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Sheriff's Office creates "community of kindness" in Uxbridge

UXBRIDGE — During the week of Feb. 13, Worcester County Sheriff's Office staff visited Uxbridge to randomly distribute goody bags to citizens, who were going about their daily business, as a part of the Department's Random Acts of Kindness Initiative. For their second year, Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office celebrated Random Acts of Kindness week, this year falling between Feb. 13 and 17.

The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (RAK) is the driving force behind the holiday. The organization was founded during a mid-1990s summer when violence was at an all-time high on the west coast. Inspiration to start the organization came from a television reporter who noted that people should stop reporting on "ran-



Courtesy

Staff from the Worcester County Sheriff's Office deliver Random Acts of Kindness goody bags to the staff at Jumbo Donuts in Uxbridge.

Suspect charged after man, dog stabbed

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Police have arrested a suspect after an incident in which a man and dog were stabbed.

According to police, the male victim's injuries were considered "non-life threatening;" the dog is expected to live, according to reports.

The incident took place last week on Peter Street, police released in a statement. Uxbridge Police Officers William Ethier, Graeme Carlton, and Ryan Haney from the 3-11 p.m. shift responded to a 9-1-1 call "reporting a domestic disturbance on Peter Street."

"The caller stated it involved two male parties, one of them was allegedly suffering from a mental health issue," the Uxbridge Police Department released, adding that shortly before the officers arrived on scene, a separate 9-1-1 call came in stating "one of the male parties on scene was stabbed and that the suspect was still in the area armed with a knife."

When officers arrived on scene, they located the male party who had been stabbed, according to reports. The Uxbridge Fire Department was contacted and responded, and subsequently treated and eventually transported the male victim, police said.

"His injuries were considered non-life threatening," police released.

While Uxbridge Fire was caring for the victim, officers from the Millville, Douglas, and Northbridge police departments were "contacted and responded to assist searching for the suspect."

"It was originally thought that the suspect had barricaded himself in the home on Peter Street. During that time a 'shelter in place' call was issued to area residents," police said. "It was later confirmed that the suspect walked out the backside of the house on Peter Street, through the woods and broke into a neighboring residence on Carney Street."

According to reports, the homeowner from Carney Street arrived home, located the suspect, and called 9-1-1. It was later learned the suspect

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dom acts of violence" and "practicing random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty."

Evangelidis, correctional officers, community support center staff, and volunteers distributed more than 3,500 goody bags containing chips, cookies, candy, and water to lucky individuals they met at stores, public safety departments, bus stops, restaurants, or even just walking the streets of the county. By the end of

the week, Sheriff's Office staff and volunteers visited every Worcester County community to spread kindness and inspire a sense of friendliness in the cities and towns they serve.

This year, Tito's Handmade Vodka was the bag sponsor for the Sheriff's Office Random Acts of Kindness initiative. With the generous donation from Tito's,

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Fire departments offer winter safety tips

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Two local fire departments have shared tips and safety resources for residents this winter season, including generator tips and fire information.

The Douglas Fire Department recently released information about how to safely use a generator.

"We encourage you take a moment to review this if you use a generator when the power goes out," the department shared.

The department shared that the following eight mistakes individuals make when using a generator are "dangerous" and "common."

First, residents are encouraged not to use a generator in enclosed spaces, according to data and resources from safeelectricity.org.

"Always use it in a well-ventilated area," the resources read.

Do not use generators near windows or doors; place it "at least 20 feet away" from windows and doors, the organization shared.

Other common mistakes include using a generator in a garage or in the elements.

"Even if the door is up, never use a generator in a garage," the "safe electricity" organization—a nonprofit offering educational resources—shared. "Run [the generator] on a dry surface under a

canopy-like structure, but not in a carport."

Never use a generator plugged into a wall outlet, the organization released, as "this can be deadly" to family members, neighbors, or utility workers. Also, residents are asked to ensure they are using the correct extension cord with a generator.

"Use a properly rated cord to plug appliances into a generator."

Do not use a generator that is in disrepair; also, ensure that there are carbon monoxide detectors on every level of the home and "test them monthly."

Learn more at safeelectricity.org

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Public's help sought with revitalization of Manchaug Village "ball field"

SUTTON — Nothing brings back fond memories of childhood like the unsupervised gathering spot of groups of children of all ages. Manchaug Village, Sutton, has that spot in the three-acre plot of land, located at 7 Darling Lane, simply known by generations as the "Ball Field." This parcel, officially known as The American Legion Park, needs revitalization. Currently, the playground equipment is outdated, not meeting current consumer safety standards, the basketball court and softball field require maintenance, and there is no parking.

Sutton Recreational Resources, Inc., (SRR) a 501(c)3 organization founded in 2019 by local residents, has stepped up to lead this effort. With a mission of encouraging physical fitness for Sutton's youth by providing appropriate public recreational spaces, SRR successfully led the fundraising effort to revitalize Unity Park, 7 Boston Rd., Wilkinsonville, as well as Jacob Van Dyke Memorial Park, 5 Hough Road, South Sutton, slated for groundbreaking by the town in July. SRR is grateful for the financial assistance provided by local businesses, residents, and other charitable organizations for these projects, and is once again looking for community support.

With project costs for the American Legion Park of \$435,000, SRR has an ambitious fundraising goal of \$200,000. A 2023 grant from the Sutton Cultural Council of \$1,000, as well as preliminary fund-raising, has the



group on its way. The project is supported by the Town of Sutton, which has applied for a 50 percent project cost matching grant. Project information can be found at [www.suttonma.org/planning/pages/american-le-](http://www.suttonma.org/planning/pages/american-le)

gion-park-renovation.

This green space is the largest, open, public space in Manchaug—a 19th century mill village, named to the National Register of Historic Places, having most homes on small lots. Acquired in the 1940s by the newly-established John Mateychuk Post No. 390 American Legion Department of Massachusetts, Inc. for no fee from Joseph D. Bousquet, Sr. and his wife, Asterie, this property was intended to provide the returning WWII soldiers, who had given so much in service to their country, a place to gather with family and friends to make new, happier memories. Manchaug had two sons killed in action in WWII. John Mateychuk, age 22, Naval Electrician 3rd Class, June 1943, and Robert Manosh, age 21, Army Private 1st Class, April 1945. During Vietnam, the Village lost Dennis Benson, age 21, Army Specialist 4, December 1968. The Town of Sutton acquired the property in 2016 after the closing of the Mateychuk Post.

The park has succeeded in providing memories for generations. For all those living in the Village in the late '60s, Marquee event of the "Ball Field" has to be The Rex Trailer Show performing on an RV at the backstop and the community events which followed, including a greased pig contest. From summer recreation, to softball, little league, men's softball, soccer, basketball, ice skating on a flooded basketball court,

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Sutton's General Rufus Putnam Building to celebrate 200!!

SUTTON — The General Rufus Putnam building, located at 4 Uxbridge Rd., Sutton, will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2023.

To mark this special occasion, the Sutton Historical Society, which utilizes the building for the Society's

Museum, will exhibit memorabilia from the building's long history as a Masonic Hall, a town school, both high school and grammar school, the Daughters of the American Revolution hall, as well as the town library. Did you attend the school,

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The General Rufus Putnam building.

do you have photos of events at the building, special memories of events held there, or other memorabilia from ancestors who used the building you wish to share? A reunion of alumni who attended the school is also being planned for early June.

Please reach out to us at sutton1704@gmail.com or through our Web site, suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org, with items to share or if you attended the school. More information will be available on our Web site in the upcoming weeks.

The Sutton Historical Society will also host a presentation on the Nipmuc Lithic Trail with speaker, Joe Iamartino, from the Thompson, Conn., historical Society on Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. in the First

Congregational Church, 307 Boston Rd. This event is free and open to all members and the general public of all ages. Native Americans in the Nipmuc Territory surrounding northeast Connecticut, the Blackstone Valley and other areas, left tangible artifacts, called lithic structures, that can be found today in fields and woods in these areas. Mr. Iamartino will present evidence, photographic and from written history, of the purpose of these historic structures. Join us and learn what is hidden in plain sight in our own woods and fields. Updates to this event as well as our full calendar of events can be found at suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org.

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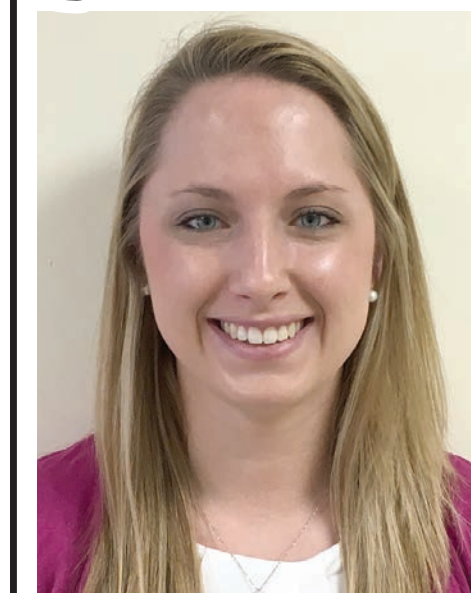


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Worcester State University announces Dean's List

WORCESTER — Worcester State University congratulates the following students on being named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2022.

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Blackstone
Dylan J Brown, Mallory C Hreczuch, Andre M Jarret, Joshua T Mirra, Brianna M Morin

Brimfield
Kayla C Archambault, Claudia A Gaumond

Brookfield
Connor E Dufault, Noah M Genest, Sairsha N Kurilova, Kelsie E Lucas, Jade E Menard, Cayleigh L Peterson, Jennifer Sutton

Charlton
Jake Beaudette, Natalie S Boutiette, Gavin M Briggs, Deven E Chaffee, Kiara J Dean, Gwen E Earnest, Henry K Fredette, Samuel K Gaudette, Marci R Giorgio, Sarah L Gosselin, Charles Hill, Zachary M Hill, Kayleigh M Irish, George S Kaperonis, Barbara N Kuria, Emma J Lanpher, Sydney M Lizotte, Sabrina M Lomax, Rhiannon L Mansur, Jonah J Messier, Jaelyn K Morrison, Casey E Mullaly, Jennifer Reynolds, Cassidy T Robertson, Kathryn E Ryan, Eliana H Singer, Elizabeth R Stone, Kyleigh Sutherland, Lyba Tariq, Julia E Terlizzi, Anthony T Zaleski

Charlton City
Kayla J Fitzpatrick

Douglas
Delilah M Boucher, Emily C Brooks, Nicole E Forget, Joshua P Gopin, Garrett W Grann, Hanna R Kearney, Ryan J Klenk, Santina M MacGregor, Samantha I Meech, Olivia M Muscatell, Amelia M Skiba, Hailey K Skowronski, Arouny N Souphida, Erin S Theroux, Harley L Westgate, Rebekka L White, Ethan C Whitney

Dudley
Amanda S Adamuska, Michalyn A Anness, Robin Awad, Greter Barcelo, Riley P Biron, Bailey T Bowes, Vanessa Corriveau, Alexis N Doko, Ashley B Harvey, Stephen E Humphrey, Kailyn J Murphy, Camryn M Ozolins, Abigail M Peters, Marissa Scopa, Alan J Sandring, Natasha M Taft

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Fiskdale
William J Bailey

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Leicester
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Milford
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State Police Colonel-Superintendent retires

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Col. Christopher Mason, Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, has retired after a nearly 40-year career in law enforcement.

After three decades as a member of the Massachusetts State Police and more than three years as Colonel-Superintendent, Mason's retirement officially took effect on Friday, Feb. 17, according to a press statement.

"Colonel-Superintendent Mason's dedication to duty and selfless public service has earned the respect and trust of his department and the community around him," said Gov. Maura T. Healey. "His decades-long career in law enforcement exemplified core values of integrity, fairness, and dignity, and we are fortunate to have benefitted from his steady leadership in Massachusetts. I am grateful for his service to the state and wish him the very best in his well-earned retirement."

Following his undergraduate studies at the University of Massachusetts, Mason's public service began in 1985 as a natural resource officer in the town of Barnstable, according to the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. Graduating from the State Police Academy in 1993 as a member of the 71st Recruit Training Troop, Mason began his career as a trooper, eventually earning the rank of sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and commanding officer for the Cape and Islands State Police Detective Unit investigating homicides, sexual assaults, and other violent crimes.

"For nearly four decades, Colonel-Superintendent Mason has demon-

strated a true commitment to protecting the public, while fostering supportive partnerships with local leaders across our 351 cities and towns," said Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll. "As a former mayor, I recognize the importance of those strong working relationships in making our neighborhoods safer. We greatly appreciate Colonel Mason's professionalism and dedication, and thank him for his service to our Commonwealth and the communities we call home."

Throughout his career, he was appointed to leadership positions, according to reports; first, as deputy commander of the Division of Homeland Security and Preparedness, he acted as director of the Commonwealth Fusion Center and supervising the Cyber Crimes Unit, High Risk Victims Unit, Identification Section, Fraud Identification Unit, and Anti-Terrorism Unit. He then commanded the Division of Investigative Services overseeing all State Police detective units and forensic personnel. During this time, Mason also graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, the Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Unit Commanders Academy, the Naval Postgraduate School's Fusion Center Leaders Program, and the master's criminal justice degree program at Anna Maria College.

"Each subsequent role within the Department prepared the then-lieutenant colonel and deputy superintendent to assume the role of Superintendent in 2019," a press statement from the Massachusetts State Police reads. "During his tenure, Colonel-Superintendent Mason

assumed an active role as a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, serving as a speaker and panelist for many discussions of modern policing strategies and police reform."

"I want to thank the Baker-Polito Administration, Governor Healey and Lt. Governor Driscoll, and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for placing their trust in me and providing the support and resources needed to promote public safety, implement meaningful reforms, and adopt transformative innovations that strengthen our ability to protect the Commonwealth and provide the highest level of professional policing to all Massachusetts residents and visitors," said Colonel-Superintendent Mason. "I also want to thank the members of the Massachusetts State Police for your professionalism, dedication, and exceptional delivery of police services across the Commonwealth. It has been my true privilege to work alongside you."

Under Colonel Mason's leadership, the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Council awarded the State Police full accreditation, according to reports. The department also advanced "several major initiatives to enhance public safety, implement meaningful reforms, and adopt transformative innovations."

Locally, the Grafton Police Department congratulated Colonel Mason in a statement on social media.

"Thank you for your 30 years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth," the department shared. "Best of luck in your next chapter."

Simon Fairfield Library book group meets March 14

DOUGLAS — On Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m., the Intrepid Readers of the Simon Fairfield Public Library, 290 Main St., Douglas, will discuss Joshua Slocum's "Sailing Alone Around the World."

Slocum died in 1909, and this book was published in 1956. He circumvented the

world by way of the oceans in a 34 foot sloop; the venture took him 3 years. All are invited to come. Books, audio books and Libby copies are all available. Call the Library at 508-476-2695 for more information. Home baked treats inspired by the book will be offered as well.

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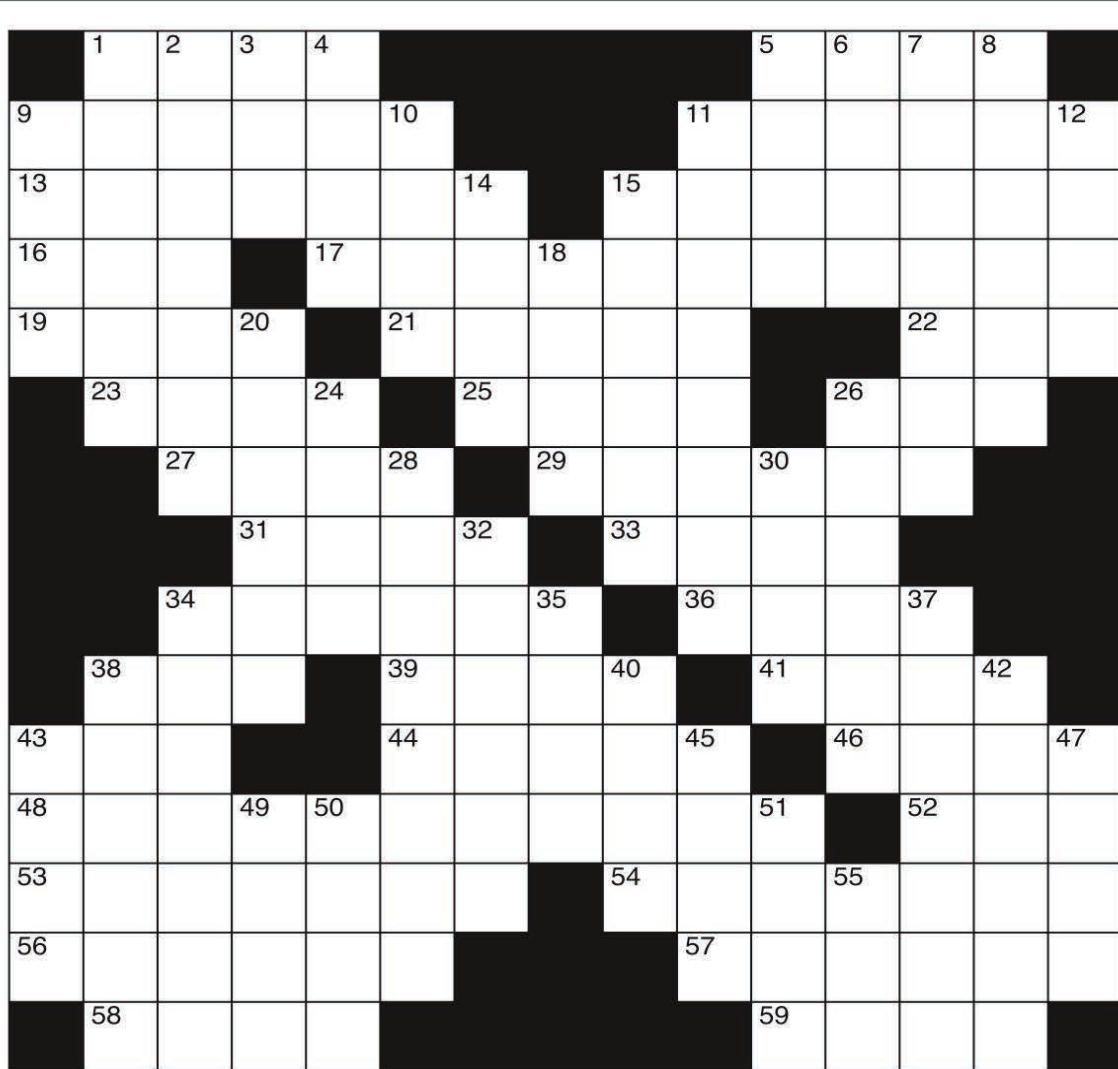
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- 23. Catch
- 25. An independent ruler or chieftain
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- 29. Illegally persuades
- 31. A way to derive
- 33. British School
- 34. Appear alongside
- 36. Surely (archaic)
- 38. Harsh cry of a crow
- 39. A day in the middle
- 41. Kansas hoops coach Bill
- 43. The longest division of geological time
- 44. The first sign of the zodiac
- 46. Appetizer
- 48. Link together in a chain
- 52. A bacterium
- 53. In a way, forces apart
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- 57. In an inferior way
- 58. Colors clothes
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CLUES DOWN

- 1. Gastropods
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- 6. Asked for forgiveness
- 7. Makes less soft
- 8. Part of speech
- 9. Outside
- 10. Advice or counsel
- 11. Badness
- 12. Protein-rich liquids
- 14. Not moving
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- 38. Chilled
- 40. Scorch
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Uxbridge High School honor roll

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge High School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

Editor's note: The school's second quarter honor roll from last year was mistakenly submitted to the Tribune for publication last week. The high school offers its apologies for that unintentional oversight. The correct honor roll appears below.

GRADE 8

High Honors: Ammar Alomar, Bradley Anderson, Iain Andrews, Connor Antobenedetto, Nicholas Arruda, Clarah Avery-Boyer, Aubrey Beland, Gabriela Belanger, Ava Cahill, Hadassah Calixto, Susana Casper, Isabela Chapman, Skylar Daniels, Foao de Souza-Rodrigues, Parker Dery, Miranda ElTurkamani, Ava Fenner, Daniel Ferreira, Alyssa Friis, Savannah Gasset, Nathan Goryl, Cameron Gray, Brian Guertin, Matthew Hicks, Jordan Hilgenberg, William Hinchcliffe, Samantha Huth, Lucas Jastremski, Brooklyn Kaferlein, Emrie Kling, Madison Labonte, Julie Lafontaine, Joshua Lavergne, Charlotte Lewis, Sydney Loissele, Mary Lowrey, Dominic Mastroianni, Adam Morrisette, Benjamin O'Neill, Mia Ouellette, Zackary Pelletier, Emma Peloquin, Lauren Pitner, Charlie Roy, Hannah Samolinski, Samolinski, Noah, Rachel Scott, Chawanvi Sillapachairuang, Maddilyn Silva, Caroline Simonds, Lelia Sjogren, Sarah Stark, William Stark, Gabriel Stone, Kai Torku, Kumani Torku, Samuel Weeks, Phoenix Zereski

Honors: Lilliana Ambrosino, Ava Bazinet, Addie Blood, Aubrey Bouchard, Blake Burr, Madison Cammuso, Alex Channing, Dolan Comforti, Aiden Costigan, Ashton David, Emma Frazier, Brianna Fuoss, Caleb Gaultz, Allie Gauthier, Olivia Gauthier, Mallorie Hallfelder, Ian Heim, Felix Harrera, Elaina Horgan, Brynn Hosley, Logan Lalakidis, Mathias Lalakidis, Ella-Mae Libby, Braelyn Matheson, Lilianna McClintock, Kaia Mollica, Nathan Oliveira, Caiden Pellegrino, Nicolis Polseli, Aidan Power, Annabel Smutok, Aryannah Vespa, Erik Ward, Madison Webber, Addison Whitney

Honorable Mention: Aaron Alves-Thomas, Sofia Denietolis, Ethan DeVito, Abigail Donahue, Charley Dorr, George Eissa, Benjamin Ferrage, Lindsay Genoa, Nathan Harris, Tyler Joyce, Amir Julien, Maxwell Kammerer, John Lannigan, Blake Oliver, Vibhav Patel, Samuel Plumer, Katherine Pratt, Frederick Romano, Benjamin Russin Jr., Gavin Scardino-Poillucci, Kole Silvestro, Lukas Tierney, Zachary Veneziano, Caleb Wallace, Drew Wilson, Benjamin Yoffe

GRADE 9

High Honors: Aidan Arsenault, Novelle Bousquet, Boyalla, Gaurav, Sebastian Bradwin, Lauren Cabral, Morgan Charbonnier, Kason Chludenski, Brady Esposito, Alison Fleming, Zachary Fortier, Kendall Gilmore, Lola Grube, Mazen Hamza, Ethan LaChapelle, Julianna Lopes, Daniel Mach, Brayden Mackin, Niamh McSweeney, Erin O'Day, Julia Okenquist, Keira Paul, Liam Powers, Jake Richardson, Jacob Rivet, Erin Roche, McKenna Savage, Andrew Tamsky, Eabha Twhig-Mann, Grady Walsh, Austin Walusiak

Honors: Alexander Aldrich, Ella Bain, Fabio Barbosa, Taylor Bettencourt, Amelia Blood, Malaika Cabrera, Carlos Cante Hernandez, Adriana Cugini, Hunter Douangsavanh, Heidi Doyon, Colin Dwyer, Logen Erickson, Sophia Freire, Caleb Gonyea, Lily LaLiberte, Cameron McIsaac, Migui Medeiros, Liam Ramirez Palmer, Cameron Savoie, Riley Spicer, Brian Stumpf, Jacob Tavares, Zachary Tilton

Honorable Mention: Jeremy Barry, Kaleb Chabot, Tyler Constantineau, Flood Jady, Joshua Fontes, Tyler Kavanaugh, Camden LaChapelle, Wilson Obiocha, Krish Patel, Matthew Perron, Alex Rivera, Emmalyn Romano, Jullian Rosenburg, Thatcher Sweeney, Zachary Turcotte, Cody Veneziano

GRADE 10

High Honors: Ali Alomar, Maria April, Elyse Bouchard, Victoriana Chapman, Sydney Daniels, Maxwell Deary, Rogan Devlin, Timothy Devlin, Bailey Dzivasen, Evelyn Ferreira, Katharine Fox, Lillyanna Gallant, Alicia Gauvin, Shane Gilmore, Addison Griffiths, Alyson Haley, Matthew Hinchcliffe, Sumeyye Koyuncu, Milla Mace, Macen Martone, Aidan Nolan, Darren Oliver, Danielle Olson, Natalie Orr, Brianna Pare, Olivia Pirrotta, Maxwell Roy, Stella Roy, Alanna Russell, Hunter Schiller, Dominic Silva, Rylee Spear, Michael Stark, Landon Sweet

Honors: Joshua Alt, Joao Fernando De Oliveira, Ewan Fortin, Dominick Genoa, Shane Guillelte, Thatcher Kling, Shawn Lemovitz, Abigaile Oliveira, Diya Patel, Bruno Sampaio, James Sanford, Colin Spencer, Caroline Usenia, Ashton Watt, Julia Wilczewska, Denning Yoffe

Honorable Mention: Hope Beroth, Catherine Buma, Jenna Devine, Jillian Dimo, Justin ElTurkmani, Briana Ferschke, Hunter Fontaine, Chase Henault, Hunter Levesque, Isadora Malta, Lily Ramage, Madison Silbor, Jack Sullivan, Jamal Uddin, Cassidy Westcott

GRADE 11

High Honors: Rylie Beland, James Bernard, Aidan Blood, Benjamin

Bourgeois, Kathryn Cahill, Braden Cammuso, Cameron Caso, Brynn Doherty, Syrianna Douangsavanh, Madison Fairweather, Olivia Gray, Oliva Holden, Catherine Hughes, Hailey Kinyanjui, Kellen Lachapelle, Grace Linsley, Jessica Lutton, Aiden Marquez-LeRoy, Sara Morton, Brianna Moss, Gage Nichols, Samuel Noel, Sean O'Day, Ella Pezzullo, Phetmany Phianesin, Phoenix Cooper, Avari Powers, Benjamin Roerden, Payson Roy, Lincoln Schiller, Christopher Szajna, Siobhan Twhig-Mann, Zoe Wojnowski, Elizabeth Yarger

Honors: Rosario Astorga, Mason Baptista, Dylan Bibeault, Luke Boisvert, Parin Boyalla, Ashley Brodeur, Emma Demers, Matthew DiLiberio, Jack Emmons, Luke Esposito, Andrew Flynn, Nathan Fuoss, Jalyn Gingras, Brianna Hughes, Samantha Jones, Cassidy Leach, Kamryn Leroy, Jackson Livingstone, Iris Marcello, Luke McCuin, Bradley Sadd, Mason Sanford, Matthew Thayer, Cheyanne Uvezian, Emma Walker, Brayden Wilcox

Honorable Mention: Alanah Allard, Thomas Costa, Veda Cotter, Carter Gilmore, Mar, Iacovelli Schweibish, Juliana Kumah, Kahlea Lachapelle, Elizabeth Lewis, Sophia Mone, Frank Osimo, Jack Phoenix, Liam Rigney, Joseph Romasco, Sebastian Soares, Samuel True, Victoria Williams Huth,

Lily Wood

GRADE 12

High Honors: Maren Anderson, Samara Barry, Lily Brayman, Kamryn Brodeur, Kelsey Brooks, Victor Cardoso-Collins, Julie Compston, Sophie Compston, Sean Costa, Joshua Cristina, Myah DeLang, Jessie DeMalia, Jason Fontes, Carl Nathan Gallawan, Tanner Gauthier, Evan Grube, Avery Guillelte, Samantha Hinchcliffe, Paige Irving, Tia Jacobs, Sameer Khan, Eleanor Kimball, Lex Lovell, Timothy Makynen, Patrick McDonnell, Isabella Nolan, Matthew O'Neill, Zachary Oliveira, Grace Orr, Morgan Ouellette, Alexandria Patterson, Kylie Paul, Julia Philbrook, Audrey Phillips, Olivia Phillips, Casey Prior, Tyler Richardson, Theodore Rigney, Makayla Ross, Aidan Russell, Abigail Sanches, Sadie Schultzberg, Meghan Smith, Troy Spencer, Jack Tasick, Sabrina Tibedo, Madison Tousignant, Braeden Watt, Megan Wingfield

Honors: Dominick Alicea, Katie Cullen, Domenic D'Araujo, Dylan Donahue, Logan Donnelly, Drew Gniadek, Briana Hawes, Colleen Kenny, Alan Mages, Trevor Masnyk, Edson Mendes, Chris Reid, Aidan Ross, Lindsey Vario

Honorable Mention: Emma Brothers, Anthony Fair, Christopher Lincoln, Tyler McIsaac, Laela Pendleton, Tyler Picotte, Kaydence Small

Our Lady of the Valley honor roll

UXBRIDGE — Our Lady of the Valley Regional School has released its honor roll for the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

HIGH HONORS

GRADE 8: Allison Horrigan, Natalie Johnson, Sylvia Lemire, Diana Pacheco, Elena Pacheco, Emmanuel Ramla, Jacob Vaidya

GRADE 7: Julia Colonero, Savannah Hendricks, Julianna Kay, Isabella Lima, Cormac O'Neil, Katelyn Siciliano

GRADE 6: Mikayla Elhosri, Reese Hendricks, Madeline Hurley, Luke Hutchinson, Laura Jordao, Teddy Pino, Gavin Pintarich, Thomas Rosborough

GRADE 5: Kathryn Britt, Peter Colonero, Allison Creighton, Zephaniah Fritz, William Horrigan, Emelia Tibbo, Emma Wickstrom

GRADE 4: Angelina Lucchetti, Joseph Podles, Felicity Walek

HONORS

GRADE 8: Trinity Cheshier, Parker DaCosta, Nicholas Gebarowski, Troy Hafers, Nolan Pinchuck, Abigail Siciliano, Cameron Vaidya

GRADE 7: Rebecca Daly, Isabella Kay, Addisyn McCrohan, Ishani Patel, Sarah Pomeroy, Lile Twhig-Mann, Emmaline Walek, Lillian Wickstrom

GRADE 6: Isabella Bardon, Lily Bolender, Dylan Gallagher, Zachary Hafers, Emily Johnson, Brynn Kent, Albert Lucchetti, Leo Pino, Eleanor Susienka

GRADE 5: Matthew Auger, Anthony Baldwin, Charlee Bellefeuille, Cameron Berger, Nolan Calnan, Gavin Chapman, Andrew Gebarowski, Aimee Talbot, Molly Till, Nathan Weed

GRADE 4: Jacob Carter, Abigail Cook, Maddox Devaney, Catalina Goncalves, Caelyn Kent, Sophia Pica, Liam Roy, Graeme Pintarich





Hi! My name is Aiyanna and I like yoga, watching movies and I am an amazing dancer!

Aiyanna, of Caucasian descent, has red hair and freckles! She is caring, has a great sense of humor, is creative, and is very inquisitive. She likes gymnastics, swimming, and imaginary play. As of fall 2022, she entered the 11th grade at her current program. Aiyanna has been on the honor roll and also on school council in the past. She does very well in school when she is focused. Resilient, Aiyanna wants a loving family that will help her be successful despite her past trauma. Although very sociable, peer influence can have a significant impact on Aiyanna's behaviors. She has made much improvement in this area and has learned to be a strong advocate for herself.

Freed for adoption, Aiyanna would do well in a family with 1 or 2 female caregivers or a mom and dad family with older children or no other children in the home. She has asked for her own bedroom, would like a home with a small dog, and would like to live in the city. Aiyanna will thrive on one-on-one attention, structure and routine in her new family. She will need much love and guidance in her new home. Aiyanna would like to maintain in-person visits with her brother who lives in western MA as well as other forms of regular contact. Her social worker would welcome someone who could be a visiting resource to her until an adoptive family is found.

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

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





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DA to host 15th Student Wellness Conference

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — For the 15th year, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., will host his annual Student Wellness Conference.

This year's program is set for Wednesday, May 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Anna Maria College.

The goal of the program is to promote good decision-making and healthy choices for the hundreds of middle school and high school students throughout Worcester County who attend each year.

"We want students to form healthy habits early in life, so when faced with adversity, they can persevere and make the right judgment, whether it be around drugs and alcohol or peer pressure and crime," Early said. "We have seen juvenile delinquency rates decrease by 79 percent since 2007, and that is in part due to community outreach prevention programming and intervention work."

The 2023 event will feature keynote speaker Eric Daddario, who will talk to students about the importance of making positive choices and having open conversations about struggles. He will address the daily social pressures and stigmas students face, sharing real-life examples of both healthy and unhealthy decisions that his younger brother, Brendan, made when growing

up, including the effects of substance use and addiction.

The nonprofit organization Song for Charlie will also attend the conference and address the prevalence and dangers of counterfeit prescription pills being sold online to young people. Members will equip students with several helpful strategies and provide research tools to promote peer-to-peer learning.

The conference originally focused

on preventing underage drinking, but it has expanded significantly over the years to touch on a wide variety of health and wellness topics.

The event will also include a resource fair with numerous community organizations.

The conference is free and open to all middle school and high school students and their adult chaperones in Worcester County. The conference

is especially helpful for students in advance of major events like graduation parties and summer festivities, officials said.

Pre-registration is required for students to attend the program.

If you have questions about the event, or if you would like to obtain information on how to register, please send an email to Ellen Miller at ellen.miller@mass.gov.

BVAA Teen Art Show open to the public

REGION — The Blackstone Valley Art Association is sponsoring the 2023 Teen Self Expression Art Show — this art show is open to the public!

All styles of teen-created family-friendly artwork are warmly welcome. Participation is free, and is open to the public. The show is open to any person who is a teenager (aged 13-18). Each participant may exhibit up to three pieces of artwork. These will be judged for cash prizes.

The show is completely free to enter. The artwork can be on any theme and in any medium. We have glass cases in which we can display sculptures and pottery. Please check out our Show Terms and Conditions

online. Note that some of the conditions about framing and wiring do not apply to this show. If you simply wish to bring in 5x7 printed photos or artwork, that is fine. We can handle matting those for you. If you wish to bring in other forms of art that are framed and/or ready for display, that is fine too. Ask with any questions.

We should also make sure everyone sees this section of the terms: "Works submitted to the BVAA must be original work created by the submitting artist. All entries must contain copyright-free material or material released with consent from the original source. Unauthorized use of any copyrighted images, text, or

other material will not be accepted." We know teens love to copy online art and to represent favorite movie characters. For legal reasons, this show needs to feature original art only.

To submit your entries, use our BVAA Online Submission Form. The deadline to submit is 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 4. Work should be dropped off at the Open Skies Gallery at 5 S. Main St. Uxbridge by Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All work which is brought in will be hung (as long as it is family-friendly). If you can't make it by Saturday, contact us and we'll arrange a later drop-off for you. We hang the show on Wednesday, March 8.



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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR The absurdity of "systemic racism"

To the Editor:
What I believe. Feel free to disagree. Time to be an American Realist.

Have you taken a moment to think about what it means to believe that America is a systemically racist nation? It means you believe that some people cannot ever win. The system is rigged against them, all the rules are written in a secret code that they can never figure out, and they will fail every time. What is left but to tear down the entire country?

This may be a good time to think about what other country provides the best protections for freedom, and the most educational and job opportunities for all of its people because you may have to move there. Go ahead, if you must, but right now, there is no country on earth that exceeds the U.S.A. Taxpayer funded.

Did you know that if African Americans were a separate nation, they would be the 15th wealthiest nation in the world? A tie with Germany, ahead of Sweden.

The falsity and absurdity of the idea of "systemic racism" and teaching it to children is best demonstrated by Leonydus Johnson, author of the podcast "Informed Dissent." He said: "Imagine if a football coach spent the majority of his time telling his kids the game is rigged and teaching them about all the bad calls the refs have ever made, instead of teaching them games strategy, skills, techniques, endurance, etc. Is he setting his kids up for success or failure?"

We know the answer. They have only learned to complain and be helpless. That encapsulates the bogus theory of systemic racism and critical race theory. These "theories" - and I use the term advisedly - help no one improve his or her math or science scores or learn a trade or get a job or contribute to our nation. It teaches them one thing: to be street activists or kneelers like Colin Kaepernick.

How do African Americans ever make it to the Olympics, to medical school, to the NBA, the Supreme Court or to the Super Bowl with this kind of attitude? Only losers advocate this hopeless thinking. It's called Loser Woke Culture.

Here is what Malcolm X said in 1963. Yes, I am quoting Malcolm X, a radical advocate for African Americans. [Please note: Malcolm X used a different term to refer to African Americans in 1963. The term was not considered offensive then. Nevertheless, I have replaced the term with African American here.] He

said: "The worst enemy that the African American has is this white man that runs around here... calling himself a liberal, and it is following these white liberals that has perpetuated problems that African Americans have. If the African American wasn't taken, tricked or deceived by the white liberal, then African Americans would get together and solve our own problems. I only cite these things to show you that in America, the history of the white liberal has been nothing but a series of trickery designed to make African Americans think that the white liberal was going to solve our problems. Our problems will never be solved by the white man."

The late Walter E. Williams, Professor of Economics at George Mason University, wrote about Malcolm X: "Malcolm X was absolutely right about our finding solutions to our own problems. The most devastating problems that black people face today have absolutely nothing to do with our history of slavery and discrimination. Chief among them is the breakdown of the black family, wherein 75 percent of blacks are born to single, often young, mothers. In some cities and neighborhoods, the percentage of out-of-wedlock births is over 80. This is entirely new. As late as 1950, female-headed households constituted only 18 percent of the black population." No Dad in the home, and gangs take over.

Remember, since abortion became a federal "right" in 1973, 63 million Americans have been aborted, one-third of them African Americans. This fact has suppressed African Americans to 12 percent of the overall population instead of becoming 25 percent. Only Planned Parenthood, Democrats and the KKK could think up such an evil scheme.

Signed, your local patriotic insurgent and realist,

*Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge*

P.S.: From Wikipedia, the free Encyclopedia: "Antifa is a left-wing anti-fascist political movement and consists of a decentralized array of groups that use both nonviolent and violence to achieve their aims... They hold anti-authoritarian, anti-capitalist views... A majority are anarchists, communists and socialists... The group sprang up after the election of President Trump, primarily in the Pacific Northwest." Wikipedia must be a Fake encyclopedia.

The smoking gun....

To the Editor:
Fox hosts just admitted what legions of honest Americans couldn't manage to convince their audience - they are liars, more interested in making money and getting ratings than promoting any semblance of the truth.

"Carlson and Hannity were incensed that Fox News White House correspondent Jacqui Heinrich fact-checked a Trump tweet that included false claims about Dominion. There is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes or was in any way compromised," Heinrich wrote in a tweet.

"Please get her fired. Seriously... What the [expletive]?" Carlson texted Ingraham and Hannity on Nov. 12, 2020. "It's measurably hurting the company. The stock price is down. Not a joke."

What these revelations demonstrate beyond question, is that from Murdoch on down, the Fox apparatus prizes ratings above all else, and in their greed will readily trash the truth night after night. They know that they're lying, and they just don't care. Just as evidence in a crime is considered 'fruit of the poisonous tree' if gathered without a warrant, anything that Fox airs now, or has in the past, is fruit of their poisonous tree, and cannot be given credence. The good news for me is that I no longer have to spend hours correcting the 3rd grade homework papers submitted by our humble correspondent, which by her own admission, were ripped from the headlines of Fox News. Hallelujah...free at last... free at last!

His anecdotes aside, I disagree with BVT's Editor - we do have a political divide. Maybe 'chasm,' or abyss, is a more appropriate description. The political divide is not only in the vision we have for America, it is also in how we engage in the debate. On one hand, we have the Republican/Libertarians who want to remove the government from the business of helping all of its citizens. It is simply class warfare in disguise. The rich need nothing from government but tax breaks. They want the government to support the military, and then butt out - no regulations, no environmental concerns, no workplace rights, no health care benefits etc., nothing to inhibit their 'liberty' to practice capitalism as they see fit. A full list of the Libertarian 'principles' - their manifesto - is available on-line. You need to read it. The Koch network is the money behind everything now described as 'conservative' or 'right-wing'. One of their 'principles' - the elimination of social

security, Medicare and Medicaid - is now being test-marketed out in the open, with the expected results. The political divide is essentially between those that want to push America back to the days of the robber barons - the days before unions, before corporate benefits, before the 40-hour work week, before the minimum wage, before social security, before equal rights, before voting rights - and those who want to make America more fair, more free, more just, and more inclusive, for all its citizens. You know, that 'Christian' thing I keep hearing touted by conservatives. The political divide is not a myth, and neither is class warfare.

As for how we engage in the debate, since they espouse a political platform that, if acknowledged openly, would never get them elected, Republicans are employing the "Look...over there!" gambit, a diversionary strategy that has given rise to the second of the divides - the cultural divide.

Apparently, the Editor is unaware that a manifestation of the cultural divide - a veritable Festivus airing of right-wing cultural grievances - is flogged every week in his own newspaper, in its usual position of prominence above the fold. It pains me, but I have to agree with the 'humble correspondent' on this one - there is a cultural divide. My disagreement comes from her statement "we are under attack in a left-wing culture war we didn't start and never wanted to fight". So I ask: who is against gay men marrying?; who is against trans athletes competing?; who is against drag queen story hour?; who is against the bodily rights of women?; who is against CRT; who is banning books? Get my point? "Most Americans just want to live their lives in freedom and peace", says Sarah Huckabee Sanders. She left out the fact that she and the rest of the conservative bigots would define 'freedom'. Republicans have created and nurtured this vitriolic set of cultural 'issues', to keep the base stewing in their own fears and prejudices, while remaining unaware of what is being stolen from them in the shadows of the political divide. Supremely duplicitous, but quite ingenious, I must admit.

Like Chicken Little, we are inundated with constantly imagined, amplified, distorted, and 'ripped from the headlines', socio-cultural crises, including but not limited to open borders, abortion, the gender of M&Ms, vaccines, school books, climate change, defunding police, anti-

Old Fashioned Tried and True Gardening Tips



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

This year's long awaited seed catalogs are in! Whether you pore over paper catalogs or peruse seed websites, this is the time of year backyard gardeners are itching to get their hands into some soil. If you start seeds indoors, or prefer to wait to transplant commercial seedlings, this week's column, which features highlights old fashioned gardening tips, offers a head start on making the gardening chores ahead go a little smoother.

Seed Sense: Hard shelled seeds do not always germinate properly. But you can aid the germination process by making an x cut in the hard seed with a sharp knife. Or, to speed germination in without breaking the surface, try soaking hard shelled seeds overnight in water.

Corn Caper: Garden experts recommend this clever method to get a jump start on germinating corn: Place corn seeds in a wet paper towel, and fold over towel, covering the top and bottom of the seeds. Allow to pre-sprout. As a bonus, corn seed treated this way is less likely to rot in cold soil.

To Sprout or Not to Sprout: If you are using last year's seeds, you can easily test the package by viability this way: Wrap a few of the seeds in a moist paper towel and then into a ziplock bag to keep the towel from drying out. Keep it at room temperature and within a week most of the seeds should sprout. If they don't, toss out the old seed package.

Sowing Seeds: Many veteran gardeners mix fine seeds in sand or very loose potting soil to allow for even seed distribution. Just make your row and drizzle the seed evenly. And, when you are planting dark seeds, you can better see where you're sprinkling them if you sprinkle some flour into the package and shake it up for even sowing.

Chill Out: Do you have leftover garden seeds? If so, they will likely sprout again next year if you store them in the refrigerator in a tightly closed jar with a packet of silica gel. The gel packets can be recycled from vitamin bottles or new shoe boxes, etc.

Stamping Out Damping Off Disease: Damping off disease, which causes seedlings to die from fungi, is a gardener's nightmare. Here is a tip to prevent the common plant plague: Since fungus thrives in moist conditions, a seedling bed provides the perfect source of growth. But you can up the odds of beating damping off disease by watering this way: Thoroughly saturate the soil and then do not water again until the soil is dry but before plants begin to wilt. This procedure keeps the soil dry for the longest time possible without killing the plants. Frequent sprinkling promotes fungal growth.

Flower bulbs are now plentiful at large garden centers. But, bulbs sold at such places are a bargain only if you know how to avoid poor quality bulbs. Here are some tips:

- * Bulbs should feel solid and heavy. If they are light, they may be dried out.
- * Avoid bulbs with discolored, dark, or moldy spots.
- * Make sure there are no holes or other signs of insect damage on bulbs.
- * Pick over bulbs that have sprouted; it is better if they grow roots first.

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

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

EDITORIAL

Approaching wellness through service

At a time when our country seems more divided than ever, and tempers are quick to flare over such hotbed issues as border wars, gun control, human rights violations and climate change, it's become increasingly common to hear our peers speak of strange times and an undefined feeling of malaise. Interpersonal violence has been on the rise, and an overall sense of disconnectedness has led many to feel isolated and fearful.

The international playing field seems full of land mines, and each day brings unpredictable media headlines. As the national stage normalizes disrespect of others and that behavior seeps into everyday interactions, it becomes more necessary than ever for all of us to practice goodwill toward others.

The opioid epidemic touches a growing number of families. Many people hide behind their social media personas; quick to fire volatile opinions they would otherwise be unable to say in face-to-face interactions.

We hear that climate change isn't real, while also being told that a mass extinction is underway and life as we know it will end in 30 years. Every day, we send our children to school, secretly questioning if they will be safe.

Some days, the problems of the world feel insurmountable. While there is no simple one-solution approach to the issues swirling around us, sometimes the best way to make sense of the world is simply by helping others.

Rosalynn Carter summed it up best when she said, "Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place."

Volunteering provides countless benefits to both the giver and the recipient. Uplifting others, even something as simple as making another person smile, can change the path of an entire day if not a life.

We are well aware of the gift of service and how it benefits others who may be less fortunate. But we do not often consider the impact volunteering can have on our well-being.

As we each consider our path to wellness, we would be wise to include community engagement alongside cardio and strength training. Research has shown that volunteering not only increases self-confidence and combats depression, it also helps us stay physically healthy and lowers mortality rates.

Through community service, we form tangible bonds with others, and our social and relationship skills improve. And just maybe, each charitable act we perform will help offset that malaise that hangs in the air.

As the civil rights leader Dorothy Height once said, "Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop."

Letter submission policy

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

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.



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Hunting for antlers

With February almost over, we continue to have extremely favorable weather to do outside activities which are normally done in March or April. There are some hunting activities like coyote hunting, and a few have been extremely successful in harvesting a few of these predators locally. Even though hunters are harvesting some coyotes, the pack will replace them in a year or two. Coyotes are here to stay! Keeping a close eye on your pets all year long will ensure your pets to live a long happy life.

Another pastime that hunters and non-hunters are enjoying at this time of year is deer antler hunting! Some hunters have trained their dogs to find shed antlers, and they are really easy to find with the absence of snow. Squirrels, rodents, and other wildlife eat them, often making



This week's picture shows Steve with a couple of nice rainbow trout he caught last week at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club.



the antlers less valuable. Hunters make some really impressive knife handles, while others make some real nice jewelry with them. Indians often made some really impressive jewelry with deer antlers for years. If you own a dog, they can be taught to find and retrieve them, making

the hunt even more fun. Some dog owners give the antlers to them to chew on, but I do not recommend it. They can easily splinter, causing major problems for your pet. The late doctor and vet Martin Fenzell of Douglas told me many times not to give bones of any kind to my pet, because they can become lodged in their stomach or intestines, causing major problems. Pig ears and other animal bones sold in stores should not be given to you dogs.

This weekend, the Eastern States Sportsmen's show will be held at the Big E in West Springfield Mass. It is the largest show of its kind in the whole Northeast. From Feb. 24-26, sportsmen will flock to the show to view the latest in fishing gear, and to attend some of the seminars. They will also chat with guides from around the world, and hopefully make a booking for a once in a lifetime trip. Charter boat captains will also be on hand to help you book your next trip to the ocean or the great lakes in upstate New York. Geoffrey English is a professional dog trainer and will have some of his dogs at the show, and will also have demonstrations of his dogs showing the results of his training capabilities. A trout pond will also be set up at the show for youngsters to try their luck at catching a live trout, which for many is their first introduction to fishing!

The Rhode Island Saltwater Fishing Show will be held on March 10 -12 at the Rhode Island Convention Center Providence Rhode Island. Show hours are Friday 1-8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The show has more than 300 booths with the latest fishing tackle, boat captains' seminars, etc.! If you fish the saltwater, you need to attend this show. Check out the show at their website for more information at risaa.org Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Latest antiques, collectibles, and auction news



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There's been plenty of antique and collectibles news since my last update, starting with some local news. The

Brimfield Antique Show is held on fields that run for about a mile along Route 20. Those fields are owned by 16 individuals and one of the largest fields, the New England Motel, just changed hands. MassLive reports that Adam J. Skowrya of Brimfield, his brother Joshua M. and father Leslie M. Skowrya purchased the property from John K. Doldoorian and Robert Doldoorian.



The Doldoorians year to help the business. The will stay on for a new owners learn New England

Motel can accommodate 400 dealers and the large food court at the show is also part of the New England Motel property. In news from the other side of the country, a rare Harley Davidson broke an auction record in Las Vegas last month. The 1908 Strap Tank Harley-Davidson gained its name because the "nickel-plat-

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Jesse Owens — a true American hero

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Jesse Owens was born in 1913 in Alabama, to a family of sharecroppers, amid the Jim Crow era of segregation and discrimination.

At the age of seven, he went to work in the fields, expected to pick a hundred pounds of cotton a day; he battled health conditions, including bronchitis and pneumonia.

His family moved to Ohio when he was nine for a better life.

In his youth, he quickly discovered that he had a natural talent for running. He was known for his exceptional speed, strength, and agility, and he soon became one of the best runners in his school and community.

He attended Ohio State, and quickly became one of the country's most dominant track and field athletes, setting multiple world records and winning numerous national championships.

He was captain of the Buckeye Track & Field team, yet he wasn't allowed to eat with his teammates or live on campus because of his skin color.

He could easily have let his circumstances turn him into an angry and hate-

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Beautify your home with a bit of greenery



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Whether you want to create a tropical oasis indoors or dress up your décor, plants are the answer. A few plants set on the floor, hanging from the ceiling, or displayed on a table can beautify any room, boost your mood, and reduce stress.

Select plants suited to the growing conditions and your gardening style. This reduces ongoing maintenance and increases your growing success. If you tend to overwater, look for plants that thrive in moist soil conditions. Grow more drought-tolerant plants if you are a gardener that tends to underwater. Check plant tags for tips on light and water needs.

Use large floor plants to create a focal point, provide height and balance in the room and brighten bare walls. Fiddle leaf and weeping figs, rubber plants, dragon trees (*Dracaena marginata*), and palms are a few popular plants available as indoor trees. Set them on a plant caddy to protect your floors. This also makes it easier to move them for cleaning and maintenance.

Large plants and indoor trees are often pictured far from a window or placed in a dark corner of the room. Make sure the



Courtesy — Gardener's Supply Co. Multi-layered plant stands, like this criss-cross design, allow you to showcase many plants in a small space.

plants receive sufficient light or supplement natural light with attractive energy-efficient plant lights like the Alden Grow Lamp with a full spectrum LED bulb to help keep them healthy and looking their best.

Hang trailing plants like pothos, philo-

dendrons, ivy, and others from the ceiling, in front of windows, or set them on shelves. The cascading foliage provides a bit of screening and softens hard surfaces for a cozier look and feel. Elevating plants also helps keep them away from curious pets and children.

Dress up any room, small or large, with wall-mounted planters like the Kira Grow Light Hanging Planter with a built-in light or the Triple Wall Planter or Wall Shelf with Planter. Plant-filled wall planters serve as living art, providing added color, texture, and form to any blank space.

Use plant stands like the Crisscross Cascading Plant Stand to expand your indoor garden to various levels throughout the house. Furniture grade and multifunctional stands like the Mobile LED Grow Light Cart (gardeners.com) allow you to maximize the function and growing space in your home.

Brighten any room with colorful and flowering plants. Crotons, prayer plants, dracaenas, and philodendrons are just a few indoor plants with colorful leaves. Grow peace lilies, anthuriums, bromeliads, and moth orchids for a bit of floral beauty.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When drivers are no longer responsible for their behavior

To the Editor:

Amid the dire and exceptionally dark predictions that mathematics itself makes in regard to the East Palestine, Ohio mega-disaster comes some fun news for us here in the Commie-Wealth of Massachusetts.

As private residents of this liberal dystopia/utopia, we've been freed from shelling out the \$35 for car inspection renewals. Thanks, in part, due to the geniuses in our illustrious state government, along with its hordes of illegal-immigrant supporting lesser bureaucrats.

Sharing credit in that almighty glory with the autonomous vehicle, self-driving car lobby.

Did you know that when renewing your Mass. Driver's License, you can choose between male, female and non-binary?

Did you know that, almost by definition, self-driving vehicles exist because of non-binary, Artificial Intelligence systems, systems that are purposefully created to defy human comprehension as well as any statistical analysis?

Have you ever pondered the changes in Massachusetts law that are required to legalize autonomous vehicles throughout our part of the Interstate Highway System, along with our State and locally maintained roadways?

Did you know that to pull off such a legal feat requires that all passengers in an AI controlled vehicle must be held harmless in any and all accidents, regardless of the species that sits itself

in the proverbial driver seat?

Did you know that sexual proclivity and other onboard, formerly 'Mile-High' in-flight behaviors, are included in such laws by Constitutional Fiat and default?

Do you recall how, years ago, WCVB-TV investigated the then Registry of Motor Vehicles for repeatedly handing out official licenses to drive to our illegal immigrant drug dealers?

Do you recall what 2022's Ballot Question 4 was about?

Did you know that illegal immigrants presently residing in the State of California, upon issue or re-issue of a Massachusetts State driver license can now legally and remotely apply for MA plates for their barely drivable clunkers?

And that they have at least one year and a day to get those clunkers inspected anywhere in the continental US, not just here in Mass.?

Well, guess what?

Our cars are the ones on the hook for getting themselves inspected for emissions and/or safety regardless of their level of AI smart-tech onboard!

We car owners and drivers are now and forever to be held harmless for such legally protected infractions.

So get yourself ready for the driving-while-pimping lobby to legitimize paid-for sex with minors as young as 13 during motor vehicle transport!

And what's not even remotely fun about that?

Stephen Gambone
Northbridge

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OBITUARIES

Daniel James Lee, 49

Northbridge--Rodney R. "Rod" and Doris M. "Marie" Lee announce the death of their son Daniel James Lee of Northbridge on February 16, 2023. He was forty-nine years old.

Danny is survived by his sisters Amanda Peloquin, of Oxford and Caroline Lee, of Northbridge; his daughters Alexis Lynch, of Uxbridge, Abagayle Lee, of Dudley and Amelia Lee, of Oxford; his nieces Caitlin Peloquin, of Putnam, Jordan Peloquin, of Webster and Emily Caron, of Uxbridge and his nephew Mikey Peloquin, of Oxford and their respective partners; also, aunts and uncles and cousins. Dan was a grandfather to Brooklyn, Theodore, Noahlan, Aalliyah, Sullivann and Aubreyana. He was a granduncle to Dakota. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents Horace and Beatrice Lee of Endicott, N.Y., and his maternal grandparents Albert and Grace Joiner of Vestal, N.Y. He was a landscaper by



trade. Dan was known to one and all for his huge loving heart and his zest for life. He depended heavily on his Christian faith and the Bible, day to day. Throughout his long battle with addiction and multiple medical issues, he maintained his love for family and friends. He never gave up the fight.

"My girls," as he referred to Lexi, Abby and Bea, were precious to him. His "big sis" Mandy was his guardian angel. His "little sis" Carrie was his ever-faithful soul sis.

A public celebration of Dan's life will be held in the near future. Donations in support of this tribute are appreciated through www.venmo.com, @rodneylee-97, or by check to Rod Lee, PO Box 656, Linwood, MA, 01525

Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is handling arrangements. To share a memory or condolence with the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com.

Glenn R. Majeau, 77

Whitinsville- Glenn R. Majeau, 77, of Whitinsville passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at home. He was born in Northbridge in 1945, the son of Alfred and Emelda (Tellier) Majeau and was a lifelong resident of Northbridge.

He was survived by his daughter Robin A. Bruso of Worcester; 5 siblings, Donald Majeau of Whitinsville, Raymond Majeau of Douglas, Delma McQuade of Whitinsville, Gloria Bolduc of Grafton and Linda Murray of Sutton; 3 grandchildren, Emily Majeau, Albert Bruso, and Ethan Bruso; 2 great-grandchildren, Gino and Armani; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son Glenn D. Majeau; granddaughter, Melanie Rose Couture; 2 brothers Roger Majeau and Real Majeau; a sister Marlene Brochu; and his former wife Deborah Majeau.

Glenn had worked as a machine operator at the former Bay State Abrasives in Westboro for over 20 years and later at a yarn manufacturing company in Millbury, before



retiring. Glenn possessed a passion for music, an accomplished musician and lead guitarist in several bands over the years. He enjoyed jammin' at his brother Ray's garage every Friday night.

He was a great man and considered a friend to all who knew him. He was also a loving father, Papa, brother, uncle and friend.

He had a fantastic sense of humor, quick wit, and was always cracking jokes. He was an avid reader, loyal Bruins and New England sports fan, and enjoyed watching Gunsmoke and You Tube music videos of Glen Campbell and other favorites.

He was deeply loved and will always be found "waiting by the backroads by the rivers of my memories ever smilin' ever gentle on my mind."

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 12 to 4 PM at the Uxbridge VFW, 13 Cross Road, Uxbridge.

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KINDNESS

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the Sheriff's Office and the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff Association were able to acquire the entirety of the 3,500 good bags at no cost, making this event possible. This tremendous charitable act has extended through every municipality in Worcester County.

"As a law enforcement agency, it is

crucial for the Sheriff's Office to build bridges, big and small, in the communities that we serve," commented Evangelidis. "This week allows our staff to engage with citizens 1 on 1, educating the public on the role of the Sheriff's Office and the importance of fostering relationships with local law enforcement. Above all else, there is no doubt that we could all use a little more positivity and random kindness in our daily lives."

ARREST

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"fled his house on Peter Street prior to the initial arrival of police units and the establishment of a perimeter."

"Officers subsequently responded to Carney Street, located the male party, and attempted to take him into custody. A brief struggle ensued and a short time later he was arrested without further incident. It was soon determined this was the same party involved with the stabbing on Peter Street," the Uxbridge Police Department shared.

The residence on Peter Street was searched after the suspect was appre-

hended to confirm there "were no other parties involved or injured."

"Upon searching the home, a dog was located with stab wounds," police said, adding that Blackstone Valley Animal Control was contacted, responded, and transported the dog to Tufts Animal Hospital. "The dog is expected to live."

As of press time, the suspect was being charged with attempted murder, burglary (unarmed), and cruelty to animals.

"We would like to send a sincere thank you to our local law enforcement partners for their assistance with this incident," Uxbridge Police added.

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ful young man, but he had no time for that; he was focused on his dreams.

In 1935, he competed at the Big 10 Championship and displayed such impressive athleticism it's known as one of the most incredible performances in college sports history.

Realizing he could achieve Olympic gold, he set his sights on the 1936 games.

The 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics were held in the shadow of Nazi power, and the Hitler regime saw the games as an opportunity to showcase the supposed superiority of the Aryan race.

The oppressive nature of Nazi ideology sparked many Americans' calls for a boycott of the games. Owens likely realized that competing in Nazi Germany was not all that different from competing in the United States, where Jim Crow laws shared many values with the hateful ideology of Adolf Hitler.

Owens' stunning performance caught the Nazi propaganda machine off guard. They weren't prepared for the success of an African American athlete like Owens, who dominated his events.

Hitler was visibly upset; he walked out on medal ceremonies that had black athletes and refused to shake their hands. He was reportedly angry that Owens was allowed to compete.

Owens' success remains one of the most astonishing moments in Olympic history, shattering Hitler's ideology in front of the world.

After winning four gold medals, Owens became an overnight sensation. He was celebrated for his athletic prowess and was offered numerous lucrative job opportunities.

Immediately after the Olympics, Owens was required to go on a European tour organized by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) to showcase his talents, expected to pay his way even though he struggled financially.

Faced with a difficult choice, Owens' coach advised him to return home and take advantage of the new opportunities that awaited him. This decision had unintended consequences.

The AAU banned him from competing in any sanctioned event for the rest of his life. It must have been heartbreaking.

As if that wasn't enough, he and the

other black Olympians were not invited to the White House to meet the President along with the white Olympians. To add insult to injury, it turned out that none of the lucrative job offers were genuine.

He later said, "...It became increasingly apparent that everyone was going to slap me on the back and shake my hand... But no one was going to offer me a job."

Instead, he tried to make money as an athlete but couldn't compete against humans. In one demeaning exhibition, Owens raced a horse and won, a far cry from the recognition he deserved after his Olympic victories.

Through the hurdles and obstacles he faced, Owens persevered. Crossing the finish line and turning a corner toward a brighter future.

Owens found meaning in helping underprivileged children and eventually became a sought-after speaker, invited to events nationwide.

Despite the injustices he had faced, he never displayed anger or bitterness in his speeches. Instead, he radiated kindness and positivity, inspiring others to chase their dreams fearlessly.

The world tried to strip Jesse Owen of everything, but he remained triumphant, for they couldn't take away his heart and soul.

Jesse was a real American hero.

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fa, threats to the Second Amendment, bathroom access, and anything else that serves to distract us. A couple of examples (I have dozens):

- 1 percent of Americans control 32 percent of the wealth in America. The bottom 50 percent control 2 percent of the wealth. But LOOK!!...OVER THERE!! Antifa! 'Woke!'

- We allow Corporations to be considered 'a person', so they can contribute as much money as they want to buy politicians. But LOOK!!...OVER THERE!! Critical Race Theory!

- Among our elected leaders, we have pathological liars (Santos, Luna, Trump), someone who failed 3 times to earn her GED (Boebert), someone who believes in Jewish space lasers, and 120 men and women who supported an overthrow of our government. But LOOK!!... OVER THERE!! Immigrants!

- The Supreme Court is ominously shifting farther right. Clarence Thomas' wife was involved in the insurrection. Chief Justice John Roberts's wife has been paid millions of dollars as a recruiter for corporate law firms with cases pending before the court. Kavanaugh lied to Congress during his Senate Judiciary hearings. But "LOOK!!...OVER THERE!! The investigation into Trump/Russia was a witch hunt!

- We can't implement comprehensive immigration reform because Republicans refuse to grant citizenship to DACA recipients. But "LOOK!!...OVER THERE!! The

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ed steel bands suspended the fuel and oil tanks from the bike's frame," according to Fox Business News. The piece that set the record was restored from its original parts, including the wheels and tank. The motorcycle was discovered in a Wisconsin barn in 1941, but the man who found it kept it for 66 years. Of the 450 manufactured, only 12 are known to still be in existence. It revved up to a sale price of \$935,000.

Across the Atlantic, rare James Bond posters will be auctioned in London next month. The United Kingdom's Chard and Ilminster news reports that a full set of posters from all six of Sean Connery's James Bond movies are heading to the block. A 1963 poster from the second James Bond movie, "From Russia with Love," has a pre-auction estimate of £8,000 (\$9,635) to £16,000 (\$19,270). A poster for Connery's first performance in "Dr. No" is expected to sell for even more. It has a low estimate of £10,000 (\$12,044) and a high estimate of £20,000 (\$24,088).

Back in the U.S.A., the iconic chocolate box used during filming for "Forrest Gump" made international news when it sold at auction recently. One of the movie's most famous lines takes place when Forrest Gump (Tom Hanks) sits next to a stranger and offers her a chocolate. He

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Boost the renewal powers of a good night's sleep by including a few plants in your bedroom. The added greenery can create a sense of calm. The oxygen and boost in humidity the plants provide are also beneficial.

Elevate your bathroom to spa level with some greenery. The humidity in the bathroom is great for ferns, air plants, prayer plants, and a variety of other tropical plants. You'll enjoy this splash of greenery when stepping out of the shower or tub.

Add a few plants to your home office. Looking at and tending plants can help increase focus and creativity.

Containers are an important part of your indoor garden. They should contain drainage holes to reduce the risk of soggy soil and root rot. Self-watering pots help take the guesswork out of watering, reduce maintenance, and for many will

increase gardening success. No need to have matching pots but consider using those made from similar materials and design elements. This helps provide unity throughout your indoor garden and home's décor.

Start your plant makeovers one room at a time. Just like any home decorating project, dividing it into smaller tasks is easier on the budget and makes the process less overwhelming.

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library has books about gays and transgender people, which will turn our children gay or transgender!

- A former president, and members of his administration forced the CDC, Dr. Fauci and Dr. Birx to change their reports on the COVID virus, which according to reports, led to 400,000 unnecessary deaths from COVID. But "LOOK!!...OVER THERE!! Let's investigate Doctor Fauci!

- The ex-president, members of his cabinet and 120 members of Congress, and assorted white supremacist and pseudo-militia groups tried to overthrow our government. But "LOOK!!... OVER THERE!! Hunter Biden's laptop!

- During the Trump administration, the rich gave themselves the biggest tax cut in history, worsening income inequality, and raising the debt by over a trillion dollars. Corporations have raised prices, regardless of whether they had to or not. But "LOOK!!... OVER THERE!! Biden shot down the balloon. Biden didn't shoot it down soon enough. Biden is responsible for egg prices, and gasoline prices, and inflation!

- We are the only 1st world country without a national health care system. We are also the richest country in the world. But "LOOK!!... OVER THERE!! Transgender students want to use the bathroom! Liberals are trying to steal Christmas!

Always on the hunt for enlightenment, I consulted a higher power (Artificial Intelligence product ChatGPT) on the following question: Should cultural issues be legislated? This is the answer (edited for brevity) that I received:

"In many cases, cultural issues are deeply personal and should be left to the private realm. People should be free to practice their own beliefs and customs without interference from the government or outside forces. However, there are also cases where cultural issues have significant impacts on society as a whole, such as discrimination or inequality, and in these cases, legislative action may be necessary to address the issue and ensure that everyone is treated fairly. It is important to strike a balance between respecting individual freedoms and protecting the broader societal good. This requires careful consideration of the specific cultural issue at hand, as well as an understanding of the cultural context in which it is being addressed. Ultimately, the best approach will depend on the specific circumstances and should be informed by a broad range of perspectives and expertise." Interesting.

One last point - last week, our humble correspondent, attempted to equate drag queen story hour - a non-sectarian event for children, with the goal of promoting reading and diversity, with Kirk Cameron, a Christian author, wanting to read from a book promoting a certain religion. Drag Queen story hour has been around since 2015 with no reported issues. A public library is not a place for sectarian proselytizing, of any denomination. There is no relevant comparison between the two events. If someone is trying to force 'Christian principles' down our throats, what are we, the people, to think?

*Rick Bevilacqua
Whitinsville*



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March 2023 Programs MARCH "MINUTE MADNESS" AT THE LIBRARY

It's tournament time! Can you help us out-read other Massachusetts libraries? Starting March 1, log your reading as we fight for a spot in the Minute Madness Championship. Each week we will read head-to-head against 20 libraries from across the state in this bracket-style reading competition. The library with the most minutes read will be the Minute Madness champion! Books, audiobooks, graphic novels, magazines and newspapers all count towards our total. Visit uxbridgelibrary.beanstack.org, download the Beanstack app, or visit the Library to log the minutes you read! Prizes are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Uxbridge Library.

THE ART OF PYSANKY: UKRAINIAN EASTER EGGS

Come join us on Thursday, March 23rd at 5:30pm to learn about the colorful world of Pysanky, the Ukrainian art form in which an egg is designed with traditional folk motifs using wax and dyes. You will design your own beautiful egg and learn about the history and meanings of this unique Ukrainian art form. No experience is necessary. Registration is required — please keep in mind that this program is open to adults only. This class is provided through a grant from the Uxbridge Cultural Council.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Register now:
Irish in America with Mary King - Mar. 2 at 6:30pm

Gentle Flow Yoga - Mondays, Mar. 6, 13, 20, and 27 at 7pm

Cardmaking Hands-On Workshop - Mar. 9 at 6:15pm

PopUp Library at the Senior Center - Mar. 23 at 11:30am

The Art of Pysanky: Ukrainian Easter Eggs - Mar. 23 at 5:30pm

Embroidery 101 with Madonna Terlizzi - Mar. 30 at 6pm

Book-a-Librarian - Need help downloading e-books and using other library digital resources? Contact the library to book a 30-minute appointment with a librarian for hands-on tech assistance. Wednesdays from 2:30pm-4pm.

Join a Book Club:

Uxbridge Senior Center Book Club - The Bullet That Missed by Richard Osman, Mar. 14 at 1pm

Historical Fiction Book Club - The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn, Mar. 21 at 3:30pm

Bookies Book Club - Mar. 27 at 6:30pm

YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

Register now:

Teen Book-In-A-Bag (ages 13+) - Pick up your themed book-in-a-bag choice between Mar. 1-15

Teen Movie & Pizza Night - Mar. 20 at 5:30pm

Teen Henna - Mar. 22 at 6pm

Teens Bake It Till you Make It - Baking and mental health conversation with Dayna Altman - Mar. 9 at 6pm

Little Lotus Yoga (ages 6+) - Mar. 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 4pm

Music and Movement with Deb Hudgins (all ages) - Mar. 9 & 23 at 11am

Lego Challenge Build - Mar. 14 and 28 at 4pm

Family Candy Bar Bingo (All ages) - Mar. 4 at 11:30am

Stained Glass Painting (ages 8-12) - Mar. 7 at 3:30pm

Coasters & Stencils Craft (ages 8-12) - Mar. 7 at 3:30pm

Making Friendship Bracelets (ages 10-17) - Mar. 8 at 12-2p (Uxbridge Schools' Half Day)

Scratch Art Door Hanger (ages 4-7) - Mar. 15 at 3:30pm

Virtual Fortnite Tournament - Mar. 16 at 6pm

STEAM with Buildwave - Mar. 18 at 11:30am

Velvet Mini Posters (ages 4-7) - Mar. 22 at 3:30pm

Lotus Flower Lanterns (ages 10-17) - Mar. 27 at 6pm

Storytimes (registration required):
Baby Storytime (0-2 years) - Mondays, Mar. 13 & 20 at 11am

Toddler/Preschool Storytime (2-4 years) - Wednesdays, Mar. 15 and 22 at 11am

Drop-In Programs:
Crafty Wednesdays - Wednesday mornings and afternoons

Please visit the Library's website at uxbridgelibrary.org or call us at 508-278-8624 to inquire about our upcoming programs or to register to attend! Many of our programs are supported by the Uxbridge Board of Library Trustees and the Friends of the Uxbridge Free Public Library.

BVT

Superintendent's Dinner March 16!

UPTON - Journey to the Polynesian Islands this spring by attending the 29th annual Superintendent's Gourmet Dinner held at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) on Thursday, March 16. The competition center will be transformed into a tropical dining oasis.

"Polynesian" is the theme the students have chosen for this year's event. A variety of dishes on this theme will complement carefully selected wines. The evening will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m. with champagne & hors d'oeuvres, followed by a multi-course dinner at 6 p.m.

The gala event is a significant fundraiser for the school, which invites the Blackstone Valley to celebrate quality career and technical education each spring with a lavish reception and an elaborate dinner. This five-star dining experience is planned, prepared, and served by students, faculty, and graduates of the Culinary Arts program and, by design, gives current students a taste of the skills necessary for success in the food, beverage, and hospitality industry.

Tickets which are \$140 per person or \$1,300 for a table of ten, may be obtained by calling 508-529-7758 x3020. After confirming your reservation, a check payable to Blackstone Valley Tech and mailed to BVT c/o Anne-Marie Colonero, 65 Pleasant St., Upton, MA 01568, will hold your seat.

The Culinary Arts students look forward to welcoming you to this special event, so don't delay; call today. Aloha!

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Hopkstone, 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.

Lions Beautify Uxbridge project offers pansies

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge Lions are preparing those huge flower pots to bring color and beauty to Main Street Uxbridge. Naturally, those efforts need the support of the community. Because the Pansy Sale was so popular in 2022, a repeat is planned for March.

The Lions Club will be accepting orders now and would like as many as possible by March 15. They will set up their garden tent at the Uxbridge Senior Center at 37 S. Main Street, on Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to deliv-

er preorders and sell onsite. Pansy purchases can be made as long as supplies last and will be delivered on or before by April 1 at our second onsite pansy sale. The selection includes Pansy Oval, Pansy Market Basket and Pansy Bowl, all priced at approximately \$20. Buy two items and receive a ticket for a drawing of a Spring Bulb Basket valued at \$50.

To be sure to get your order in, take advantage of 4 Ways to Order. Text 508-450-2451; message on Facebook Uxbridge, MA Lions Club or email uxbridge.ma.lions@gmail.com.

Purchasers of last year's Lions Beautify Uxbridge Project pansies were extremely satisfied with the variety and quality of the blooms. Pansies are extremely popular with flower growers all over the world calling them Johnny Jump Ups, Love in Idleness or Three Faces in a Hood. New Englanders love them, too!

Donations for the Lions Beautify Uxbridge Project can be sent to Uxbridge Lions Club, P.O. Box 455, North Uxbridge, MA 01538.

Western New England University announces Fall 2022 President's List

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University recently named over 500 students to the Fall 2022 President's List.

Rose Handlin of Whitinsville is working toward a BS in Criminal Justice.

Samantha Souvanna of Whitinsville is working toward a BS in Forensic Biology.

Ryan Paxton of Uxbridge is working toward a BSE in Civil Engineering/Environmental Engineering.

Nicholas LaPolt of Douglas is working toward a BSE in Mechanical Engineering.

Western New England University (WNE) is a private, nationally ranked, comprehensive institution with a focus on preparing work-ready and world-ready graduates. Founded in 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts as a division of Northeastern College, WNE's 215-acre suburban campus serves more than 3,700 students, including over 2,500 full-time undergraduates. More than 47,000 alumni have earned degrees through its 90+ undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering,

and Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and School of Law. Students come from 39 U.S. states and territories and 23 countries. Of 45,104 living alumni, 30 percent remain within the region, residing in the four Western Massachusetts counties and northern Connecticut.

WNE is classified among nationally ranked universities in US News and World Report, and among the Top 100 Undergraduate Engineering programs, and in the Doctoral/Professional Universities category in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Sutton girl wins Massachusetts State Championship at Elks Hoop Shoot

SUTTON — On Saturday, Feb. 4, Courtney Clemens, from Sutton, shot 20 out of 25 Free Throw Shots to win the Massachusetts Elks Annual Hoop Shoot Contest in the girl's 12-13 bracket.

Clemens bested eight competitors from across the state to advance to the Elks Regional Hoop Shoot contest in Portland, Maine during the weekend of March 10-12. The winners from the Portland Regional competition will advance to the National Hoop Shoot to be held in

Chicago in April 2023. She represented the Auburn Elks lodge winning the local contest in November and advancing through the West Central District contest in January.

Courtney is the daughter of Sarah and Ryan Clemens of Sutton.

Through the Hoop Shoot program, the Elks been developing and reinforcing grit for nearly 50 years—long before researchers and experts concluded that grit is so important for our children. Each year, the six Hoop Shoot National Champions

will have their names listed alongside their picture in a brand-new digital exhibit in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. Additionally, two of the Frank Hise National Champions are in attendance when the Hall of Fame inductees are honored at the Enshrinement Ceremony.

For more information, please contact David Charbonneau (davecharbonneau@email.com) Auburn Elks Lodge Director.

Ithaca College students named to Fall 2022 Dean's List

ITHACA, N.Y. — Krista Sullivan of Uxbridge has been named to Ithaca College's Fall 2022 Dean's List.

About Ithaca College

Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 5,200 students, the college offers more than 70 degree programs in its schools of Business; Communications; Humanities and Sciences;

Health Sciences and Human Performance; and Music, Theatre, and Dance.

Students, faculty and staff at Ithaca College create an active, inclusive community anchored in a keen desire to make a difference in the local community and the broader world. The college is consistently ranked as one of the nation's top producers of Fulbright scholars, one of the most LGBTQ+ friendly schools in the country, and one of the top 10 colleges in the Northeast.

Unitarian Universalist 101 Class

REGION — Have you ever wanted to know more about Unitarian Universalism? The Unitarian Universalist Society of Grafton and Upton (UUSGU) will be holding their Annual UU 101 Class on Sunday, March 5 at 11:45 a.m., immediately following the Sunday Service. Board President David Van Zandt and Membership Committee representative Alison Snyder will hold an informative session about the Pathway to Membership at UUSGU. The session will last approximately 90 minutes.

During this session you will find out about Unitarian Universalism and why joining the UUSGU community could be one of the most spiritually and emotionally fulfilling things you will ever do.

Meanwhile, you can learn more about UUSGU at www.uusgu.org. If you need childcare while you attend, please notify the church office by Friday, February 24th at admin@uusgu.org.

Emily Warner of Uxbridge named to University of Hartford's Dean's List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce Emily Warner of Uxbridge has been named to the Dean's List for Fall 2022.

Spread across seven dynamic schools and colleges, the University of Hartford has been guiding the purpose and passion of students for over six decades. On our 350-acre campus alongside

Connecticut's capital city, approximately 4,000 undergraduate and 1,800 graduate students representing 48 states and 45 countries come together for a common purpose: to collaborate across different disciplines, diversify perspectives, and broaden worldviews. We're a four-year private university focused on advancing the public good through meaningful connections within our

communities. Our unique approach to comprehensive education gives us the critical perspectives that lead to impact change, regionally and beyond. With degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions, we focus on doing the work that matters. Visit hartford.edu to learn more.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 302 South Street, Douglas, MA 01516

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David G. Lamontagne Sr. and Roseanna H. Lamontagne to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Lendia, Inc, and now held by **Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as Trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC5 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates**, said mortgage dated October 11, 2006 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 39966, Page 30, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as Trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC5 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates by assignment dated June 21, 2011 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 47539, Page 16; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on April 3, 2023 at 04:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on the easterly side of South Street, shown as Lot 2 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land owned by Noel A. & Sarah E. McKeon in Douglas Mass "Scale 1"-50' dated June 10, 1986 drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc, Uxbridge, Mass., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 564, Plan 68, and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of South Street at the northwesterly corner of the herein described premises and at the southwesterly corner of Lot 1 as shown on said plan; THENCE N. 81 degrees 28' 24" E, by said Lot 1, a distance of 463.91 feet to a point at land now or formerly of McKeon; THENCE S. 07 degrees 00' 00" E. by said McKeon land, 185.000 feet to a point at Lot 3; THENCE S. 79 degrees 48' 63" W. by Lot 3, a distance of 479.67 feet to a point on the easterly side of South Street; THENCE Northerly by said South Street and by, a curve to the right, the radius of whose arc is 970.00 feet, a distance of 98.97 feet to a Worcester County Highway bound; THENCE N. 01 degrees 12' 00" W. by said South Street, 101.03 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 2.08 acres of land, more or less, according to said plan. For title, see deed from Casiano B. Endriga and Susan T. Endriga dated June 27, 2002 and recorded in the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 26914, Page 381.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated June 27, 2002 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 26914, Page 381.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Brock & Scott, PLLC
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Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as Trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC5 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates
Present Holder of the Mortgage
(401) 217-8701

February 24, 2023

March 3, 2023

March 10, 2023

(SEAL)

TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS THE SUPERIOR COURT Worcester Superior Court 225 Main Street Worcester, Massachusetts 01608 Docket No: 2285CV01207 ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION Jonathan M Nydam et al vs

Heartland Home Finance, Inc. et al WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior

Court by Jonathan M Nydam wherein it is seeking to;

Quiet title to the property located at 400 Quaker Street, Northbridge, Massachusetts and recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 26551, Page 223 (the "Mortgage") be discharged.

Declare the rights and obligation of the parties by declaring that the Mortgage constitutes an unlawful cloud on title to be discharged forthwith.

Award Plaintiffs equitable relief by ordering that the Mortgage be discharged Order such other, further, or different relief as the Court deems just and proper.

We COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any defense, that on 03/24/2023 or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court named above, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendant a deputy sheriff having made a return on the summons that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, a copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this notice, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day in the:

February 24, 2023

March 3, 2023

March 10, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue, and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated September 13, 2021 given by Joseph H. Johnson, Jr., Trustee of BEDFORD FOREST REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT TRUST, u/d/t dated September 11, 2020, a Certificate of Trust of which is recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 63277, Page 214 to RD W SPV LLC, said mortgage recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 66066, Page 266, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 13th day of March, 2023 at 0 (65-67) Prospect Street, Northbridge, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

Property Address: 0 Prospect Street, Northbridge, Massachusetts

The land located on the westerly side of Prospect Street shown as Parcel "A" on plan of land entitled,

"Plan of Land in Northbridge, MA" Scale 1" = 40 Feet, dated August 5, 2004, Owner(s) Estate of Bette Lou OoSterman, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 815, Plan 89.

Parcel ID#: 0015-000220

Property address is commonly known as: Prospect Street (Map 15, Lot 220), Northbridge MA 01588

For Mortgagor's title, see Deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 63277, Page 217.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 300 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 500, Quincy, MA 02169

within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

RD W SPV LLC Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C. 300 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 500, Quincy, MA 02169
February 17, 2023
February 24, 2023
March 3, 2023

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. WO23P0529EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Alice M. Mercure

Date of Death: 11/07/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Louis P. Mercure of Millville 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:

Louis P. Mercure of Millville 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 03/21/2023.** 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: February 16, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

February 24, 2023

(SEAL)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket Number: 23 SM 000420

ORDER OF NOTICE

To:

Kathleen A. DeChesare

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq): Longbridge Financial LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Uxbridge, numbered 222 Pond Street, given by Kathleen A. DeChesare to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of Indy Mac Bank, F.S.B., dated December 12, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42196, Page 281, and now held by the 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 March 27, 2023, 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 February 16, 2023.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

23035

February 24, 2023

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 184 West River Road, Uxbridge, MA 01569

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jonathan D. Cirrone to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Citizens Mortgage Corporation, and now held by **Citizens Bank, N.A.**, said mortgage dated August 27, 2004 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34477, Page 250, as affected by Subordination Agreement dated July 12, 2013 and recorded in said Registry in Book 51303, Page 260, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Citizens Mortgage Corporation to Citizens Bank, N.A. by assignment dated December 22, 2021 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 66880, Page 18; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction** on March 23, 2023 at 11:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Uxbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts with the buildings thereon, situated on the Westerly line of West River Road and being shown as Lot 8 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Surveyed for Audet Brothers in Uxbridge, Mass.", dated April 16, 1985, drawn by Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc., and recorded in Worcester Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 72 in Plan Book 534, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the westerly line of West River Road at other land of Audet Brothers; Thence S. 60° 32' 00" W. by Audet Brothers land for a distance of 127.20 feet to a point; Thence Southwesterly continuing by Audet Brothers land by the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 295.00 feet for an arc distance of 37.80 feet to a point; Thence N. 58° 31' 31" W. continuing by Audet Brothers land for a distance of 184.97 feet to a point at land of Legg; Thence N. 64° 28' 16" E. by Legg land for a distance of 215.00 feet to a point on the Westerly line of West River Road; Thence S. 45° 01' 45" E. by the Westerly line of West River Road for a distance of 150.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 28,470.25 square feet, more or less. For title see deed recorded herewith.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated August 26, 2004 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 34477, Page 228.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

Said mortgage is subject to a certain mortgage given by Jonathan D. Cirrone to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., dated July 20, 2013 and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 51303, Page 241.

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SPORTS

Clark Tournament

Small Schools Quarterfinal

Panthers start cold, then get hot from field to take down Douglas

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — When the top seeded David Prouty Regional boys' varsity basketball team trailed No. 8 Douglas High early in their Clark Tournament Small Schools quarterfinal round matchup, 9-4, and at the conclusion of the first quarter, 11-9, head coach Pat O'Connor wasn't yet at the point of being overly concerned.

"Shots just weren't going in. We kept saying, 'just keep shooting,'" said O'Connor. "I thought we were taking really good, open shots."

"(O'Connor) told us to get to the basket more and then kick out to find more open shots," added point guard Braeden White.

The Panthers employed that strategy to the tune of 20 second quarter points — against the Tigers' 7 — as they took a 29-18 lead into the half-time break. Prouty won second half scoring, 34-20, to win a 63-38 decision in a game played at Oxford High, the host site for all of the Small Schools quarterfinals, on Saturday, Feb. 18.

"Even though it wasn't at the Clark, we wanted to get there, so we had to take care of business tonight," said White, as all other tournament games will be played at Clark's Kneller Center.

The Panthers then played No. 5 Lunenburg High in the semifinals on Monday, Feb. 20, and turned a six-point halftime lead (30-24) into a big 52-35 victory, to improve to a perfect 20-0. Prouty will take on No. 3 Hopedale High (16-4) for the Clark Tournament Championship on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.

Douglas finished its regular season with a record of 7-12, and head coach Chad Gosselin was proud of his team's performance against the impressive Panthers, especially in the early going.

"We had our game plan and we executed it for the first couple of quarters," said Gosselin. "Obviously, they're a team that's a sleeping giant that we had to contend with."

Nearing the midway point of the second quarter, the tides officially turned in Prouty's favor when Tyler Patchen (11 points) and Cam Hoekstra (12 points, 11 rebounds) hit 3-pointers to surge ahead, 23-15. The Panthers then scored six of the final nine points in the frame for the double-digit advantage.

Douglas showed fight, though, and opened the second half with an Owen Gray (7 points, 10 rebounds) 3-pointer, plus a steal and layup from Joshua Farrell, trimming the deficit down to 29-23.

But Prouty grew the lead to 39-29 late in the third when White (game-high 21 points) made a nifty pass to Hoekstra for a layup. The Panthers led by 12 (41-29) through three periods and won the fourth by a 22-9 margin. Prouty's Alec Fournier was plagued by foul trouble in the first half and was held scoreless until an impressive fourth quarter, which saw him register 10 points.

"He played awesome in the fourth quarter," O'Connor said of Fournier. "We've been on Alec because he doesn't have a ton of points this year — we have a lot of guys that can score — but I really believe Alec is one of the best players in Central Mass. Alec is really, really good."

Another really, really good player is White, who joined the 1,000-point club five days prior at Southbridge High.

"The one way to describe him is he is a stud," O'Connor said of White. "He just does everything. He impacts the game in so many ways."

"He's a pass-first point guard that scored 1,000 points," added O'Connor. "It talks about how much work he's put in. I've coached for 11 years, and I have not met someone that works as hard and loves it this much."

White called the milestone, "one of my personal goals when I came into Prouty, and with the trust in my teammates and my coach, I was able to do it."

For Douglas, their goal was to reach the Clark Tournament, which they were able to accomplish for the first time since 2015.

"We graduate one senior, so we'll all be back. Continue to build," Gosselin said of the Tigers' progression.

Douglas, which saw Isaac Gosselin score 12 points and Adam Dunphy add 7 more, will next partake in the



Nick Ethier

Douglas' Isaac Gosselin flings a cross-court pass away from David Prouty defender Tyler Patchen.



Nick Ethier

Adam Dunphy of Douglas (21) finishes off a pass to Colton Howard for a layup.



Nick Ethier

Douglas' Joshua Farrell bounces a pass into the paint.

Division 5 State Tournament.

David Prouty will be in that tournament, too, but for now the Panthers will attempt to win their first Clark Tournament Championship since 1982.

Tantasqua Regional to host State Archery Association of Massachusetts event

Calling all archery enthusiasts! If you're in Central Massachusetts the weekend of Feb. 24-26, come see one of the most competitive archery events in the country! The event is organized by the State Archery Association of Massachusetts and hosted once again at Tantasqua Regional High School (Fiskdale/Sturbridge, MA) for the 10th year. Attendance to watch the competition is free.

The 54th U.S. National Indoor and the 2023 JOAD National Indoor Championships are two separate archery events that will be held during the same weekend at Tantasqua. This incredible event allows archers of all ages to compete from one of 13 different locations to determine how they rank against competition from across the country. For the JOAD divisions, young and competitive archers have the unique opportunity to display how they measure up against their fellow peers. Don't miss this awesome event!

The Tantasqua Music Association (TMA) parents' group will be providing meals and refreshments at very reasonable costs throughout the duration of the archery competition. All proceeds from the concessions will be for the benefit of the performance arts groups and programs at the Tantasqua Regional Junior and Senior High Schools of Sturbridge, MA.

The greater Sturbridge area of Central Massachusetts is well known for its excellent musical, theatrical and performing arts programs. The TMA parents' group has provided music lesson programs, scholarships, and enthusiastic and financial support to the students of Central Massachusetts for over 20 years.

Volunteers and contributions to help the TMA provide concessions at this year's event are welcome. Please email TMA at thepresident.tma@gmail.com.

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Worcester Division
Docket No. WO22P3566EA
Estate of:
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To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner

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February 24, 2023

SPORTS

Clark Tournament Large Schools Semifinal

*Dresp, Sabourin step up to help Northbridge take down Spartans
Rams set to play Grafton for Clark Championship*

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

WORCESTER — With the Clark Tournament returning for the first time in three years, and the committee adding a girls' tournament for the second time ever and first since 1973, the university's Kneller Athletic Center was a perfect place for the Blackstone Valley's two most heated rivals to square off in the ultimate rubber match.

The Northbridge High girls' varsity basketball team earned the No. 2 seed in the Clark Tournament Large Schools bracket, while neighboring Uxbridge High grabbed the No. 3 seed. The schools split a pair of regular season games, the Rams winning back on Dec. 22 (33-31) and the Spartans emerging victorious on Feb. 17 (34-32) before they met for a third time two days later, on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Like the previous two contests, the Clark Tournament matchup was a low-scoring affair. Northbridge's Erika Dresp and Melissa Sabourin stepped up when it was needed the most, though, propelling the Rams past Uxbridge, 38-27.

Dresp, making her first career start, scored all five of her points in the fourth quarter and handled the point guard position admirably. Sabourin scored a game-high 16 points — 11 in the second quarter, and a game-sealing 3-pointer in the fourth — and guarded Kate Cahill, the Spartans' quick guard, with a strong in-your-face defense.

"We're a deep team with a lot of talented players. Every game it's a different leading scorer, a different defensive player, somebody steps up for us," explained Northbridge head coach Jeff Kozik.

Dresp, a junior, noted that Kozik gave the team an inspirational quote before the game, which worked wonders for her confidence.

The quote read: "Turn Nervousness Into Excitement."

"I was just like, 'yeah, let me do that,'" said Dresp. "I think I did pretty good at that."

With the Rams ahead, 30-24, Dresp drove the ball into the lane for a layup. Then, after Uxbridge's Natalie Orr countered with a layup of her own, Sabourin came away with a steal. Her drive into the lane led to a kickout pass to Dresp, who



Northbridge's Ryleigh Johnson elevates to lift a pass up and over Uxbridge defender Kate Cahill.



Grace Orr of Uxbridge drives the ball into the lane on Northbridge defender Molly Gahan.



Northbridge's Molly Gahan works hard in the post to get a shot off against Grace Orr of Uxbridge.



Erika Dresp of Northbridge hopes to get the ball past Uxbridge's Bailey Dzivasen while on the dribble-drive.



Uxbridge's Kate Cahill keeps the ball away from Northbridge defender Melissa Sabourin.



Bailey Dzivasen of Uxbridge runs with Northbridge ball handler Ryleigh Johnson, hoping for a steal.

drained a 3-point shot. That basket put the Rams up by nine, 35-26, with under four minutes to play.

"When she gets going, it definitely starts with her defense," Kozik said of Sabourin, a senior co-captain. "She wants to be on the best player, she wants that objective. She did a great job, Cahill from Uxbridge is fantastic."

Cahill, a junior co-captain, finished with 6 points and 8 rebounds but worked for every inch she gained as Sabourin defended her closely.

"Last game I didn't play her as good as I thought I could have, so I wanted to get back up on her, and I think it worked," said Sabourin.

It was Uxbridge who started off as the hotter of the two teams, as they held a 10-7 lead after the first quarter. But the Spartans got into foul trouble in the second quarter — sophomore starters Bailey Dzivasen and Orr were forced to the bench — and Sabourin heated up.

As a result, the Rams led at the break, 21-15.

"We came in with a really good defensive plan for them, and we just didn't execute on offense," said Uxbridge head coach John Gniadek. "It was too many turnovers. We were just stagnant."

Sabourin's 11 second quarter points came on two 3-pointers, a basket from the interior and a trio of free throws.

With the Spartans hoping for a second half comeback, senior co-captain Grace Orr went down after tweaking her torn right ACL with 5:53 remaining in the third. Orr stayed out of the lineup for the remainder of the period, as Northbridge took a 26-21 lead into the final frame.

"It can't get a lot worse," Grace Orr said of playing through the knee injury, for which she will undergo surgery following the conclusion of the season. "I was hoping it wasn't bad so I could come back in. Amanda, our trainer, was able to add some more tape to try to stabilize it."

Grace Orr returned to the court for the fourth quarter, but it was the Rams who won the session, 12-6, thanks to Dresp's baskets and a late 3-pointer by Sabourin to ice the game.

Sabourin noted that "it's hard to beat a team twice," which the Spartans were hoping to do. But, in the end, Northbridge avenged their Senior Night loss.

"It's a big blow to lose on Senior Night. We definitely didn't want to lose, and to bounce back shows a lot of character and heart," said Kozik.

"It felt good to beat Uxbridge and redeem ourselves from Senior Night," added Dresp.

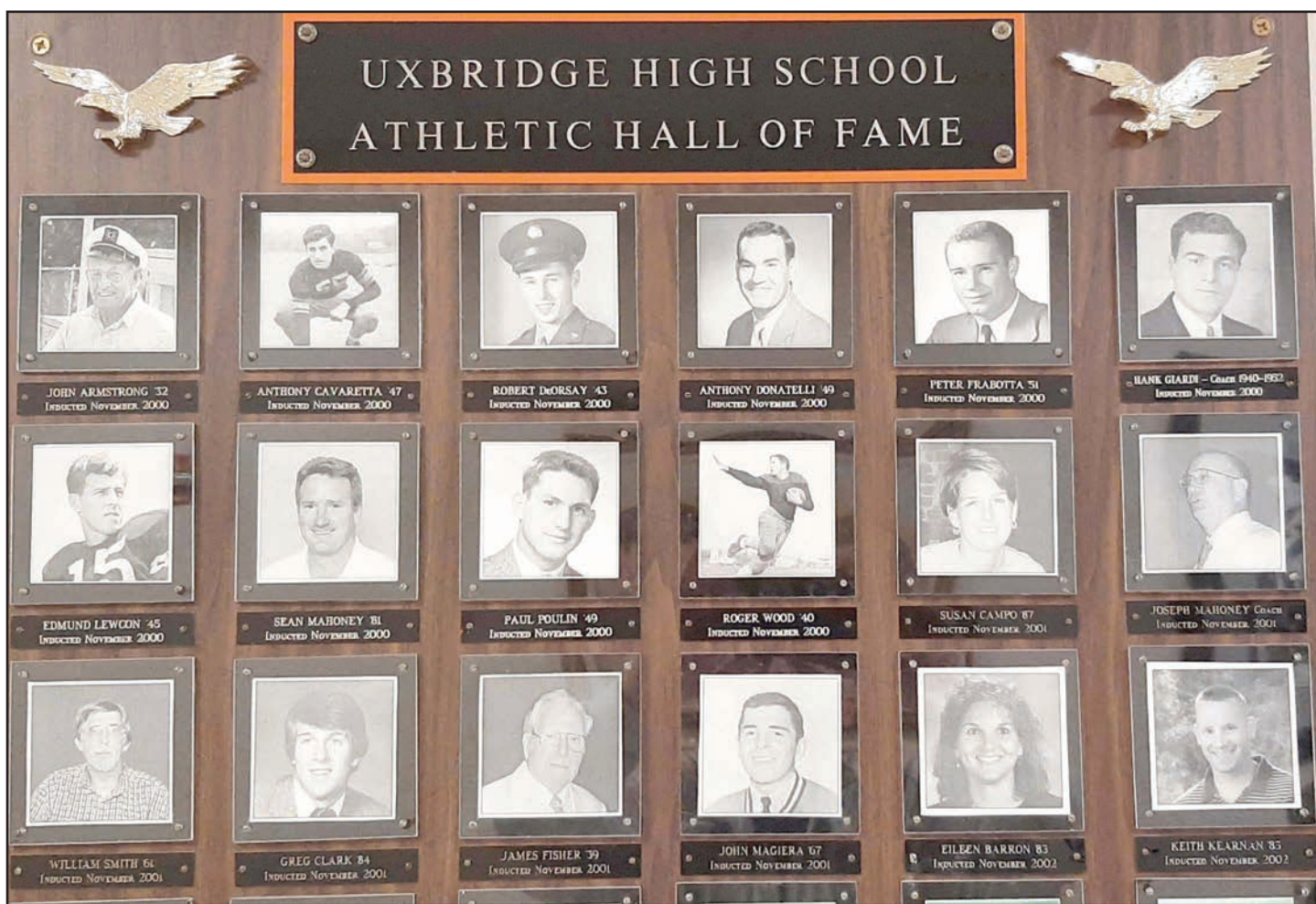
The Rams (13-6) were set to play No. 1 Grafton High (16-3) for the Large Schools Championship on Wednesday, Feb. 22 before embarking on the Division 4 State Tournament, which commences next week.

The Spartans, meanwhile, wrapped up their regular season with a record of 11-8. They will now practice for the same Division 4 State Tournament.

"It's becoming more disciplined on offense," Gniadek said of preparation plans. "We're rushing through the play. We're not waiting for the screen or the play to develop."

"I'm excited," added Grace Orr. "I want to get further than we did last year (Round of 32)."

Uxbridge High Athletic Hall of Fame nominations can be submitted



The Uxbridge High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be accepting nominations for its next induction class. Nominations can be submitted on an ongoing basis, and the review of nominations for this class will be taking place in April and May of 2023. The next induction is being planned for November of 2023. Nominations can be submitted online using a form available on the Uxbridge High School website or by typing in the following link: <https://bit.ly/UHSHOF23>.

The UHS Athletic Hall of Fame honors the tradition, commitment, and excellence of athletics at Uxbridge High School. Nominations are accepted in four categories: individual student-athletes, coaches, contributors, and teams. Criteria are available on the by-laws; individuals must have graduated from UHS at least ten years ago (prior to 2013), while a ten-year waiting period from the time of the team's distinction must have passed before a team can

be considered for induction. The class of 2023 will be the 7th class honored. Previous inductions (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2007) comprise of 39 athletes and coaches spanning the years from 1929-1994. Questions regarding the nomination process can be directed to the Uxbridge High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, via the Committee's recording secretary or to the high school principal or athletic director.

Start your genealogy journey

Genealogy fascinates much of the general public. The number of people learning more about their families and heritage through genealogy increases year to year. According to FamilyTree.com, genealogy is the second only to gardening as the most popular hobby in the United States.

People explore genealogy for many reasons, including learning about their ancestry. A rundown of the basics of genealogy can make such pursuits more enjoyable.

Genealogy and family history are subtly different

Genealogy is a line of descent traced continuously from an ancestor, while family history is defined as the history or narrative of a family. They are intertwined but not synonymous.

Vital records are key
Genealogists explore vital records to obtain information about their ancestors. Vital records include documentation of ancestors' life events, including births, deaths, marriages, and more. Civil registration began at different times around the world, and even across North America, so it's often challenging, though entirely possible, to develop an accurate history.

Surnames may be different
Surnames were not commonplace until around the eleventh century in Europe, according to S.C. Perkins, who is the author of a mystery series featuring a Texas genealogist as the protagonist. Surnames fall into four general categories:

1. Place or geographical features (i.e., "Hill")
 2. Nicknames or appearance ("Little")
 3. Occupation ("Baker")
 4. Father's name ("Peterson")
- Some names may not have been



recorded correctly, so a person's last name actually may be a derivative of the real name or a misspelling. Often immigrants changed their own surnames to make them sound more American or more native to wherever they were emigrating to.

Cities change
Discovering records of ancestors can be even more challenging because of shifting borders or municipalities, which change over time. The Family Tree Factbook provides European maps from

throughout history and a timeline of European border changes that can help with research.

Preserve family history
In addition to uncovering mysteries of one's heritage, dabbling in genealogy helps to preserve family history by confirming tales and tracing ancestors' journeys. It also may help shed light on the history of artifacts or jewelry that ancestors owned and passed down.

Connect with others
A motivator behind genealogy

research is to uncover relatives. Cousins from all over the world can discover they are related and bridge the gap between them through shared genetics and history. This may be particularly important to those who were adopted and hope to understand more about where they came from for personal or health-related reasons.

Genealogy is a growing hobby that can be quite rewarding. Thanks to the internet and growing databases of civil records, it's now easier than ever to trace family histories.

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What consumers can do to support local farmers

Farming has never been a vocation for individuals looking for easy work. Farmers typically work long hours, braving the elements regardless of how unpleasant the weather may be.

All that hard work ensures individuals who live in rural, urban and suburban communities have constant, readily available access to healthy foods. Such devotion merits support, and thankfully there are many things consumers can do to show their appreciation for local farmers.

Buy fresh foods at your local farmers market. Farmers markets are many foodies' favorite places, but they aren't exclusive to individuals with a passion for food. Everyone needs to eat, so why not eat foods grown locally, which are generally more fresh and appetizing than imported fruits and vegetables sold at chain grocery stores? Even individuals who don't typically eat fresh fruit and vege-

tables can find something delectable at a local farmers market, where anything from homemade tomato sauces to locally raised fresh beef and pork might be on sale.

Order directly from local farms. Some farmers have embraced the e-commerce revolution and begun selling the foods they grow to consumers via their own websites. Research local farms and determine if it's possible to buy directly from them. Farms may offer delivery or pick-up, and consumers can enjoy fresh foods even more knowing that they helped farmers earn higher profits by buying directly from them.

Check labels before buying in local grocery stores. Packaging labels will indicate where fruits and vegetables came from. When possible, choose items produced by local farmers. This may include fruits, vegetables, meat, pork, or even desserts like pies. Locally produced foods often taste more fresh than items



sent from overseas or distant farms, and consumers will feel better knowing they helped to support local farmers.

Spread the word. Get the word out after a satisfying experience with local farms and farmers. Whether it's buying food from farms or taking advantage of family days that let kids enjoy a day on the farm, sharing positive experiences via

social media or word-of-mouth can be a great way to inspire your neighbors to support local farmers as well.

Consumers can do much to support hard-working local farmers. In addition to feeling good about supporting their rural neighbors, consumers also might feel good when they sit down and enjoy a meal featuring locally grown, fresh foods.

Interesting facts about the month of March

Millions of people look forward to the month of March every year. In the northern hemisphere, March 20 or 21 marks the beginning of spring, a season of rejuvenation in which individuals enjoy the first consistent periods of warm weather since the previous fall. Though the official start of spring is a much-anticipated event each March, the month is more than just the end of winter. The following are some interesting facts about the month of March.

March derives its name from "Martius," which was the first month of the earliest Roman calendar. The Romans gave the month that name in honor of Mars, the Roman god of war, and Martius was considered the beginning of warfare season, which is a far cry from the beginning that March is now associated with.

March is host to one of the more popular sporting events in the United States. March Madness is a single-elimination college basketball tournament featuring 68 Division I teams (there are separate tournaments for men's and women's basketball). Much of the ongoing popularity of the event is a byproduct of bracket pools. Those pools involve participants

predicting the outcomes of each game of the tournament by filling out their own bracket. March Madness can trace its name back nearly a century to an Illinois High School Association official named H.V. Porter, though many credit broadcaster Brent Musburger with popularizing the term for the annual tournament in the 1980s.

Though March might be a great time of year for college basketball fans, it's decidedly less so among their employers. Estimates from Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc., determined that employers lost roughly \$13 billion in productivity in 2019 due to March Madness.

March also is host to one of the most popular holidays in many parts of the globe. March 17 marks St. Patrick's Day, a day initially designed to commemorate the life and contributions of St. Patrick, who is the patron saint of Ireland. During the twentieth century, St. Patrick's Day became a celebration of Irish culture and has become synonymous with boisterous revelry, particularly in cities such as Chicago and New York.

Many people find Daylight Saving Time in March inspiring. That's because

regions that still participate in DST turn the clocks forward each March. That adds an extra hour of evening sunlight and ensures people who work indoors all day long get to enjoy some welcome sunlight at the end of each workday.

The daffodil is the birth flower of March. For many people, these generally white and yellow flowers reinforce the feeling of rejuvenation that comes each March with the official beginning of spring.

Students tend to enjoy March as well, as this is typically when Spring Break is scheduled. That's especially common on college campuses and annually compels millions of college students to descend upon warm locales for a sunny and much-needed respite from their studies.

Fans of inventor Alexander Graham Bell have reason to celebrate in March as well. That's because the man behind the first phone call ever made patented the world's first telephone on March 7, 1876.

March is known for coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb. In between that entry and exit, individuals can celebrate and enjoy a host of memorable and fun events.



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Spring cleaning pointers

Spring is a season of renewal. When the flowers are blooming and the trees are budding and the weather is pleasantly warm, people often feel inspired to make changes around their homes. Work may begin with culling belongings and organizing essentials.

There is debate regarding where the practice of "spring cleaning" originated. Some researchers link it to certain religious groups. It has long been an ancient Jewish custom to thoroughly clean a house in preparation for the springtime feast of Passover. The house is scoured to remove any yeast bread, or chametz, from the home. Similarly, members of the Greek Orthodox church celebrate "Clean Week," which is a week of cleaning before Lent. In Iranian culture, families spend days cleaning prior to the Persian New Year, which begins on



store errant items until you move on to the next room.

Stock up on supplies
Prepare all of the cleaning supplies in advance. Put together a tool kit of sorts with the equipment you need, including mops, brooms, rags, cleansers, and the like. Organization can keep you on course.

Harness your strengths and weaknesses

Some people clean because they are stressed or angry, others do so to avoid other tasks. Keep personality in mind when establishing a cleaning schedule. For example, clean at night if you're a night owl, or wait until you are feeling antsy before embarking on a "calm down cleaning."

Tackle seasonal chores first

Some tasks need to get done to prepare for the spring and summer season. These may include cleaning the grill and sorting through outdoor furniture and decor. Spring cleaning may involve readying the pool for another year of use, or cleaning out rain gutters to prepare for spring storms. Tackle time-dependent tasks first and then move on to others that are less time-sensitive.

Spread out the work
Some people like to devote full weekends to spring cleaning, but that can be overwhelming for others. Breaking down cleaning tasks into 15- to 30-minute intervals each day can make the job more tolerable.

Spring cleaning season has arrived, and certain tips can make the job more efficient and manageable.

SAFETY

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Meanwhile, the Northbridge Fire Department recently released some statistics regarding winter fires. Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January, and February, the department released in information on its social media.

According to the data released, one in every seven home fires and one in every five home fire deaths "involves heat-

ing equipment," the department shared. Residents are encouraged to have a qualified professional clean and inspect their chimneys and vents every year. Also, store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside "at least 10 feet" from the home and any nearby buildings, according to reports.

Only one heat-producing appliance, such as a space heater, should be plugged into an electrical outlet at a time.

"Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from any heat source," the resources add.

BALL FIELD

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Spring cleaning also has some secular roots. For instance, in the 1800s, Londoners routinely cleared their homes of grime and soot that accumulated over the winter.

Spring cleaning is still a ritual for many today. As people embark on their plans to tidy up, these tips can help them along.

Tackle one big task a day

Who hasn't started one project only to be distracted into moving along to another room? This often occurs when people discover something out of place in one space and then move that item where it belongs, only to find a new cleaning task at hand in that space. Inefficiency can make you give up on spring cleaning prematurely. Agree to address one room/task a day. Keep a basket or box handy to

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PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (intention), Amen
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I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, succor me and this necessity. There are none that can withstand your call. Oh show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, place this cause in your hands (3 times). Sweet Mother I pray for this cause in your hands (3 times). Holy Spirit, resolve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all even against me in that in all instances of my life you are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once and again that I never want to be separated from you even in spite of material things. I wish to be with you in eternal glory.
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