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Bay Path faculty, staff, LPN, & student volunteers take part in SkillsUSA state competition

UPTON — The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy volunteer faculty, staff, alumni, and nursing students participated as members of the panel of judges for the secondary competition, Basic Healthcare Conference, during the recent SkillsUSA state competition held at the Blackstone Valley Tech. Dr. Adelina Healy,

adjunct faculty at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy served as the Team Lead along with staff, Heidi Bedard, LPN, Financial Aid Administrator for the Volunteer judges. They supervised several stations and prepared presentations. Both were grateful for the continued opportunity and glad that how well everything went



Courtesy

From left: J. Peloquin, Dr. A. Healy, H. Bedard, D. Bytyqi, S. Celestin, J. Goyer, and K. Hernandez. at the SkillsUSA State competition. This is the fifth year that Dr. Healy and Bedard worked with Erin Roy, RN Health Careers Instructor at J. P. Keefe Technical High School in Framingham who coordinated the participation of the volunteer judges. This year's volunteers

included Julie Peloquin, Donita Bytyqi, Sandra Celestin, Jessica Goyer, and Kalie Hernandez, LPN.

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy volunteer judges were thankful for the opportunity to serve. The skills competition included measuring height and weight, labeling human anatomy, and the proper application and removal of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). SkillsUSA's mission is geared to empower members to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens and serves as the blueprint for workplace readiness.

BVT students use skills to 'FUSE' connections

UPTON — With a little bit of help from their friends, the Friends of Upton Seniors (FUSE) are making great strides in their mission. The newly established non-profit organization supports social events, services, and programs that enhance the quality of life for its senior residents. They recently partnered with Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT), where skilled students used their vocational training to assist FUSE with creating a logo and a tri-fold brochure.

Design & Media Production seniors Noah Marvelle of Blackstone and Faith Ellis of Northbridge worked closely with FUSE President Steven Rakitin to create promotional items that, by design, will help raise awareness about the group, what it does, and how to support them through meetings, fundraising activities, and donations.

"We met with the students and their instructors to review the project, and they visited the Upton Community Center and attended various activities," said Mr. Rakitin.

Marvelle had an opportunity to utilize his photography skills to take pictures at a few of their events. He then selected the best images within the tri-fold design to highlight programs and activities. The brochure also features the FUSE logo designed by his classmate Faith.

"I enjoyed working on this project," said Marvelle. "I had fun engaging with the seniors, and seeing my work in the community is always rewarding."

Ellis used her eye for design to create an eye-catching circular logo through fonts and a color palette of yellow, blue, and white. FUSE is at the top of the design, with the Friends of Upton Seniors in blue letters on a yellow background at the center. Surrounding the center of this sunny, vibrant logo are blue icons of a birthday cake, a palette, a handshake, people connecting, and a person stretching. These icons represent the fun community activities relevant to FUSE.

"I enjoyed this opportunity to use my creativity and vocational training to design a meaningful logo for our client," Ellis said.

"During the entire process, Noah and Faith conducted themselves in a courteous and professional manner," said Mr. Rakitin. "Working with them has been a pleasure, and we will be forever grateful for their help with these projects."

In addition to Marvelle and Ellis, students Ethan Novelli, Joe Bache, and Kaydenne McCabe helped capture and edit footage of the Senior Soiree held at the community center. The students agreed, "Gaining professional experience and expanding our portfolios were a bonus. We truly had a fun time connecting with the seniors."

Friends of Upton Seniors (FUSE)

The FUSE group gathers at the Upton Community Center, 9 Milford St. (Route 140). It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and offers enlarged spaces for the town's library and senior center. The group holds a monthly meeting on the first Monday of each month. They fundraise throughout the year to help support the annual senior soiree, exercise classes, coffee and pastries, and other initiatives. These are all great opportunities for engagement, socialization, and community support.

If you share in this mission and want to make a difference, please join them at their next meeting or activity. If you cannot attend but want to donate, tax-deductible donations can be made to Friends of Upton Seniors, Inc., and mailed to PO Box 13, Upton, MA 01568. They would love to have your support.

BVT community projects

Whether it's creating a brochure, or a sign for a business, our students take great pride in completing community projects. All projects are reviewed and selected based on relevance to the curriculum, available school resources, and the district calendar. Projects are accepted and completed between Sept. 1 and April 30 of each school year. If you submit a project request from May 1 through Aug. 31, it will be assigned and processed at the beginning of the next school year. For more information, please visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/communityprojects1.

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.

BVCC hosting Business After Hours at Murder Hill Brewery & Taproom

WHITINSVILLE — The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce (BVCC) is excited to announce its upcoming Business After Hours networking event, hosted by Murder Hill Brewery & Taproom, on Wednesday, June 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Located at 670 Linwood Ave., Building C, Whitinsville, Murder Hill is an exciting local brewery nestled within the historic Linwood Mill complex.

Attendees will enjoy a relaxed and lively evening of professional networking, complete with local craft brews on tap and delicious bar bites, courtesy of Murder Hill. This is a fantastic opportunity for business professionals, entrepreneurs, and community members

to connect, share ideas, and build new relationships in a fun and casual setting.

"Murder Hill has such a unique atmosphere and energy—we couldn't think of a better spot to bring our business community together this summer," said Jeannie Hebert, BVCC President and CEO. "We're always looking to spotlight hidden gems in the Valley, and this event is the perfect way to do just that while offering great conversation and connections."

Admission is set at an accessible \$20 for Members and \$40 for Future Members, reflecting our commitment to accessible business advancement. RSVP by June 23.

To reserve your place, please

visit www.blackstonevalley.org/ events, or swiftly secure your spot by scanning the QR code provided on the event flyer. For inquiries or assistance, reach out to Liz O'Neil at 508-234-9090, ext. 102, or via email at lonel@blackstonevalley.org.

Don't miss this opportunity to network and celebrate the season with fellow professionals.

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

QCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society shines at international convention



WORCESTER — At this year's PTK Catalyst 2025 convention, QCC's Alpha Zeta Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society received multiple awards in recognition of the organization's dedication, research and community service.

QCC's PTK chapter received the nationwide First Place in Honors in Action Research Project - Distinguished Theme Award for their project titled "Threads of Dignity," which analyzed systemic factors contributing to the unhoused population in Worcester,

Massachusetts.

"We have a very strong officer team that worked really hard," said Program Coordinator of PTK Lizette Reid, who traveled with the team to Kansas City for the convention.

The group was also named a Distinguished Chapter, placing it in the top 10 percent of PTK chapters worldwide. This designation is awarded only to chapters that submit outstanding entries for both the Honors in Action Project and College Project Awards. Additionally, the chapter

was recognized as a Top 100 Chapter among nearly 1,300 PTK chapters globally, a distinction reserved for chapters that have earned 5-star status.

The chapter's success extended to the regional level as well, where they were named the Most Distinguished Chapter in New England. They also won Second Place in the 2024 College Project for the Alpha Zeta Theta Community Closet initiative, which collected clothing and hygiene products for unhoused individuals.

"Winning five awards

this year, including the Most Distinguished Chapter in New England, was an incredible affirmation of the commitment, resilience and heart that drove everything we accomplished as a team," said 2024/2025 PTK President Talissa Gonçalves. "This experience taught me that strong leadership isn't about being the loudest voice; it's about listening deeply, uplifting others, and leading with authenticity. That's the kind of leader I've become, and the kind I will continue striving to be."



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Douglas Sunshine Club announces upcoming events

DOUGLAS — Ever wonder about our backyard wildlife? Come learn about those opossums! The Douglas Sunshine Club invites you to attend an informative program by the Ferncroft Wildlife Rescue on Friday, May 23 at noon at the Douglas Adult Social Center, located at 331 Main St., Douglas. The program will include an overview of wildlife rehabilitation and the role of the rehabbers with a focus on opossums and rescue efforts with them. There will be a PowerPoint presentation with photos and videos of these rescue efforts. There may even be some live critters for viewing!

A lunch (soup- sandwich, chips and beverage) is included for \$4 . Please sign up by May 19th at the center in person or by calling 508-476-2283.

Calling all baseball fans! Join us for a trip to Polar Park in Worcester to see the WOO SOX game at noon on Wednesday, July 30. The Douglas Sunshine Club is hosting this trip for a great afternoon at the park. Tickets are \$26 per person, which must be paid at time of sign up. This is first come , first serve for a limited number of tickets. Sign up at the Douglas Adult Social Center located at 331 Main St., Douglas, or see a Sunshine Club member to make your reservation. If you need a ride we have transportation provided by the Douglas Road Runner van and by car pool. Any questions, please call the center at 508-476-2283.

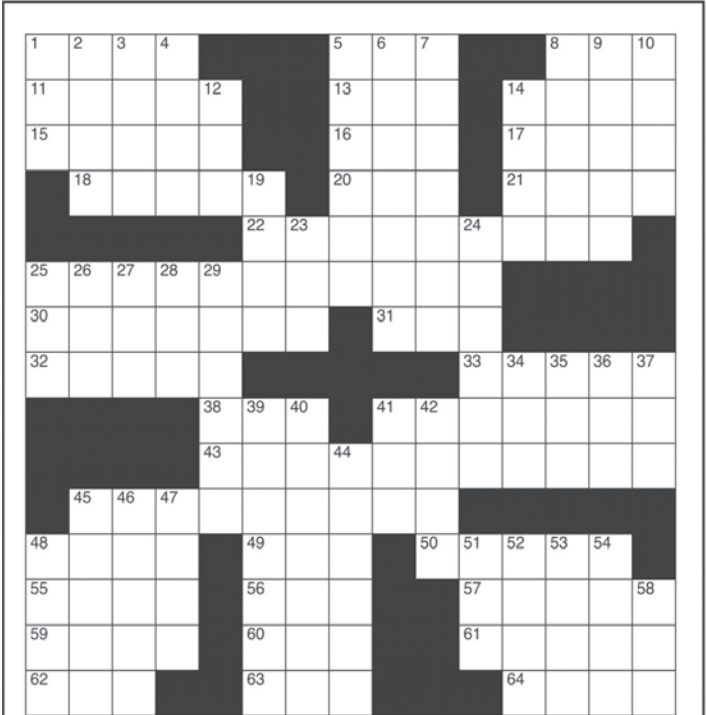
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5. Perform on stage

8. Soda

11. Small growth

13. In support of

14. Step taken when walking

15. Hollyhocks

16. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

17. Feel pain

18. San Diego ballplayer

20. Inches per minute (abbr.)

21. Fat from a pig's abdomen

22. Create again

25. Honors once more

30. Thin coating of gold

31. Welsh river

32. Japanese novelist Mizumura
33. Husks of corn

38. Green vegetable

41. Showing guilt

43. Soldier

45. Photographers

48. Language spoken in Nigeria

49. Mimic

50. Expressed pleasure

55. Ancient Greek sophist

56. Beverage container

57. Night monkey genus

59. Lace bugs

60. Hogshhead (abbr.)

61. Frameworks

62. Keyboard key

63. Greek goddess of the dawn

64. Influential Korean independence figure

CLUES DOWN

1. A place to unwind

2. Helped (archaic)

3. Razorbill genus

4. Bleached

5. Continent

6. Fruit preserved in syrup

7. Impediment to one's freedom

8. Nocturnal rodents

9. Earthy pigment

10. Relieved oneself

12. Golf score

14. Tech hub __ Alto

19. Sportscaster Andrews

23. Records electric currents

24. Popular Hitchcock film

25. Revolutions per minute

26. NY Giants legend

27. Sports radio host Patrick

28. When you hope to get somewhere
29. French seaport

34. Thai river

35. Rocker's accessory

36. Extra charge

37. Influential American president

39. Pain in the head

40. Great Plains people

41. Consumed

42. Soluble ribonucleic acid

44. Improves

45. Secret clique

46. Behind the stern of a ship

47. Dough made from corn flour

48. Fallow deer

51. Swiss river

52. Grayish white

53. Engrave

54. College's Blue Devils

58. Midway between south and southeast

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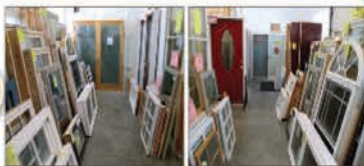
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EDITORIAL

Health screenings are an investment in your future self

It's easy to put off routine health check-ups. Life gets busy. We feel fine. We assume we're too young to worry. But catching a problem early, when it's most treatable can make all the difference. Preventive health screenings aren't about fearing the worst; they're about giving ourselves the best shot at living well. From your 20s through your 60s and beyond, here's a decade-by-decade breakdown of essential screenings that everyone should prioritize.

In your 20s, the focus is on building a health baseline. This is when your long-term habits start taking shape. Even if you feel great, it's important to get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked. These simple screenings can reveal early signs of heart disease risks. If you're sexually active, regular STI screenings and, for women, a Pap smear starting at 21 are critical. A mental health check-in should be part of the routine too, especially in a decade filled with transitions. It's also smart to begin annual skin checks, particularly if you've had a lot of sun exposure.

By your 30s, it's time to pay closer attention to subtle shifts in your health. Continue monitoring your blood pressure, cholesterol, and STI status. Add in screenings for diabetes risk especially if you have a family history or carry extra weight. If you're trying to conceive or just want to know where things stand, a fertility check can offer insight. Watch for signs of thyroid issues like fatigue or weight changes, and keep up with dental and eye exams every year or two.

Your 40s are when chronic conditions often start creeping in, sometimes without symptoms. This is the decade to stay vigilant. Women should begin mammograms at 40 or earlier if there's a family history of breast cancer. Everyone should consider a baseline colonoscopy by age 45. Diabetes, cholesterol, and heart screenings are more important than ever; and it's a good idea to test for glaucoma during your eye exam. This is also a smart time to check in on your mental health, as burnout and midlife stress can take a toll.

By your 50s, screenings shift from preventive to potentially lifesaving. Colonoscopies should continue every 10 years or as your doctor advises. Women should consider bone density tests, and men should discuss prostate screenings with their doctor. Hearing loss becomes more common, so a hearing test is worth scheduling. This is also the age for a shingles vaccine, and if you've had ongoing risk factors, a cardiac stress test might be wise.

In your 60s, staying ahead of health issues becomes even more important. Annual flu and pneumonia vaccines are recommended, and if you've ever smoked or been around secondhand smoke regularly, you may qualify for a lung cancer screening. Continue yearly vision and hearing checks, and consider cognitive screenings if memory issues arise. Osteoporosis becomes more common in both women and men, and regular skin checks should continue to catch early signs of skin cancer.

No matter your age, health screenings are a way to invest in your future self. They help you catch issues early, manage risks, and stay in control of your well-being. Ask questions, track your numbers, and make time for the care you deserve. After all, staying healthy isn't something that just happens it's something we have to work for. When was your last check-up?

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

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Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

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Please contribute to the Appeal Rice Pond Village 40B Project

To the Editor:
We don't oppose 40B developments. I live happily and safely in one.
We're opposing the 192 apartments in the Rice Pond Village 40B Project that is located in the wrong area of Millbury. Refusing to correct the off-site roads' public safety issues, creates serious threats to peoples' properties and lives.
The Developer could have built 19 high-end homes on this property without making any off-site safety improvements. He refused and demanded 46 homes. He threatened the Planning Board with submitting a 40B Project

To the Editor:
It's time to buy American. It's time to bring back coal. We have \$6 trillion worth of coal reserves underneath the blessed ground of this America.
Wait, what? Bring back coal? It's dirty! Wrong. New high-tech coal-fired electric plants are clean, if not renewable. It's new high tech, baby! New coal plants boast advanced super-pulverized coal-fired boilers, high efficiency turbine electricity generators, and air quality control systems that meet or exceed Best Available control technology (BACT) as mandated by the federal government.
And we have so much coal, it is ridiculous! We can sell it to the world and make America rich again. MARA! Admittedly, not as exciting as MAGA or MAHA.
Big technology is taking another look at coal because coal is brilliant at producing tons of cheap electricity. Big tech needs tons of electricity for cloud computing and Artificial intelligence applications. Data center developers are waiting at least a year to connect to the electrical grid due to insufficient supply. No one is building electric plants just when we need them. Renewable solar or wind is simply incapable of providing a reliable supply of electricity.
Our genius President is finding ways to keep older coal-fired electricity plants online in the face of massive shutdowns from Leftist go Woke go Broke policies. Their only plan is failed wind turbines that disturb whales and the destruction of acres and acres of open land for solar panels that work only some of the time and toxic battery storage facilities that burn regularly. They burn down so regularly that New York State has formed a central control tower for them.
Massachusetts shut down two big power plants: Mystic and Brayton Point. The Mystic plant had eight generating units: two natural gas units that produced 1,414 megawatts. Another

To the Editor:
Oozing over half the editorial page, a recent letter ("MAGA's Greatest Hits") denigrated those with different opinions and combined the prolific writer's continuing blame of "Felon 47 for chaos, corruption and capital dissipation" with amnesia over incompetence and like 'contributions' from the previous Oval occupant. Then rather than express a modicum of common-ground-patriotism, the last paragraph bared a metastasized political cancer- hope that MAGA supporters live to know democracy's Armageddon!
Most might assess this was a "mad, mad, mad world" before #47; then admit America was 'upside down' for ages past anyway! Like or loath the messenger, relief has begun with a "Revolution of Common Sense." Not surprisingly, the legacy media suggests otherwise, but within the first 100 days of this Presidency, dizzying positives have been delivered from 'promises (being) kept.'
A clear plan to turn the USA 'right side up again' was accepted by voters and is being implemented: sovereignty assured; undocumented millions no longer overwhelm borders; those with horrific criminal gang histories or terrorist ties found and deported; citizens safer, even in sanctuary cities. Breaking immigration rules (ipso facto) brands alien migrants 'criminals', but law has been replaced by upside down logic over the meaning of due process. There was no court moral outrage over Obama's

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there instead. The Planning Board denied his 46-home Project because he refused to make the required public safety improvements.
The Board of Selectmen approved this Developer's 192 apartments 40B Project, without making any off-site public safety improvements, by signing a LIP Agreement with the State.
Millbury's Board of Appeals approved this Developer's 192 apartments 40B Project, also without making any off-site public safety improvements. They were told the State was approving everything. If they denied it, they couldn't win in Court.

Bring back coal!

unit produced 576 megawatts, and a smaller unit on an acre of land produced 8.6 megawatts in periods of high demand. The Massachusetts Green Climate hysterics closed the plant in 2024. Brayton Point was a coal-fired electricity plant in Somerset. With four units, it produced 1,530 megawatts. The same Climate Hysterics closed it, too.
Remember, it takes 10 acres of solar panels to produce one megawatt. One. Battery storage facilities [five are proposed for Uxbridge alone] are capable of holding only a few megawatts in storage overnight. It takes all day to charge these recycled lithium batteries to produce just four hours of electricity. If more is needed in periods of high demand, battery storage facilities are useless until they re-charge... in 20 hours. During most of the time? Useless!
One very attractive aspect of old coal-fired plants is not only that new technology can make them burn cleaner, but also that they possess high quality voltage lines connecting to the electric grid. It is cheaper to use these "brown fields" of old power plants to build new ones, instead of years of red tape to get a new power plant built and new transmissions lines erected.
Greenies were planning to use the Brayton Point electrical transmission lines for wind turbines from the South Coast wind turbine project. The Danish developer has pulled out. Vineyard Wind is producing one megawatt from one turbine. One. The other three are kaput. Vineyard Wind shut down in July of 2024 after its spectacular failure. Debris on Nantucket beaches. So much for Progressives knowing how to produce clean efficient electricity. They can't.
The realm of progressives is imaginary energy. The wind! The sun! The stars! Unicorns!
Did you know that there has been

"A revolution of common sense"

more than three million illegal deportations; no court calls for 'due process' before allowing millions more to enter under Biden. Yet now, district judges feel empowered to order national injunctions mandating 'due process' before removing even ONE, and offer illegals safety in their homes and aid in courthouse escape! Only SCOTUS can 'right' this illogic by restoring Constitutional powers to the Executive branch.
More economic relief is coming, but for now: oil drilling and coal mining up; inflation down; mortgage interest rates down; cost of eggs and gas down; and tax relief should arrive in "one, big, beautiful bill" this summer. Our 'supply chains are coming back' with billions in foreign investment for new manufacturing from steel to pharma bringing high paying jobs to every corner in the nation. Although import tariffs likely bring short term Wall Street and pocket-book pain, new (really 'fair') trade deals will produce long term benefit to US and markets worldwide.
Millions in "waste, fraud and abuse" have already been uncovered by DOGE under direction of thoughtful Fortune 500 CEO volunteers(!), not hatchet-wielding, wet-behind-the-ears computer geeks, as legacy media asserts. All are working collaboratively with Cabinet secretaries and federal employees to modernize operations, policies and procedures so taxpayer dollars spent by various departments/agencies are productive and profitable. Given a chance,

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The Developer repeatedly tried to have our Appeal of his Rice Pond Village 40 B Project dismissed and thrown out of Court. He has failed.
Our Appeal is still going forward.
Our Appeal has the opportunity to present the TRUTH about these extremely dangerous road safety issues which could deny this 192-apartment 40B Project.
We need your immediate financial contribution to continue. Please see "Appeal Rice Pond Village 40B Project."
Thank you.

Terry Burke Dotson
Millbury

such a hue and cry over high electricity bills [due to the push for "renewable" high cost electricity] that the Healey Socialist Regime is giving every household in Massachusetts a one-time \$50 credit on our electric bills? She is giving us \$50 back using our taxes to give us a "credit" on our electric bills. One time. A refund of our own money.
Did you know that on April 28, Spain and parts of Portugal were struck with a complete power outage? It caused panic buying of essentials, including toilet paper. These two countries are leaders in Green unreliable, costly electricity production. It failed.
Did you know that coal-fired electricity plants produce one-third of the world's electricity? One-third. Natural gas accounts for another 20 percent of electricity, which amounts to 50 percent of the world's electricity being produced by coal and natural gas right now. The Commies on Beacon Hill are doing everything to eliminate all electricity plants and make us poor.
There is a big risk from renewables. They only work when the sun shines and the wind blows. In Massachusetts, over the past 30 days, there were only 10 dry days from late March through most of April. Rain equals no sun, no power in your solar panels. So, acres of solar panels in Uxbridge were only of value in 10 days out of 30. Acres of land sacrificed to occasional power.
Meanwhile, nuclear power, natural gas, and coal-fired plants produce electricity, 24/7, no matter what the weather is. Like the U.S. Navy, on duty all the time while you sleep.
Which do you choose? Unreliable expensive solar panels and wind turbines? Or safe reliable fossil fuels for heat and electricity? I vote for coal. I vote for nuclear and natural gas.
It's up to you. Vote accordingly.

Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge

they will deliver even bigger savings by redressing past reckless spending (by both parties) that put US in present unsustainable, upside-down financial position.
And who has taken strong stances against rampant antisemitism on college campuses (and elsewhere); banned trans-males from female locker/bathrooms and competing for titles otherwise won by biological females? Where are (supposedly) liberal lawmakers or advocates of Title IX and Me Too Movement? I explain our upside-down world thus: on one hand, innocent 'victims' of crime are forgotten or named the cause of their own ill fate; on the other, 'villains' wear the halo of 'victimhood' themselves or are hailed as 'heroes.' It's sheer madness!
Those who fear 'demise of democracy' must know cursing and singing off-key only expose years of 'identity' political sickness. Instead, offer an 'alternate' plan, and work towards creating a stronger county that millions of every race, color and creed voted for last November.
Obviously, righting this behemoth ship of state is not achievable overnight. Praise for the start of a "Revolution of Common Sense" is due. Meanwhile, the next 100 days are critical for ultimate success, because 'stupidity' is reverting to the same thing expecting a different result. Thanks for reading my longer-than-usual letter.

Jane F. Keegan
Uxbridge

The left has a gift for making money disappear

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same time period when \$106 million in the state's yearly education budget was nothing more than anti-Trump chump change to the left-wing extremists.
Now, is making money disappear like that devilishly miraculous or what?
Meanwhile, towns in the Blackstone Valley seem to be a bit short on funding for schools and stuff. While the left keeps blaming Donald Trump for all our financial woes.
Go figure?

Stephen Gambone
Northbridge

Celebrate Spring with Old Fashioned Lemonade Recipes

Last week’s record high temperatures remind us that bright sunny days, shade tree breezes and a comfortable backyard chaise are the perfect elements for warm weather “easy living.” And what could be more delightful than taking a well-deserved rest with cool, refreshing drink (even better if you can enjoy it on a porch with a friend or neighbor)?



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the tea, lemon juice, and sugar stirring until sugar is dissolved. Just before serving, add the ginger ale and pour over juice cubes.

Lemonade and sunny days have gone together forever. Many a summertime memory is sparked by sipping a chilled tumbler of sweet lemonade.

Old Fashioned Lemonade
Most lemonade aficionados agree the secret to a great lemonade is to make a heated syrup as a base. This nostalgic recipe from Hamilton Beach, calls for fresh lemons, oranges and mint leaves!

Ingredients: Two cups granulated sugar; two and one half cups water; juice of six lemons; juice of two oranges; grated peel of one orange; one cup fresh mint leaves

Directions: In a medium saucepan, combine sugar and water. Bring to a boil; cook over medium high heat five minutes. Let cool.

Add lemon juice, orange juice and orange peel to syrup. Add in mint leaves. Cover and let stand one hour. Strain lemon syrup into a jar or pitcher. Store in refrigerator until ready to use. For each serving: Put one third cup lemon syrup into an eight ounce glass filled with crushed ice and cold water. Mix or shake well.

Quick Old Fashioned Lemonade
No time for the recipe above? Try this easy version:

Ingredients: Two or three ice cubes; two tablespoons lemon juice; one and one half tablespoons lime juice; two tablespoons superfine sugar (or conversion measurement of Stevia or other non-sugar sweetener); six to eight ice cubes; two cups cold water.

Directions: Pour lemon and lime juice into a pitcher; add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add ice cubes and water and stir. Serve in tumblers.

Serves two.
Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regard-

ing household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the

Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

An ode to teachers

Professor Fowler sat in his home, recently retired, alone with his thoughts—and none of them were kind.

A teacher who had dedicated his entire life to shaping young minds, he now sat convinced he had failed.

Looking back over decades in the classroom, all he could see was the void—the faces forgotten, the lessons lost to time.

He spoke the words aloud, his voice thick with regret:

"I walked from class to class... teaching unhearing ears...unwilling heads...I moved nobody, I motivated nobody, I left no direct imprint on anybody."

His retirement had not come by choice. It had been forced upon him by an institution eager to make room for the next generation. And now, with his life's work behind him, he sat in the darkness of his own doubt, convinced his efforts had vanished like chalk dust after the final bell.

This story, by the way, is from an old episode of “The Twilight Zone,” titled “Changing of the Guard.”

And yet, as I think about Professor Fowler, my mind drifts to teachers today—living in the modern world, dealing with pressures he could scarcely have imagined.

The teacher today faces crowded classrooms, shrinking budgets, endless paperwork, shifting standards, the strain of technology, and the silent burden of wondering if any of it is making a difference.

I wonder if, after long and weary days, teachers ever question whether the hours spent planning lessons, listening to struggling students, breaking up conflicts, inspiring curiosity—if any of it will truly matter.

I wonder if they ask themselves whether their voice will linger, whether their encouragement will echo, whether their belief in a student who didn't yet believe in themselves will survive the tests of time.

It's easy in the haze of exhaustion and bureaucracy, to feel invisible.

To feel, like Fowler once did, that no imprint has been left behind.

But here's the part of Fowler's story that every teacher today needs to hear.

That night, sitting in his despair, something remarkable happened. One by one, the faces of his former students appeared—visitors not of the body, but of the heart.

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They came to tell him what he could not see: that he had changed lives.

That a word of encouragement had saved one from despair. That a lesson on courage had inspired another to give their life to a cause greater than themselves. That a belief in decency and kindness had taken root and flourished long after the final grades were given.

They stood before him—not as students he once taught, but as proof that his life had mattered far more than he ever realized.

It's more than just an old television episode—it's a truth lived out in classrooms daily.

Some days it feels like you're shouting into the wind, wondering if you are reaching anyone, if any of it matters.

It does.
Somewhere right now, there is a student who carries a seed you planted—something you said and taught when they needed it most.

And that seed will grow, often quietly, invisibly, sometimes over decades.

You may never see it bloom. But it blooms nonetheless. Every encouraging word. Every ounce of patience. Every lesson, even the ones you think fell flat. Every moment you chose to believe in someone who didn't yet believe in themselves—these things matter more than you will ever know.

You are building lives. You are shaping futures. You are winning victories for humanity that no history book will ever fully record.

So, in this week where we celebrate teachers, I want you to know:

You are not invisible. You are not forgotten. You are not wasting your time.

You are changing the world, one student at a time. And for that—for everything—you have my deepest thanks.

I, like so many others, am grateful—forever grateful.


Each of us carries something you gave us: a word, a hope, a strength, a belief.

I want to thank you—for believing in us, for guiding us, for helping to shape who we became.

In the end, teachers have lived a very good life, a very full life, a very rich life.

And I hope, like Professor Fowler came to realize, you wouldn't have it any other way.

✿✿✿Friday's Child✿✿✿



Jaiianne

Age 14

Registration #7402

Jaiianne—known as “Jai”—is a bubbly, joyful girl whose bright spirit lights up every room. She has a deep love for animals and the outdoors, especially cats, dogs, and any little critters she finds. Jai’s caring nature shines through in the creative “homes” she builds for frogs and other small creatures, using sticks, leaves, and stones to make them feel safe and at home. Beyond her nurturing side, Jai is a natural performer. She loves singing, dancing, and putting on shows for family and friends. Her creativity and confidence on stage suggest she’d flourish in a chorus or acting class, where she can share her talents and connect with other young artists. With her combination of compassion, imagination, and charisma, Jai is sure to thrive wherever she goes.


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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 visit www.mareinc.org . Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) can give you guidance and information on the adoption process. Reach out today to find out all the ways you can help children and teens in foster care.

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Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy student medalists at SkillsUSA States Conference

MARLBOROUGH — Three Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students were awarded gold and silver medals at the recent SkillsUSA States Conference. Gold medal winners will be advancing to the SkillsUSA National Conference to be held June 23-28 in Atlanta, Ga. The Practical Nursing student medalists are as follows: Loise Nngi of South Grafton, Gold Medal First Aid/



Courtesy

From left: Ashley Rincon, Natasha Rován, and Loise Nngi.

CPR; Ashley Rincon of Southbridge, Gold Medal, and Natasha Rován of Worcester, Silver Medal Medical Terminology. “We are grateful to both SkillsUSA Advisors for Bay Path, Mrs. Pam Staney and Mr. Christopher Staney, and the Superintendent,

Mr. Kyle Brenner for his support,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. “We are proud of our Practical Nursing students and are grateful to our PN faculty and staff who have also shown tremendous support.”

This year’s success continues to increase the number of Bay Path Practical Nursing students who have advanced to national competition over the years; many of whom placed medals nationally. According to the SkillsUSA Web site, “SkillsUSA’s National Leadership & Skills Conference (NLSC) is the largest gathering of America’s future skilled workforce and the ultimate recognition of excellence in career and technical education. Held in Atlanta each June, the NLSC is a week-long celebration of the skilled trades and the accomplishments of career-ready leaders from across the United States. The event brings together more than 16,000 attendees, including students, instructors, industry partners, government officials, administrators and more. The highlight of the NLSC is the SkillsUSA Championships, where more than 6,000 state champions compete for national gold, silver and bronze medals in 115 skilled and leadership competitions.”

Cornerstone Bank partnering with Greenlight Financial Technology to help parents raise money-wise children

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, is joining forces with Greenlight® Financial Technology, Inc., to help the next generation build healthy financial futures. Customers will have free* access to Greenlight’s award-winning family finance app that teaches children how to earn, save, give and spend wisely—all with parental supervision.

“We’re thrilled to be a part of this effort to arm families with knowledge that will ensure a healthy financial future for their kids,” said Cornerstone CEO Todd Tallman. “Greenlight has come up with a very creative and fun way to instill good habits with money early in life.”

Greenlight offers a debit card and app that allows parents to send money instantly, automate allowance payments, manage chores, set flexible spending controls, get real-time notifications of all transactions and more. Kids get hands-on money management experience along with access to Greenlight Level Up™, an in-app financial literacy game with a best-in-class curriculum, educational challenges and rewards.

A recent survey of families commissioned by Greenlight shows a critical need for accessi-



ble and effective financial education. Only 35 states require a personal finance course for students, and teens nationwide scored an average of 64 percent on the National Financial Literacy Test.

Here are some of the survey’s findings:

- 91 percent of kids and teens say they need financial knowledge and skills to reach their goals
- 94 percent of parents agree
- Parents rank personal finance as the #1 most difficult life skill to teach their children
- 81 percent of parents say they need more financial education resources

Cornerstone customers can find a link to a free* Greenlight subscription on the bank’s website, adding their Cornerstone account as a funding source.

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Always room for tomatoes



Melinda Myers

If gardening space is limited, grow tomatoes in hanging baskets or containers.



GARDEN MOMENTS
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MELINDA MYERS

Nothing beats the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes. Keep them close at hand by growing one or more in containers on your patio, balcony, or front steps.

Any tomato can be grown in a pot, but determinate varieties are shorter and more compact, making them a bit easier to manage in a container. They produce fruit in a relatively short period of time, making them great choices for preserving as well as using fresh. Look for a D or determinate on the plant tag, seed packet or in the catalog description.

Indeterminate tomatoes, often designated with an I, are usually much taller and continue to grow, flower, and produce fruit until frost kills the plant or you pinch out the growing tip. These are usually staked or grown in wire cages to save space, reduce pest problems and make harvesting easier. Many new containers have built-in trellises or creative gardeners craft their own, making it easier and more attractive to grow these bigger plants in pots.

Semi-determinate varieties are in between these two. They are compact like determinates, often trailing but produce fruit throughout the growing season like indeterminate varieties.

You can now find com-

pact varieties often sold as miniature and dwarf plants that grow well in small four-to-eight-inch pots. They are a great option for those with limited space, gardening on balconies, indoors in a sunny window or just about anywhere. Kitchen Mini tomatoes, Heartbreakers, Red Velvet and Micro Tom Thumb are just a few.

Grow one tomato per container for maximum productivity. Use a five-gallon or bigger container for large varieties and at least a two to three gallon or similar size pot for smaller varieties. Some research suggests growing tomatoes in a pot that is at least 14 inches but preferably 20 inches wide will yield greater results. Adding flowers and herbs to the container boosts the beauty and diversity of your container garden but will reduce the number of tomatoes produced.

Growing tomatoes in containers also allows you to start the season earlier. Just move the planter inside when the weather is harsh and back outside when the weather is warm and sunny. As the weather turns cold at the end of the growing season, cover the planter or move it into a frost-free location as needed. Some gardeners even move a pot or two inside to finish off the tomato season.

Plant tomatoes in a container with drainage holes and fill it with a quality potting mix. Reduce the time spent watering with a self-watering pot that has a reservoir to hold water and extend the time between water-

ing. Further reduce the need to water by adding an organic, sustainable soil amendment like certified organic Wild Valley Farms’ wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com) to the potting mix. Made from wool waste, this product reduces watering by up to 25 percent.

Water thoroughly when the top few inches begin to dry. Mulch the soil with evergreen needles, shredded leaves, or other organic mulch to keep the soil consistently moist and suppress weeds. Consistent soil moisture encourages more flowering and fruiting, while reducing the risk of blossom end rot, cracking, and misshapen fruit.

Harvest tomatoes when fully colored or leave them on the plant a few more days for an even sweeter flavor: You’ll enjoy the convenience of harvesting fresh tomatoes right outside your door for use in salads, sauces, and other favorite recipes.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* “How to Grow Anything” instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Wild Valley Farms* for her expertise to write this article. Myers’ Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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Sheriff's Office launches new therapy dog program

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REGION — The dog days have arrived early this year; thanks to a new therapy dog program launched by the Worcester County Sheriff's Office (WCSO).

Made possible by an English Labrador Retriever named Milo, the WCSO's Therapy Dog Unit was created to enhance staff wellbeing, reduce workplace stress, and foster an even more supportive environment for employees.

Officer Lindsay McNamara, a 10-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, serves as Milo's handler. McNamara previously served in various WCSO units, including receiving, classifications, and line operations.

In her new role, McNamara oversees Milo's daily training and responsibilities around the facilities. This will ensure the Therapy Dog Unit provides emotional and mental health support to employees around the clock, officials said.

"We've been looking into this type of program for years," said Sheriff Lew Evangelidis. "After speaking with partners in corrections across the state who have existing therapy dog programs, we determined this program would bring tremendous value to our daily operations."

Currently employing roughly 600 staff members, the WCSO is dedicated to maintaining a supportive and positive work environment. Officer McNamara looks forward to taking part in several programs with Milo that assist the staff. These include working alongside teams providing critical incident stress management, military peer support, and other offerings focused on employee wellbeing.

"I'm honored to step into this role alongside Milo, supporting the team



Courtesy

WCSO Officer Lindsay McNamara is teaming up with English Labrador Retriever Milo to lead a new program.

I've worked with for over a decade," McNamara said. "Stressful situations are a daily occurrence in any jail or house of corrections, but we have systems in place to help employees manage stress. By combining my experience in corrections with the skills that Milo will develop through hundreds of hours of training, we'll be able to respond to various situations to connect with staff and help reduce anxiety and stress."

Studies show that therapy dogs help decrease stress for individuals exposed to high-stress environments or traumatic situations. Nationwide, employees with regular access to these support programs have reported improvements in workplace comfort and overall mental health.

"Just like police, fire, and other first responders, corrections officers have demanding and challenging jobs," Evangelidis said. "Access to mental health resources is crucial for ensuring our employees remain safe, happy, and healthy. Milo has made an immediate impact on the WCSO staff, who work diligently

to keep the residents of Worcester County safe."

In addition to various internal K9 programs, the WCSO partners with Animal Assisted Therapy Services of Massachusetts. Through a contract with the organization, therapy dog handlers visit certain populations within the facility to help lower stress levels and reduce tensions among inmates in the housing blocks.

Evangelidis emphasized that prioritizing the mental health and wellbeing of staff leads to better outcomes for inmates.

"When employees are supported and maintain mental resilience, they can engage with inmates constructively and professionally," read a statement released by the WCSO. "This approach fosters a more rehabilitative environment within the facility. With the establishment of the Therapy K9 Unit, the Sheriff's Office reaffirms its commitment to the wellness of both its staff and the overall mission of rehabilitation."

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Marjorie J. Cnossen, 91

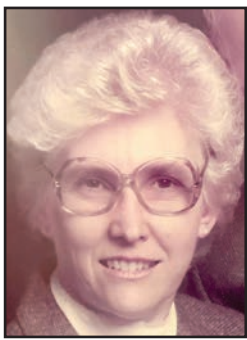
Marjorie J. (Applegate) Cnossen, 91, of Uxbridge and formerly of Douglas passed away Thursday, May 1, 2025 at home with her family by her side. She was the wife of Paul A. Cnossen and the late William A. Nesbitt.

Marjorie was a mortgage account supervisor at the former Worcester County Institute for Savings for 17 years until her retirement in 1987.

She was born January 21, 1934 in Northbridge, the daughter of the late Benjamin and Ethel (Young) Applegate and a graduate of Northbridge High School, Class of 1952.

Marjorie was a member and past Worthy Matron of Order of the Eastern Star - Mumford River Lodge in Douglas and a longtime active member and past Treasurer of the Valley Chapel, Church of the Nazarene. She was active in the Douglas Camp Meeting Association. It was there, at the age of 15, she made a confession of faith to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Later as an adult she served as the treasurer of the Association.

In addition to her husband of



42 years, Marjorie is survived by her children, William and his wife Ellen Nesbitt of Lake Toxaway, NC, Wendy and her husband Craig Manseau of Douglas, Nancy Lewis of Douglas, Susan and her husband Robert Fitzhugh of VA, and Romaine Sands and her husband Phil of Bellingham; a sister, Ethel Bouley and her husband

James of FL; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by 3 sisters Virginia Jahn, Norma Hutnak and Barbara Helstrom.

Visiting hours were held Wed. May 7, 2025 from 9:30 – 11 AM in the Valley Chapel, 14 Hunter Road, Uxbridge followed by a funeral service at 11 AM in the church's sanctuary.

Burial followed in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Uxbridge.

Memorial donations to Nazarene World Missions, c/o Global Ministry Center, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Lenexa, KS, 66220 or to The Gideons International, PO Box 140800, Nashville, TN, 37214.

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EASTON — Stonehill College students were recently inducted into Lambda Epsilon Sigma, the institution's academic honor society. The organization recognizes outstanding

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Justine Michaud of Douglas Katharine Tubbs of Northbridge About Stonehill College Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 387-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Edward Joseph Rondeau
Date of Death: 10/27/2024

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

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/03/2025.**

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 29, 2025
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
May 9, 2025

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In the matter of:
Santo T Tulumello
Date of Death: 07/09/2021
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT
To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: **Leona M Tulumello of Flower Mound TX** requesting allowance of the 1st account(s) as Personal Representative and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 05/27/2025.

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Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court
April 25, 2025
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Edward Kenneth Renaud Jr
Also known as: Edward K Renaud
Date of Death: 02/10/2025

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

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

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 24, 2025
Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate
May 9, 2025

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. WO25P1432EA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Estate of: Doris Muriel Harnois Date of death: 1/28/2025
Worcester Probate and Family Court
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To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will has been filed by Christine F Grocki Of Burrillville RI requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Christine F. Grocki Of Harrisville RI be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration
IMPORTANT NOTICE
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 22, 2025
(Signature)
Stephanie Fattman, Register of Probate
May 9, 2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Docket No. WO18P1124EA
Estate of:
Ronald Owens
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Jonthan J. Davey Esquire of Quincy MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account , First, Second, Third and Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition..

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/27/2025.**
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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April 25, 2025
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Correction: In our latest newsletter, our Healing Crystals Program is on Wednesday, May 21st from 1-2:00pm not the 28th. Sign up and discover the healing powers of crystals and get a basic overview and understanding of all they entail and bring about. Presented by LeeAnn Schotanus, owner of Studio East, Reiki Master, and Yoga Instructor. Light refreshments will be served, sign up in the main office.

"Writing Your Way" will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2:00-3:30pm. All writers are welcome to share their writing with others, get motivated to write their story, and get feedback from fellow writers! Lori Gannon is the instructor for this class, call the Center for more information. \$5/class.

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MUSIC FACT:

Cinco de Mayo celebrations often feature this type of traditional Mexican folk music.

Answer: Mariachi

How they say that in...

English: Party
Spanish: Fiesta
Italian: Festa
French: Fête
German: Fest

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

10	6		28
	5	20	25
11			15
21	14	33	

1	6	11
20	5	0
12	6	10

Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

VIEYLL SUCMI

Answer: Lively music

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MAY 8

1639: William Coddington founds Newport, Rhode Island.

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NEW WORD

MASA
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Did You Know?

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Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Guacamole

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Solve the code to discover words related to building safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 5 = E)

A. 18 23 7 17 5 4 16
Clue: Assess condition

B. 17 5 19 10 18 16
Clue: Document that gives authorization

C. 4 11 26 5 7
Clue: Regulations that govern building

D. 17 19 11 16 5 4 16 18 11 23
Clue: Act of keeping something safe

Answers: A. inspect B. permit C. codes D. protection

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6	2	7	5	1	3	9	4	8
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4	1	5	9	7	8	3	2	6
8	6	1	7	2	3	9	5	4
7	2	3	6	4	1	9	8	5
9	3	8	2	5	1	8	6	7
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ON DEPOSIT

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Cornerstone Bank expands with new branch in Worcester’s Tatnuck Square

WORCESTER

Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has opened its 12th branch at 1125 Pleasant St. in Worcester.

“This is one of Worcester’s most vibrant neighborhoods with a bustling shopping district near Worcester State University and the Worcester Airport,” said Todd Tallman, CEO of Cornerstone Bank. “We’re so excited to join and serve this community.”

Cornerstone is inviting the public to a ribbon-cutting and family-friendly grand opening celebration from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be a bouncy house, ice cream truck, giveaways and games. The ribbon-cutting with Tim Murray, the President and CEO of the Worcester Regional

Chamber of Commerce, will be there.

Complimenting the essence of Tatnuck Square, the exterior of the new branch features an exciting sculpture by popular local artist Jose Criollo. His work has been featured throughout Worcester and is created from locally recycled metals and wood.

Cornerstone Bank has been renovating the property since purchasing it last year. The full-service branch includes two drive-up lanes with ATM capabilities and state-of-the-art drive-up live video tellers available during banking hours. Inside, there will be specialists dedicated to lending and investment consultation, available by appointment only, and even a coffee bar.

The new Tatnuck Square Branch is open Monday- Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The branch is closed on Sundays.

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