:  
 Ross L. Trenholm, Jr.  
 Date of Death: 04/06/2024**

To all interested persons:  
 A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Ross L. Trenholm, III of Whitinsville 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:  
**Ross L. Trenholm, III of Whitinsville 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: May 06, 2024  
 Stephanie K. Fattman,

Register of Probate  
 May 17, 2024

**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. WO24P1537EA  
 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
 Estate of:  
 Wendy A Wasiuk  
 Date of Death: 02/21/2024**

To all interested persons:  
 A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Charles F Proctor of Oxford 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:  
**Charles F Proctor of Oxford MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration** .  
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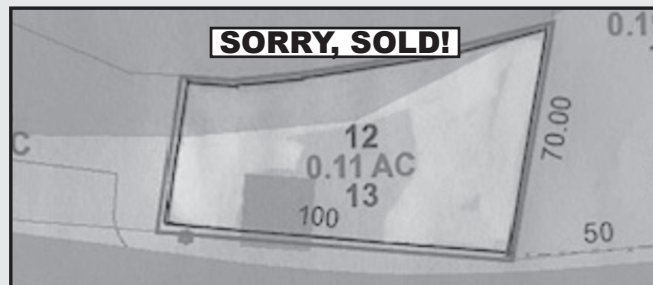
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# OBITUARIES

## John E. Jacques, 58

Northbridge- John E. Jacques, 58, formerly of the Manchaug section of Sutton, passed away suddenly on Friday, May 3, 2024, after being stricken ill.

He is survived by his significant other, Cherie Hovey with whom he spent the last 7 years and lived with; 3 sons, John J. Jacques and his fiancé Amie of Avon, MA, Joshua D. Jacques and his fiancé Kelsey of Canterbury, CT, and Mathew D. Jacques and his fiancé Meaghan of Douglas; 3 grandchildren, Anastasia, Madelynn, and Jaianna; 6 siblings, Donna Jacques of Douglas, Stephen Jacques of FL, Debbie Buma and her husband Tom of Northbridge, Lynn Cone and her husband Phil of Northbridge, Lisa Moran and her husband Bob of Sutton, and Traci Jacques of Northbridge; his brother-in-law, Rob Riopel, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends. He was brother of the late Michael Jacques, Lori Ann Jacques Riopel, and was also predeceased by his nephew Joey Jacques.

Born in Worcester on March 25, 1966 he was son of the late Joseph and Eleanor (Godbout) Jacques and grew up in Manchaug. He had lived in Northbridge the past several years. A hard worker, John worked as a custodian for Woonsocket Glass in Whitinsville. He was educated in the Sutton public school system, and loved sports, especially his New England teams. He never missed a game. He was a loving guy, with a great sense of humor, and loved his family. He will be remembered as a kind and thoughtful man and will be missed by everyone whose lives he touched. He was taken too young but will live in our hearts forever.

A celebration of life for both John and his recently deceased sister Lori will be held on Sunday, May 19th from 1-5 PM at the VFW Post 5663, 20 Federal Hill Rd., Oxford, MA. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

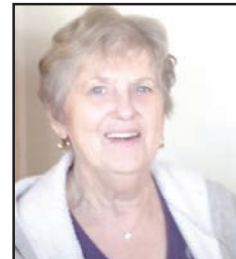


Manchaug- Margaret J. "Peg" (Smith) Gagner, 82, of Manchaug, peacefully passed away on May 11, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Peg was born and raised in Westborough, MA, the daughter of the late Delmina (Gabielli) Smith and Robert Smith. She graduated from Westborough High School class of 1959 and remained closely connected with many of her classmates throughout her life, and enjoyed their class reunions and monthly lunches with the girls.

In the mid-sixties, Peg moved to Manchaug, where she raised her family and became an integral part of the community. She was actively involved in the Manchaug Mother's Club, served as a Boy Scout den mother, and chaperoned many school trips. Peg's social calendar was always brimming with Tupperware, Princess House, or home decor parties. She had a strong creative side and pursued numerous hobbies including painting, rug hooking, ceramics, doll making, quilting, knitting, and cake decorating. Finishing the daily crossword puzzle in ink was as automatic as clearing the Jeopardy board night after night. She loved a good road trip, either with girl-

## Margaret J. "Peg" Gagner, 82



friends, couples, her husband, or her dear red hatter group. Newport and Narragansett were amongst her most memorable.

A successful career in food service spanned decades, with Peg leaving her mark at establishments such as Harry's in Westborough, Worcester's Messier's Diner, and Barbara's Place in Whitinsville. Her crowning achievement was Peg's Diner, a cherished community hub that continues to thrive under the stewardship of her son and grandsons. For generations, the diner has been a place of comfort, laughter, and friendship, a testament to Peg's enduring legacy.

Peg was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Alfred J. Gagner Jr., in 2007, and her nephew, Glenn Briand, in 2020. She is survived by her daughter, Karen Bronson, and husband Michael; sons, Alfred "Jim" Gagner III and wife Caryn, and Steven Gagner and wife

Jennifer; grandchildren, Jillian Bronson, Derek Bronson and his wife Catherine, Brady Simmons, Tiffany Orozoco and her husband Marc, Alfred "A.J." Gagner IV, Christopher Gagner, and Paige Gagner; great-grandchildren, MJ, Alex, and Hendrix Orozoco; brother, Robert Smith and wife Linda of Westborough; nieces Jeannine and Candace; nephews Mark and Robert; cousins Jim, Terry, Janice, and David, and many treasured friends.

Peg's vibrant spirit, unwavering kindness, and boundless love will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Peg's funeral service will be held in Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St., Whitinsville on Friday, May 17th at 11AM. Burial will follow in St Patrick's cemetery. Calling hours at Jackman Funeral Home, will be held on Thursday, May 16th from 4-6PM and on Friday prior to the service from 10-11 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Peg's memory may be made to the Sutton Senior center or charity of your choice. To leave a condolence message please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

## William H. Keeler, 80



Brady Keeler of Grafton, Selena and Harrison Phillips of Medway and Sophia and Shea Schuster of Northbridge.

Bill also leaves behind two brothers, Harley

Keeler and wife Angie Keeler of Florida, Alan Keeler of Uxbridge and a sister Carol (Keeler) Yacino and husband Tony of Buzzards Bay, MA. He was a proud uncle to many nephews and nieces.

Bill served with honor as an officer in the Army National Guard for six years, in the 181st Combat Battalion.

He attended the former Worcester Junior College, earning a degree in Business Administration in 1965. He had 40 years of sales and management experience in plastics molding and the custom decoration industry. He co-founded MarKee Corporation with Bob Mateer in 1989, serving as President. He built the vision and business plan for the company. Prior to that, he worked for Rison Corporation in multiple roles, including Plant Manager for the facility in Holden and as a sales executive overseeing high-profile accounts for Schick Razors,

General Electric and Gillette Company.

Bill was an avid golfer and was a member of Hopedale Country Club for 46 years and competed in club tournaments, winning several and finishing runner up in 2008 in the club's senior division. He had formed long-lasting friendships from his golfing days. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Whitinsville, serving on various committees, including the Vestry.

He loved to fish and enjoyed vacations with family on Cape Cod, especially the town of Chatham and Rhode Island beaches. Later in life, he and Wanda loved traveling throughout New England, including Cape Cod, Galilee and Narragansett. He loved attending any dancing, musical or athletic events that his grandchildren participated in. He was proud of all his grandchildren.

Bill was a big Boston sports fan closely following the Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics and Bruins. He was a season ticket holder for the Patriots for many years. He also loved watching golf on tv.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association, 93 Worcester Street, Wellesley, MA 02481 or <https://www.heart.org>.

Calling hours were held Thursday, May 16, 1:00pm-3:00pm at Buma Funeral Home, 101 N. Main Street, Uxbridge, followed immediately by a memorial service at the funeral home. The burial was at the Prospect Hill Cemetery in Uxbridge.

## Normand Charles "Ben" Benoit, 89

Whitinsville- Normand Charles "Ben" Benoit, 89, of Sherry St., passed away on Weds., May 8, 2024 peacefully at home after a period of declining health. His wife Arlene M. (Brousseau) Benoit passed away on October 22, 2022 after 67 years of marriage.

He is survived by 3 children, Stephane N. Benoit and his wife Candy of Fayetteville, OH, Donald J. Benoit of Milford, OH, and Debra A. Benoit-Quinama of Whitinsville; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Born in Northbridge on April 30, 1935 he was the son of Lucien O. Benoit and Irene A. (Chenevert) and has been a lifelong resident of Northbridge. Ben was educated from St. John's prep. school in Danvers class of 1953. He furthered his education studying pre-med at Providence College, while working during school vacations as an on call pathologist at the old St. Vincent's Medical Center. In 1966, Normand earned his Master's Degree in education from Worcester State College.

Ben worked as an 8th grade physical science teacher at the Whitin School in Uxbridge for 36 years, until his retirement in 1995. In addition, he ran the Mass board of officials as well as officiated field hockey, baseball, basketball, and hockey for many years.

After his retirement, Normand became an off-ice official supervisor for the former Worcester Ice Cats Hockey team for 17 years, and proudly worked along-side his son Stephane who was the equipment manager at that time. An avid sports fan, he especially loved all his New England teams, and even recently he went to see the Worcester Railers play.

Ben enjoyed gardening, spending time with his family and friends, and spending summers in Narragansett, RI camping, and boating. Mr. Benoit will be remembered as a sweet and social man with a quick wit. He treasured his family and will be sorely missed by all whose lives he touched.

His Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, May 29th at 10AM in St. Peter's Church, 39 Church Ave., Northbridge. Cremation burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery.



Calling hours at Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St. Whitinsville are Tuesday, May 28th from 4-7 PM. Donations in Ben's memory may be made to: St. Peter's Church, PO Box 446, Northbridge, MA 01534. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

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NORTHBRIDGE- Thomas P. Koopman, 90, known affectionately as Tom to his family and friends, passed away peacefully in his sleep, in the early morning hours of May 8, 2024, in the home that he had built. Tom was a lifelong resident of Northbridge. He was born on May 12, 1933, the eldest of five children to Peter T. and Henderika (Vanderbrug) Koopman. Tom leaves behind a legacy of love and dedication, most notably to his devoted wife of 58 years, "the most wonderful part of my life", Joan E. (Pilgrim) Koopman. Tom also leaves his four children, Heather Urbon (James) of Ludington, MI, Crystal Stockwell (Thomas) of Uxbridge, MA, Trent Koopman (Ann Labonte) of Whitinsville, Travis Koopman (Tammy) of Northbridge; eleven grandchildren, Faith Nelson, Emily Mieras (Brandon), Natalee Urbon, Brittany, Cody (Jessica), and Maya Stockwell, Marley, Teagan, Camden Koopman, Chloe, Avery, Riley, and Gracie Koopman; eight great-grandchildren, Colton, Caroline and Charlotte Stockwell, Trevor and Claire Mieras, Charlee, Max and Isla Nelson; Tom truly loved being their "Grika". Tom also leaves two brothers, Donald Koopman (Doris) of Whitinsville, Robert Koopman (Dianne) of Northbridge and one sister, Dorothy Jaasma (Edward) of Richmond, TX; a brother-in-law, Willard Banning of Whitinsville; numerous nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by his sister Helen Banning.

As a young man, Tom attended Whitinsville Christian School and Northbridge High School, graduating with the class of 1951. His patriotism and dedication to his country was evident as he honorably served during the Korean War; after which he furthered his education at Calvin College where he ran cross country. Tom's first job was working with his father for the family business Koopman Lumber. Tom's work ethic was evident throughout his career as a professional truck driver, where he spent over 45 years hauling automobiles with Anchor Motor Freight. During this time Tom was honored with the prestigious Million Mile safe driving award, a true reflection of his commitment and skill. He was a proud member of the Teamsters Union. After retirement, Tom continued driving for several more years with Tri-State Transportation and Holland Express, Co.

Tom was a lifelong member of the Christian Reformed Church and a charter member of Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church which he helped build and served in various roles including deacon, elder, and catechism teacher. He, alongside his wife Joan, were Youth Group leaders for many years. His volunteer work extended beyond the church walls participating in numerous mission trips, helping to build Whitinsville Christian School and serving on the Whitinsville Retirement Society Board. Tom's life followed the examples set by his Savior, Jesus Christ. He was humble, generous, understanding, and always ready to lend a hand at a moment's notice. In a tense situation Tom remained calm and often shared a sense of reason or moment of laughter to ease any situation. Tom had a special ability to connect with others. A stranger was just a friend Tom hadn't met yet. Simply described, Tom was special.

Tom's zest for life extended to his many interests. In the early 1960s, he raced with his cousins and friends as the 4 Flying Dutchmen, at Westborough Speedway. It was here he was introduced to his future wife, Joan. A longtime Harley Davidson enthusiast, Tom was known for his adventurous spirit. Road trips with

## Thomas P. Koopman, 90

Joan to Sturgis, Newfoundland, and Michigan. With his daughter Crystal and friends Lanny and Sarah Hanscom to Vermont, upstate New York and Cape Cod. Then with his grandson Cody to Mississippi, Michigan, and Washington DC for Rolling Thunder. Well into his 80's, Tom could be found packing his full dresser and heading for a weekend campout with the boys during Laconia Bike Week; never worrying about keeping up with the pack. Only in recent years did he trade two wheels for three. He would regularly deliver fresh veggies to family and friends from the back of his trike. His internal compass was as legendary as his morals, always knowing his location and the right direction to turn.

Traveling with family was another joy for Tom. Family vacations when the kids were young to Cape Cod and Florida and in later years, making memories with Joan during trips to Costa Rica, Hawaii, Greece and on an African safari. A hard worker, whose hands were never idle and work ethic unwavering, Tom spent his off-road hours tending to his garden, cutting firewood, or beautifying the yard with Joan. He cherished gatherings at the homestead with friends and family for pig roasts to celebrate birthdays, weddings, and retirements as well as their annual Christmas Eve Open House. He found pleasure in playing a round of golf, swimming, surfing and skiing. Tom fulfilled his lifelong dreams of learning to fly an airplane and skydiving.

Visitation with his family will be held on Thursday, May 23, from 4-7pm at Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church, 305 Goldthwaite Rd, Whitinsville, MA. Tom's funeral will be held at Fairlawn CRC at 12 Noon on Friday, May 24 with Pastor Joel Vande Werken officiating. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon, MA.

Tom's family respectfully request any memorial donations be directed to Whitinsville Christian School, St. Jude, Shriners Children's Hospital, IBD Connect, or the USO.

Arrangements are under the care of Hays Funeral Home, 56 Main Street, Northborough, MA [www.HaysFuneralHome.com](http://www.HaysFuneralHome.com)



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# OBITUARIES

## Donald C. Vander Baan, 67

WEYMOUTH – Donald C. Vander Baan, 67, passed away Tuesday, February 13 at his home in South Weymouth, MA after a period of declining health and was welcomed into his heavenly home. Don leaves his brother Bob and wife Kathy of Whitinsville, his brother Lee and wife Monica of Thompson, CT, and brother Russell and his wife Geraldine from Northbridge. He also leaves eight nieces and nephews that he had special relationships with: Jeff, Jay, Gabriel, Brooke, Simeon, Annalee, Molly and Margaret. Don also leaves his very special friends Todd and Allison Williams and their family from Canton. Don was predeceased by his loving and caring parents, Hank

and Tillie (Frieswyk) Vander Baan.

Don lived in South Weymouth for the last thirty-three years of his life, first at Union Street and in 2017 moved to his Ralph Talbot Way home. His time in South Weymouth was filled with all sorts of special times where he experienced growth, learning and special activities: including travel, vacations, concerts, bowling, Special Olympics and sporting events. Don loved Jesus, his family, friends and neighbors. He also loved music, loved to entertain, loved to



dance and had more rhythm than anyone else in his family.

Don was a lifelong member of Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church where he made his profound profession of faith "Jesus loves me" and led the congregation in the Lord's Prayer.

The family would like to extend their sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Todd and Allison and family for years of love, care, time and attention to Don. We would also like to thank the staff and friends from Till, Inc. (Toward Independent Living and Learning) at

both South Weymouth homes.

Don lived life to the fullest, spreading much joy throughout his time here on Earth.

A celebration of Don's life and commitment to Christ will be private in Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Till, Inc., Till, Inc. 20 Eastbrook Road, Dedham, MA 02026-2087. (Till is a not-for-profit human service agency with a mission to create a community based residential, day, vocational, clinical and support services to help people reach their full potential and attain an optimal quality of life.) buma-funeralhome.com



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# Shawna Foundation Library Poetry Tour spotlights Ryk McIntyre

REGION — The featured poet for the Shawna Foundation Library Poetry Tour's May reading at the Milford Town Library and the Uxbridge Free Library is Ryk McIntyre.

McIntyre has been a presence on the New England poetry scene for decades. He has toured around the continental U.S. and Canada, appearing on stages as varied as New York City's New School,

Boston's ICA, Portsmouth, New Hampshire's Music Hall, Lollapalooza and the very first "Legends of The Slam" Showcase, at the National Poetry Slam in 2006 in Austin, Texas. He has been published, most notably, in The Worcester Review, Off the Coast, Short Fuse- An Anthology of New Fusion Poets, and Aim for the Head - An Anthology of Zombie Poetry.

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poetry "After Everything Burns" (2013 Sargent

Press) and "The Man at the Door" (2018 Broken Head Press). He is currently a tour guide, historical tour writer and amateur paranormal investigator at The Lizzie Borden House in Fall River.

The readings will be held on May 22 at 7 p.m. at the Milford Town Library and May 23, 7 p.m. at the Uxbridge Free Library.

The program is financed in part by the Milford Cultural Council, the Uxbridge Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Shawna E. Shea Memorial Foundation, Inc is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit who believes the arts and education are essential to creating a vibrant, healthy community and world.

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## Northbridge FD to host annual spaghetti supper at new fire station

NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge Fire Department is excited to announce its upcoming annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, May 18. You can choose to dine in or pick-up your meal between 4 and 8 p.m. at the brand-new Northbridge Fire Station, located at 1681 Providence Rd., Northbridge, MA 01534. This will be the first time

the Spaghetti Supper will be held at the new station.

For more than 25 years, the Northbridge Fire Department has been hosting this community event. They will be serving homemade meatballs, spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert for \$12 per person 12 years and older; \$10 for children under 12, & kids under five eat for free! You can prepay for

your meal online at [www.northbridgefiredepartment.com/pasta](http://www.northbridgefiredepartment.com/pasta) or pay in person at the event.

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