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# Sutton School Committee chooses new superintendent

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — The School Committee has offered the position of Superintendent to Kimberly Roberts-Morandi, who currently serves as assistant superintendent in the North Adams Public Schools.

The Committee came to its decision during the May 2 meeting after discussing site visits. Previously, four candidates had been interviewed by the Committee for the role. Superintendent Theodore Friend announced during a meeting in November of last year that he would be retiring in August; the School Committee began the process of selecting the district's next Superintendent in January.

Roberts-Morandi, during her interview on April 28 with the Committee, said she believes that as a leader in the district, she would be there to "serve the community," including the students, teachers, families, and more. She said this is accomplished by being open, honest, transparent, collaborative, approachable, and friendly.

"Part of my leadership, too, is...listening more than you talk," she said in her interview, adding that "hearing what people are saying" matters. "As a leader, you need to seek to understand both sides."

She also discussed the importance, for her, of understanding the "why," the needs of the students and families in the community, and being immersed in the community and being "data-informed."

"We can't quantify the human experience," she said, adding that she does not want to make decisions based just on "quantifiable figures," but instead, the stories behind it and what is driving people.

Roberts-Morandi said that in deciding to apply to the Sutton role, she had watched recorded School Committee and town meetings to understand what was important to people. She said that it "felt like a strong match."

"We're all here for the same thing—we're here for the students," she said. "As a leader, I try to model that."

"I would be a very proud member of this community and excited to be a part of the next steps. I love what you've accomplished, and I can see some of what we still have left that we can do together," she said during her interview.

School Committee Chair Bruce Edwards said he conducted the North Adams site visit for Roberts-Morandi and met with about 25 people while visiting several schools throughout the day. He noted that many members of that school community noted that she is "not one to subscribe to the philosophy of 'we've always done it that way.'"

He said that many staff members and other mem-

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# Free Summer Concert Series at Alternatives' Whitin Mill

WHITINSVILLE — ValleyCAST, the arts and culture arm of Open Sky Community Services, is proud to announce the return of its Free

Summer Concert Series featuring an incredible line-up of local, and not so local, bands and a wide variety of popular music. Enjoy Rock n' Roll, Big Band, Country, Folk,

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The concert series, now in its 13th year, is one of ValleyCAST's most popular events at the Alternatives' Whitin Mill drawing hundreds of people each year.

This year the series kicks-off with a special event on Thursday, June 30th. Two bands will play back-to-back in the Dennis H. Rice Community Plaza on the same night as the opening of the new Beyond Zentangle exhibit in the Spaulding R. Aldrich Heritage Gallery at the same location. Samuel Bowen will play from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and then The Blackstone Valley Community Concert band will play from 6:30-8 p.m.

The series then continues every Thursday evening on the plaza from 6:00-8:00 pm through September 1st at the Alternatives' Whitin Mill, 50 Douglas Rd., Whitinsville. In case of inclement weather, the concerts move indoors to the Singh Performance

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# BVT student artists demonstrate color, creativity & meaning



Courtesy

Griffin Beaulieu of Douglas, a junior in Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication, expressing his creativity and growth as an artist with a tree mural at the Arts Heals event.

UPTON – Student artists at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) got creative for a cause by sharing personal stories through their artwork to help raise awareness of mental health and support teen suicide prevention.

Creating a visual image through any medium can produce physical and emotional benefits for the creator and those who view it. The Art Heals: Shine Your Light Chalk Festival on May 12 was all about the healing power of art. Color, creativity, and meaning were fully displayed as student artists created unique sidewalk chalk murals that reflect their mental health stories on the theme of light

and how «art heals.»

Ashlyn Lambert of Blackstone, a junior in Multimedia Communications, said, "The idea of self-authenticity through art was the inspiration for my piece. I wanted to create a gray scale portrait, flowing with color from within to represent a contrast between one's outer shell and the true inner self. I'm my most authentic self when I'm creating art. I express emotions I might not always let show on the outside. With the theme of mental health and healing through art, I felt it was important to emphasize that being able to communicate how you're feeling and expressing yourself, even if it's not through words, is crucial to healing and growing as a person."

Griffin Beaulieu of Douglas, a junior in Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication, has an eye for detail. While he is used to creating items

out of metal in his vocational shop, he said, "I enjoyed using chalk pastel to create a tree mural. The tree's growth is symbolic of how my creativity has grown during my time at BVT."

Julia Saksa of Northbridge, a sophomore in the Electrical program, created a green largemouth bass mural while sporting a Bass Pro Shop t-shirt.

She said, "I didn't plan to wear this shirt; it just happened. I love to fish. I find it relaxing. I enjoy fishing with my dad and as a member of our Bass Fishing Club."

For Murphy Potter of Douglas, a junior in the Painting & Design Technology program, hands have been a focal point in some of her past community artwork. For this event, she created two hands reaching towards each other, one skeletal and the other human.

"Participating in the Chalk Art Festival meant I could express myself in a medium I don't usually use," said Rebecca Brodeur of Millbury, a junior in Painting & Design. Rebecca worked with a friend to create a piece that featured a sunshine yellow duck. "I wanted to create a piece that made me happy because creating art is something that had helped me when I was not happy. I've realized that I can use my creativity to make something that makes me and others happy. Being able to heal and grow as a person was a huge reason art is my passion; there's an emotional connection."

In collaboration with the School Based Health Center, fifty-one students participated in this artistic endeavor showcasing art as a positive way of expressing emotions and diminishing negative feelings and thoughts. During the

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# Uxbridge students earn state engineering honors

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — A team of three high school students have earned first-place in the state of Massachusetts as part of a recent engineering competition.

"I could not be prouder of our program and all our participants, in particular these three amazing students," said Uxbridge High School Principal Michael Rubin. "That UHS students are among the top future engineers and innovators in the Commonwealth is a credit to the program and the support that so many have put in the hands of our school and educators."

The student team from Uxbridge High School—including Lex Lovell, Julia Philbrook, and John Tasick—earned the

win for their design, not only as the best submission from the school but from across the entire Commonwealth, which includes more than 100 secondary schools. The competition was sponsored by the Mass STEM Hub and conducted in conjunction with "industry professionals from a variety of STEM firms in Massachusetts," according to the school.

"As students have been learning in the Engineering Pathway at UHS, feedback and iteration are key components to the engineering design process, through which students get feedback from people with different viewpoints and skills, particularly those with expertise in the solution being developed," the school released in a statement. "This particular challenge involved feedback from more than 200 industry professionals

on more than 500 pieces of student work, representing more than 2,000 students from across the Commonwealth."

The three students are in Michael Smutok's Computer Integrated Manufacturing class, the third of four classes in the Manufacturing Engineering "Innovation Pathway," which "merges technical and academic coursework with post-secondary outcomes, such as college and job placement," the school statement reads. All of the teams that submitted a design received specific feedback from industry professionals on their process flow diagrams, technical processes, and prototype drawings, the school released, as well as their coding process for their robot.

Smutok is a Project Lead the Way Master

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# Isabel Go achieves Dean's List at Belmont University

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Isabel Go of Whitinsville qualified for the Spring 2022 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 45 percent of Belmont's 6,792 undergraduate students qualified for the Spring 2022 Dean's List.

Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "At Belmont, we are happy to celebrate the success of these students and know that their continued, consistent and comprehensive dedication to their academic work will equip them to make the world a better place. The Dean's List recognition at Belmont clearly demonstrates students' commitment to their educational endeavors."


About Belmont University

Located two miles from downtown Nashville, Tenn., Belmont University consists of nearly 8,800 students who come from every state and 33 countries. Consistently recognized by U.S. News & World Report for innovation and commitment to undergraduate teaching, Belmont brings together the best of liberal arts and professional education in a Christ-centered and student-focused community of learning and service. As a campus that aims to Let Hope Abound, the University is committed to producing graduates who are Hope Inspiring, Character Forming, Future Shaping, Community Engaging and Bridge Building people. With more than 115 areas of undergraduate study, 41 master's programs and five doctoral degrees, there is no limit to the ways Belmont University can expand an individual's horizon. For more information, visit [www.belmont.edu](http://www.belmont.edu).

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# BVT earns 66 medals at SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference

UPTON – Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School students tested their vocational-technical ability in the annual SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference Championships on April 14th and 29th. It was the second of three SkillsUSA competitions, and the school had 102 students competing with other career and technical education high school students with impressive results.

The competition allows students to demonstrate their vocational-technical education, skills, and knowledge with SkillsUSA employment and trade tests. BVT student-competitors successfully demonstrated their career-technical expertise and proudly claimed 29 gold, 27 silver, and 10 bronze medals.

“The medal results are truly remarkable. At BVT, our students gain and hone the skill-sets needed to compete against the best vocational-technical students in the SkillsUSA District, State, and National Championships,” said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick. “Our student competi-

tors, residents of our thirteen-member communities, are a highly motivated local contingent that will advance to compete against the top peers from the likes of Michigan, Ohio, and Texas.”

BVT has 27 students advancing from states to compete amongst the most talented vocational-technical students in the nation at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, this June. The complete list of medalists is available at [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/skillsusa](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/skillsusa).

BVT students who earned medals at the SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference are listed by hometown:

**Bellingham**  
Gold: Sara Lewis, Principles of Technology  
Silver: Aiden Cohen, Major Appliance Technology  
Bronze: Pyper Bourre, Health Knowledge Bowl

**Blackstone**  
National Voting Delegate: Haley McKinnon  
Gold: Allana Atstupenas, CNC Turning Specialist; Daniel Cardone, Web Design; Andrew Konicki,

Entrepreneurship; Haley McKinnon, Sticker Design; Kyle Penta, Entrepreneurship  
Silver: Kendra Atstupenas, Collision Repair Technology; Evan Bouvier, Photography; Nate Cook, Exploratory Project Demonstration; Mandolin Simpson, Career Pathways  
**Shawcase**  
Bronze: Alexander Mezzadri, Major Appliance Technology

**Douglas**  
State Officer Elect/National Officer Candidate: Hunter Clafin

Gold: John Kearney, Additive Manufacturing; Sophia Payson, Welding; Brett Staples, Web Design; Chloe Vescio, Additive Manufacturing; Bryan Wheeler, Robotics and Automation Tech  
Silver: Guenevere Payne, Precision Laser Imaging; Julia White, Esthetics

**Grafton**  
Silver: Stephen Bayreuther, Mechatronics; Baraka Consuegra, Mechatronics; Noah Mariano, Related Technical Math; Owen Mathieu, HVAC/R; Maggie McCann, Career Pathways Showcase; Noelle McDonald,

Carpentry; Nicholas Valoras, Principles of Technology  
Bronze: Caitlin Brown, Job Interview

**Hopedale**  
National Voting Delegate: Camila Ramirez

Silver: Josh Maillet, Diesel Equipment Technology  
Bronze: Ashlyn Leonard, Health Knowledge Bowl; Hayle Ortila, Nurse Assisting; Eleanor Poitras, Health Knowledge Bowl

**Mendon**  
National Voting Delegate: Samantha Stephens  
Gold: Naomi Tsuda, Commercial Baking  
Bronze: Joshua Blalock, Diesel Equipment Technology

**Millford**  
Silver: Mayra Desousa, First Aid/CPR; Igor Freeman, Additive Manufacturing  
Bronze: Morgan Allemao, Commercial Baking; Joel Awuku-Asante, HVAC/R

**Millbury**  
Gold: Julia Drapeau, Health Occupations Portfolio; Gianna Konisky, Safety Poster Design Team  
Silver: Julia Allain, Medical Math; Jenna Kenary, Promotional

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Bronze: Nicole Boucher, Health Knowledge Bowl

**Millville**  
Gold: Myra Dehestani, Prepared Speech; Natalie Lambert, Culinary Arts

**Northbridge**  
Gold: Emily Wildfeuer, Architectural Drafting  
Silver: Riley Driver, Industrial Motor Control; Bianca Silveira, Promotional Bulletin Board

**Sutton**  
Gold: \*Benjamin Judson, Automotive Refinishing Technology; Samuel Judson, Technical Drafting; Samuel Powers, Entrepreneurship  
\*Benjamin Judson has been invited to compete at the 2023 Worlds Skills Competition in France  
Silver: Brenna Kehowski, Medical Terminology

**Upton**  
Gold: Katelyn Steele, Related Technical Math; Chloe Terrell, Entrepreneurship

**Uxbridge**  
National Voting Delegate: Mia Bellacqua  
Gold: Kali Bly, Cosmetology (Under 500 Hours); Isabel Cahill, Photography;

Autumn Herrick, Telecommunications Cabling; Riley Holt, Mechatronics; Robert Mellen, Mechatronics; Adam Pratt, Robotics and Automation Tech; Stephanie Zaitoun, Safety Poster Design Team

Silver: Amanda Brochu, Precision Laser Imaging; Nolan Holt, Culinary Arts; Makaylah Holzman, Additive Manufacturing; Abigail Manuels, Promotional Bulletin Board; Grace Mathieu, Career Pathways Showcase

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.

## Local students graduate from Assumption University

WORCESTER — Nearly 400 graduates received a bachelor's degree during Assumption University's 105th Commencement exercises on Sunday, May 8, at the DCU Center in downtown Worcester. Larry Lucchino, Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer and chairman and principal owner of the Worcester Red Sox, delivered the commencement address, thanking the University for its partnership with the Worcester Red Sox and imparting upon the Class of 2022 advice gleaned over five decades in baseball and in law. Local students include:

Riley Bartolini of Northbridge  
Emily Gay of Uxbridge  
Jake Hamel of Uxbridge  
Stella Noecker of Douglas

“I am well aware that my presence here is a reflection of the close bond that has been quickly established between the Woo Sox and Assumption,” Lucchino said. “We share a commitment to serve this community and its people. We share a new ballpark where Assumption's name is featured prominently. In fact, [Assumption's] vision, your loyalty, and your early commitment helped pave the way for that ballpark and its extraordinary reception.”

Lucchino imparted that since his college graduation 55 years ago, he's “learned a few things about what to do in life, and what not to do.” He admitted that as a baseball executive, he doesn't have all the answers, but hoped his personal top ten list of life lessons amassed from over “four unexpected decades as a baseball executive, and several decades of errors, missteps, and regrets,” might help someone along the way. The lessons included having fun; being bold; smiling; being strong enough to say, “I don't know”; remembering that life is too hard to be lived alone; working at friendship; seeking balance; remembering Jackie Robinson and the “catalytic effect one person can have on a community, on a nation, on a compelling cause, or on a nagging injustice”; embracing and celebrating “the pluralism and diversity that are the essence or American life”; and being a positive force in one's community.

“Life is not about warming yourself by the fire, it's about building the fire,” said Lucchino, a three-time cancer survivor who has invested himself in cancer research and care. “The match that lights that fire is generosity. To consider yourself and to be considered capable is good. To consider yourself and be considered loving is even better. But best of all is to know yourself as generous. Generosity is its own reward. There is a Chinese proverb that applies and roughly it says if you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help your brothers and sisters in the community.”

In his last commencement address, President Emeritus Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., who retired on June 30, congratulated the graduates for earning their degrees “in the midst of extraordinary circumstances.” He added that the pandemic provided them with “an education beyond what you could have learned in your coursework,” because the framework of the Catholic liberal education allowed students to use the pandemic as a learning experience.

“You learned that you have the ability to overcome adversity, to navigate the unexpected and to look for the positive in the midst of challenges,” he said. “You have shown yourself to be resilient despite the obstacles. You have learned the value of sacrificing one's wants for the benefit of others, striving always for the common good. While you may not immediately perceive it, your characters are stronger, and you have become a better person because of what you have learned through the pandemic.”

In his valedictorian speech, Leominster native Nicholas Macchione ‘22 compared an Assumption education to a Swiss army knife. “If you only could have one tool to serve you for the rest of your life, wouldn't you want it to

be applicable to whatever you might encounter? The same sentiment rings true in education,” he shared. “An Assumption liberal arts education is similarly suited to a wide variety of careers and vocations.”

Macchione encouraged his classmates that “in the world of specialization that requires elaborate job titles, obtuse degrees, and the labeling of so-called experts, let us take time to unfold our Swiss army knives, recall the things that have brought us to where we are today, and trust that they will continue to take us wherever we need to go.”

During the ceremony, honorary degrees were presented to Lucchino; Francesca “Paqui” Kelly, co-founder and board president of the Kelly Cares Foundation; and Wendy M. Wright, Ph.D., professor emerita of theology at Creighton University. The Board of Trustees also bestowed honorary degrees upon President Emeritus Cesareo and his wife, Filomena Cesareo, Esq., J.D., for their 15 years of service to Assumption.

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# Local residents receive degrees at WPI’s 153rd Commencement

WORCESTER — WPI awarded nearly 1,200 Bachelor’s degrees at the undergraduate Commencement ceremony on May 14.

In her final commencement exercises before stepping down to become the Director of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, President Laurie Leshin presided over both celebrations, along with Board of Trustees Chairman William Fitzgerald ‘83. In her remarks, President Leshin celebrated the Class of 2022 and all they have accomplished during their time at WPI, including how they weathered the challenges of the pandemic. “While it would be unfair to describe the second half of your time at WPI as anything short of extraordinarily challenging, as always, I am so heartened by how this community came together to meet every moment,” she said.

The keynote address was given by Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, who was awarded an honorary degree. She praised the members of the Class of 2022 for navigating the uncertainties of the pandemic and implored them to continue embracing the many shades of gray they first encountered due to COVID-19, and are likely to continue to face in their professional lives.

Honorary degrees were also bestowed upon State Senator Harriette Chandler, the first woman from Worcester to serve

in the Massachusetts State Senate, a position she has held since 2001. Lesley Small Zorabedian ‘72 was honored with a Presidential Medal for her trailblazing efforts to help shape the university. She was one of the first women to be enrolled at WPI as an undergraduate in 1968 and in 1972, she became the first woman to receive an undergraduate degree from WPI.

The undergraduate class speaker, Nicole Conill, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science, with a focus on cyber security. Conill is pursuing a master’s in Computer Science at WPI. Her speech was titled “Reflect on the Past. Celebrate the Present. Focus on the Future.” She concluded by telling her classmates to “follow your heart to wherever, whomever, or whatever it is that calls you. Use what you’ve learned from WPI, whether it’s academic or personal, to guide you on that journey.”

The following students were awarded bachelor’s degrees at WPI’s Commencement Ceremony:

Marissa Allegranza of Uxbridge majored in Chemistry

Casey Gosselin of Northbridge majored in Robotics Engineering and Mechanical Engineering

Grace Malabanti of Whitinsville majored in Mathematical Sciences

Emily Philbrook of Uxbridge majored in Biomedical Engineering

Donovan Tames of Northbridge majored in Electrical and Computer Engineering

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

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## SNHU announces Winter 2022 Dean’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2022 Dean’s List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits over two consecutive terms (EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6).

Emily Roberts of Uxbridge  
Sydney Costa of Uxbridge  
Erial Martin of Douglas

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Ryan Paul of Uxbridge  
Sal Ante of Uxbridge  
Braelyn Sessa of Whitinsville  
Bethany Videto of Whitinsville  
Frankie Nieves of Uxbridge  
Allison Colella of Uxbridge  
Rebecca Sheridan of Whitinsville

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## Help combat hunger at Community Harvest Project

NORTH GRAFTON — Join volunteers from the Central Mass. community on Thursday, June 22 for some farming fun at Community Harvest Project! The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Women’s Success Network invites you to get your hands dirty in an effort to provide fresh produce and combat hunger relief.

The WSN’s Combat Hunger Event will take place at the Community Harvest Project, and will run from 9 a.m. – noon, but please arrive by 8:45 a.m. The CHP is located at

the Brigham Hill Community Farm, located at 37 Wheeler Rd., North Grafton. The CHP is a non-profit, located all throughout Central and Eastern MA, that is dedicated to engaging and educating volunteers on proper ways to grow fruits and vegetables to provide hunger relief. They partner with local food banks and pantries, such as the Worcester County Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes, as well as Community Servings, to help distribute food to those in need.

Bring your sunscreen, some closed-toed shoes and your work gloves and come help celebrate 20 years of farming in Grafton! The Community Harvest Project is a great place to spend time with family, friends and other social groups while helping the community provide healthy foods to those in need. Remember to dress in layers and bring some bug spray and a refillable water bottle, and don’t forget – you’re going to get dirty!

If you’re interested in joining in on the fun, please sign up by June 3, as space is limited. To register, please visit [www.blackstonevalley.org/events/](http://www.blackstonevalley.org/events/). This event is free to members and the public alike. For more information, contact the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce at (508) 234-9090.

The mission of BVCC Women’s Success Network is to unite women to achieve their vision of success by creating a community of support and inspiration in their personal and professional lives.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. English river

5. Particular part of something

11. Cool!

14. Welsh for John

15. Given name meaning “great spirit”

16. Wrath

17. Social occasion

19. Mechanical belt

20. \_\_ de la \_\_

21. Commands

22. Body part

23. Caught sight of

25. Funeral car

27. Skin infection

31. Sometimes they “burn”

34. Russian river

35. Famed soap opera character Kane

38. Pie \_\_ mode

39. Endangered

41. Socially inept person

42. Romanian river

44. Swerve

45. Monetary unit of Samoa

46. A type of approach to please

49. Form of Hebrew name for God

51. “Carry On My Wayward Son” rockers

55. A team’s best pitcher

56. A woody climbing plant

60. Long, edible marine fish

61. Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)

62. Data

64. Corporate bigwig

65. Climbs

66. Relating to the ear

67. Commercials

68. You need it to eat

69. Political extremists

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Reconnaissance (Brit. military)

2. Asserts to be the case

3. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers

4. Foes

5. Rheumatoid arthritis score

6. Ruler of Iran

7. The top of the head

8. Lilly and Manning are two

9. Purchase attire for

10. Glittering with gold or silver

11. The bank of a body of water

12. Regions

13. Makes tractors

18. Adult beverage

24. Force unit

26. Swiss river

28. Cater to

29. Woody climbing plants

30. Seems less impressive

31. Consume

32. Boxing’s GOAT

33. Southwestern farmers

36. Beverage holder

37. A way to deteriorate

39. Judge

40. Norse explorer \_\_ the Red

43. Farm resident

45. One who helps to govern

47. Plant-eating ground bug

48. History Finnish county

49. Conifer native to Jamaica

50. Longed

52. Small Japanese city

53. Arum family plant

54. Puts together in time

57. From a distance

58. \_\_ contender: no contest plea

59. Region

63. Mountain Standard Time

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# News from Beginning Bridges

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Emurray@smoc.org – 508-278-5110

Beginning Bridges CFCE 's vision is that children, youth and families reach their full potential now and in the future. Our mission is to work with families and community partners to create the conditions for children, youth and families to thrive socially, academically and economically. Funding for the Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Grant (CFCE) is provided by the Massachusetts Dept. of Early Education and Care (EEC) and sponsored by South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC-Childcare/Head Start). Beginning Bridges CFCE has funding for the towns of Mendon, Northbridge, Upton & Uxbridge. Currently, our FREE comprehensive services include weekly indoor and outdoor parent/child playgroups. We also offer parent education programs, the Ages & Stages Developmental Questionnaire and can connect families to community resources.

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

Please check our website and Facebook page for summer program updates.

Thursday, 06/02/22, Coffee and

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

Mondays, 06/06/22 to 06/20/22, Outdoor Play with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 to 11:15am at WCC's Whitin Park & Pavilion at Whitin Community Center, 60 Main St., Whitinsville. Enjoy nature themed music, dance, stories & games for children birth to 3 years.

Wednesdays, 06/08/22 & 06/22/22, Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 to 11:00am at Whitinsville Social Library.

Tuesdays, 06/14/22, Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins, 10:30 to 11:00am at Upton Town Library.

Thursday 6/9/22, MOM's Club Playtime, 9:00-10:45 am at Uxbridge Play Center. Connect with other parents while your children experience a group setting for peer play in a safe, fun and developmentally appropriate setting.

Saturday 06/25/22, Summer Story Walk – And Then Comes Summer, 10:00am - 4:00pm Nipmuc High School, stroll around the high school courtyard while enjoying a story! A take-home craft will be available. Best for ages 3-8, this Story Walk is a partnership between Beginning Bridges CFCE and the Upton Town Library.

## TRIBUNE ALMANAC REAL ESTATE

### BLACKSTONE

\$535,000, 121 Mendon St, Afonso, Arnaldo, to Behrman, Arthur, and Behrman, Kayla M.

\$480,000, 11 Dawn St, Behrman, Arthur, and Behrman, Kayla, to Vallejo, Joel A, and Pena, Melissa.

\$389,900, 28 Power St, Pioneer Investments LLC, to Bertoni, Nicholas D.

\$289,000, 51 County St, Newrez LLC, to TMC Keywest LLC.

\$213,000, 28 Power St, Maher, Ronald P, and US Bank NA Tr, to Pioneer Investments LLC.

### DOUGLAS

\$619,900, 124 Vine St, Orbison Corp, to Goddard, Christine M, and Lott Sr, Shane S.

\$601,310, 12 Joseph Rd, Lobisser Building Corp, to Petrozzi, Christopher A, and Petrozzi, Cheryl A.

\$525,000, 6 Whitin Hts, Greene, Connor A, and Greene, Angela, to Hernandez, Rafael E, and Hernandez, Laura V.

\$453,000, 185 NW Main St, Flynn, Jennifer L, to Matson, Thomas, and Matson, Beth A.

### NORTHBRIDGE

\$920,000, 157-165 Providence Rd, Vallee, Valerie, to Tiger Cat Properties LLC.

\$652,000, 28 Heights Of Hill St, Deoliveira, Witson R, and Rodrigues, Suellen B, to Kerouac, Ann.

\$610,000, 103 Clover Hill Rd, Gasbarro, Alexander, and Gasbarro, Stephanie, to Daigle, Michael, and

Wall, Catherine E.

\$565,000, 50 Macarthur Rd, Brown, John T, to Ellis, Craig J, and Ellis, Veronica L.

\$495,525, 175 Stone Hill Dr #62, Stone Hill Partners LLC, to Smith, Martin A, and Lefkowitz, Lydia R.

\$463,000, 27 Sean Dr, Galimi, Lisa A, and Galimi, James V, to Francis, Elie, and Korbani, Ingrid.

\$435,000, 98 Theresa Cir, Evergreen Orchard LLC, to Murphy, Ryan S, and Murphy, Natalia J.

\$270,000, 36 Hillview Ln #36, Goyette, Edith, to Grenier, Carol L.

\$217,000, 99 Heritage Dr #99, Convent, Elizabeth V, and Reardon, Aaron J, to Hollett, Kayla A.

### UXBRIDGE

\$690,000, 146 Chestnut St, Nowicki, Cheryl L, and Betterton, Brian D, to Belucio, Paulo S, and Belucio, Kelly P.

\$581,981, 102 Spring Hill Rd #18, Ohearn Forest Glen LLC, to Hunt, Martin J, and Morand, Karen A.

\$555,000, 189 Kristen Ln, Colombo, Kristin, to Manning, Nolan R, and Frederickson, Kelley.

\$460,000, 7 Surry Dr #7, Richardson, Aaron, and Richardson, Robert O, to Warwick, Bernadette, and Warwick, Ronald W.

\$438,149, 58 Spring Hill Dr #58, Ohearn Forest Glen LLC, to Dybala, Helen.

\$425,000, 3 Nature View Dr #3, Paradiso, Virginia M, and Paradiso, Michael A, to Oliva, Judith.

\$215,000, 9 Morrison St, Moutinho, Louisa D, and Moutinho, Joao V, to Moutinho, Tiago D.





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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, 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

MAY EVENTS:  
Fire & Ice Adventures Sunshine Club Luncheon May 25 @ 12:00 RSVP by 5/20

this is a presentation about the making and testing of equipment and clothing used for personal protection under adverse conditions. Hear about the adventures of testing this equipment in both extreme hot and extreme cold conditions.

Make your own herb garden May 31 @ 11 am \$10.00 P/P RSVP by 5/19 you will be supplied with 3 plants to create your own herb garden to take home.

The center will be closed on Monday May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

JUNE EVENTS:  
RECAP SOLUTIONS French toast casserole lunch \$3.00 June 1st @ 12pm Rsvp by 5/25 this presentation will provide you with information on home modification loan programs. This is a

state funded loan program, providing loans to homeowners and landlords to make changes to homes for disabled or elderly.

RE-EQUIPMENT Pasta lunch \$3.00 June 8 @ 12 pm Rsvp by 6 / 2 Re-equipment will be here to talk about donating and receiving medical equipment free of charge.

Hearing Aid Cleaning w/ Darcy June 9 @ 10:30 Call to schedule! Stop in Darcy will clean your hearing aids.

Christopher Heights Presentation Free lunch will be served by Christopher Heights June 9 @ 11:30 Rsvp by 6/1. Laura will be here to talk about affordable assisted living for all incomes and asset levels.

Free Police BBQ June 20 @ 12 pm Rsvp by 6/10. The Douglas Police Dept would like to invite you to enjoy a nice lunch and visit. We will also have the musical stylings of Stephen

George. The entertainment for this event is being sponsored by the Douglas Cultural Council.

Panini Lunch & Movie \$3.00 “POMS” June 22 @ 12 pm Rsvp by 6/15 Pine Cone Picture Make & Take Craft with Bemis Farms on June 28 @ 11 am \$15. P/P Rsvp by 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 by 6/22. Join us for a fun filled afternoon of laughs.

Anyone in need of a booster or vaccine may call the center for assistance in booking an appointment. Please call 508-476-2283.

# 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  
Every Thursday at 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
If you need help or have questions on how to use your devices  
Call the center to RSVP 508-865-9154

Meet with a representative from Senator Moore’s office!  
Wednesday, June 8th  
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  
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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.

ering 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

BERG FLORAL ARRANGMENT CLASS  
3RD Thursday of each month at 2 P.M.  
Take home a Floral arrangement that you create!!  
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YOGA  
Thursdays 9 – 10 A.M. ( Class is \$3)

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“MEMORY CAFÉ”  
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# NORTHBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

Outdoor Concert, Wednesday, June 1st, 1-2:00pm: Mark Mandeville & Rianne Richards back by popular demand. Come experience this fresh and refined folk music duo. You don’t want to miss this performance, last year filled up fast, call Amy or the front desk to sign up.  
Refreshments will be served.

Calling all Grandparents: bring your grandchildren ages 3-5 to Plummer Place and join us for Storytime and Crafts on Thursday, June 9th and Thursday, June 23rd from 10-11:00am. Please call Amy at the Center to sign up.

Learn to Play Day, Thursday, June 9th from 1-2:00pm. Learn to play Mahjong, Scrabble or Cribbage on our outdoor patio. Don’t see a game you like? Bring your own, along with friends to play it with you. Free and open to all. Frosty refreshments will be served. Sign up at the Center or call Amy for more information.

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 8th 1-2:00pm. Call Amy to sign up or for more information.

Next walk with “Take a Hike” is Tuesday, June 7th at 10:00am. The group will meet at the Rice City Pond lot, E. Hartford Ave to hike Lookout Rock. Call Jeanne for more information.

Caregiver Education Series: Wednesday, June 8th @ 12:30, Summit/Fallon “Lunch and Learn”, a representative from Summit will be here to discuss their many services available to assist caregivers and their loved ones; Wednesday, June 22nd,

10-11:00, Elderwood Homecare will be here to discuss their home care services; Wednesday, June 29th 10-11:00, the Alzheimer’s Association will present “Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior”. You must call Michelle at the Center to sign up for any of these programs.

Senator Moore Office Hour: Wednesday, June 8th @ 9:30am.

Rep. Muradian has changed his office hour date from Monday June 13th to Tuesday, June 14th @ 10:30.

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.

Through Best of Times Travel the following day trip is being organized at the Center:  
Wednesday, September 7th “Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise & Castle in the Clouds Estate Tour”, \$151pp. Call Amy for more information on this trip and to sign up.

Thank you to the Northbridge Cultural Council for their continued support through grants to bring Mark and Rianne, and Tim Van Egmond to our Center. We truly value your generous support!

# LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 831-2200  
Docket No. WO22P1628EA  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
Ernest R Ebbeling  
**Date of Death: 11/20/2021**  
To all interested persons:  
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: May 12, 2022

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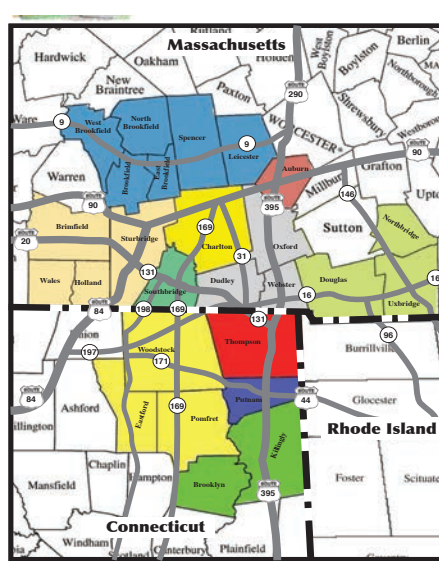
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EDITORIAL

Honoring the fallen

When Memorial Day was first celebrated, it was known as Decoration Day following the Civil War. Youngsters would place flowers in cemeteries while they sang songs and honored those lost due to war. The Civil War that ended in 1865 took the lives of more people than any other war in the history of the United States, the estimate is roughly 620,000. The Union losing 365,000 and the Confederacy 260,000. History says that more than half of these losses came as the result of disease. As a result, the first national cemeteries were created.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day to honor fallen soldiers. General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Decoration Day and the over 5,000 people in attendance decorated over 2,000 graves, both Union and Confederate.

The holiday as we all know is celebrated on the last Monday in May and became an official holiday in the year 1971. Parades across the country take place, and people visit cemeteries where family members who have served in the military have been laid to rest.

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2008, President Bill Clinton signed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act” which designated the time be at 3:00 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, New York as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

Originally, Decoration Day was intended to honor those lost in just the Civil War. After WWI America felt the need, and rightfully so, to honor all those lost serving their country. In WWI 116,516 Americans died at war and 405,399 were lost during WWII. The Korean War took 36,574 lives and the Vietnam War cost 58,220 lives. 4,411 were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 73 in Operation New Dawn, 2,346 as the result of Operation Enduring Freedom, 48 in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and 61 in Operation Inherent Resolve.

An estimated 38 million people in America will travel over the holiday weekend, and 2.5 million travelers will board flights. Memorial Day is the fourth busiest travel day of the year.

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Because of the three day weekend, many Americans will throw parties and barbecues or head out of town for a mini getaway.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What kind of America do you want?

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. It’s time to be a Decisive American.

Have you taken a moment to consider what kind of America you want? Few people prefer today’s America. Most Americans prefer the 2019 America.

Some prefer baby formula shortages that threaten the lives of born babies, supply shortages, unaffordable meat prices, \$5 a gallon gas prices, and 8 percent inflation.

They prefer a weak America that sparked a European war so serious that notoriously neutral Finland and Sweden want to join NATO. Nothing in the past 75 years inspired them to ever consider that! No, it took Biden’s weakness.

Some Americans prefer to let the Communists overrun countries like Taiwan and Ukraine. They like the idea that Poland will return to Communism and supply shortages. I saw Polish Communism firsthand in 1975: empty grocery shelves.

When we flew back home to Boston, a rebellious college student was I. Yet I got down and kissed the tarmac. In 1980, we celebrated Lec Walesa’s fight against Communism. The Solidarity (“Solidarnosc”) movement started in the Gdansk “Lenin” Shipyard to defend workers’ rights. It soon became a civic movement. In 1981, the Communists banned the word “Solidarnosc” and instituted martial law. Too late, Pope John Paul embraced it. Frank Sinatra sang it, in Polish.

Lec Walesa, a shipyard electrician, became President of Poland in 1990. The people welcomed Capitalism. Grocery shelves were loaded at last.

But some few Americans prefer the idea of a Communist America. They like America on its knees, being kicked in the ribs by violent anarchists in black clothes who disappear under rocks only to re-emerge in the next crisis. They scream “death to Capitalism.” Some few Americans like a high crime chaotic country. The replacement? Biden, failure and anarchy? As the Nihilists say in the film, The Big Lebowski, “We believe in nothing, Lebowski! Nothing!”

Some people apparently believe in nothing, except accusing Americans of racism and white supremacy. This is the daily rant on Twitter. They like demonizing white Americans and want a race war. What’s wrong with them? No one wants this for their country, except Marxist haters who want to overthrow the U.S.A.

Most Americans prefer an America of plenty. High employment rates for all Americans. Low gas prices. Plenty of drilling our own oil, in our own country, not buying Venezuelan dictator oil. Plenty of baby formula. Plenty of protection for Supreme Court Justices. We prefer a vigorous President with all his wits about him, not one who cannot properly read a giant teleprompter.

Most prefer a President who enforces the laws enacted by Congress like the laws that secure our Southern border. We want enforcement of the return of

illegal immigrants to Mexico to make their proper legal request to enter the U.S.A.

We welcome legal immigrants. We do not champion law breakers or line jumpers. It is against the American way. We don’t like cheaters or law breakers.

Most prefer a low crime rate and an even lower abortion rate. Most of us prefer strong families where children grow up safe from those who would corrupt them. We prefer an America, fair and just to all. We Americans make course corrections all the time, as needed. Without a screaming mob. We just do it. We vote for it.

Time to be a Decisive American. Take a stand as Netflix did. If you do not like the breadth of our content, maybe Netflix (and America) is not the right place for you. I suggest Cuba or Venezuela? Only you will not find Starbucks, caffe machiatto with almond milk, or Avocado toast there.

I’ll take a cafe mocha with soy milk, please. And a little American flag stuck in the macadamia nut whipped cream. Oh, and, please, a healthy serving of American freedom, equality, Capitalism, and robust debate with no opinion suppressed by media or government. Freedom of speech is tolerating the speech you hate.

What kind of America do you want? What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted.

BEV GUDANOWSKI  
UXBRIDGE

Going green, but at what cost?

To the Editor:

Recently, in an effort to stimulate enthusiasm for solar energy, the government has begun using incentives to draw people and businesses to green operation. Now that the idea of renewable energy has taken off, the promise of easy money with environmental prestige may have worked just a little too well. Today, solar farms are popping up practically in citizens’ backyards; Northbridge has seen some of the most recent developments, following roughly 208 other large solar farms that have been erected throughout the state. While this may be beneficial for energy companies, the mass destruction of natural habitats should concern

even the most fervent supporters of green energy.

Certainly, solar power can be beneficial; it reduces carbon emissions, harmful gases from fossil fuels which cause climate change, and studies show that it slows down planet warming. However, while green energy’s primary goal is to decrease carbon emissions, destroying thousands of trees negates that effect. One tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year, and the carbon involved mostly stays sequestered in the tree. So, when entire forests are leveled to make way for solar panels, tons of carbon that would usually be absorbed are left floating in the atmosphere. I am not proposing

that solar panels should not be used but rather that they should be used elsewhere: attached to more buildings, built above already existing parking lots, or even put alongside clear areas like highways or backyards. Whatever happens, however, trees, being the best resource for carbon storage, should not be demolished solely for energy companies’ economic growth.

There is no question that green energy is an excellent way for humans to reduce their carbon footprint, but does it have to be at the expense of thousands of acres of natural carbon absorbers?

EMILY DILL  
UXBRIDGE

An angry American

To the Editor:

I’m an angry American. I’m angry because a failed and defeated ex-president and the Republican party attempted a coup to overthrow our legally elected government, and put an end to the democracy that thousands of Americans have died to preserve. I’m angry because these insurrectionist traitors are still walking free, and continue in their attempt to divide Americans through blatant misinformation and disinformation, the latter of which is defined as: knowingly spreading false information with the intent to mislead.

For example, using just three claims from a recent post by Bev Gudanowski:

- “Bumbling Biden is unaware, uninformed and uninterested in the baby formula shortage.”
- In February of this year, Abbott Nutrition recalled several major brands of powdered formula and shut down its Sturgis, Michigan factory. Abbott is one of only a handful of companies that produce the vast majority of the U.S. formula supply, so their recall wiped out a large segment of the market. In response, Biden just invoked the Defense Production Act
- “Biden cancelled oil drilling leases in Alaska and the Gulf.” A spokes-

to eliminate the shortage. He also purchased 75,000 pounds of baby formula from Germany, that has just landed in the U.S. 192 House Republicans voted against funding to pay for the baby formula purchase.

- “Threats to Supreme Court Justices” - Peaceful protest, including screaming, is part of the fabric of American democracy. It is what ‘free speech’ is all about. There were protesters at the homes of Supreme Court justices because the justices lied during their confirmation hearings regarding their stance on Roe v. Wade. One of these justice’s wife was heavily involved in the coup attempt. If lying SC justices isn’t a cause for protest, including screaming, than what is? At least Biden didn’t ask his Secretary of Defense if it was possible to ‘shoot the protesters in the legs’, as Trump asked his Secretary of Defense Mark Esper, as detailed in Esper’s new book. Interestingly, Bev never mentions the following ‘protest’: From The Texas Tribune: Biden camp cancels multiple Texas events after a “Trump Train” surrounded a campaign bus.
- “Biden cancelled oil drilling leases in Alaska and the Gulf.” A spokes-

woman for the Interior Department, Melissa Schwartz, said in a statement that the Cook Inlet lease sale would not proceed because of a “lack of industry interest.” She said the planned sale of two leases in the Gulf of Mexico was being scrapped because of “conflicting court rulings,” which she said affected the agency’s ability to work on the leases. Any new drilling would not provide gasoline for several months, and do nothing to alleviate the existing problems. There has been no cancellation of leases on public lands, and there are over 500 leases currently authorized and not being drilled. The oil companies are recording record profits and stand to gain by keeping gas supplies at their current level.

Some in our community seemingly miss the days of lies and corruption characterized by the previous administration. Attempting to misinform your neighbors indicates that we are considered, basically, too dumb to read, to research, to tell truth from lies. It’s an ugly game played by conservatives across this country. But still she persisted.

RICK BEVILACQUA  
WHITINSVILLE

Neither liar nor deflector!

To the Editor:

At first, I determined not to dignify a Whitinsville writer’s recent letter because everyone is entitled to their opinions, and I willingly accept correction when proven wrong. However, I object to and reject being named (twice!) in such a manner. To infer ‘lying’ by somehow shading truth; then claim ‘deflection’ (supposedly based on my conservative views) as my purpose defies logic. Ideas are the legal tender in any marketplace of civil discourse, not name-calling. Like them or not, my opinions are rooted more in common sense than tethered to any specific philosophy or political party! Other points

were raised in my May 13 letter, but I address only those noted by the gentleman on May 20.

In light of its historic precedent for ‘pre-ruling release secrecy’, my letter had spoken (factually) of a ‘betrayal’ perpetrated by the SCOTUS leaker and the (further) erosion of ‘trust’ on which America’s government and institutions are built. Since it (likely) will be late June before final thoughts of all nine are revealed on the controversial subject before the court, there was no presumption of any Justice’s opinion offered by me. To assert three Justices “LIED before Congress” is too preposterous. Further-more, stare decisis

(settled law) is not equivalent to cast-in-stone, ex., Plessy vs. Ferguson (1890) and Brown vs. Board of Education (1954). These are facts (truths) meant to inform, not ‘deflect.’

Lastly, whoever claims that I and others labelled “conservative” support those who flagrantly disobeyed the law during the Jan. 6 event is guilty of spreading ‘disinformation’. To give the writer benefit of the doubt, I choose to be polite in refuting all assertions. “Egad,” indeed!

JANE F. KEEGAN  
UXBRIDGE



# Bullied while fishing

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, we are remembering the veterans and those that went before us. Appreciating the country we live in, even though some hard times are ahead, we still can live free to worship, and enjoy our family and friends daily.

We can also enjoy the great outdoors, fishing, hunting, attend cookouts, etc. because of the sacrifices that were made by our veterans. This weekend many families will head out to do some fishing at local ponds or at the ocean where it can become quite hectic at some of the boat ramps in previous years. Before launching your boat, you need to remember to have it ready before pulling onto the ramp. Removing all hold down straps and placing all coolers and fishing gear, and life preserves into the boat, prior to pulling onto the ramp, needs to be done. It should take less than five minutes to launch your boat, and make way for the next person waiting in line. If you have a problem launching your boat, ask someone for help.

First time boat owners often have a hard time backing onto a boat ramp, and most boat owners will gladly help out, which will keep the line moving and everyone will get onto the water to fish and enjoy the day, with family and friends. There are also a couple of impatient anglers that are waiting to launch their boats every year, and become agitated when they are required to wait very long to get onto the water. Do not let them ruin your day! In the past,



Matt Fontaine with an impressive seabass taken aboard his fishing boat last year.

fighting have broken out, and innocent boat owners & family end up having their day ruined. Do not let this happen to you!

On the brighter side, I can remember fishing with my late brother Mel when we were around eight or nine years

old at the Meadow pond in Whitinsville. We were brought up fishing on the Meadow pond and Arcade Pond, and basically, the two ponds were our playground. Our parents were not overly concerned about our safety, as the world then was a lot safer than today. Anyway, we were fishing with our cheap steel rods that came in a long aluminum tube with a cheap reel that had no drag on them, and we used our thumb to slow the line when a fish was hooked.

It was not long before a bully decided he was going to push my brother Mel out of his spot. He was a bit older by couple of years, but my brother held his ground. Suddenly, the bully decided to make a cast with his somewhat high-priced fishing gear and hooked my brother in the side of the head. We both quickly jumped on our bikes and headed for home, after breaking the line from the pole. I managed to get home first to tell my mother that Mel had a hook in the side of his head. As Mel pulled into the back yard of our house on Main Street, you could hear him crying rather loudly. Mel was taken to the



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ER. and had the hook removed, no worse for the incident. The next day, the bully had the nerve to ask for his fishing lure back that I have till this day, minus the hook on one side. Just another day growing up in Whitinsville in

the Fortys. A report from Captain Mel True of “Fish Net Charters” stated that Buzzards Bay was slow fishing for seabass this past weekend, although he managed to get his clients their limit of four fish each. Then they went & fished for Tautog, and limited out with the three fish limit. Reports of stripers being caught in the bay, and in the Providence River last week was good news. The bottom line is that the cost to go fishing for a few fish these days is hurting the small charter boats this year, & with the severe restrictions on species of fish and price of gas, even the private boat owner is complaining about the cost to do a little fishing.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Readers Share Tips and Tricks

As the days get longer and life becomes busier, finding ways to make life a little easier is especially appreciated! From packing and cleaning hints to repurposing tips, the following submissions from readers are sure to save you time and money this season!

And remember readers, send in your favorite helpful hint and you could win Dinner for Two at the Public House in Sturbridge.

Organizational packing is literally “in the bag,” with this reader’s tip:

When you’re packing to go on a trip and you have a 14” x 8” or larger luggage bag, put a lightweight plastic dollar store square container or longer (with cover on or off) inside the bag. This way you can store all your supplies and you can see everything you need for easy access, shampoos, cosmetics, etc.

Jo Ann Wypcyk  
Gilbertville, MA

Help yourself by helping others is this reader’s antidote to high anxiety:

I’d like to submit a tip about handling stress:

Check up on others. When I’m feeling stressed, I try to redirect that energy into something good by sending a quick text to someone I don’t speak to very often. Not only is it doing something kind, which is scientifically proven to make you feel better, but it often helps give you some perspective.

Audrey Crozier  
Spencer, MA

A clever couple offered tips for corraling clutter, unconventional cleaning, and an unexpected repurposing tip:

I have to give credit to my significant other for two of these tips:

If you have a small bathroom like we do, try putting up a few sturdy wicker baskets on the wall for storage of personal care items, etc. It really helps to keep clutter away.

My second tip is also from him. He sprayed WD40 (I don’t know why) into the toilet bowl. It cleaned it better than any other cleaner we’ve tried.

My last tip is actually mine: I think someone who tends to drop things a lot like myself, would find a back scratcher that extends quite handy. I use mine so often to retrieve things I drop on the floor.

Karleen Cournoyer  
Whitinsville, MA

### TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Yes, we have some bananas – ripe ones at that, thanks to this reader’s tip!

The best tip I’ve used recently is ripening bananas in the oven. I acquired a few large bunches of bananas and needed to ripen them

quickly to make several banana breads/cupcakes. I put them in a 350 degree oven for 20 minutes, and Voila! Ripened bananas perfect for baking!

Pam Murray  
Oxford, MA

This reader’s old farmers’ trick boosts a plant’s nutrition without spending a penny:

My hint saves money on plant food. When rinsing out empty milk containers do not pour that water down the drain, instead pour it into your plants. You can use on indoor or outdoor plants. My plants thrive on it. This tip was shared with me by a farmer years ago; farmers would rinse their milk cans and pour the milky water into their gardens.

Judith Lewinski  
Webster, MA

Prize Winner  
Congratulations to Karleen Cournoyer from Whitinsville, MA, who offered the trio of tips above. Her name was drawn for a three course dinner for two at Public House in Sturbridge.

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

## COVID-19 vaccine clinic planned at Douglas Adult Social Center

DOUGLAS — As part of the COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Initiative, the Douglas Adult Social Center, 331 Main St., is offering free COVID-19 vaccines from Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson, including pediatric vaccines, on June 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You do not have to preregister. You may stop in at the center that day or call (508) 476-2283 for more information. Please wear a mask receiving your vaccine. You do not need an ID or health insurance; the vaccines are free for everyone.

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# SPORTS

## Auburn at the top of SWCL boys’ track and field team championship

LEICESTER’S MILLER A TRIPLE WINNER IN 400 METERS, 110-METER HURDLES, LONG JUMP

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — The 12 member schools of the Southern Worcester County League took to Oxford High for the annual boys’ track and field championship meet, which took place on Tuesday, May 17.

Under mild but at times breezy conditions, Auburn High won the team title, accumulating 103 points. The Rockets bested second place Oxford by 24 points.

Individually, Leicester High’s Teddy Miller was a triple winner, taking firsts in the 400-meter dash, 110-meter hurdles and long jump events. Uxbridge High’s Lincoln Schiller (one-mile run, 800-meter run) and Oxford’s Darius Richardson (100-meter dash, 200-meter dash) each were double winners.

Each event handed out 31 possible points, with first place taking 10 points, second earning 8, third grabbing 6, fourth getting 4, fifth taking 2 and sixth receiving 1.

The results are as follows:

- Team Standings
1. Auburn, 103 points
  2. Oxford, 79
  3. Grafton, 67.5
  4. Uxbridge, 58
  5. Millbury, 55
  6. Tantasqua, 53
  7. Leicester, 50
  8. David Prouty 12
  9. Quaboag, 10
  10. Northbridge, 7
  11. Southbridge, 1.5
- Individual Results
- 100-Meter Dash
1. Darius Richardson, Oxford, 11.44
  2. Aditya Kaki, Grafton, 11.58
  3. Myles Craft, Oxford, 11.64
  4. Zack Oliveira, Uxbridge, 11.69
  5. Julian Kondratowicz, David Prouty, 11.72
  6. Tyler Schold, Millbury, 11.79
- 200-Meter Dash
1. Darius Richardson, Oxford, 23.46
  2. Aditya Kaki, Grafton, 23.613
  3. Tyler Schold, Millbury, 23.618
  4. Cameron Caso, Uxbridge, 23.93
  5. Julian Kondratowicz, David Prouty, 24.08
  6. Myles Craft, Oxford, 24.14
- 400-Meter Dash
1. Teddy Miller, Leicester, 51.68
  2. Ryan Gleason, Millbury, 54.09
  3. Dominic Murphy, Tantasqua, 54.54
  4. Tyler Kwamo, Auburn, 56.35
  5. Makarious Mansour, Uxbridge, 56.63
  6. Avery Mitchem, Tantasqua, 57.43

- 800-Meter Run
1. Lincoln Schiller, Uxbridge, 2:09.30
  2. Vincent Miles, Auburn, 2:09.95
  3. Dylan Delage, Leicester, 2:16.46
  4. Jason Fournier, Leicester, 2:18.05
  5. Abhinav Sood, Grafton, 2:20.00
  6. Mike Burns, Millbury, 2:20.62
- One-Mile Run
1. Lincoln Schiller, Uxbridge, 4:55.74
  2. Nevan Kelley, Grafton, 4:58.77
  3. Luke Herren, Grafton, 5:03.44
  4. Camden Foley, Tantasqua, 5:07.17
  5. Vincent Miles, Auburn, 5:18.55
  6. Camden Stone, Oxford, 5:22.70
- Two-Mile Run
1. Aidan Ross, Uxbridge, 10:57.65
  2. Nevan Kelley, Grafton, 11:21.92
  3. Luke Herren, Grafton, 11:22.26
  4. Jason Fournier, Leicester, 11:27.87
  5. Mike Burns, Millbury, 11:30.68
  6. Jamie Hozier, Millbury, 11:33.45
- 110-Meter Hurdles
1. Teddy Miller, Leicester, 15.75
  2. Cameron McNally, Auburn, 16.82
  3. Avant Fitzpatrick, Tantasqua, 17.22
  4. Hayden Plumb, Auburn, 17.49
  5. William Owusu, Oxford, 19.36
  6. Nolan Charbonneau, Millbury, 19.38
- 400-Meter Hurdles
1. Cameron McNally, Auburn, 1:01.87
  2. Bryce Tessier, Tantasqua, 1:02.48
  3. William Owusu, Oxford, 1:02.73
  4. Nolan Charbonneau, Millbury, 1:03.38
  5. Anthony Phillipo, Millbury, 1:04.13
  6. Cooper White, Leicester, 1:05.31
- 4x100-Meter Relay
1. Uxbridge (Cameron Caso, Zack Oliveira, Thatcher Sweeney, Camden Lachapelle), 47.08
  2. Oxford (Brett Morgan, Sam Zostant, Kalimbiro Bujlriri, Robert Fisher), 48.00
  3. Tantasqua (Cameron Murphy, Avant Fitzpatrick, Nathan Winco, Brad Ellithorpe), 48.37
  4. Millbury (Sergio Hernandez, Mario Vincequere, Jemil Jalloh, Tyler Vacarro), 48.62
  5. Auburn (James Almeida, Owen Fitzgerald, Kweku Akese, Blake O’Brien), 49.40
  6. Grafton (Alex Inciong, Nicholas St. George, Daniel Lettery, Alonzo Carpenter-Hill), 49.42
- 4x400-Meter Relay
1. Auburn (Jackson Bolduc, Gavin Groh, Nathan Leboeuf, Tyler Kwamo), 3:55.82
  2. Tantasqua (Joshua Baldracchi, Dylan Thompson, Camden Foley, James Segatore), 3:57.04
  3. Grafton (Nicholas St. George, Cooper Berube, Andrew Samaha, Logan Mayo), 4:05.29
  4. Millbury (Ryan Gleason, Sergio Hernandez, Jemil Jalloh, Nolan Clark), 4:05.92
  5. Uxbridge (Matt Healey, Tyler



Nick Ethier photos

Area schools competed in the Southern Worcester County League boys’ track and field championship meet at Oxford High on Tuesday, May 17.

- Bergman, Makarious Mansour, Tyler Erickson), 4:07.48
6. Leicester (Dylan Delage, Giovanni Aguiar Ortiz, Xavier Morales, Tyler Herron), 4:10.70
- High Jump
1. Owen Stevens, Quaboag, 6-00
  2. Tyler Kwamo, Auburn, 5-10
  3. Caden Ashmore, Grafton, 5-10
  4. Anthony Phillipo, Millbury, 5-06
  5. Jackson Shea, Grafton, 5-04
  5. Michael Cook-Ramos, Southbridge, 5-04
- Long Jump
1. Teddy Miller, Leicester, 20-09.00
  2. Brett Morgan, Oxford, 18-11.25
  3. Tyler Schold, Millbury, 17-11.50
  4. Nathan Winco, Tantasqua, 17-11.25
  5. George Adrianoplous, Millbury, 17-10.75
  6. Glen Kelley, Grafton, 17-10.00
- Triple Jump
1. Tyler Kwamo, Auburn, 42-02.50
  2. Kweku Akese, Auburn, 41-08.00
  3. William Owusu, Oxford, 40-03.00
  4. Myles Craft, Oxford, 38-03.50
5. Adam Hillerstrom, Grafton, 37-02.50
  6. Tyler Schold, Millbury, 36-05.50
- Shot Put
1. Anthony Lataille, Tantasqua, 43-09.00
  2. Owen Fitzgerald, Auburn, 41-00.00
  3. Ian Gahan, Northbridge, 38-06.00
  4. Sam Zostant, Oxford, 37-00.00
  5. Garrett Papierski, Auburn, 36-10.00
  6. Keating Oliver, Auburn, 35-10.00
- Discus Throw
1. Owen Fitzgerald, Auburn, 115-06
  2. Gathan Chaput, David Prouty, 110-07
  3. Garrett Papierski, Auburn, 104-05
  4. Ryan Schiappa, Grafton, 102-05
  5. Sam Zostant, Oxford, 99-00
  6. Ian Gahan, Northbridge, 94-09
- Javelin Throw
1. Aidan VanArsdelan, Oxford, 125-00
  2. Jason Bein, Millbury, 114-11
  3. Tyler Erickson, Uxbridge, 114-09
  4. Teddy Miller, Leicester, 113-01
  5. Gavin Groh, Auburn, 110-07
  6. Robert Fisher, Oxford, 109-00





# SPORTS

## SWCL girls’ track and field team championship goes to Uxbridge

DAVID PROUTY’S BARNETT, AUBURN’S DEFOSSE, MILLBURY’S NIKIFOROW ALL DOUBLE WINNERS



Nick Ethier photos

On Wednesday, May 18, Oxford High hosted the 12 Southern Worcester County League schools for the annual girls’ track and field championship.

**BY NICK ETHIER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — One day after the boys’ meet, the girls’ track and field teams had their turn at the annual Southern Worcester County League championships on Wednesday, May 18.

Uxbridge High won the team championship with 120 points under pristine temperatures and a sunny sky. The Spartans defeated second place Tantasqua Regional, who scored 84 points.

On the individual side, there were three double winners. David Prouty Regional’s Eliana Barnett (100-meter dash, 200-meter dash), Auburn High’s Katherine DeFosse (100-meter hurdles, long jump) and Millbury High’s Mila Nikiforow (one-mile run, 800-meter run) all won two events.

There were 31 points available in each event, points being awarded in a 10-8-6-4-2-1 scale for finishing in first through sixth place.

The results are as follows:

**Team Standings**

1. Uxbridge, 120 points
2. Tantasqua, 84
3. Grafton, 78
4. Auburn, 58
5. Leicester, 52
6. Oxford, 38
7. Millbury, 32
8. David Prouty, 31
9. Quaboag, 3

**Individual Results**

**100-Meter Dash**

1. Eliana Barnett, David Prouty, 13.25
2. Breanna Escobar, Leicester, 13.66
3. Ellie Makowiecki, Oxford, 13.72
4. Jacquelyn Gilbert, Millbury, 13.76
5. Lili Shiers, Tantasqua, 13.78
6. Tess Chevalier, Tantasqua, 13.80

**200-Meter Dash**

1. Eliana Barnett, David Prouty, 27.95
2. Ava Chevalier, Tantasqua, 28.36
3. Shaless Reddick, Auburn, 28.69
4. Haley McCormack, Tantasqua, 28.701
5. Sydney Mercadante, Auburn, 28.705
6. Morgan Kates, David Prouty, 28.82

**400-Meter Dash**

1. Allie Shrayner, Grafton, 1:04.53
2. Kendall Gilmore, Uxbridge, 1:06.02

**3. Nicole Dupuis, Grafton, 1:07.67**

**4. Kaylee Tavares, Uxbridge, 1:08.43**

**5. Grace Kates, David Prouty, 1:09.29**

**6. Rian Fadden, Leicester, 1:09.43**

**800-Meter Run**

1. Mila Nikiforow, Millbury, 2:33.66
2. Molly Hilditch, Auburn, 2:35.38
3. Olivia Magierowski, Tantasqua, 2:39.97
4. Karina Sargent, Auburn, 2:41.41
5. Abigail Deary, Uxbridge, 2:41.82
6. Anabel Melanson, Quaboag, 2:42.97

**One-Mile Run**

1. Mila Nikiforow, Millbury, 5:39.75
2. Grace Cummings, Grafton, 5:59.86
3. Julia Philbrook, Uxbridge, 6:12.76
4. Elle Bristol, Grafton, 6:14.68
5. Parker Tunley, Quaboag, 6:15.50
6. Abigail Gahagan, Leicester, 6:17.61

**Two-Mile Run**

1. Abigail Bernabei, Leicester, 13:00.80
2. Alena Duval, Grafton, 13:53.86
3. Haley Courtney, Tantasqua, 13:58.91
4. Gemma DePasquale, Grafton, 14:05.49
5. Sabrina Tibedo, Uxbridge, 14:17.21
6. Ghislaine Brenner, Grafton, 14:31.72

**100-Meter Hurdles**

1. Katherine DeFosse, Auburn, 15.13
2. Kathryn Cahill, Uxbridge, 15.90
3. Haley McCormack, Tantasqua, 17.96
4. Katie Riley, Tantasqua, 18.123
5. Mariko Partin, Grafton, 18.130
6. Megan Raymond, Oxford, 19.45

**400-Meter Hurdles**

1. Kathryn Cahill, Uxbridge, 1:08.29
2. Katherine DeFosse, Auburn, 1:08.36
3. Claire Godek, Tantasqua, 1:19.50
4. Niamh McSweeney, Uxbridge, 1:23.55
5. Claire Bertrand, Millbury, 1:25.02
6. Maryah Moldrow, Millbury, 1:26.78

**4x100-Meter Relay**

1. Tantasqua (Ava Chevalier, Tess Chevalier, Lili Shiers, Katie Riley), 54.67
2. Oxford (Adrianna Roszkowski, Annie Maynard, Ashlyn Hebert, Ellie Makowiecki), 55.65
3. David Prouty (Emilee Larson, Alivia Sauvageau, Grace Kates, Morgan Kates), 56.29
4. Grafton (Emily Moreau, Casey Dunlap, Emma Bittel, Sade Carpenter-

Schatzman), 56.34

5. Leicester (Alexa Butler, Jordan Clarke, Taylor Waterman, Abigail Johnson), 56.64
6. Millbury (Jacquelyn Gilbert, Jenna Boria, Hannah Irish, Isabella Raymond), 57.34

**4x400-Meter Relay**

1. Grafton (Katie Branda, Elle Bristol, Nicole Dupuis, Allie Shrayner), 4:38.47
2. Auburn (Lilah Delongchamp, Sofia Fortunato, Mya Benoit, Chloe Foster), 4:48.67
3. Tantasqua (Claire Godek, Tessa Kline, Olivia Magierowski, Haley Courtney), 4:50.06
4. Uxbridge (Olivia Holden, Milla Mace, Sabrina Tibedo, Kaylee Tavares), 4:51.44
5. Oxford (Julianna Small, Jewelisa Richardson, Ana Neves, Molly Raymond), 5:16.78
6. Leicester (Abigail Bernabei, Alexis Herbert, Bujak Grace, Rian Fadden), 5:21.75

**High Jump**

1. Haley McCormack, Tantasqua, 5-02
2. Megan Raymond, Oxford, 4-10
3. Lili Shiers, Tantasqua, 4-06
4. Mariko Partin, Grafton, 4-06
5. Breanna Escobar, Leicester, 4-04
6. Jordan Patterson, Leicester, 4-04

**Long Jump**

1. Katherine DeFosse, Auburn, 16-11.00
2. Kathryn Cahill, Uxbridge, 15-10.50
3. Tori Paulauskos, Grafton, 15-08.50

4. Kendall Gilmore, Uxbridge, 15-00.00
5. Tess Chevalier, Tantasqua, 14-11.00
6. Annie Maynard, Oxford, 14-08.50

**Triple Jump**

1. Tori Paulauskos, Grafton, 33-09.00
2. Kathryn Cahill, Uxbridge, 33-07.00
3. Breanna Escobar, Leicester, 33-01.00
4. Ava Chevalier, Tantasqua, 32-05.00
5. Haley McCormack, Tantasqua, 31-11.50
6. Mariko Partin, Grafton, 31-07.50

**Shot Put**

1. Saige Frazier, Uxbridge, 28-11.00
2. Lily Brayman, Uxbridge, 28-10.00
3. Payton Banfill, Oxford, 28-02.00
4. Jewelisa Richardson, Oxford, 26-08.25
5. Emilee Larson, David Prouty, 25-11.25
6. Rachel Rapose, Tantasqua, 25-08.50

**Discus Throw**

1. Lily Brayman, Uxbridge, 86-03
2. Gianna Noyes, Uxbridge, 80-01
3. Milla Mace, Uxbridge, 75-02
4. Elizabeth Mitchell, Millbury, 74-04
5. Nina Dykas, Leicester, 74-01
6. Emma Robertson, Oxford, 69-07

**Javelin Throw**

1. Abigail Johnson, Leicester, 91-07
2. Sarah Brouillard, Leicester, 89-00
3. Gianna Noyes, Uxbridge, 76-06
4. Milla Mace, Uxbridge, 76-03
5. Mya Benoit, Auburn, 75-00
6. Hannah Harris, Oxford, 74-06



# OBITUARIES

## Joseph H. “Harvey” Royer, 94



Uxbridge- Joseph H. “Harvey” Royer, 94, of Beverly Ave. passed away peacefully on Wed. May 18, 2022 after an illness. His wife of 63 years Theresa C. (Lafreniere) Royer died Nov. 25, 2012.



He is survived by his 3 daughters Ann Marie Williams and her husband Joseph of E. Dennis, Paula A. Azizi and her husband Ali of Dayville, CT, and Lisa M. Bernard and her husband Kenneth of Douglas;

4 grandchildren Lindsey Bernard, Courtney Bernard, Stephen Royer Jr. and his wife Danielle, Sarah E. Azizi; 3 great-grandchildren; a brother Charles Royer of Millbury; a sister Theresa Bingham of Hopedale; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by 2 sons Paul J. Royer and Stephen M. Royer and was brother of the late Gilbert Lepage and Rita Blaine.

Born in Whitinsville, MA on July 23, 1927 he was the son of Charles and Maria (Lamontagne) Royer and lived in N. Uxbridge, Linwood, and Whitinsville. He had been a resident of Blackstone Valley Health. The family would like to thank the staff at Blackstone Valley Health for their care and attention.

Mr. Royer worked for Whitin Machine Works in Whitinsville, GE Telechron in Ashland, and UMass Medical Center where he set up their Photo Dept. He returned to Fenwall Co. in Ashland for several years before he retired. He also worked several years at Perini Co. developing photographs and did freelance wedding and portrait photography. He was a WWII U.S. Navy Veteran, serving as an Ariel Photographer in the Pacific Theater. A graduate of Northbridge High School, he earned an engineering degree in college and also studied photography. He was a life member of Knights of Columbus Council 365 in Whitinsville and VFW Post 1385 in Uxbridge. He was a longtime member of Good Shepherd Church.

His funeral was held Mon. May 23 at 11 am in Good Shepherd Church, 121 Linwood St. Linwood. Burial will follow in St. Patrick’s Cemetery. Calling hours at Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd. Uxbridge were Mon. May 23 from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Uxbridge Senior Center, 36 S. Main St. Uxbridge, MA 01569. To leave a condolence message for his family, please visit [www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com)



# Give optimism a chance

I’ve heard it said that pessimism is destructive, and optimism is boundless. What is the best way? I guess it all depends on what you want from life.

You can find plenty of people throughout time who promoted pessimism. George Bernard Shaw said, “The optimist invents the airplane, the pessimist the parachute.”

There have been plenty who have promoted optimism. Winston Churchill said, “The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

Whatever you choose, realize that they are not just philosophies; they are also strategies for dealing with the issues of life.

What is Pessimism? One of the definitions of pessimism in the dictionary reads: “a tendency to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen; a lack of hope or confidence in the future.”

Coming from a background in acting, I’ve been around many dreamers. I’ve been around many people who have had big goals and ambitions and saw themselves as larger than life.

Some of these people succeed as optimists but then become jaded pessimists. Interestingly, those I have known who went from optimism to pessimism succeeded while they were optimists and failed when they were pessimists.

I was friends with a very optimistic actor. We met every evening and rehearsed our auditions together. He went on to

star in a successful television series. We lost touch, but I saw him at an audition years later, and he was different. I asked him how he was doing, and he only had negative things to say. He was sour and bitter. Something changed. Coincidentally, he wasn’t working anymore.

An article in Psychology Today suggests that most people don’t start as pessimists; instead, they become pessimists because of trauma they’ve experienced in their life. Pessimism is often a strategy to prepare for the worst. It’s a way for someone to set low expectations for their performance to protect against disappointment.

Pessimism takes a toll on one’s mental and physical health. Pessimism is associated with anxiety, depression, sleep disorders, hostility, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

Some will say that realism is the middle ground between pessimism and optimism. A realist might tell you that they are rational and only perceive things as they are, without any interpretation. Is that possible? Can you see life outside of the filter of your experience and beliefs? I tend to think that a realist usually falls into two categories, a pessimistic realist or an optimistic realist.

Walt Disney said, “I like to look at the optimistic side of life, but I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter.”

A lot of people tend to confuse optimism and idealism. They are not the same. One definition

of idealism reads,” the practice of forming or pursuing ideals, especially unrealistically.”

I suppose I’ve been guilty of being an idealist in my younger years. I genuinely believed that I had a chance to be an Olympic swimmer. Even though I was very far from competing on that level, I thought I could do it if I believed and worked hard enough. In the end, I never came close. I learned that taking an honest assessment of one’s strengths and weaknesses is very important.

A successful optimist is realistic in their approach and hopeful and confident about the future. Often their optimism comes from their faith. Many studies have shown that being optimistic about the future predicts success. Those who are optimistic are overwhelmingly successful compared to those who are pessimistic.

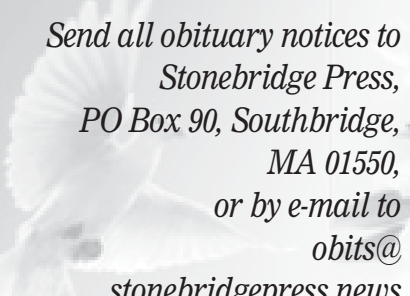
A recent scientific study revealed that optimists live 11-15 percent longer than pessimists and are associated with better overall health.

My father, who started this column, was an optimist. I think about his life often and am amazed at his accomplishments. There is no way he could have done the things he did if he had a negative mindset. He remains an inspiration and a guiding light in my life.

Were you once optimistic, but became pessimistic? Have you always been a pessimist but are unhappy and want more from life? Change your thinking, have some faith, and give optimism a chance.



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# Use rain barrels to capture rainwater

Put rainwater to use in your landscape with the help of rain barrels. This centuries old technique allows you to capture rainfall to use for watering ornamental gardens and containers.

Always start with a call to your local municipality. Some have restrictions on water harvesting, but most encourage this practice, and some even offer rebates or rain barrels at a discounted rate.

Purchase a rain barrel or make your own from a large, recycled food grade container. In either case, there are some features to consider when purchasing, creating, and adding a rain barrel to your landscape.

Make sure the top is covered to keep out bugs and debris. Some come equipped with a solid lid with an opening just big enough to accommodate the downspout. Others use a screen to keep out debris, while letting in the rain.

Don’t worry about mosquitoes breeding inside your rain barrel. Just use an organic mosquito control like Mosquito Dunks and Mosquito Bits ([SummitResponsibleSolutions.com](http://SummitResponsibleSolutions.com)) in rain barrels and other water features. Mosquito Bits quickly knock down the mosquito larval population, while Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control. They are both safe for people, pets, fish, wildlife and beneficial insects.

Look for one with the spigot near the base of the barrel so water does not stagnate in the bottom. Use the spigot to fill watering cans or attach a hose for watering.

Include an overflow outlet near the top of the barrel to direct excess water away from the house or for connecting adjacent barrels. A downspout diverter is another way to manage rain barrel overflows. When the rain barrels are full, this device diverts the water back to the downspout where it is carried away from your home’s foundation.

Elevate your rain barrel on cement blocks, decorative stands, or similar supports. This provides easier access to the spigot for filling containers and



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speeds water flow with the help of gravity. A water pump will boost water pressure for a nice steady flow of water.

Dress up your container with a bit of paint suited for outdoor use on plastic surfaces. And don’t worry if you are not an artist, you can hide your rain barrels with some decorative screens or plantings or upright shrubs, perennials or ornamental grasses. Just make sure you have easy access to the spout for retrieving water.

Start your conversion to rain barrels one downspout at a time. You can capture as much as 623 gallons of water from 1,000 square feet of roof in a one-inch rainfall. This can be a lot to manage when first adjusting to this change of habit. Disconnecting one downspout at a time allows you to successfully match the use of rain barrels and other rain harvesting techniques to your gardening style and schedule.

The choices are many, making it easy for you to conserve water and grow a beautiful landscape.

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Elevate your rain barrel for easier access to the spigot for filling containers and to speed water flow with the help of gravity.



## Friday’s Child



**Hi! My name is Khamari and when I grow up, I want to be a video game designer, music beat maker, and doctor!**

A Khamari is an extremely creative young boy of African American descent. Khamari enjoys expressing himself by creating his own music, board games, and videos/plays! He thrives on receiving one-on-one attention from caring adults, but is also able to play independently. He loves to stay busy and is up for engaging in a range of activities. He is also very curious and loves to talk and ask questions.

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**Khamari - 05/22**  
**Age 14**

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

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at (617) 964-6273 or visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). Start the process today and give a waiting child a permanent place to call home.



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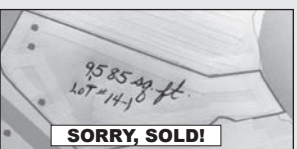
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bers of the community mentioned this to him about Roberts-Morandi—“grants, grants, grants.” “She writes about \$10 million in grants for North Adams,” he said,

reporting the information given to him on the site visit. “She looks at the impact of the grant on the district; she weighs what’s needed and necessary versus what’s wanted.” He also said he was told that she seeks input from the staff and parents, lis-

tens, gets both sides of the story, asks questions, does her research, provides support, delegates, and more. When asked to describe her in three words, the most common were “a coach, someone who fosters, someone who cultivates,” said Edwards,

adding that he also learned she has a good sense of humor and is “a heck of a baker.” School Committee members discussed the four candidates before making a final selection; according to meeting discussion, it was a “very difficult” decision as a lot

of the candidates were very close. The decision to offer the role to Roberts-Morandi, pending contract negotiations, was unanimous during a roll call vote. “She accepted,” Edwards said during the meeting after a brief

recess during which Roberts-Morandi was contacted. “She was very grateful and excited about the opportunity... she asked if I could hear her smile.”

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event, college art students and BVT alumni Alyssa Davis (Painting & Design Technology, Class of 2020) and Annabelle O'Reilly (Construction Technology, Class of 2020) worked alongside

the student artists and provided insightful feedback.

It was a beautiful day for this outdoor festival and for the community to view the completed masterpieces during the Evening Chalk Walk. It was an opportunity to connect with others in a shared appreciation

and awareness of how art can be used as a strategic tool in the treatment of mental health.

The event was supported in partnership with BVT’s Visual Arts Department, School Based Health Center, and supported by grants from Grafton, Mendon,

Milford, and Millville Cultural Councils (Mass Cultural Council’s Local Cultural Councils Program). To view a slideshow of the art, please visit [www.valley-tech.k12.ma.us/artheals-2022festival](http://www.valley-tech.k12.ma.us/artheals-2022festival).

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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Teacher and one of six teachers at the high school involved in some form of engineering course, which also includes Biomedical Science and Computer Science.

“It is certainly one thing to have your work evaluated by your teacher, and quite another to be evaluated at this level by industry professionals,” Rubin said. “This brings our partnerships with industry to life and helps students see relevance in what they are learning. We are grateful for the opportunities our partners at Mass STEM Hub and Project Lead the Way have opened up for the students of Uxbridge.”

In the “Project Lead the Way” courses, high school students dig into the engineering design process, applying math, science, and engineering standards to hands-on projects, the school released.

“After learning about engineering design and manufacturing, they apply that knowledge to work in teams to design, test, and improve an engineering process,” the school added in its statement.

The Industry Connects process provides an opportunity for students to share their work with an authentic industry audience.

“Student Industry Connects provides an applied learning opportunity for students to see connections between what they are learning in the classroom and the professional world,” said Leslie Knight, Teaching and Learning Manager for Mass STEM Hub. “They get to share their work with an authentic audience and receive feedback from professionals working in STEM fields. These connections help make coursework more motivating, engaging, and meaningful for students and provide an opportunity for industry volunteers to help inspire the next generation of STEM professionals.”

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Center at the same location.

“The Free Summer Concert Series is a wonderful way for people of all ages and abilities to gather together in the plaza and dance or just relax and enjoy a summer evening of music by talented musicians while watching the sun set over the Mumford River.” says Cristi Collari, Director of Community Outreach. “The Heritage Gallery also extends its hours during these concerts, so people may come and enjoy the Beyond Zentangle exhibit at the same time.”

Free Summer Concert Series Schedule:

June 30: Two Bands!  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Samuel Bowen  
6:30-8 p.m. Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band  
July 7: Chuck & Mud and the Hole in the Dam Band  
July 14: Blackstone Valley Bluegrass  
July 21: Country Wild Heart Band  
July 28: Michelle Canning

August 4: Ash & Eric (formerly The Promise is Hope)  
August 11: Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra’s Summer Winds  
August 18: Le’Mikk Band  
August 25: Grayson Ty  
September 1: The Eagles Experience  
The 2022 Free Summer Concert Series is generously sponsored by Wiersma Insurance Agency, UniBank, Lampin Corporation, Open Sky Community Services, ValleyCAST and with a special grant from the Northbridge Cultural Council, which is funded by the Mass Cultural Council.

For more information or for links to each band’s website, visit [openskycs.org/news-events](http://openskycs.org/news-events).

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Cassidy DeMalia initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa

LEXINGTON, Va. — Cassidy DeMalia, a native of Uxbridge, was recently initiated into the University of Massachusetts - Lowell Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed 1,971 new initiates from 78 universities during April 2022.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, the *National Leadership Honor Society*, was founded in Lexington, Virginia, on December 3, 1914. A group of 15 students and faculty members established the Society to recognize and encourage leadership at the collegiate level. The founders established the ODK Idea-the concept that individuals representing all phases of collegiate life should collaborate with faculty and others to support the campus and community. ODK’s mission is to honor and develop leaders; encourage collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and alumni; and promote ODK’s leadership values of collaboration, inclusivity, integrity, scholarship, and service on college and university campuses throughout North America. The Society’s national headquarters are located in Lexington, Virginia.



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Allie presented several different ways for seniors to learn how to protect themselves from falling with the use of assistive devices, home safety modifications, an awareness of medication side effects, as well as how seniors can change their environments to reduce fall risks. Specific suggestions on mobility precautions, balance activities, and home exercises were shared and discussed with attendees.

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# Douglas library hosting book, plant sale this weekend

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS — A Memorial Day weekend book and plant sale to benefit the Simon Fairfield Public Library is slated for tomorrow.

Library Director Justin Snook announced that the Friends of the Library, which is hosting the event, will be set up outside the library on Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m. to noon selling “used, donated books and seedlings” for whatever visitors would like to donate.

There will be “boxes and boxes” of books that have been donated by patrons or weeded from the library collection for visitors to “peruse and adopt,” according to an event description.

“The more books you take away, the less they have to haul back into the basement, so be kind and load up,” Snook said.

In other news, the library has recently undergone a ceiling renovation for repairs.

As of press time, Snook had announced in a statement that there was a plan in place to make a “clean transition” back to the library on May 23. Previously, book clubs and story times had been conducted in the Town Hall’s resource room while the ceiling fix took place.

“There will a lot of cleaning to do once [the contractors] vacate, though, and we have to move all the books, computers, and coffee pots upstairs and get them set back up,” Snook said, adding that the library would be releasing information about when they have the “green-light” to open up to the public again for circulation, browsing, computer use, hanging out, and any other library needs.

Also, the library announced that its funds reserved for the building renovation project have grown to \$131,814.

“As always, I ask you to consider donating to our building fund so we can make our library accessible to everyone,” Snook said.

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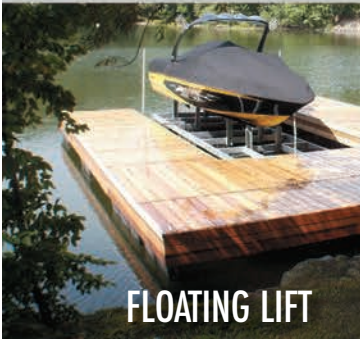
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