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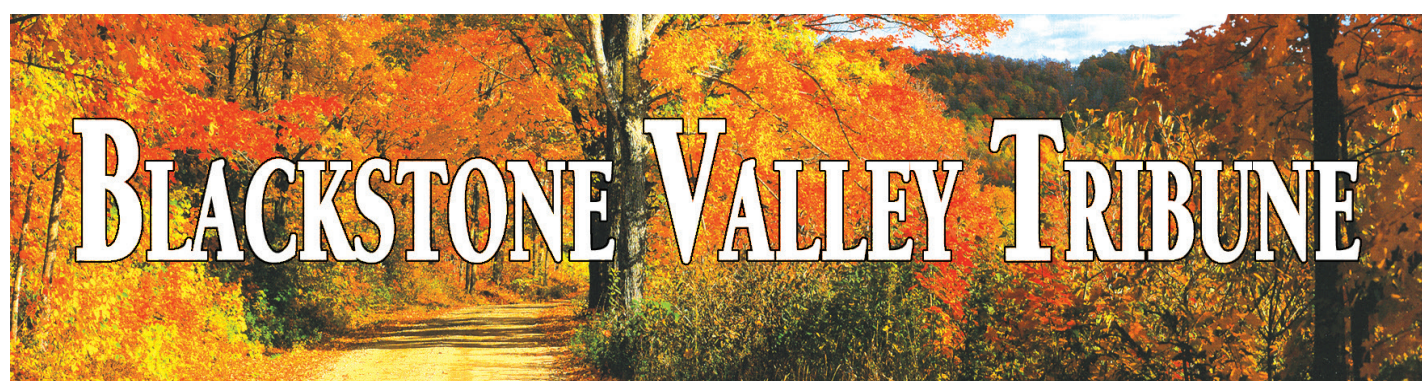


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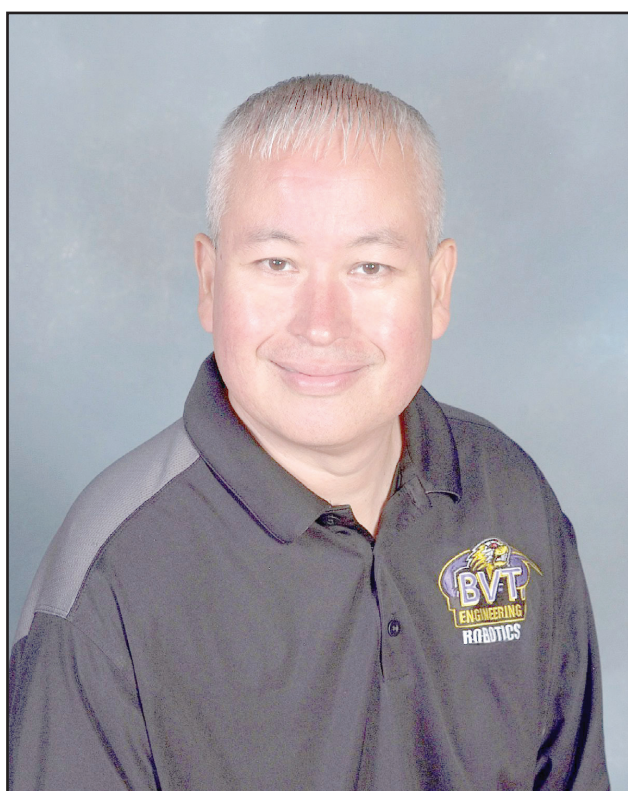
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BVT teacher earns national PLTW Engineering Teacher of the Year Award

UPTON — The continuous and collective effort of Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) students and staff has earned consistent national recognition from Project Lead The Way (PLTW). The nonprofit organization has recognized BVT as a PLTW Distinguished School for seven consecutive years. The school is proud to announce a new accomplishment earned by instructor Brian Rhodes, who was recently named a 2024-25 National PLTW Engineering Teacher of the Year.



Courtesy

Brian Rhodes

This award recognizes educators from a nationwide pool of nominees who exhibit exemplary leadership and are committed to expanding STEM access while empowering students to develop key transportable and technical skills. Mr. Rhodes has earned this distinction for his work in the PLTW Engineering pathway.

Rhodes is the Engineering & Robotics program team leader at BVT, where he also serves as the PLTW site coordinator. With nearly two decades of teaching experience, he has made significant educational contributions, particularly in coaching students through VEX Robotics, FIRST Robotics, ARC Drone, and Skills USA competitions. His professional experience includes notable service in the United States Navy's nuclear power program and works within the semiconductor industry, which complements his academic credentials. He holds a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering, an accelerated post-baccalaureate in mathematics, and a Master of Education in Curriculum and Teaching.

"We proudly join PLTW in celebrating and recognizing impactful teaching and learning that prepares students for their future careers," said BVT's Superintendent-Director, Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick. On behalf of our school community, we acknowledge Mr. Rhodes' exceptional contributions and congratulate him for making an impact, not only with his students in the classroom but within our larger school communities."

The school currently offers ten PLTW courses: six from the Engineering Pathway and four from the Computer Science Pathway.

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.

Make-A-Wish® Massachusetts and Rhode Island supporter running the world for wishes

GRAFTON — This Nov. 15-21, Bill Murphy of Grafton will attempt to complete The Great World Race—seven marathons on seven continents in seven days. Murphy is doing The Great World Race and "Running the World for Wishes," fundraising for Make-A-Wish® Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which grants life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses.

The Great World Race is the ultimate marathon challenge, limited to just 60 participants. Accumulated marathon fatigue, extreme temperature variations, sleep deprivation, and jet lag are just some of the obstacles these athletes will encounter, along with the 183.4 miles of running. This remarkable event kicks off at Wolf's Fang, Antarctica and finishes within 168 hours in Miami, Florida.

A member of the Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island Board of Directors, Murphy has been a supporter of the charity for 20 years. Already somewhat familiar with Make-A-Wish as his cousin was a wish recipient, Murphy was inspired to learn more after encountering wish recipients while he was traveling. Since becoming involved, he has raised and contributed over half a million dollars to the local organization, through personal donations and efforts as well as monetary support through his company, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, for which he is the local Branch Manager in Auburn, MA.

Murphy, best-selling author of "Thriving in the Storm: Nine Principles to Help You Overcome Any Adversity," is always looking for his next challenge, and his next way to give back to his community. In 2021, after committing to run the Boston Marathon for Team Make-A-Wish, Murphy suffered a torn quad tendon. Rather than defer to the following year, he completed the entire 26.2 mile virtual race on crutches around the track of his alma mater, Worcester State University.

"This race is not only about pushing my own limits, but giving others hope to go out and do more than they ever thought possible. Thinking of what wish children and families face with courage every day gives me the strength to face physical challenges while shining a light on the great work we do through Make-A-Wish," Murphy said.

As part of his training, Murphy recently competed in the Anchor Down Ultra Marathon in Bristol, RI. The event, held on Aug. 9 and 10 at Colt State Park, is one of the most difficult event of its kind. Murphy completed more than 68 miles in 24 hours, running a 2.45 mile loop continuously.

Fundraising efforts include the opportunity to sponsor one of the 183 plus miles Murphy will run, for \$250, or an entire continent and marathon, for \$6,500; a fundraising event held at School Yard in West Boylston, Mass., on Sunday, Oct. 20; and an online auction, which will be open to the general public in mid-October. To learn more and follow along with Murphy's training and fundraising efforts, you can follow him on social media or subscribe to Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island emails at massri.wish.org/subscribe.

For more than 40 years, Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island has relied on the generous support of community fundraising initiatives to deliver hope and joy through wishes granted.

"Bill's steadfast support of our mission shows how deeply our work impacts people throughout the community," said Sean Holleran, CEO of Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island. "We're grateful that he is willing to go to such lengths to spread awareness of the power of a wish and raise funds to help us deliver meaningful wish experiences to even more local children. We'll be rooting for you in this incredible undertaking, Bill!"

To learn more about Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island, visit massri.wish.org. To donate to Bill Murphy's Great World Race fundraiser benefitting Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island and to purchase tickets for the upcoming event, visit <https://bit.ly/greatworldrace>.

Northbridge Veterans Task Force to host Veterans Day ceremony

NORTHBRIDGE — The Northbridge Veterans Task Force will host a Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. in the Pine Grove Cemetery of Northbridge. The cemetery is located on Linwood Avenue, adjacent to Lasell Field.

State Rep. David Muradian will be the keynote speaker.

The event will also be commemorating the recent emplacement of military markers at many veterans' gravesites in the Pine Grove Cemetery. The Task Force will continue their

efforts to raise funds and do the work of placing military markers at all Northbridge veterans' gravesites that do not have them.

For additional information, please contact Carl Cowen at public.affairs@aoatg.org.

Fraud and scam prevention and detection program held at Plummer Place



NORTHBRIDGE — Seniors and older adults participated in a roundtable discussion presented by Chris Reinke, special agent from the FBI Boston — Worcester Resident Agency, John Ouillette, Lieutenant from the Northbridge Police Department and Brian Patrinely, Sergeant from the Northbridge Police Department last week at Plummer Place, Home of the Northbridge

Senior Center. The group discussed fraud abuse and national and local scams targeting the senior population.

The panel educated the audience on scams such as internet scams, door-to-door scams, email "phishing" scams, phone/mail scams, new texting scams, gift card scams, and charitable donation scams.

"I got so much out of this program and learned about a few things about

scams I didn't know about," shared Yvette Ayotte-Kind, one of the attendees.

"I know a lot more since having attended this program and will also know what to look for in the future," she added.

"We found the Fraud/Scam program very interesting and there was a lot of beneficial information provided by the Northbridge police officers and the FBI agent,"

said Charly Dubiel.

Charly's wife, Kendra, further added, "We learned so much from the panel members and appreciated their feedback on various scenarios both nationally and locally — knowledge is power!"

For more information on Plummer Place or its special events such as this one, please contact Amy Cowen, program and volunteer coordinator at (508) 234-2002.

Whitinsville Social Library

Event registration: www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL
 Website: www.northbridgemass.org/WSL
 Beanstack: <https://whitinsville.beanstack.org/reader365>
 Catalog: whitinsville.cwmars.org

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 Friday 10 AM-5 PM
 Saturday 10 AM-2 PM
 Closed Monday 10/14
 Closing early 10/22 at 7 PM for Town Meeting
 Closing early 10/31 at 6 PM for Halloween

Fall into Reading Challenge
 The more minutes you read, the more chances to win one of four raffle prizes. Track your reading on the Beanstack app or the Beanstack

website. For ages 0-100. Ends October 31.

The Historian is In
 Wednesdays from 2-3 PM
 Drop-in between 2-3 on Wednesdays to get in-person assistance with your local history research from Northbridge Historical Society member Carol Brouwer.

Music & Movement with Miss Deb
 Wednesdays at 10:30 AM
 Join Miss Deb for singing, dancing, games, stories, and lots of fun. Ages 1-5. Registration required.

Storytime with Miss Isabel
 Thursdays at 10:30 AM
 Register for storytime with Miss Isabel to read some books, sing songs, and do a craft. Ages 2-6.

Teen Creative Writing Club
 Monday 10/7 from 4-5 PM
 Grab your favorite notebook and join Miss Isabel on the first Monday of every month for the Teen Creative Writing Club! We will discuss different genres of writing, complete writing prompts, and use time at the end to journal and/or work on our own writing pieces. Grades

7-12. Registration required.

Knits & Knots
 Wednesday 10/9 & 10/23 from 6:30-7:30
 Calling all fiber artists! Bring whatever craft project you're working on and join us at the library on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month for crafting and conversation. Light refreshments provided. Register.

Mini Pumpkin Painting Event for Tweens & Teens
 Thursday 10/24 from 3:30-5 PM
 Get into the holiday spirit and paint your own mini pumpkin to take home. For ages 10-17. Registration required.

Book Club for Introverts
 Thursday 10/24 from 6-8 PM
 Come gather at the library with fellow book lovers to read and relax. There are no assigned readings. Bring your own book or browse and borrow one of the library's. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Meeting starts at 6, silent reading starts at 6:30. Small talk is not required. All ages. Please register.

Blast to the Past Book Club
 Monday 10/28 from 4-5 PM
 Calling all history lovers in 3rd-5th grade! October's book club pick is "What Is the Story of the Headless Horseman?" by Sheila Keenan. Along with discussions, we will complete a fun activity related to the book. Snacks will be provided. Not a drop off event. Registration required.

Pages and Pals Book Club
 Tuesday 10/29 from 4-5 PM
 The perfect book club for beginner readers in K-2nd grade and their caregivers. Along with discussions, we will complete a fun activity related to the book. For the month of October, we will be reading "Pete the Cat: Scaredy Cat" by Kimberly and James Dean. Snacks will be provided. Registration required.

Chapter Chats YA Book Club
 Wednesday 10/30 from 4-5 PM
 Join Miss Isabel to discuss the October young adult book club pick, "The Disappearance of Rachel Price" by Holly Jackson. Snacks will be provided. Ages 13-17. Registration required.

Halloween Storytime with Miss Isabel
 Thursday 10/31 at 10:30 AM
 Join Miss Isabel for a Halloween themed storytime and costume parade! Ages 2-6. Registration required.

Mini Pumpkin Painting Event for Kids
 Thursday 10/31 from 3-4PM
 Celebrate Halloween by painting your own mini pumpkin to take home. Costumes encouraged. For ages 2-9. Registration required.

Craft Hour for Children, Tweens, and Teens
 Saturday 11/2 from 12-1PM
 On the first Saturday of every month, drop in to enjoy a craft hour in the Tween & Teen room.

Fiction Book of the Month
 Monday 11/4 at 6 PM
 November's book is "The Fraud" by Zadie Smith. Books are available for pick up at the library. Ebooks are available via Overdrive/Libby. Meeting takes place at the library. Refreshments provided. Registration required.

The Whodunnits
 Tuesday 11/12 at 11 AM
 Discuss "Someone We Know" by Shari Lapeña. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk or via Libby. Refreshments provided. This book club for readers of mystery and suspense meets the second Tuesday of each month. Registration required.

Memoir Book Club
 Wednesday 11/13 at 6 PM
 Join us in a discussion of "Nobody Will Tell You This But Me" by Bess Kalb. Books are available for pick up at the library. Ebooks are available via Overdrive/Libby. Meeting takes place at the library. Snacks related to the book will be provided. Please register.

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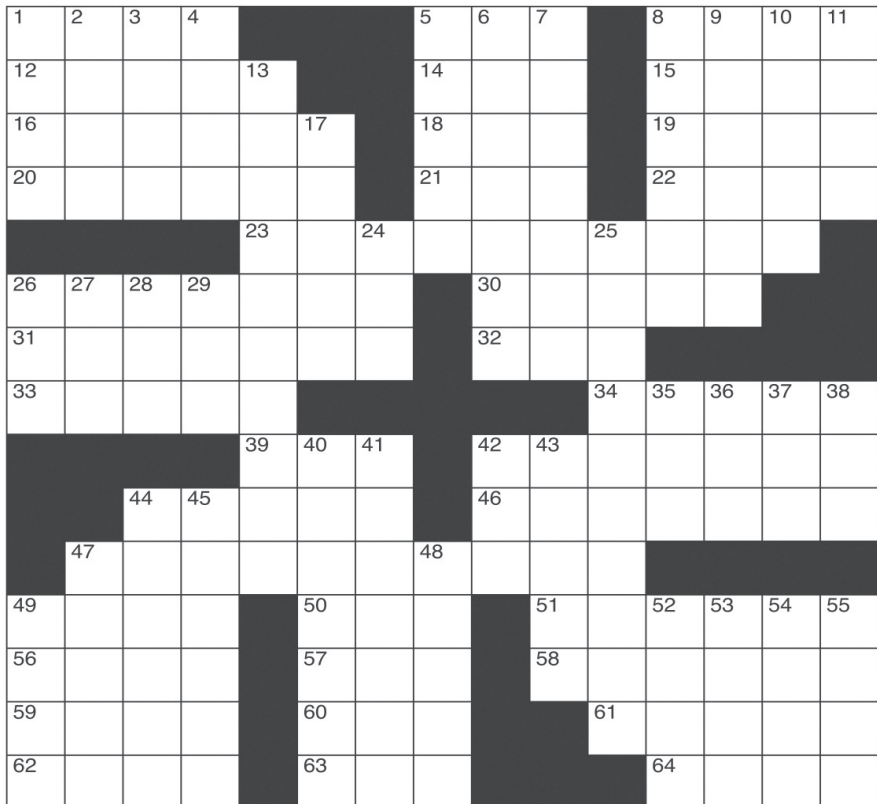
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5. Rock TV channel
8. Streetcar
12. Concerning
14. Exclamation
15. Greek goddess of youth
16. Popular type of device
18. Alcoholic beverage
19. Ancient Olympic Site
20. Sharpshoots
21. Tyrion Lannister was characterized as one
22. Pointed ends of pens
23. Measuring instruments
26. Midsection body part
30. Made a mistake
31. Adjusted
32. "Partridge" actress Susan
33. Yell
34. Civil rights city in Alabama
39. Young boy
42. Type of sea bass
44. To call (archaic)
46. Unfortunate
47. Separate oneself from others
49. Hero sandwiches
50. Spy group
51. Florida is famous for them
56. Irritating individuals
57. Luck
58. Hunting expedition
59. WWII diarist Frank
60. Peyton's younger brother
61. Type of wrap
62. Type of overseas tax or levy
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Wake up

CLUES DOWN

1. Works of body art
2. Israeli politician Abba
3. Renowned desert
4. Eat greedily
5. She didn't make it through the Fr. Revolution
6. Beat
7. Bloodsucker
8. From a place already noted
9. Counted on
10. Alberta Assn. of Baccalaureate World Schools
11. Something one can make
13. One who abstains
17. Wild ox
24. Type of student
25. Bacterial infection of the skin
26. Expresses surprise
27. What engaged couples ultimately say
28. Crony
29. Where one begins (abbr.)
35. Architectural designation
36. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
37. More (Spanish)
38. Autonomic nervous system
40. Indigenous peoples
41. Deflections
42. Circulating life force
43. Executes with a rope
44. Natives of an island nation
45. Girls
47. Logician and philosopher
48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
49. Relaxing spaces
52. From a distance
53. Form of Persian language
54. Amounts of time
55. Mathematical designation

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Lutheran Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center welcomes Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

WORCESTER — According to Robin Fitch High, Administrator at Lutheran Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center, “it is our pleasure to welcome Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students and faculty.”

High said, “Several of our employees graduated from Bay Path!”

The facility located at 26 Harvard St., Worcester, indeed employs several LPN graduates of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy. Getheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director met with High recently

and was given a full facility tour. Bolandrina also met with Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy alumni Meghan Reidy, LPN (of Leicester) Nursing Supervisor and Khamphan Houatchanthara, LPN (of Southbridge) Charge Nurse. Full-time faculty Nicholas McElroy, BSN, RN facilitated the contract signing between Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and Lutheran Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center as a clinical site for the academic year 2024-2025. He will serve as the clinical facilitator and is the



Courtesy

Photo shows, from left, Houatchanthara, Reidy, Bolandrina and High.

tions they may have and evaluate students’ performance and effort.

“The expertise and passion for teaching of Professor McElroy will undoubtedly enrich our academic community and inspire our students to new heights,” said Bolandrina. “Together with the leadership at Lutheran Rehab, we will continue to foster a safe learning environment that values collaboration, innovation, and academic excellence.”

Clinicals can be scary, however, they are an essential part of learning in nursing. Along with classroom learning clinical experiences are important because it is where student nurses get direct experience. Nursing education is divided into three major components: didactic, simulation lab, and clinicals.

• Didactic: In-classroom lectures that provide a fundamental

layer of knowledge for students to apply in the clinical setting.

• laboratory: Skills and simulation laboratory is where students practice various skills and tasks they need, in a safe, non-risk environment before touching real patients.

• Clinicals: Hands-on, clinical facility-site, “in-the-field” portion of nursing school.

At Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, nursing students complete 546 clinical hours. Clinicals are designed to provide nursing students with direct experience in the health-care setting. It allows students to work on practical skills that are needed to succeed at the bedside. Bolandrina added, “I look forward to seeing a successful clinical coordination with the Lutheran Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center and beyond.”

Boating safety always wins

REGION — US Coast Guard Auxiliary Tri-State Flotilla, Massachusetts held Vessel Safety Check stations at Wallum Lake, Douglas State Forest and Memorial Beach, Webster boat ramps in June; also, at various locations during 2024. All types of watercrafts are checked by qualified, volunteer examiners to see if they meet federal and state equipment regulations. Boaters are informed of concerns or any potential problems by consent, with no citations, or reports to any law enforcement agencies. Passing the check is rewarded by getting a VSC decal for the year. Some inland waters require boats to be examined and it could also result in a discount on boat insurance. Examiners are few around the local inland waters and not readily available, so getting the exam is a win.

For the second, and final year, as an incentive to get more boats examined, we again decided to request some great rewards from local safe boating supporters

for a drawing on September 24. Local establishments were more than generous in their support with nine certificates valued at \$400 rewarded to boat owners getting a VSC, and our flotilla examiners performing over 100 VSCs in this year’s program.

Andrius Mingela of Webster received a certificate from Hazard Marine in Oxford; Joseph Houde of Mendon and Anthony Rodriguez of Worcester both won certificates from Lakeview Marine in Webster; Melissa Philbrook of Uxbridge and Michael Smart from Cumberland RI both received gift cards from Indian Ranch in Webster; Hassan Elmaola of Worcester won a certificate from Waterfront Mary’s Restaurant on Webster Lake; Scott Foster of Whitinsville won a certificate from Bistro Eighty Ates Restaurant in Webster; Christopher O’Neil of Uxbridge won a gift card for Saloon No. 6 Bar & Eatery in Webster. Michael Pietrowicz of Dudley, a lucky boater also winning in last year’s

drawing, will enjoy a certificate from Point Breeze Restaurant on Webster Lake.

You can still participate in this program to make sure that your vessel is safe on the water by going to <http://www.vessel-safetycheck.org/> and click on GET YOUR SAFETY CHECK to locate an examiner and request a VSC. Make sure that you check out our Facebook.com/61565626541391 or our website <https://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=013-10-02>

Notice to paddlers Canoes, Kayaks, and Paddleboards are considered vessels by law in the US and require lifejackets and a sound producing device, a whistle, onboard always. Children 12 and under on any vessel must always wear a lifejacket. Between Sept. 15 and May 15, anyone on a canoe, kayak or paddleboard must wear a lifejacket at all times in Massachusetts; in Rhode Island lifejackets are now required worn all year on those vessels.

Douglas Adult Social Center

331 Main St. (508) 476-2283
Hours of operation: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-noon
DAILY ACTIVITIES: All our daily activities are free of charge.

Monday: Painting class 9:45 to 11:45, Balance & Strength Exercise 12 pm, Mat Yoga 2 pm
Tuesday: Walking club 9 am, Cribbage 9:30 am, Zumba 9:30 am, Bingo 12:00 pm, Technology Class 1pm (call to make an appt.)

Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10 am, Darts 10 am, MahJong 1 pm

Thursday: Walking club 9 am, Chair Yoga 9:30 am, Pitch 9:30 am, Hand and Foot card game 12:30 pm

Friday: Balance & Strength 10 am
OCTOBER EVENTS:

Lunch & a movie on Thursday October 17 @ 11:30. “The Boys in the Boat” follows the University of Washington rowing team, and their quest to compete in the 1936 Summer Olympics. Lunch is available for \$4.00 & menu will be announced later. Please sign up before October 11.

Hearing aid cleaning with Darci Thursday October 24 from 10 to 11. Please call the center to schedule a time to see her.

Bemis Nursery will be here on Thursday October 24 @ 11:00. We will be making a fall birch log centerpiece. The cost for this event is \$25.00

and must be paid when you sign up. Please sign up before October 15.

Wellness clinic dates Tuesday October 8 & Monday October 21. Stop in between

Join BVCC for Bites & Insights with Brooke Cooper

WHITINSVILLE — The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce (BVCC) Women’s Success Network is excited to host Leading the Field: An Evening with Brooke Cooper on Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Whitinsville Golf Club, located at 179 Fletcher St., Whitinsville.

Brooke Cooper, the trailblazing Executive Vice President & General Manager of the Worcester Red Sox, will share her inspiring journey in the male-dominated world of sports management. Attendees will learn from her

10 and 12 for a blood pressure check, or to discuss concerns you may have.

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experiences as the first woman to hold this prestigious position in the franchise. The evening will be filled with networking, cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, a delicious dinner, and an opportunity to build meaningful connections. We would like to extend a special thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, Millbury Credit Union (MCU).

“As the newly appointed General Manager of the Woo Sox, Brooke Cooper is the perfect keynote speaker for the BVCC’s Women’s Success Network Dinner. Navigating suc-

cess in what has been previously thought of as a male dominated career is not an easy task. We are looking forward to hearing what it has been like for her since taking the helm.” Said Jeannie Hebert, President & CEO of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Register online at www.blackstonevalley.org/events. Members \$50, Future Members \$65. Please RSVP by October 15, 2024. For more information, please contact Liz O’Neil at 508.234.9090 ext. 102 or email Liz at loNeil@blackstonevalley.org.



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Ashley Coffey of Northbridge, an associate in the Land Use and Environmental Law Group and the Public and Municipal Law Group at Mirick O’Connell, has been selected to the 2024 Massachusetts Rising Stars list. Each year, no more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in the state are selected by the research team at Super Lawyers to receive this honor. Ashley represents entities buying, selling, financing, and leasing commercial real estate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Community Preservation Act is good for Douglas

To the Editor:
Why is the Community Preservation Act good for Douglas? The Massachusetts legislature created this Act to encourage communities to think outside the usual city or town needs. And they backed this up by giving the Cities and Towns money from a State fund created by the Act. The Act allows Douglas to establish a dedicated funding source that can only be used for any of the following four areas:
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over 36,000 acres thousand preserved)
2. Develop recreational uses (over 3,700 projects to date)
3. Historic buildings preservation, (over 7,100 historic preservation projects) and
4. Affordable housing (over 11,500 housing units created and 18,000 units supported)
All future Douglas expenditures from this fund must be approved by a vote of Town Meeting members. How does

Douglas get the money for this fund? On the November ballot there will be a question asking us to approve a 1.5 percent surcharge on our annual property tax. This would mean a home valued at \$500,000 would pay approximately an additional \$81 per year.
The Open Space and CPA Committee asks for your support and vote in November.
*Dick Skinner
Douglas*

EDITORIAL

Why fall is the best season of all

Fall in New England is something else. It's the kind of season that makes you stop and take it all in—the crisp air, the explosion of colors, and the cozy feel of it all. After a busy summer, it's the perfect shift into a slower, more connected way of life.

There's just a lot to love about a New England fall. The trees light up with reds, oranges, and yellows, creating landscapes that look straight out of a postcard. And it's not just the scenery, it's the traditions, too. Fall is when small towns come alive with festivals, harvest fairs, porch concerts, and outdoor markets. It's an invitation to gather with neighbors, whether around a bonfire, at a farm stand, or during a weekend spent raking leaves and chatting over cider.

Fall in New England also has that perfect balance. The days are cool but not too cold, just right for a hike, a stroll through town, or picking apples in a local orchard. As the leaves change, they remind us that nothing stays the same forever, and that's okay. This season encourages us to embrace change while appreciating everything we've got right now.

It's also a time for reflection. With winter coming, fall feels like a last big celebration of the year before things quiet down. It's a chance to be thankful for what we have and to focus on what really matters, time spent with family, friends, and neighbors.

So, while the pumpkins, apple picking, and Halloween costumes are fun, the real magic of a New England fall is how it brings people together. It's about enjoying what's around us, building connections, and making the most of this cozy season before the snow flies. That's what makes fall in New England so special.

To the Editor:
What is your actual skin in this 'game'? The other writers in this column, though at times misguided in their conclusions, come through as people who actually do love this country and our democracy. I pray that is actually true. Your purpose, on the other hand, is completely opaque, as often is your writing.

If you follow this column, Christian Nationalism has been made clear multiple times. In doing some research it would be clear there is no 'left's brand of CN.' The statement about that was nonsensical. Read a book by Torba Isker – that's an eyeopener. Mary Trump, Donald's niece and psychologist, in her recent book, states that the ex-US president exhibits all the characteristics of a narcissist. "This is far beyond garden-variety narcissism," his niece, who has a doctoral degree in clinical psychology, writes of Trump. "Donald is not simply weak, his ego is a fragile thing that must be bolstered every moment because he knows deep down that he is nothing of what he claims to be." Realize the curse of having a narcissistic parent (like Fred?) is devastating to a young child. It can cause developmental trauma and life-long complex PTSD. That alone, if true and untreated, makes him innately unfit to fill the role of president. If you read about what the COVID-19 pandemic did to our economy, it would be clearer about the limitations a capitalistic system has to turn the 'ship.'

Do you really believe a president can command a change in prices? Basic economics would state: "In a free market economy, prices are primarily determined by supply and demand forces, not government decree. The president does not have the authority to directly set or control prices for most goods or services." "Like so many economic problems, inflation emerged due to an imbalance between supply and demand." (ABC) "The bout of rapidly rising prices emerged from a supply shortage imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic and exacerbated by the Russia-Ukraine war." (ABC) Do you want a communist/socialist style regime to actually implement price controls to suit you? Price gouging, however, is different and hopefully will be investigated and legislated against where critical. If you track the basic economy, stock market, or CNBC, you will know that the market high hap-

Where do you really stand?

pened on Sept. 30 at 42,300.15. How do you think that happened? "Presidents have very little impact on the stock market."

They are influenced by people they may nominate, but 'Congress and the Federal Reserve can play a bigger role in directly shaping markets.'

This information can be easily found on the Internet. Of course, hindsight is always 20/20 for any economic policy. Remember Reaganomics? Nobel laureate Stiglitz: "The idea was that it would lead to vast economic wealth. Because of this mysterious process called 'trickle-down economics,' everybody would be better off. Well, we've had this for 45 years, and it hasn't worked."

"He cited the woes of the middle class and the slowing down of growth in the past few decades as evidence that neoliberal economic ideas have failed."

Same issue with your movie review – check multiple sources on the internet. Your guy, the Trumper, attempted to subvert the transfer of power with his election denial plots – no one can top that for mendacity! Again, little evidence was offered about the forming of your opinions, but at least this time, your misunderstandings were clearly stated. I do appreciate that. Realize a number of the writers actually do research to support their key points. But my question remains: what is your actual point or concern? Where do you stand?

Perhaps you are part of the latent manosphere? A number of men who want to hide on the internet like to spread ideas about women, Trans, and other nonbinary people that are hateful. "The 'manosphere' refers to a wide variety of men's groups, fighting against progressive (or "woke") ideas about gender equality. Manosphere influencers often assert the unfounded idea that men are naturally dominant. They distort biology and evolution to argue that restrictive gender norms are "natural."

They support male supremacy, likely due to 'feeling alienated in a changing world.'

Or could you be in support of J.D. Vance's manosphere. "Vance has expressed skepticism about modern feminism and what he and others in the New Right refer to as gender ideology. He aligns himself with postliberal thinkers who argue that liberal modernity's emphasis on individual autonomy has negatively impacted fami-

ly life and community."(Politico)This guy is the heir apparent for MAGA leadership for the right. This Trump clone won't even acknowledge that his guy lost the election and that he personally supports the peaceful transfer of power.

Or perhaps your core values reflect the CIC and Opus Dei connections, the secretive right-wing Roman Catholic group, including a speculated connection to J.D. Vance, a recent Catholic convert. Leonard Leo, of dark money fame and late of the Federalist Society, now a board member of Opus Dei's Catholic Information Center, in 2016 after Scalia's death, started working with Trump to reshape the Supreme Court. These elite Catholics are folks who are against same-sex marriage and the obvious one – women's bodily autonomy.

For them, "Perhaps Trump really has been chosen by God, or at least Opus Dei's vision of the Deity, to bring about what was impossible before now, a conservative Catholic government, in which the levers of power are controlled in all branches by the teachings of an anti-communist cleric from nearly a century ago."

Sounds like another version of Christian Nationalism. Oh, my gosh, twins!

Could it be you are also captured by "the nerdy radicalness of JD Vance" and his connections to his patron, the tech billionaire Thiel?(Politico) Vance, a conservative elitist of the 'new right,' is aligned with Trump on several policies, including opposition to immigration, economic nationalism, and certainly the culture wars, etc. His 'national conservatism' is "grounded in obscure intellectual sources: Catholic-inflected post-liberalism, conservative populism, and localism, neo-reactionary thought that flourish online."(Politico) Recognize the values, concerns, and focus of this Yale elitist are far beyond what Trump could even comprehend. So, where is the heir apparent really planning to take our America? Another new wave of tyranny by the minority coming to our shores with the next election? Remember, Trump is 78 – J. D. Vance would take over at a moment's notice... be our Commander in Chief. Who is he really? Is he the next 'Manchurian candidate'?

Again, where do you really stand?
*Linda Lacki
Northbridge*

The "joy" of bankrolling illegal immigration

To the Editor:
The Vice Presidential debate makes it so easy to vote conservative. J.D. Vance was simply brilliant, calm, sane, and capable of being one step away from the Presidency. Commie Walz is incompetent. He had never been in a room before with a competent successful Alpha male and he froze like Old Joe did with Trump.

There is no joy in Mudville. Mighty Biden-Kamala struck out. They have spent all the FEMA money on an illegal alien invasion, and have none left to help the small towns of North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee, and western Georgia. As of today, Oct. 3, National Guard helicopters remain on the ground, awaiting orders.

A Haitian immigrant, air flighted to Massachusetts under the Biden-Harris Mass parole of Haitians, has been arrested for molesting a 10 year old. After a brief pause in the Biden-Harris Mass Parole due to massive fraud in U.S. flights from Haiti, Biden-Harris resumed free flights, just before the election. Get them all in before Trump is re-elected! Hurry! Hurry! Ten million is just a start!

On Nantucket, an El Salvadoran illegal immigrant has been charged with 11 sex crimes against a minor, plus rape of a child under 14 years of age. ICE has him now. A Brazilian national has been arrested on Nantucket for sexually assaulting a Nantucket resident. A day before that, another Salvadoran was arrested for raping a child on Nantucket. Just illegals yearning to be free.

Stoughton has been inflicted with 200 illegal immigrants. Lacking funding, they cut the school budget and buses for citizen

children while funding early learning, special education and special non-English classes for non-citizen children. Stoughton's Superintendent said his town faces "unprecedented pressures" in special education, transportation, and services for "English Learners."

What the Superintendent means is, his town cannot afford to provide massive special educational services for non-citizen children whose parents brought them over the border illegally, stepping ahead of our own taxpayers' American citizen children.

The evil Kamala-Biden Open Sewer Border Commission has flown in - flower in! - 30,000 Haitians to conservative Springfield, Ohio, a town of 58,000. Schools, hospitals, and affordable homes are swamped. Residents are revolting.

Biden-Kamala policies are killing our communities, breaking local budgets. Citizens are not voting for the Demolition Derby Democrat party. Kamala needs new "useful idiots" - undocumented Dems - who believe in "Joy."

That Old Genius, Biden, re-started the Parole Flights for illegals from Communist countries. Why must they flee Communism? You can be certain

they are flying in the best and most qualified people from Venezuela, Haiti and Cuba: Criminals.

No law says we must admit illegal immigrants. No law says local towns must pay massive amounts to provide special ed and massive social services to illegal immigrant children. Local towns did not vote to be Sanctuary Towns.

In Stoughton, 150 students were told they would have to walk to school, or have Mom and Dad drive them to school three miles or more, while their school taxes pay for educating non-citizen children. Stoughton raised their school budget by 7 percent, but still made cuts in staffing, supplies, and buses. In the nick of time, two administrators resigned and they found the money for the buses!

Kamala is the true Threat to our precious Democracy. She and Biden skip right over legal immigration laws and invent their own "fly-them-in" rules.

Saugus has a rule: students "must be legal residents whose actual residence is Saugus." The School Committee said "our policy insures that students are residents of Saugus and not surrounding communities." They deny access or slow access to illegal immigrant children because

they are not "legal residents." Lawyers for illegals demand Saugus Schools change their policy that requires each family to participate in the town census and provide identification [state license, passport] in order to attend school. The lawyers for illegals say this policy "chills their rights. What exactly are those rights? Saugus commits the crime of trying to protect their schools for their own children. Tax-funded lawyers for Illegals have sued Saugus Schools.

Norfolk schools and King Philip Regional in Franklin are swamped with illegal immigrant children. A Republican rep says: "It is unacceptable for a school to be blindsided by the sudden arrival of new students requiring special ed programs after the school year has begun." Schools must hire English second language teachers, tutors, supplies, and support for homeless illegals. Is this what you want?

It's what Kamala wants. The "joy" of taxpayers paying for illegal immigrants, but not for our own citizens in ravaged communities in North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

*Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge*

Vote yes on the CPA

ed CPA. All CPA communities are guaranteed a disbursement from the Community Preservation Trust Fund as an incentive for participating in the CPA program.

Each community that adopts the Community Preservation Act is required to establish a Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to administer the program. There are five required members of a CPC - one voting member from each of the following municipal committees: conservation commission, planning board, historical commission, housing authority, and board of parks commissioners. The first responsibility is to study the needs, possibilities and resources of the community with regards to community preservation. In performing this research function, the CPC must meet and consult with other municipal boards and committees to get their input, and must hold at least one public hearing annually to get input from the general public. The second responsibility of the CPC is to accept project proposals from the community, (typically on an application form that is developed locally), and conduct a thorough review of them, with the aim of selecting the most compelling projects

for recommendation to the community's legislative body. Project proposals can be submitted to the CPC annually, bi-annually, or on a rolling basis, at the discretion of the CPC. The third responsibility of the CPC is a record keeping and budgetary responsibility. It is required to keep records of all CPC meetings, proposals, and recommendations, and to submit a CPA budget annually to the legislative body. Ultimately it is the townspeople who have the final vote of what the funds will be used for.

196 out of 351 Massachusetts towns/cities have adopted a Community Preservation Act. You can find a list of each town that has adopted the CPA, which tax rate they have voted on, and how much money they have accrued on the community preservation act Web site, www.communitypreservation.org.

For less than the price of a once a week coffee at your local coffee shop, we could improve our town by voting yes on Question #6 this November.

Sincerely,
*Kristi Turgeon
Douglas*
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TAKE THE HINT! KAREN TRAINOR

It's Pumpkin Season!

Although we think of pumpkins as a vegetable, it is officially classified as a fruit since it grows from a flower and has seeds. Pumpkins contain 90% water, and they float!

Pumpkins are very popular this time of year and consumer demand for pumpkins remains high, with last year's U.S. pumpkin production up to 15.97 cwt (hundredweight), almost double the amount produced just three years earlier! It's no wonder people love pumpkins – not only are they an autumn decorating staple, pumpkins have many virtues beyond their aesthetics: they are delicious, are a rich source of both fiber and vitamin A and naturally low in calories. Best of all pumpkins are very versatile, which have made them the spotlight of many Autumn feasts via pumpkin soups, casseroles and hearty pies.

Read on for a roundup of pumpkin tips, tricks and ideas:

Keep in mind when choosing pumpkins that the variety you select should fit your need. For example, if you desire a pumpkin for pie, a medium sugar pumpkin, which is typically small and sweet with a dark orange color, is the best choice. For carving, look for well rounded pumpkins that have good color with stem intact. Pumpkins earmarked as Jack-O-Lanterns are usually larger and contain too many strings and seeds to be practical for pie making. Choosing a proper pumpkin for your table is important. Pumpkins should be mature and firm, with taut skin and a nice orange hue. Select pumpkins that feel solid and are heavy for their size. If still growing on the vine, look for stems that are solidly attached to the pumpkin. A general rule to test for maturity is to scratch the skin slightly with a fingernail. A mature pumpkin will resist scratching.

Preserving and Preparing Pumpkins: Pumpkins can be successfully stored for up to six months, as long as conditions are favorable. Storage temperature should not exceed 50 degrees and should be stored in a dry, frost free environment.

Whole pumpkins keep better if picked leaving two inches of the stem on the fruit. Dry them in the sun for a few days before storing. For safety's sake, wipe pumpkins down with a common disinfectant such as Lysol before storing. Whole pumpkins should not be allowed to touch each other in storage. And be sure to keep an eye out for rot spots that may form. Any pumpkins that are found to be decaying should be promptly removed from the storage area.

If you want to store pumpkins beyond several months, you will need to preserve them. Several methods of preserving pumpkins are used. Freezing cooked, pureed pumpkin is a favored way to preserve the taste and texture of pumpkin. Sugar or pie pumpkins are ideal candidates for freezing as the pulp is thicker and firmer. To easily prepare a pumpkin for pureeing, simply place the whole fruit in the microwave for about a minute or so to soften the skin. This will make the pumpkin much easier to peel. Cut the pumpkin in large slices, peel the skin and remove the strings and seeds. Then cut the slices into smaller pieces. Boil the pumpkin pieces until tender, then mash or process the pumpkin pulp until it forms a smooth, thick puree.

Those who are considering home canning pumpkin should be advised pumpkin puree cannot be canned due to its thickness, and although some people successfully can chunked slices of the pulp, it is safer to avoid the risk altogether.

Pumpkin can also be dried, which was a favored method of the colonists. Drying pumpkin must be done carefully in order to kill all the germs that would make it spoil. Here's how to do it the old

fashioned way: Split the pumpkin in half and remove the seeds. Remove the skin and cut the fruit into thin slices. Steam for about six minutes. Spread on a tray and dry in the sun (it will take at least two days, and it will take about two days. If flies are a problem, cover with netting. Pumpkin needs to be dried in hot sun so that it dries quickly before it spoils.

Or, you can dry pumpkin quicker and easier in the oven or microwave; here's how to do it in the microwave, which is the fastest method:

Arrange thin slices on a microwave safe tray or glass pie plate. You must leave space between the slices so air can circulate around them. Cook on high for 15 to 20 minutes. Check the pumpkin; if it is not crispy; cook again for five minutes, and continue until the dried slices are crunchy. Allow to cool before storing.

Did you know that dried pumpkin can also be made into a flour, which can be used just as you would all purpose flour in cooking and baking? To do, simply pulverize the dry pumpkin in a food processor.

Perfect Pumpkin Seeds: Many Halloween traditions include gathering the seeds from a carved Jack-O-Lantern to toast in a warm oven. The snack is both healthy and delicious, and the addition of spices gives the humble treat a flavorful punch. Plus, roasting up a batch of pumpkin seeds is not only an annual treat, it's a great way to use up every bit of the vegetable.

To properly toast pumpkin seeds, remove all pulp and clean strings from the seeds. Place seeds in a bowl and stir in melted butter or olive oil and salt to coat the seeds. Spread seeds on a cookie sheet and bake in a 275 degree oven for about an hour or until the seeds are golden brown and crisp. Avoid overcooking as seeds can become hard and tough.

Prefer crisper seeds? Prior to toasting boil the seeds in salted water for about ten minutes, drain and prepare for roasting. Pumpkin seeds:

Pumpkin Sprouts: Pumpkin seeds can even be sprouted to use on sandwiches and in salads. Pumpkin seeds are a healthy snack as they are over 30 percent protein and are high in and oil-soluble vitamins A, D, and E. In addition, pumpkin seeds are rich in iron zinc and magnesium.

To sprout pumpkin seeds, place the seeds in a glass jar (Mason jars are ideal) and cover with water just to cover. Secure a piece of cheesecloth over the top with a rubber band. Soak seeds overnight. The next day, drain the water out and place the jar in dark area that is room temperature. Rinse the seeds in the jar at least four times a day. After a few days, you should see the seeds sprouting. Rinse them again and place the jar in the sun for a day or so until tiny leaves form. They are now ready to use as a tasty garnish or salad addition.

Pumpkin Hummus: Pureed sugar pumpkin adds just the right flavor to this hummus. To do:

Mix together in a food processor until smooth: two cups pureed sugar pumpkin; one 15 oz can of garbanzo (chi chi) beans; one tablespoon tahini, two teaspoons vegetable oil; one teaspoon cumin; one teaspoon salt; one eighth teaspoon cayenne pepper; one crushed garlic clove, and three tablespoons of water.

Adjust thickness by adding a little water if it is too thick. Makes two cups. Serve with pita bread or crackers.

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Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month (or whenever I receive enough tips for a column) will win a fab-

ulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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

Please don't sell me things

Several years ago, I was in the market for a new car and decided to visit a few car dealerships to explore my options. While I wasn't sure exactly what vehicle I wanted, I did know it would need a third row given my growing family and three young children. As I walked the first car lot a salesman noticed me looking at an SUV, and he eagerly approached to offer his assistance. "What's it going to take for me to sell you this car today?" he asked. I cringed. "I don't want you to sell me anything, but I do have some questions about the vehicle," I replied.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to be "sold" anything. Ask me what I am looking for, what options I value, what is important to me, and what questions I have. Educate me on features. Be transparent about pricing and list the pros and cons of various choices. You can even give me your opinion. Ultimately, I want information so that I can make my own decision. And this approach applies to more than just car shopping.

When it comes to the financial service industry, too many advisors try to "sell" things before understanding their prospective client's needs. Instead of building a relationship based on trust and value, their tactics focus on products or pricing. Are products and pricing important? Yes, but that's not where the conversation should start.

The primary role of a professional financial advisor is to understand each client's unique situation. He or she should understand your savings, cash-flow, income, expenses, social security, and risk tolerance. Together you should prioritize your short and long-term goals such as retirement, downsizing your home, funding a child's college tuition, or leaving a legacy for your family. Only after those discussions have occurred should product recommendations be given.

Often, the best financial advisors

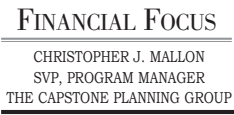
approach their practice like a doctor: Would a doctor prescribe a treatment or medicine before performing a series of tests? Not likely. They'll ask you questions, conduct physicals, check blood pressure, order lab work, and any multitude of other items. They'll present their findings and explain the pros and cons of various treatment plans. And ultimately, the patient will choose which route they want to take.

It is for reasons like these that an ongoing personal relationship with your financial advisor is so important. While the emergence of discount online investment firms may appeal to some, they typically lack this major ingredient -- a genuine client-advisor relationship. To shift your focus away from this issue, online investment firms focus on low pricing. Or, if your account gets large enough, an advisor (from their revolving door of employees) may try to sell you something.

The goal of a financial advisor is to identify client needs, not to sell things. Advisors should approach their job as educators and provide information. They help their clients make informed decisions. They craft financial plans and offer recommendations based on their analysis and findings. That is where the true value of a financial advisor is found -- not in products or price.

This article was actually written by the author, Christopher Mallon.

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While I focus on the positive, I'm a fan of the Strange, Dark, and Mysterious. Who doesn't love a good mystery? I'm dedicating a series to some unsettling tales for this year's spooky season. There's no better way to start than with the chilling phenomenon of blood rains, documented by the legendary Charles Fort.

Fort once wrote, "There have been red rains that, in the Middle Ages, were called 'rains of blood.' Such rains terrified many persons and were so unsettling to large populations that Science has sought to prove that 'rains of blood' do not exist."

Scientists have documented red rains caused by

sand and dust particles from the Sahara Desert. When strong winds sweep the desert, red sands mix with rain clouds, creating a reddish downpour. This phenomenon, known as "blood rain," is fairly common and has been analyzed to show high iron oxide concentrations, giving it a rusty hue. But what Charles Fort documented is far stranger. We're not talking about dusty rain, but actual blood-like rains—thicker, darker, and containing organic matter that defies simple explanations.

One of the most unsettling accounts of red rain comes from Fort's research on an incident in France on October 16 and 17, 1846. During this period,

a vivid, crimson rain fell across several towns, staining the streets, rooftops, and fields in a disturbing shade of red. Locals were terrified, describing it as if the sky itself were bleeding.

Scientific journals of the time, such as Comptes

Rendus, noted that the rain was so vividly colored that it looked more like fresh blood than mud or dust.

Two separate chemical analyses were conducted to determine the nature of the strange rain. One

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED

A nation of immigrants... or ignorance?

To the Editor:
I recently watched a video of Dan Rather interviewing rock group Kiss bass player Gene Simmons. Gene and his mother emigrated from Germany right after WWII. This is Simmons on America: "Everyone points to Israel, but the Promised Land is America. In America, Protestants and Catholics live next door to each other... in Ireland, not so much. In the Middle East, Arabs and Israelis don't get along... over here, everything is fine. The gift that America has given the world - I can't put it into words - there is a sort of a magic here that exists nowhere else in the world. I am embarrassingly patriotic about this country. The magic and the blessing that is America is that even if you are the sons and daughters of Nazis, you can come here and no one will try to kill you, and you can have all the rights and freedoms that native born children have... this is the Promised Land."
How easily we forget. What has made America great is diversity. We are a heterogeneous country - unlike most other countries, we are neither a single nationality, nor a single ethnicity. We have benefitted from a vibrant stew of cultures, skills, insights, and the creativity of people from around the globe. Just consider the surnames of American's best and brightest - Einstein, Fermi,

Edison, Salk, Pulaski, DuBois, Nakashima. Our immigration laws need revision to reflect 21st century conditions here and abroad. But that doesn't necessitate demonizing any one group, closing our borders entirely, or expelling people who are here and contributing to society - all simply for political gain. Trump and his white nationalist minions want you to forget what made America great in the first place. His policies will prevent ever making America great again.
Jews and Catholics warn against Trump's latest attack on religious voters: At two recent rallies, Trump told Jewish people that if he fails to win the election it'll be their fault. He made similar comments in a Truth Social post about Catholics. Now some religious groups are starting to push back by warning their people about political tests for religious people. But they are massively outnumbered by the thousands of churches and televangelists and religious radio stations that are blatantly and illegally promoting Republican candidates this year. This is expressly prohibited by IRS rules governing entities with a 'non-profit' status. The IRS really needs to enforce the law and revoke the non-profit status of these religious institutions!
After Trump blamed Democrats for incen-

diary speech that was the impetus for the failed assassination attempts, he said this about Kamala Harris: "Comrade Kamala", "she's"crooked, mentally-impaired, lying and stupid." Maybe Trump doesn't know what 'incendiary' means.
J.D. Vance was justifiably upset when the debate moderators fact-checked him on one of his lies: "The rules were you guys weren't going to fact check!" I'm a Republican... I'm supposed to be able to lie with impunity!
The New Yorker magazine just endorsed Kamala Harris: "The United States simply cannot endure another four years of Donald Trump. He is an agent of chaos, an enemy of liberal democracy, and a threat to America's moral standing in the world. Kamala Harris—who has shown herself to be sensible, humane, and liberal-minded—is our choice for the Presidency. At the National Constitution Center, in Philadelphia, a few weeks ago, the American people were able to see both the stakes of this election and the vast differences between the candidates. The right choice—the necessary choice—is beyond debate. The Vice-President has displayed the basic values and political skills that would enable her to help end, once and for all, a poisonous era defined by Donald Trump."
Conservative broadcaster Newsmax Media,

and right-wing television network One America News have settled their defamation lawsuits with election voting technology firm Smartmatic, for promoting false claims made by Donald Trump about voter fraud and rigged results in the 2020 U.S. presidential elections. The terms of the settlement, in Smartmatic's favor, were confidential, but purported to be in the millions. Fox has already paid \$785 million to Smartmatic. I wonder if Trump will pitch in?
To further prove John Cleese's postulate that "Stupid people are too stupid to realize just how stupid they are," we have the following from last week:
Our devoted Holy Hypocrite provided an uplifting bio of a female basketball coach, which somehow was intended to denigrate, by comparison, the life of the current Vice President - and future President - of the United States, Kamala Harris. Apparently, Harris, who grew up with a single, working mother- also known as "easy street" to HH - became an attorney, a criminal prosecutor, an attorney general, a senator, and a vice president because she "knows nothing about discipline and hard work." I guess when you live in your mother's basement, you could think that Harris has achieved 'nothing to compare' to being a women's basketball

coach. Alas, unlike our Holy Hypocrite, Harris doesn't support a misogynist, racist, demented abuser of women for president. So she definitely knows something.
Then, Damn bonehead, a local deep thinker, took issue with the warnings of a group of psychologists who, at the risk of their professional standing and reputations - are warning Americans of the peril we face if addle-brained Donald Trump is re-elected. I think that's called 'shooting the messenger.' Psychiatrists, not psychologists, must refrain from making a diagnosis without a personal consultation (the Goldwater Rule). One of these days, Damnbone-head will get something right... just don't hold your breath. He made no attempt to refute anything the psychologists said, because that would require a modicum of expository thinking, and ultimately, still prove futile. Taking time from his full-time job as GOP Conspiracy Czar, and Trump's Chief Proctologist, he did save his indignation with a slew of

pithy, pseudo-declamatory 'left wing blah blah.' nonsense, and my personal favorite, a charge that I "falsify, concoct and distort the news and its associated facts and truths". What... no communist/socialist assignments? As usual, he provided no examples to back up his brain farts. Must be too busy trying to wrap his head around Trump's bilious colon. Re his question as to how readers can conclude anything about Trump's lying and trustworthiness, from we 'two letter writing geniuses' - the answer is "You, and they, can't! If you don't know what Trump is by now, you are in the cult of stupidity - you don't read, you watch Fox, you have no ability to independently think or reason. So nothing we 'geniuses' write will make any difference. But we know that. We address ourselves to intelligent people, who may just lack the time to stay well informed. I, for one, simply enjoy seeing Cleese's hypothesis played out, over, and over, and over again.

*Rick Bevilacqua
Whitinsville*

The Nibi saga

To the Editor:
We all know far too well how WCVB-TV and its show "Chronicle" are so mercilessly used in support of Gov. Healey and every devoutly Democratic Party principle and candidate on a regular basis. Doing so right along with every left-wing idea that comes down the pike. Clearly, no journalistic integrity exists at Channel 5 - that's well-established.
Yet, any regular or occasional reader of the Boston Herald really has to wonder these days about that newspaper's alleged commitment to keeping people openly and honestly informed as to the facts.
How big of a fool does one have to be to fall, as Joe Battenfield recently did, for our Governor's duplicitous commutation of the death sentence that her very own administration had placed on Nibi the beaver?
We've all seen the ever-growing number of Healey relocated beavers that wind up as roadkill in our part of the State. Surely, somebody at the Herald must know of such things.
So is Joe Battenfield merely a dupe or is he a surreptitious supporter of Gov. Healey that is working behind the scenes to keep her in power just to then dis-

ingenuously denounce her and in the process sell more newspapers?
Maura Healey clearly left herself with no other option. She had to thwart the Judge in the Nibi the beaver case by some openly public means. Because Mass Wildlife personnel, along with other beaver experts, were about to testify against Gov. Healey along with her personal, left-wing brand of totally "woke" pseudo-environmentalism.
All of which and more is why our dear Governor has so recently become the most evil spokesperson of beaver preservation currently in existence. And why Healey had to demean herself by posing for photos with what she and her administration have legally redefined to be an oversized rat with an ever so cute, pickleball paddle for a tail.
Which then leaves us all to wonder about who the biggest political rat in our State is, Joe Battenfield or Maura Healey?
With it more than worth keeping in mind that Nature and Nature's God have far more wisely left Nibi the beaver off of that very same list.

*Stephen Gambone
Northbridge*

Is a better future worth \$1.50 a week?

To the Editor:
Fellow Douglas residents, I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you today to express my strong support for the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and to urge you to vote in favor of its adoption in our town.
The CPA is a vital tool that can help us preserve the unique character and heritage of Douglas that we all desire. By passing the CPA, we will be able to:
1. Protect Our Open Spaces: The CPA will provide funding to preserve our beautiful parks, forests, and farmlands, ensuring that future generations can enjoy the natural beauty that we cherish today.
2. Preserve Historic Sites: Our town is rich in history, and the CPA will help us maintain and restore historic buildings and landmarks that tell the story of Douglas's past.
3. Create Affordable Housing: The CPA will

support the development of affordable housing, making it possible for more families to call Douglas home and contribute to our vibrant community.
4. Enhance Recreational Facilities: With CPA funds, we can improve and expand our recreational facilities, providing more opportunities for residents of all ages to stay active and engaged.
Let's do the math. A little bit goes a long way.
How much will CPA cost? The average Douglas single-family homeowner would pay \$70.67 a year or \$17.67 on a quarterly tax bill for FY24. Here are some sample costs:
Assessed Property Value
\$200,000
\$400,000
\$448,492 (Average Single Family Property Value)
\$600,000
\$800,000
Less \$100,000

per exemption
\$100,000
\$300,000
\$348,492
\$500,000
\$700,000
Annual Property Owner Surcharge
\$20.28
\$60.84
\$70.67
\$101.40
\$141.96
Who is exempt?
• 100 percent surcharge exemption for qualifying low-income property owners
• 100 percent surcharge exemption for qualifying low to moderate-income senior property owners
• For all Residential, Class 3 Commercial, and Class 4 Industrial properties, the first \$100,000 of taxable property value is automatically deducted prior to calculating the CPA surcharge
The state contributes additional funds collected from fees paid at the Registry of Deeds, with a match rate of 21.02% for FY2024. Of

the total funds collected, a minimum of 10 percent must go to each of the three primary categories: Historic Preservation, Open Space & Recreation, and Affordable Housing. The remaining 70 percent can be allocated to any of these categories as the community determines, allowing for flexibility.
Are you willing to invest less than \$1.50 a week (for the average family) for a better future?
Passing the CPA is an investment in the future of Douglas. It will help us build a stronger, more resilient community while preserving the qualities that make our town special. I urge you to join me in voting Yes #6 for the Community Preservation Act.
Thank you for your consideration and support.
Sincerely,
*Becky Kalagher
Douglas*

DA hosts discussion on grief, finding support after overdose death



Courtesy

District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr., Washburn House CEO Dennis Bates, Peer Group Facilitator Deb Dowd-Foley, and Sully Roberts, Community Engagement Specialist at Veterans Inc.

SHREWSBURY — With a goal to support all families experiencing the loss of a loved one to an overdose, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr. hosted an event last Wednesday focused on grief and how to find support.

The event featured a panel discussion with Deb Dowd-Foley, a longtime peer grief support group facilitator, Cheryl A. Juare, founder and president of Team Sharing, Inc. a parent-support non-profit, and Dennis Bates, CEO of Washburn House.

"Each life lost to overdose creates a void of grief felt by the family, friends, and loved ones left behind," said Early. "We want all those experiencing this grief to know they are not alone, and we want to help them find the support they need through the grieving process."

The panelists discussed their own personal stories of loss and grief, as well as talked through the options for people to find support locally.

Before forming Team Sharing, Juare talked about grieving the loss of her first son, Corey at the age of 23, to overdose alone for three years before later meeting with a small group of six mothers who had also lost children to addiction.

"I finally realized I am normal. I finally realized

I am going to be okay. It was lifechanging," Juare said.

She also said the group rallied for her when she lost her second son, Sean, to overdose 10 years later.

"This community is how I survived the loss," she added.

Dowd-Foley agreed that participating in support groups was what helped her work through her grief after losing her 27-year-old son Brian to an overdose.

"I can't emphasize enough the importance of finding the support of people who understand what you are going through," Dowd-Foley said. "There was guilt and shame that added to the grief... All the whys. Why didn't I hear him come in? Why didn't I save him?"

She said that finding support, whether it be a grief counselor, Facebook groups, or peer support groups, was a huge help in grief. She also advocated for people to practice self-care, including journaling and meditation, and said doing what's right for you is important through the grief process.

"The courage of these parents who come here and say this is what's really going on, I commend

them. That is how we're going to end the stigma," said Bates. "The beauty of what we have here is community. The people here who've been hurt the most are also the ones who can help the most."

Grief support services referenced at the meeting included: Support After a Death by Overdose (SADO.D.), which can be found at sadod.org; The Sun Will Rise Foundation, which can be found at thesunwillrise.org; and Team Sharing, Inc., which can be found at teamsharinginc.org.

Early has been passionately committed to addressing the polysubstance use crisis, as well as trauma and mental health. In 2015, he formed the Central Mass. Opioid Task Force, which he renamed last year the Prevention and Support Network. There are more than 700 members in the network.

Cornerstone Bank announces retirement of EVP, Chief Information Officer Thomas Dufresne



Courtesy

Thomas Dufresne

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with locations throughout Central Massachusetts, announces the upcoming retirement of Executive Vice President, Chief Information Officer Thomas Dufresne.

"Tom has led the way to ensuring our customers have easy access for all their banking needs, using cutting-edge technology in a way that's always user-friendly," said Todd Tallman, CEO of Cornerstone Bank. "We appreciate his many years of dedication and hard work and wish him the very best as he embarks on the next chapter of his life."

Dufresne, who lives in Worcester, began his career at Cornerstone 27 years ago, a pivot from his early years working in the insurance industry.

"I wrote the first web page the Bank had," he said, adding that he is proud to have been part of the growth "that now has Cornerstone poised to move adeptly into the future."

Throughout his career, Dufresne was an integral part of the Bank's technological evolution. This includes major initiatives such as implementing, managing and troubleshooting a full Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), which allows voice calls using a broadband Internet connection instead of an analog phone line. He was also responsible for authoring IT policies, auditing internal systems and developing IT instructional programs, in addition to branch implementation and Enterprise Risk Management.

Dufresne also said that during his tenure, the Bank made it a priority to ensure customer information is secure.

"Finding quicker, better, faster ways to do business allows us to provide better services for our customers," he said.

An avid outdoor explorer, Dufresne plans to spend his new-found free time diving into the tranquility of nature, travelling across the country in a small camper with his wife. "I want to relax and be able to see the sky and the stars." He plans to fish, golf and visit family.

Dufresne said he will miss the Cornerstone family. "This is the best, biggest family business I've ever worked for in my life," he said.

About Cornerstone Bank

Cornerstone Bank was formed in 2017, born of a long history of supporting the community, and providing a strong foundation to help people and businesses thrive. Serving Worcester County, Massachusetts, Cornerstone Bank's local presence and community-based banking model enables a unique ability to deliver outstanding service, with a personal touch. Cornerstone provides the highest level of service and expertise for individuals, businesses, and community organizations with branch locations throughout Central Massachusetts. Cornerstone works to connect customers with opportunities, through a broad range of deposit and loan products, and services. Built on Trust is not just a tag line, but also one of our guiding corporate values. Whether a business or personal partnership, Cornerstone stands on the foundation that relationships are built on trust. To learn about Cornerstone Bank's personal and business banking offerings, please visit cornerstonebank.com or call 800-939-9103.

Local youth performers to appear in "The Nutcracker" at Hanover Theatre!

WORCESTER — Dancers from a wide range of surrounding communities including, Sturbridge, Auburn, Dudley, and Windham County, will grace the stage at The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts in "The Nutcracker," generously sponsored by Berkshire Bank, on Nov. 29 – Dec. 1.

Featuring live music from The Hanover Theatre Nutcracker Orchestra conducted by Eric Culver, this production of "The Nutcracker" will enchant you with dazzling lighting and scenery by Broadway designers, brilliant dancing and vibrant costumes.

Tickets are on sale now for Nov. 29 at 2 p.m.; Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.; Nov. 30 at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Dec. 1 at 1 p.m.

"The Nutcracker" is a two-act ballet by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky first performed in Russia in December 1892 and based on the stories of E.T.A. Hoffmann and Alexandre Dumas. The story revolves around Clara, a young girl who receives a nutcracker doll as a Christmas gift and then enters a fantastical world where the Nutcracker and other characters come to life.

"This is my 16th year as artistic director of "The Nutcracker" at The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts. I genuinely love working with all the dancers to put on a magical performance in front of our central Massachusetts community. I remember auditioning as a little girl for the Boston Ballet and the Pittsburgh Ballet at the Worcester Auditorium. It was a priceless opportunity, and I still think of that time every year we begin rehearsals for "The Nutcracker" at The Hanover Theatre," shared Jennifer Agbay.

Tickets to "The Nutcracker" range from \$39 to \$59 depending on seat location, performance and availability. Discounts are available for Broadway subscribers. Please contact the box office at 877-571-7469 or visit TheHanoverTheatre.org for more information.

Discounts are also available for groups of 10 or more. To learn more about group rates call 508-471-1689 or email groupsales@thehanovertheatre.org.

About The Hanover Theatre and Conservatory for the Performing Arts

Since opening in 2008, The Hanover Theatre has entertained more than two million guests with Broadway musicals, comedy headliners, music, dance and more. POLLSTAR consistently ranks The Hanover Theatre as one of the top theatres in the world. The award-winning historic theatre continues to establish its place as a world-class center for the performing arts, a venue for local cultural and civic organizations and a catalyst for the revitalization of downtown Worcester. The Hanover Theatre's facilities at 551 Main Street house function spaces, offices and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory.

The Hanover Theatre Conservatory (THTC) provides performance opportunities, classes, and individual instruction in theatre, dance and technical theatre and design to more than 600 young people and adults from across central Massachusetts each year. Established in 2016, the conservatory cultivates individual attention, ignites creativity and inspires confidence through arts education led by outstanding teaching artists. The state-of-the-art



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Bottom row (l to r): Jillian Benoit, Kora Reale, Raegan Spencer, McKenna Barrows, Josephine Porter; 2nd row: Julia Ashton, Jamie Ashton, Nina Browning, Victoria Buffone, Liam Barrows, Olivia Aucoin; 3rd row: Olivia Merrick, Ella Hurley, Alexandra Holman, Nadia Boitchenko, Jacqueline Murphy; 4th row: Kiya McCart, Alexis Savary, Clementine Doyle-Bouvier, Quinn McDowell, Olivia Schiavo; 5th row: Payyton Carpenter, Sarah O'Donnell, Kira Boitchenko, Lila Appling, Payyton Carpenter
Top row: Katherine Totman, Brenna Kinnes, Madison Rizzo, Morgan Soule, Finola Castiglione.

facility includes classrooms, rehearsal and teaching studios, and tech and costume labs for advanced education in stage craft and design. Students receive access to master classes with national touring artists and gain professional experience from performance opportunities with The Hanover Theatre Repertory (THT Rep) and on The Hanover Theatre's world-class stage. THTC believes in access to arts education for all and provides financial aid for those in need. Many conservatory students have continued their pursuit of the arts at institutions such as Emerson College, Boston University, NYU, Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Berklee College of Music, Hofstra University, Hartt School at the University of Hartford, Marymount Manhattan College, Syracuse University and more.

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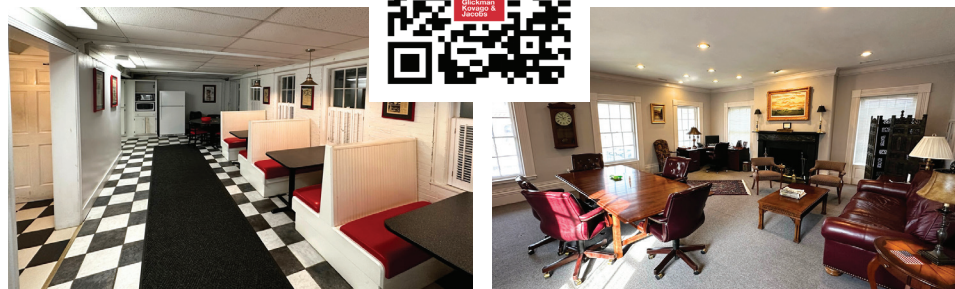
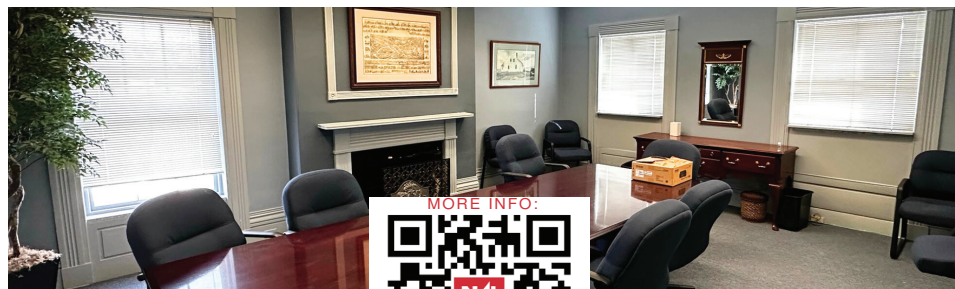
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Use fresh herbs to flavor holiday meals



Grow, harvest and season your holiday meals with fresh herbs grown indoors in a windowsill garden. Add to the experience by using potted herbs and a few holiday adornments to dress up the table. You and your family will enjoy snipping a few fresh herbal sprigs to season your meal to your own taste.

Include herbs your family likes, those that complement your menu and are easy to grow indoors like basil, oregano, parsley, chives, thyme, and sage. Purchase plants so they will be ready to harvest for the holidays. Many garden centers now carry herb plants year-round; some grocery stores sell them in their produce department.

Grow plants in individual containers or plant several in one larger decorative pot. Select a container with drainage holes and one that complements your table setting. Use a quality, well-draining potting mix when transplanting herbs into another container.

Place a saucer or tray under pots with drainage



Melinda Myers

Grow herbs that complement your family's favorite recipes and are easy to grow indoors.

holes to protect your furniture. Or double pot plants when using a decorative container that lacks drainage holes. Plant herbs in a smaller pot with drainage holes or set several pots in a larger container. Place pebbles in the bottom of the decorative pot. This elevates the inner pots above any excess water that collects in the bottom of the decorative pot, helping avoid root rot and the need to empty the water in the saucer.

Dress up any meal by creating an edible centerpiece with your herb plants. Set them on a decorative placemat to protect the tabletop and add a few seasonal items to complete your display.

Grow herbs in a sunny window such as an unobstructed south-, east-, or west-facing window when they are not decorating the table. Consider adding artificial lights if sunlight is limited and the plants have leggy stems and pale leaves. Keep the lights about six to 12 inches above the tops of the plants and leave them on for six to eight hours if supplementing the natural light. Leave them on for 14 hours a day, if this is the only light source. Set the plants on a reflective surface to help shine light back up into the bottom of the plants.

Avoid drafts of hot and cold air and water thoroughly as needed. Some herbs like

basil, oregano, parsley, and marjoram like soil to be slightly moist but not soggy while chives, thyme, and sage like it a bit drier.

Grow basil to dress up a pizza, salad, or soup with a few leaves. Add some oregano to season any tomato-based dishes such as pizza and pasta. Use fresh thyme to flavor cheese, eggs, tomatoes, and lentils.

Chives' mild onion flavor is great on potatoes, but consider adding it to soups, dips, seafood dishes, and omelets. Just snip a few leaves and cut them into smaller pieces before adding them to your dish.

Parsley is high in Vitamin C, and is often added to soups, pasta, salads, and dressings. Harvest a sprig at the end of the meal to freshen your breath.

Add several pairs of snips and let everyone add their favorite herbal seasonings to their meal. You may need to show your guests how to harvest and use the herbs to get them started. Let them know that harvesting the herbs encourages new growth for future use.

Make this year's holiday meals memorable. Invite your guest to enjoy the fresh flavor and fun of seasoning their meals right at the table.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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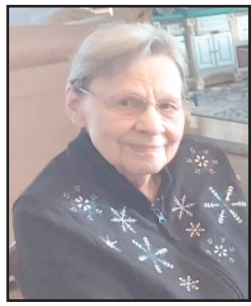
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Gladys V. Nydam, 95

Whitinsville - Gladys V. Nydam (née VandenAkker), age 95, passed away peacefully on September 30, 2024, in Millbury, MA, following a brief illness. She was born on June 3, 1929, in Whitinsville, MA, to the late Joseph and Hilda (Ebbeling) VandenAkker; and she lived a full life marked by devotion to her family and unwavering faith.



attention to detail that she brought to her home life.

Gladys was a charter member of Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church where she served with joy as a Sunday School teacher for many years, impacting the lives of many children with her kindness and teaching them the principles of her faith. Her commitment to her church community was a testament to her deep and abiding faith.

Gladys' interests were as varied as they were passionate. She was an avid reader throughout her life as well as enjoying motorcycle trips with her husband, exploring the New England countryside. Her grandchildren will fondly remember her as a wonderful grandmother, and someone who was unfailingly present in their lives. Her children knew her as a devoted mom, a very solid person in both strength and character. Her faithfulness extended beyond her family and church to every aspect of her life, and her legacy is one of unwavering love and dedication.

Calling hours for Gladys were held at Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church, 305 Goldthwaite Road, Whitinsville on Monday, October 7 from 10-11 AM followed by a funeral service in the Church at 11 AM. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial donations be made to Whitinsville Christian School or to Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Gladys was preceded in death by her loving husband of 56 years, Henry G. Nydam. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Maynard VandenAkker and his wife Irene, George VandenAkker, her sister Velma Williams, as well as her half-sister Heidi Williams.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and dedication in her sons, Paul H. Nydam and his wife Lila of Grand Rapids, MI, and David J. Nydam and his wife Rose of Alberta, Canada; daughters, Gayle A. VanderVeen and her husband Michael of Grand Rapids, MI, and Karen E. Conway and her husband Kevin of Douglas, MA. She also leaves ten grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren whom she loved and cherished. She leaves two sisters-in-law, Winifred Nydam and Joanne VandenAkker, both of Whitinsville as well as two half siblings, Rev. Joseph VandenAkker and Gertrude Vosteen plus many nieces and nephews.

Gladys's professional life included serving as a secretary at Whitin Machine Works and later as a housekeeper at the Whitinsville Retirement Home. Her work was marked by the same care and

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scientist reported the presence of "blood-like corpuscles" in the samples, while another confirmed that up to 35 percent of the rain's composition was made up of organic matter—substances usually associated with living organisms. This appeared to be no ordinary storm.

Despite these findings, it was dismissed as a natural event, attributing it to dust swept up from the earth.

Was it really blood? If so, where did it come from? No birds or other animals were found dead in the area, and no other plausible sources of organic material were identified. And eerily, this wouldn't be the last time such rains were reported in Europe, leaving a question mark that lingers to this day.

Take the terrifying incident on May 15, 1890, in Messignadi, Calabria, Italy. According to Professor Luigi Palazzo, head of the Italian Meteorological Bureau, something the color of fresh blood fell from the sky over this small town.

Naturally, the locals were horrified. Supposedly, this wasn't just a light drizzle—it soaked their homes, fields, and streets in thick, crimson droplets. Samples were quickly collected and sent to the public health laboratories in Rome for analysis. The result? It was confirmed to be blood. Human? Animal? The scientists couldn't say.

What could cause blood to fall from the sky?

As documented in Popular Science News, the official explanation was that a flock of migratory birds—quails or swallows—had been caught and torn apart by a violent windstorm high above the town.

But here's where the story gets even stranger: Not a single feather was found. No bird remains were recovered, and no witness recalled seeing birds struggling in the sky. It was as if the blood had appeared in the clouds, only to rain down on the terrified townspeople.

This eerie event should have been a one-time occurrence, but Fort's records show that blood rained again in the same town months later.

Twice, in the same location—each time with no sign of birds, storms, or any logical explanation.

Could some unknown atmospheric phenomenon cause these bloody downpours, or are they evidence of something much darker?

Whatever the cause, the tale of the blood rains remains one of the most disturbing and unexplainable mysteries in Fort's work. So, the next time you find yourself caught in a storm and notice something red in the raindrops—don't assume it's mud or dust. Look closer. You might be witnessing something that has terrified and baffled people for centuries: blood from the sky.

Toby Moore is a columnist, the star of Emmy - Nominated A Separate Peace, and the CEO of Cubestream Inc

Bay Path alumna on volunteering

CHARLTON — Edgine Pierre-Paul, LPN of Dudley exclaimed, "thank you for giving me the opportunity to volunteer." A dedicated LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) with 5+ experience in delivering quality care to patients in Sub-acute and long-term unit, Pierre-Paul is eager to utilize her knowledge and skills to provide exceptional care, and by returning to Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, she aims to inspire the PN Class of 2025.

Pierre-Paul has native or bilingual proficiency in English, French, and Haitian Creole plus a professional working proficiency in Spanish. The 2019 graduate of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy includes general studies: healthcare from Quinsigamond Community College in her academic background. The multi-lingual Bay Path LPN provides direct care, emotional, psychosocial, and mental health support to her clients at Brookside Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Webster since 2019.

In an email to Getheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director, Pierre-Paul stated, "my reason for volunteering is very simple. I figured it would be helpful to the students to meet someone who has been through the program. I've learned enough in 5 years to offer my skills and some knowledge."

Pierre-Paul's clinical experience as a nursing student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy included clinical observations at the Harrington Wound Care Center in Charlton. Wound care management is one among many of Pierre-Paul's skills which includes but not limited to Tracheostomy care & management, Intravenous care & management, pain management, and post-surgical care. Aside from



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Photo shows Edgine Pierre-Paul, LPN flanked by, from left, Professor Virginia Dockstader and Dr. Adeline Healy.

multi-lingual proficiency and skills competency, Pierre-Paul cares from the heart. Pierre-Paul added, "we need more nurses out there, so it was really great to see so many students. I gave a few words of encouragement to the students. I have also heard that volunteering allows nurses to practice and improve their communication and interpersonal skills."

While at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Pierre-Paul was an active member of the UNICEF Club, attended SafeTALK, and the Innovation Summit at Northeastern University in Boston. She was a district champion for SkillsUSA in Practical Nursing earning a Silver Medal. Pierre-Paul was also a nominee for the Clinical Excellence Award.

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Plummer Place Shuffleboard League has openings for a few more players. They meet every Tuesday at 9:00am. Call the Center to join this fun league or for more information.

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Medicare Healthcare, explained by Joseph Best, a licensed, independent Medicare agent, Tuesday, October 15th at 9:30am. Joe will be here to answer questions on Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Supplement Insurance, or Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. There will be a question-and-answer period following his presentation. Sign up in our main office.

The Blackstone Muleskinners Concert, Wednesday, October 16th from 1:00-2:00pm. The Professor on the doghouse bass, Don on banjo and guitar, Marty on harmonica and percussion, and the amazing Savory Crackers on guitar and lead vocals will be at Plummer Place to provide some of the best and finest back porch, roadhouse, foot stompin' music around central Mass. Sign up in the main office

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Age 9
Registration # 8542

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26523
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2024 Tax \$2,310.39
Assessed To ALL FOR ONE INC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.38Acres located and known as 30 MONAHAN DR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 510275500000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 57224 on page 342 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$5,555.30
Assessed To ANDREWS NATALIE

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.94Acres located and known as 155 WEST HILL RD shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 020146300000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 03083 on page 571 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$2,143.43
Assessed To ANIELLO DANAM

A condominium located and known as 4-C CARRIAGE PATH shown on the

Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 25042450004C and being part of the premises recorded in book 64396 on page 58 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$1,792.71
Assessed to BAKER MARIAN G & And SHADWELL JOHN J

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.519Acres located and known as 39 N MAIN ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 18B407800000
And being part of the premises recorded in book 45691 on page 254 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 SBETT 1 Lien \$13.40
2024 SBI 1 Lien \$6.03
2024 Sewer Lien \$172.90
2024 Tax \$918.03
2024 Water Lien \$59.79

Assessed To BANKS SHARON E & CHRISTOPHER R

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.25Acres located and known as 15 TAFT ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 18B385500000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67499 on page 335 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$1,432.96
Assessed To BLISS LESTER C

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1 Acres located and known as 110 S MAIN ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 250264900000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 15609 on page 091 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$1,365.05
Assessed To BOISVERT REALTY TRUST

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.5Acres located and known as 178 MILL ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 340474400000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 15808 on page 125 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$3,023.09
Assessed To BORIA ROBIN W

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.138Acres located and known as 11 KENNEDY ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 190394900000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 58109 on page 133 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Sewer Lien \$550.12
2024 Tax \$3,053.00
2024 Water Lien \$207.55
Assessed To BOWEN-GRIFFITH BE-ATRIX

A condominium located and known as 8-C PRINCESS PATH shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29022340022C and being part of the premises recorded in book 66742 on page 287 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$3,475.66
Assessed To CALDERON ENA V

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.25Acres located and known as 170 PROVIDENCE ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 510273300000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 54550 on page 130 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$3,097.18
Assessed To DARLING JESSICA L

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.23Acres located and known as 932 ALDRICH ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 520221600000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 58965 on page 357 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$4,728.72
Assessed To DECHESARE KATHLEEN A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.06Acres located and known as 222 POND ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 340181200000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 20563 on page 346 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$2,215.04
Assessed To DeMALIA MICHAEL A JR And DeMALIA JEANNE

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.06Acres located and known as 20 CONSTITUTION WAY shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 110463900000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60991 on page 239 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$8,857.95
Assessed To DUER LORENZ K E REVOC TRUST And DUERR LORENZ K E-TR

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.03Acres lo-

cated and known as 194 HARTFORD AVE WEST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 110453800000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 44438 on page 336 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$5,633.72
Assessed to ERICKSON CARL H And ERICKSON ROBERT B

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 7.1Acres located and known as 434 MILLVILLE RD shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 350133400000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 4035 on page 560 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$2,065.91
Assessed to ERICKSON CARL H And ERICKSON ROBERT B

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.2Acres located and known as 392 MILLVILLE RD shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 350045600000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 4035 on page 560 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$1,523.27
Assessed to FORTNA STEVEN JR & And BOLDENOW-FORTNA

EMILY
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.43Acres located and known as 74 SPINNING WHEEL DR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 300253200000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 51398 on page 80 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$2,031.33
Assessed To GREHOSKI SCOTT F & CHERYL ANN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3.14Acres located and known as 119 ALDRICH ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 450172100000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 15298 on page 108 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$1,917.94
Assessed to HANSON KIMBERLY & And GLODE ROGER W JR

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.16Acres located and known as 26 RIVULET ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 12C434200000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 52147 on page 287 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Sewer Lien \$1,809.74
2024 Tax \$3,767.47
2024 Water Lien \$611.79

Assessed To HEATH DAVID B & GAIL M

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.349Acres located and known as 125 BLACKSTONE ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 260021800000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 52485 on page 364 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$4,896.68
2024 Water Lien \$417.70
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.67Acres located and known as 55 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24B402500000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$605.95
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.3Acres located and known as 24 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 250258800000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$206.72
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.12Acres located and known as 31 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 250255900000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$259.69
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.19Acres located and known as 71 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24B404600000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$574.94
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1 Acres located and known as 45 ROAD BHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24B483500000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$563.31
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.01Acres located and known as 40 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 250331400000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$188.63
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.009Acres located and known as 80 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24B482800000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$188.63
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.36Acres located and known as 50 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24B403500000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$210.60
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.26Acres located and known as 81 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24B407800000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$204.14
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.06Acres located and known as 70 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24B405900000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$191.22
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.79Acres located and known as 87 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24B484200000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$239.02
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.14Acres located and known as 25 ROAD BHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 250334400000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$196.38
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.34Acres located and known as 24 ROAD BHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 250335700000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$583.98
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.01Acres located and known as 35 ROAD BHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 250337400000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$563.31
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.03Acres located and known as 34 ROAD BHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 250337900000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

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2024 Tax \$564.60
Assessed To HIGH RIDGE ESTATES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.3Acres located and known as 30 ROAD AHR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 250331300000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 67841 on page 313 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$206.72
Assessed to HOWLAND GRAHAM & And ADHAMI SHIRIN

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4.57Acres located and known as 15 BROWN TER shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 260176100000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67463 on page 86 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$129.38
Assessed to HUTNAK FRED And ATTN GARY M HUTNAK

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 10.95Acres located and known as 275 WEST RIVER RD shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 130072100000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 08188 on page 006 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$194.39
Assessed to HUTNAK FRED And ATTN GARY M HUTNAK

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 9.45Acres located and known as ERIC DR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 140187300000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 08188 on page 006 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$310.84
Assessed to HUTNAK FRED And ATTN GARY M HUTNAK

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.06Acres located and known as 2 MY WAY shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 070385800000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 08188 on page 006 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$3.18
Assessed to HUTNAK FRED DEVELOPMENT CORP I And ATTN GARY M HUTNAK

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.36Acres located and known as 409 EAST ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 410135800000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 10556 on page 396 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$9.09
Assessed to HUTNAK FRED DEVELOPMENT CORP I And ATTN GARY M HUTNAK

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 4.436Acres located and known as 105 WEST RIVER RD shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 140412500000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 17183 on page 189 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$31.01
Assessed to INDYMAC BANK FSB And C/O DE PAULA GREGORIO LUCCELIA

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.14Acres located and known as 145 HAZEL ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 18C339200000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 69671 on page 139 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$2,839.58
Assessed to KENNEDY JOHN H & PATRICIA M

A condominium located and known as 38 NATURE VIEW DR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 19011930038M and being part of the premises recorded in book 48708 on page 43 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$1,966.22
Assessed to LAMBERT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST And LAMBERT CHERYL A-TR

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.13Acres located and known as 373 RIVER RD shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 460443900000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 53500 on page 78 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$2,101.31
Assessed To LAMPIN CORPORATION
A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.09Acres located and known as 38 RIVER RD shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 450051400000

And being part of the premises recorded

in book 66844 on page 180 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$7,966.64
Assessed To LAMPIN CORPORATION

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.05Acres located and known as INDUSTRIAL DR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 450058100000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 68553 on page 356 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$2.45
Assessed To LAMPIN CORPORATION

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.146Acres located and known as INDUSTRIAL DR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 450054600000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 68553 on page 356 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$7.34
Assessed To LAMPIN CORPORATION

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3.08Acres located and known as 16 INDUSTRIAL DR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 450052200000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 66844 on page 180 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$8.48
Assessed to LETENDRE BRIAN A & And DOIRON ROBERT W JR & GERTRUDE

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1 Acres located and known as 641 HARTFORD AVE WEST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 220028600000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 36772 on page 160 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$1,870.45
Assessed To LYNCH CHRISTINE A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.01Acres located and known as 146 HUNTER RD shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 24D191200000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 45910 on page 206 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$36.02
Assessed To MICHEL RICHARD P & BERNICE J

A condominium located and known as 41 HYDE PARK CIR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 290392100410 and being part of the premises recorded in book 60092 on page 149 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$43.18
Assessed To NEUBAUER AMY E

A condominium located and known as 1 JESTERS WAY shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 29022340017A and being part of the premises recorded in book 20799 on page 210 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$764.74
2024 Sewer Lien \$3,386.48
2024 Water Lien \$276.07

Assessed to PENLAND VICTORIA A And PINCINCE ALICIA D & CHRISTOPHER

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.55Acres located and known as 375 HAZEL ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 230036800000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 52034 on page 365 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner AMARAL ALICIA D

2024 Tax \$3,457.74
Assessed to PERKINS ARTHUR A & SHARON And C/O WEBB JONATHAN & DIANNA

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.12Acres located and known as 31 DOUGLAS ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 18B478900000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 69912 on page 153 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$2,178.93
Assessed To RBRA LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 28.81Acres located and known as 53 OLD RICHARDSON ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 340375700000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 43371 on page 57 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$629.74
Assessed To ROSOL-DONOGHUE JO-ANN T

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.344Acres located and known as 383 MILLVILLE RD shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 350044800000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 25237 on page 217 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Sewer Lien \$961.72
2024 Tax \$4,146.03

2024 Water Lien \$351.44
Assessed To ROTHROCK AMY L

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.153Acres located and known as 7 HIGHLAND PARK shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 060432900000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 40102 on page 363 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Sewer Lien \$3,398.15
2024 Tax \$5,759.74

2024 Water Lien \$1,243.52
Assessed to SMITH BENJAMIN AND And FRANKSON NIKKI A

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.14Acres located and known as 9 GRAND VIEW LN shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 100243500000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 67337 on page 279 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$1,883.74
Assessed To SMITH DANIEL

A condominium located and known as 291-C N MAIN ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 12C35570000C and being part of the premises recorded in book 45626 on page 89 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$369.09
Assessed to SREEDHAR SHANMUGAVELU And SREEDHAR JEYALAKSHMI

A condominium located and known as 20 TEA PARTY DR shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 290305300200 and being part of the premises recorded in book 68546 on page 36 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$3,683.69
Assessed to STINSON WAYNE L & NORMA TRUST And STINSON WAYNE L & NORMA T-TR

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.25Acres located and known as 81 QUAKER HWY shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 300336200000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 44231 on page 391 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$2,283.36
Assessed to STONKUS FAMILY NOM TRUST And C/O MABEL LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.702Acres located and known as 19 BALMOF LIFESPRING RD shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 460424400000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 69249 on page 159 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$1,025.48
Assessed to UNITED STATES OF AMERICA And ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.99Acres located and known as 516 HARTFORD AVE EAST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 070243600000 and being part of the premises recorded in book on page in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Water Lien \$98.79
Assessed To WEST RIVER HOMES LLC

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 5.37Acres located and known as 284 MENDON ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 190247500000 and being part of the premises recorded in book 63572 on page 194 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$8,330.14
Assessed To ZOOK KEVIN L & LOUISA K

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1 Acres located and known as 136 HENRY ST shown on the Town of Uxbridge Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 200351100000

And being part of the premises recorded in book 59595 on page 320 in the Worcester Registry of Deeds.

2024 Tax \$6,030.63

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO24P3189EA
Estate of:
Nancy Ann Frieswick
Alson Known As:
Nancy A. Frieswick
Date Of Death: 06/20/ 2024
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner

Donald R. Frieswick of Northbridge MA

a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Donald R. Frieswick of Northbridge

MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties

are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

October 11, 2024

**(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket No. 24 SM
003265
ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO: **Bonnie Lopez**

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*)
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Northbridge (Whitinsville), numbered 84 East Street, given by **Bonnie Lopez** to “**MERS**”, **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.**, a separate corporation acting solely as nominee for “**Lender**”, **Residential Mortgage Services, Inc. and its successors and assigns**, dated December 5, 2017, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58144, Page 134, as affected by Modification Agreement dated August 4, 2020 and recorded with said Registry in Book 63687, Page 390, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before 10/28/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper,
Chief Justice of this Court on
9/12/2024

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
October 11, 2024

Public Notice
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP Boston Office)
Division of Wetlands and Waterways
Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26 - 53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for the Route 122 Culvert Replacement Project in Northbridge, MA by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – District 3, Highway Division, 499 Plantation Street, Worcester, MA 01604. The project proposes poses to replace a structurally deficient culvert crossing in the same general location and alignment.

Additional information may be obtained from BSC Group, Attn Diana Walden (1 Mercantile St, Suite 610, Worcester MA 01608; dwalden@bscgroup.com). Written comments on the 401 WQC must be sent within twenty-one (21) days of this notice to Heidi Davis, MassDEP Wetlands Program, 1 Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108; or heidi.davis@mass.gov.

Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department’s Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

October 11, 2024

Bay Path Academy Director, Executive Assistant learn about simulation and moulage

SPRINGFIELD — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director, Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN of Athol, (formerly of Dudley) and Executive Assistant to the Academy Director, Donna Pope, LPN of Southbridge represented Bay Path at the recently concluded Springfield College Mini-Sun Event sponsored by Laerdal. The event was held at the Health Sciences Center of Springfield College, Springfield, Friday, Oct. 4.

Dr. Doherty of the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions discussed advancing interprofessional collaboration through simulation-based learning. Other speakers included Dr. Gladys Fernandez of Baystate Medical Center on using quality and patient safety data to develop simulation programming, Dr. Chris Scott of Springfield Technical Community College on integration simulation, lessons learned from accreditation, and debriefing with video by Katie Maxie-Brock, RN, a SIMCapture Ed specialist. Participants had the opportunity to work with moulage



firsthand led by Jorge Yarzebski of UMass Chan Medical School Icelis Program,

Pope, a graduate of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Class of 2017, felt encouraged with the training. Pope was with the STDH Program at Center of Hope Foundation in Southbridge prior to joining Bay Path as the executive assistant to the Academy Director. She briefly worked as a Flu Clinic Nurse at Maxim Healthcare in Worcester. While a student at Bay Path, Pope was inducted to the National Technical Honor Society. She represented Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy at SkillsUSA District competition earning a Gold Medal and at State competition earning a Bronze Medal both for Health Knowledge Bowl. Pope is Mental Health First Aid Certified and volunteered for multiple events at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy such as the Admissions Panel Interview, Blood Pressure Clinics, and mentorship. She also volunteers for the Baptist Haiti Mission.

Courtesy

(Left) Pictured: Regina F. Doherty, OT, OTD, OTR, FAOTA, FNAP with Donna Pope, LPN.

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TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE PUBLIC FORUM

Notice is hereby given that a public forum will be held at **7:00PM** on **Wednesday, October 16, 2024**, in the training room of the new Fire Station Headquarters located at 1681 Providence Road, Northbridge. The Forum will address Articles 3 and 4 of the Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant, which relate to the site of the former Northbridge Elementary School on 44 Cross Street, Whitinsville. Article 3 will address demolition of the former NES building and Article 4 will address construction of a recreational park on the site. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the forum.

Adam D. Gaudette
Town Manager

October 11, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO24P3316EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Philip Andrew Feddema Sr
Date of Death: 07/13/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Philip A Feddema Jr of Uxbridge 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: **Philip A Feddema Jr of Uxbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/22/2024**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day,

action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 26, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 11, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO24P3252EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Scott D Van Houten
Date of Death: 03/03/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joshua D Van Houten of Framingham 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: **Joshua D Van Houten of Framingham MA**

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 20, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 11, 2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
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Docket No. WO24P3282EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate Of:
Brenda Mae Van Houten
Date of Death: 07/09/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joshua D Van Houten of Framingham 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: **Joshua D Van Houten of Framingham MA**

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 23, 2024
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 11, 2024

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
24 SM 003442
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Cortney Toland
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (*et seq*):
Flagstar Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Whitinsville (Northbridge), numbered 113 Heritage Drive, given by Cortney Toland to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Network Funding, L.P., dated November 4, 2022, and recorded at Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 68451, Page 377, and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

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Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on **September 27, 2024**.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
October 11, 2024



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the WooSox Foundation and Country Bank on Monday, Sept. 16, at Polar Park. A \$15,000 donation was made to the Worcester Fire Department Memorials Care Fund, a Worcester-based nonprofit that supports the perpetual care and maintenance of fallen firefighter memorials throughout the city and their families.

“At Country Bank, we are deeply honored to support our community’s police officers and firefighters through events like the Police vs. Fire Baseball Classic,” said Mary McGovern, President and CEO at Country Bank. “These brave men and women selflessly serve and protect, and it is a privilege to contribute to the care and maintenance of memorials that honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Our commitment to this cause reflects our ongoing dedication to strengthening the communities we serve and supporting the heroes who safeguard them.”

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