



One year later: Worcester police officer honored



Courtesy
Pictured with members of the Sutton Police Department are Elvin Familia and his daughter, the brother and niece of Manny Familia.

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — Just over one year ago, on June 4, 2021, Worcester Police Officer Emmanuel ‘Manny’ Familia responded to a 911 call for a drowning of 14-year-old Troy Love in Worcester’s Green Hill Pond.

“Unfortunately, Officer Familia and Troy Love did not make it out of the water alive,” the Manny

267 Foundation shared.

Now, the Foundation, which was started by Familia’s family, aims to “honor and celebrate the life of the incredibly dedicated, loving, and compassionate person Manny was.”

“The Familia family created this foundation in an effort to spread awareness of the hazards of drowning and how essential it is for first responders and

the community to know how to swim safely,” the Foundation shared. “The mission of the Manny 267 Foundation is to raise donations to be able to donate Manny Tubes to every police department in the nation and to provide water safety training for officers and swimming lessons for kids to prevent this drowning tragedy from ever happening again.”

Elvin Familia—Manny

Sutton awarded \$200,000 through new ‘Municipal Fiber Program’

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SUTTON — The town has recently received \$200,000 in grant funding through the state’s Community Compact Cabinet Municipal Fiber grant program.

The funding will allow Sutton to complete its fiber network, resulting in “crucial connectivity between several dispersed municipal facilities” as well as public safety radio sites, according to a press statement.

“The delivery of government services, from public safety response to data security, is increasingly reliant upon strong and cohesive internet infrastructure,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “This new Community Compact Cabinet program is the latest example of our Administration’s commitment to partnering with cities and towns to better serve residents, and we are proud to support their efforts to strengthen their municipal networks.”

The funding comes

as part of the \$13 million in Community Compact grants recently announced by Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. These grants will benefit 86 municipalities and school districts across the Commonwealth, who will use the funds for the construction or completion of their municipal fiber networks to “enable more efficient management of IT infrastructure and create opportunities to gain economies of scale by aggregating internet bandwidth purchases and associated security infrastructure,” a press statement reads.

According to a list of grant awardees and projects, other local communities that received funding include: Northbridge, \$202,892 for the creation of a new municipal fiber network; and Upton, \$237, 500 for the expansion of the Mendon-Upton Regional School District’s existing fiber optic infrastructure to town assets.

“Given the rapidly changing landscape of information technology and the infrastructure required to support it, these inau-

ral municipal fiber grants will make a significant impact on local communities and governments in better serving their residents,” said Polito, Chair of the Community Compact Cabinet. “As the Community Compact Cabinet Chair, I look forward to our continued partnership with all 351 of the Commonwealth’s cities and towns, and I want to congratulate the award winners and thank all those involved for their continued commitment to their communities.”

The Municipal Fiber grant program was established by the Baker-Polito Administration in the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Investment Plan. In addition to the \$3 million allocated to the program in the capital plan, the administration dedicated \$10 million from surplus FY22 capital reserves to help meet the “significant demand for the new competitive grants.”

Grant recipients are required to contribute a five percent local match, according to the Governor’s press office.

BVT’s FY23 budget unanimously approved

Familia’s brother—and Elvin’s daughter recently visited the Sutton Police Department to make a special delivery of the Manny Tubes, flotation devices to assist with water rescues, for the department to put in each of its cruisers.

“Today is a year since you left, not a second in the day goes by that I don’t think of you,” Elvin Familia released in a statement on the Foundation’s social media. “I miss you more and more as time passes. I keep holding on to the moments we had together, and I thank God for allowing me the privilege to call you my brother.”

“The tubes have Manny’s signature on them as well as ‘SPD’ for us,” Sutton Police released in a statement. “It was an honor to meet these family members of [Manny] and we are extremely grateful for their gift of these tubes.”

In addition to Sutton,

UPTON – The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District’s proposed annual budget has earned unanimous and favorable support from its District towns to secure its operational budget for the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23).

Serving in his 29th year as the Superintendent, Dr. Fitzpatrick expressed an appreciation for BVT’s Budget Subcommittee for building a sustainable operational budget and the favorable endorsement of the member towns supporting the budget.

He said, “The FY23 proposed budget is a well-organized, cost-effective assessment request of our thirteen-member municipalities.”

BVT’s proposed annual budget includes multiple mitigation strategies, such as the applied \$225,000 of its Department of Revenue certified reserve fund to reduce assessments. In addition, the District shared \$210,000 of its unanticipated regional transportation reimbursements from the Commonwealth to further offset local assessments. The now-voted budget received praise for its cost-effectiveness and more than \$2 million in committed grants and donations.

While the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School building is nearly 60-years-

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Northbridge Elementary School receives grant to scale support writing instruction

WHITINSVILLE — Northbridge Public Schools announced today that it has been awarded a grant from the US Dept. of Education’s Education Innovation and Research Division.

Mrs. Jill Healy, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and

Assessment, stated, “Helping our students become strong and independent writers has been identified as a need across all grade levels. As an attempt to support teachers in providing what students need, the district has been awarded a two-year grant that provides K-5 teachers

with five days of professional learning over two years (beginning in SY2022-23), to teach the close reading and writing lessons several days per week.”

This project is being conducted by Providence College, thinkSRSD and

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Courtesy

DAR AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Captain Job Knapp DAR Chapter of Douglas recently awarded two \$500 Marcelyn Karagosian Memorial Scholarships to two Blackstone Valley Technical High School seniors that were continuing their education in the medical field. The recipients are Aiville Krause and Isabelle Shum. Mrs. Karagosian was a former Massachusetts State Regent and Chapter Regent. She spent her career in the medical field as a public health nurse. The scholarship committee were chapter members First Vice Regent Noveline Beltram, Adelina Healy and Regent Anne Marie Safaee. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a volunteer women’s service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America’s future through better education for children. It is a nonprofit, non-political, volunteer women’s service organization. Any woman who has an ancestor who fought in or rendered aid in the American Revolution may be eligible for membership in DAR. For information, contact Regent Anne Marie Safaee at 508-949-0926. Pictured from left to right: Aiville Krause, John Karagosian (husband of Marcelyn Karagosian), Isabelle Shum.



...from all of us at Stonebridge Press & Villager Newspapers, and from these local businesses. You've proven that you can succeed despite the many challenges you've had to face during your four years of High School. May these times inspire you to find the strength to reach your goals in spite of adversity, and to find your purpose in life with love, happiness, and respect for all.



Local students named to Assumption University's Dean's List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2022 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Local students include:

Riley Bartolini of Northbridge, Class of 2022
Emily Gay of Uxbridge, Class of 2022

Jake Hamel of Uxbridge, Class of 2022
Stella Noecker of Douglas, Class of 2022
Sean Morrissey of Uxbridge, Class of 2023

Julianne Sutherland of Uxbridge, Class of 2023
Kyliegh Chesley of Douglas, Class of 2025
Alexandra

Padula of Whitinsville, Class of 2025

"Earning the right to be named to the Assumption University's Dean's List is an extraordinary accomplishment and we congratulate those students who demonstrated exemplary academic excellence this semester," said Assumption University Interim President Greg Weiner, Ph.D. "These students have demonstrated a deep commitment to the pursuit of truth that lies at the heart of the Catholic liberal education Assumption provides."

Assumption University provides stu-

dents with a comprehensive, Catholic liberal arts experience through curricular and co-curricular programs, including internship opportunities, recreational activities, and more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations. An Assumption education forms graduates both intellectually and spiritually, inspiring wonder and purpose as they discover their vocation.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England's premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit www.assumption.edu.

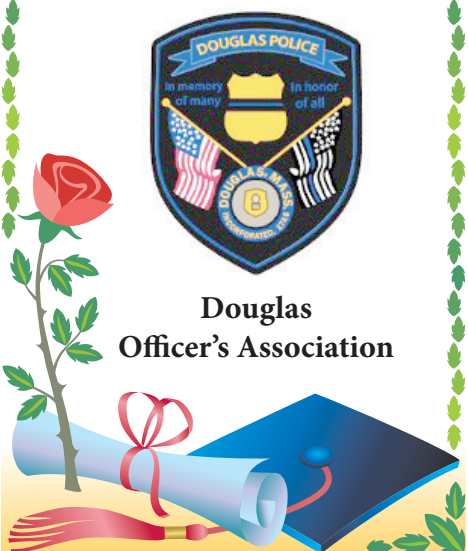
Xander Cook named to Siena College Dean's List

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. — Xander Cook has been named to the Siena College Dean's List for the Spring 2022 semester. Xander is from Uxbridge.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

Founded in 1937, Siena College is a private, Catholic Franciscan, residential, liberal arts college with a student body of about 3,000. Siena College offers 41 degree programs, more than 80 minors and certificate programs, and professional curricula in teacher preparation/education, pre-medical, pre-law and social work. A student-to-faculty ratio of 11-to-1, average class size of 21, rigorous academics, Division I athletics, intramural sports and widespread service and advocacy experiences nurture each student's personal growth while providing the education for a lifetime.

CONGRATULATIONS Douglas High School Class of 2022



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The Whitinsville Retirement Home Senior want to offer some wisdom to the graduating seniors:

- Follow your heart – Fran L.
- Stay in your faith – Faye M.
- Find something that makes sense for you to do because you really have to face life yourself and be prepared for things to not always be fun. Luck is a big part of it. – Bob W.
- Whenever possible go to all of your class reunions otherwise you might not ever see your classmates again. – John A.
- Don't forget your past as you turn toward your future, never forget where you came from. –Kathy G.

All the best to you all!

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The Dolber Realty team would like to congratulate the Class of 2022, and we are proud to sponsor the class list for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional Technical High School. You've had a very challenging four years. May your futures be filled with lots of love, happiness, success, and prosperity!

Blackstone Valley Tech Announces the Class of 2022 from the towns of Douglas, Northbridge (Whitinsville, Linwood), Uxbridge

To view the entire graduating class of 2022, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us

Douglas, 25 students

Sophia Avery Aquilino, Health Services;
Zoey Constance Beahn, Construction Technology (NHS/NTHS);
Mark James Bellenoit, Business & Entrepreneurship;
Joshua John Chruel, Automotive Collision Repair & Refinishing;
Jack Robert Dubeau, Electronics & Engineering Technology;
John David Furno, Automotive Technology;
Gabrielle Marie Gallant, Construction Technology (NHS);
Logan James Hampson, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration;
Jordan Aime Hughes, Multimedia Communications;
Brennan Wade Jones, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication;
Jack Christopher Joyal, Automotive Technology;
Alexis Brynn Levesque, Dental Assisting (NHS);
Joshua Francis McCullen, Electrical;
Kymber Alexis DaMora, Culinary Arts (NHS);
Erin Margaret Morrissey, Culinary Arts;
Dominic James Muscatelli, Engineering & Robotics;
Guenevere Ann Payne, Painting & Design Technology;
Sophia Marie Payson, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication (NHS);
Sean Kevin Pellerin, Construction Technology;
James Anthony Perrotti Jr., Electrical;
Lindsey Lee Provost, Health Services;
Alyssa Marie Schilling, Cosmetology;
Tatiana Marija Tyra, Construction Technology;
Samuel Carl Vincent, Plumbing; and
Bryan Scott Wheeler, Engineering and Robotics (NHS/NTHS).

Northbridge, 43 students

Katelyn Ashley Barrows, Culinary Arts;
Benjamin Costantinos Braley, Automotive Technology;
Justine Elizabeth Brueggemann, Multimedia Communications (NHS);
Aiden John Chase, Construction Technology;
Isabelle Marie Chong, Culinary Arts;
Bronte Aemilia Chosta, Multimedia Communications;
Benjamin Scott Clark, Plumbing;
Madison Elizabeth Colonna, Multimedia Communications (NHS/NTHS);
Riley Aidan Darnell, Drafting & Design Technology;
Faith Kianna Davis, Health Services;
Kai Kevin DePaula, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication;
Kaia Elaine Wei Dziekiewicz, Dental Assisting (NHS/NTHS);
Sabrina Marie Fields, Dental Assisting;
Ryan James Flauto, Drafting & Design Technology;
Allison Lee French, Culinary Arts;
Kyle Michael Froment, Electrical;
Carmen Marie Gray, Engineering & Robotics;
Ashley Marie Hamelin, Business & Entrepreneurship;
Jonathan Reed Mickelson Hollenbeck, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration;
Cullen Michael Jacene, Engineering & Robotics (NHS/NTHS);
Darlene Elizabeth Johnson, Culinary Arts;
Julia Claire Johnson, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication;
Ansha Khan, Culinary Arts (NHS/NTHS);
Elizabeth Catherine Kramer, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication;
Olivia Kathleen Lange, Dental Assisting;
Emma Grace Laydon, Construction Technology;
Marissa Elizabeth Lind, Electronics & Engineering Technology;
Jacob Alexander Lisak, Plumbing;
Mackenzie Ann Malone, Health Services (NHS);

Uxbridge, 35 students

Allison Frances Arnold, Electronics & Engineering Technology;
Sydney Marie Baca, Drafting & Design Technology;
Jacob William Bagley, Multimedia Communications;
Amanda Lee Brochu, Painting & Design Technology;
Christian Edward Core, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication;
Amber Lynne Ellis, Painting & Design Technology;
Quentin Thomas Garille, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration;
Zachary Andrew Goddard, Information Technology;
Miles William Guertin, Construction Technology;
Ryan David Hallfelder, Electronics & Engineering Technology;
Nolan Arthur Holt, Culinary Arts (NHS/NTHS);
Riley Jack Holt, Engineering & Robotics (NHS/NTHS);
Trey David Howe, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration;
Marissa Josephine Laflamme, Cosmetology;
Abigail Paige Lane, Engineering & Robotics;
Benjamin Eli Laverdiere, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration;
Aisha Marie Hadisha Lutwama, Culinary Arts;
Aleksandra Mach, Culinary Arts;
Abigail Marie Manuels, Painting & Design Technology (NHS);
Robert Austen Mellen, Engineering & Robotics (NHS);
Justin David Morganelli, Automotive Technology;
Elizabeth Mary Morrisette, Electrical;
MaKennaClaire Mullen, Multimedia Communications;
Michael Dennis Pitner Jr., Plumbing;
Adam Michael Pratt, Engineering & Robotics (NHS);
Mackenzie Lauren Riley, Multimedia Communications;
Jace Diego Rosado, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration;
Abriel Sanchez, Multimedia Communications;
Ines Rua Taipina, Business & Entrepreneurship (NHS);
Benjamin Leo Takessian, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration;
Benjamin James Uthoff, Information Technology;
Emily Elizabeth Warner, Culinary Arts (NHS);
Caileen Joan Wilson, Electronics & Engineering Technology;
Ryan Christopher Worthington, Electrical; and
Lia Marie Jian Zajas, Multimedia Communications (NHS/NTHS).

Because of space limitations, we included the students from towns covered by the Blackstone Valley Tribune. To view the extensive list, please visit the school's website. Our congratulations to all!

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Douglas High School graduates earn awards

DOUGLAS — The following student awards are given in recognition to the members of the Class of 2022 who have achieved excellence in their academic studies during the past four years.

The following are members of the National Honor Society, C.W. Holmes Chapter. Each member had maintained an average of 93 or better during the last four years: Kaylee Bolin, Zophia Cherrier, Abigail Damasio, Miranda DeGaetano, Kyle Gaskill, Thomas George, Mackenzie Gray, Sarah Hamilton, Jillian Harper, Joseph LaBonne, Aleigha Martinsen, Olivia Muscatell, Katheryn Peloquin, Kailey Salera, Reece Slowik, Arianna Souphida, Jacob Triber, Haleigh Wagner

ZOPHIA CHERRIER – 1ST HIGHEST HONOR STUDENT – Plaque, Medallion

Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Certificate of Academic Excellence - Certificate

Mathematics Award – Pin

History Award – Pin

ABIGAIL DAMASIO - 2ND HIGHEST HONOR STUDENT – Plaque, Medallion

Society of Women Engineers – Certificate of Merit for Highest honors in recognition of Excellence in Science and Mathematics

KAYLEE BOLIN - 3RD HIGHEST HONOR STUDENT – Plaque

Social Science Award – Pin

English Award – Pin

Student Council President Award - Pin

OWEN DIOTTE - Spanish Award – Pin

KYLE GASKILL - Mathematics Award – Pin

Science Award - Pin

ANTHONY DEMEO - Art Award – Pin

EVA LLOPIZ - Editor of 2022 Yearbook – Pin

TREVOR WILES - Commercial Award – Pin

LAUREN PHELPS - Family & Consumer Science Award – Pin

JOHN DARIOTIS - Computer Science Award - Pin

BENJAMIN MARKEY - Music Award Instrumental Accomplishment – Pin

SAVANNA BRITO - Music Award Vocal Excellence – Pin

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HALEIGH WAGNER - Society of Women Engineers – Certificate of Merit for Highest honors in recognition of Excellence in Science and Mathematics

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Kaylee Bolin – Global Competency Pathway with Distinction

Brendan Calkins – STEM Competency Pathway with Distinction

Zophia Cherrier – Global Competency Pathway with Distinction

Abigail Damasio – STEM Competency Pathway with Distinction

John Dariotis – STEM Competency Pathway with Distinction

Kyle Gaskill – STEM Competency Pathway with Distinction

Makenzie Gray – STEM Competency Pathway with Distinction

Samantha Novinger – Criminal Justice Specialization Pathway

Jacob Triber – STEM Competency Pathway with Distinction

Haleigh Wagner – STEM Competency Pathway with Distinction

TIGER AWARD

Given to senior athletes in recognition of outstanding overall contributions to our school, our teams, and our community. Recipients are students we would be proud to have represent our school. They are leaders in every facet of school life.

KAYLEE BOLIN

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ABIGAIL DAMASIO

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Ryan Robert Campo

Zophia Marie Cherrier

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John Dariotis

Benjamin Carter Davis

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Stephanie Ann McGloin

Kayla Darian Melvin

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Samantha Kathleen Novinger

Kailey Elizabeth O'Connell

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Owen Collins Parker

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Abigail Damasio

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Zophia Cherrier
Anthony Demeo
Mackenzie Gray
Aleigha Martinsen

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Brianna Taft

Douglas Youth Baseball/Softball Scholarship - \$350.00/Ea
Katheryn Peloquin

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Sarah Hamilton

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Zophia Cherrier

Reece Slowik
Morgan Berthiaume

Christy Dyer Memorial Scholarship –\$250.00
Arianna Souphida

Douglas Youth Soccer Club Scholarship - \$250/Ea
Patrick Welliver
Mackenzie Gray

Class Of 1992 Scholarship - \$200/Ea
Andrew Squier
Miranda Degaetano
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Zophia Cherrier

Rudolph J. Susienka Memorial Scholarship - \$1000.00
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Kyle Gaskill

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Mackenzie Gray

Douglas Band Boosters Scholarship – \$100.00
Andrew Squier

Douglas High School Jim Stand Coaches Scholarship – \$1000.00
Morgan Berthiaume

Rita D. Skinner Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00
Brendan Calkins
Isabelle Rindone

Douglas Athletic Boosters Scholarship –
Mackenzie Gray - \$400.00
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Moved quickly
4. Ocean temperature
7. Scholarly book series
12. Irregular
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16. Indigestion fixer
18. Special therapy
19. Mock
20. Partner to Pa
21. Strays
24. Swedish currency (abbr.)
27. Desired
30. Soap product
31. Traditional fishing boat
33. No (Scottish)
34. Spy organization
35. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
37. Married woman
39. Blood relation
41. German river
42. Genus of clams
44. Parts of a movie
47. Residue
48. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
49. Atomic #77
50. Where wrestlers work
52. Northeast
53. Type of lettuce
56. Abstain
61. Communication between two
63. One who administers medicine
64. Sun up in New York
65. Having eight

CLUES DOWN

1. He played "Milton"
2. Elsa's sister
3. Digital wallet
4. About backbone
5. Type of weapon
6. __ Turner, rock singer
7. Microgram
8. Hair product
9. Health care pro
10. Holy fire
11. Military ID (abbr.)
12. __ the ante
13. Containing nitrogen
14. Green citrus fruit
17. Male parent
22. Bring up
23. Murdered
24. Soviet Socialist Republic
25. Supreme ruler Genghis
26. Social media hand gesture
28. Semitic Sun god
29. Land
32. Database management system
36. Similar
38. Nice to look at
40. Covered with mud
43. Simple dry fruit
44. Title of respect
45. Type of footwear
46. Most lucid
51. Exam
54. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
55. "Rule, Britannia" composer
56. Small Eurasian deer
57. "Within"
58. Insures bank's depositors
59. A pause for relaxation
60. Social insect
62. Expresses acidity

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Record turnout at Sheriff's Senior Picnic



Raffle Basket winners Lorraine Bregman and Amelia Miranda from Douglas pictured with Worcester County Sheriff Low Evangelidis, were among the attendees at the Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic held recently on June 4 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.



Raffle basket winners WWI Veteran Dan Farneuf and Ann Durham from Blackstone pictured with Worcester County Sheriff Low Evangelidis and Representative Soter were among the attendees at the Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic held recently on June 4 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.

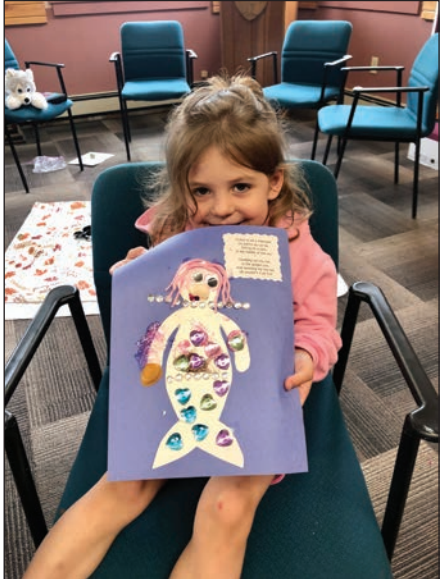


Raffle basket winners Jim Gallagher and Gay McRea from Whitinsville pictured with Worcester County Sheriff Low Evangelidis were among the attendees at the Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic held recently on June 4 at SAC Park in Shrewsbury.

SHREWSBURY — An overflow, maxed out crowd of over 1,200 seniors attended the free Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic held on Saturday, June 4th at SAC Park in Shrewsbury. Worcester County Sheriff Low Evangelidis was honored to host senior citizens from every corner of Worcester County to the largest senior picnic in New England. The drive through model of the picnic was started to keep seniors safe, and was continued again this year due to its success. The annual Sheriff's Picnic is a highly anticipated event and drew another record crowd from the county's senior community. There were so many submissions this year that admission was capped.

"Our annual senior picnic is always one of my favorite events as Sheriff. The idea is to celebrate together as a community. People have such a wonderful time and I am so appreciative of the efforts from all our volunteers, vendors, and all the seniors who came out this year to make it an exceptional day," said Evangelidis.

The Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association sponsored the picnic which included donations by many local businesses and featured a car wash, BBQ box lunch, raffle prizes, complimentary gift bags, music and entertainment. There were over 100 volunteers on hand which helped make the event smooth and successful with the high turnout.



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BVT EARNS JOSTENS 2022 NATIONAL YEARBOOK PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE

UPTON – There is no better way to capture the memories and accomplishments of your high school years than with a yearbook. The Yearbook program at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School recently earned the Jostens 2022 National Yearbook Program of Excellence award at the bronze level. The award recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st-century skills.

Yearbook advisors Monique McCabe and James Millette work with students to produce the senior class yearbook every school year. The duties of yearbook members include photographing various events throughout the year and designing the page layouts. They also manage content such as senior biographies, baby pictures, and photo submissions and handle sales and promotional marketing activities.

“We are fortunate to have a dream team of ambitious, dedicated, and talented students on our Yearbook staff,” said Monique McCabe. “This award is a direct result of their efforts and dedication to supporting the success of our Yearbook program.”

The Yearbook program at BVT earned national recognition for achieving defined criteria in one of the three categories: creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement, and successfully managing the yearbook creation process. “Jostens is proud to recognize the individuals who have created an exceptional yearbook for their school and community,” said Tammy Whitaker, Jostens VP, and COO Yearbook Division.

The yearbook committee collaborated with many people to create a customized yearbook that everyone could enjoy. It took patience, perseverance, and passion, but the outcome is a beautifully designed printed book that is sure to be cherished for years to come,

not to mention the experience of working with an incredible team.

The 2021-2022 yearbook committee positions were held by Multimedia Communications seniors: Anna Martin of Hopedale, President; Carley Capobianco of Sutton, Treasurer; Kelli Konieczny of Upton, Social Media Director; Alyssa Huff of Blackstone, Photography Director; Alexis Vazquez of Uxbridge, Layout Director; and Abril Sanchez of Uxbridge, Senior Content Director.

Other contributing members included: Jenna Dolber of Northbridge, a junior; Nora Iadarola of Grafton, a freshman; Mia Delvecchio of Blackstone, a sophomore; Karis Torku of Uxbridge, a sophomore; Hannah Murphy of Millville, a sophomore; and Mikaela Sadik of Northbridge, a sophomore.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

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The Class of 2015 may request special education and 504 records before the August 1st shred date by written request. Be sure to indicate the year of graduation, and name while attending school, to Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School, Student Services Record Dept., 65 Pleasant Street, Upton, MA 01568. Student transcripts (a record of grades) shall be destroyed 60 years after the student leaves the school. For the Class of 2015, that date is Aug. 1, 2075. An alum from that class may request a transcript from their graduation date: May 2015 through Aug. 1, 2075.

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Friday's Child





Photo by Alicia Jost

Kalyn
Age 13

I like new experiences!

Kalyn is a very bright, sweet and caring girl of Caucasian descent. Proficient in school, Kalyn loves books and writing. She would love to write and publish a novel some day. As of school year 2021-2022 she attends the 8th grade. She can create an array of elaborate art projects with much detail. Kalyn participates in an “after school” program four nights a week which includes volunteering at a Humane Society and participating in a theater group. Outdoor activities like hiking also of interest Kalyn. Her favorite indoor activity in her group home setting is cooking. She has dry and witty sense of humor. She would like attend college in the future.

Legally freed for adoption, Kalyn has expressed that she is ready to be matched with her forever family and that she would like to be part of her adoption process. She feels that she would fit in best with a single or 2 mom family. She would do well in a home with older children or no other children. She should also be allowed to make mistakes, learn from them and be forgiven for them. She will need to maintain contact, including monthly “in person” visits, with her siblings living in western and eastern MA.

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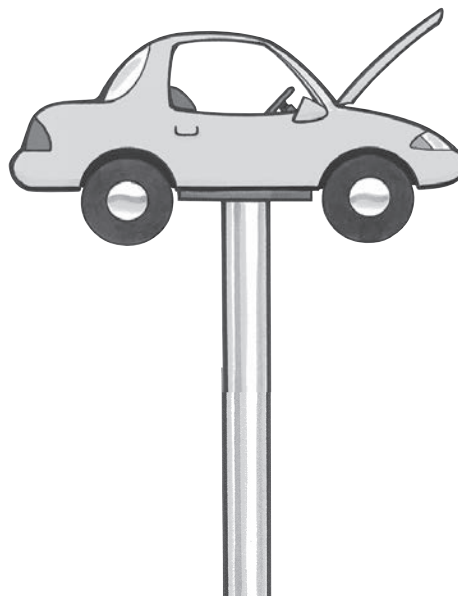
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EDITORIAL

Make the most of the life ahead of you

Students around the region are flipping tassels this week, participating in a traditional rite of passage, generally symbolizing their transition to adulthood. With more and more people becoming vaccinated, ceremonies are looking a bit more traditional than they did last year.

Many seniors and their underclassmen counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world after a global pandemic. This time in an 18-year-old's life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following:

1. Don't smoke
2. Drink plenty of water every day
3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you)
4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and
5. Watch the Back to the Future trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there, the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn't mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it's hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it's what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it's really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self-awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and you need to make it what it is and what it will be.

Congratulations to the class of 2022!

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't let Uvalde be used as an excuse to create more victims

To the Editor:

It goes without saying that the recent news of the tragic mass shooting in Texas has appalled us all, with the news spreading across America, cutting into more people's hearts as it does so. With this news now reaching America, it seems as though the nationwide discussion on gun violence that has happened many times before has been reignited; however, despite the repeatedly-demonstrated proof that certain policies are, at best, ineffective, the same old calls for gun control are back in full swing. What are we doing? It seems as though we're doing what we've done for many years now - and it's not working.

Now, as has been done in past decades, the grandstanding from Democratic politicians, claiming that anyone who disagrees with their old policies are selfish and indifferent to the suffering of children, has started back up right away, like a machine. As many know, these policies and ad hominem attacks are not new, and are merely some of the ways politicians stir up division in order to gain power.

Among the variety of typical demands Democratic politicians make, one that often comes up is universal background checks; however, these already exist, and would not have prevented this shooting, as both shooters passed the already stringent background check. Additionally, although the advocated-for red flag laws work in theory and should exist in order to prevent unstable individuals from owning weapons, there is not enough of a consequence for those who abuse these laws and report stable individuals as unstable. Another Democratic imperative is to limit magazine capacity; however, this often only limits the ability for concealed carry holders to defend themselves and others when an attack comes unexpectedly, as opposed to school shooters who prepare to carry these violent

massacres out. Democratic politicians call these and other demands "common sense," and yet, it seems as though it should be common sense that these laws only limit the abilities of responsible gun owners who are not willing to break the law.

Furthermore, although it should be common knowledge due to the nature of politics, this machine-work is merely capitalizing on the hurt of this nation in order to do what government does best: take away rights. Democratic politicians claim that restricting only certain assault weapons (forget what the legal definition of those actually is) would solve the problem, even if it means violating the Constitution. Undeniably, it can often be difficult for those who have never experienced life in a poor country racked by oppression and violence to understand what a government bound by certain principles grants them. As Americans are increasingly beginning to witness, once a foundational principle of their government is limited, it doesn't take long until those in government further limit it, taking their opportunity to restrict more and more individuals' rights; consequently, since the same old propositions are ineffective, because the limitation of rights leads to progressively-increasing deprivation of those rights, and since we as a people are defenseless against oppression by the types of evil people who commit these shootings if we are without guns, the solution is not more gun control.

This shooting was pure evil, and these children were victims. Let's not create more victims by depriving more individuals from the right to self-defense. Let's stand against this political machine by opposing their same old policies.

Sincerely,

DANIEL BOURGUIGNON
WHITINSVILLE

The thing about 'perspective...'

To the Editor:

It's been said that the victors write the history books, so we inevitably receive their biased perspective on past events. Which is why 20th century historians have struck gold in debunking established historical narratives, and introducing new ones. How many of us grew up with knowledge of Juneteenth, or the Tuskegee syphilis experiments? Remember how Native Americans were always portrayed as the bad guys, who killed that great humanitarian, General Custer? A new book even debunks the "heroic anglo-narrative" of the battle at the Alamo. Is it any different in the case of the so-called 'patriots' of the Revolutionary War?

The dictionary defines a patriot as "a person who loves his or her country and is ready to boldly support and defend it." But the colonists were doing just the opposite - they were revolting against their country, England (it was called the Revolutionary War, after all). They were engaged in an insurrection - "an organized attempt by a group of people to defeat their government or ruler and take control of the country, usually by violence," no different from the group that attacked the Capitol on January 6. Of course, the insurrectionists of 1774 had cause for revolution - unfair taxation, where the 2021 insurrection was based on Trump's big lie.

We have every reason to be proud of John and Sam Adams, Dr. Warren (I own a silver toddy ladle that belonged to his wife, Elizabeth), and others. Through the writers of our history books, they have come to be called patriots...but were they? Or were the loyalists, the colonial defenders of their country, England, by definition, the real patriots? It's a matter of your perspective. In the War of 1812, the Americans who fought England were indeed patriots, defending their new country from an aggressor nation.

Be that as it may, America has come a long way in correcting the biased perspective inherent in much of our history. It has made us a better country. The people that really love America are those that can recognize its faults, and work to assure that they are corrected going forward. We have outlawed slavery, given women the vote, established child labor laws, etc. Without this kind of introspection, we stagnate, whole groups of people are alienated, and issues like income inequality can worsen and fester, giving rise to a modern day 1776. It can happen - revolution is in our DNA.

It seems to me that 90 percent of the criticism of America today, emanates from conservatives - the group that, by definition, opposes change. I remember Trump's inaugural speech, when he described America through a litany of horrors, including gangs, drugs, crime, poverty, and unemployment, or as Trump described it, "This American carnage." Talk about «bullying», «crushing the spirit», and turning humans into «cringing, self-loathing beings.» (Props to Ms. Gudanowski.)

America is far from perfect. Our "exceptionalism" is now a source of derision among other first world countries. We have been made to feel 'divided' by the clever machinations of right-wing conservatives, who, being a decided minority, see a divided country as the only way to regain power. More than 70 percent of the country agrees that we need some further form of gun control; no one wants to take away all guns; no one wants 'open borders or an influx of illegals; no one wants to allow abortions to a viable fetus; no one wants to impose their religious beliefs on others (except maybe Christians, who falsely believe that America was established as a 'Christian nation' - it was not!); we all want affordable health care; we all want equal opportunity in the job market; and we all want equal application of the law. So where are all the divisive issues? They exist only as the made-up talking-points of the right, who, with no platform of ideas, have to be "always pointing out its flaws", and "never acknowledging that the good things outweigh the bad." (Again, props to Ms. Gudanowski.) But this is what you have to do to end democracy and establish a minority-ruled authoritarian regime.

Finally, I want to quote Kevin Cullen, in the Boston Globe, regarding the Jan. 6 Committee hearings: "With apologies to Gil Scott-Heron, this time the revolution will be televised. Who will watch? Who will care? Who will be willing to change their mind if the testimony that comes forward changes the existing narrative? It will tell us much about who we are as a nation. If the ratings are as low as Republicans hope, it will suggest, among other things, that we are no longer a nation that truly values democracy. We just play one on TV."

Think about that.

RICK BEVILACQUA
WHITINSVILLE

With a little help from my friends

Where would I be without my friends? The answer is nowhere good.

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

TOBY MOORE

My dad had a lot of friends, and as we approach the anniversary of his death, I'm reminded of all the people who supported him in his final months. Every day, he had 10 to 15 people come to the house to be with him. They came so often that getting alone time with him in his final days was hard. They loved him, and it helped me understand the value of friendship.

It took me a long time to learn the value of friendship. I am blessed to have a couple of friends who were there for me in my darkest times. They were there for me even when I had nothing to offer but depression and despair. During those moments, I realized I needed to be a friend to them just as they were to me.

Sometimes you meet a person, and you know instantaneously there is something about them that you like. Is it possible to have friends at first sight? I've never experienced love at first sight, but I have met a couple of people with who it seemed we had an instant bond. It's hard to explain, it doesn't make sense, but it's like you've known them all your life. That feeling wasn't wrong; those people turned out to be lifelong friends.

I used to work as a model doing print and runway jobs. It's fun work but also very lonely traveling from city to city working with strangers. One time I was doing a runway job for a big client in the Midwest. There were about thirty other models there too. I didn't know any of them. On my first day, I met another model named Bret. Instantly we were friends. Everything he said was hilarious. He wasn't even trying to be funny, but he had me laughing at every word.

We kept in touch and traveled throughout Europe, doing modeling jobs and having the time of our lives.

Through the years, we stayed friends; even when he married and started a family, we stayed close. There have been long periods when we didn't see or talk to each other, and when we finally got a chance to hang out again, we picked up right where we left off.

When good things happened, he was always there to celebrate. He was there for the bad times too. During the most challenging times in my life, when it seemed like all was lost, Bret was there. He'd buy a plane ticket to fly across the country to listen to me express my heartache. I'd tell him how bad of a situation I was in, and he'd listen without being judgmental.

It reminds me of the Beatles lyrics, "I get by with a little help from my friends."

He's always been quick to forgive me when I was at fault; he's the perfect example of a friend.

While developing the concept for my business, I knew I would need to raise capital to get it started. Who was first in line? Bret. I didn't even want money from him, I was explaining the concept, and he wanted to be a part of it.

How could I ever repay him for his friendship? By being a friend in return. If you have a Bret in your life, go out of your way to nurture that relationship, that kind of friendship doesn't come along every day.

I know some people don't have a lot of friends, but you can create a friendship at any age. I have become friends with a man almost twice my age; we meet every Saturday and have coffee to talk about the spiritual side of life.

Sometimes you have to be a friend if you want a friend. Choose wisely, and make friends with people who want the best for you and for whom you want the best. Celebrate their good times and be there for them in their hard times, don't judge them for their mistakes. Listen, help out, answer their phone calls, and be empathetic. If you want to be a good friend, be like Bret.

Collecting local memorabilia

Many people are interested in their local history, so it's no wonder collectors often focus their collections on items from their own town or city. They may hone in on one type of collectible, such as postcards, or they may seek out a wide variety of items that have a connection to their area.

I'll focus on Worcester related items in this column given its large size and significant history, and the fact that much of my collection features items that were produced and sold in the city.

If you are just starting out collecting, you may want to start with postcards and other smaller items, which you can purchase for 25 cents and up. Vintage matchbook covers advertising Blue Moon Stockings being sold at Vera Green Inc. in Worcester and TO Flynn's Restaurant each recently sold in the \$2 range. A Victorian trade card for Palace Organs manufactured by Loring and Blake Organ Company of Worcester went for \$4. A small German made souvenir porcelain pitcher of Worcester City Hall sold for \$10 in 2019.

If you're looking to go bigger, many pieces of local memorabilia could bring you a windfall. It should be noted, however, that many top selling items

are cross collectibles. This is when items have characteristics that appeal to multiple collectors. For example, Oilzum motor oil was manufactured in Worcester, so there are local people who collect Oilzum advertising. There are also petroliana (gas station and petroleum industry) collectors interested in Oilzum, making their products even more desirable.

As for earlier local history, Isaiah Thomas was an anti-British journalist and publisher from Worcester who published the Worcester Spy. The Spy and Thomas' close connections with other patriots helped fuel the American Revolution. Many of his books can sell in the hundreds, but one book brought a huge figure at auction. A Narrative of the Excursion and Ravages of the King's Troops under the Command of General Gage, on the Nineteenth of April 1775 sold for \$19,550 in 2010.

Almost 200 years after Thomas' book was printed, A 1964 "Caravan of Record Stars" poster advertised a concert featuring 15 performers at the Worcester Memorial Auditorium. The Supremes

and the Drifters were two of the headliners. Despite pinholes and over 20 staple holes, it sold for \$9,540.

1930s cone top cans from Worcester's Brockert Ale are popular with breweriana collectors and collectors of local memorabilia. The brewery opened in 1935, according to the Worcester Sun. They sold their first beer on St. Patrick's Day 1936. Oscar Brockert left a year after founding the business, but the company kept selling beer as Brockert until after World War II. It then became the Worcester Brewing Company. Brockert cone top cans can sell in the hundreds to the thousands. A can in pristine condition sold for \$3,000 last year. I'm sure the consignor raised a glass to that.

I'm always looking for Worcester related items for my collection. I am particularly interested in Worcester County sports memorabilia and railroad memorabilia from local railroads.

We continue to pick up items for our major fall multi-estate auction. The sixth session of model trains, die-cast cars, models and other toys is running



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Bring your overgrown lilacs, forsythia, mock orange, pieris and other spring flowering shrubs down to size while maintaining their natural beauty and spring floral display.

Prune spring blooming shrubs right after flowering for maximum flowering. These shrubs set their flower buds in summer so pruning at other times of the year reduces or eliminates the spring floral display. Major pruning on these shrubs can also be done in late winter. It's easier to see what needs cutting and the plants respond well to pruning at this time of the year. You'll just eliminate some of the spring flowers.

Summer blooming shrubs like potentilla, beautyberry, and Annabelle-type hydrangeas flower on new growth. Prune these, when needed, in late

winter or early spring before growth begins or anytime during the dormant season.

Make sure you have the proper tools and safety equipment before making the first cut. Protect your eyes and hands with safety glasses and gloves. Then make sure your pruning tools are clean and sharp. Using the right pruning tool for the job helps ease muscle strain and fatigue while making proper cuts that close quickly. This will reduce the risk of insects and diseases moving into the plant.

Use bypass pruners to cut small stems that are 1/2-inch diameter or less. These have two sharp blades, like scissors, and make clean cuts that close quickly. Employ a bypass lopper like Corona® Tools' ClassicCUT® SL15167 with soft grips that fit well and will cut limbs up to one and three quarter inches in diameter. Loppers have long handles that give you greater leverage and extend your reach.

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Once you have your tools, you are ready to start pruning. Reduce the height and leggy growth on overgrown suckering shrubs over the next three years. This type of renewal pruning is better for the plant and most gardeners find it less stressful for them as well.

Remove one third of the largest and oldest stems to ground level each year for three years with renewal pruning. If your shrub has twelve stems, you will prune four of these back to the ground this year, four more the following year, and remove the last four older stems the third year. By the end of the three years, you have a smaller shrub with leafy stems from ground to tip and flowers at a level you can enjoy.

Start by removing any crossed or dead branches. Disinfect tools with a 70 percent alcohol or disinfectant spray between cuts, if you suspect the plant is suffering from disease. This will help reduce the risk of spreading the disease throughout the plant.

You can stop pruning at this point and continue renewal pruning next year in late winter. If you decide to con-

tinue, remove a few more of the older stems to ground level. Taking these stems back to the ground encourages new growth at the base of the plant.

Minimize additional pruning at this point. You can reduce the height on any wayward branches as needed. Make your cut on a slight angle above an outward facing bud or stem. This encourages growth away from the center of the plant, reducing the risk of crossing branches in the future.

Maintain the size and prevent leggy growth with regular pruning in the future. Just remove a few older stems to ground level every year or two. Investing a bit of pruning throughout the life of your plants helps boost their health, beauty, and your enjoyment.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why I, too, bother as another angry American...

To the Editor:
Acknowledging those who wrote to the Editor on June 3 and 10, because I, too, am bothered and angry. It's disconcerting when a clarion call for 'unity' is followed immediately by naming someone as a "lying devil" and "non-stop obfuscator." Further, to cancel the Tribune over letters with which a reader disagrees is no answer either, since history is filled with insulting screeds. However, stifling speech and power of the pen while serving as judge and jury by calling it "disinformation" is the definition of dictatorship not democracy!
Suggest Congress focus at least as much attention on today's problems as on those of 18 months ago! Not excusing any prosecution-worthy acts on Jan. 6, but easing current pains should take priority. The "kind of America I want" includes: respecting individual rights and ensuring civil liberties; securing borders against a deluge of drugs, human trafficking, and immigrants without proper vetting; promoting truly free enterprise to grow the economy (GDP) vs. shrinking it and reducing inflation; dealing with rampant crime by enforcing and applying rules of law equally.

Furthermore, Constitutional scholars would beg to differ with an Uxbridge writer who used quotes by several Founding Fathers to infer this nation's seminal documents are not rooted in Judeo-Christian philosophy, and only "right wing, fascist conservatives" harbor such belief. Indeed, our "federal, secular government" is underpinned by a firm separation of powers enshrined in the Constitution which has offered protection for both aspects for two plus centuries!
Lastly, the Whitinsville writer is correct... "if I fail to respond... our country, and its experiment in democracy, will certainly fail." Opinion letters are like an equation: a writer's ability to remain faithful throughout to the actual meaning of words chosen balanced with reader-ability to grasp their intended nuances. My aim: concise, clear prose; no obfuscation (lying) about facts; no praise or criticism for any administration. Anger, hope and courage make change. Meanwhile, my thanks to many who have acknowledged (with understanding) my letters.

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Whitinsville- Kathleen F. “Katy” (Frey) Antonucci, 82, of Jon Circle passed away on Tues. June 7, 2022 at Advinia Healthcare in Northbridge after a long illness. She is survived by her devoted husband of 60 years Anthony J. Antonucci; her two loving children Karen M. Alcorn of Hollis Center, ME and Michael A. Antonucci and his partner Laura Dusty of Sutton; two grandchildren and one on the way, Taylor Alcorn of Boston and Zachary Alcorn of East Waterboro, ME; several nieces and nephews including Linda Busse of Coco, FL, Corey Christie in Venezuela, and Debbie McCue of Venus, FL; and several longtime friends. She was sister of the late Anne Christie, Mary Pelva, Theresa Snyder, and John Frey. Born in Yonkers, NY, on Sept. 14, 1939 she was the daughter of John and Margaret (Doyle) Frey,

was raised in Yonkers and lived in Whitinsville since 1967. Primarily a homemaker, caring for, and raising her family, Kathleen worked as an operator services clerk for AT&T. She was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School, Class of 1958. In 1978 she was diagnosed with a rare illness that she dealt with with grace and dignity. She battled hard against this disease and never gave in to it. Her life was her family, and she loved everyone. She will be remembered as a woman with a beautiful heart. Her funeral Mass was held Mon. June 13, 2022 at 10 am in St. Peter’s Church, Church Ave Northbridge. Burial followed in St. Patrick’s Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations in her memory may be made to Guillian Barre Syndrome Foundation, 375 East Elm St. Suite 101, Conshohocken, PA 19428. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit <http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

Grace E. Gough, 100



Whitinsville- Grace E. Gough, 100, of Brighton formerly of Whitinsville, passed away peacefully on Thurs. May 5, 2022 after a long beautiful life. She is survived by her daughter, Diane Daria of Brighton, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her son Raymond O. Daugawet Jr.; and 4 siblings, James A. Gough, Geoffrey S. Gough, Constance L. Bloom, and Barbara E. Heinemann. Born in Whitinsville on July 9, 1921 she was the daughter of Geoffrey T. and Grace A. (Conlin) Gough and grew up in the area, before moving to Ware, MA at age 10. She attended Ware High School and after graduation attended nursing school like her sisters but, decided it was not for her. She went back to school for secretarial studies and moved to Oakland, CA in 1956. She worked many years as a Supervisor for American Mutual Insurance Co. in Boston, and then as an Executive

Secretary for Union Bank in Oakland, where she worked until her retirement in 1986. Grace enjoyed reading, socializing, and travelling, especially overseas. She moved back to the Boston area in 2008 and spent 10 years at the Providence House Assisted Living Facility in Brighton. She was very happy there and liked attending their concerts and going on trips. She had been a resident of the Brighton House the past 3 years. Grace was a lovely woman, with a positive spirit, who always greeted people with a smile, and enjoyed getting dolled up and dressing nice. Grace’s Catholic funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 10 AM in St. Patrick’s Church, 1 Cross St., Whitinsville. Burial will follow in St. Patrick’s Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donation in her memory can be made to: FriendshipWorks, 105 Chauncy Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02111 or to <https://www.nrdc.org/save-bees> to save the honeybees. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: [Jackmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com)

Patricia Carguilo, 74

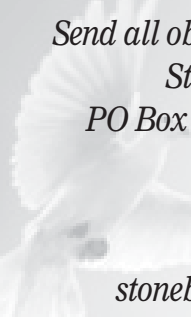


Northbridge, MA: Patricia (Turner) Carguilo (74) died on April 12, 2022 following a period of declining health. Born and raised in Northbridge, MA, she was the only daughter of five children born to Paul Sr. and Beatrice (Lavergne) Turner. Pat lived most of her adult life in Northbridge and relocated to Sarasota, Florida in 2005. She most recently lived in Deltona, FL. Pat was a 1965 graduate of Northbridge High School and a longtime member of St. Peter’s church in Northbridge. She was a hairdresser at Talk of the Town Beauty Salon in Whitinsville and worked in Accounting at several businesses in the Worcester County area, including Coz Chemical and Wyman Gordon. While in Sarasota, she worked for several businesses, including Savannah Grand Assisted Living Facility as a receptionist and accounting clerk. Pat loved shopping in antique stores and women’s jewelry and clothing stores, not so much buying as shopping. She could spend hours in Macy’s wom-

en’s department and never buy a thing. She also loved spending time at the beach, especially Old Orchard Beach, ME, where her extended family spent many memorable vacations. Until her health declined, she remained active and involved with family and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Paul Sr. and Beatrice Turner, and her brother Russell Turner. She leaves her brothers James Turner and his wife Catherine of Ooltewah, TN, Paul Jr (Squeaky) Turner and his wife Dianne of Deltona, FL, David Turner and his wife Lauri of Worcester, MA, her sister-in-law Judith Turner of Whitinsville, MA, her close cousins Marilyn Thibeault and Lois Menard of Northbridge, MA and their families, 7 nieces (1 deceased), 3 nephews and an extended family of grandnieces, grand-nephews, cousins and friends. Her funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, June 28 in the Buma Funeral Home, 480 Church St, Whitinsville, MA. Burial will follow in St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Whitinsville. A calling hour will precede the service from 10 to 11 AM in the funeral home. www.bumafuneralhome.com



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MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER

UPCOMING SUMMER CONCERTS
The Millbury Senior Center Announces...

Thursday, June 16th , 6 – 7:15 P.M.
Featuring Robert Black an ELVIS IMPERSONATOR

Thursday, July 14th , 6 – 8 P.M.
4 Ever Fab “A Beatles Tribute Band”

Join us in the Senior Center Garden
These events will be held rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs!

COMPUTER / CELL PHONE CLASSES
2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Will coordinate day. If you need help or have questions on how to use your devices
Call the center to RSVP 508-865-9154

BERG FLORAL ARRANGMENT CLASS
3RD Thursday of each month at 2 P.M.
Take home a Floral arrangement that you create!
Cost is \$12.50 includes all materials and class
Price may vary based on project
Minimum of 15 people
Call or stop by the center to RSVP a week before classes 508-865-9154

Worcester County Sheriff’s House Numbering Program
Designed to assist emergency personnel in locating homes!
Will create a custom wooden house number sign Free of Charge!
If interested come by the Senior Center or call us at 508-865-9154

Meet with a representative from Senator Moore’s office!
Monday, July 18th
One Wednesday every month between 11 – 12 P.M.
All are welcome to meet and discuss issues of importance or looking for assistance
Any questions please call 508-865-9154

COVID-19BOOSTERAPPOINTMENT ASSISTANCE
We will assist Millbury Senior residents
If you do not have access to a computer and need help scheduling an appointment for the Booster
Please call the center at 508-865-9154

SENIOR WORK – OFF PROGRAM
For Eligible seniors, 60 or older that are residents of Millbury
Receive up to \$1,500 per year that can be used to pay real estate property tax
In return for voluntary service at a town department
For more information or to pick up an application please call the center at 508-865-9154

SENIOR CENTER EXERCISE CLASSES!
LIGHT EXERCISE CLASSES
Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M. (Free!)
TAI CHI
Tuesdays 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. (class is \$3)
YOGA
Thursdays 9 – 10 A.M. (Class is \$3)

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES!
WII BOWLING
Mondays at 12:30 P.M.
MAHJONG
Mondays at 12:45 P.M.
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.
CRIBBAGE
Tuesdays at 1 P.M.
SOCIAL BINGO
Wednesdays at 1 P.M.
Bring your pennies!
PITCH
Thursdays at 1 P.M.
DULL MENS CLUB
Thursdays at 10 – 11 A.M.
No reservations required for any of our activities or exercise classes!

Lunches are served Monday through Friday 12 P.M. at the Senior Center
The menu is available on the town website, www.townofmillbury.org
Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page.
A 48 hour reservation is required.

Millbury Senior Center Transportation
Transportation is provided for Millbury Senior Residents
Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.
We travel one town out in each direction including Sutton, Grafton, Auburn and Worcester
A 48 hour notice is required for scheduling rides (business days)
Rides are free until January 1st
For more information or to schedule transportation call the center at 508-865-9154

“MEMORY CAFÉ”
Please join us on Tuesday, June 27th 2 - 3:30 P.M.
A Memory Café is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss/challenges and their care partners. It is a time to socialize, make new friends, have a good time and enjoy some refreshments!
We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this program!
Our Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, is happy to answer any questions, call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

Millbury Friendly Visitor Program
Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provided by telephone
Volunteers call clients to check in with them, chat and hear a friendly voice
For more information on coordinating a Friendly visitor
Call the center at 508-865-9154

SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)
Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Call for an appointment & required documentation 508-865-9154
“This project has been funded at least in part with Federal Funds from USDA.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider
The SNAP Logo is a service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
USDA does not endorse any goods, services or enterprises.”

Senior Center card games offer fun & socialization

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LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO22P1994EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
James W Zacapoulas
Also known as:
James W Zacapoulas
Date of Death: 02/07/2022
To all interested persons:**

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Tracy Hall of Uxbridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Tracy Hall of Uxbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this

proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/05/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed

under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 08, 2022
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
June 17, 2022

Jake MacNeil makes Curry College Dean’s List

MILTON — Curry College congratulates Jake MacNeil of Northbridge, who was named to the Spring 2022 Dean’s List.

About Curry College

Curry College, founded in Boston in 1879, is a private, co-educational, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Massachusetts. The College extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth. The College offers 22 undergraduate majors in specialized and liberal arts programs, as well as graduate degrees in accounting, business, education, criminal justice, and nursing to a combined enrollment of nearly 2,500 students. The student body consists of 1,700 traditional students and nearly 800 continuing education and graduate students. The College offers a wide array of co-curricular activities ranging from 16 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre and fine arts program. Visit us on the Web at www.curry.edu.

DOUGLAS ADULT SOCIAL CENTER

331 Main St.
(508) 476-2283

DAILY ACTIVITIES:

Monday: Painting class 10am to 12:30pm, Balance & Strength Exercise 10am, Mat yoga 2 pm

Tuesday: Cribbage 9:30am, Zumba 9:30am, Technology Class 1pm, Jenga 2pm

Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10am, Hand and Foot card games 11 am, Knit & Crotchet 12pm, MahJong 1pm

Thursday: Yoga 9:30am, Wii Games 11am

Friday: Balance & Strength 10am, first and third Friday Checkers with Patrice 10:30am, second and fourth Friday Scrabble with Jennifer 10am

JUNE EVENTS:

Vaccination Clinic June 21 @ 11 to 1 Moderna, Pfizer, and pediatric vaccines will be available. If you are in need of a booster shot stop in the center. No preregistration is required.

Panini Lunch & Movie \$3.00 “POMS” June 22 @ 12 pm RSVP before 6/15

Pine Cone Picture Make & Take Craft with Bemis Farms on June 28 @ 11 am \$15. P/P RSVP before 6/21. We will be making pine cone bouquets on boards ready to hang up when you get home. All supplies will be supplied for you.

Free Ice Cream & Pictionary June 29 @ 12:30 pm RSVP before 6/22. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of laughs.

JULY EVENTS:

Worcester Talking Library Thursday July 7th @ 12 pm. Grilled cheese or tuna sandwich lunch will be served, the cost is \$3.00 per person for lunch. RSVP before 7/1 They will be discussing their services and application process. You can receive large print books by mail, join the large print book club in a bag. They will show you how to use a talking book player, or enjoy dial a story.

Fill your spice jars Tuesday July 12th @ 11 am. RSVP by 7/1 Learn a little about different herbs and how to use them. The cost of the event is \$5.00 and each person will get to make 2 jars of herbs to take home. This event is sponsored by The Douglas Cultural Council. Coffee & donuts will be available.

Emergency To Go Bags Wednesday July 13th @ 11:00 am. RSVP before 7/5 The state will be here to discuss emergency safety situations and hand out free emergency kits to everyone. French toast casserole and sausage will be served for lunch. The cost is \$3.00 per person.

Lunch & a Movie July 19th @12 pm. RSVP before 7/13 We will be watching “Rescued by Ruby” and a pasta lunch will be served. The cost for lunch is \$3.00 per person.

Hearing discussion with Darcy Thursday July 21st @ 11:30 RSVP before 7/15 Refreshments will be served.

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

Uxbridge High School senior honor roll

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge High School has released the final honor roll for the senior Class of 2022.

HIGH HONORS

Madison Arsenault, Sebastian Beaudette, Peyton Bly, Grace Boisvert, Abigail Deary, Hunter Fabri, Saige Fraizier, Maia Harris, Maya Henry, Xavier Hicks, Jeremie Hodgdon, Charlotte Johndrow, Zoe Jones, Briana Joyce, Chloe Kaeller, Lindsey Labossiere, Madigan Lame, Luke Little, Litzzi Loja, Maria Lowandy, Makarios Mansour, Maegan Morrissey, Hannah Nordstrom, Gracie Nummela, Cristian Oliveira, Jessie Paxton, Caid Savoia, Cecilia Schleinitz, Liam Sweeney, Audrey Tanner, Sabrina Tivedo, Ava Turner, Samuel Walton, Keku Wheelock, Alexandra Wojciechowski

HONORS

Brian Babin, Destiny Berthiaume, Mark Blanchard, Brooklyn Chludenski, William Criscola, Madison Departie, Jason Dion, Jr., Reagan Guillette, Matthew Healey, Bethany Loach, Thomas McCarthy, Luswin Mendez-Lopez, Brandon Morton, Andrew Oliveira, Jaymee Peloquin, Jack Polando, Madison Ramage, Madison Ryan, Luke Schollard, John Tasick,Kaylee Tavares, Anthony Venuti

HONORABLE MENTION

Mya Anante-Opoku, Jack Baldwin, Anthony D’Araujo, Jonathan Dow, Jude Goncalves, Kyle Henrickson, Ashlee Lucey, Anthony Sammarco, Jose Valencias

SENIORS UXBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

36 South Main St.

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

DIRECTOR’S NEWS FOR JULY 2022

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The Uxbridge Police Association will be sponsoring our July 4th picnic on Friday, July 1st at 12 noon at the senior center. Come for a free luncheon, which will include hotdogs, hamburgers, salads and a special ice cream dessert. All are welcome! We thank Chief Montminy and the Uxbridge Police for bringing back this annual event for our seniors!!!

Our Foppema’s Farm Stand Shopping Trips are back again for the summer months! Foppema’s Farm is located on Hill Street in Whitinsville. The store has fresh vegetables, fruits, homemade jams/jellies, plants/ fresh flowers, breads/pastry and even some special home decorations/gifts. Shopping days are incorporated in with our Shaw’s/ Ocean State Job Lot days on the second and fourth Thursdays at 8:30am pick-up time. Please call the senior center to book your ride!

Attention SNAP members! Did you know that as a SNAP participant you automatically qualify for the Health Incentives Program (HIP)? When you spend SNAP dollars on farm fresh fruits & vegetables at HIP retailers (this includes Foppema’s Farm), an equal amount of your monthly limit is instantly added back to your EBT card. Please contact the senior center to learn more about SNAP benefits to see if you qualify or if you have any questions regarding this program.

Our Transportation Program continues to provide rides to medical appointments, as well as for shopping, pharmacy and banking needs. Transportation is available for Uxbridge residents including those in wheelchairs. There is no charge for this service and we have sufficient drivers to accommodate your appointments within the senior center operational hours. Please call Donna to book your ride.

Stay safe and Happy 4th of July everyone, Lisa

Friday, July 1st – 12:00 pm – Lunch & Learn with Chief Montminy ~ His guest speaker will be Cheryl Blodgett, Senior Safe Liaison for the Uxbridge Fire Department. Topic will be “Kitchen Safety”. The Uxbridge Police Association will host a cookout for us! Please call ahead to reserve your lunch.

Monday, July 4th – The senior center will be closed in observance of Independence Day. We will re-open on July 5th.

Wednesday, July 6th – Movie Trip to Blackstone Valley 14 Cinema De Lux with lunch at Wendy’s. Senior movie ticket price: \$7.75 and popcorn & soda \$4.50 – Movie & Time TBA and space on van is limited.

Thursday, July 7th – 10:30 am – 11:30 am – Veterans’ Services with Carl Bradshaw by appointment only. Call 508-278-8622 to sign up.

Thursdays, July 7th & 21st – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm – “PopUp Library”. Books will be on display to check out, library card sign-ups, book hold pick-ups, etc. This program being offered by the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

ZUMBA ~ Last 2 classes on Thursdays July 7th & 14th.
Chair Yoga ~ Last Class on Thursday, July 7th.

Tuesday, July 12th – 1:00 pm – Uxbridge Library Book Club. They will be reading The Paper Palace by Miranda Cowley Heller. This book is set on Cape Cod so it should be a good summer read! You are welcome to join us for lunch on this day. Please remember to RSVP.

Tuesday, July 12th – 1:00 pm – 2:00pm – Benefit Enrollment Specialist – Tri-Valley, Inc. Call the senior center to book an appointment with Cole Ackerson. Next date will be August 9th.

Monday, July 18th – 1:30 pm – Christmas Tree Shopping Trip with Sally. Sign up early as seating is limited.

Tuesday, July 19th – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Pout Pond Lunch Outing! Rain Date will be July 26th. Van ride available and you can also meet us there! Call ahead to RSVP.

Thursday, July 21st – 1:30 pm – Making Baby Gnome Jars with Sally! Cost is \$7.00 per person and you must sign up in advance. Class will be limited to 8 people.

Monday, July 25th - 1:30 pm – “Ask the Attorney” with Attorney Ralph Tepper by appointment only. Please Call 508-278-8622 to schedule your appointment at the Uxbridge Senior center.

Tuesday, July 26th – 9:00 am – SHINE Appointments available for health insurance questions with Pat Nectow. Please call 508-278-8622 to schedule.

Tuesday, July 26th – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Ask the Nurse Free Blood Pressure Clinic with Celeste Kopech, Salmon Health VNA. RSVP to participate and to join us for lunch.

Card Game will be played during our Monday Congregate lunches and BINGO will be on Wednesdays.

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

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

Every Wednesday @ *9:00 am – Sally’s Walking Club. This is weather permitting. Meeting spot is the Blackstone Valley Greenway located on Adams Street in S. Uxbridge. This in incorporated with The Walk Mass Challenge! *No Walking Club on July 6th & 13th.

1st and 3rd Wednesday – July 6th & 20th @ 10:00 am – Bank & Pharmacy Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance. Masks must be worn as well.

2nd and 4th Thursdays – July 14th & 28th – Shaws/Ocean State & Foppema’s Farm Shopping Rides. Please call at least 24 hours in advance. Masks must be worn and limited to 4 people on the van.

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

The senior center is in need of the following donations: Newly packaged napkins, paper towels, 8 oz. Styrofoam cups, 8 oz plastic cups, ground regular & decaf coffee, coffee filters, tea bags, sugar packets (regular, sweet n’ low, & other brands), tissues & toilet paper. We thank you for your support!

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

<https://www.Facebook.com/UxbridgeMASeniorCenter>
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNh_RIQ99rucmFHuO7VFBw
<https://www.uxbridgetv.org/schedule/192>

NORTHBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

(508) 234-2002

Calling all Grandparents: bring your grandchildren ages 3-5 to Plummer Place and join us for Storytime and Crafts on Thursday, June 23rd from 10-11:00am. Please call Amy at the Center to sign up.

Open Recreation for Corn Hole Players, Mondays from 1-3:00pm.

Scrabble is once again at the Center! Meets every other Monday at 10:00am. Call Jeanne for more information.

Women’s Discussion Group and Coffee Hour: our next meeting is Wednesday, June 22nd, 1-2:00pm. Call Amy to sign up or for more information.

Next walk with “Take a Hike” is Tuesday, June 21st at 10:00am. The group will meet at 93 Canal St,

Blackstone to do the Greenway Walk. Call Jeanne for more information.

Tim Van Egmond Outdoor Concert, Thursday, June 30th 1-2:00pm. Tim is returning to entertain us with “Forest, Field and Town”, a collection of traditional and contemporary songs as well as tales about what draws a community together. Tim entertains with a wide range of instruments, sure to wow the crowd. Refreshments will be served, sign up with Amy or at the front desk.

Check out our shows on Northbridge Cable TV, channel 194, Monday through Friday from 9-11:00am. We show exercise classes for our senior population as well as entertainment.

Computer Help every Wednesday from 1:30-3:30, call to sign up.

Thank you to the Northbridge Cultural Council for their continued

support through grants to bring Tim Van Egmond to our Center. We truly value your generous support!

MassBar Association presents “2022 Elder Law Guide with Attorney, John Dugan”. Monday, June 27th @ 10:00am. This presentation will be offered in person at Plummer Place and virtually (see Kelly for set up). This presentation will touch on a wide range of legal issues affecting the lives of older adults and includes several updated and new chapters. You must call the Center to sign up. Lite snacks provided.

Increase your Medicare knowledge! Russell Swallow, Certified Senior Advisor, will be at the Center on Tuesday, June 28th @ 11:00am to help you navigate through Medicare programs and answer questions you may have. Sign up at the Center to attend. Lite snacks provided.

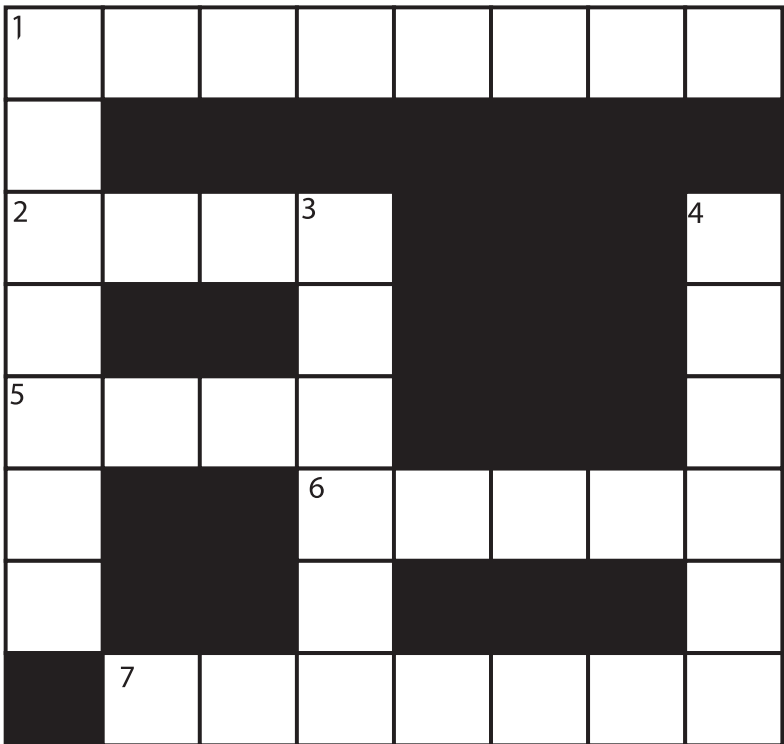
We are looking for interest in the following programs: Basic First Aid Class, CPR Class, Pet First Aid Class. If any of these programs are of interest to you, please call Amy at the Center.

FINE will begin its new cycle of the 120 Club Raffle on July 7th. You may purchase your \$20 ticket at our front desk. FINE draws a \$20 winner every week until November 17th when the final drawing will be held and you can win \$100, \$200, \$300, \$400 or \$500!

Every third Thursday of the month we have Darlene Santoro a licensed hair stylist with over 30 years experience come to the Center to give women’s cut and style or just haircuts, men’s beard trimming and haircuts, and waxing of eyebrow, lip or chin. Call the Center to make an appointment between 12:30-3:00. The next date will be July 21st.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Colored arches
- 2. Cats and dogs have them
- 5. Individual unit
- 6. Hot fluid in the Earth
- 7. Those who ride the waves

DOWN

- 1. Dangerous, dragging motion of the ocean
- 3. Warm season
- 4. Cover most of the Earth

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1579: SIR FRANCIS DRAKE CLAIMS A LAND HE NAMES "NOVA ALBION" FOR ENGLAND. THE LAND IS LATER RENAMED "CALIFORNIA."
- 1885: THE STATUE OF LIBERTY ARRIVES IN NEW YORK HARBOR.
- 1987: THE DUSKY SEASIDE SPARROW, FOUND IN FLORIDA'S SALT MARSHES, BECOMES EXTINCT.



SECOND-DEGREE BURNS ARE THE LEADING INJURY ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF THESE DEVICES. BURNS TEND TO OCCUR ON THE HANDS.

ANSWER: FIREWORKS



AERODYNAMIC

moves through the air smoothly with less drag



- ENGLISH: Fuse
- SPANISH: Espoleta
- ITALIAN: Miccia
- FRENCH: Amorce
- GERMAN: Zündschnur



EFFECTS ARE THE PARTS OF THE FIREWORK THAT MAKE IT SPARKLE OR SHOOT OFF STARS. EFFECTS ARE PACKED INTO THE HEAD OF THE FIREWORK.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: FIREWORKS



Solve the code to discover words related to thyroid health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = E)

A. 2 3 20 19

Clue: Below the head

B. 9 7 13 2 21

Clue: Secreting organ

C. 12 15 6 5 15 2 3 17

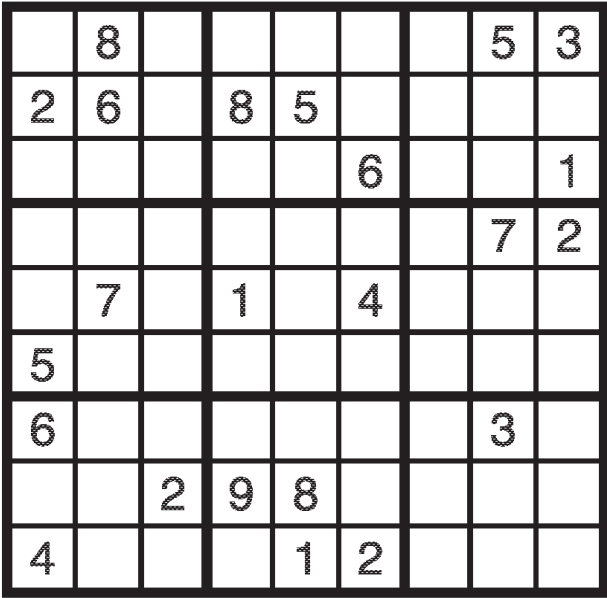
Clue: Substances in tissues and blood

D. 6 3 9 25 7 13 24 3

Clue: Control or maintain

Answers: A. neck B. gland C. hormones D. regulate

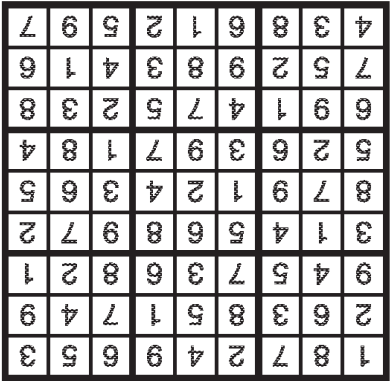
SUDOKU



Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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old, its vocational-technical staff have consistently worked with its facility personnel and students to make self-improvements. Such as, the self-funded section of its original roof repair project avoided debt to its member towns and qualified under the Massachusetts School Building Authority for accelerated reimbursement of 55.53 percent. The state reimbursement will help address other capital improvement projects.

As the annual budget sought approval from its thirteen sending towns, it relied on the continued support of each member town to endorse its vocational-technical school system at their Annual Town Meeting. The Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School community is thankful for that support. For more information, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/annualbudget.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.



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American Institutes for Research. Given its vast research base and all of the schools that have achieved significant outcomes using it, the federal Department of Education allocated \$11.3 million to fund this work. Schools (and teachers) who participate will receive stipends for participation in the amount of \$7,500 per school, as well as free professional learning and materials.

The purpose of the project is to scale the Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) framework for teaching close reading and writing, including:

- Explicit Instruction—Teaching students how to take themselves through reading sources and use the full writing process, independently.
- Self-Regulation—Empowering students to regulate their affective and cognitive processes as they write, using a full toolkit of strategies.
- Writing Sub-skills—Developing the underlying linguistic skills (vocabulary, syntax, etc.) needed to compose sentences that are rich, expansive, varied and cohesive via deliberate practice.

Self-Regulated Strategy Development (SRSD) is a high-yield / low-lift evidence-based literacy approach for teaching writing in response to high quality texts. It provides a cohesive framework plus explicit instruction supported by Social Emotional Learning (SEL) strategies to develop strong, independent writers. SRSD is the only writing instruction that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as “tier one - strong evidence.” It is also backed by 30 years of research and included in the Institute of Education Sciences What Works Guides.

The grant was designed specifically with the post-COVID teacher and substitute shortage in mind, and the professional development schedule is flexible to ensure that schools can easily manage it. “The professional development is grade-specific and will provide opportunities for building lesson plans from our established curriculum,” stated Mrs. Healy.

About the study This study will address a critical gap in our knowledge about improving writing instruction and reducing achievement gaps as students become stronger writers. There is strong evidence to demonstrate the impact of SRSD on

students’ writing and social emotional skills. This research will fine tune our understanding of how to scale SRSD in ways that are low burden on teachers, use technology supports, and strengthen the emphasis on social-emotional learning and sentence level instruction.

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For more information or to make a donation, visit 267foundation.org.

Local students named to Assumption University’s Dean’s List

WORCESTER — Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University’s Dean’s List for the spring 2022 semester. Students named to the Dean’s List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Local students include:

- Riley Bartolini of Northbridge, Class of 2022
- Emily Gay of Uxbridge, Class of 2022
- Jake Hamel of Uxbridge, Class of 2022
- Stella Noecker of Douglas, Class of 2022
- Sean Morrissey of Uxbridge, Class of 2023
- Julianne Sutherland of Uxbridge, Class of 2023
- Kayleigh Chesley of Douglas, Class of 2025
- Alexandra Padula of Whitinsville,

Class of 2025 “Earning the right to be named to the Assumption University’s Dean’s List is an extraordinary accomplishment and we congratulate those students who demonstrated exemplary academic excellence this semester,” said Assumption University Interim President Greg Weiner, Ph.D. “These students have demonstrated a deep commitment to the pursuit of truth that lies at the heart of the Catholic liberal education Assumption provides.”

Assumption University provides students with a comprehensive, Catholic liberal arts experience through curricular and co-curricular programs, including internship opportunities, recreational activities, and more than 60 on-campus clubs and organizations. An Assumption education forms graduates both intellectually and spiritually, inspiring wonder and purpose as they discover their vocation.

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is New England’s premier university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption, located in Worcester, seeks to provide students with a transformative education that forms graduates who possess critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship, and compassionate service. The University offers 34 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing and professional studies; as well as master’s and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs. For more information about Assumption University, please visit www.assumption.edu.

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SPORTS

Uxbridge’s magical season ends in State quarterfinals following loss to Seekonk

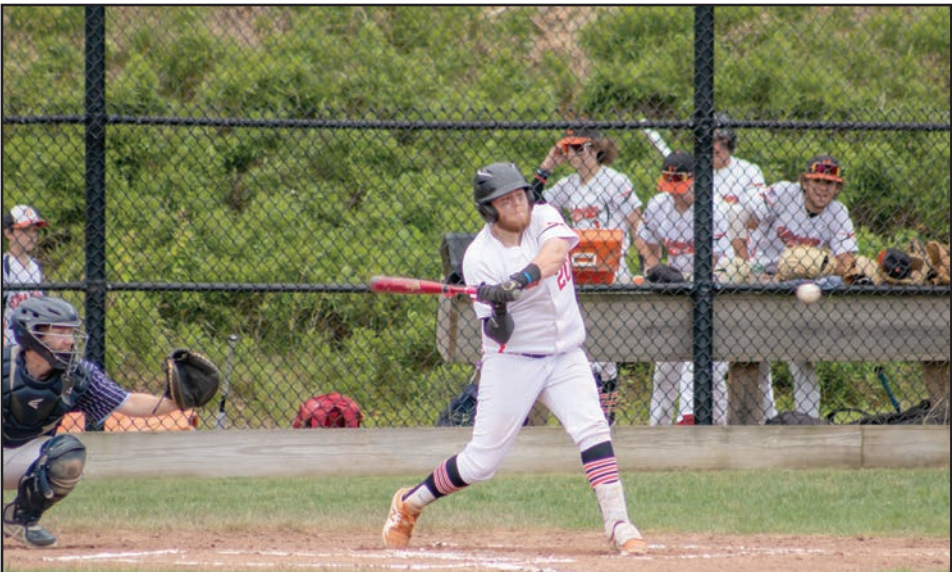


Uxbridge’s Zack Feeney peers at the plate before delivering the pitch.

Jason McKay photos



Jack Nummela of Uxbridge fields a grounder and then hopes to throw it over to first base in time to record an out.



Zack Feeney of Uxbridge gets a healthy swing on the ball and slugs it to the outfield.

BY KEN POWERS
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge High varsity baseball team’s dreams of a Massachusetts Division 4 Tournament championship were dashed by Jaden Arruda and the Warriors of Seekonk High, 5-1, in a quarter-final round game on Sunday, June 12.

The Spartans, the No. 2 seed in the 37-team tournament, finished the season 18-6. Seekonk, the No. 7 seed, advanced to the semifinal round, where it faced Bay Path Regional of Charlton after press time.

Arruda, a senior cap-

tain for the Warriors, stymied Uxbridge from start to finish, allowing the Spartans just three singles and a triple. He walked one and struck out six.

“I thought [Arruda] pitched really well,” Spartans’ head coach Peter Rice said. “He was throwing first-pitch fastballs and we weren’t jumping on them right away. We were getting behind in the count and that allowed him to keep us off balance with a good curveball and a good off-speed pitch. He was one of the better pitchers we’ve seen this season.”

After spotting Seekonk

a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning, on an infield single, a walk, a hit batsman, and an error, the Spartans cut their deficit in half with a run in the bottom of the third inning. Tanner Gauthier launched a booming triple over the head of Seekonk right-fielder Gavin Roberts and then scored on a wild pitch to make it a 2-1 game.

Seekonk scored three runs in the top of the fifth inning to push its lead to 5-1.

Connor Flynn and Declan Lush got things going for the Warriors with back-to-back singles to left field. After

an infield out Arruda, Seekonk’s No. 4 hitter, was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Uxbridge starter Zack Feeney struck out the next batter, Cullen Steitz, for out No. 2, and got ahead of David Souto, the Warriors’ designated hitter, who he had already fanned twice, 0-2. A third whiff of Souto was not in the cards for Feeney, however. The freshman launched his next pitch over Brayden Cammuso’s head in left field, clearing the bases.

“Zack had owned [Souto]; he struck him out twice on fastballs up and out of the zone and he was ahead of him 0-2 with two more fastballs up and out of the zone,” Rice said. “The next pitch he threw him wasn’t up and out of the zone enough. It was down a little too much and he turned on it and got a hold of it.

“If we get out of that inning it’s still a 2-1 game, and then it’s a different ball game,” Rice continued. “But once [a team] goes up four on you it takes away any sort of bunting, or hit and runs,

or small ball that you want to play or could play.”

Feeney, a right-hander, went five innings, allowing three earned runs on four hits and three walks. The senior captain hit two batters and struck out eight.

“I thought he pitched well,” Rice said of Feeney’s outing. “He didn’t have all his stuff right away, but he’s been battling for us all year. He’s a workhorse. He’s had a couple of really good games for us lately.

“We gave them too many free bases,” Rice continued. “We were dominating a couple of their guys at the plate, but at times we weren’t forcing them to hit their way on, we were hitting them or walking them. You can’t give the other team free bases at this level.”

Feeney was relieved by lefty Sam Walton to start the sixth. Walton held Seekonk scoreless, allowing two hits while walking two and striking out two.

“Sam was a starter for us for much of the year

and in the postseason he’s been the first guy I got to in relief situations,” Rice said. “Any time we get in trouble or if the pitch count is up, he’s come in and done a good job. He shuts them down; he’s got some good stuff.”

Gauthier (single, triple) had two of the Spartans’ four hits. Charlie Criscola and Talen Rosborough had Uxbridge’s other two singles.

Rice was, understandably, disappointed with the loss, but he smiled when asked to look back on the season just completed.

“I couldn’t be prouder of these guys,” Rice said. “None of them had really played together, and we had a lot of young kids. We only had a couple of upperclassmen. They all came in and we figured a lot out and they worked hard. If someone told me before the season we were going to be 18-6, I’d have been pretty excited about it.

“It was a good year and out of 15 kids, 12 are coming back,” Rice continued. “That’s obviously a positive, too.”

HOW THEY GOT THERE

Spartans exact revenge on Tyngsborough to advance in State Tourney

NICK ETHIER, SPORTS EDITOR

UXBRIDGE — Following a 2-1 loss to Tyngsborough High in the final of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors

Association Class C Tournament, the Uxbridge High varsity baseball team turned its attention to the Division 4

State Tournament.

And, following a 15-3 victory over Assabet Valley in the Round of 32, the

second-seeded Spartans happened to match up with the 15th ranked Tigers in the Round of 16.

That game — played Wednesday, June 8 at McCloskey Middle School’s field — was a far cry from the game played a week prior. Instead of a defensive showdown, Uxbridge and Tyngsborough combined for 23 runs. And it was the Spartans who exacted revenge on the Tigers, holding on for a 12-11 victory.

“If there’s an opportunity to take a win today or a win then, I’d take today to keep going. Our baseball life is alive,” said Uxbridge head coach Peter Rice.

Rice added that his team was “excited about it,” regarding the rematch with Tyngsborough. “I think they like to go back at the teams that beat us.”

The Spartans trailed 6-3 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning. But Uxbridge rallied for nine runs to take a 12-6 lead into the seventh and final frame.

In the sixth, Braden Cammuso got the rally started with a triple that plated two. Charlie Criscola then hit an RBI single and Zachary Feeney added a sacrifice fly RBI. After another run scored on a passed ball, Tanner Gauthier laced a triple that scored three runs. Jack Nummela ended the huge inning with an RBI single.

The Tigers attempted their comeback in the top of the seventh and scored five times, but Samuel Walton — who replaced Criscola, Uxbridge’s starter — kept the tying run on third base by inducing the final out on a pop-up.

The Spartans then hosted No. 7 Seekonk High in the Round of 8.



Uxbridge’s Braden Cammuso is fired up after tying the game with Tyngsborough in the sixth inning.

Nick Ethier photos



Jack Nummela of Uxbridge rips a single versus Tyngsborough.



Uxbridge starting pitcher Charlie Criscola delivers a pitch against Tyngsborough to start the seventh inning.

SPORTS

Douglas defeats Bromfield, then loses to Mount Greylock in Division 5 State Tournament



Nick Ethier photos

Douglas starting pitcher Ethan Vassar sends the ball to the plate in a Division 5 State Tournament Round of 16 game against the Bromfield School.



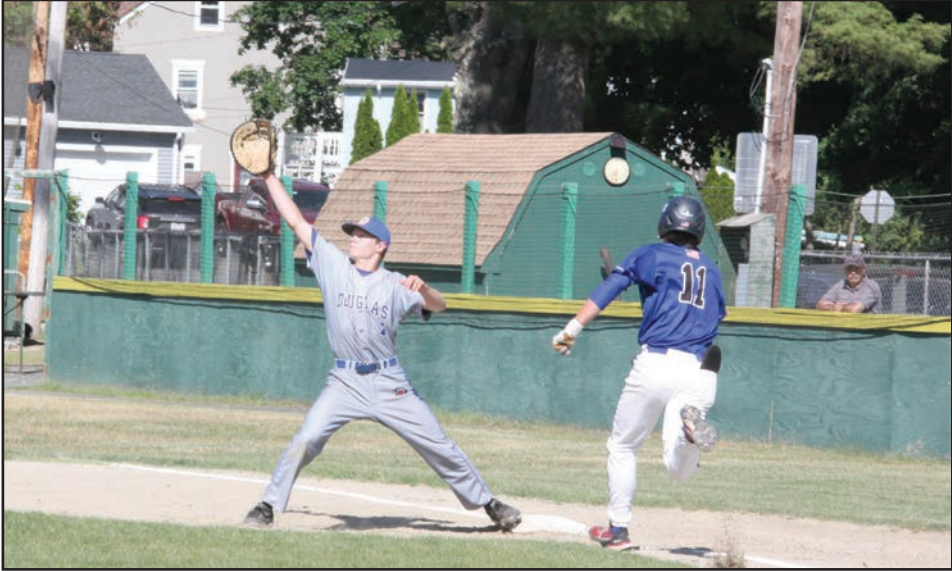
Right fielder Jude Wassell of Douglas sees the ball into his glove following a Bromfield base hit.



Douglas third baseman Owen Gray cleanly fields a groundball versus Bromfield.

DOUGLAS — Last week, the Douglas High varsity baseball team continued its trek in the Division 5 State Tournament. The 11th seeded Tigers hosted the Bromfield School, the 27th seed in the bracket, at Soldiers Field on Wednesday, June 8 in the Round of 16. There, Douglas kept its season alive with a 9-4 victory.

Next up for the Tigers was a trip to No. 3 Mount Greylock Regional on Sunday, June 12 in the Round of 8. There, Douglas fell short 3-1 as they went 2-1 in tournament play. Overall, the Tigers finished the 2022 season with a record of 13-9.



First baseman Griffin Berard of Douglas stretches to record an out on a Bromfield base runner.

POSTSEASON SCOREBOARD

All results include games played through Monday, June 13

Tuesday, June 7
Division 4 Girls' Lacrosse Preliminary Round
(32) Stoneham 16, (33) Blackstone Valley Tech 2 — Unfortunately for the Beavers, they were unable to get past Stoneham to have the right to play top seeded Manchester Essex in the Round of 32. As a result, BVT finished with a record of 11-8.

Division 5 Softball Round of 16
(6) Hoosac Valley 2, (22) Douglas 1 — The Tigers nearly pulled off the upset — Douglas did so in the Round of 32 against No. 11 Rockport, 10-0 — but they couldn't quite do so to reach the Round of 8. The Tigers capped off the season with a record of 11-11.

Wednesday, June 8
Division 4 Baseball Round of 16
(1) Amesbury 7, (17) Blackstone Valley Tech 1 — Having the tough task of facing the top team in the State Tournament bracket, the Beavers fell short against Amesbury. But Valley Tech did earn a Round of 32 victory over No. 16 Millbury High, as the Beavers finished up 11-11.

Thursday, June 9
Division 4 Boys' Lacrosse Round of 32
(12) Ipswich 16, (21) Blackstone Valley Tech 9 — The Beavers' season came to a close, but it was a successful season nonetheless. Valley Tech defeated South Shore Tech and Old Colony, both by final scores of 13-8, to secure the State Vocational Championship earlier in the week. The Beavers finished with a record of 15-7.

Saturday, June 11
Division 3 Girls' Tennis Round of 8
(2) Weston 4, (10) Whitinsville Christian 1 — After a long and very successful season, the end of the road finally hit the Crusaders when they took on Weston High with a berth into the State Final Four at stake. The WCS first doubles team grabbed the point due to a Weston injury, while first singles player Hope Brookhouse played phenomenally before falling just short in a tiebreaker. Whitinsville Christian, which won the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association Class C championship before embarking on the State Tournament, finished its remarkable run with a record of 22-1.

To reach the Elite Eight, the Crusaders defeated seventh seeded Foxborough High, 3-2, in the Round of 16 on Wednesday, June 8.

'Resilient' Spartans top Monomoy for berth into Division 4 State semifinal



Nick Ethier photos

Uxbridge No. 1 singles player Julie Compston reaches out to return the ball back over the net.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

HARWICH — The seedings haven't mattered much to the Uxbridge High girls' tennis team, who were ranked 21st in the Division 4 State Tournament. The Spartans first needed to travel to the Berkshires to take on No. 12 Mount Greylock Regional in the Round of 32, which they won 4-1. Then, back-to-back trips to the Cape ensued when Uxbridge took on No. 5 St. John Paul II and No. 4 Monomoy Regional in the Rounds of 16 and 8, respectively. The Spartans first took care of St. John Paul II on Wednesday, June 8, 3-2, and then defeated the Sharks by a 4-1 final on Saturday, June 11 at Brooks Park.

Uxbridge is now 17-5 following the three playoff wins and will play in the Final Four against top seeded Hamilton-Wenham Regional, which was scheduled for June 14 after this publication's press deadline.

"It's unbelievable...coming to the Cape twice and going to Mount Greylock," said Julie Compston, the Spartans' No. 1 singles player. "We're just resilient. Everyone comes out every day to practice and just puts in the work. We show some grit and determination, and we win."

"I totally believed in my team, and my teammates deserve this so much," added Julie Compston's twin sister Sophie, who plays at No. 2 singles for Uxbridge. "We're all so close. We believe in each other and we trust each other."

In the win against Monomoy, Julie Compston got things started by easily dispatching the Sharks' Tatiana Malone, 6-0, 6-0. That got the Spartans off to a quick 1-0 lead.

"I think today my serves were pretty on point, and to find her weaknesses I just let her make the mistakes," said Julie Compston.

Shortly after Julie Compston's victory, Uxbridge's Sam Hinchcliffe was well on her way to defeating Jocelyn White in the No. 3 singles

match. Hinchcliffe won, 6-4, 6-3 to put the Spartans ahead 2-0.

"I noticed in the beginning that she had poor backhands, so I figured in game I'd use that to my advantage. A lot of my game I kind of just rallied it back and kept it near the baseline because she'd often hit it with too much force and it'd go out," Hinchcliffe said of her strategy.

Attention then turned to Sophie Compston and her battle against Monomoy's Lilly Gould in the No. 2 singles match. And Sophie Compston secured the winning point for the Spartans when she finished off Gould, 6-0, 6-3.

"I was so nervous. I've never been in that situation before and I just trusted that I would play my best tennis and move on," Sophie Compston said of trying to officially win the match for her team.

"I feel like my serves were my reliable type of scoring today," Sophie Compston added.

Although Monomoy's No. 2 doubles team of Jade Kennedy and Alyson Morris defeated Uxbridge's tandem of Abby Sanches and Ella Haker, 0-6, 0-6, the Spartans finished off the match with a victory in the No. 1 doubles game. There, Avery Guillette and Bella Nolan dispatched Angelica Velasquez and Olivia Prisco, 3-6, 6-0, 6-4.

One of the more amazing aspects of Uxbridge's lineup is that Julie Compston, Sophie Compston, Hinchcliffe, Guillette, Nolan, Sanches and Haker are all juniors. In fact, Lexi Wojciechowski is the only senior on the 24-person roster. Wojciechowski serves as a co-captain with the Compston twins.

"It's definitely unique," said Wojciechowski. "Coming into this season I was competing for that starting second doubles spot, and I'm just glad to be here. Getting to practice with everyone, it's awesome. I'm not always the starter, but whatever coach needs me to do I'm willing to step up."

Wojciechowski put the Spartans' playoff run into perspective.

"I think it's just really monumental that we are the 21st seed and we beat a 12 seed, a 5 seed and now we just clinched a 4 seed win. It really just shows how much hustle and how much heart this team has and the hard work that we're willing to put in to get ourselves here," she said.

Added Julie Compston: "It's an elation. I'm just overjoyed for everybody."

"It feels oddly calm, but amazing at the same time. This is the farthest we've ever come, so it's a really great accomplishment," Hinchcliffe concluded.



Sophie Compston, Uxbridge's No. 2 singles player, sends a hard-hit serve over to Monomoy's side.



Competing in No. 3 singles, Uxbridge's Samantha Hinchcliffe watches her volley head over the net and to Monomoy's end.

Area students receive degrees from Clark University

WORCESTER — Clark University awarded 577 bachelors, 489 masters, and 25 doctoral degrees, and conferred four honorary degrees during the University's 118th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 22. Graduates were urged to always ask questions, move forward with confidence, and have the moral clarity to make courageous and meaningful decisions.

Among the graduates were: Erin Carol Hynes, of Uxbridge, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in economics and studio art. Tabitha Raye Young, of Uxbridge, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in interactive media. Jacob P. Devlin, of Whitinsville, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology. Kyle Jeffrey Alger, of Uxbridge, graduated with a Master of Fine Arts in Interactive Media. Brandon J. Mooney, of Douglas, graduated with a Master of Public Administration. Mooney is a member of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda honor society. President David B. Fithian, who received his degree from Clark in 1987 and is the first alumnus to lead the university, implored the graduates to always be curious.

"You came to Clark looking for answers - about subjects that interest you, about yourself, and about the world - and I hope you found some," he said. "But as you leave here, I hope Clark has helped you to ask more, different, and better questions. Every question is a chance to hear something you may never have heard before. This iterative process of questions and answers is crucial to your lifelong journey of learning and will enrich your life at every stage

along that path." Mary Frances Berry, a renowned scholar, civil rights activist, and the Geraldine R. Segal Professor Emerita of American Social Thought at the University of Pennsylvania, delivered the commencement address. Berry told the graduates that they have a moral obligation to contribute to society. "There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor political, nor popular, but you must take it because it is right," she insisted.

In addition to Berry, honorary degrees were granted to David P. Angel, who led Clark as its ninth president (2010 to 2020) and whose academic and administrative career at the University spanned 33 years; Annette Gordon-Reed, the Carl M. Loeb University Professor at Harvard University whose Pulitzer Prize-winning book "The Heminges of Monticello" forced a reconsideration of accepted historical narratives; and Doug Wright, the playwright, librettist, and screenwriter whose works include "I Am My Own Wife," which won the Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize.

For more information, visit www.clarku.edu/commencement/.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

No One Walks Alone (NOWA), hosts grand opening ribbon cutting

WHITINSVILLE — Join No One Walks Alone (NOWA), a program of Family Continuity, for a ribbon cutting, celebrating their move to a permanent center at 9 Spring St., Whitinsville, from 4 to 7 p.m. on June 16! NOWA is a Recovery Support Center, aiding those who struggle with substance use disorder in building healthy lifestyles and connections with others who have similar life experiences. At NOWA, they turn dreams into goals, goals into steps and steps into actions!

With their unique peer-participatory model, NOWA doesn't prescribe to the traditional hierarchy of clinical staff. Craig Maxim Senior Director Behavioral Health Operations explains, "It's all [led] by those with lived experience that have embraced recovery and all pathways of recovery...It's all peer led."

NOWA was temporarily housed in Family Continuity's office on Church Street. In September of 2019, they hosted a No One Walks Alone fundraiser, promoting recovery in the Whitinsville area. Soon afterwards, members voted to adjust the name to NOWA. In October 2019, they moved to their permanent facility at 9 Spring St. Now, following many delays due to COVID, they are excited to host a ribbon cutting, officially celebrating their move.

Expect to see Northbridge PD, who work very closely with NOWA, speaking about the importance of recovery support, as well as Sen. Fattman, who will also give a few words of congratulations. Former and current staff members, volunteers, directors and people involved in the center will be present to share their experience with NOWA.

Director Laura Hutchinson explains, "We want to provide members and volunteers with the opportunity to share their experiences because it's really empowering to them and it's important to us. I'm really excited for this event and opportunity."

Street parking can be found on Spring and Cottage Street. Come out and celebrate No One Walks Alone and their hard work in Whitinsville. To get involved or seek support in your own recovery, please visit www.nowarsc.org for more information!

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

Local students earn degrees from University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, Vt. — This year's commencement at the University of Vermont-the 221st in its history-marked a return to a traditional celebration outdoors on the University Green after two years of re-imagined ceremonies due to pandemic restrictions.

The following students graduated from the University of Vermont during commencement ceremonies in May, 2022.

Taylor Catlin of Douglas graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychological Science. Erickson Gagnon of Douglas graduat-

ed with a Bachelor of Arts in English. Erik Weiheymayer, one of the most renowned adventurers of the 21st century-best known as the first blind person to summit Mount Everest-urged graduates and family members to emulate a climber in their lives, not to quit or settle comfortably like a camper half-way up the peak. "Climbers understand life's an ongoing, never-ending process of reaching out into the darkness," he said, "reaching towards immense possibilities."

The ceremony was especially meaningful for UVM President Suresh

Garimella-his third as president but the first one on the Green. Garimella conferred degrees on an estimated 3,332 graduates, including 2,558 bachelors, 515 masters, 131 doctoral and 118 medical degree recipients. Degree recipients hail from 44 states; among the graduates were 122 international students from 27 foreign countries. Approximately 1,057 of the graduates are from Vermont. The graduating class includes approximately 415 students of color.

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Do your ‘doody’ for clean water

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Residents are being asked to do their “doody” when it comes to picking up after their pets in both public areas and in private yards.

“Pet waste is one of the many contributors of storm-water pollution that can degrade water quality,” the town of Uxbridge released. “During rainfall, pet waste left on lawns, beaches, trails, and sidewalks washes into storm drains or into water bodies.”

This waste and the pathogens it contains—including nutrients, bacteria, parasites, and viruses—end up flowing directly into streams, lakes, and the Narragansett Bay where they “can harm human health and the environment,” the town added in a statement on its website.

“It has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which are known to cause cramps, diarrhea, intestinal illness, and serious kidney disorders in humans,” Uxbridge shared.

When residents pick up after their pets, it is “a simple thing” they can do to help keep bacteria out of the local waterways, the town added, and also keeping neighborhoods and backyards clean.

According to Think Blue Massachusetts, a statewide educational campaign that aims to help residents and businesses do their part in reducing polluted runoff and keeping “lates, rivers, and streams clean and healthy,” residents can help by doing their “doody.”

“Do your doody for clean water,” the campaign shared. “You hate stepping in it. And fish hate swimming in it, too.”

Think Blue asked residents to bag their pet’s waste and throw it in a trashcan, adding that the average dog can produce “nearly a pound of waste every day.”

“Pet waste left on lawns and in public spaces is not only gross. It can be quite harmful too,” the campaign shared. “Pet waste contains twice as much bacteria as human waste...If left in your yard, pet waste can kill grass and other plants.”

And when pet waste washes into storm drains and waterways, it can make the water “unhealthy for people and wildlife.”

“Pet waste in waterways can even cause algae to grow, making the water turn an unpleasant green color,” Think Blue added.

To learn more, visit the www.ThinkBlueMassachusetts.org.

Sophia Masciarelli named to Provost’s List at Hofstra University

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Sophia Masciarelli of Northbridge achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Spring 2022 semester, earning a spot on the Provost’s List at Hofstra University.

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James Stark of Uxbridge awarded degree from UA

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — James Stark of Uxbridge has received the following degree from The University of Alabama: Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration. UA awarded 5,907 degrees during its spring commencement ceremonies on May 6-8.

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