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WWII veteran receives grave marker

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
 TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — A group of local veterans and family members have been working to get a military marker on every unmarked veteran's grave in town.

The group's most recent effort has just seen Edward Wallace, a WWII veteran who received a Bronze Star for heroism, finally getting a bronze marker put on his grave.

"Ed died in 2011," said local veteran Wally Smith. "Mr. Wallace had a military funeral back in 2011 but never got his military grave marker."

Through donations, help from local businesses, and with the proper paperwork through the government, Smith said "we are slowly getting this done."

"Mr. Wallace's marker is the third one we have completed," Smith said.

A re-dedication event was held on Sept. 21 in Pine Grove cemetery with a group of 20 people present.

"Mr. Wallace's family members were present and

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Edward Wallace, a WWII veteran who received a Bronze Star for heroism, has finally had a bronze marker put on his grave. Courtesy

Millville man arrested for firing gun while intoxicated

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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MILLVILLE — Police say there were no injuries reported after a recent incident in town that saw an alleged intoxicated man firing off several gunshots outside.

Justin Taylor, 38, has been arrested and charged, police said.

According to police, officers from the Millville, Blackstone, and Mendon departments responded to Chestnut Hill Road in Millville for reports of "an intoxicated man that possibly had access to firearms inside the house." Police responded at 9:54 p.m. on Sept. 17, according to reports.

"As soon as officers arrived on scene, they learned the man had made threats to retrieve a gun," Millville Chief of Police William J. Coupe Jr. released in a press statement. "Negotiations with the man began by phone and as this was ongoing, a call was made for the CEMLEC SWAT to assist at the location."

As officers attempted to regain communication with the man, he "stepped outside and back inside several times," police said.

"During these times, he fired several gunshots outside," Coupe released. "Members of the CEMLEC SWAT negotiated with the man for a period of time, and we were able to get him into custody at 1:46 a.m. without incident."

Assistance was requested from the Massachusetts State Police Crime Scene Unit and Firearms Section, according to reports.

The man, identified as Justin Taylor, has been charged with the following, according to police: A&B Family Member; Malicious Destruction of Property; Discharging a Firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling (three counts); Carrying a Loaded Firearm without a license; Ammunition without an FID card possess; Assault W/Dangerous Weapon (two counts); Firearm without FID Card Possess; and Firearm Carry Without a license.

"I am thankful for the support and professionalism of the many agencies that assisted us and proud of the restraint that was exercised when the suspect began firing gunshots. There were no injuries to report," Coupe added.

Daughters of the American Revolution presents Community Service Award to UniBank

DOUGLAS — The Captain Job Knapp Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently presented a Community Service Award to UniBank for their support of the Chapter's Good Citizens Awards.

Chapter Regent Noveline Beltram presented the certificate to Vice President and Relationship Branch Manager Karen M. Yacino at the Douglas branch of UniBank. The award recognizes the philanthropic support that UniBank provides to the community aligning also with the mission of the Daughters of the American Revolution to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism.

UniBank supports the chapter's annual DAR Good Citizen Award and Scholarship. A senior from four area high schools, Douglas, Northbridge, Blackstone Valley and Whitinsville Christian, is selected from each high school. Through



UniBank's generous support the chapter awards each of these students with a scholarship. UniBank also recently joined with the DAR to provide necessary grants to fund the recent renovations to the Jenckes Store in Douglas. UniBank's commitment to the improvement of our Turn To **DAR AWARD** page **A10**

'Be the Match' event promotes stem cell donor registration

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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NORTHBRIDGE — The high school's HOSA Club recently participated in this year's Blackstone Valley "Be the Match" stem cell registry donor drive.

An event was held on Sept. 23 at Lasell Field at Northbridge Middle School during the high school's Homecoming Day, and students and HOSA members passed out information and signed approximately 15 people up for the stem cell registry. The effort was led by Robin Laurens, NHS Science Department Chair and HOSA Club Advisor, as well as "Be the Match."

"Ms. Laurens and the NHS HOSA chapter are collaborating with Ms. Stacey Savage and the Whitinsville Christian School's HOSA chapter to educate our community on stem cell transplants and the Be the Match program," said Carla Smith, a 16-year resident of Northbridge. "Students from both schools received training from Be the Match in how to properly collect swabbed cheek cell samples to register potential donors."

Each year, approximately 18,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses where a bone marrow transplant is needed to save their lives, Smith said.

"Because tissue type is inherited, you might expect that a family member would be the best match. However, only 30 percent of patients will have a relative who matches and is able to donate," Smith said. "The other 70 percent, or



A HOSA table at the NHS Homecoming representing "Be the Match;" students assisted with the registry and swabbing.

approximately 12,000 people, need people to donate their healthy marrow." Smith is the parent of Caleb and Sofia

Smith, tenth-grade students at NHS, and she spoke to juniors and seniors at the high school on Sept. 19, sharing her per-

sonal experience with how Be the Match has impacted her family with a lifesaving

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Bay Path practical nursing class of 2024 completes Mental Health First Aid training

CHARLTON — Research states that the overall suicide rate in the US has increased by 35 percent since 1999 and suicide is the 10th leading cause of death overall in the US. September is National Suicide Prevention Month and Bay Path practical nursing (PN) students are doing more their share in learning. The PN class of 2024 learned the signs of suicide to prevent home or workplace-based tragedy.

The PN Class of 2024 completed the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training lead by Jammie Glenn, Project Director and Lynn Lynch, Business Manager, of the Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Inc. The six-hour curriculum, completed in one full professional development day gives the participant a three-year certification upon completion. Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy has been working with the Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services for the PN students MHFA training for over five years. “We are blessed that the Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services continue to provide the MHFA training for the PN students!” said Bolandrina.

“It is important for our future nurses to have the skills and knowledge to identify and respond to signs of mental disorders and how to



Lynn Lynch (fourth from left) with members of the PN Class of 2024.

provide initial help and support,” Bolandrina added.

MHFA trained individuals may assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis. In the MHFA course, the PN students learned risk factors and

warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help in crisis and non-crisis situations and well as where to turn for help for both adult and youth.

Topics covered include depression, mood disorders, anxiety, trau-

ma, psychosis, and substance use disorders. Participants learned how to apply the MHFA action plan in situations when someone is experiencing panic attacks, suicidal thoughts of behaviors, non-suicidal self-injury, acute psychosis (hallucinations or delusions), overdose or withdrawal from alcohol or drug use, and reactions to a traumatic event.

“Providing education to the future nurses and support so they’re in the best state of mind for their nursing journey is a wonderful tie-in,” Bolandrina said.

The feedback on the MHFA training has always been positive. We continue to engage in conversation, education, and breaking the stigma of mental health disorders.

Country Bank recognized by Boston Business Journal for charitable giving

WARE — Country Bank, a full-service financial institution serving Central and Western Massachusetts, is pleased to announce that The Boston Business Journal has once again named Country Bank an honoree in its annual 2023 Corporate Citizenship Awards, recognizing the region's top corporate charitable contributors.

The Business Journal annually publishes this list to highlight companies that promote and prioritize giving back to their communities.

“It is with honor that we present our list of the Top Charitable Contributors in Massachusetts – companies who gave \$100,000 or more to Mass.-based charities in 2022. Collectively, they gave \$423 million in cash contributions – a true example of the business community coming together to help those in need. We are proud to celebrate these organizations who give both money and time to make our communities a stronger and better place for all.” said Boston Business Journal Market President and Publisher Carolyn Jones.

During this year's celebration on Sept. 7, 100 companies qualified for the distinction by reporting at least \$100,000 in cash contributions to Massachusetts-based charities last year, as noted above. This year's honorees include companies from such industry sectors as financial and professional services, health care, technology, retail, and professional sports.

Country Bank, ranked 44th, employs 220 staff members within Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties. The Bank's team of Difference Makers actively promote the Bank's mission of making a difference in their communities by volunteering for various non-profits throughout the year.

“We are honored to be recognized by the Boston Business Journal for Country Bank's philanthropic efforts. As a community bank, it is our mission to help make a difference in the lives of others,” stated Paul Scully, President and CEO at Country Bank.

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Practical Nursing program at BVT holds information sessions, TEAS Exam

UPTON — The Practical Nursing program at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) prepares its adult students for personal and professional success as practical nurses. The part-time evening program regularly holds informational sessions and offers the TEAS Entrance Exam dates throughout the school year.

Information sessions With an increased need for skilled nurses, our Practical Nursing Program will hold informational sessions on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. via Zoom on Oct. 17 and Nov. 21. Then again in 2024, on January 9, February 13, March 19, and April 23. It's the perfect opportunity to speak with staff and learn more about the program.

TEAS Entrance Exam Dates All interested applicants must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), a requirement for the Practical Nursing program. The TEAS exam dates are offered remotely on Tuesday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m. via online testing on Tuesday, Oct. 24 and Nov. 28. Then again in 2024, on Jan. 16, Feb. 27, March 26, and April 30. The exam is done remotely via an

online testing platform.

"It is a good time to enter the nursing field because there's such a need for skilled nurses," said Practical Nursing Coordinator Joann L. Monks, MBA, MSc, RN-BC, RMA.

The affordable program offers small class sizes and accepts in-district, out-of-district, and out-of-state applicants. For more

information, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/practicalnursing or www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/pnteasentranceexam.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton,

Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

Waters Farm hosting fall festival Oct. 14 & 15

SUTTON — Wrap up your fall festivals with a trip to Waters Farm on Oct. 14 & 15, where the past & present combine to produce a family-oriented weekend full of activities & educational experiences. Waters Farm is a not-for-profit (501c3) all-volunteer run living history center located on 120 beautiful acres in West Sutton.

The Antique Engine and Tractor Show is dedicated in memory of Sten Brote, whose rare black Mack truck and trailer loaded with a multitude of beautifully restored antique engines was a perennial favorite. Visit with members of the Chapter 18 International Harvester Club as well as others from New England area clubs displaying and demonstrating their antique engines, tractors, implements and doodlebugs.

Shop at our large selection of craft vendors and enjoy lunch and apple crisp. Watch the Antique Farm Tractor Pulls both days. Demonstrations from yesteryears include our working Blacksmith Shop, Shingle Mill and

Maple Sugar House. The recently restored hearths in the Waters farmhouse will be in operation this year to enhance your house tour. Stop by the Darling Barn to see demonstrations including sign carving & painting, tin smithing, and pottery.

Children's activities include games and contests, barrel train rides, inflatables, and bottle rockets. The Sutton Robotics Team will be onsite as well as the Scouts, emergency vehicles and animals with plenty of interactive presentations.

The Animal Showcase, sponsored by the Sutton 4-H Preservationist Club, will host new exhibits to include goats and small farm animals in addition to their cattle. Sutton's own Angela Kazanovic and her horse, Aurora, known for their role as The Headless Horseman in The Sleepy Hollow Production at Old Sturbridge Village, will be there. Carolyn Stearns, author, and storyteller will join us both days along with the Molnar's of Donifer Farm in Connecticut with their mam-

moth donkeys offering demonstrations of the amazing things that donkeys can do. They will be joined by other donkeys and mules from the area.

Music will be provided by Cruisin' Bruce Palmer. Food and beverages are available onsite. Wagon rides, provided by Whittier Farms, run throughout the day traversing the grounds.

Sunday features include the Bruce Nichols Memorial Car Show in the upper field. The annual apple pie baking contest is next to the Apple Crisp Shed at 12:30 p.m. Rules and information will be available on our website.

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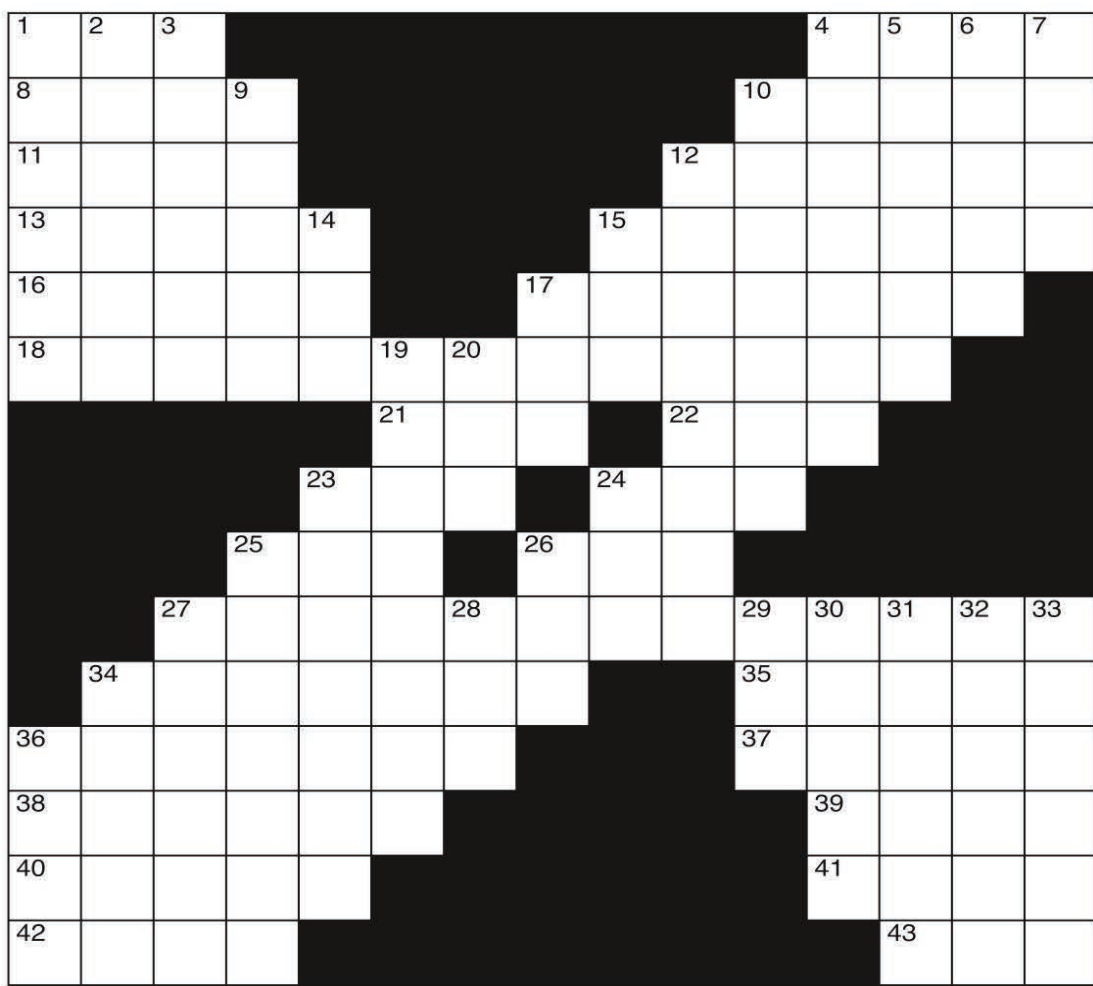
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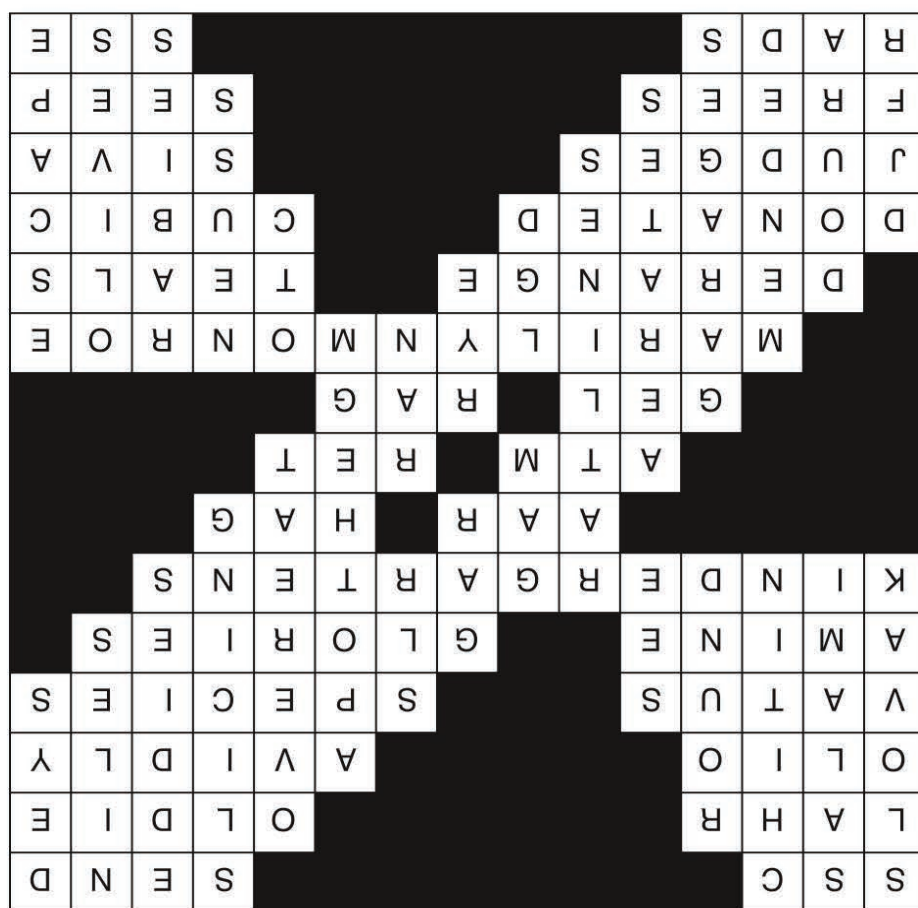
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- 4. Post
- 8. German city on edge of Black Forest
- 10. “___, but goodie”
- 11. Spiced stew
- 12. Passionately
- 13. Monetary units
- 15. Group of living organisms
- 16. Organic compound derived from ammonia
- 17. High honors
- 18. 5-year-olds’ classes
- 21. Swiss river
- 22. Old woman
- 23. Cash machine
- 24. A way to soak
- 25. Hair product
- 26. Deride
- 27. “The Blonde Bombshell”
- 34. Cause to become insane
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Supported with money
- 37. Type of equation
- 38. Court officials
- 39. Indian god
- 40. Rids
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Units of ionizing radiation
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

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- 1. Native of Slovakia
- 2. Deli meat
- 3. Fibrous substance in fungi
- 4. Cutting
- 5. Vedder and Van Halen
- 6. Horror comic novelist
- 7. Rulers of Tunis
- 9. Shaped like a circle
- 10. Make a pig of oneself
- 12. Aphorism
- 14. Witness
- 15. Single Lens Reflex
- 17. Freshwater North American fish
- 19. Nautical ropes
- 20. Leg (slang)
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. Moved quickly on foot
- 25. Fix-it shops
- 26. Type of bread
- 27. Repaired
- 28. Synthetic diamond (abbr.)
- 29. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 30. German city along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
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S.C.E. Real Estate celebrates third anniversary serving Douglas and beyond!

DOUGLAS — Hard work and a healthy dose of bubbly champagne.

These are the foundations of a stellar, sparkling business according to Sandra Considine, founder of S.C.E. Real Estate. On Saturday, Sept. 30, her brokerage, S.C.E. Real Estate will celebrate its three-year anniversary. An accomplishment marked with incredible client relations, brand-new team members, and a (finally!) renovated office building.

If she's honest, it's marked by a few tears, too.

But that's life as an authentic business owner — even more so for those, like Considine and her team, making their way in the real estate game in a post-pandemic market. These days, it takes a bit more grit and spunk to navigate these challenges, which Considine and her team have in spades.

They've seen it all. But to them, the market is much more effervescent than "doom and gloom" as it's portrayed from others in the industry. It's more than a labor of love — it's a lifestyle. At the end of the day, the experiences they've shared and the ups and downs of the industry itself are an opportunity to stretch and grow.

As they round the corner of their third year in business, their message is simple: Real estate is still happening.

Home values are on the rise. Inventory is available. There are genuine pros ready to make it all connect, and who will diligently serve clients on their home buying journey. They're perched on 295 Main Street, hopeful other like minded Realtors will opt into their mission by



joining the team.

Because they're in for one wild, fun and fully supported ride.

Out of the box

There's one thing the S.C.E. Real Estate team has made clear over the last three years: this ain't your momma's brokerage.

Simply put, the standout quality of its Realtors, Dina Goncalves, Georgi Morin, and Melissa Hadley their shared mission and vision helps them remain true to who they are. Though they're surrounded in the community (and beyond) by

the "big box brokerages," they've made a name for themselves by their friendly and genuine approach with their clients. Through this approach, they've grown their business one-hundred percent through referrals, and stand firm they will never cross into the "too salesy" territory, and will never buy a lead.

There's a way to do real estate that rejects inflated egos and terrible marketing ploys. S.C.E. Real Estate has found a path that works, and will continue to blaze this trail through the tenure of their careers.

Through her hard work and dedica-

tion, Considine knows when she draws other Realtors into S.C.E. Real Estate, she's welcoming not only into the fray of business, but into her home. Into her family.

To her, growing a business is a very personal, longstanding investment of time and emotions.

As she reflects on the last three years and her growing team — it's one that's already paying off. And that's something to raise a glass to.

Learn more at sce-realestate.com, by calling 508-476-5484, or visiting 295 Main St., Douglas.

Cornerstone Bank welcomes two new vice presidents, mortgage loan officers

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 10 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, recently welcomed two new vice presidents, mortgage loan officers. Rick Renaud is based at Cornerstone's Spencer branch on 176 Main St., and Jay Correia at the Westborough loan center at 45 Lyman St.

"We're delighted to welcome Rick and Jay to leadership roles on our team," said Todd Tallman, CEO of Cornerstone Bank. "With a combined 40 years in the field here in the northeast, they bring tremendous expertise and exceptional track records for service to our customers, as well as a commitment to community and our industry beyond the office."

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Renaud has spent more than two decades in the mortgage lending field. He is

a long-standing National Association of Home Builders Spike Club member and a former first vice president of the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Central Massachusetts.

Renaud, a Paxton resident, said, "I am looking forward to helping Cornerstone customers make the best decisions for their home financing needs."

With nearly 20 years of mortgage and banking experience, Correia has extensive knowledge of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Massachusetts Housing Project (MHP), Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and portfolio products.

Correia, a resident of Fall River, said, "I am committed to helping customers from all backgrounds, and I pride myself on being a trusted advisor who works tirelessly to help my clients meet their goals."

Whitinsville Christian School to host Christian College Fair

WHITINSVILLE — Whitinsville Christian School, located at 279 Linwood Ave. in Whitinsville, is pleased to be a host site for the 2023 Christian College Fair. More than 20 Christian colleges and universities from across the United States will be represented. Students and parents will be able to pick up catalogs and brochures and meet college representatives on Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, please visit findyourchristiancollege.com.

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Friday's Child

Hi! My name is Kevin, 6, and I like to play soccer and basketball!

Kevin is a sweet and endearing boy. He is also energetic and likes to play soccer and basketball. Kevin is known to have a healthy curiosity. He has faced a great deal of adversity, but it has not affected his endearing personality.

Kevin looks forward to starting school again in the fall. He does well with the support of an IEP and has developed strong peer relationships. Kevin is currently placed with maternal kin, but they are unable to commit to permanency. He does well in the home and is an integrated member of the family.

Kevin would do well with a loving and committed family of any constellation with or with other children in the home. Although unable to commit to permanency, his social work considers his current placement a lifelong connection and interested families should be open to maintaining that connection.

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If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ+ singles and couples. As an adoptive parent, you won't have to pay any fees, adoption from foster care is completely free in Massachusetts.

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

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

Friday's Child

Hi! My name is Keanu and I love to sing and be outside!

Keanu is a sweet boy who loves to be outside and play with his toys. Those who know Keanu describe him as fun and adorable! Keanu loves to sing; his favorite songs include "Old MacDonald", "You are my Sunshine", and "Wheels on the Bus". Keanu enjoys swimming in the pool and swinging on the swing-set. Keanu's favorite food is pizza. Keanu's favorite toys are those that light up; when presented with a new toy, he loves figuring out how to make it work and play music. Keanu loves to learn new songs from both his caregivers and peers.

Keanu's favorite time of the day is gym class. All of his teachers and providers constantly report what a joy he is to work with, and how much he participates in his lessons at school. Keanu continues to make progress with his speech and walking skills.

Keanu will need a family who can put some time into learning about his needs and learning how to set up the best possible environment for him. Keanu loves spending time with his visiting resources who would love to stay connected with him when Keanu lives with an adoptive family. Any family constellation that feels they can meet Keanu's needs will be considered.

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Homecoming: A timeless tradition that unites community

As the vibrant colors of autumn begin to paint the landscape and the air carries a hint of nostalgia, high schools across our community are preparing to celebrate one of the most cherished traditions of the academic year: Homecoming.

Homecoming festivities are not merely events but symbols of resilience and community spirit.

Homecoming represents more than just a dance or a soccer game; it embodies the essence of welcome and inclusion. It's a moment when alumni, students, parents, teachers, and neighbors come together to celebrate the shared identity of our community. Whether you graduated 50 years ago or last year, homecoming extends an open invitation, reminding us that we are all part of the same extended family.

In a rapidly changing world, homecoming bridges the generation gap. Younger students connect with alumni who walked the same hallways years ago, hearing tales of the past that link the past and present. It's a powerful reminder that traditions endure, and our community's legacy lives on through each new generation.

Homecoming fosters a sense of civic pride that extends beyond school boundaries. When our community gathers to cheer on the local team, we stand united in support of our young athletes and their dedication. These events help forge a collective identity that transcends individual differences, reinforcing the idea that we are all bound by a shared sense of place.

Local businesses often play a vital role in homecoming celebrations, sponsoring events, and providing resources. This partnership between schools and businesses reinforces the idea that a thriving community depends on collaboration and mutual support. Additionally, homecoming often serves as a fundraiser for various school programs, benefiting students and enhancing educational opportunities.

Homecoming is a time to showcase school spirit at its finest. Students don their school colors with pride, creating a sense of belonging and unity. This spirited atmosphere extends beyond the school walls, igniting community pride and enthusiasm.

Homecoming provides a chance for alumni to reconnect with old friends and revisit cherished memories. The laughter, nostalgia, and shared experiences rekindle friendships that might have dimmed with the passage of time.

Homecoming celebrations at our local high schools are not just events; they are threads that weave our community's fabric together. They serve as a reminder that we are all part of something larger than ourselves, a vibrant and resilient community that endures despite life's challenges. As we celebrate homecoming this fall, let us revel in the joy of unity, the warmth of connection, and the promise of a brighter future for our community.

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.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

Fall Garden Chore Tips



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

As the harvest season wanes and the leaves slowly begin to turn color, it becomes apparent the back-

yard garden, so alive and abundant in recent weeks, is soon to retire for a long winter's nap. While the bountiful garden rewards may soon be behind us, garden chores will not.

There is still much to keep a New England gardener busy during the autumn season. From planning spring bulbs to protecting root foods, the following tips, culled from green thumb gardeners, are aimed at making fall chores a little easier.

Planting Pointers: Planting in the fall encourages good root development. Nurseries often slash prices on perennials and shrubs this time of year, so planting now will reward you with healthy plants on the cheap!

Nix Nibbles: Experts agree this time of year is perfect for planting spring bulbs. While squirrels and chipmunks keep away from Daffodil bulbs, Tulip bulbs risk invasion from the hearty nibblers.

Forbid Food: Experts say now is the time to stop fertilizing your flowering shrubs and trees, and to cut down on watering them. This strategy allows this year's growth to harden off before the cold weather settles in.

Farewell Fungus: By the end of this month tuberous begonias are usually past their best. Before any frost, they should be lifted out of the garden and stored in a dark, cool area.

To prevent rotting during storage, sprinkle a light dusting of fungicide on them. And always be sure plants are completely dry before storing for the winter.

Root Roster: Whether you are growing your own root vegetables or are buying in bulk from a local farm or farmers market, proper storage is imperative to the vegetable's flavor and quality. Here's the rundown on proper temperatures to keep your harvest safe and flavorful:

Potatoes, beets, carrots parsnips, cabbage and celery should be kept in a humid atmosphere at about 35-40 degrees. Squash and pumpkins should be stored in a dry area at 40-60 degrees. Onions and dry beans should be kept at 33 degrees in a dry area.

Leave Leaves Alone! Take a cue from Mother Nature and use fallen leaves to your lawn's advantage. Leaves are rich in nutrients, plentiful, and free! Here's how to mulch your own leaves without a mulch attachment:

Set your mower to a normal three inch height. Remove bagging attachments and clock off the chute on a rear discharge machine (only if is safe to do so). Run the mower slowly over the lawn to allow time for the leaves to shred.

Note: Make sure you mow before the lawn is smothered in fallen leaves.

Lime Lawn: If a soil test indicates lawns and gardens need lime, aerating the lawn first will reduce compaction and allow the roots to absorb the lime more quickly. No aerator? Wearing old golf shoes or baseball cleats while you hand mow is a novel, yet effective, way to get the job done!

Festive Flowers: Christmas Cactus and Poinsettia plants provide festive flowers, but (here's your annual reminder) – you must act now if you want to be rewarded with flowers in time for the holiday season. If you were prudent enough to keep your Poinsettia going throughout the summer or have a Christmas Cactus indoor plant, here's how to fore the plants to bloom at the right time:

Poinsettias must be kept at about 65 to 70 degrees and subjected to at least 14 hours of total darkness per day (start in late September) until color begins to show in the bracts (by mid-December).

The Christmas Cactus requires cooler temps of about 50 to 60 degrees. Place the potted plant in a closet or unlighted room, or cover the plant with a black cloth or black plastic over a frame or cardboard box. The plant must then be returned to the light each day and given a minimum of four hours of direct sun, or ten hours of bright light until buds begin to form.

The application of a 9-10-10 fertilizer this month and again next, should help encourage the development of flower buds. Then feed your plant every two weeks with a high nitrogen fertilizer once color has begun to show.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

We need one another to achieve our goals

When you ask schoolchildren what they aspire to be when they grow up, their minds dart to specific professions. One might dream of being a police officer, while another envisions standing at the head of a classroom as a teacher. Some might look to the skies and wish to become pilots, while others see themselves as successful businesspeople.

It's a natural inclination to visualize a career path at that age. Yet, imagine the surprise if, instead of a job title, one child earnestly declared, "When I grow up, I want to be consistent!"

Habits wield significant influence over our lives. From a young age, sports and physical activity were my passion, from being on the swim team to chasing balls on the soccer field to mastering forms in karate. My love for exercise saw me through triathlons and marathons well into my post-collegiate years.

Even today, if I don't exercise, it makes me feel off. I at least need to go for a long walk.

My consistency in exercise inadvertently gave birth to a misconception about nutrition. While my dedication to physical activity was commendable and built positive reinforcement loops, my dietary habits developed in the opposite direction, negating the positive effects of my workouts.

Years of reinforcing this belief built a narrative that exercise could compensate for any dietary choices. I theorized that the hours spent in the gym granted me a free pass in the kitchen. "I've earned this," I'd tell myself, making post-workout detours to get a bucket of

ice cream.

It began to catch up with me. As the saying goes, "You can't outrun the fork!"

Consistency is a curious force. Whether applied positively or negatively, its effects compound, slowly solidifying our beliefs, habits, and, ultimately, our identities.

I love to encourage people to follow their dreams and live the life they've always dreamed of living. If you follow your dreams and stay consistent, you will accomplish them.

John Maxwell, a renowned leadership expert, underscores the profound influence of consistency through an anecdote about his father. His father once said, "John, the beauty of aging is that I find myself loving people more and more!" John candidly responded, "Dad, that's not necessarily true. There are many who, with age, grow more cynical and distant from others."

His father's increasing love for people wasn't merely a byproduct of age; it was a culmination of a lifetime habit. From his youth, his father deliberately chose to love and connect with people. And like a muscle trained over the years, this habit of love only grew more robust and more pronounced.

In professional pursuits, it's not uncommon to find ourselves so fixated on our goals that we sometimes forget the importance of supporting and uplifting others by helping them get what they want out of life.

Zig Ziglar was fond of saying, "You can have everything in life you want if you will just help other people get what

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Are we crushing evil, or is evil crushing us?

To the Editor:

"Repent now. The end is near."

Do you recall 9/11? Did you think it was The End? Have you ever heard the words of John the Baptist, preaching about the coming of Jesus? Literally, he said: "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the "voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare ye, make way for the Lord.'" Book of Matthew, Chapter 3: verses 1-3, The Bible.

The anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, has a profound meaning for America. It is worthy to remember the 2,977 people lost. The majority perished in the Twin Towers of New York from 102 nations, the people on the passenger jets, the 343 New York firefighters and police, the service personnel in the Pentagon, and passengers in the crash of Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa. Another 341 New York City first responders have died from 9/11 illnesses.

Do you contribute to Tunnel to Towers? One of the highest rated charities, it uses the lion's share of donations for survivors of 9/11 or their families and today's wounded veterans, law enforcement, and firefighters or their families left behind.

It is fair to ask why the President wasn't in Shanksville, near his allegedly beloved Scranton, to honor this hallowed date. Instead, he made time for Communist Hanoi. He is the first President not to be present at any 9/11 site on this date. And on 9/11, in Alaska, he cancelled all ANWAR oil drilling permits, impoverishing Alaskan Native Americans, and announced that \$6 billion will be released to Iran.

\$6 billion to the biggest source of state-sponsored terrorism? On 9/11?

On this date, it is also worth contemplating the Christian authors JRR Tolkien and his "Lord of the Rings" series, and C.S. Lewis and "The Chronicles of Narnia." If you have not read these enchanting novels, it is time. Tolkien and Lewis were best friends, brilliant professors when professors could be Christians and not be screamed off campus. They contemplated the epic battle between good and evil.

In Tolkien's books, these battles between good and evil are reminiscent of 9/11, our war in Afghanistan, and even in America

Bevilacqua's head is in the sand

To the Editor:

I'm not even going to read Rick's diatribe this week. He watches too much CNN, or has his head in the sand.

Doesn't matter if you're a Republican or a Democrat; we all know that our country is falling apart, and that we are not capable of supporting all of these illegal

today.

In Tolkien's "The Return of the King," evil has been vanquished and all things set right. When Sam our Hero wakes after the final battle, he is surprised that he is alive. "He stood up and cried: O great glory and splendor! All my wishes have come true!" Sounds positively biblical!

Sam's big question - that many who were touched by 9/11 could echo - is this:

"Is everything sad going to come untrue? What's happened to the world?" His friend, the good Wizard Gandalf, answers: "A great shadow has departed."

In 2012, Michael J. Kruger wrote that Tolkien describes "a vision for cosmic renewal that closely mimics the one laid down in the biblical accounts themselves. In Revelation 21:5, we read, 'And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Behold, I am making all things new.' God will set all things right."

Kruger continues: Sam's question is "not whether good things will come true, but rather whether sad things are going to come untrue." Kruger says that Tolkien's fantasy is based on the Book of Revelation. After the battle between good and evil, God will prevail and make all things right. Sad things will become untrue.

Biden has caused "9/11 2.0." Record inflation, crushing prices for middle and low income families, \$150 billion for Ukraine but not one penny to secure our border. Seven million illegals being shipped to small towns in America. In our state, we went from 6,000 to 22,000 illegals in two weeks. What could possibly go wrong?

Does it feel like a great shadow is over America? That The End is near? Some of my Christian friends believe we are living in the beginning of Revelation. My Learned Friend says that his favorite book in The Bible is the Book of Revelation precisely because it has a happy ending. Good prevails. Evil is crushed finally and forever. By God.

Are we in America crushing evil, or is evil crushing us on the anniversary of 9/11? You decide.

With a prayer to our Lord above to bless and save America from this great evil,

*Bev Gudanowski
Uxbridge*

immigrants. Common sense should tell you that and this cannot be blamed on Trump.

I like how Stephen Gambone addressed him this week. And Beverly, where are you? I love your letters.

*Phyllis Kuik
Uxbridge*

Did you laugh out loud last week?

To the Editor:

On an otherwise uneventful day, sometimes, a LOL moment occurs... like in the Sept. 22 issue, where two letters to the Editor were placed in perfect juxtaposition! Dig the Tribune out of the recycle bin if you missed reading "Hostile witness" and "Hypocritical criticism" last week!

Kudos to the latter writer for the crisply constructed, cogent critique of a contributor from the same town whose thoughts often grace these editorial pages, usually couched in overly-long, bloviating style wrapped in insult. A 'thank you' to him for that common sense rebuttal is deserved.

*Jane F. Keegan
Uxbridge*

The fishing gets better and better



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Some of the best fresh & saltwater fishing of the year is now taking place, and will get better every day if the tropics quiet down. The heavy rain hitting most of the United States, along with heavy winds, has put a damper on some fishing trips, but there are days that it is just great. Last week, this writer and my good friend Mike made a trip to Rhode Island, and we caught a limit of large Tautog while fishing in only 25 feet of water. We also caught a lot of seabass, but most were undersized. The seas were calm making for an ideal day of bottom fishing, as schools of false albacore and bonito passed only a few yards from our boat, feeding on some form of baitfish.

Fishing Pro Mike Decola also had done some fishing on Lake Winnepesaukee recently, and caught a six-pound landlocked salmon, as this week's picture shows. Mike was trolling streamer flies, using lead core line to take the fly down to the feeding salmon.

The Quabbin Reservoir also is producing numerous salmon, rainbow trout, lak-ers and some nice small mouth bass. My brother Ken & his wife Deb made another trip to the Quabbin last week and caught numerous lake trout, and a nice small-mouth bass. Although they did not catch any salmon, other anglers did catch some nice rainbow trout, and salmon.

Anglers in upstate New York are also catching some nice King and coho salmon on the Salmon River. The fall Salmon River fishing produces some great fishing experiences, and a trip to the area is only five hours away. Waders with felt bottom soles or corkers (metal studs) are needed to avoid the slippery rocks, from causing a serious fall. Almost every year, someone drowns in the river. Don't let it be you. A walking stick can also help you navigate the river safely, and some anglers wear a small compact life preserver for extra



(Left) This week's picture shows Mike Deloia with a six-pound, 26 inch landlocked salmon he caught recently at Lake Winnepesaukee.

Courtesy

safety. Next week, this column will have a few pictures of anglers with some of the salmon that are now being caught. Be sure to check all fishing regulations before going there for the first time!

A large female bobcat was spotted with a couple of kits, crossing a road in Uxbridge last week. If you start missing a few of your chickens or lost a small pet recently, it could be the work of a bobcat, fisher cat, coyote, or other numerous predators in the state. Birds of prey, such as eagles and Red Tail Hawks, are also dining on some of the above mentioned birds and animals.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will be stocking their pond with trout soon. Fish chairman Matt Fontaine is moving the scheduled trout stocking ahead a week or two because of the extremely warm water in the pond.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Fall landscape care with pollinators in mind



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No matter where you live, investing time caring for your landscape now will pay off with a healthier, more beautiful landscape next spring and for years to come. Incorporate the following practices into your fall maintenance to support pollinators and the plants in your landscape.

Don't rake the leaves to the curb or haul them to your municipality's composting center. Instead, handle them with your lawn mower. Shred leaves and leave them on the lawn as you mow this fall. As the leaves break down, they add organic matter to the soil and as long as you can see the grass through the leaf pieces, the lawn will be fine.



Corona Tools - Courtesy

Use a quality bypass pruner to cut back and dispose of any diseased or insect-infested plants.

Put any extra fall leaves to work in the garden. Add shredded leaves to your compost pile or dig them into annual gardens as a soil amendment. Just dig a two-to-three-inch layer of shredded leaves into the top 12 inches of annual or new planting beds. The leaves will decompose over winter adding organic matter to the soil. By spring, your garden bed will be ready for you to finish preparing and planting.

Spread some of the fall leaves on top of the soil around permanent plants as a mulch. They help insulate the roots, conserve moisture, suppress weeds, and as they break down improve the soil. Fall mulching gives you a jump on next spring's landscape chores. It also provides winter homes for some beneficial insects and insulation for bumblebee queens, frogs, and others that overwinter in the soil.

Leave healthy perennials to stand over winter. They will add motion and texture to the landscape. The seedheads add beau-

ty and many provide food for the birds. Hollow stems of a variety of perennials provide winter homes for many native bees and other beneficial insects. This also increases winter survival as research found perennials left standing are better able to tolerate the rigors of winter.

Be sure to cut back and dispose of any diseased or insect-infested plants. Removing these reduces the source of disease and insect pest problems in next year's garden. Use a bypass pruner to cut the plants back to just above the soil surface. Corona's XSeries Pro bypass pruner (www.coronatoolsusa.com) is lightweight and professional grade with its blade ensuring smooth, clean cuts on both green and dry stems and branches.

Continue watering throughout the fall and only during the day when soil and air temperatures are at or above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Trees, shrubs and perennials suffering from drought stress in fall and early winter are more subject to root

damage and subsequently insect pest and disease problems. Make sure new plantings, moisture lovers, evergreens and perennials in exposed sites are thoroughly watered when the top four to six inches are crumbly and slightly moist.

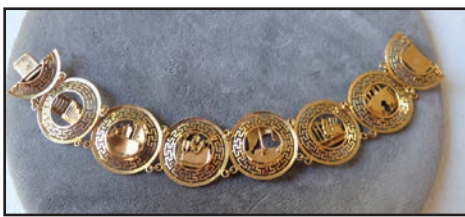
Add some new plants to the landscape this fall. The soil is warm and the air is cool, providing excellent conditions for planting and establishing trees, shrubs and perennials. Include some fall favorites like pansies, asters and mums to containers and garden beds for instant color and food for late-season pollinators. Many garden centers add healthy new plants to their inventory specifically for planting this fall.

No matter where you live or the size of your garden, get outdoors and enjoy the beauty of fall. And be sure to invest a bit of time and energy now to ensure your landscape is ready for the season ahead.

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Gold and silver are still hot at auction

Some things always sell well at auction, including gold and silver, which never fall out of favor. Gold and silver coins are always in demand, and I'll have more on those items more in a future column. Today, I'll be discussing jewelry, silver flatware, and hollow-



ware. Most gold jewelry has value above the scrap value, though. A nicely designed piece by a well known designer can sell for 10 or more times the scrap value. If a piece features diamonds or other gemstones, the value will further increase.

The price of gold was \$1,945 per troy ounce and the price of silver was \$23.82 per troy ounce when I wrote this column. So, while, as expected, you'll receive less for your silver items, sterling silver flatware or holloware can still be quite valuable. You can weigh silver to get an idea of the scrap value. As with gold, you want to be sure that it is actually silver and not silver plate. Sterling silver is sometimes marked .925 because it is 92.5 percent pure. Some silver is of a lower percentage. You may find some pieces marked .800 or .900. They would be 80 and 90 percent silver. Silver pieces by silversmiths from the 18th and early 19th century can be collectible and worth well above the price of silver. Most of the silver from the period is coin silver. Coin silver is 90 percent silver, which is the same percentage that was used



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to make U.S. coins at the time. When looking at more modern sterling silver, you can check the hallmark on the bottom and look online to see who made it. For example, Gorham silver has a lion, an anchor, and a "G." I find a lot of Gorham silver in this area because it was made in Providence, Rhode Island. Tiffany is an American company whose silver is always popular with collectors. Georg Jensen is a Danish designer whose silver patterns are in high demand. We've previously sold Jensen sets that have brought figures in the mid-thousands. Taking the time to look through your old jewelry could be worth its weight in gold.

Our November online auction will feature a large amount of gold jewelry from a Boston jeweler that went out of business. We'll also be selling sterling silver from multiple estates. We are still accepting gold jewelry, sterling silver, flatware, and gold and silver coins for that auction. Our toy and comic book online auction will be starting soon. I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path Adult Evening School in Charlton on Tuesday, Oct. 3. Please visit our Web site, <https://centralmassauctions.com>, for links to upcoming events.

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continued from page A8 they want."

Similarly, as I allowed unhealthy eating habits despite my fitness dedication, professionals can sometimes become so engrossed in their goals that they overlook aiding others, sometimes overshadowing their overall success.

Zig Ziglar emphasized a broader view of success, suggesting that some dreams might go unrealized if you aren't helping others accomplish their goals. As Ziglar hinted, true success isn't just about achieving our goals. It's about extending a hand and lifting others as we climb.

Rarely will someone reach their goals without the help of others, and just as

you need the help of others to accomplish your vision, they need your help to accomplish theirs.

In the realm of professional growth, consistency is critical. However, the fusion of consistent effort and consistency in helping others crafts a legacy.

Work hard, stay consistent, and remain focused; you'll pave the way to your aspirations. Incorporate the consistency of aiding others in achieving their desires, and you'll elevate your journey and leave a trail of shared successes and mutual triumphs.

After all, a journey shared with others, where we not only chase our dreams but also facilitate the dreams of those around us, is the most rewarding pursuit of all

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OBITUARIES

Paul Owen Wesgan, 77



Paul Owen Wesgan, 77, died on October 13, 2022 surrounded by family at his home in Sun City, AZ.

He leaves his son, Sean Trudell and his wife Vickie of Springfield, MO; his daughter,

Shannon Eastin of Scotsdale AZ; his sister, Susan Hayes of Blackstone MA; his brother, Joseph Wesgan and wife Suzanne of Uxbridge, MA; his sister, Beverly Hyde and her husband Steve of Mesa, AZ; his golf partner and cousin, Bob Knapik and his wife Terri of Phoenix, AZ. Paul was grandfather to 4 grandsons, Micah, Travis, Joshua and Caleb Trudell, and great-grandfather to Audrey, Caden, Elijah, Lennon, Maddson, Oliver, Parker and Malikai.

born on August 26, 1945, Paul was the youngest child of Beatrice and Joseph Wesgan and was raised in Uxbridge. He attended Uxbridge High School and was voted most generous by his classmates. Paul played football for the Uxbridge Spartan's team that tied ux.'s arch rival, Northbridge... 14 to 14! he remained a spartan fan and a faithful Boston team's fan throughout his life! After graduating, he entered the Navy and served on the U.S.S Recovery and was honorably discharged with an EM3 rank. He then attended the Worcester Industrial Technical Institute and majored in Electrical Power Technology. In 1977, he married and with his family moved

to AZ to escape our winters. There he worked for Banner Hospitals repairing X-ray machines until his retirement. He was an Arizona resident for 45 years.

Paul divorced and became a contented bachelor who enjoyed special visits with Shannon, Sean and Vickie's family, going out to eat with his siter Bev, and hosting Sue and Gene during the winter months. He also enjoyed reading, watching his favorite tv shows; collecting movie videos; solving crossword and suduko puzzles; driving his car and buying a new one every 3 years, and feeding his backyard assortment of birds. Paul especially enjoyed playing golf, with his cousin Bob in AZ, or with his brother Joe in MA, with whom he would spend the summer months with during his retirement. Paul was a kind and gentle man who will be missed by all!

Paul's memorial funeral Mass will be held on Monday October 23rd at 10 AM in St. Mary's Church, 77 Mendon St., Uxbridge. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Calling hours from Tancrell-Jackman Funeral Home, 35 Snowling Rd., will be held on Sunday, October 22nd from 3-6 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations in Paul's memory may be made to: Saint Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Pl., Memphis, TN 38105. To leave a condolence message for his family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com



Practical Nursing program at BVT holds information sessions, TEAS Exam

UPTON — The Practical Nursing program at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) prepares its adult students for personal and professional success as practical nurses. The part-time evening program regularly holds informational sessions and offers the TEAS Entrance Exam dates throughout the school year.

Information sessions

With an increased need for skilled nurses, our Practical Nursing Program will hold informational sessions on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 6 p.m. via Zoom on Oct. 17 and Nov. 21. Then again in 2024, on January 9, February 13, March 19, and April 23. It's the perfect opportunity to speak with staff and learn more about the program.

TEAS entrance exam dates

All interested applicants must take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), a requirement for the Practical Nursing program. The TEAS exam dates are offered remotely on Tuesday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m. via online testing on Tuesday, Oct. 24 and Nov. 28. Then again in 2024, on Jan. 16, Feb. 27, March 26, and April 30. The exam is

done remotely via an online testing platform.

"It is a good time to enter the nursing field because there's such a need for skilled nurses," said Practical Nursing Coordinator Joann L. Monks, MBA, MSc, RN-BC, RMA.

The affordable program offers small class sizes and accepts in-district, out-of-district, and out-of-state applicants. For more information, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/practicalnursing or www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/pnteasentranceexam.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

Flea markets continue at Upton VFW post

UPTON — The Upton Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5594 will hold the last of this summer's series of flea markets on Saturday, Oct. 14 at post headquarters, 16 Milford St. (Route 140) in Upton, next door to the

new Community Center. Hours are 8 a.m. to about 1 p.m.

Members are extending their thanks to vendors, craftsmen, and indeed the bargain hunters who have participated in the monthly events, supporting local veterans, the post itself, and the community. The markets have been ongoing for many, many years.

Ample spaces are \$10 each or, for an additional \$5, a banquet sized table can be provided by the post. Reservations are not necessary, but contact Post member David Kennedy at 508-529-3314 or the VFW Facebook page for further necessary information.

Doughnuts and coffee are available throughout the morning, then hot dogs, chips and cold drinks for lunch.

DAR AWARD

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communities is numerous. The DAR commends UniBank for being a valued organization in the community.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patri-

tism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. It is a nonprofit, non-political, volunteer women's service organization. Any woman who has an ancestor who fought in or rendered aid in the American Revolution may be eligible for membership in DAR. For more information, please contact Chapter Regent Noveline Beltram at noveline@verizon.net.

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Docket No. W023P3210EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Susan A George
Date of Death: 08/12/2023
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Steven M. George of Northbridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:
Steven M. George of Whitinsville MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/10/2023.**
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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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 as-

sets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 14, 2023
Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 29, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. W023P2867EA
Estate of:
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September 29, 2023

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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **S/A- Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Star Curry of Sutton 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:
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Date: September 13, 2023
Stephanie Fattman,
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September 29, 2023

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 23 SM 003405
ORDER OF NOTICE
To:
Kyle Baroud
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):
Freedom Mortgage Corporation, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Douglas, numbered 20 Martin Road Unit 1, Martin Road Condominium III, given by Kyle Baroud to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Merrimack Mortgage Company, LLC, dated January 13, 2017, and recorded in Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 56608, Page 9, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before October 30, 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 September 8, 2023.
Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
23-007967
September 29, 2023

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 **Donald R. Sawyer and Deborah D. Sawyer** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Gateway Funding Diversified Mortgage Services L.P. dated March 27, 2006, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 38685, Page 155; as affected by a Default Judgment as to Defendant Donald R. Sawyer and Assented to Judgment as to Defendant Deborah D. Sawyer recorded in Book 66715, Page 369, said mortgage was then assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC by virtue of an assignment dated January 30, 2012, and recorded in Book 48515, Page 208; and further assigned to MTGLQ Investors, L.P. by virtue of an assignment dated November 13, 2018, and recorded in Book 59768, Page 261; and further assigned to DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc. by virtue of an assignment dated December 2, 2022, and recorded in Book 68601, Page 141 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 10:00 AM on **October 24, 2023**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 100 Mendon Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

A certain parcel of land with buildings thereon, situated in the Town of Uxbridge on the northerly side of the road leading from Uxbridge Center to Wheelockville and easterly of a stone dwelling house containing one acre and thirty-seven rods, more or less, and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING: At a corner of a wall at the southwest corner of the premises, the same being the southeast corner of premises, of one Rich; THENCE: N. 3° W. sixteen rods and fifteen links, with bank wall by said Rich's land, to corner of said wall at land formerly of John Brown; THENCE: N. 7 3/4° E. fourteen rods and twelve links with said Brown land to stake and stones at land formerly of Cornelius Mulligan; THENCE: S. 79° E. six rods and sixteen links with said Mulligan land to stake and stones; THENCE: S. 3 3/4° W. twenty-seven rods and ten links to stake and stones on north side of said road; THENCE: S. 69 1/4° W. six rods and six links with north side of said road to place of beginning.

Being the same premises conveyed to Albert J. Reynolds and Eleanor M. Reynolds by deed dated February 14, 1933 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 2579 Page 348. Excepting therefrom, that portion of land conveyed by Albert J. Reynolds and Eleanor M. Reynolds, husband and wife, to George W. Garrity by Deed dated 15 April 1933 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 2581 Page 498.

Further excepting therefrom, Deed out to John R. Andrews III et al dated January 11, 1990 and recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 12842 Page 346, being Parcel "A" containing 2,266.09 square feet of land on plan recorded in Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 631 Plan 55.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: September 7, 2023 DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc.
By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 303C, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 57237 (SAWYER)
September 29, 2023
October 6, 2023
October 13, 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. WO23P3164EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Arthur W Trudeau
Date of Death: 06/15/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy** has been filed by **Brenda Trudeau of Middletown RI** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/17/2023.**

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

Date: September 12, 2023

Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 29, 2023

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 **Dennis Novinger and Kyla Novinger** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Taylor, Bean and Whitaker Mortgage Corp. dated August 28, 2007, recorded at the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 41721, Page 193, as affected by a Freddie Mac Flex Modification Agreement dated April 30, 2018, and recorded June 12, 2018, in Book 58933, Page 109, which was re-recorded on June 29, 2018, in Book 59025, Page 36; said mortgage was then assigned to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2020-2 by virtue of an assignment dated April 6, 2022, and recorded in Book 67428, Page 85; and further assigned to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Trust, Series 2020-2 by virtue of an assignment dated August 12, 2022, and recorded in Book 68148, Page 72 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION at 12:00 PM on **October 26, 2023**, on the mortgaged premises. This property has the address of 121 Border Street Unit C, 117-127 Meadow Pond Condominium, Whitinsville (Northbridge), MA 01588. The entire mortgaged premises, all and singular, the premises as described in said mortgage:

The Condominium Unit known as C, in the Condominium known as 117-127 Meadow Pond Condominium, situated at 117-127 Border Street, Whitinsville, County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a Condominium created by Master Deed dated December 4, 2006 and recorded on December 5, 2006 in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 40282, Page 305.

The Post Office Address of the Unit is: 121 Border Street, Unit C, Whitinsville, Massachusetts 01588.

The Unit is shown on the floor plan of the Condominium recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed in Plan Book 851, Plan 25, and on the copy of the portion of said plan recorded with the first deed of this Unit, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, Section 9.

Said Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 16.666 percent interest in the Common Elements, as described in the Master Deed, and any amendments

thereto.

The Unit is intended for residential purposes and such other uses as are set forth in the Master Deed.

Said Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the provisions, including all obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities, contained in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, and as amended, the provisions of the Master Deed and floor plans of the Condominium, as amended, and the Declaration of Trust dated December 4, 2006, and recorded on December 5, 2006 with said Registry of Deeds in Book 40282, Page 325, and as amended.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed in a Deed dated October 1, 1984 and recorded on October 3, 1984 with said Registry of Deeds in Book 8392, Page 242.

Subject to and with the benefit of easements, reservation, restrictions, and taking of record, if any, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable. In the event of any typographical error set forth herein in the legal description of the premises, the description as set forth and contained in the mortgage shall control by reference. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property and all easements, rights, appurtenances, rents, royalties, mineral, oil and gas rights and profits, water rights and stock and all fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property. All replacements and additions shall also be covered by this sale.

Terms of Sale: Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments, tax sales, tax titles and other municipal liens and water or sewer liens and State or County transfer fees, if any there are, and TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) in cashier's or certified check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as a deposit and the balance in cashier's or certified check will be due in thirty (30) days, at the offices of Doonan, Graves & Longoria, LLC ("DG&L"), time being of the essence. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Dated: June 2, 2023 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Trust, Series 2020-2

By its Attorney DOONAN, GRAVES & LONGORIA, LLC, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 303C, Beverly, MA 01915 (978) 921-2670 www.dgandl.com 56616 (NOVINGER)

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The Trial Court
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Docket No. WO21P3710 EA
Estate of:
Harry F. Bonnet Jr
Date of Death: 08/23/2021
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Date of Death: 08/23/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for has been filed by **Pamela S. Bonnett of Parkesburg PA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that:

Pamela S. Bonnett of Parkesburg PA be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/17/2023.**

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.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. **WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: September 15, 2023

Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 29, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket Nos. WO23P2783GD
NOTICE AND ORDER:
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
In the interests of
Joseph Elhadj of Uxbridge, MA Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on **08/08/2023** by **Antoine Abi-Merhi** of Uxbridge, MA will be held **10/25/2023 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **Worcester Probate and Family Court, 225 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

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Date: September 13, 2023

Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
September 29, 2023

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Worcester Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. WO23P3279EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Paul D. Eldredge
Date of Death: 10/12/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Kendalyn J. Banks of Exeter RI requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Kendalyn J. Banks of Exeter RI be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/24/2023.**

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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Date: September 19, 2023

Stephanie Fattman,
Register of Probate
September 29, 2023

SPORTS

Rams top rebuilding Oxford, claim first victory of season



Nick Ethier

Northbridge's Jenna Thomasetti, left, and Oxford's Marta Hellstrom battle for the ball.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

OXFORD — Northbridge varsity field hockey coach Kerin Buma could feel that her Rams were playing good field hockey and was sensing that good things were to come. “We hadn’t been playing terrible field hockey, we’ve been playing pretty solid field hockey, it just hasn’t been consistent field hockey,” said Buma. “That’s been our biggest issue is we’ll have three strong quarters and then one

gets away from us, and that’s the difference maker.” The Rams started 0-3 but then had a 3-3 tie with Hopedale on Tuesday, Sept. 19. “We were in a downward slide the first couple of games, and then starting with the tie we’re on an upward swing. Hopefully we can take that momentum and move it forward,” Buma said after Northbridge defeated Oxford, 8-0, on Thursday, Sept. 21 to improve to 1-3-1. The Rams scored four goals in the first quarter, one in the



Nick Ethier

Elly Schofer of Northbridge runs down the field while possessing the ball.



Nick Ethier

Olivia Frabotta of Northbridge follows her shot toward Oxford's cage.

second, two in the third and one in the fourth. “This gave us a good opportunity to utilize a lot of different people, get a lot of contributions from a lot of players,” said Buma. Olivia Frabotta led the way for Northbridge with

3 goals and 2 assists. Maija Beupre scored twice, and Ava Connors, Molly Gahan and Gianna Hayes also tallied goals. Gahan, Elly Schofer and Ashely Papa provided assists. Oxford, meanwhile, dropped to 0-5 in what first-year head coach Dana Peloso called a



Nick Ethier

Northbridge's Ava Connors collects the ball and begins dribbling.

rebuilding season. “We have a young team. We have no seniors this year. We have four or five juniors, a sophomore, and the rest are seventh and eighth graders,” said Peloso. “We’re truly in a building process.” The student-athletes, though, are working hard and improving, according to Peloso. “We’re taking kids who don’t go to (the high school) and asking them to play varsity, and they’re busting their butt doing it,” the coach noted. The Pirates are also building the program’s numbers up by the week. “We’ve built a cohesive group. We started the season with 11 (players). By week two we built up to 18. By the end of week two we were up to almost 22,” said Peloso. In the game with Northbridge, Oxford goalie Mariah Cooper and defender Kyra Krasinskas played well and limited the Rams’ goal total.

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SPORTS

Looking for team's 'character,' Douglas plays to scoreless tie with Nipmuc



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Douglas' Lucas Teixeira gets his head on the ball, moving it down the field.



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Owen Gray of Douglas chases after the loose ball.



Nick Ethier

(Left) Keeper Gavin Gualtieri of Douglas runs up to the ball before a Nipmuc attacking player can kick it in.



Nick Ethier

Douglas' Chris Dame has a step on the ball while a Nipmuc defender is in tow.



Nick Ethier

Douglas' Liem Duplaise races away from a Nipmuc player while possessing the ball.

(1-1-2), the Tigers controlled the play during the first half. Douglas nearly scored in the 38th minute when Chris Dame popped a pass up to Owen Gray. Gray got the last touch on the ball, but he and the Warriors' keeper collided as the ball sailed away.

Then, early in the second half, Dame's shot hit the crossbar. Unfortunately for the Tigers, they never got another quality scoring chance.

Nipmuc was the team that finished the game with chances, as they also hit a crossbar. But keeper Gavin Gualtieri stopped every other shot for the clean sheet.

The contest was a physical one. The Warriors got called for a yellow card early, and then a sequence late occurred where a Nipmuc player picked up a yellow and the Tigers' Colin Squier was given a red for retaliatory purposes.

"We knew it was going to be one of those chippy games, and my point driven yesterday at practice was to keep your heads on your shoulders and not go in for the kills, and we get a red card because of it," said Ferguson.

BY NICK ETHIER
SPORTS EDITOR

DOUGLAS — Following a scoreless tie with Nipmuc on Wednesday, Sept. 20, Alex Ferguson, head coach of the Douglas boys' varsity soccer team, said that the squad is still trying to find its identity. "There's no character for this team right now, and we suffered that way against Sutton," said Ferguson. The Tigers lost to the Sammys, 2-0, four days prior to the draw with the Warriors.

Douglas' record is 2-1-1, and they have scored seven goals in the four games.

"Controlling the ball doesn't win you the game. We've got to find ways to put the ball in the net," said Ferguson. "Now it's two games in a row where we've been shut out."

Although the Tigers' character isn't there just yet, hope is certainly not lost.

"It can change, absolutely. We've had years where it's happened," said Ferguson. "It's got to come from the

team, the captains. It's got to come from communication. They're quiet out there on the field."

When Douglas does find its character, it can go a long way as they are playing a strong schedule this fall.

"We upped our schedule this

year. We put on Wachusett, Doherty and we put on Millbury," said Ferguson. "We're going to challenge ourselves."

Qualifying for the State playoffs is the team's goal, according to Ferguson.

In the game with Nipmuc

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

Monday: Painting class 9:45 to 11:45, Balance & Strength Exercise 12 pm, Mat yoga 2 pm

Tuesday: Cribbage 9:30 am, Zumba 9:30 am, Bingo 12:00 pm, Technology Class 1pm (call to make an appt.), Jenga or Connect4 @ 2pm (bring a friend, and play a game!)

Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10 am, MahJong 1 pm

Thursday: Chair Yoga 9:30 am, Wii Games 11am, Hand and Foot card game 12:30 pm

Friday: Balance & Strength 10 am

OCTOBER EVENTS:

The center will be closed on Monday October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

Thursday October 12th the center will be closing at 12:30. There will be no afternoon activities.

WALK & TALK W/ PATRICE, JENNIFER OR SANDY: Starting October 3rd @ 9 am. We will be walking every Tuesday & Thursday at the municipal center gymnasium.

WELLNESS CLINIC: Nurse Ann will be here on Monday Oct. 16th and Tuesday Oct. 31st. Stop in between 10 am and 12 pm.

FLU CLINIC: Monday Oct. 2nd from 9 am to 1 pm. Please call the center to schedule an appointment.

SMILE DAY: Thursday Oct. 5th @ 11:30. Lunch will be catered by the Grill on Main, & dessert is sponsored by UniBank. Our surprise entertainment will be 12 pm, sponsored by the Douglas Cultural Council. Sign up before 9/28

FREE VETERAN'S BREAKFAST: Thursday Oct. 12th @ 9 am & Thursday Oct. 26 @ 9 am. Please call the center to sign up.

LUNCH & A MOVIE: Thursday Oct. 19th @ 12 pm. "The Age of Adeline", mac & cheese lunch will be served for \$4.00. Sign up before 10/13

FREE CRAFT DAY: Wednesday Oct. 25th @ 12 pm. Come in and join us making a fall craft, refreshments will be served. Sign up before 10/18

HEARING PRESENTATION: Thursday Oct. 26th @ 12 pm. Darci from Blackstone Valley Hearing and treating us to lunch. Please sign up before 10/6

SUNSHINE CLUB ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY: Tuesday Oct. 31st @ 12 pm. Costumes are optional, fun festive refreshments will be served. Please sign up before 10/25

SUNSHINE CLUB INVITES YOU TO: Join us for a river cruise down the Danube River on an AMA Water Way cruise ship. We will be going in October 2024. The Sunshine Club is organizing this trip through the AAA office in Webster. The trip is a seven day tour with an optional three day pre cruise in Prague and/or 2 day post cruise tour in Budapest. Experience cultural and culinary highlights of this historic European region at the different port stops along the Danube River. For more information about this itinerary and travel plans, please contact Pam Schwartz @ 508-476-4474. This trip is open to everyone!

Check our website for events that may not be listed here
<https://www.douglas-ma.gov/202/Adult-Social-Center-Senior-Center>

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Tuesday, October 10th 11-12 P.M.

CRAFT CLASS
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"MEMORY CAFE"
Please join us on Tuesday, October 24th at 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.
Refreshments will be served
A Memory Café is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss/challenges and their care partners. It is a time to socialize, make new friends, and have a good time
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Scratch Ticket Raffle, sponsored by FINE, is going on now at Plummer Place. Try your chance at winning 100 scratch tickets! Raffle tickets are \$10 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Drawing to be held on 10/13 at Plummer Place. Buy your tickets from a FINE board member or at the Plummer Place front desk. All proceeds to benefit the Friends of Northbridge Elders.

Women's Topics will meet Monday, October 10th at 9:30am. Women, let's meet and have meaningful discussions, let's focus on our mental and physical health, let's enjoy each other's company and have fun. Each month we will have a guest speaker to

help us navigate this thing called life! Coffee, tea, and snacks will be served, call the front desk to sign up.

Creative Writing class will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 2:30-3:45pm. Do you have a story to tell or something you'd like to start writing but don't know where to begin? Instructor Lori Gannon will guide you in your writing process. The goal is to enjoy the process and learn from others! \$5/class. Call Michelle to sign up.

Fraud Squad Players, Wednesday, October 4th @ 10:00am. This group has a unique way of showing you the most up to date scams to be aware of in and around our community-they act them out! All actors are members of AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers. Don't let scammers win, education is key! Sign up in the main office.

Silent Movies with Live Piano Accompaniment, Thursday, October 5th at 1:30pm. What a unique experience this will be! Richard Hughes will be at Plummer Place to play piano

while two short, silent movie comedies play. Come and enjoy "Habeas Corpus", starring Laurel and Hardy and "A Dog's Life" starring Charlie Chaplin. Sign up in the main office.

Halloween Party and Lunch, Thursday, October 26th from 12-1:30pm. Ready to have a ghoulishly good time? No bones about it, this party will lift your spirits! Entertainment by our friends the Driveway Chicks, \$10/ticket with a limit of 2 tickets per person. Northbridge residents will have priority. Tickets can be purchased at the main office. Costume attire is highly encouraged!

We are looking for anyone interested in joining a new Recipe Club at Plummer Place. Are you tired of always trying to come up with new recipes? Interested in sharing and swapping recipes? How about sampling recipes? If any of these ideas interest you, please reach out to Amy who is in the process of creating a new monthly club here at Plummer Place.

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Supportive learning environment helps nursing student become an LPN

CHARLTON — Melanie Pariseau, LPN of Ware is riding high on her success as an NCLEX-PN passer, on her first try. Take one!

Her graduation, however, was wrecked with delay, but not her determination to succeed. The COVID-19 pandemic further demonstrated how nurses have a critical role in care coordination, delivery, and evaluation.

Pariseau's journey in patient care began in 2005 when her children were young. She was a medical assistant in a doctor's office which fit her lifestyle and schedule. She said, "I worked in various medical offices from the cancer center in Sturbridge, pediatrics in Ware to ending in adult health in Northampton." She began working as an educator, as an instructor at a medical assistant program, and this quickly became her most challenging and favorite job! Unfortunately, when COVID-19 hit, the medical assisting course transitioned online and this changed her trajectory. Her 2021-2023 journey started.

Pariseau shared, "I had to change my direction and being an older student, presented many challenges. I decided that I wanted to be a nurse, so I studied for my TEAS and was accepted into Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy."

With an August 2021 start date, her projected graduation date was June 2022.

She stated, "Unfortunately, a life changing event happened to my partner. He was in the hospital for two months and just like any nursing course, it requires you to be present fully and in the right mindset, to succeed. With much thought, I had decided to withdraw, in hopes that I could return to finish when I was able to fully focus on my studies. I was granted that wish by a panel of community and school person-



Melanie Pariseau at graduation greeted by Rebecca Lorre, LPN.

nel, to which I'm very grateful."

The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Admission committee voted to re-admit Pariseau for the 2022-2023 cohort. A supportive learning environment for student nurses starts with capable nurse leaders encouraging student nurse participation in governance and decision-making, assures adequate resources, and fosters collaboration between peers, and ample opportunities for service learning and volunteer activities.

Pariseau stated that upon her readmission, she was very nervous, "but quickly joined in the medical- surgical lectures.

The professors at Bay Path were all very supportive of my return and helped me join the class of 2023 with ease."

Supportive learning environments are associated with better outcomes. Research shows that adequate resources ensure that opportunities for learning are missed less frequently.

Pariseau adds, "I also received support from two of my classmates from my previous class, Darcey and Becky, who supported me throughout my whole journey."

Mentorship is highly encouraged at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy.

Further, Pariseau states, "I am particularly thankful for the professors at Bay Path. My clinical Facilitator, Professor Jennifer DeFilippo always encouraged me and gave me advice that helped me stay focused on my goal. My advisor, Dr. Ana Olivar was part of my driving force. Her lectures were like melted butter. I learned the blood flow of the heart and I

was hooked. Her constant check-ins and sometimes her honest words were like little nudges that helped me navigate my educational experience. The Director of Bay Path, Dr. Gretheline Bolandrina, was supportive and firm, which I appreciated!"

Pariseau acknowledges that "Nursing is a hard and rewarding profession and it requires the ability to hear things were not comfortable with and figure out how to digest, make changes and remain professional. All the little gestures, nudges, honesty and support I received from everyone, played a huge part in my success at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy."

Pariseau is excited for the many opportunities available to her as an LPN.

She adds, "I am excited to keep growing, both personally and professionally. I just recently passed my NCLEX-PN, I think that's a good start in the right direction!"



Courtesy

Northbridge High School's HOSA club members.

MATCH

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donor:

"Students in the assembly could see first-hand how one donation can truly save a life, Smith said.

"My mother was diagnosed with myelofibrosis, which is a bone marrow disorder affecting blood production. She was 66-years-old and too young to hear that there was no cure for her if she stayed on that path and a very short life expectancy."

Smith added that it is quite difficult to "explain all the emotions" that come with a diagnosis like that.

"I am very close with my mother, so there is no doubt that she shielded me from a lot of the scary details of what she would go through during such an ordeal," Smith said.

Smith's mother had a stem cell transplant in the summer of 2022, according to Smith.

"My mother is now 68, and we share the same birthday in December," Smith said. "Thanks to her donor, we will get to

celebrate another birthday together, as she turns 69."

Be the Match is the largest worldwide stem cell donor registry, Smith added.

"Ninety percent of donors provide life-saving stem cells simply through a blood donation," Smith said. "Only 10 percent of stem cells have to be collected through bone marrow. Many people don't realize that Be the Match pays for all donation-related costs, including medical appointments, lost wages, travel, and childcare."

Community members who would like to donate to the NHS HOSA Be the Match fundraiser may do so at the following website: wesavelives.bethematch.org/team/6891

The Whitinsville Christian School (WCS) HOSA students will continue the drive at their upcoming Homecoming celebration on Saturday, Sept. 30.

"Anyone ages 18-40 can stop by WCS, 279 Linwood Ave., Whitinsville, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and register for the stem cell registry by swabbing their cheek cells," Smith said. "Together, we can save lives."

Courtesy

(Right) The family of Ed Wallace; on the left is Barbara and Jack Lash, and the right is Carol and Dick Liberto. Barbara and Carol are Ed's daughters.

GRAVE

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thankful," Smith said. "Rifles were fired, Taps was played, and a flag was presented to the family."

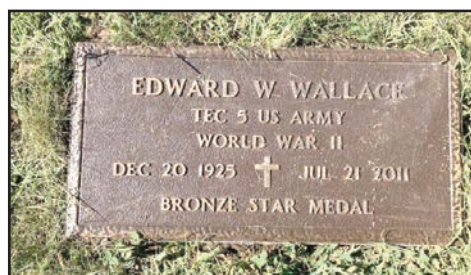
The coalition aims to go through "each and every cemetery within Northbridge to find any and all graves" of veterans that either don't have any veteran marker or those whose stones need replacement due to vandalism or natural causes.

The event included a firing squad, a cere-



monial salute to this veteran "who never had the chance for full honors," according to reports.

Wallace had served as a Specialist 5 within the U.S Army in WWII, and is the recipient of the Bronze Star.



The bronze marker on Wallace's grave.

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