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## STATE CHAMPS — AGAIN!

# Spartans cap perfect season with 5-0 win over Manchester-Essex



Courtesy — Beth Wandyes/Uxbridge High Athletics

Following a 5-0 victory over Manchester-Essex Regional on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Norwell High, the Uxbridge High varsity field hockey team is now back-to-back Division 4 State Champions.

BY KEN POWERS  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

**NORWELL** — Uxbridge High's 5-0 win over Manchester-Essex Regional in the Division 4 Field Hockey Tournament Championship on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Norwell High was the undefeated Spartans' entire season wrapped up in one flawless 60-minute exhibition of excellence.

There were goals. There were defensive plays. There were goalie saves turned in by freshman Julia Okenquist. Whatever it was going to take to win a second consecutive Division 4 state title, this collection of seven seniors, three juniors, three sophomores, four freshmen and three eighth graders was going to do it.

Uxbridge, the No. 1

seed, finished its season 23-0, running its unbeaten streak, which dates back to the start of the

2020 season, to 49-0-5. The last time the Spartans experienced defeat the words COVID-19 and pan-

dem were not part of daily conversations in the United States. Uxbridge's last loss was to Hopedale

High, 1-0, in the quarter-final round of the 2019

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## First responders recognized for lifesaving efforts

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

**DOUGLAS** — Two police officers, as well as members of the fire department and a resident in town, have been recognized for their lifesaving efforts after a September motor vehicle accident.

Douglas Police Officers Elias Foynes and Michael Branch, and the other first responders, were given commendations during last week's Special Town Meeting.

"We would like to recognize these First Responders for the actions they took that day and commend them for literally saving the life of this crash victim," the Douglas Police Department released in a statement on social media after the meeting.

Reports indicate that on Sept. 24 at approximately 5:15 p.m., Douglas Police and Fire personnel were dispatched to North Street for a motor vehicle crash. Upon arrival, police located "an unresponsive operator" behind the wheel of one of the involved vehicles.

"At that time the male party was being helped by Mr. Marc Rousseau," police said. "As Officer Michael

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## Police seek nominees for community service award

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

**DOUGLAS** — Do you know someone in the community who offers selflessness and volunteerism to the town?

The police department wants to hear from you; they are seeking nominees for the department's fourth annual Officer Richard J. McLaughlin Community Service Award, an award that recognizes "those in the community that give more to others, than to themselves," according to police.

Officer McLaughlin was a lifelong resident of Douglas serving the community for more than 35 years, police released.

"He was a man of integrity, professionalism, and compassion going above and beyond both on and off duty," the Douglas Police Department shared. "Throughout his career and after retirement, he gave countless hours to our school programs, boy scouts, band boosters, seniors, and most passionately our veterans both past and present."

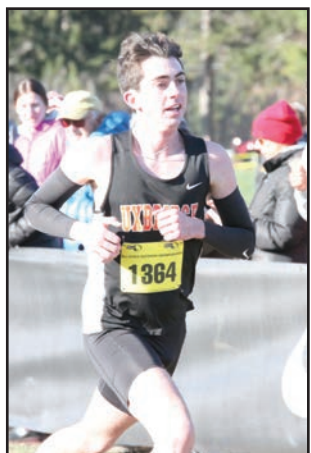
This award is "in remembrance of his legacy," community service award details read, and in recognition of those "who continue to make Douglas a great community through selflessness and volunteerism."

This award is open to current or past residents, students, business owners, or a town employee "who has made a lasting impression or contribution to the community."

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## Uxbridge's Ross repeats as Division 3 Champion, with Northbridge's Reilly runner up

### CRUSADERS' GIRLS TAKE SECOND PLACE IN DIVISION 2, WITH FLAGG THIRD PLACE INDIVIDUAL



Nick Ethier

Uxbridge's Aidan Ross is a back-to-back Division 3 State Cross-Country Champion.

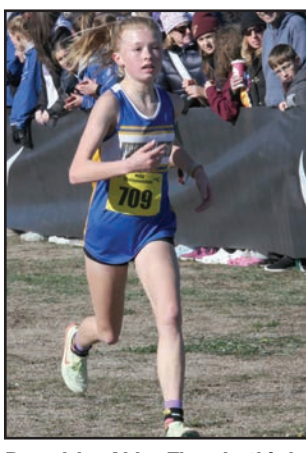
BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**DEVENS** — The Blackstone Valley's top runners lit up the



For the second straight year, Marcus Reilly of Northbridge was the Division 3 State runner-up in cross-country.

leaderboard when the Cross-Country State Championships were held at Fort Devens on Saturday, Nov. 19. Uxbridge High senior



Paced by Abby Flagg's third place finish, the Whitinsville Christian girls' cross-country team took second place in the Division 2 State meet for the second consecutive year.

Aidan Ross repeated as Division 3 champion, clocking in at 15:06.45 on the 5K course. But, when



Whitinsville Christian's Justin Vos was the top finisher for the Crusaders in the Division 2 Cross-Country State Championship, placing 62nd.

Ross awoke at 5 a.m. for his morning run, he was unsure of how the day



Emma Wierenga of Whitinsville Christian was the 11th place finisher in the Division 2 cross-country championships.

would play out. "Earlier this morning my legs felt great, but honestly I felt a little bit sick. It was a little bit in my stomach," explained Ross. "At first I thought it was being hungry, but I had to run first. I always

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# Handbell choirs? Yes, we have one in Northbridge!

NORTHBRIDGE — There is something special about the eloquent and lingering sound that comes from handbells. If you've ever heard a bell choir perform, you know you will never forget the experience. Lucky for us, we have a bell choir in the Valley. The Village Bell Ringers of the Village Congregational Church, Whitinsville, Massachusetts,

are a 5 octave, English Handbell Choir. This musical group includes nine to 12 ringers, who ring their five octaves of bells (60), and five octaves of hand chimes to bring joy, celebration, or even solace or pensive calm to any performance. This handbell choir has been in existence since the instrument was given to the Village Congregational Church by Lucy Merit in 1979. Since that time, the number of bells have increased from the original two octaves, to three octaves in 1980, to the current five octaves and all the chimes being added between 1995 and 2010.

The bell choir began under the direction of Doris Koopman, then under Karen Wielsma, and since 1988 has been directed by Harriet Forman. They have been very active in the church's music program, as well as community and



regional concerts and workshops. The bell ringers have played at conventions of the Handbell Musicians of America in Maine, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. They produced a recording, presented many holiday concerts, joined in benefit concerts, played for many community groups, brought their music to nursing homes, and to area churches.

Music in general is an important element that sets the tone of worshipping and being in God's presence. It helps to move us into a different ambience in worship. The bell choir plays various types of music, including sacred, secular, and seasonal handbell music, ranging from quiet, pensive hymns to bright, bold, and festive music. The sacred music, rung mainly for worship services, ranges from popular hymn tunes to wonderful music composed specifically for bells.

The handbell choir has also enjoyed performing with other musicians, including brass, woodwinds, vocal choirs, and the organ. Small ensemble bell groups of solos, duets, trios, are also formed at times. Handbells are an instrument that requires a committed group of people to play it. The music does not sound correct if there is even only one ringer missing.

For anyone interested in hearing this bell choir play, they perform once a month at the Village Church, 5 Church St., Whitinsville, during Sunday worship, 10:15 a.m. They are next scheduled to perform for Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 20, and then again for Christmas Sunday, Dec. 18, and at the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Dec. 24, at 10 p.m.

Coming to Northbridge next spring will be a special concert by two bell choirs from out of town, the Shoreline Ringers from Gales Ferry, Conn., and the Merrimack Valley Ringers from Chelmsford. They will present a combined concert of bell music at the Village Church on Saturday, June 3. More information will be forthcoming closer to the date for this special event!

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# Bay Path announces John and Abigail Adams Scholarship winners



Courtesy

Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School recently honored its John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients.

CHARLTON — Superintendent-Director Kyle Brenner is pleased to announce that over 70 Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School Students were recognized recently as recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.

This year's recipients were honored at an awards breakfast banquet held at the school on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship is a merit-based program that provides credit toward tuition for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. For this scholarship, merit is based on student scores on the 10th-grade Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test. The purpose of the award is to reward and inspire student achievement, to help attract more high-performing students to Massachusetts public higher education, and to provide families of college-bound students with

financial assistance.

To be eligible for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, students currently must score in the Advanced category on one of three high school state assessment tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, or STEM (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics or Technology/Engineering); score in the Proficient or Advanced category on the remaining two high school state assessment tests; and have a combined MCAS score on these assessments that ranks in the top 25 percent in their school district.

Bay Path students who were recognized include the following:

Fabian Alvis, Samuel Audunsson, Samuel Boria, Emma Boulet, Hunter Boyd, Dennis Brunelle, Richard Budney, Matthew Casati, Amanda Christianson, Isabella Coleman, Makayla Collins, Lauren Comeau, Libby Condrate, Caleb Jude Corpuz, Bryan DaSilva, Ryan Davis, Samantha DeCell, Cheryl Dolson,

Brenna Donohue, Elizabeth Dreitlein, Elaina Dunbar, Jayden Flanders, Emma-Abigail Gachagua, Casey Gallagher, Aiden Gelardi, Evan Gelineau, Noah Glispin, Ryan Greenwood, John Guerin, Julius Guillen, Barry Hanson, Emma Hesselton, Louis Houle, Mariah Hurtubise, Samantha Inangelo, Matthew Kallgren, Eyan Karlowicz, Aiden LaFrance, Jason Lavallee, Anthony Leite, James LeProhon, Ayden Letourneau, Julianna Loconto, Sara Malaney, Sean Malboeuf, Jaime Marrero, Matthew Marshall, Dylan McDonald, Jayme Melanson, Jaysi Miller, Mackenzie Morrisey, Dylan Morrison Ilvonen, Jonathann Norrman, Michael Pacheco, Christian Paul, Kiyana Perez, Amelia Peterson, Patrick Prudhomme, Ariane Ramos, Evan Rivera, Sabrina Rodrigues, Tatiana Rodriguez, Matthew Rousakos, Abraham Routhier, Wyatt Sadusky, Jazlynn Santana, Nolan

Sharry, Arminda Simoes, Sawyer Smith, Evan St. Cyr, Ivy Ta, Jacob Thomas, Taylor Tremblay, Jonathan Young.

The value of the Adams Scholarship varies by campus and is subject to change. For example, the current award amount for UMass Amherst is \$1,714. Framingham State University and Worcester State University awards are valued at \$970. At the UMass Amherst award amount, with 75 students receiving the award, the value of the scholarship for Bay Path students nears \$130,000.

"On behalf of the entire Bay Path faculty and staff, we congratulate all of this year's John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients," Brenner said. "They have proven themselves to be exceptionally dedicated students who should be commended for their efforts."

## Bay Path nursing students provide hearing, vision, BMI screening

CHARLTON — Professor Cheryl Cahill, MSN Ed, RN of Oxford lead a group of grateful Bay Path Practical Nursing students who volunteered for a hearing, vision, and BMI screening to assist the school nurses at the Shepherd Hill Regional High School. The team included Emily Rossignol, Gearlyn Wetherbee, Fidelis Mensah, Ana Hilner, Alice Maina, Etta Lahai, Lauren Young, and Laurie Barkoskie.

The photo shows Fidelis Mensah and Alice Maina both of Worcester demonstrating height and weight measurements. The hearing, vision, and BMI screening for the 10th graders were coordinated by school nurse Rachel Goetz, BSN, RN, NCS. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty, Professor Cahill who supervised the PN volunteers stated, "it was a great experience for the PN students and great practice for pediatric nursing and health



assessments."

The experience at the Hearing, Vision, and BMI Screening gives the nursing students the opportunity to work hand in hand with the school nurses.

"This is not the first year that our Practical Nursing students volunteered with the school nurses. We collaborated with Lion's Club in the past for Sight

mobile through the coordination of Chairperson Helene Doucette, PDG. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy prides itself in being a part of the Bay Path community outside of the Charlton campus so having the practical nursing students assist the school nurses and be invited back has a tremendous impact on service learning," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director.

"We recognize service-learning and emphasize its importance, to get involved outside the classroom to better prepare themselves for their healthcare careers, and this is something they will definitely remember their whole career," added Bolandrina.

In other service-learning activities, the practical nursing students assist the healthcare team, assess, give out COVID-19 vaccines, monitor for untoward reactions, and complete tasks efficiently, all under the supervision of qualified PN faculty. The training for the future nursing workforce in the Bay Path community and across the region allows practical nursing students to respond to emergencies and assist in community events.

## New students join Lasell University community

NEWTON — Lasell University proudly welcomed first-year and transfer students to its community this semester, including:

Rowan Conway of Northbridge  
Jack Tauson of Northbridge

The fall semester at Lasell has been a busy one for new and returning students alike; the community celebrated the new academic year at its annual UBelong festival and will showcase original student research and scholarship at the upcoming Connected Learning Symposium.

Founded in 1851, Lasell University is located in Newton, Massachusetts. The University is known for its Connected Learning curricular approach, which takes students beyond the classroom and into their field of study. Every major includes practical, hands-on activities in the form of internships, service learning, study abroad, and collaborate research opportunities.

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Snowy Mason Jar Crafts (ages 8-12) - Dec. 20 at 3pm  
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\$429,000, 45 Prentice Rd, Blanchard, Nicholas, and Blanchard, Erin, to Mele, Christopher J, and Mele, Michelle D.  
\$385,000, 35-37 Cottage St, Della-Cava Jr, Michael, and Della-Cava, Allison L, to Holland, Domenic.  
\$367,966, 28-30 Pine St, Dzindolet, Ann L, to Gibbons, Kyle.  
\$350,000, 136 Jon Cir, Lavoie, Darlene K, to Mowry, Beau A, and Doucette, Jennifer E.  
\$328,000, 63 Union St, Garcia, Christian, and Figueroa, Yalitz, to Mclean, Nancy A.  
\$275,000, 141 Heritage Dr #141, McCabe, Joshua, to King, Benjamin H, and King, Megan C.  
\$245,000, 20 Willow St #22, Kazarian, Gary, to Tocci, Dresden.

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\$850,000, 785 Quaker Hwy, El-Massih Enterprises LLC, to Galed, Joseph.  
\$685,000, 20 Serenity Dr, Pleau, Nelson R, and Pleau, Susan E, to Swift, Andrew B, and Swift, Deborah J.  
\$530,000, 86 Rogerson Xing #86, Nancy Salem FT, and Salem, Nancy, to Fulton, Linda.  
\$499,440, 40 Tea Party Dr #40, Independence Uxbridge, to Shaw, Michael J.  
\$470,000, 29 Londonderry Way, Jansen, Christian P, to Jansen, Allison.  
\$445,500, 253 Blackstone St, Dicks, Brian T, and Dicks, Susan M, to Jones, Timothy, and Jones, Amanda.  
\$439,900, 16 Farnum St #A, Fox Run RT, and Bevilacqua, Anthony, to Santos, Jennifer A.  
\$439,900, 18 Farnum St #18, Fox Run RT, and Bevilacqua, Anthony, to Cheryl A Morin FT, and Morin, Cheryl A.  
\$437,500, 950 Millville Rd, Thiebault, Edward L, and Thiebault, Deborah A, to Thiebault, Joshua, and Thiebault, Sierra.  
\$371,000, 59 Rivulet St, DRD Realty Co LLC, to Pham, Manh H, and Pham, Uyen P.  
\$370,000, 23 Pine Grove Cir, Belanger Pine Grove RT, and Belanger, Gertrude S, to Desjardins, Richard, and Desjardins, Donna.  
\$355,000, 2 Highness Dr #2, Deborah M Ohliger FT, and Ohliger, Deborah M, to Habib, Alexander F.  
\$335,000, 10 Princess Path #10, Fortier, Christine, to Cho, Calvin, and Piette, Gabriella R.

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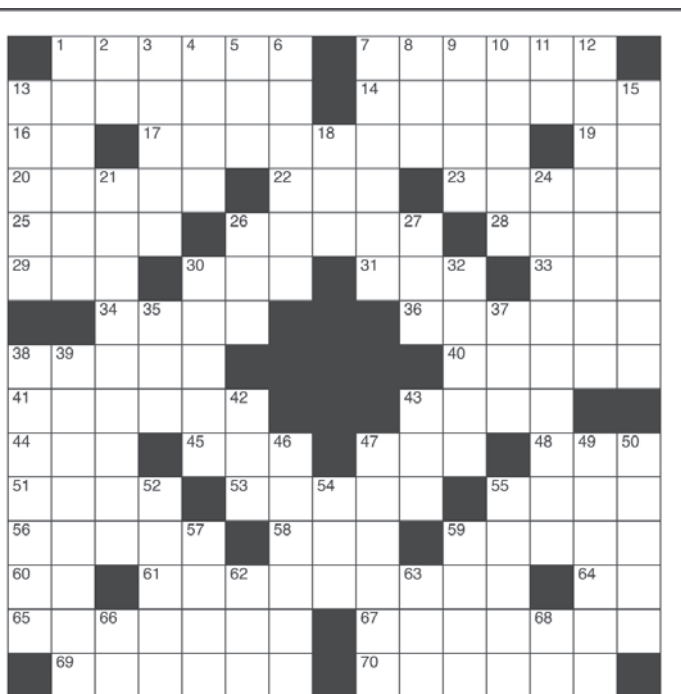
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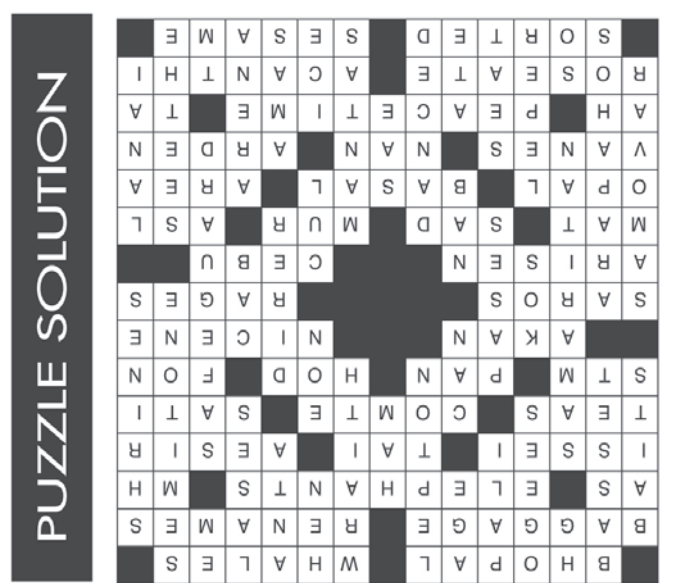


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. India's "City of Lakes"
- 7. Large marine mammals
- 13. Used to carry belongings when traveling
- 14. Rechristens
- 16. Equally
- 17. Heavy plant-eating mammals
- 19. Millinery
- 20. Japanese immigrant to N. America
- 22. Deep, red-brown sea bream
- 23. Norse gods
- 25. Peppermint and pekee are two
- 26. Auguste \_\_, founder of positivism
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 29. High-resolution microscope (abbr.)
- 30. Wide metal vessel used in cooking
- 31. V-shaped open trough
- 33. People of southern Benin
- 34. People of southern Ghana
- 36. It's a significant creed
- 38. Period between eclipses
- 40. Furies
- 41. Emerged
- 43. Philippine Island
- 44. Where wrestlers battle
- 45. Unhappy
- 47. Central European river
- 48. Language
- 51. Semitransparent gemstone
- 53. Forming in a bottom layer
- 55. Distinct region
- 56. Broad blades
- 58. Leavened bread
- 59. Influential cosmetics exec
- 60. Exclamation of surprise
- 61. Era free of war
- 64. One who helps professors
- 65. Idealistic
- 67. Ornamental plants

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Beloved hound
- 2. Equal to 100 grams
- 3. S-shaped moldings
- 4. Hawaiian cliff
- 5. Everyone has one
- 6. Subatomic particle
- 7. Ghost
- 8. Adult female bird
- 9. Greek temple pillars
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. Measures the width of printed matter
- 12. Musical interval
- 13. Tantalizes
- 15. Places of worship
- 18. An unskilled actor who overacts
- 21. One who volunteers to help
- 24. Precaution
- 26. Beverage holder
- 27. Very long period of time
- 30. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 32. More critical
- 35. Sends packing in a boxing match
- 37. Taxi
- 38. Decorative Russian tea urn
- 39. North American Great Plains natives
- 42. Seize
- 43. A passage with access only at one end
- 46. Cut a rug
- 47. Devil rays
- 49. Bubble up
- 50. Veranda
- 52. Outcast
- 54. Car mechanics group
- 55. Realm
- 57. A place to get off your feet
- 59. Popular music awards show
- 62. Consumed
- 63. A way to make cooler
- 66. Thus
- 68. Indicates it's been registered



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# Blissful Meadows Golf Club raises \$350,000 for youth in Blackstone Valley



Courtesy

Rick Cardoza, PGA Professional; Dr. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent of Blackstone Valley Tech; Gordon Bliss, Owner Blissful Meadows; Tara Bennett, Principal of Douglas High School; Dr. Michael Baldassarre, Superintendent of Uxbridge Schools; Mark Laskowski, Manager of Blissful Meadows

UXBRIDGE — Representatives from numerous local businesses and schools were in attendance for the 30th Annual Company Open Charity Golf Tournament at Blissful Meadows Golf Club in Uxbridge this fall. Originally created as a competitive event between local businesses, the owners of Blissful Meadows quickly decided to turn the Company Open into a yearly fundraiser for youth sports and educational pro-

grams in the local school systems. The needs change yearly and are based on the suggestions of the school's administration.

This year's proceeds of \$16,233 brings the total donated by this event to over \$350,000.00. In addition to individual student scholarships, the funds have helped many youth programs in the school systems of Uxbridge, Douglas, Northbridge and at the Blackstone

Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School.

Gordon and his wife, Jean Bliss, have lived in the Blackstone Valley for over 60 years. All of their seven children, the majority of their many grandchildren, and now their great grandchildren have or are currently attending the local schools. Blissful Meadows is also proud to be the home course to both the Uxbridge and Douglas High Schools

golf teams, offering low-cost golf for the team members to practice as well as for their match play.

Dr. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent of the Blackstone Valley Tech gave kind words at the dinner following the golf tournament: "At Blackstone Valley Tech we promote the integrity and the characteristics that Gordon Bliss and his family represent and promote every day. Care of family, honesty, hard work and community service. We are honored to work with Gordon and his family. Thank you so much for being part of the Blackstone family."

Participants enjoyed a variety of competitions on this beautiful day, in addition to 18 holes of golf. Activities included a "Ball Drop" where numbered golf balls are sold and then dropped from high over the driving range. The ball that comes closest to the target hole awards the winner \$1000 cash prize. Additionally, a putting course and long putt contest were set up on the practice facility and both men's and women's longest drive and closest to pin competitions were included in the day's events. A Ford F250 was up for grabs in the hole in one competition courtesy of Imperial Cars of Mendon. The winning team this year was Blackstone Valley Tech's with an impressive score of 57.

Gordon Bliss, Owner of Blissful Meadows, commented, "I feel that this year's Company Open was a huge success. The weather was perfect, the golf course was in spectacular condition and the players were all happy to be out there together raising money for the kids. It's great to see the how these events can make such a huge difference, not just for those benefiting from the funds raised, but for the players building relationships in the community as well."

Bliss was also eager to note the accomplishment of his grandson, newly appointed Golf Course Superintendent, Alex Bliss, who, along with his hard-working grounds crew, nurtured the course through an exceptionally dry season and provided excellent playing conditions for this event.

The Bliss family would like to thank the many staff, players, vendors, corporate and individual sponsors and volunteers that continue to support the Company Open Charity Golf Outing year after year.

## "Messiah" sing-in with the BVCC!

UXBRIDGE — The Blackstone Valley Community Chorus invites one and all to their upcoming holiday concert! The concert will be a Sing-In (or Listen-In) of the choral works of Handel's "Messiah." The BVCC invites audience members to bring their "Messiah" scores and sing with the chorus during any song of their choosing. Audience members are also invited to simply come and listen and not participate vocally. Every concert-goer should come and feel welcome to experience the concert in a way that makes them feel comfortable and full of the holiday spirit!

Handel's "Messiah" Sing-In with the BVCC will take place on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at Valley Chapel (14 Hunter Rd., Uxbridge). Admission is free, although donations are gratefully accepted.

The Blackstone Valley Community Chorus is composed of singers from throughout Central Massachusetts and has been bringing music to the Valley since 2004 under the direction of Diane Pollard of Douglas. The BVCC will also be found singing this holiday season at Uxbridge First Night. Visit the BVCC on Facebook or at [www.bvchorus.org](http://www.bvchorus.org) for more information.



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## BAY PATH RELEASES HONOR ROLL

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

### Grade 12

High Honors: Sincere Bailey, Benjamin Besaw, Aleana Brayton, Miranda Burden, Julia Canty, Amanda Christianson, Makayla Collins, Samantha DeCell, Cheryl Dolson, Brenna Donohue, Elizabeth Dreitlein, Jayden Flanders, Evan Gelineau, Julius Guillen, Emma Hesselton, Samantha Inangelo, Grace Jones, Matthew Kallgren, Aiden LaFrance, Matthew Marshall, Jaysi Miller, Mackenzie Morrisey, Merissa Murray, Stephen Ngaruiya, Gabrielle Oikle, Sabrina Rodrigues, Wyatt Sadusky, Arminda Simoes, Sawyer Smith, Naomi Soriano, Jacob Thomas, Emily Westwell

Honors: Alyssa Adams, Ayan Ahmada, Lukus Bachand, Haven Banks, Olivia Beaudette, Quinn Beck, Dillon Beckwith, Maya Belmonte, Alexander Besaw, Samuel Boria, Andrew Bottcher, Jon Boyle, Ryan Brown Herraiz, Dennis Brunelle, Connor Burke, Hailey Carlson, Kendra Carter, Matthew Casati, Daniel Chaffee, Isabel Cole, Grace Comeau, Anthony Comforti, Libby Condrate, Cam Ron Desrosiers, Ronald Desrosiers, Valerie Diaz, Luke Dillon, Elaina Dunbar, Ty Dupuis, Amanda Englund, Zachary Finizza, Tori Fontaine, Zachary Fritze, Evan Frost, Emma Abigail Gachagua, Aiden Gelardi, Emily Gelineau, Adrian Gonzalez, Osiris Gonzalez, John Guerin, Barry Hanson, Lauren Hennessy, Rebeka Janusz, Sumner Jordan, Tyler Kasprzycki, Marissa Keefe, Hunter Kelley, Delaney Kirkorian, Nakia L'Ecuyer, Anna L'Esperance, Sydney Lamontagne, James LeProhon, Gianaleze Lopez, Yamilisha Machado, Judy Maignan, Sara Malaney, Michael Mallette, Matthew Marchetti, Dylan McDonald, Rachel McMenemy, Erika Melendez, Yerilian Miranda-Colon, Kyle Moddy, Joelle Peluso, Georgios Purperis, Damon Provencal, Jacob Provencher, Timothy Putnam, Hilary Queirolo, Jenisey Ramos, Emma Rannikko, Katelynn Richard, Matthew Rousakos, Jazlynn Santana, Kieya Santerre, Nolan Sharry, Terry Simon, Ronin Simone, Evan St. Cyr, Emma St. Francis, Sean Sweeney, Alexander Tetreault, Brayden Therrien, Walfry Torres-Rodriguez, Jacob Wilga, Jonathan Young, Makenna Zella

Principal's List: Jake Aho, Samuel Audunsson, John Begg, Joshua Carignan, Michael Chansignavong, Lillian Cortis, Noah Cowher, Crystal Curving, Gabriel Espinosa, Nathan Gooney, Isabella Heck, Matthew Hoyt, Tatyanna Johnny, Calista Kalil-Johnson, Madison Lamica, Jason Lavallee, Anthony Leite, Ayden Letourneau, Timothy Maenpaa, Alyssa Masciarelli, Connor McCarthy, Trinity Mercier, Dominic Moiz, Dylan Morrison Ilvonen, Jonathan Norman, Tessa Olejniczak, Gabriel Osciak, Trevor Phillips, Patrick Prudhomme, Ariane Ramos, Lucas Soloperto, Gavin Suprenant, Damon Szafarowicz, Ivy Ta, Sebastian Tomei, Yahil Vega-Cortes, Jackson Wight

### Grade 11

High Honors: Sophia Balestracci, Angeliz Beltre Colon, Rachel Carpenter, Charles Chivallatti, Meredith Clark, Petru Cojocaru, Kirsten Congdon, Dylan DeJesus, Jenna Gajewski, Ethan Gallant, Lucas Hafner, Kristina Liberty, Sarah Martin, Maggie Mullaly, Peter Nhan, Madison Nolan, Wendy Ramirez, Paige Seymour, Victoria Tinsley, Jack Ugrinow, Timothy Welch, Gabrielle Zopatti

Honors: Alexander Adkins, Juliana Alcivar, Kasey Babkuauskas, Alex Beshiri, Luke Boliver, Caroline Borgeson, Madelynn Bounphasaysonh, Ryan Bray, Samuel Brill, Vincent Brink, Caitlyn Burke, Gabriella Cabrera, Bridge Carrascal, Olivia Carrier, Riley Caruso, Jomar Cintron Perez, Yanieris Colon Vega, Zachary Cournoyer, Kyleigh Czuchowski, LeeAnn Dagnese, Daniel Daige, Wyatt Daoust, Emma Davison, Deanna Davis, Emma DeJong, Nyasia Delgado, Sean Derenas, Marissa Dumas, Noah Dupont, Abigail Egan, Jared Evora, James Ferreira, Robert Fleck IV, Chase Forehand, Jonathan Forget, Joseph Fritze, Giovanni Garcia, Triston Gaudette, Simon Greening, Renee Hallaman, Tristan Hanson, Bridget Hast, Riley

Heenan, Alba Henriquez Baez, Isabelle Herholz, James Heywood, Derek Hosley, Carly Impey, Ian James, Stanislaw Janusz, Kady Katz, Matthew Lach, Benjamin LaTour, Anne Lehtola, Emma Levasseur, Albert Lluciano, Patrick Luperchio, Hannah Luukko, Catherine Magnusson, Jadier Maldonado, Tatiana Marin, Matteo Mastrototaro, Shaun McLaughlin, Jenna McLeish, Vicent Messier, Macaylah Miller, Leah Monti, Dorina Muska, Adrianna Navarro, Christian Nguyen, Kayla Nguyen, Alix Norman, Noah Okolita, Nason Omasta, Gianna Pantalone, Peyton Parrettie, Noalani Perez, Dominic Pigeon, Colin Plante, Gabrielle Proulx, Evan Provost, Emily Quental, Jacob Reed, Harrison Renaud, Nayeli Rodriguez, Daniel Russell, Caterina Schiappa, Connor Sentence, Cody Sexton, Sydney Seymour, Madison Sibert, Catherine Sirard, Jacob Sirard, Gerald Splaine, Ashton Stockenberg, Kyle Sylwanovicz, Alysha Szafarowicz, Christopher Verdolino, Landon Walker, Thomas Wilk, Hailey Williamson

Principal's List: Fajr Ahmand, Avarie Beauchamp, Lindsey Berthiaume, Jaden Blake, Jesse Catino, Shane Conti, Karoline Corps Diaz, Richard Corriveau, Marisele Cosme, Leilani Daniels, Pedro Augusto Dasilva, Andrwe Dip, Jayden-James Dunston, Jibril Erraihani, Madison Fournier, Nicholas Gagne, Devin Gavaletz, Sabien Gonzalez, Rachel Gormley, Kendal Griffin, Samuel Hampton III, Abigail Kibaru, Madisyn Kozlowski, Cole Mitchell, Meghan O'Shea, Brayden Parente, Ismael Porrata, Logan Powers, Wyatt Rafferty, Colby Richardson, Xavier Rivera, Victoria Roberts, Samantha Russell, Amanda Seidler, Kayliana Sevieri, Brady Staniunas, Lacey Sullivan, Charlotte Worster

### Grade 10

High Honors: Kaelen Anderson, Jessica Benoit, Kendall Bond, Amberlyn Brindle, Mikayla Crocker, Philippe Dasilva, Ryan Dawson, Emma Dwyer, Erin Gallant, Noah Goulet, Daniel Harris, Bryce Hutchison, Molly Isaacs, Kayah Jadcak, Elena Jerez, Samantha Landgren, Nathan Lashua, Eva Lombardi, Isabel McLam, Emma McLaughlin, Jersey Mejias, Maya Oriz, Willis Perreault, Savannah Steiner, Cassandra Tinsley, Matthew Twombly, Manaali Vaidya, Colin Vaillancourt, Vincent Van Dam, Angelica Vega, Alison Welton

Honors: Kortnie Adams, Nicholas Adler, Rima Al-Dulaimi, Yheraldine Baez, Dominic Balducci, Peter Barbale, Claire Beaudreau, Connor Belanger, Briea Bogar, Camden Bousquet, David Boyce, Kaider Brochu, Noah Brown, Jason Brum, Julia Burgos, Jameson Burke, Johnathon Carter, Matthew Chatterton, Jason Checka, Ryan Christiano, Joshau Chumsae, Makayla Collazo, Olivia Collins, Catherine Comeau, Adison Daoust, Hunter Davis, Jenna Defosse, Madison Dolan, Carly Donohue, Bryce Dube, Gabriella Dube, Jared Dubovick, Braelyn Dunn, Kayla Evans, Jaden Fall, Claire Farrar, Midrose Freeman, Conor Gadbois, Corey Gaulin, Reyna Gonzalez, Matthew Guerin, Abigail Haynes, Joshua Hemingway, Valerie Hilner, McKayla Hoel, Ella Houle, Ava Iozzo, Jacob Johnson, Leah Johnson, Jacob Jurado, Dylan Kasprzycki, Sarah Kempskie, Anya Kittredge, Enzo Lagares, Katherine Landgren, Emma Leclair, Logan Letourneau, Avery Lincoln, Benjamin Lombardi, James MacConnell, Lillian Maglich, Joseph Mancini, Ayla McGrail, Jed McManus, Paul McManus, Calle Merchant, Cheyenne Monsen, Jacob Morello, Camron Mortell, Robert Mousseau, Ava Murray, Dale Nussey, Morgan O'Malley, Ashlyn Olejniczak, Julia Osche, Alaina Pafume, Dominic Paldino, Bruna Paula, Catherine Pavone, Raegan Perreault, Isabella Petinelli, Emerson Pitz, Dylan Polinski, Gabriel Prado, Nicholas Reardon, Melany Rebeiro, Noah Recinos Rodgers, Neh Reh, Casey Renaud, Lexiana Restoo-Nichols, Kaylie Richard, Joseph Roman, Dominic Schoff, Benjamin Scobie, Ed Simon, Abigail Simpson, Will Stone, John Sullivan, Aaliyah Szkutak, Kathryn Szretter, Madison Teal, John Tighe, Isabel Tolomio, Nicholas Visci, Adrian Vitkos, Amelia White, Sadie Wilber, Dayzyah Wintzel Neely, Brady Wisniewski

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### Grade 9

High Honors: Addison Aho, Nicholas Albright, Sarah Appiah Kubi, Logan Barriere, Vincent Bedard, David Betancur, Dominic Boyd, Delaney Burke, Dimitri Burt, Samuel Ceppetelli, Marianelys Cintron Perez, Dylan Cordova Del Cid, Emily Corey, Joseph Daige, Abigail Dejong, Myiah DeLaRosa, Treyton Dery, Jocelyn Evans, Jordan Ferreira, Bridgette Gaudreau, Anthony Gonya, Arianna Gonzalez, Sadie Hawley, Kolton Hemenway, Nicholas Jalbert, Miranda Linde, Ava Mastrototaro, Emily McDonald, Felix Menard, Alexis Moddy, Amari Pereira, Kayleigh Ramm, Josiah Torres, Sebastian Vargas, Hunter White, Zaylie Whiteman, Madison Williamson, Olivia Willis, Wyatt Zalneraitis

Honors: Bayleigh Abdella, Helena Adkins, Jacob Archambault, Violet Aucella, Alexander Audunsson, Rhianna Balliet, Trevor Beckwith, Arianna Belanger, Roger Bishop, Isabella Bitar, William Blash, Riley Boucher, Brianna Brink, Lucien Brodeur, Alissa Burlingame, Lily Chartier, Andrew Cloutier, Charles Congdon, Hunter Coomgs, Maxton Cournoyer, Jacob Creeron, Ryan Crosby, Valentina Culberson, Brody Cunningham, Lorelie Curboy, Connor Czechowski, Shamone Davidson, Carla Diaz, Max Domineck, Kyrie Doud, Savannah Dubois, Genevieve Dupont, Aedan Ellis-Morris, Matthew Falcigno, Mya Federico, Yandel Feliciano, Anika Ferrantino, Aaron Finneran, Ethan Ford, Jayla Fowler, Rylee Fulmine, Aliyah Gonyea, Jocelynn Gordon, Kylie Greska, Anna Guay, Jacob Hansen, Dylan Herne, Jorelys Ignacio, Natalie Ingles, Joshua Jeffers, Amara Johnson, Tabian Keegan, Zackery Kelleher, Ayden Kennedy, Allison Klar, Marshall Lafond, Joel Landor, Zachary Landry, Gabrielle Lapan, Elyse Laramie, Phoebe Lawendowski, Nathan Legendre, Michael Lulu, Lucas Lyons, Cullen MacLeod, Philipos Makrodimitras, Jason Maldonado, Cooper Mann, Mystic Marion, Bradley McCarthy, Madeline McDonald-Trimby, Jacqueline McManus, Alexis Messina, Cheyanne Mitchell, Sebastian oniz, Gianna Morelli, Tyson Moriarty, Aydan Nanigian, Chase Newman, Liam Nicoll, Sebastian Nieuwenhoff, Benjamin Nocchi, Connor O'Brien, Matthew Obyrcki, Maddox Parente, Adam Phaneuf, Jacob Pratt, Taylor Richard, Vincent Rerne, Nathan Rouille Montoya, Jordan Russell, Yasmilette Santana, Sawyer Schultz, Brianne Sentence, Jaxon Sitko, Yandel Torres, Jannyliz Torres Vazquez, Thadaeus Tweneboa, Natalie Vigeant, Harley Wadden, Londyn Walker, Ava Wall, Ethan Wall, Katherine Widebeck, Tessa Wilber, Trey Wilkin

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## DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

DOUGLAS — Douglas High School has released its honor roll for the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

### Grade 9

Highest Honors: Adriana Acosta, Sebastian Acosta, Emerson Adams, Logan Beauchemin, Adeline Cherrier, Nathan Chesley, Ray Clontz, Mia Darling, Nadia Dziobak, Julianne Forget, Allison Gordon, Madelyn Gosselin, Riley Hall, William Higgins, Angelina Jenks, Emma Kagels, Sarah Lemire, Brandon Mills, Sadie O'Toole, Thomas Oum, Emily Pacheco, Megan Prue, Charles Ramsdell, Emily Ramsdell, Aiden Vassar

High Honors: Liem Dauplaise, Alexander Enos, Ella Greenough, Madelyn Greenough, Zoe

Greenough, Makenzie Jones, Raleigh McEttrick, Trinity Pare, Marcel Podstawka, Krista Rice, Anthony Smith, William Sobolewski, Neo Telles

Honors: Chiara Bingham, Makenna Chiasson, Zachary Chiasson, Mia Colucci, Camryn Forbes, Bradley Saunders, Jacob True

### Grade 10

Highest Honors: Fani Angelidaki, David Berchem, Maegen Bradley, Shaan Chaudhary, Aiden Connell, Skyler Criasia, Olivia DeFalco, Lillian George, Vixx Greenough, Ryleigh Kenney, Travis King, Rebecca Leary, Charlotte Loy, Leilane Martinez-Paulino, Elyse McCarthy, Kyla Nadeau, Brady Olson, Erin Picanso, Jessica Rose, Joshua Roulier, Zachary

Sargent, Stone Slowik, Gianna Smith, Joranni Souphida, Tayla Sullivan, Jacob Wasson

High Honors: Julia Argall, Cassandra Criasia, Jianalys Cruz, Nickolas Dion, Logan Englund, Zoe Lemire, Madison McDermott, Riley Smith, Antoinette Stewart-Gingras

Honors: Adrian Harper, Joshua Ruiz, Kylie Squier, Kaitlin Sullivan, Lucas Teixeira

### Grade 11

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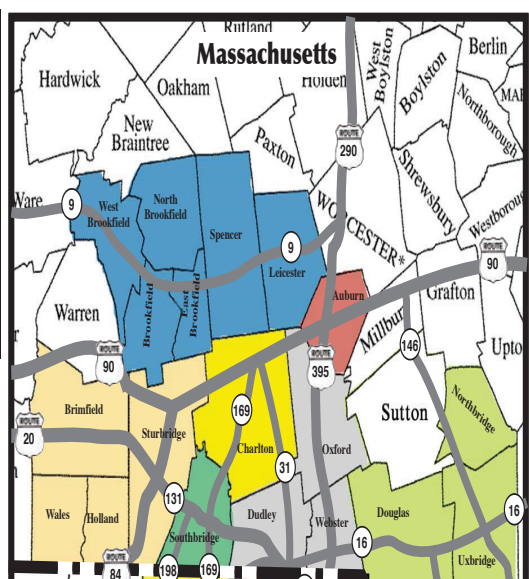
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## The roots of Thanksgiving

From 1621 to 2019, Thanksgiving has always been about celebrating an abundant fall harvest. The holiday's roots date back to the original Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag tribe, who shared the first Thanksgiving meal together.

The celebratory feast was held by individual colonies up until 1789 and on with a proclamation from President George Washington. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe Thanksgiving, and it wasn't until Abraham Lincoln's Presidency in 1863 that it became a federal holiday.

Many of the food items on our Thanksgiving menu are not what was served during the first few traditional Thanksgivings. For one, turkey was not served.

There aren't many documents from that time regarding that first Thanksgiving; however, one note did describe wildfowl (duck or geese) cod, bass, deer, bread, corn and porridge being served. The birds were described as being stuffed with onions and nuts. Seafood such as mussels and lobster was also served. For vegetables, squash, beans, corn, cabbage, carrots and peas were on the table.

Not on the table was mashed potatoes and gravy (gasp!), and there was no cranberry sauce or pies.

Perhaps no one has managed to capture the feeling gratitude better than Henry David Thoreau, author of "Walden," in 1856.

"I am grateful for what I am and have," he wrote. "My thanksgiving is perpetual. It is surprising how contented one can be with nothing definite - only a sense of existence. Well, anything for variety. I am ready to try this for the next ten thousand years, and exhaust it. How sweet to think of my extremities well charred, and my intellectual part too, so that there is no danger of worm or rot for a long while. My breath is sweet to me. O how I laugh when I think of my vague indefinite riches. No run on my bank can drain it, for my wealth is not possession but enjoyment."

# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Addiction makes your government a lot of money

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

Have you considered how radical it is to believe in freedom and independent thought, instead of the Group Think of Woke World?

Here is some radical information about pot smoking from the National Institute of Drug Abuse at the National Institutes of Health [NIDA-NIH], and I quote:

"Like tobacco smoke, marijuana smoke is an irritant to the throat and lungs and can cause a heavy cough during use. It also contains levels of volatile chemicals and tar that are similar to tobacco smoke, raising concerns about risk for cancer and lung disease." Wait, what?

The politicians didn't tell you that when they were pushing legalization of pot dispensaries, did they? No, because they wanted the tax money.

Massachusetts now makes more money on pot sales than on alcohol sales! There is a 6.25 percent sales tax on pot, plus a 10.75 percent excise tax on pot, plus as much as 3 percent local tax. Effective tax on buying pot? 20 percent. Usury, anyone?

Did you know there are 23 pot dispensaries or pot grower agreements in Uxbridge (with seven currently in operation)? They pay a local tax from 1.75 percent up to 3 percent. This seems very low. Why does the state always get the lion's share?

Here's the bad news about pot smoking and your lungs:

The NIDA-NIH continues: "Marijuana smoking is associated with large airway inflammation, increased airway resistance and lung hyperinflation and those who smoke marijuana regularly report more symptoms of chronic bronchitis than those who do not smoke...Some case studies have suggested that, because of THC's immune-suppressing effects, smoking marijuana might increase susceptibility to lung infections such as pneumonia."

But it's okay, pay no attention to the man behind the curtain because the state is making money on your lungs. As they said in the 1960's, "turn on, tune in, drop out." Pollute yourself! Vote to raise taxes! Who cares!

Here's some more fun information from your friends at NIH: "Marijuana contains carcinogenic combustion prod-

ucts, including about 50 percent more benzoprene and 75 percent more benzenanthracene and more phenols, vinyl chlorides, nitrosamines, reactive oxygen species than cigarette smoke." Yay!

Also, they inform us that because of how deeply it is inhaled and held in the lungs longer than cigarette smoke, "marijuana smoking leads to four times the deposition of tar compared to cigarette smoking." Let that sink in.

Don't you love how your government protects you? Worse than cigarette smoking, more tar in your lungs, but it's okay because we can tax it at a higher level and it provides taxes to your local community to reduce addiction. Logical!

We already knew that cigarette smoking was bad. How many lawsuits have there been against tobacco companies? Here's the question. If cigarette smoking is so bad, why haven't the geniuses in Washington banned tobacco outright? They will not because they would have to give up the tax on cigarettes. Same with pot.

Let's quote the great Howie Carr on the recent Question 1: "They claim the [new tax] money would be 'earmarked' for transportation and education. We've been over this before, but ... it bears repeating. For starters, nothing can be earmarked. Next, the state already spends more than almost any other state on both transportation and education. And how much do you trust the Democrats who will be running the state come January? ... How much can you trust anybody at the State House? They told you the tolls on the Pike were ending in 1987 - how's that one working out for you?" Indeed.

Politicians make money (taxes) on your vices. And they fund addiction centers to the tune of millions of your tax dollars which come from the taxed addictions. A vicious cycle, but somebody is making a lot of money: the politicians, the pushers, and the "non-profit" addiction centers. They don't care if you become addicted. I repeat, they do not care - as long as they get the money.

Why would you ever vote for another tax? But Massachusetts just did.

Signed, your Tax and Vice Realist,

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## COLA is sweet for Social Security recipients



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If you receive Social Security, you've probably already heard that your checks in 2023 will be bigger - considerably bigger, in fact. How can you make the best use of this extra money?

Here's what's happening: For 2023, there's an 8.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Social Security benefits - the largest increase in 40 years. Also, the monthly Medicare Part B premiums are declining next year, to \$164.90/month from \$170.10/month, which will also modestly boost Social Security checks for those enrolled in Part B, as these premiums are automatically deducted.

Of course, the sizable COLA is due to the high inflation of 2022, as the Social Security Administration uses a formula based on increases in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). So, it's certainly possible that you will need some, or perhaps all, of your larger checks to pay for the increased cost of goods and services. But if your cash flow is already relatively strong, you might want to consider these suggestions for using your bigger checks:

Reduce withdrawals from your investment portfolio. When you're retired, you will likely need to withdraw a certain amount from your portfolio each year to meet your expenses. A boost in your Social Security may enable you to withdraw less, at least for a year. This can be particularly advantageous when the markets are down, as you'd like to avoid, as much as possible, selling investments and withdrawing the money when investment prices are low. And the fewer investments you need to sell, the longer your portfolio may last during your retirement years.

Help build your cash reserves. When you're retired, it's a good idea to maintain about a year's worth of the amount you'll spend from your portfolio in cash, while also keeping three months' of your spending needs in an emergency fund, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Your higher Social Security checks could help you build these cash reserves. (Also, it's helpful to keep another three to five years' worth of spending from your portfolio in short-term, fixed-income investments, which now, due to higher interest rates, offer better income opportunities.)

Contribute to a 529 plan. You could use some of your extra Social Security money to contribute to a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan for your grandchildren or other family members.

Contribute to charitable organizations. You might want to use some of your Social Security money to expand your charitable giving. Your generosity will help worthy groups and possibly bring you some tax benefits, too.

While it's nice to have these possible options in 2023, you can't count on future COLA increases being as large. The jump in inflation in 2022 was due to several unusual factors, including pandemic-related government spending, supply shortages and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. It's quite possible, perhaps even likely, that inflation will subside in 2023, which, in turn, would mean a smaller COLA bump in 2024.

Nonetheless, while you might not want to include large annual COLA increases as part of your long-term financial strategy, you may well choose to take advantage, in some of the ways described above, of the bigger Social Security checks you'll receive in 2023. When opportunity knocks, you may want to open the door.

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## Brighten the holidays with colorful plants

Garden centers, florists and grocery stores are filling their shelves with a variety of holiday plants; a sure sign the holidays are approaching. This is the time of year to give, receive or fill your home with colorful poinsettias, Christmas cactus, cyclamen, and other holiday plants. Extend their beauty and longevity with proper care.

Start by selecting healthy plants that have been receiving proper care. The plants should be free of insects, disease and have no yellow leaves, brown leaf edges and spots. Flowering plants should have just a few open flowers, some buds showing color, and the rest healthy plump buds. You will enjoy watching the flower buds open, blooms expand, and a longer flowering period.

Always protect your gift plants from the harsh outdoors. Professional florists and garden center staff should provide a care tag and wrap your plants in a plastic or paper sleeve for the ride home.



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Carefully remove the wrap as soon as you get home. This is especially important when caring for poinsettias. The upturned leaves emit ethylene, a ripening hormone that can shorten the longevity of your poinsettia's colorful display.

Rewrap your holiday plant anytime you move it outdoors and never leave it sitting in a cold car while running errands. A chilled plant looks fine until it warms. By the next day, the plant turns grayish-green, wilts and may die. Not such a nice gift or addition to your holiday décor after all.

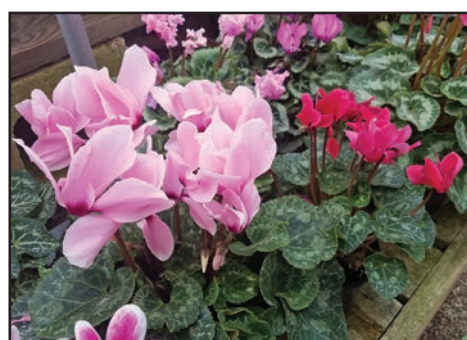
Once home, place it in a cool, brightly lit location. The cool temperatures and indirect light help the blooms last longer. Remove or fold down the foil wrap, if present, to allow sunlight to reach all the leaves. Avoid drafts of hot and cold air. These can dry or chill the plant resulting in leaf and blossom drop.

Check the tag for watering instructions. Most holiday plants prefer moist but not wet soil. Use your finger as a moisture meter. Water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and just slightly moist or according to the directions on the care tag.

Pour out any water that collects in the foil, basket, decorative pot or saucer. Or place pebbles in the bottom of these or the saucer to elevate the plant above sitting water. This reduces the risk of root rot and makes care much easier.

Lengthen the time between watering and increase success by amending the potting mix with a moisture-retaining product like wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com). This organic and sustainable product reduces watering by up to 25 percent. Just spread it over the soil surface and push it into the soil around the plant.

Keep your floral display looking its best by removing spent flowers from azaleas, Christmas cactus, cyclamen and



Melinda Myers

Cyclamen plants have uniquely shaped flowers, come in a variety of colors, and stand above attractive variegated leaves.

kalanchoes. This keeps the plant looking fresh and often encourages more blooms.

Once the holidays have passed, keep enjoying these plants through the gray days of winter. Move the plants to a sunny window, fertilize with a dilute solution of complete or flowering plant fertilizer, and water as needed.

Add some artificial berries, cut flowers in water picks, or silk blooms to replace the faded flowers. Use colorful stakes or natural twigs for added beauty and to support floppy leaves and stems.

Boost your spirits and those of family and friends this holiday season with a few colorful plants. Giving them as gifts and using them to decorate your home is guaranteed to brighten your holiday celebrations.

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# Deer season explodes into action

The Massachusetts hunting deer season exploded with action this past week, with numerous big bucks being harvested locally. The colder weather that rolled in for the last few days has made sitting in a tree with a bow a bit more unpleasant but for those that can handle the cold their patience has paid off. Numerous archers reported seeing a lot of does that they did not shoot while deer hunting, with one archer showing this writer a picture of a buck with a single antler growing down the side of his face, that he did not harvest. He likes to harvest big bucks with heavy antler growth. Don't we all!

The cold weather had many anglers hurrying to winterize their boats and put them in winter storage. The 2022 fishing season for saltwater species is pretty much over for most anglers with their



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own boats, but charter boats are still taking out the most hardy fishermen to catch a few more tautog before winter really sets in. It has been a great year for anglers fishing for seabass & tautog.

This is also a good time of year to clean and lubricate your saltwater fishing gear, so that it is ready for spring of 2023. Saltwater fishing equipment can get rust and corrosion in a very short time, if it is not properly cleaned before storing it. The cost of new fishing gear is not cheap.

If you are a deer hunter, you hopefully have taken the time to sight in your shotgun by now. With the Mass. deer hunting season ready to open on Nov. 28 this year, there is not much time left to get it done. So many deer hunters do not take the time to sight in their guns prior

to the new season, often causing a bad shot that fails to hit its mark, and the end result is the loss of a big buck. Do not let it happen to you!

During the shotgun deer season, a hunter can use a primitive arms gun or his bow to harvest a deer. Many hunters prefer to use a black powder gun during the regular deer season, because of their extreme accuracy. The latest guns are now rifled and can deliver an accurate shot of up to 100 yards under the right conditions. The 50 caliber blackpowder guns are the most popular among hunters. The easy loading of the 50 caliber guns is quick and easy, if you use the 50 grain plugs that can be quickly dropped down the barrel followed by the projectile of choice. Most hunters prefer two 50 grain plugs per shot resulting in better accuracy. It was this writer's load of choice.

If you shoot a big buck and you plan to have it mounted, be sure to have the deer properly skinned and placed in a freezer

as soon as possible. It will preserve the skin until you find a taxidermist of your choice. There are a lot of great taxidermists in the area, but be sure to check them out before you hand over your money, and get a timeline on when you can expect to get the finished product back. Never pay in full until you get your deer head back.

Ice fishing is not far away I hope! If we can get some early ice it would be great, but anglers need to take precautions when attempting to navigate first ice. Carrying a thick and constantly monitoring ice thickness can save your life. No ponds have the same thickness of ice on them and can vary quickly, as you navigate the frozen ponds. Have a talk to your children and tell them to stay off all frozen ponds with adult supervision.

Wishing everyone a great Thanksgiving, and remembering all of our servicemen and women!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

## Holiday Hassles Resolved

Decking the halls, trimming the tree, and prepping for the holidays is a seasonal tradition - but the tasks are not always the joyous chores of Christmas carols. If the hustle and bustle of the holiday has you frazzled as you rush to get everything done right and on time - take heart. The following problem solvers offer quick and inexpensive fixes to save precious time and money this holiday season.



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Instructions: Use a cotton ball to dab the mixture onto clean windows. Treat only the corners for a realistic look. As the mixture dries, it crystallizes.

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Problem: Christmas light strings are a tangled mess!

Solution: First make sure you have lots of room to spread out the snaking lights; the floor is an ideal space. Locate the plug and work your way from there to the other end. Gently spread the strings and work the plug in and out of the tangles. Using a chopstick, bamboo skewer, or pencil, work any knots out of the strings. Untangled lines should be laid straight along the floor.

To prevent this hassle next year. Wind each string around a stiff cardboard; tape the end and place into a plastic grocery bag (only one string per cardboard) and stack to store.

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Problem: Commercial spray on "snow" for windows is messy and expensive.

Solution: This DIY version of artificial snow is inexpensive and easier to clean up! Best of all this faux frost can create a crystal ice painting on even the most insulated windows!

Ingredients: A few tablespoons of Epsom salts; one can flat beer; cotton balls.

Problem: You love that delightful pine scent of your Christmas Tree and wish you could extend the fragrance throughout the season.

Solution: You can! This homemade Pine Potpourri offers a fresh, evergreen scent any time of year! To do: Mix together: 1/2 cup bayberry leaves; 1/2 cup snipped balsam needles; 1/2 cup miniature pine cones; 1/2 cup rose hips; 2 tsp orrisroot; 2 drops pine-scented fixative or oil. Mix the bayberry, balsam, pine cones and rose hips in a large bowl. Add the orrisroot and fixative and stir gently. Store in a jar with a tight fitting lid. Note: To rejuvenate and extend your pine potpourri, try this economical trick: Put some ground corn cob material (sold as cellulose or litter material at the pet store) in a jar. Add several drops of essential oil, place lid on jar and shake. Shake the jar every day for about a week or so. Add it to your potpourri, to give it body and hold the scent.

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Problem: You want to give a holiday present to your mail carrier, but heard there are strict gift regulations:

Solution: For reference: Mail carriers working for the United States Postal Service are allowed to accept the following items during the holiday season:

Snacks and beverages or perishable gifts that are not part of a meal.

Small gifts that have little intrinsic value (travel mugs, hand warmers, etc...) and are clearly no more than \$20 in value.

Perishable items clearly worth more (large fruit baskets or cookie tins) must be shared with the entire branch.

Mail carriers working for the United States Postal Service may not accept the following:

Cash gifts, checks, gift cards, or any other form of currency.

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Problem: Old fashioned flaming pinecones for fireplaces are not readily available and when found are costly.

Solution: Make your own! The traditional fire-starters of days of yore are easily crafted. Best of all, pinecones not only add a great seasonal scent to a cozy fireplace, they can also add some delightful color with the addition of a few pantry ingredients. Here's how to make your holiday hearthside flames fabulous: Dip pinecones in wax (recycle candle stubs) and roll in table salt for bright yellow flames; If you use a no-salt substitute, you'll be treated to violet flames. For green flames, dip the pinecones in borax (found in the laundry aisle). Baking soda will reward you with bright yellowish orange flames, and Epsom salts will result in white flames. For hot pink flames, dip or roll pinecones in plaster of Paris.

For more economical and natural looking pinecones without the wax properties, simply marinate the fire flashers. Dissolve eight ounces of one activator (salt, borax, etc.) in a half gallon of water. Soak pine cones for about six hours. Dry them in a warm, dry place for a few days. For gift giving, fill up a cellophane bag, add a bow, and attach a tag with the color codes. Pinecone Pointer: To prompt tight pinecones to open fully, heat them in a 220 degree oven on a foil lined cookie sheet. Caution: Make and use firestarters and flammers with care and at your own risk. Do not mix activators.

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Problem: Christmas dinner requires perfect gravy, but it's a challenge to get it right.

Solution: Why not go to the source of "fool-proof" gravy, Betty Crocker? After all, the cooking icon's recipe has

been at America's holiday table for decades!

Ingredients: 1/4 cup turkey drippings (fat and juices from roasted turkey); 1/4 cup all-purpose flour; 2 cups liquid (juices from roasted turkey, broth, water); 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon pepper.

Directions: Pour drippings from roasting pan into bowl, leaving brown particles in pan. Return 1/4 cup drippings to roasting pan. (Measure accurately because too little fat makes gravy lumpy.) Stir in flour. (Measure accurately so gravy is not greasy.)

Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Stir in liquid. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir in a few drops of browning sauce. Stir in salt and pepper.

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

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



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## If things don't go your way, let it go

Life sometimes goes differently than planned.

Maybe there was construction on the freeway, and you had to take another route; in the process, you probably got a little annoyed, possibly a little road rage.

Perhaps you didn't get the promotion at work; you've worked hard for years and made all the right moves only to have another employee steal it from you. You've been soaking in the bitterness ever since.

Have you ever been in a relationship and behaved in a manner that you hoped would elicit a specific response, and when the opposite happened, you were sad, depressed, or angry?

All of the unknowns in life can cause anxiety about the outcome of any situation. If you're like me, whenever there is

any doubt about a particular outcome, it gets even more stressful as I try and prevent these scenarios from happening in the first place.

When I'm worried or upset about the possibility of a bad outcome, I become terrified of what might happen if I'm not in control.

All of us feel the need to be in control of some aspects of our life. In my personal life, I've experienced a lot of anger and frustration by attempting to control things I have no control over.

Life has a habit of getting in the way. We can make the most detailed plans, but as the saying goes, "The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry!"

We all want things to happen a certain way, and

it's unnerving when something doesn't go as planned. If you're used to having a lot of control, and things aren't going as planned, it can bring despair. Leaving you overwhelmed and unable to cope.

Negative emotions are uncomfortable, sometimes, they help guide us down the right path in life, but there are more times when negative emotions are counterproductive and self-destructive.

How many times has something happened that was outside your control, and it ruined the rest of your day? How many times has an annoyance turned into resentment and bitterness?

It's good to plan; it's good to think of everything and try to make things go perfectly, but if

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# OBITUARIES

## Barbara L. Griffiths



**U X B R I D G E**  
Barbara L. (Ranslow) Griffiths, 90, of Uxbridge passed away peacefully Friday, November 11, 2022 with her loving family by her side. She was the wife of the late William E. Griffiths who died in 2005. They were married for 53 years.

She was born in 1932 in Millville, the daughter of the late Herbert and Leah (Hamman) Ranslow and was a graduate of the former Blackstone High School. She had worked at the former Brooks Pharmacy, the former St. Camillus Nursing Home, and the former Rico's and Hannaford's Supermarkets in Uxbridge.

Barbara's life centered around her family and took great pride in her family's accomplishments. She rarely missed an activity or sporting event involving her grandchildren. She loved spending summers at her camp in York, Maine. She also loved being with friends and enjoyed many senior trips throughout New England. She was an active member and past president of the Uxbridge Senior Center, former member of the Blackstone Valley

Garden Club, longtime member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Millville, and past member of the Uxbridge Women's Club. In later years, she enjoyed the simplicity of watching the world from her front porch. She liked to read, work on crossword puzzles, keep her bird feeders well stocked to watch the birds and loved winning at a good game of cards.

She is survived by her children, Bruce Griffiths and his wife Carolyn of Maine, Brenda Rosborough and her husband Russell of Uxbridge, Barry Griffiths of Uxbridge, Beth Gosselin and her life partner George Blanchard of Uxbridge, and Betsy Griffiths and her fiancé Tom LeBlanc of Webster; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren, and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her sister, Bette Langlois and her brother, Edward Ranslow.

Funeral services will be private. Thank you to all the wonderful caring staff at Lydia Taft of Uxbridge.

Memorial donations may be made to the People First Food Pantry, 19 Douglas St., Uxbridge, MA 01569 and to the Uxbridge Senior Center, 36 S. Main St., Uxbridge, MA 01569.

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## Eugene M. De Jordy, 91



**Douglas - Eugene M. De Jordy, 91, of Uxbridge, former longtime resident of Douglas, passed away peacefully at his home on November 13, 2022 surrounded by family. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 66 years, Irene C. (Marteka) DeJordy who died in May of 2021.**

Gene leaves his four children Terri Larrabee and her husband John, Gene and his wife Jamie, Tom and his wife Maria, and Steve and his wife Heather. He also leaves 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren: Jessica and baby Miles, Katherine and husband Peter; and Michael Larrabee; Dakota, Kean and Kaitlyn DeJordy; Alexander, Jack, Benjamin and Thomas DeJordy; Hannah, Stephen, Tyler De Jordy and his partner Hannah and their children Sadie and newborn Cody. He also leaves a sister, Louise DeJordy of W. Brookfield; and many wonderful nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. He was predeceased by brothers Robert, Joseph and Paul DeJordy; and sisters Anita Stanick, Doris DeJordy, and Cecile Carter.

Born in Springfield, MA on Dec. 21, 1930, Gene was the son of Wilfred and Delvina (Valcourt) DeJordy. He grew up in Douglas and it was there where he brought up his family. He was a man of great faith and a longtime parishioner of St. Denis Church. Gene worked

as a data processing supervisor for the College of the Holy Cross for 25 years. He previously worked for the former E. Rosen Candy Co., and the Whitin Machine Works where he enjoyed many years playing baseball in the shop league. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force Korean Conflict. Gene was the ultimate handyman who helped and directed his family's many building projects. Gene is deeply adored by his family who will forever miss his warm guidance, calm presence, and great sense of humor.

His family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Salmon VNA Hospice for their outstanding care and support shown to Gene during his illness.

Eugene's Funeral Mass will be held in St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas on Thurs. November 17th at 11 AM. Calling hours were held prior to the mass from 9:30-10:30 AM in Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St., Douglas. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Whitinsville. Memorial donations in Eugene's memory may be made to: St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St., Douglas, MA 01516. To leave a condolence message for his family, please visit <http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

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Deadline is Monday noon for Friday publication.

## Man indicted on murder charge

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

MILLBURY — A 34-year-old man has been indicted on a murder charge after the death of a Millbury resident in October.

A Worcester County Grand Jury handed up a murder charge last week against Kevin Donnellan, 34, of Auburn.

In October, 29-year-old Ryan C. Anderson was found dead inside his Millbury home, according to Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.

"Anderson was found dead inside his home at 303 Millbury Ave. on Oct. 1 after Donnellan called 911," the District Attorney's Office released in a state-

ment. "Anderson had significant knife wounds and was pronounced deceased at the scene."

Police took Donnellan into custody, according to reports, and he was arraigned on Oct. 3 on the charges of assault with intent to murder, aggravated assault and battery causing serious bodily injury, and assault and battery on a household/family member. He has been held without bail since his arraignment, the DA's Office released.

"Detectives from the Millbury Police Department and State Police Detectives assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney's Office are investigating," Early released in a press statement. "State Police Crime Scene Services also assisted in the investiga-

tion."

"I want to relay to the citizens of Millbury that this was an isolated incident," Millbury Chief of Police Brian Lewos said during a press conference in October. "There is no danger to the public."

The indictment moves Donnellan's case to Worcester Superior Court where he will be arraigned at a later date.

According to an obituary, Anderson was born in Worcester and lived in Millbury his entire life. "Ryan graduated from Millbury Senior High School in 2011. He enjoyed being in the drama club and performing in school plays and singing in the chorus as well as being in the environmental club," the obituary reads.

## Greater Milford Ballet Company presents "The Nutcracker"

BELLINGHAM — Miss Georgia Deane's legacy lives on. This holiday season, the 41st annual "The Nutcracker" returns to the stage and is being presented by the Greater Milford Ballet Company on Dec. 17 and 18 at 2 p.m. at Bellingham High School auditorium. The Greater Milford Ballet (GMBC) and the Deane School of Dance were founded over 41 years ago by Miss Georgia Deane.

This state-of-the-art ballet production includes dancers from Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Shrewsbury, Upton, Whitinsville and Cumberland and Woonsocket, R.I. The production is under the Artistic Direction of Cynthia Marnik and Susanna Vennerbeck.

Although the production is traditional, every year something new is introduced such as a new costume, new set feature or new character to add to the element of surprise. The adult cast members and young dancers in the production play multiple roles in the production dancing in scenes and corps numbers often requiring precision timing backstage quick changes. The production is complete with falling snow, special effects, lively duel between Nutcracker Prince and the Mouse King, dolls that magically grow to adult size, and a magical dancing bear.

Previous guest appearances with the Greater Milford Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" in role of Sugar Plum have been played by Misty Copeland of the American Ballet Theatre, Ashley Murphy from the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Emily Loscocco of Festival Ballet Providence and Ashley Ellis from Boston Ballet to name a few. This year Eugenia Zinovieva returns as Sugar Plum in a guest appearance along with Christian Renforth as the Cavalier.

This year's performance is not only a family affair to come see, but also a Milford and Mendon family affair in casting! Kaitlyn and Ryan Croeber and their mother Stacy, Mia and Emma Santomena along with their Mother and Noressa from Milford, Evren, Lizzy and Juliet Hodge and their father Eric from Mendon and Paula Cerulli and Douglas Locke, a husband and wife team, from Hopedale are all a part of this fun filled artful production.

Local adult and young dancer cast members and their roles from the Blackstone Valley Tribune readership area include:

From Blackstone:  
Hannah Smith: Arabian Coffee Lead, Dancing Cousin, Snowflake & Flower Corps  
Meghan Smith: Party Child, Soldier, Small Angel, Gingerbread Man  
Ryleigh Smith: Party Child, Soldier, Small Angel, Gingerbread Man  
Emma Cullen: Party Child and Soldier  
Shelly Cullen: Party Parent  
Grace Patras: Party Child and Chinese Corps  
Paul Jacques: Herr Silberhaus (Clara and Fritz's Dad)  
Colleen O'Brien: Frau Silberhaus (Clara and Fritz's Mom)

From Douglas:  
Torianna Jolin - Angel and Marzipan Corps

From Hopedale:  
Paula Cerulli - Party Parent

Douglas Locke - Party Parent  
Jason Lefever - Party Parent  
Lorelei Lefever - Party Child, Soldier and Chinese Corps

From Mendon  
Eric Hodge - Parent  
Evren Hodge - Party Child and Soldier  
Juliet Hodge - Mouse and Polichinelle  
Lizzy Hodge - Soldier and Polichinelle  
Sarah Larocca - Mouse and Small Angel  
Kendall Negron - Mouse, Small Angel, and Polichinelle

From Milford  
Lexie Annantouio - Snowflake, Chinese Tea, Flower  
Kaitlyn Croeber - Party Child, Soldier, Chinese Corps  
Ryan Croeber - Fritz and Mouse  
Stacey Croeber - Party Parent  
Ava Denaro - Clara  
Clare Kearnan - Mouse  
Kaya Moussa - Mouse  
Mila Moussa - Mouses and Polichinelle  
Emma Santomena - Mouse and Polichinelle  
Mia Santomena - Party Child, Soldier and Chinese Corps  
Noressa Santomena - Dancing Maid  
Ellie Wallace - Mouse  
Camille Williams - Grandmother and Mother Ginger

From Upton  
Marin Dianni - Soldier Doll, Soldier, Angel and Marzipan Corps

From Whitinsville  
Natalie Morris - Snow Queen, Trepak and Flower

From Cumberland  
Kathryn Bliss - Dancing Cousin, Solder General, Snowflake, Trepak, Dew Drop  
Julia Demaio - Mouse King, Angel and Marzipan Corps  
Brianna Flori - Child With Bear, Small Angel  
Julianne Flori - Dancing Maid  
Grant Lepine - Drosselmeyer and Prince  
Sanjana Maddapuddi - Snowflake, Marzipan Lead, Flower  
Lila Magee - Snowflake, Spanish Chocolate, Flower

From Woonsocket  
Lacey Munger - Dancing Cousin, Christmas Tree Fairy, Snowflake, and Angel Princess  
Ariana Alvarez - Mouse, Small Angel, Polichinelle

This year's intermission raffle items will include gift certificates from local restaurants, retailers and themed gift baskets.

Tickets are priced at \$25, \$20, and \$15. Tickets will be sold at the auditorium if still available. Discount arranged for non-profit 501 (c) 3 groups of (10) or more can be arranged by calling Colleen O'Brien at (508) 954-4756.

Ticket sales are available at Charles River Bank located at 16 Hastings St. in Mendon, or by calling the Deane Dance Studio at 508-473-3354.

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they don't, do we have to let it upset us?

Is it healthy to be so controlling?

According to studies, people who try to control too much tend to be more anxious than those who don't. They tend to have less satisfaction when things go their way and are more devastated when things don't go according to plan.

Does it have to be this way? Thankfully it doesn't! We can practice the art of letting go, otherwise called acceptance.

Letting go of control is hard to do for many reasons, but it becomes a lot easier when we realize that we are only in control of ourselves and not everything else.

When something outside of your control happens, does it make sense to get angry and frustrated? Does it serve some strategic purpose? It most likely does not. So what is the next best option? Let it go.

Acceptance doesn't mean you have to like the result; it doesn't mean that you're letting other people treat you like a pushover or allowing bad things to happen. It means letting go of the things we cannot control.

The practice of acceptance allows you to let go of your adverse reaction to the uncontrollable and will enable you to channel your energy more constructively.

Acceptance allows you to change your focus from what you think should have happened to "What should I do now?"

Acceptance allows you to live in the moment without worrying about the past or future.

People who practice acceptance tend to feel more peaceful and relaxed, are better prepared for the unexpected, and have a better connection with others.

If things don't go as planned this holiday season, just let it go. It's easy to attach ourselves to a specific outcome, choosing to get upset over things we have no control over. It's more rewarding to do our best and prepare for success, and if things don't go as planned, try again, and if you can't, then let it go.



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# Bay Path assembles all-female mock code team



cohesiveness, timely defibrillation, and clearly defined roles.

"We are blessed to have the guidance, experience, and expertise of Professors Romano, Cahill, and DeFilippo," said Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director. "Using simulation training improves performance," Bolandrina added. The timely use of defibrillation and empowered, confident nurses result in a positive response to code events. According to the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) resuscitation program, time to first shock is one of four achievement metrics. The guidelines state that hospitalized patients exhibiting ventricular fibrillation or pulseless ventricular tachycardia should receive defibrillation within two minutes to improve outcomes.

Members of the PN Class of 2023 Mock Code Team are Ana Hilner of Oxford, Animat Poku of Southbridge, Fidelis Mensah, Angela DiGregorio, Elizabeth Agyeiwaa-Asabere, Ramatu Abukari, and Nancy Kamicha, all of Worcester.

It is important for members of the healthcare team to intuitively know their role as part of the response team especially during code situations when seconds count.

In 2017, the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy MCT was formed to improve resuscitation skills and comfort levels for practical nursing students. The MCT meets for a full day of preparation, with members practicing as much as possible. On Mock Code Day, the MCT runs the code scenarios multiple times. The formation of the MCT increased mock code opportunities and participation three times in an academic year. Participation in mock codes increases the comfort level of practical nursing students. An effective code team is one that acts safely, and efficiently, and saves lives. The MCT aims to be proficient with skills and knowledge, effective with communication, and highly organized.

CHARLTON — Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy's Mock Code Team (MCT) and Simulation Training improves response to code events. The Practical Nursing Class of 2023, under the guidance and leadership of Professors Rianna Romano, Cheryl Cahill and Jennifer DeFilippo, prepared and executed the Term 1 Mock Code Scenario dubbed emergency preparedness. During cardiac arrests, the quick response of a code team requires

## DA's office expands access to Drug Story Theater program

REGION — The Worcester County District Attorney's Office is expanding access to the Drug Story Theater program for all middle and high schools across the county.

The goal of the expansion is to ensure that all students have an opportunity to receive an education on substance misuse and addiction. District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., and his staff are looking forward to seeing the results of the expanded access.

"Through the federal Department of Justice Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program grant, the District Attorney's Office is funding a \$25,000 expansion of the Drug Story Theater program," read a statement released by the DA's office.

Recognizing that today's students are facing challenging decisions at an earlier age, the District Attorney is committed to providing them with the tools needed to make safe, informed choices.

"Education can combat the social pressures a child faces when making decisions around drugs and alcohol," Early said. "Drug Story Theater provides students of all languages and backgrounds with the tools and knowledge they need to stay substance-free, keeping them out of the criminal justice system and preventing tragedies before they occur."

The Drug Story Theater program will now be available to all schools in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

In 2018, the Worcester County District Attorney's Office hosted Drug Story Theater at its annual wellness conference at Anna Maria College. The program teaches kids about peer pressure, addiction, and recovery from drugs and alcohol through the first-hand experiences of teens in a theatrical setting.

The ultimate goal of the program is to decrease adolescent substance misuse, officials said.

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### Friday's Child



**K'Lonie**  
Age 12

**Hi! My name is K'Lonie and my favorite color is purple!**

K'Lonie is a sweet young girl of African-American descent who loves hugs and kisses. K'Lonie enjoys listening to music and humming to the melody. She also likes having books read to her and playing on the iPad.

K'Lonie has been diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and is currently attending a day program where she is learning sign language. She is able to participate in her lessons and activities but requires supervision when doing activities on her own.

Legally freed for adoption, K'Lonie will thrive in an energetic and committed two-parent family that has natural supports in place. A family will also need to be strong educational advocates and comfortable accessing community services. K'Lonie has contact with some members of her birth family and an

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**Megan Lynn Dakai**

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requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

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**WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: October 21, 2022

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November 25, 2022

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November 25, 2022

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**Estate of:**

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**Also known as:**

Hump Oosterman

**Date of Death: 08/14/2020**

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

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# SPORTS

## Rams defeat previously unbeaten Littleton, then fall to Cohasset in State Final



Jason McKay photos

Northbridge's Jenna Malone, sandwiched between two Cohasset players, sends the ball down the field.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEOMINSTER — After dispatching previously unbeaten Littleton High in the State Semifinals, all that stood in the way of the Northbridge High girls' varsity soccer team from capturing the Division 4 State Championship was top seeded Cohasset High.

The Skippers and No. 2 Rams met at Doyle Field on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 19 for all the marbles. Unfortunately for Northbridge, Cohasset emerged victorious, 2-0.

The Skippers finished 17-1-3, while the Rams went 17-4-2.

"A true record-breaking season as we are the first Northbridge High School girls' team to compete in a state championship game and judging by our performance against the top team, with our leading goal scorer sidelined with an injury, I think it's safe to say we will be back," said head coach Kristin Strazzulla a day following the season finale via email.

Karlee Battista, who amassed nearly 30 goals this fall for the Rams, was unable to start and only mustered a few minutes of game time due to a hip flexor strain.

Losing Battista and fellow seniors Abby Barnatt, Molly Conroy, Hannah Drenzo, Jenna Malone, Melissa Sabourin, Keira Touhey and Sarah Tubbs will be a tough collective loss for Northbridge, but Strazzulla remains upbeat for the future.

"One of the toughest decisions I have to make as a coach is to not play a kid, especially great kids that work hard. I have athletes that during the playoff saw minimal playing time, but next season have the poten-

tial to be in the starting lineup," she explained. "Experiences like this playoff run under the leadership of our current senior class, which includes their incredible supportive parents, is what cultivates a culture for a program. My hope is that the tears I saw from my athletes after the final whistle were partially from the loss, but mostly because they didn't want the season to end — I think as a coach that's how you know you're on a true path to success."

To reach the State Final, the Final Four game against Littleton was played on Wednesday, Nov. 16, also at Doyle Field. Northbridge won it, 2-1.

The Rams' first goal was scored by freshman Sienna Mastroianni, assisted by Battista. The second goal was then scored by Battista and assisted by Mastroianni.

The big story against Littleton (20-1-1), though, was the solid goalkeeping turned in by sophomore Madison Thibeault.



Delaney Mahoney of Northbridge gets her head on the ball while fending off a Cohasset defender.

She made huge saves in the first half to keep Northbridge ahead 1-0

heading into intermission. "She was unbeliev-

able," Strazzulla said of Thibeault.



Sam Alvarez of Northbridge bodies a Cohasset player out of the way to gain control over the ball.



Northbridge's Kate Leonard reaches in and attempts to steal the ball away from a Cohasset player.

### CHAMPS

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Central Mass. Division 2 Tournament.

The Spartans have won 34 consecutive games. Uxbridge won its last 11 games last year, finishing the season with a 1-0 victory over Ipswich High in the Division 4 championship game on Nov. 20, 2021.

"To get five goals from five different players just sums up our season," Uxbridge head coach Kelly Rosborough said. "We're not relying on one person to put the ball in the net. We have multiple diverse leaders out there that at different times are passing to score and shooting to score. This team is completely selfless in the circle. Today's performance is evidence of that."

The Spartans scored 156 goals this season. Ten players scored at least five goals.

That all-for-one, one-for-all mentality rang true on defense, too. The Spartans' midfielders and defenders stopped many potential scoring chances by the second-seeded Hornets (16-4-3), poking the ball away to stop down-field rushes time and again. It's a defensive attack that has the forwards helping out the midfielders and the midfielders helping out the defenders.

"It's all about team defense; we really emphasize it," said Rosborough, whose team allowed just 11 goals all season

and recorded 15 shutouts. "It starts at the other end. Our forwards lead the team defense. If the ball doesn't get by the forwards it's not going to get by the backs. They just all have to work together and be solid."

It's a defense where forwards seamlessly transition into midfielders and midfielders become forwards.

"A big part of our program is that you have become a versatile player," Rosborough said, "because there will be a time and place where we will need you somewhere else on the field and you'll need to perform there. And to the girls' credit (they learn to play other positions) without hesitation."

The Bouchard sisters — eighth grader Aubrey and sophomore Ellie — gave Uxbridge a 2-0 first-quarter lead.

Aubrey Bouchard put the Spartans ahead, 1-0, with 6:41 left in the period, scoring unassisted off a penalty corner.

"The ball bounced off a stick — or maybe the goalie's pads, I'm not really sure — right over to me. I saw it coming and when it got to me I just swung and made contact and it popped right in the goal," said Aubrey Bouchard, who jumped up and down uncontrollably for several seconds after scoring.

Ellie Bouchard doubled the Uxbridge lead to 2-0 with 1:38 left in the quarter. Her goal was also — officially — unassisted, but maybe not.

"One of my teammates, Meg Smith or Kendall Gilmore, I'm not sure which

one, passed the ball across to me," Ellie Bouchard said. "I had a defender on me, but I saw it coming so I had my stick ready and I just shot it into the back of the net."

"That second goal was huge for us. The first one was big but we know we're not safe with just a one-goal lead. We're not even safe, really, with a two-goal lead, but the second goal in a game always helps, confidence-wise. I just really wanted to get that second goal," added Ellie Bouchard, who acknowledged that the Spartans are always looking for a fast start. "Coming out with intensity is really important for us. We talk about it all the time."

After a scoreless second quarter Gilmore, a freshman, pushed the Uxbridge lead to 3-0 with 6:16 left in the third quarter, scoring off a penalty corner and an assist from classmate Amelia Blood. After getting the ball off the insertion from Gilmore, Blood faked a shot from about 10 yards out, quickly moved around a defender and then whistled the ball past Hornets' goalkeeper Paige Garlitz from about five yards away.

Smith, a senior captain (along with classmate Morgan Ouellette) extended the Spartans' lead to 4-0 with 1:40 left in the period, scoring off an assist from eighth grader Brooklyn Kaferlein.

"Scoring that goal was just the best feeling," said Smith, who missed last year's postseason run due to injury.

"Getting to play in every single state game compared to last year when I couldn't play in any of them, it was just so awesome. Just being able to be on the field was amazing, but scoring that goal just made it even better."

Rosborough smiled and touched her heart when asked about Smith.

"Because of her situation last year she didn't take this postseason for granted," Rosborough said about Smith. "She wanted to be in it. She was determined to be on the field and help her team get as far as they could. And not for herself; she really wanted to do it with her team. This team, they are all unselfish players."

Eighth grader Addie Blood closed out the scoring with an unassisted goal — a lofted shot — with 3:06 remaining in the game.

"I dribbled down, went past a defender and shot it as far as I could," said Addie Blood, who expertly defended the mid-field along with Smith and Kaferlein. "I was able to get it up high and it just went in over the goalie."

The Spartans reached the State Final by holding on for dear life against No. 4 Monomoy Regional in the Final Four on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Middleborough High. There, Ellie Bouchard recorded a hat trick and Uxbridge won, 3-2, in double overtime. It was only the second one-goal victory for the Spartans all season long.

# SPORTS

## 'Family vacation' extended for Beavers, who beat Randolph to reach State Final

VALLEY TECH THEN FALLS TO SOUTH HADLEY IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



Nick Ethier photos

Blackstone Valley Tech's Marek Rutkowski (1) tries to get the ball past Randolph keeper Hugo Teixeira.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

WALPOLE — The Blackstone Valley Tech boys' varsity soccer team has called its run in the Division 4 State Tournament a "family vacation," according to first-year head coach Justin Asam.

"This isn't just a team, it's a family," added Asam, who in years past has coached the freshman and junior varsity teams before also acting as the varsity assistant.

And the sixth seeded Beavers have enjoyed an extended vacation, win-

ning games in the Rounds of 32, 16 and 8 before heading to Walpole High's Turco Field for a State Semifinal round tilt against No. 10 Randolph High on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

That vacation continued as Valley Tech dispatched the Blue Devils, 3-1.

"Our mindset is to get in the other team's head by putting in goals early. It gets the other teams to not play as well as they do normally," said Asam. "Our goal every game is to put the ball in first."

The Beavers did get the first goal, and the second, to take a 2-0 lead into intermission. The first strike came in



Ryan Sauter of Blackstone Valley Tech plays the ball away from a Randolph defender.

the 12th minute when Matthew Drons executed a long throw-in, which found the head of Ryan Sauter, who placed the ball past Randolph keeper Hugo Teixeira (10 saves).

"He struggles with it sometimes. His back hurts from taking them so many times, but he's a team player and he makes it happen with those throws," Asam said of Drons' throw-in ability. "We had actually four goals on throw-ins in Round 2 against Wahconah."

"It's like another corner," added Drons. "It's just another opportunity to create."

Valley Tech doubled its lead in the 27th minute when Jack Dunham slid

a pass over to Mason Baldini — "an All-State All-Star," according to Asam — who finished with a booming shot into the upper right-hand portion of the goal.

Aside from scoring, Baldini was also tasked with covering the Blue Devils' top player, Angelot Brun.

"We did very well not giving him the space to dribble," Asam said of Baldini marking Brun, who had help on the defensive end by teammates Anthony Magalhaes, Matthew Mooney and Kyle Forget.

Brun did get one goal, though, in the 55th minute to make it a 2-1 game. His shot found the lower right portion of the net, past keeper Mason Dorr (8 saves).

"That goal he scored was a great shot and he created the space himself," Asam said of Brun's tally.

But Drons put the game away for Valley Tech in the 75th minute, taking a feed from Magalhaes and sprinting down the left side of the field before depositing his shot into the net.

"Sixteen years old, to see him move a ball like that and finish in a game this serious, that's amazing," Asam said of Drons.

"Happiness, that's all I really felt," added Drons.

The Beavers advanced to the State Final for the first time in school history, where they played top seeded South Hadley High on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Leominster's Doyle Field. And although BVT scored first — again it was a Drons throw-in that found the head of Sauter — and held a 2-1 halftime lead thanks to a 30-yard strike from Marek Rutkowski, South Hadley (20-1-2) rallied with four second half goals to win a 5-2 decision.

The Beavers finished with a record of 18-4-3.



Blackstone Valley Tech's Tyler Stevens moves the ball down the field via a header.



Matthew Mooney of Blackstone Valley Tech pushes the ball into Randolph's defensive zone.

### RUNNERS

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run in the morning about six to eight hours before I race.

"I got in the house, I waited a little while and then I ate, and I still didn't feel great," added Ross. "I didn't feel great until about an hour before the race."

The field didn't stand a chance with Ross at 100 percent. He flirted with the 15-minute mark, something he accomplished last year in Wrentham, but he added that winning the title was the main objective.

"That was top priority and getting the 1 spot for my team," said Ross. "As much as I like to win races, the 1 helps the team a lot more than the 2."

The Spartans' entire team qualified for States, and they finished in fifth place. Uxbridge's other top performances were turned in by Lincoln Schiller (14th place, 16:48.88), Carl Gallawan (38th, 17:45.69), Maxwell Deary (114th, 19:06.68) and Tyler Bergman (128th, 19:32.95).

"These guys have worked hard — they're awesome guys and awesome teammates — so it feels great to come out and compete as a team no matter what the result is," said Ross.

Junior Marcus Reilly of Northbridge High finished in second place (15:40.37) for the second year in a row. Last fall

Reilly's feelings were mixed — he was happy with being the runner-up but dissatisfied with the time gap between he and Ross — but this time he was pleased all around.

"My effort today was definitely much better than my effort was last year at States, so I'm happy with that. I think I lost by over 50 seconds last year," said Reilly, who did lose to Ross by 50 seconds last fall and only 33 seconds this time around.

Reilly was complimentary of Ross and his State Title.

"He's a great competitor and a good guy as well," said Reilly. "It's nice to compete against him. I think he has me on the cross-country course, I'd say that pretty easily. I think he's beaten me every time. It's sad to see him going to college, but at the same time I'm happy that I won't have him next year."

Reilly will now turn his attention to the winter track season and his specialty: the one-mile.

"I think I'm in a good position for indoors, and I really want to attack the mile this year. I think, based on my outdoor time last year, I think I'm capable of running under 4 minutes for the mile, and that's what I want to do," said Reilly. "I'd love to face (Ross) in the mile. Make him come down to my specialty and see what he can do."

When asked, the Wake Forest-bound Ross seemed up to the challenge.

"Whenever we step on the track, he gives me a pretty good battle and beats me most of the time. I'm excited to go out and race him again in the winter," said Ross.

Reilly's brother Dylan, a sophomore, also competed as an individual for Northbridge and he crossed the finish line in 17:12.45, good for 21st place.

"He's improved a lot this season," Marcus Reilly said of Dylan. "Last year he ran in the 18's at Wrentham."

Uxbridge senior Sabrina Tibedo competed as an individual in the girls' race, and she placed 122nd (23:18.13).

In the Division 2 races, the Whitinsville Christian School had a day to remember: The girls' team came in second place for the second year in a row, highlighted by eighth grader Abby Flagg (18:54.87) placing third overall. Other scoring Crusaders included Emma Wierenga (11th place, 19:22.81), Emily Dill (32nd, 20:25.08), Fiona Donnelly (33rd, 20:25.17) and Emelyn DeWeerd (40th, 20:36.94).

"Your goal is always to do your best. My top five ran out of their minds, they ran great," said Chris Vander Baan, who coaches both Whitinsville Christian squads.

The Crusaders lost to team winner Holliston High by 16 points, 83-99. Last fall WCS also came in second but lost to Holliston by 96 points (30-126).

"Finishing second to Holliston is a

great accomplishment. Sixteen points, we had a shot at (the team title). Last year, Holliston wins unless they go to the wrong venue," said Vander Baan.

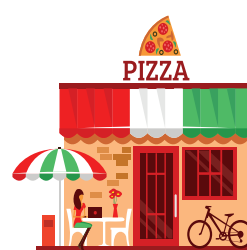
Vander Baan made note that Flagg's third place finish was the top spot for a girl in school history. Molly Lashley, who graduated last year and now runs at the University of Delaware, finished fourth last fall. Vander Baan also said that Wierenga, "a converted soccer player, had the race of all races today."

On the boys' side, Whitinsville Christian placed 19th. Justin Vos (62nd place, 17:32.82), Jack Crowley (81st, 17:49.46), Jack Carlin (91st, 17:57.19), Evan Hand (101st, 18:04.78) and Matthew Wren (156th, 19:06.81) were the scoring Crusaders.

"It's our first time with the boys in five years. It was a great accomplishment," Vander Baan said of reaching States as a team before turning his attention to both programs. "I'm just proud of all 14 of the kids and the alternates have been practicing with them for two weeks. They showed up and delivered."

Blackstone Valley Tech also had three individuals qualify for the Division 2 races. On the girls' side, Chloe Vescio came in 86th place (21:35.75) and Amanda Pajak took 119th (22:08.91). Cooper O'Neil crossed the finish line in 17:45.84, good for 79th place in the boys' meet.

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# SPORTS

## One goal enough for Sammies to top Douglas in State Final Four



Nick Ethier photos

Douglas' Ryan Bonin moves the ball down the field with a header.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

AYER — For over 256 minutes, spanning the course of three games, Douglas High's boys' soccer team didn't allow a goal to archrival Sutton High. But when the Sammies finally scored, it came at the most inopportune time for the Tigers.

After battling to a scoreless draw on Sept. 24 and Douglas defeating Sutton 1-0 on Oct. 17, the Dual Valley Conference brethren played in a Division 5 State Semifinal on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Ayer Shirley Regional. To the shock of no one, the two teams were scoreless through 80 minutes of regulation. The first 10-minute sudden victory overtime period also featured no goals until the Sammies put one in with two ticks under four minutes remaining in the double overtime session.

"It's just Douglas-Sutton. It's always going to be a game no matter how up we are, how up they are, or how down we are — it's always going to be one

of those games," said Douglas head coach Alex Ferguson. "The last six contests they've won two 1-0 games, we've won two 1-0 games and we tied 0-0 (twice)." Ferguson gave credit to his defensive line of Lucas Teixeira, Ryan Bonin, Colin Loehr and Logan Hooper, plus keeper Gavin Gualtieri, for keeping Sutton off the scoreboard for so long.

"The defense did their job. We've had a good defense all season. We've only given up 12 goals all season. Our struggle obviously was scoring goals. They're (Sutton) structured in the back and they have a good goalie, so we knew it was going to be tough," said Ferguson.

The Sammies were able to score when they earned their 10th corner kick of the contest. David Kingston McGee serviced the ball in from the left side, and



Michael O'Toole of Douglas watches the ball drop down his way before moving his right foot toward it.



Douglas' Colin Loehr races past his opponent from Sutton with possession of the ball.

it targeted the head of 6-foot-6 Ryan O'Rourke. After pinballing around the box, the ball finally found Justin Cao, who shot it into the net for the game-winner.

"They target the big kid, that's what they do, and we just didn't play it well," said Ferguson. "They outplayed us. I'd say (possession) was 70/30 or 65/35. They were stepping to balls more than we were stepping to balls. They put more pressure on us than we put pressure on them."

Gualtieri finished with eight saves, including a couple of dazzling stops in



Keeper Gavin Gualtieri of Douglas makes sure as to not step over the end line while making a save.

the second half.

"He made a couple of good saves. He's been stepping up as the season's going along. He's gotten a lot better from when the season started and he's worked his ass off," Ferguson said of Gualtieri.

The Tigers' season came to a close with a record of 15-3-4. For seniors Michael O'Toole, Lucas Romano, Luke Lightbown and Bonin, it was quite a four-year run that included an appearance in the State Championship game last fall against the Bromfield School.

"This group of seniors, in those four years we've only lost 12 games out of something like 75," said Ferguson. "We'll always be there, it's just getting past these types of games."

Sutton then played Bromfield, the top seed in the bracket, for the Division 5 State Title on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Leominster's Doyle Field. There, the Trojans (18-3-2) won another state championship, this time 3-0 over the Sammies (14-4-4).

## 'Rebuilding' Whitinsville Christian still reaches State Tournament Final Four



Nick Ethier photos

Whitinsville Christian's Hannah Lashley fends off a defender in the Douglas game one round prior to the Crusaders' appearance in the Final Four.

BY NICK ETHIER  
SPORTS EDITOR

In what head coach Beth Cutler has dubbed "a rebuilding year," the Whitinsville Christian School's girls' varsity soccer team still had a season to remember this fall.

The Crusaders, which lost seven seniors from the 2021 team, defended its Central Mass. Athletic Directors

Association Class D Tournament Championship, and then embarked on the Division 5 State Tournament. There, WCS earned the No. 5 seed and dispatched No. 28 Holbrook (6-1), No. 21 Drury (5-0) and No. 4 Douglas (2-1) in the Rounds of 32, 16 and 8, respectively. The Crusaders' season then came to a close on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Chicopee Comprehensive against top seeded

Monson, 6-1, in the State Semifinals. The Mustangs then lost a 3-2 decision to another local squad, Sutton, for the State Championship on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Leominster's Doyle Field.

Cutler called the Final Four experience against Monson "a great learning experience for our girls and we'll carry it into next season."

In the game, the Mustangs scored three times within the first 10 minutes.

"We knew how good they were, but we haven't seen anybody with their skill and speed all year. We had to reorganize and then we settled down," said Cutler via telephone a day after the contest.

The score remained 3-0 at halftime and, following another Monson goal, Whitinsville Christian got on the scoreboard when Hannah Lashley sent a pass over to Margaret Johnson, who scored from 30 yards out to trim the deficit down to 4-1.

"It gave us a hope, but they turned around in three minutes and scored again," explained Cutler, who added that Johnson's goal "was a positive point in the game, and we had held them for quite some time, but for them to respond was deflating."

The Mustangs scored once more after that to account for the 6-1 final score.

The Crusaders finished 13-6-2. "We have a lot to look forward to. Now we have a bar set. You learn from defeat and there will be a lot to learn, a lot to look at, and we will definitely come back stronger," explained Cutler.

Whitinsville Christian had such a successful season despite plenty of limitations.

"It's normal for me to practice with



Playing against Douglas, Ava Ibrahim of Whitinsville Christian moves the ball and the Crusaders moved on, reaching the State Semifinals.

eight players because we swing players down to the JV team and you throw in injuries and it's a big challenge for us," said Cutler.

One extremely positive component for the Crusaders moving forward is that they finished this season without a senior on the roster. And the team will seemingly improve when the six current juniors expand to seven seniors when All-State caliber player Kate Crowley returns from an ACL injury.

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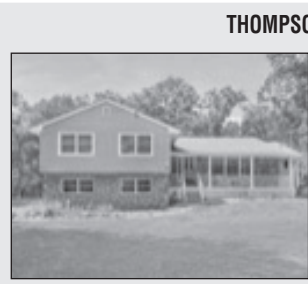


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**WEBSTER LAKE - PATTISON RD**

**LAND** - Terrific opportunity 14,798 Sq. Ft. of LAND. CONSERVATION APPROVAL for proposed Building. MASS DEP# 313-1167. 248+/- Road Frontage, 279+/- Water Frontage. Town Water & Sewer accessible.  
**\$250,000.**



**THOMPSON - 266 POMPEO ROAD**

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**DUDLEY - 18 WARSAW AVE**



3 bedroom ranch has gleaming hardwood floors, Corian countertops, 3 season porch. Many updates! New shingle roof, Buderus boiler, Roth Tank + New Hot Water Heater. Central Air! Heated lower level.  
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**OXFORD** - LAND - General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! LAND with 4,085 SF Metal Building! 124' SOUTHBRIDGE RD (RTE 20). Town Sewer Project Plans are Approved. 22,884 sq. ft Level Lot. 140 ft of road frontage. **EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES! \$795,000.**  
**OXFORD** - LAND - RTE 20 General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! Vacant LAND, Level & cleared. 39,549 SF. **\$419,000.**  
**PUTNAM** - LAND Zoned General Business 29 acre 103' frontage. Water, Sewer, & city gas available. 2 street entrances. **\$125,000**  
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**Webster Lake 13 Loveland Rd**  
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**Webster Lake 13 Bates Point Road**  
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# Blackstone Valley Gardeners to welcome Henry Schmidt of Weston Nurseries



WHITINSVILLE — Now that the leftover turkey is gone, you will not want to miss an inspiring evening with Henry Schmidt as you contemplate your holiday decorating. Schmidt is a long time favorite of the Blackstone Valley Gardeners. He is a talented designer, horticulturist, and all-around Renaissance Garden Man, skilled in all phases of things that make our gardens, and our homes, special places all year long.

Schmidt brings decades of experience and a special touch to holiday decorating. Enjoy his sprightly commentary as he weaves his magic into holiday creations for your front door and beyond. And the best part? All of his work will be raffled off at the end of the evening. You may even go home with your holiday decorating problems solved!

The Blackstone Valley Gardeners meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 61 Linwood Ave. in Whitinsville. For easy access, enter through the parking lot that is behind the shops on the south side of Church Street, and use the rear entrance to the church. A brief hospitality gathering will proceed Schmidt's presentation.

Gardeners from throughout the Valley are welcome as guests, or may become full-fledged members for \$25 a year. First timers can always attend without charge. The BVG is celebrating its 30th year in 2022, and is dedicated to the advancement of horticulture at home and in the community, as well as to the conservation of the environment.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of holiday spirit.

Holiday decorating with natural materials will be the theme at the December 1 meeting of the Blackstone Valley Gardeners.

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### RESPONDERS

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Branch and Officer Elias Foyne approached, they were advised by Mr. [Rousseau] that the operator had a faint pulse but was not breathing.

Within seconds, police released that "they could no longer detect a pulse," and CPR was started by Officer Branch with the assistance of Mr. Rousseau.

"The CPR was successful and they were able to get a pulse back," police said.

At that time, Fire Lt. Joseph Overly and Firefighter Danica McCallum arrived on scene and extricated the victim from the front of the vehicle with the help of Mr. Rousseau, Officer Branch, and Officer Foyne.

"Once out of the vehicle, the subject was placed in the ambulance where he received lifesaving treatment from Lt. Overly, FF McCallum, Assistant Chief Manning and FF Ryan Norton," police said.

Deputy Fire Chief John Furno, FF Captain Adam Furno, and FF Lt. Cory Stevens also assisted at the scene, according to reports.

### AWARD

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Nominations will be accepted through Friday, December 16, according to award information.

"If you feel that you know someone who is deserving of this award, please fill out the nomination section and mail it to us or drop it off at our station Attn: Det. Sgt. Aaron McLaughlin," the Douglas Police Department shared. "They can also be emailed to him at amclaughlin@douglas-ma.gov."

Nominations should include a letter of "no more than 500 words" describing the character of the nominee and what they have done to be considered for this award, police said.

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At Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, a group of students is involved in the Massachusetts Pre-Apprenticeship and Vocational School Training Program, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation with instruction provided by the New England Laborers' Union. Students in the program learn the process for applying to the laborer, carpenter, iron worker, electrician, and operating engineer unions. They also learn skills in such areas as lining and grading and how to mix and install concrete. As part of the program, students also take a field trip to an apprenticeship training center. Participants may earn CPR/First Aid certification and can become eligible for scholarships. In the photo, according to Lead Instructor Mr. Thomas Lemon, "Students were instructed in the use of an auto level. All students learned to calibrate, set up, and calculate elevations throughout the campus, building highways, parking lots, and sidewalks at a precise elevation - all extremely important in the highway construction industry." Pictured in the photo (left to right) are Gabriel Osciak of Southbridge, Lead Instructor Thomas Lemon, Sebastian Tomei of Southbridge, Devon Goulet of Dudley, Maximilian Ward Spencer, Ronald Desrosiers of Spencer, Coulton Benvenuti of Southbridge, Aidan Watroba of Dudley, Yadiel D. Vazquez of Southbridge, Alex Besaw of Southbridge, and Garrett Podkowka of North Brookfield.



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### Blackstone Valley Mill Explorations

Photography by James Hunt and David Lawlor



James Hunt explores the interdependent and often conflicted relationship between human activity and the natural environment. The 2021 Draper Factory Demolition in Hopedale, MA is the focus of his work in this exhibit. James has created a video of the demolition which will premiere immediately following the reception.

**Artists' Reception & Video Screenings**  
Friday, December 2, 5:30-8:30 PM

David Lawlor uses long exposure and drone photography in his urban exploration of old mill buildings. He travels throughout the Blackstone Valley and beyond to explore and document these abandoned, destroyed, and repurposed structures. David will also premier a video following the reception.



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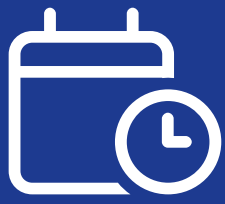
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