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Legislation extends funding for National Heritage Corridor

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

WHITINSVILLE — Legislation establishing a “National Heritage Areas System” that recognizes certain areas of the country and authorizes appropriations could mean federal funding coming to the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor.

Senate Bill 1942—known as the National Heritage Area Act—was approved by Congress and sent to President Joe Biden for his signature, according to reports.

“The bill passed the House on Dec. 22 by a bipartisan vote of 326 yes and 95 no,” the Blackstone



River Valley National Heritage Corridor shared in a press statement.

This bill requires a standard for the designation of “National Heritage Areas,” according to a bill summary.

“The bill establishes a National Heritage Area System through which the Department of the Interior may furnish technical and financial assistance to local coordinating entities to support the establishment, development, and continuity of the National Heritage Areas,” the bill summary reads.

“Thanks to the leadership of Congressman Jim McGovern, House Rules Committee Chair, no Democrat voted against the measure, and a majority of Republican House members supported the bill,” the Blackstone Heritage Corridor (BHC) released. “A day earlier, the bill was approved unanimously in the United States Senate, with

Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island leading the four senators who represent the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor.”

The BHC, which spans 25 communities from Worcester to Providence, Rhode Island, was first established in 1986 and recently observed its 36th birthday, according to the organization.

“While the passage of S.1942 continues to make Blackstone eligible for federal funding, appropriations for the Corridor have declined in recent years,” BHC released, adding that there are currently 55 national heritage areas across the United States and four others in Massachusetts.

Previously, National Heritage Areas were subject to “individual sunset clauses” after which they lose federal funding, BHC shared in a separate statement.

“For too long now, the lack of a long-term legisla-

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Grafton police release 2022 activity summary

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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GRAFTON — The police department has recently released a summary of last year’s activities, including more than 18,000 calls for service throughout 2022.

“We are extremely grateful to serve a community that offers us tremendous support throughout the year,” the Grafton Police Department released in a statement on social media. “It is our sincere hope that you don’t need us in 2023, but rest assured if you do, we will be there for you.”

Overall, the department reported receiving 18,690 “Calls for Service” last year, which could include anything from a citizen calling in with a complaint to an individual seeking advice or direction, the police department reported.

“It could be a medical or someone just looking for general information, or someone who needs our help,” police said. “It basically is something important enough to record in our daily police logs.”

Overall, the “Calls for Service” were down slightly—about 4.1 percent, according to reports—from 2021. The department’s 2022 year in review also included the following stats: 650 incident reports; 200 arrests; 206 crashes; 2,511 car stops; and 1,894 citations written. Incidents requiring police reports were up slightly (2.2 percent) when compared to 2021, police said, and arrests also saw a small increase (5.5 percent) in 2022.

Reportable car crashes were up about 12 percent, police released, adding that “reportable” means the department had to report the crash to the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

“Total car stops and citations issued is where we saw the most significant increases over 2021, with an increase of 53 [percent] in car stops and about 34 [percent] in total citations written (this includes written warnings, civil fines, and complaints referred to District Court),” the department shared.

For more information on the Grafton Police Department, visit the department’s Web site online at graftonpolice.com.

Blackstone Valley Gardeners present ‘Great English Gardens’

WHITINSVILLE — What could be better in January than a stroll through some of the best gardens that England has to offer? Join the Blackstone Valley Gardeners at their meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. as speaker Audrey Dempsey shares her travels through great English gardens. Dempsey has traveled widely and is a talented photographer. Her presentation is sure to evoke envy, as well as provide inspiration and wonderful ideas for making your own garden dreams come true.

The Blackstone Valley Gardeners will meet at the United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave. in Whitinsville. For easy access, enter through the parking lot that is behind the shops on the south side of Church Street. Use the rear entrance of the church. Meetings are held in the community room, which is just inside the entrance. A brief hospitality gathering will proceed the evening program.

Gardeners from throughout the Valley are welcome as guests, or may become full members

for \$25 a year. First timers can always attend without charge. The Blackstone Valley Gardeners celebrated its 30th year in 2022, and is an active club, dedicated to the advancement of horticulture at home and in the community, as well as the conservation of the environment.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. Put on a warm jumper and enjoy an enchanted evening wondering through some beautiful English gardens.

Local police officers graduate academy

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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REGION — Several local police officers were among the 47 new graduates of the Boylston Police Academy’s 30th ROC.

“The Blackstone Valley was well represented, as several of the new officers will be reporting for duty to the towns of Millbury, Bellingham, Douglas, Sutton, Blackstone and Uxbridge,” the Uxbridge Police Department released in a statement.

Uxbridge Police said the department is “excited to introduce” Officer Sean Creighton.

“Sean is continuing a family tradition in policing for the Town of Uxbridge, as he is the great nephew of Chief Jack Creighton (Ret.),” police said. “Sean will now enter the FTO program with the agency.”



In Sutton, police shared that the department has one recruit, Blake Dickman, who is “set to transition into ‘go’ time.”

“This was the final time that Ptl. Dickman’s academy class was dismissed for the day. Typically, at the end of each acad-

emy day, this is done with the recruits,” the Sutton Police Department shared. “The ‘count on deck’ is how many recruits

are still remaining in the academy..because sometimes people quit when they realize what type of person it takes to become a police offi-

cer and perform day in and day out for complete strangers.”

“We wish all 47 new officers the best as they begin their careers in law enforcement and extend a grateful thank you to the staff and drill instructors who have taught and guided them through the past six months of training,” Uxbridge Police added.

Millbury Police shared that the department has welcomed Officer Jonathan Delgado, who graduated during the event that was held on December 30. Officer Delgado, 31, is a Millbury resident, according to police.

“Jonathan graduated from South High School in Worcester in 2009. He joined the Marine Corps in 2015 and is still an active Sgt. in the Reserves,”

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PLUMMER PLACE TURNS INTO A WINTER WONDERLAND


Plummer Place celebrated the holidays with a festive Winter Wonderland "All That Glitters Is Snow" party, complete with Victorian Carolers and a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings, catered by Mendon Street Kitchen and sponsored by the Friends of Northbridge Elders (FINE). Raffle baskets were provided by Atria Draper Place, Blackstone Valley Health and Rehabilitation and Cornerstone Senior Living. Local non-profit Struggles and Snuggles provided gift bags for every senior in attendance. It was a wonderful afternoon as seniors and older adults enjoyed the festivities and spending time with friends before the holidays. For more information on Plummer Place, please call (508) 234-2002.

Bay Path students welcome Santa

CHARLTON — On Saturday, Dec. 3, a "Breakfast with Santa" was held at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School with National Honor Society students assisting at the event. The Breakfast, held to support the Bay Path Education Foundation in supporting senior scholarships, returned after a two-year hiatus due to Covid.

Activities for students included tinsel hair extensions, tattoos, and Magic Reindeer Food. A raffle, organized by Secretary to Director of CTE Peggi Corsi, helped raise \$3,000. More than \$10,000 was raised in total. Various departments and constituents at the school contributed to the planning of the Breakfast. Secretary to the Superintendent Ms. Sue Foscett helped organize and decorate for the event. The graphics department printed invitations and signs and the marketing department helped set up a balloon arch. The culinary department provided





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food preparations and members of the Bay Path Education Foundation helped clear tables. Teachers and some of their spouses volunteered their time. Principal Cliff Cloutier served food and took photographs and Superintendent-Director Kyle Brenner helped announce raffle winners. School committee member Mr. Don Montville endured the rain to head parking duty. The Bay Path community thanks all who contributed, volunteered, and/or attended the event.

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LPN reflects on family and nursing journey



CHARLTON — As we celebrate the holidays and the coming of the new year, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy recognizes nurses for their successes along with their commitment, tenacity, compassion, kindness, and uniqueness.

Khamphan Houatchanthara, LPN of Southbridge reflects on her family and her nursing journey.

Houatchanthara became a nurse following her sister, Maxine Houatchanthara Khounthy.

“I am close to my sister. We have been through a lot together. We had to grow up very quickly,” she said. “I learned a lot of great lessons from my family. The work ethic, compassion, responsibility, and drive all have been instilled in me by my family.”

Houatchanthara was born in Laos in what she described as challenging times.

“We still were dealing with the effects of the Vietnam war and our own revolution. My grandfather had to flee because he was part of the French-backed side that lost the war. My father was the oldest of ten siblings. We were the last to escape to Thailand because he was the only one that already had a family. We spent four years in a refugee camp. With the help of Catholic Charities and my grandfather we were able to settle in Southbridge,” she added.

Houatchanthara graduated with the Practical Nursing class of 2021 and was the recipient of the Clinical Excellence Award and the Random Act of Kindness Award. While at Bay Path Practical

Nursing Academy she was a member of the Mock Code Team, UNICEF Club, and Admissions Panel Interview. She is certified in Mental Health First Aid, Dementia Care, and Infusion Therapy/Central Line Care Program. She completed training on COVID-19 Contact Tracing through Johns Hopkins University.

Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Academy Director thanks Houatchanthara for her dedication to nursing. To Bolandrina, Houatchanthara’s kindness is synonymous with her compassion. No matter what stresses or difficulties Houatchanthara encountered, she faced them with grace and humility. One of her favorite memories of Houtchanthara as a student nurse is helping a graduate with a healthcare crisis.

“Although busy with school, work, and her own family, she had gone above and beyond to help, including members of her cohort,” Bolandrina said. “Many of her kind acts did not receive the recognition they deserved.”

Houatchanthara said it best by stating, “My family is my backbone. Whether it was to encourage me or to give me the truth that I didn’t want to see or hear. Now, I am happy to say I have my own little family. My partner in life Simon and my beautiful daughter Athena. They have given me a greater strength to become a more complete person. They are the reason; I am striving to be better person for my daughter and set a good example she can follow.

Through my journey to become a nurse, I realized even more how much my family means to me. They have helped with my daughter and allowing me to concentrate on my studies. It’s funny how life comes full circle. When my sister was going through nursing school, my family and I were helping take care of her first child.” She concludes by saying, “family to me is everything. Without them I would not be who I am and vice versa. Through thick and thin we always have been there for each other. We are not perfect, but we are family, and we love each other.”

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. For more information, visit www.baypath.net.

Whitinsville resident Collin Falconer wraps up first semester at Eastern Connecticut State University

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. — Nearly 1,000 new students concluded their first semester at Eastern Connecticut State University this fall. The new admits included 734 first-time and 246 transfer students who are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate level programs.

Among them is Collin Falconer of Whitinsville, a first-year student who is majoring in Communication.

The most popular majors for the new students include business administration, psychology, health sciences, English, criminology and computer science. Students come from nearly all of Connecticut's 169 towns and 22 other states. Outside of Connecticut, the biggest feeder states for the new cohort include Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York.

These students join a student body of more than 4,000 who are enrolled for the 2022-23 academic year. In total, 31 states and eight foreign countries are represented among them. Approximately 28% are the first in their families to attend college.

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“Makeup in privacy, not where he sees you.”
– Dating Guide, 1938.

“Things not to worry about: Don’t worry about popular opinion, don’t worry about dolls, don’t worry about the past, don’t worry about the future, don’t worry about growing up, don’t worry about anybody getting ahead of you, don’t worry about triumph, don’t worry about failure unless it comes through your own fault, don’t worry about mosquitoes, don’t worry about flies, don’t worry about insects in general, don’t worry about parents. don’t worry about boys, don’t worry about disappointments, don’t worry about pleasures, don’t worry about satisfactions.”
– F. Scott Fitzgerald, letter to his daughter, 1933.

“A New Year’s Resolution that a man can keep... take a glass of Guinness every day.”
– Guinness advertisement, 1935.

“Into each day put 12 parts of faith, 11 parts of patience, 10 of courage, 9 of work, 8 of hope, 7 of fidelity, 6 of liberality, 5 of kindness, 4 of rest, 3 of prayer, 2 of meditation and one well-selected resolution.”
– Ocala Motors Inc. advertisement, 1960.

“No New Year’s Resolutions except to make the bed and stop mooning about.”
– Christopher Isherwood, diary, 1968.

“Set great goals, daily rest, brief vacations, knowledge of all weaknesses, better use of time.”
– Richard Nixon, diary, 1965.

Do what you’ve never done before, see what you’ve never seen
Feel what you’ve never felt before
Go where you’ve never been.”
– Donovan, “New Year’s Resolution,” 1970

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

Tips to Keep New Year Resolutions



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

Let’s face it, New Year resolutions are difficult to keep. Even the firmest intentions can lose steam come March. So what’s the secret to willpower longevity? The key factors to resolution success are attitude and commitment. Oftentimes New Year resolutions are self-improvements, and that requires a lifestyle change. Taking on the challenge with an eye to the future can increase the odds of your New Year resolution turning into a

longtime success.
The following strategies are geared toward arming you with the tools to expand your January vows into lifelong achievements. Happy New Year!

According to Statista Global Consumer Survey, Americans top New Year resolutions for 2023 are as follows:
Exercise more 52%; Eat healthier, 50%; Lose weight: 40%; Save more money, 39%; Spend more time with family and friends, 37%; Spend less time on social media, 20%; Reduce stress on the job, 19%.
The list reveals Americans put a premium on health and fitness, want to practice frugality and spend quality time with loved ones. While that’s no surprise, the

path to getting their might be. Here’s how to approach your goals with a different plan of action (and hopefully a better outcome!)
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Rule #1: Stop Overachieving
Whittling your resolutions down from a top ten list to one or two increases the odds of long term success. With a focus on one main goal, your “eye is always on the prize.”
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Rule #2: Adjust your Attitude
So you hate working out? Resent pinching pennies? Can’t bear to sack the sweets? Remind yourself you are doing this of your own free will! Remember the “fake it till you make it” research that reveals even a forced smile boosts your happy genes, thus actually making you happier! The phenomenon is called “facial feedback,” and according to Psychology Today, it works because the brain senses the flexion of certain facial muscles and interprets it as “Oh I must be happy about something.”
No one is forcing you to get on the treadmill or give up your \$6 morning Latte – it is your choice. You are choosing to improve your life. Sometimes reminding yourself that you are willingly partaking in the sacrifice can get you through the tough times.
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Rule #3 Be Accountable
Taking pen to paper (or keyboard to screen) can be powerful, and research repeatedly reveals that holding yourself accountable, be it via an exercise chart, daily food list, or budget list, is very effective to making long term changes.
Better yet, log your progress and map out your future goals on a graph, spreadsheet or on a calendar.
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Rule #3: Break it Down
It sounds like common sense to break goals down into manageable tasks, but people don’t always take the time to practice it. Make a plan with mini goals. When you achieve each goal, log it on paper or on the computer. Again, the power of the written (or typed) word solidifies the commitment.
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Rule #4: Group Therapy
There’s a reason WW (formerly known as Weight Watchers) is a huge success. Misery (and merriment) loves company. With plenty of support groups available online there is no reason not to seek out others striving for the same end results as you. Posting on a website that promotes healthy eating, frugality or even organization skills can boost your willpower and give you “shots” of encouragement. Not ready to join in a discussion? No worries. Just visiting a website with information and resources can aid you in your journey of improvement.
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Rule #5: Make it Fun!
When’s the last time you had fun achieving a goal? It’s easier than you think to stay the course if it’s a pleasant trip. Besides, who ever said a self-improvement plan has to be grueling? For example, it might not work for everyone, but I watch the Food Channel while on the treadmill. This way I get my “food fix” virtually (and with no calories)!
And although pinching pennies can feel like punishment, why not make a game of your budgeting? Challenge yourself to save a certain percentage at the grocery store each week, and up the ante when you reach your goal. Many supermarkets reveal the percentage or dollar amount saved right on the receipt, making it even easier to track your progress.
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Rule # 6: Motivate Yourself
Motivational speakers spark results, but you can use simple tools to be a self-motivator! Research the habits successful people and take a cue from them on how to carry on and achieve success even after failures. Remember Thomas Edison’s famous quote: After someone remarked his light bulb experiments failed, he said: “I have not failed 10,000 times. I have successfully found 10,000 ways that will not work.”
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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House
Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the 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 helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Vintage cars



ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & ESTATES
WAYNE TUISKULA

I hope that you have been having a wonderful holiday season and wish you a healthy and happy New Year!
We are currently preparing for our first auction of 2023. One of my favorite aspects of our work is the element of surprise with each new estate. We never

know what we’ll find. That includes two exciting finds that will be up for sale in our next auction: Two popular 1970s cars from two different estates.
Car enthusiasts collect a wide variety of cars ranging from some of the earliest versions like Ford Model Ts and Stanley Steamers to modern vehicles like a 2023 Ram 1500 TRX Havoc Edition Baja Yellow Super Truck, which has a list price of over \$100,000.
The auto industry saw many changes during the 1970s. Supercars. Turn to **ANTIQUES** page **A7**

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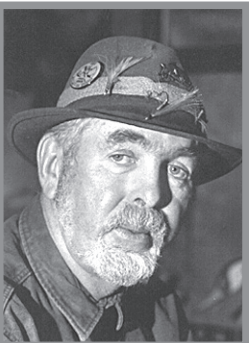
A reckoning for Woke-ism

To the Editor:
What I believe. Feel free to disagree. It’s a New Year’s reckoning for Woke.
Have you taken a moment to consider how it is time of reckoning? The Woke World is experiencing some serious push back on its crack-pot ideas.
Corruption, corruption, I repeat, corruption: Let’s begin with the indictment of the Darling of Washington liberals, the child-fraudster from MIT, Sam Bankman-Fried. He spent or lost \$32 billion of investors’ money overnight, it seems. Donated millions and millions to Democrat candidates, then filed for bankruptcy on Nov. 11. Coincidence? The Dark State insures there will be no trial.
Before Sam, there was Michael Avenatti (Stormy Daniels’ lawyer). He now sits in federal prison for 14 years. Once the darling of CNN, he appeared on its channel over 200 times in 2020. CNN begged him to run for President. CNN has lost millions in revenue and laid off hundreds of employees. Who watches CNN?
The border: The Pretty Governor of California has decided he had better visit the horrendous southern border with 10,000 illegals a day crossing (criminals, drugs, sexual trafficking, who knows what-all-else). Feckless Joe has never, never visited the border in his 45 years in Washington D.C. Instead of going to the Border in El Paso, TX, he goes to St. Croix for a vacation. He works so hard, you know.
Kristin Sinema, the newly Independent Arizona Senator, now says Biden should visit the border. “It’s a no-brainer,” she said. But Biden does not care about securing the border. Mexican cartels are advertising all over the world how they can get you to the border, for a price, and “Biden will take it from there”. Cartels rush people over the border where they “surrender” to our overwhelmed Border Patrol while the Cartels rush drugs over the unwatched parts of the border.
These drugs cause 300 overdose deaths a day. That’s an airliner a day. A plane crash, a day. Think about it.
Free speech: Elon Musk freed Twitter. And revealed how Twitter violated campaign finance laws by contributing, in kind, services to Democrats in 2020.

And revealed how the FBI rigged the 2020 election while embedded in Twitter.
Common sense: On Dec. 12, the Loudoun County, Virginia, School Board fired the Superintendent after an explosive Grand Jury indictment for failing to respond to a sexual assault of a girl by a boy in a skirt in the girls’ bathroom. The school’s Public Relations officer has been indicted for perjury.
In June 2021, the superintendent faced parental criticism for his response to the May 2021 sexual assault. He transferred the boy, still in a skirt, to another school where he committed yet another sexual assault on a girl. At the school board meeting, parents erupted when the superintendent said he was unaware of any sexual assaults in school bathrooms. The father of the assaulted girl was wrestled to the ground by police after he became upset with the lying superintendent.
You may recall, the so-called media repeatedly showed “rioting parents.” The Department of Justice investigated parents for threatening school boards.
In November, a lawsuit was filed by a female student against a Vermont High School which put the comfort of one trans-boy over the safety of a locker room full of girls. The school ordered the young woman who objected to a boy in her locker room to write an essay on why she failed to value his safety and comfort over her own. Instead, she sued. The Woke World plans to ban women outright.
Inflation: Only 7 percent! But eggs are up 49 percent, chicken is up 18 percent, milk is up 38 percent, ground beef up 10 percent, a wholesale box of romaine lettuce that was \$25 is now \$100. Home heating oil is up 25 percent. Natural gas, 31 percent. As Dumb Joe says, “my plan is working!” His plan to ruin us.
Of all the states, California has suffered the greatest loss of its residents who have moved to sane states like Texas, which has seen the greatest increase of population of all the states. People flee states like Massachusetts which has the 4th greatest departure of citizens of all the 50 states. Wonder why.
The reckoning of Woke World has begun. Happy New Year!

Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge

The ice fishing outlook



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The start of a new year has many hoping for a better year than 2022. The Covid crisis has returned, but should not be as bad as last year, as most residents of the state have had most of the required shots. Traveling is something that needs to be given a lot of thought. There is plenty of hunting and fishing here at home. The few cold days that we had a week ago gave ice fishing anglers an opportunity to get a few days of ice fishing in, although only seasoned anglers should have attempted to venture out onto the ice. Fishing on thin ice as we all know is extremely dangerous and can present anglers with life or death situations, in a matter of seconds.

The quick change in temperatures last week, and continued this week, should make any sensible person stay off of the ice locally, but ice fishing continues the farther north and west you go. Some local anglers headed for Maine last week, and had substantial ice on many ponds providing anglers with some great fishing. When and if some colder weather arrives, ice fishing should resume for many anglers, and many of them will be targeting Northern Pike.

This trophy fishing for Northerns is like a fever for some anglers. Purchasing large live bait like six inch suckers, at close to \$5 or more (if you can find them at your local bait shop) is just the start of fishing for Northerns. Many anglers travel out of state to find these trophy fish, which is only an hour or two away. States like Rhode Island and Connecticut provide anglers with some great fishing if you do your homework. Anglers that have located the best Northern fishing are very careful not to divulge their fishing hotspots, but sometimes it is very hard to keep secret. It has become such a prized secret, that some anglers are gathering information from anglers at bait shops

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net notes that gas shortages forced vehicles to become more fuel efficient and consumer advocates demanded safer cars.

American auto companies and consumers were slow to respond to these changes and many muscle cars (mid-sized high-performance car) were still being manufactured in the United States during the 1970s. Motorcities.org refers to the late 1960s and early 1970s as the “American Performance Generation.” A variety of bright colors and high-performance engines appealed to buyers. Plymouth sold fast cars in “Vitamin C Orange” while Chevrolet produced cars in “Rally Red.”

As you might expect, some of the 1970s cars that are most popular with collectors are muscle cars. However, there are some surprising choices on hotcars.com’s list of “Some of The Coolest American Cars of the 1970s.” The top 10 are:

10. 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle LS6
9. 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T Convertible
8. 1970 Ford Mustang Boss 302
7. 1971 AMC Hornet SC/360
6. 1971 Plymouth Hemi GTX
5. 1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass 442 W-30
4. 1973 Buick Riviera Boat Tail
3. 1973 Chevy Camaro Z28
2. 1974 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty-Special Brougham Talisman
1. 1974 Lincoln Continental MKIVs line

The 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle, 1973 Camaro Z28, 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T Convertible and Ford Mustang Boss 302 are cars I’d expect to see on the list. But the 1971 AMC Hornet SC/360, 1974 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty-Special Brougham Talisman and the 1974 Lincoln Continental MKIVs line surprised me. The Hornet had a 5.9L V8 engine and offered a lot of performance in a smaller car, which could explain why it made the list. They chose the Cadillac and Lincoln based on how luxurious they are.

Some 1970s muscle cars sell for under \$10,000. A 1972 Dodge Charger sold for \$8,500 in 2021 and a 1970 Chevrolet SS Camaro in running condition sold for \$2,500 in 2016. Conversely, some 1970s cars rank on the list of top 10 prices for cars sold at auction, according to American Legend Wheels (Americanlegendwheels.com). In 2015, a 1970 Plymouth Hemi ‘Cuda convertible brought \$2.25 million at auction. A 1971 Hemi Convertible topped that, selling for \$3.5 million in 2014.

We will be offering a 1970 Plymouth Satellite muscle car from a Watertown, MA estate in our upcoming auction. It is a project car but has already been drawing interest. We will also be selling a 1975 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray from a Westborough, MA estate. This car is in running condition. We’ll continue to gear up for this auction and hope some local bidders drive away with something to enjoy when the cold winter weather ends.

This auction will start soon and end in late January. Please visit our website <https://centralmassauctions.com> for links to upcoming events.

Please contact us at www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@centralmassauctions.com for antiques and collectibles auction services.



Courtesy

This week’s picture shows an excited angler with a trophy Northern Pike he caught a few years ago. Nice fish!

and Facebook and following them to their destination. That is how bad some guys want to catch one of these trophy fish. If you have a fishing hotspot be sure to check the car behind you when you head out for a day of fishing. You could be being followed!

Rat poison is in the news, and it is not only killing rats! One animal rehab center is claiming that the poisoned rats and mice are being eaten by other animals and birds, and are dying from the ingestion of the poisoned four legged mammals. Getting rid of these mammals is not easy, and is a constant problem

for homeowners and farmers. Setting traps and homemade devices never seems to be enough to eradicate these four legged mammals. They are responsible for eating clothing and other valuable items that are stored away for the winter months. They will eat wiring in cars and lawn equipment. You can never take enough precautions to protect all of your items. So what do you do? Most resort to calling an exterminator, if the situation gets out of hand! I spoke with a local exterminator this past week and he is aware of the problem, but insists it is not as bad as some people think. The

latest poison on the market to rid your home of these nasty pests is better than the poison of years ago, but you still need to closely monitor your pets and livestock and most of all your family members. There is no real quick fix to the problem, and the nasty critters are here to stay ,as are the problems with coyotes. Unfortunately, some of the poisoned critters will get eaten by other animals, but hopefully, it will be kept to a minimum.

Next week, we will discuss the art of Jig fishing through the ice! Don’t miss it! Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Ring in the New Year with traditions, fruits, and vegetables



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Start your New Year with a bit of luck and nutritious eating. Try a few of these food-related traditions and then plan on growing a few of your own to enjoy.

Eating grapes on New Year’s Eve is a Mexican food tradition. One grape is eaten with each stroke of midnight and is believed to lead to prosperity in the year ahead. Grapes are low in saturated fats and relatively high in vitamins C and K.

If space allows, grow your own grapes in a sunny location on decorative arbors and trellises. Use these as a decorative and edible entryway to the garden, as screening, or to provide shade. Plan for the squirrels and birds that may join you during harvest season.

In the southern United States, black-eyed peas have long been part of the New Year’s celebration. Many people believe the swelling of the peas as they cook represents prosperity, while others think their shape resembles coins.

Southern peas are warm-weather plants and should not be planted until the soil is warm and toasty, preferably above 65 degrees. Multiple plantings can be made at three-week intervals to have fresh peas all summer and fall. Space the seeds about two inches apart down the row. The rows

should be three to four feet apart.

Southern peas are one vegetable that doesn’t require pampering. They thrive in summer heat and stand up to the dry weather without a complaint. Most selections require 50-55 days from planting until harvest in the green pea stage. If dried peas are desired, 65-75 days are needed.

Elevate the fun of future New Year’s celebrations by growing your own. Plant black-eyed peas in a sunny spot in your garden. Wait for the soil to warm to begin planting the seeds. Make several plantings to have fresh peas all summer long. Most varieties are ready to harvest fresh in 50 to 55 days. Allow some



Melinda Myers

Increase your good luck and prosperity by growing and serving a cabbage dish on New Year’s Eve.

of them to mature on the plant. These are usually ready to harvest in 65 to 75 days. Pull and hang the plants in a warm location to dry. Then shell and store the black-eyed peas for your winter and New Year’s meal.

Increase your good luck and prosperity by including a cabbage dish. This German, Irish, and U.S. tradition is tied to the fact that cabbage leaves resemble money, promoting personal wealth.

You can start your own cabbage plants from seeds or purchase transplants from your favorite garden center. Plant cabbage in the garden in spring for an early summer harvest or plant in mid-summer for a fall harvest. Preserve your cabbage by quartering, blanching, and freezing some for use in your favorite cabbage dishes and New Year’s celebration.

Growing your own fruits and vegetables elevates the fun of these New Year’s celebrations. It also encourages all of us to eat healthier, a common resolution for many.

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



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QCC's winter break offers students a chance to get ahead

WORCESTER — As colleges and universities across the country gear up for winter break, Quinsigamond Community College is preparing for its Winter Intersession. Winter Intersession classes are full credit classes (three credits) that run during the winter break from Jan. 3-10. These two-week classes save students time and money towards their degree or certificate. Intersession classes at QCC are well-known in the area, not just for students already enrolled at QCC, but for students attending other colleges.

"This is a terrific way for students to catch up or get ahead on their college courses, or just experience a class they've always wanted to try," said QCC's Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. James Keane, noting that there are over 30 online

and in-person courses available.

Professor Bill McCarthy, QCC criminal justice department chair, said that intersession courses are historically popular across the country and help retention and graduation rates.

"The Winter Intersession benefits visiting students because many get stuck in a situation where they need just a class or two to graduate," McCarthy said. "This can keep them from graduating late."

"QCC students as well as students who regularly attend college away from their homes in Central Massachusetts have benefitted from the Winter Intersessions," added Melissa Fama, dean of the School of Public Services, Education, and Social Sciences.

Visit QCC Intersession to learn more.

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DAILY ACTIVITIES: All our daily activities are free of charge.

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

Tuesday: Cribbage 9:30am, Zumba 9:30am, Bingo 12:00 pm, Technology

Class 1pm, Jenga or Connect4 2pm (bring a friend, and play a game!)

Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10am, MahJong 1pm

Thursday: Chair Yoga 9:30am, Wii Games 11am, Hand and Foot card game 1 pm

Friday: Balance & Strength 10am

JANUARY EVENTS:

The center will be closed on Monday January 16.

Resolve to start your New Year with good health! We are expanding our twice monthly Blood Pressure Clinics with Nurse Ann to offer additional health and wellness services. Come by to have your blood pressure and heart rate checked, get to know what your blood sugar level is by having a quick finger sick, review your current medications, and/or discuss any of your health concerns. Appointments are required between the hours of 9:30 am-11:30 am. Walk-ins will be welcome between 11:30am and 12 noon. Please call the Adult Social Center at (508) 476-2283 to schedule your appointment. CLINIC DATES: January 9, & 24

Sunshine Club New Year's Party on 1/5/23 @ 12 pm with a cold luncheon, \$5.00 p/p. The entertainment for this event is being sponsored by the Douglas Cultural Council. Call 508-476-2283 to sign up.

Lunch and a movie, "The Bucket List" on 1/11/23 @ 12 pm, American Chop Suey \$4.00 p/p. Call 508-476-2283 to sign up.

Craft making, "wooden snowmen" and card making on 1/18/23 @ 11:30 a.m. There is no charge for this event. Refreshments will be served. Call 508-476-2283 to sign up.

Fuel Assistance will be here on 1/19/23 @ 10:00 a.m. by appointment only. You must call before to schedule an appointment, 508-476-2283.

Darci will be here for hearing aid cleaning on 1/19/23 @ 10 a.m. Call 508-476-2283 to sign up.

Please call the center to sign up for programs, 508-476-2283

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tive solution has led to a challenging two-year cycle of reauthorizations of individual Heritage Areas," the organization released. "This requires significant, ongoing work and attention from Congressional Committees, Members of Congress, the National Park Service, and National Heritage Area boards and their staff."

The legislation "removes the never-ending cycle of funding uncertainty," according to BHC, which "regularly takes time and energy away from the important work NHAs do in communities across the country."

POLICE GRADS

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Millbury Police released. "He has [an] Associates in Criminal Justice from Quinsigamond Community College."

Officer Delgado started his three-month training period with the department's Field Training Officers on Jan. 2, according to police.

LEGALS

PUBLIC HEARING – ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET

The Uxbridge School Committee will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 School Budget on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, commencing at 6:30 p.m. as required by Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Mass. General Laws. This meeting will be held in a hybrid fashion and can be accessed via Zoom by using the link <https://uxbridge-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/88686693314>

Public input is encouraged and will be accepted at the hearing. A copy of the proposed budget may be obtained at the Business Office, 9 North Main St. beginning Thursday, January 5, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will also be available online on the UPS Website under Business Department <https://ma50000413.schoolwires.net/Page/357>

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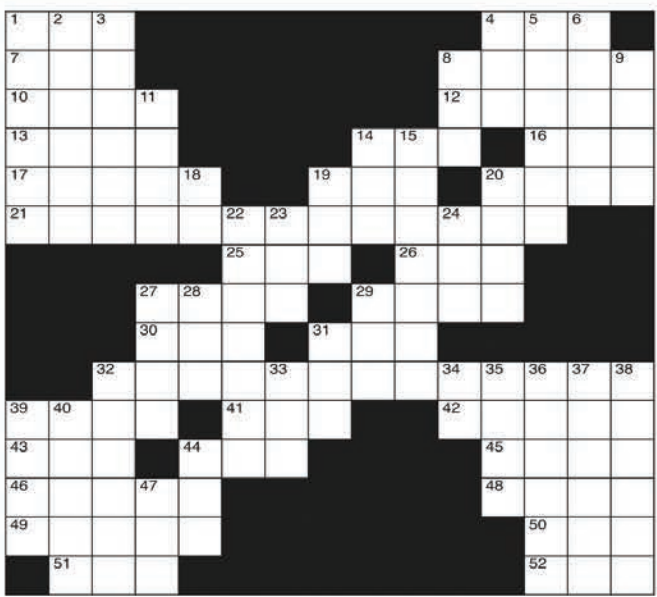
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1. Basics

4. Swiss river

7. Constrictor snake

8. Building occupied by monks

10. Discount

12. Deal a blow to

13. Relating to the ear

14. Thyrotropin

16. Loud, unpleasant noise

17. Large intestines

19. Move with a curving trajectory

20. Witnesses

21. You need both to live

25. Dash

26. Network

27. Dig

29. C. European river
30. Supplement with difficulty

31. Corporate executive

32. Carroll O'Connor's onscreen wife

39. No variation

41. Airborne (abbr.)

42. "Heidi" author

43. Affirmative

44. Pie __ mode

45. W. Asian country

46. Grotesque or bizarre

48. Delicacy (archaic)

49. Textile

50. Denial

51. Electronic data processing

52. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Engulf

2. Waterside hotel

3. Printed cotton fabric

4. Defensive nuclear weapon

5. One who follows the rules

6. Lace up once more

8. Fire byproduct

9. Hankerings

11. Outer

14. One-time aerospace firm

15. Seafood

18. Commercial

19. Epoxy hardener (abbr.)

20. Samoan monetary unit

22. Type of gland

23. Arrest
24. Check

27. Past participle of be

28. Alias

29. Major division of geological time

31. Kids programming channel (abbr.)

32. Joked

33. Helps little firms

34. Roman numeral 50

35. Impressive in size or scope

36. Domineering leader

37. A person who delivers a speech

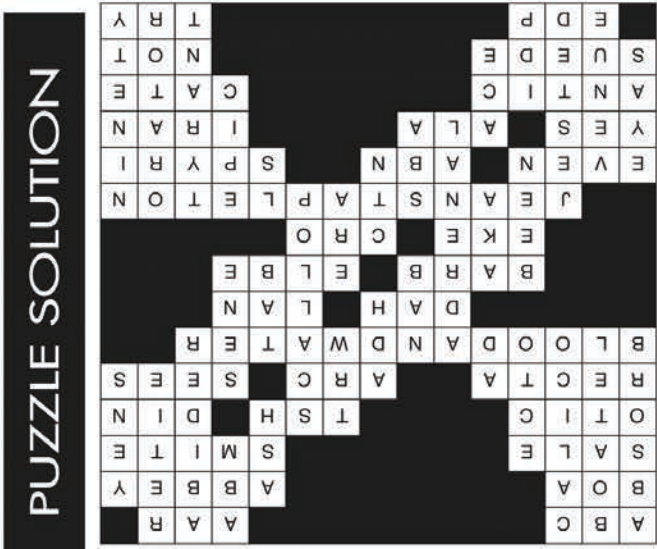
38. One after 89


39. Young hawk

40. The scene of any event or action

44. A team's best pitcher

47. Integrated data processing





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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Wade Perry Champagne, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, dated April 13, 2018, and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 58677, Page 73, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Envoy Mortgage, LTD, to RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation, dated March 14, 2019, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 60179, Page 289; by assignment from RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, dated October 22, 2020, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 63648, Page 214; and by an assignment from Freedom Mortgage Corporation to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 Cottage-TT-V, dated April 25, 2022, recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 67817, Page 152, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:30 P.M. on the 23rd day of January 2023 at 17A Ascension Street, Blackstone, MA 01504, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

To wit:
Unit No. 17A of the Ascension Street Condominium located on Ascension Street, Blackstone, Worcester County, Massachusetts, a Condominium created by Master Deed dated November 9, 1999 and recorded in the Worcester Registry of Deeds at Book 22039, Page 394. The Unit contains an area of 1,342 ± square feet and is laid out as shown on the plans recorded wit the Master Deed and on a copy of portion of those plans recorded in Plan Book 748, Plan 82.
The post office address of the Unit is 17A Ascension Street, Blackstone MA. 01504.

The Unit is conveyed subject to and the benefit of the terms, conditions, obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in the Ascension Street Condominium Trust dated November 9, 1999 recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds at Book 22040, Page 1, and the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, as may be amended from time to time.

The Unit is intended only for residential purposes and such other uses as set forth in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium as forth in said Master Deed.

The Unit is conveyed together with an undivided fifty percent (50%) interest in the common areas and facilities of the Condominium as set forth in said Master Deed.

FOR MY TITLE SEE UNIT DEED RECORDED HEREWITH, Book 58677-70 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 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.

Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) 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 wire transfer to Demerle Hoeger LLP, 10 City Square, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02129 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.

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for RMTP Trust, Series 2021 Cottage-TT-V,
Present holder of said mortgage,
By its Attorneys,
Demerle Hoeger LLP
10 City Square, 4th Floor
Boston, MA 02129
(617) 337-4444
December 30, 2022
January 6, 2023
January 13, 2023

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**225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
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Docket No. WO22P3941EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Denise M. Rivers
Date of Death: : 09/21/2022**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Emily A. Taylor of Worcester 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:
Emily A. Taylor of Worcester 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 01/17/2023.** 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)
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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 13, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

January 6, 2023

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL
COURT
Docket Number: 22 SM 003957
ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Daniel F. Stotz
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Uxbridge, numbered 14 Woodland Road, given by Daniel F. Stotz to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for CBC National Bank Mortgage, a division of First Federal Bank, dated June 15, 2020, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62760, Page 148, 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 February 6, 2023, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.
Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on December 23, 2022.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
22761
January 6, 2023

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Docket No. WO22P4341EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Francis J. O'Connor
Also known as:
Francis Joseph O'Connor
Date of Death: : 01/23/2018
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Late and Limited For-****

mal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by
Cynthia Ciavarra of Orleans 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:
Cynthia Ciavarra of Orleans MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/31/2023.** 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.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 27, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

January 6, 2023

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Robert E. Jordan and Mary Lou Jordan to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Florida Capital Bank, NA dba Florida Capital Bank Mortgage, its successors and assigns, dated April 16, 2009 and recorded with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 44115, Page 208 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on December 21, 2018 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 59852, Page 376, subsequently assigned to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 48221, Page 301, subsequently assigned to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53699, Page 83, subsequently assigned to GCAT 2014-4, LLC by Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 53750, Page 257, subsequently assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, doing business as Christiana trust, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for BCAT 2014 4TT by GCAT 2014-4, LLC by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 54081, Page 44, subsequently assigned to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, doing business as Christiana trust, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for BCAT 2014-4TT by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 60960, Page 382, subsequently assigned to U.S Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-E by Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust by assignment recorded in said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds at Book 61984, Page 48 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on January 27, 2023 at 395 High Street, Uxbridge, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, on the northwesterly of High Street, shown as Lot 1 on a plan entitled "Division of Land, Assessors Plat 28, Map 28, Lot 162B, Uxbridge, Massachusetts, Grace C. Jordon, Trustee," dated May 1992, prepared by Lunar Mapping Ltd. and recorded

in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 659, Plan 124, bounded and described as follow:
Beginning at the most easterly corner of lot 1 and the most southerly corner of lot 2 as shown on said plan, at a point in the northwesterly line of High Street;
Thence by the northwesterly line of High Street by the following courses: South 79° 23' 56" west 63.03 feet;
South 68° 01' 52" west 96.92 feet;
South 61° 46' 16" west 97.88 feet;
South 58° 42' 29" west 42.17 feet to the most southerly corner of lot 1 as shown on said plan;
Thence north 38° 05' 15" west 295 feet to a point in the line of lot 3 as shown on said plan;
Thence north 66° 56' 04" east 335 feet by lot 3 on the most westerly corner of lot 2 as shown on said plan;
Thence south 30° 52' 6" east 288.20 feet by lot 2 to the point of beginning. Containing 87,245 square feet of land, as shown on said plan.
Being a portion of the premises conveyed to Grace C. Jordon by a deed dated March 1, 1991, and recorded in said Registry, in Book 12658, Page 257.

For title reference see deed into Robert E. Jordon and Mary Lou Byron, dated July 2, 1992 and recorded July 14, 1992 in Book 14372 at Page 82 of the Worcester South Registry of Deeds.
See also deed herewith in B. 44115 P. 206

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

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

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-E

Present Holder of said Mortgage,

By Its Attorneys,
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Waltham, MA 02454
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The Trial Court
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225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO22C0613CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Jack Arthur Connors
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jack Arthur Connors of Uxbridge MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Jack Arthur Howard
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/24/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 22, 2022

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate

January 6, 2023

SPORTS

TWO LOCATIONS, TWO GAMES, SAME TWO TEAMS

Auburn, Blackstone Valley Tech split basketball tilts



Blackstone Valley Tech's Danika Kirby focuses before taking and making a free throw.



Mara Keane of Blackstone Valley Tech fights through a defensive triple team to hoist up a shot.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Ryan Sauter catches a pass in the corner before firing off a 3-pointer.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

UPTON/AUBURN — On Thursday, Dec. 29, not only did the Blackstone Valley Tech girls' varsity basketball team host Auburn High but, later that day, the Rockets hosted the Beavers in a boys' varsity basketball matchup. The programs went 1-1 as the Valley Tech girls defeated Auburn

and the Rockets beat the Beavers on the boys' side. Blackstone Valley Tech 61, Auburn 41 — Playing an early afternoon contest at the Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick Competition Center, the Beavers led at all the stops. After holding a slight lead of 8-7 after the initial eight-minute quarter, BVT had a tremendous second period, outscoring the Rockets 22-10 and

taking a 30-17 advantage into halftime. "We've usually been a big second half team. We've been the type of team to really dig ourselves a hole and then our third quarter is always really good. Our big goal this game was to play all four quarters, so for them to have that big second quarter was huge," explained Valley Tech head coach Nathalie Christiansen.


The Beavers continued with a strong third quarter, outscoring Auburn by a 21-8 margin to put the game away and lead, 51-25, heading into the final frame. A total of nine Valley Tech players scored, with Skyla Jack's 16 points leading the way. Danika Kirby (13 points), Kasey Reeves (8) and Mara Keane (8) also had high point totals. "We haven't really had a ringer. In years past we graduated Emma Ballard and she would drop 20 or 25 or 30, and we'd rely on her. In losing her some people have stepped up and everyone is dropping 8 or 10, and that's great," Christiansen said of her team's balanced scoring. The win boosted BVT's record to 3-3. Auburn, meanwhile, suffered its first loss and is now 4-1. "We got outplayed and we got outcoached throughout the entire game. We couldn't rebound that well and they had a lot of second-chance points, so that's what mostly killed us. I don't think any of us really showed up to play," explained head coach Joseph Green. With that being said, Green isn't overly concerned with the setback. "We have a long season ahead of us and there's a great group of girls there, so I don't think they're hanging their heads on this one," he explained. "They'll bounce right back. There's a lot of leadership on this team." Green was also pleased with the Rockets' fourth quarter play, where they outscored the Beavers 16-10. Hanorah Murphy scored a game-high 19 points, while Bella Doyle scored 7 points and pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds. Auburn 62, Blackstone Valley Tech 49 — Later that night, at Auburn's Dr. Arthur M. Pappas Gymnasium, the Rockets took on the Beavers for the Rocket Holiday Basketball Classic Championship. Two days prior Auburn defeated Bay Path Regional and Valley Tech beat Southbridge High in first round play. The Beavers opened the title game hot, jumping out to a 13-3 lead, but the Rockets trimmed the deficit down to 17-12 by the conclusion of the first quarter. Auburn then won the second frame, 17-10, to take a slim lead of 29-27 into intermission. "BVT is a big, physical

team, so we tried to come out in zone to take that away, but they came out 5 for 6 (shooting), so we had to switch it to man. Our man defense was able to create some energy that carried over to the offense," explained Rockets' head coach Dan Koen. "The fact that we were able to claw back, the kids were able to hang their hat on that." Then, in the second half, Jordan McFadden took over for Auburn. He scored 18 of his game-high 24 points and secured 8 of his 13 rebounds over the final two quarters. "Jordan is definitely our offensive catalyst. We tried to play him off the ball so he could get his shot going. He can score at all three levels: shoots 3's, he can get to the free throw line, and he can put it on the floor and hit the midrange," Koen said of McFadden. "Once he gets going, the team thrives off that. We get confidence off his confidence." The Rockets led through three quarters, 47-36, but the Beavers scored the first 10 points of the final frame. Auburn never relinquished the lead, though, and ended the game on a 15-3 run. "I know there's an ebb and flow to every game and we were definitely hot when it started, and I know they had the energy in the gym to come back at any time to come back with a couple buckets — which is exactly what happened — so I was frustrated to see them not run into some play sets. I wanted to see them slow it down, but they didn't. It's something we've been working on as a group," Valley Tech head coach Dan Morin said of his inexperienced team that graduated many seniors and lost a player to prep school. "I have three returning players. It's definitely different, but we have great chemistry even though they don't have that comfortability on the court yet." The Beavers were led by Jon Powell's double-double of 12 points and 13 rebounds. Nathan Slaney chipped in 9 points. Valley Tech is now 2-2, while Auburn improved to 3-2. "Any time you can play for a championship, especially at home, it's a special moment," Koen said of winning the title. McFadden was named the Tournament MVP, and Bay Path defeated Southbridge in the consolation game.




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SPORTS

Crusaders not only show fight, but pull off epic comeback win over Main South

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

NORTHBRIDGE — Through eight minutes of play in the Whitinsville Christian School's boys' varsity basketball contest against Main South, played at the Nehemiah Center on Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Crusaders were down big against the Cougars. They trailed at the end of the first quarter, 22-4, and head coach Brady Bajema gave his team two options.

"I challenged them at the end of the first quarter when it was 22-4 and said, 'you guys have a choice right now. We can lay down or we can see if we have a little fight,' and I at least know that we have a team that will fight now," explained Bajema.

He knows that the team has fight because not only did they make a game of it, but the Crusaders actually rallied to defeat Main South in over-



Nick Ethier

Whitinsville Christian's Isaiah Plantinga drives down the baseline against the defense of Main South.

time, 57-50, for an epic comeback victory.

"That's led by our two captains, Nic and Noah," Bajema said of seniors Nic DeNorscia and Noah Massotti.

DeNorscia battled shooting woes but still managed to score 13 points, including a 7-of-8 performance from the free throw line. And Massotti had a lot of turnovers against the active pressing defense of

the Cougars, but he more than made up for it with his competitive drive.

"Despite the game Noah had from a turnover standpoint, I thought he willed us to that win," said Bajema. "I love Noah because he cares about the team so much. He apologized after the first quarter for his play. He has a fight in them that rallied the rest of the group."



Nick Ethier

Noah Massotti of Whitinsville Christian eyes the basket before launching a 3-pointer.

Main South grabbed a 27-5 lead early in the second quarter, but Massotti (24 points, 8 rebounds) began the rally with back-to-back 3-pointers, trimming the deficit down to 27-11. The Crusaders closed the gap to 9 points at 31-20 at halftime thanks to another Massotti 3-pointer and a trey in the final moments from junior Cam Desmaris.



Nick Ethier

Whitinsville Christian's Caleb Deters backs down Main South defender Savion Akwei.



Nick Ethier

Nic DeNorscia of Whitinsville Christian follows through upon the release of an attempted jump shot.



Nick Ethier

Whitinsville Christian's Ethan MacGillivray races into the lane while driving toward the basket.

The Cougars scored only 9 points in the second quarter and just 10 in the third and 5 in the fourth as Whitinsville Christian's defense came to life.

"I thought a lot of that was with our defense in the second half," Bajema said of the comeback. "We wanted

to hold them in the 50's or under."

The Crusaders won the third quarter, 16-10, and the fourth, 10-5, to see the game end at 46-46 at the end of regulation. Then, in the four-minute overtime, Desmaris opened the frame with a 3-pointer and Massotti followed

with another 3, and then DeNorscia got inside for a layup, giving Whitinsville Christian a 54-46 lead.

One free throw from senior Ethan MacGillivray and two more from DeNorscia was enough for the Crusaders to win the OT session, 11-4, and improve

to 2-0 on the young season, while Main South dropped to 1-1.

"We have so many guys that are playing their first big varsity minutes, and I don't think they fully know what it feels like yet. They don't know how hard a varsity basketball game is against a competitive team," Bajema said while explaining the potential reasoning for the slow start.

Desmaris, one of the players with no varsity experience heading into the season, came off the bench and finished with 14 points. Bajema was also pleased with Desmaris' play on the defensive end.

"Cam grew big tonight. Cam grew defensively tonight. He's a confident offensive player, but I was happy to see Cam dig in defensively tonight," said Bajema.

In fact, the Crusaders' defensive play could dictate how well the team performs this season.

"That's got to be our identity, is taking pride in our defensive end," explained Bajema. "That's what gives you a chance night in and night out. If we can defend like we did the last three quarters and overtime, we can be in any game."

Now with 15 days off before its next game, Whitinsville Christian will certainly put in the work before facing off against Dual Valley Conference rivals and strong teams in Sutton High (Jan. 4) and Hopedale High (Jan. 6).

"We have a lot to work on over the next couple weeks. I think you can do a lot of skill development stuff over those weeks," said Bajema.

Revolutionary changes coming to Uxbridge Youth Soccer League programs

Big changes are coming to the Uxbridge Youth Soccer League. This Spring, the league will expand its partnership with the New England Revolution Academy to offer weekly hands-on training to players in its In-Town developmental league and U10 travel teams. The changes will help raise the confidence and skill set of all players and coaches involved, positioning the league for years of success.

Now, all practices, from U4 through U6 (Grades Pre-K-3 to Kindergarten) will be spearheaded by a professional New England Revolution Academy coach, with the assistance of a team of volunteer parent coaches. All players in a division will practice together to ensure they receive the same level of age-appropriate training.

Players in the U8 and U10 leagues (Grades 1-4) will also receive one training a week led by the New England Revolution Academy coach. The second training will be led by their own coaching staff to target unique game-time preparation.

The goal of this program is to ensure all players have the opportunity to develop the same level of skills under the expert guidance of a trained professional youth soccer coach. But the program will also provide coaches with the guidance they need to further develop their own

coaching skills as they and their children advance to join UYSL Travel teams.

"We've enjoyed a long and successful partnership with the New England Revolution Academy and are thrilled to take this partnership even further," said UYSL President Elect Ben Casper. "Having the expertise of the New England Revolution Academy leading every one of our developmental league practices is really going to set our program apart in the Blackstone Valley and give those children coming through our league a competitive advantage moving forward."

This year, the Uxbridge Youth Soccer League celebrated its 40th anniversary. The league offers year-round soccer activities, including Fall, Winter, and Spring programs, summer camps, keeper training, and soccer clinics with the New England Revolution Academy.

You can sign up for spring soccer at uxbridgeyouthsoccer.com. The Travel deadline (U10-U18) is January 15th, and the In-Town deadline (U4-U8) is April 1st. An eight-week clinic will also be offered Friday evenings throughout the Spring for beginner and advanced levels.

For more information, visit their website or email them at info@uxbridgeyouthsoccer.com.



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Flexibility is key for Practical Nursing student

CHARLTON — The typical Bay Path Practical Nursing student is a working adult who also has a family and other responsibilities. The typical Bay Path Practical Nursing student wants to improve their chances of landing a job with greater responsibilities and higher pay. Imagine the demand and stress of a full-time evening nursing program. Add a curve ball such as an unfortunate fall resulting in a broken elbow! This is what happened to Nancy Kamicha of Worcester.

“My journey as a practical nursing student began in August, just like any other student,” said Kamicha. “I was focused on studying hard and attending clinicals which I really enjoyed because of patient interaction. I fell at home and fractured my left elbow!”

Kamicha worried that her academics would be interrupted and her goal to become a nurse derailed. She wondered how she would cope, wondered how long her recovery would take, and felt a little lost.

“The flexibility of the Bay Path Practical Nursing program made it possible for Kamicha to pursue her educational goals uninterrupted,” said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director.

“Kamicha had a caring family who was her strong support system and kind members of her



clinical team from the 2023 cohort, along with her Clinical Facilitator,” she says. “And so having the format of learning that we have available at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, where we created a learning contract and weekly check-ins, Kamicha was able to complete her learning and her clinical experiences in a face-to-face format uninterrupted. It all came down to prioritization and time management for the student.”

“My professors were kind to listen and understand my situation,” said Kamicha. “I was privileged to observe the performance of evidence-based interventions and follow the

nursing process of assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation. I understood that teamwork is vital in nursing care. My fellow students have been a key factor to my success on Term one, I have found moral support when I felt discouraged. I have learned that communication and teamwork are important.”

Nursing is one of the unique fields where often students simply cannot complete 100% of their learning in a classroom.

Bolandrina emphasized that “it is required by the Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN) that nursing students complete in-person clinical training because the skills they devel-

op are critical for patient safety.”

Said clinical skills can make all the difference to a patient facing a life-or-death situation. Some of the hands-on learning occurs at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy’s clinical affiliated facilities such as Harrington Memorial Hospital, Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital, Vibra, The Meadows, Webster Manor, Life Care Center of Auburn, Quabog Rehabilitation and Southbridge Rehabilitation Center. These clinical sites as healthcare partners have proved beneficial to practical nursing students, who are able to use the facilities

for training purposes. Kamicha is enthusiastic about entering

Term two in January.

She stated, “I recognize the experience as a blessing in disguise, I have discovered qualities in me – to keep an open mind, to accept and appreciate people more, and to be positive and optimistic. I look forward to more learning experiences throughout nursing school. I will always be reminded of the kindness that was extended to me by Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, the administration, professors, my fellow students, my care team, and my family on my journey to becoming a nurse.”

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Bay Path students apply Physics concepts

CHARLTON — Recently at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, students in Marc Christianson’s AP Physics class applied their knowledge of physics to create miniature versions of trebuchets, which were medieval siege weapons similar to catapults. In the middle ages, armies would use these weapons to hurl stones at castle walls. In the lesson, students first watched a video about the history and use of these weapons. They were then provided with materials such as cardboard, popsicle sticks, scissors, pencils, straws, glue, and tape, and worked collaboratively to make their models.

As Mr. Christianson stated, “The goal, of course, is to launch a projectile of candy.”

At Bay Path, the school has been focusing



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Pictured in the first photo (L-R) are Terry Simon of Southbridge and Sabrina Rodrigues of Webster. In the second photo are Terry Simon, Sabrina Rodrigues, Delaney Kirkorian of Spencer, Mr. Christianson, Alex Tetreault of Southbridge, Emma St. Francis of Oxford, and Makayla Collins of Dudley.

and scaffolds for grade-level learning, providing clear criteria for success (e.g. rubrics and exemplars), reinforcing perseverance and effort with challenging content and tasks, and communicating specific, frequent, accessible, and asset-based feedback to students on progress and areas for growth.

Engaging Instruction is defined as the following: “Providing opportunities for students to explore topics and apply learning in culturally relevant, authentic, and real-world contexts; building on students’ strengths, interests, cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and prior knowledge; facilitating cooperative learning and equitable student discourse; and developing students’ positive identities as learners.”

Inclusive Instruction refers to the making of grade-level content accessible and culturally relevant to students and accommodating and supporting individual differences in all students.

Critical Instruction refers to the developing of students’ abilities to think critically, ask questions, and analyze sources, perspectives and biases in order to deepen learning and make connections between content and real-world problems and events.

on various instructional focus areas that include purposeful assessment, high expectations and support, engaging instruction, inclusive instruction, and critical instruction.

Purposeful assessment refers to providing students with multiple ways and opportunities to demonstrate learning, enabling students to draw from their cultural knowledge and lived experiences, and ensuring that assessment methods and instruments maintain the rigor and high expectations outlined in standards in culturally sustaining ways. Another goal is also to not perpetuate racial, cultural, or linguistic bias.

High Expectations and Support refers to teachers using evidence-based pedagogical practices to provide equitable opportunities, supports,

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