



# BVT’s Certified Nursing Assistants help at Uxbridge vaccine clinic



The 15 nursing assistant students, seniors in the Health Services program at BVT, who assisted at the vaccination clinic: Emery Amtmann, Northbridge; Melanie Bisbee, Northbridge; Jessica Brown, Douglas; Isabella Caccavelli, Uxbridge; Owen Cunningham, Sutton (not photographed); Abby Kelly, Hopedale; Camryn Krusz, Bellingham; Victoria Lemieux, Blackstone; Kaitlyn Manzi, Milford; Kristin Ouellette, Uxbridge; Hannah Parath, Millbury; Khushi Patel, Uxbridge; Nicole Rannikko, Millbury; Lauren Testa, Mendon; and Abigail Weagle, Millbury stand with their Health Services Instructors Amy Ferrandino-Bedard, Georgette LeMay, and Justine Naper.

UPTON – Translating classroom knowledge into real-world experiences is an essential step for high school students. For 15 seniors in the Health Services program at Blackstone Valley Tech, an opportunity to assist at a regional collaborative vaccination

clinic held at the former McCloskey Middle School, 62 Capron St., Uxbridge, on March 31 fulfilled a need beyond a valuable life experience.

“Our nursing assistant students are eager to assist their community in the fight against

COVID-19,” said Justine Naper, MSN, RN, Health Services Instructor, and Team Leader at BVT. “With most of our seniors already vaccinated, we were interested in working at a clinic. When I heard about the vaccination clinics starting in Uxbridge, I reached out



Health Services seniors Jessica Brown of Douglas, Hannah Parath of Millbury, and Kaitlyn Manzi of Milford observe Melissa Blodgett, Captain/Paramedic-Uxbridge Fire Department, draw the vaccine up into a syringe.

to the clinic coordinator, expressing our interest and offering assistance.”

“The vaccine rollout is still relatively new, and the undertaking is enormous. Being a part of a project of this magnitude has required a lot of planning,” said Shane Keville-Wagner, the Clinic Coordinator of the Uxbridge site. “We have been coordinating what

everybody can bring to the table. Having BVT Health Services staff and their group of certified nursing assistants volunteer to help is fantastic. It is exciting to collaborate with our regional vocational technical high school and others to increase community involvement and volunteerism.”

Instructor Amy Ferrandino-Bedard worked closely with this group of seniors to prepare for this clinic, reviewing coursework connected to their curriculum.

She said, “They learned how to store, prepare, and draw up the vaccine into syringes, reviewing

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## Northbridge schools to undergo review in May

**BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI**  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE — To monitor compliance with federal and state regulations, the Northbridge Public Schools will undergo a review by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Office of Language Acquisition in May.

School officials announced recently that the review will be a “Tiered Focused

Monitoring Review” of the schools. The Office of Language Acquisition reviews each district’s and charter school’s ELE program every six years to monitor compliance with federal and state English learner education laws and regulations.

The review will take place during the week of May 3, school officials released.

Areas of review will include: English learn-

ers’ student assessments, identification of English learners; what programs English learners are placed in, parent and community involvement, curriculum and instruction, student support services, licensure requirements for faculty, staff and administration, program plans, and evaluation and recordkeeping.

In addition to the on-site visit, parent outreach is an important

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## Uxbridge’s Anita Hagspiel hits the pavement to fight hunger

UXBRIDGE — On May 2, Anita Hagspiel, of Uxbridge, will lace up for Project Bread’s 53rd annual Walk for Hunger. She will be among thousands of virtual participants to walk in their own neighborhoods to raise more than \$1 million to help get food to kids and families during the COVID-19 crisis.

Historically, the Walk for Hunger, the nation’s oldest continual pledge walk, takes place the first Sunday of May on the Boston Common. The 2021 fundraiser will be the second event to be done virtually.

“As the pandemic continues to take a financial toll on people and entire communities, we must do everything we can to help the 1 in 6 households struggling to afford food,” says Erin McAleer, CEO of Project Bread. “Participating in Project Bread’s Walk for Hunger is one way we can all do something real to make sure our neighbors can get food to meet their most basic need. Our community has shown we have the power to create meaningful change. This year it is especially important.”

While Hagspiel has 35 years of experience participating in Project Bread’s Walk for Hunger, this year’s event is extra special as she will be celebrating her 70th birthday on Walk day alongside her daughter. She has spent her past 34 birthdays lacing up for the cause. She walks under the umbrella “Team National Grid,” a corporate team of 30 par-



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ticipants that the retired program manager for the company helped to create in the early 1990’s. In lieu of a traditional birthday party and gifts this year, Hagspiel has mailed 50 invitations to friends and family members to join her along their own virtual neighborhood routes on May 2 at 10 a.m. and to make a donation to her Walk for Hunger fundraising campaign. She will break up walking her traditional 20-mile route in five-mile segments over the course of four days, starting the

route on her birthday. Her goal is to raise \$2,000, matching the amount she raised last year by posting a self-made video of herself walking to raise awareness for the cause on her personal Facebook page that year. To date, she has raised a collective \$35,000 to support Project Bread’s statewide anti-hunger efforts.

“My mother was very poor growing up and always stressed to my siblings and I to clean our plates and appreciate

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## Uxbridge High School receives fourth designation for ‘Innovation Pathway’ program

**BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI**  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge High School was one of the 18 high schools across the Commonwealth to

receive designations from the Baker-Polito administration for “Innovation Pathway” programs that will help students gain college and career experience.

Innovation Pathways connect students’ learning to a career pathway by “providing work-based learning experiences with rigorous technical

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# Blackstone Heritage Corridor, All Out Adventures partner to bring adaptive cycling to region

WHITINSVILLE — Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (BHC) is partnering with All Out Adventures (AOA) to offer a series of free adaptive cycling events this spring on the Blackstone River Bikeway/Greenway in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The series kicks off with four rides for Veterans along the Blackstone River Bikeway in Worcester, made possible by a Veterans Adaptive Sports Grant secured by All Out Adventures. Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces, and their loved ones, are encouraged to attend. The four events fall on the following Tuesdays: April 13 and 27, May 11, and June 1 and depart from the Blackstone River Valley Heritage Center in Worcester. The rides are available between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., by reservation only.

Following the rides for Veterans, the adaptive cycling series continues with programs for the general public, including all ages and all abilities. In recognition of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's "Celebrate Trails Day" on Saturday, April 24, BHC and AOA will host an adaptive cycling ride on the Blackstone River Greenway in Blackstone. Cycling opportunities will include the new wheelchair tandem bicycle that BHC acquired last year through a grant from the Network of the National Library of Medicine, New England Region. Reservations are required for the sched-

uled rides between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. This event is presented in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and Bike-On of Warwick, RI. BHC is dedicating this event to the memory of Margaret Carroll, who inspired bringing adaptive recreation to the Blackstone River Bikeway/Greenway.

For the first time since BHC and AOA have partnered on offering free adaptive cycling programs together starting in 2017, two events will be hosted in Rhode Island this spring along the Blackstone River Bikeway in Lincoln, R.I. on Tuesday, May 4, and Tuesday, May 18. These events are presented in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and Bike-On of Warwick, R.I. Both events will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., by reservation only.

To register for these events, call All Out Adventures at 413-584-2052 or email [info@alloutadventures.org](mailto:info@alloutadventures.org). All Out Adventures will spend time talking with each individual to learn about their disability to select the proper piece of equipment ranging from single and tandem recumbent trikes to two-wheel tandem and upright and low style handcycles. Find more event details at [BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org/events](http://BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org/events).

Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, participants who need assis-



Jackie Brown, Program Leader and Trike Shop Coordinator at All Out Adventures. Courtesy



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tance with self-care or transfers must bring and participate with their caregiver. Unlike previous events, volunteers will not be assisting participants with the equipment, nor will they be riding on any tandem equipment. Face masks must be worn, and all equipment will be sterilized between rides.

To learn more about All Out

Adventures and other recreational programs it offers to people with disabilities and their family and friends, visit [AllOutAdventures.org](http://AllOutAdventures.org). To learn more about the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, visit [BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org](http://BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org).

## NORTHBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER

Phone: 508-234-2002  
[www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging](http://www.northbridgemass.org/council-on-aging)  
Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.,  
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

12th at 10:30. We will meet outside on the patio, weather permitting. Our current book is *The Impossible Lives of Greta Wells* by Andrew Greer. New members are always welcome! Call the Center for more information.

**Upcoming Special Events and Announcements**  
We require registration for all of our events and trips. Additionally, if you need transportation, please inform the center at the time of registration. Simply call 508-234-2002 to sign-up.

Join our Zoom exercise classes! Call Kelly at the Center to get the link.

The Senior Center bus continues to bring seniors to in town shopping, medical appointments or miscellaneous appointments. Please call the Center to book an appointment. We require 24 hours in advance notice for all trips.

Wednesday May 26th at 1:00pm, Howie Newman, entertainer will be at the Center to perform live music. Howie is back by popular demand, a great singer and storyteller. Call the Center for more information, the concert will be held on the patio weather permitting, rain date to be decided if needed.

The Senior Center has changed its name to "Plummer Place" to honor the deep history of the Plummer name in our town. The building where we reside was formerly the Plummer School which operated from 1921-1982. In 1985 the building was renovated by the students at BVT with monetary assistance from the town, grants and from FINE. We feel it is a fitting name for our building, but though the name has changed, the programs and assistance to all our seniors will not change. In fact, we feel once we open up fully to the public, Plummer Place will be better than ever!

## Local churches join together for National Day of Prayer

UXBRIDGE — Valley Chapel and other local churches are hosting a prayer gathering for the National Day of Prayer on May 6 at Uxbridge Town Common from 3-7 p.m. Join us at any time during these hours to pray for Uxbridge, the surrounding towns and our nation.

In addition, there will be opportunities to receive individual prayer with someone from the prayer team or to put prayer requests in a confidential prayer box. In case of rain, we will meet at Faith Fellowship church from 3-5 p.m. For more information, please contact the Valley Chapel Prayer Team at [prayer@valleychapel.us](mailto:prayer@valleychapel.us).

Book Club will resume on May

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**EXERCISE CLASSES** – Beginning on Monday, April 26th  
Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.  
Classes are held inside with limited capacity  
Reservations required, please call the center at 508-865-9154

**WALKING CLUB** – Starting on Tuesday, May 4th  
Tuesdays at 8:30 A.M.  
We will be walking around the garden  
This will be followed by coffee in the garden!

**SOCIAL BINGO** – Beginning on Wednesday, May 5th at 12:30 P.M.  
will be outside weather permitting  
Bring your pennies!  
Registration required, Please call the center at 508-865-9154

**SUMMER CONCERTS ARE BACK!**  
The Millbury Senior Center Announces...

Thursday, June 17th, 6 – 7:15 P.M.  
Featuring Robert Black an ELVIS IMPERSONATOR

Thursday, July 15th, 6 – 8 P.M.  
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Thursday, August 19th, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.  
Eddie Forman Polka Band Orchestra

Concerts are sponsored by the Massachusetts Cultural Council & Mike and Lucille Maguire

Hot dogs & drinks will be available for sale. These events will be held rain or shine, bring your lawn chairs!  
Masks required along with social distancing!

Millbury Senior Center COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance

We will assist Millbury residents who are 65 and older schedule a vaccine appointment  
The sites open are the larger ones the Governor has set in place.  
As soon as a nearby site opens up we will call you  
If you have a computer you can go on to the Mass.gov website and schedule an appointment  
If you do not have access to a computer or require assistance, please call the center and leave your name and phone number  
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**Blood Pressure Clinic**  
Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.  
The Blood Pressure Clinic is held inside now  
Come to front door and we will let escort you from there!  
Masks required, along with social distancing!

**Millbury Senior Center Transportation**  
Transportation is provided for Millbury Senior Residents  
Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
We travel one town out in each direction including Sutton, Grafton, Auburn and Worcester  
A 48 hour notice is required for scheduling rides (business days)  
Rides are free until July 1st  
For more information or to schedule transportation call the center at 508-865-9154

**Millbury Senior Center Food Pantry**  
Our pantry is open for Millbury residents Monday through Friday 9 A.M to 1 P.M.  
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**Millbury Friendly Visitor Program**  
Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provided by telephone  
Volunteers call clients to check in with them, chat and hear a friendly voice  
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**“MEMORY CAFÉ”**  
Our Traveling Memory Café is visiting people monthly.  
If you are interested in a visit (outside) please call Julieanne Fitzgerald at

the senior center  
We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this program  
For more information call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

**“Grab & Go Meals”**  
Lunch meals will be available to be picked up daily at the front door, 11:30 A.M.  
Menu is available on Town Website, www.townofmillbury.org  
Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page  
A 48 hour reservation is required  
For more information or reservations call us at 508-865-9154

**THE MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER IS ACCEPTING SNAP APPLICATIONS** (Food Stamps)  
Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.  
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The Senior Center is closed to the Public.

While the building is not open to the public the Food Pantry at the Millbury Senior Center is available from 9am to 1pm Monday thru Friday by calling 508-865-9247 for an appointment our food pantry is fully stocked at this time tell us what you need and you can pick it up or we will deliver it.

We are still here to answer any questions you may have and we are available for your transportation to Doctors appointments or if you need to go to the drug store for your prescriptions, we will take you there. If you don’t have a mask, we will give you one.

Also if you are in need of a home delivered meal give us a call and we will set you up to get one delivered to you.

Keep safe and remember to wear a mask if you go out and to wash your hands frequently.

# Whitinsville Social Library announces virtual events

**WHITINSVILLE** — Whitinsville Social Library is closed to the public due to the pandemic. The Library is offering Parking Lot Pick Up Monday through Saturday. Place items on hold in the online catalog, wait for a notification that it's ready, and give the Library a call at 508-234-2151 to schedule a contactless pick up window. Not sure what you'd like to read, watch or listen to? Fill out the Library Sampler form on our website and staff will pick out something for you!

**Storytime!**  
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.  
Join Miss Heather every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. via Facebook Live to listen to stories, sing rhymes, and dance to some fun music! Each week's theme will have a craft for ages 0-6, these crafts will be available for pick-up each Wednesday before storytime. Reserve your craft each week at www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL

**Baby Bounce**  
Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.  
Join Miss Heather every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. via Facebook Live to listen to stories and to sing along to rhymes and songs to get us moving in the morning!

**Virtual Crafternoon**  
Every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.  
Join Miss Heather every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. via Instagram Live for a virtual craft hour! Bring

a craft or something fun to work on and we will talk about books, games, and everything going on in the library! Each week Miss Heather will be working on a different craft, from embroidery, to crochet, to weekly craft kits. Don't want to craft? That is okay! Join us and just hang out!

**Tween and Teen Weekly Crafts**  
Pick-up Each Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Each week there is a different craft for tweens and teens, these crafts will be available for pickup each Wednesday. The Library provides the materials for each craft, most crafts require crafters to have scissors and glue. Reserve your craft each week at www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL

**Ten Year Club: Fifty Shades of Grey**  
Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
Join us as we discuss the best sellers from ten years ago. Whether you read the book when it was first released in 2011 or want to read it now, let's talk about it! We'll discuss the book itself and how it's held up ten years later. Copies of Fifty Shades of Grey are available for Parking Lot Pick Up, electronically in Overdrive, or patrons may place on hold in the catalog or by giving the Library a call. Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL to get the link to attend the book discussion.

**Cookbook Club: Turmeric**  
Thursday, April 29 at noon

Join us for April's virtual meeting as we discuss turmeric. Register at www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL to receive a free sample of the spice and to get the link to the Zoom meeting. Cookbook Club is the last Thursday of every month

**Adult Take & Make: Paper Hyacinth Bouquet**  
Monday, May 3 Pick up kit between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Each kit contains supplies for an adult to make a paper bouquet of hyacinth using cardstock. The Library provides the supplies and instructions. The tools the crafter requires are scissors, ruler, and glue stick. This craft is best for adults. Reserve your kit at www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL

**Friends of the Library Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.  
This meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Library's front lawn. Bring your own chair. If the weather is poor this meeting will take place virtually. Please contact friendsWSL2019@gmail.com for an agenda.



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coursework,” according to an Uxbridge High School statement. This will be Uxbridge’s fourth designation, this time in business, finance, and logistics.

The school is partnering with MassHire Central and the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, according to reports. Students in this pathway can participate in dual-enrollment coursework which will enable them to transfer credits toward the attainment of a logistics certification, offered through Quinsigamond Community College. Students

in their senior year will complete a 100-hour internship or capstone project that will tie together elements of the program, school officials announced.

“We remain committed to ensuring that our students, upon graduation and completion of these programs, are well prepared for their post-secondary experiences, whether they are headed off to college or planning to enter the workforce,” said Uxbridge High School Principal Michael Rubin. “We believe firmly in the connection between content mastery and skills, and this newest Pathway will help enhance our already robust programs to meet even

more students’ needs and interests.”

Early career programs provide high school students with a coherent course of study “focused on a particular field, while also offering them access to college-level courses and internship opportunities to gain work experience and insight” about whether the field is something they would like to pursue in college or a career after high school, the school released.

“Not only are these programs driven by student and community feedback, but also the commitment of departments and educators to look at school in a different way,” said Uxbridge Superintendent Dr. Frank Tiano. “We have continued to push forward despite the challenges of this past year, and the team at UHS has continued to focus on opportunities that move the needle for our entire district and the community as a whole.”

The Baker-Polito Administration launched these early career programs in 2017 to help students develop knowledge and skills related to a chosen field of study before

they graduate high school. Many of the early career programs at high schools are in STEM-related fields, including: advanced manufacturing, information technology, environmental and life sciences, health care and social assistance, and business and finance. Uxbridge High School now has programs in engineering/manufacturing, biomedical science, digital media and information science, and business and finance.

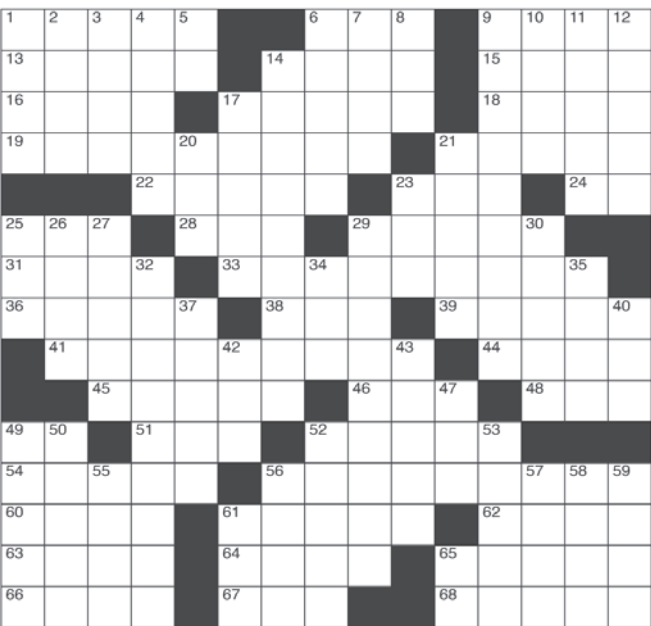
“These early career programs provide students tremendous opportunities for future success in and out of the classroom by building partnerships with local employers to equip students with experience and knowledge in a growing field,” said Gov. Charlie Baker in a press statement.

Statewide, more than 600 students are expected to enroll in the newly designated pathways announced recently. With these new designations, there are now 49 high schools in Massachusetts with Innovation Pathway programs, with a total of 121 different pathways. More than 4,000 students are projected to be enrolled in an Innovation Pathway program by Fall 2021.

“It is a testament to the success and importance of these programs that despite the challenges of the last year, high schools moved forward with creating more early career opportunities for students. These programs give students relevant and valuable experience that helps them think about their future career paths, something that may have been sidetracked during the health crisis,” said Education Secretary James Peyser.

In October 2019, the administration announced the availability of \$1.8 million in grants over three years from American Student Assistance, a national nonprofit based in Massachusetts. The grants will support high schools across the Commonwealth in developing programs that prepare students for college and careers.

Uxbridge has also partnered with ASA to support middle-level career exploration, with programs already underway in the eighth grade at Uxbridge High School and planned for implementation at Whitin Intermediate School, according to a district statement.



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31. Running back Gurley  
33. Unwavering  
36. Options  
38. Annoy
39. Greek mountain  
41. Pastas  
45. Fishes  
45. Wrap  
46. Potentially a criminal (slang)  
48. Seize  
49. The Constitution State  
51. Upset  
52. 1991 men’s Wimbledon champ  
54. Central Chinese province  
56. Predisposition  
60. A notice of someone’s death  
61. One-time Kentucky Rep.  
62. Swiss river  
63. Dried-up  
64. Finger millet  
65. \_\_ Allan Poe  
66. German river  
67. Brew  
68. Kenyan river

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond  
2. Acts as military assistant  
3. Knot in a tree  
4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers  
5. The Ocean State  
6. Point the finger at  
7. Parts in a machine  
8. Midway between northeast and east  
9. Portray precisely  
10. Blister  
11. Mental illness  
12. Nose of an animal  
14. What students receive  
17. Semitic peoples  
20. Beats per minute  
21. Family of drugs  
23. Atrocious  
25. Type of microscope (abbr.)  
26. \_\_ or bust  
27. Icelandic poems
29. A citizen of Pakistan  
30. Very pale  
32. Metric linear unit  
34. Sea eagle  
35. Biblical judge of Israel  
37. Isaac’s mother (Bib.)  
40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)  
42. Cool!  
43. Large hotel room  
47. Type of boat (abbr.)  
49. Picked  
50. Type of hookah  
52. Attack  
53. Directs  
55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter  
56. Finished negotiation  
57. Heroic tale  
58. Middle Eastern country  
59. Protein-rich liquids  
61. Malaysian Isthmus  
65. Spielberg’s alien



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various vaccination administration techniques. Reviewed the screening questions required, the monitoring period, and why it is needed. It was truly a culmination of all they have learned.”

“It was a wonderful opportunity to attend the clinic and observe Melissa Blodgett, Captain/Paramedic of the Uxbridge Fire Department skillfully demonstrate various techniques,” said Jessica Brown of Douglas, a senior in Health Services at BVT. “I had previously watched instructional videos about how the Pfizer vaccine is mixed before being admin-

istered, but seeing Captain Blodgett, a BVT alum, mix the two parts of the vaccine right in front of me was a fascinating and compelling experience. My vocational-technical education is paving the way for me to help others and give back to the community too.”

“This clinic is a fine example of how our vocational-technical students use their career training to help their community,” said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. “While the pandemic has presented many unique challenges, we are proud of our students and staff who are embracing new learning opportunities to help our neighboring towns.”

About Blackstone Valley

Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. The school’s Web site is [www.valleytech.k12.ma.us](http://www.valleytech.k12.ma.us).

# Grafton police warn of gummy candy THC ‘edibles’

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI  
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

GRAFTON — After a recent incident, the Grafton Police Department is warning residents—especially parents and guardians of teenagers—of medicated gummy candy “edibles” infused with the active ingredient in cannabis.

According to reports, the department recently received a call from a resident on Buttercup Lane regarding a “found package with suspicious items in the woods” near the caller’s home. Officer John Ropiak responded and spoke with the caller, who indicated that several teenagers were seen running from the wooded area in the rear of the condo unit.

“The caller also observed a plastic bag protruding from a pile of rocks where the youths had been seen,” police said. “The bag contained seven packages of what appeared to be commercially wrapped candy identified as ‘Gummi Sharks.’”

The caller had retrieved the bag and turned it over to Officer Ropiak, reports said.

“On closer inspection, Officer Ropiak noted that the candy was actually medicated Gummy candy, edibles infused with 500mg THC, the active ingredient in cannabis,” the Grafton Police statement

continued.

The caller did not recognize the juveniles and did not know if they resided in the neighborhood, according to reports. The investigation is continuing to determine the identity of the teenagers and if or how they came into possession of the THC edibles.

“The Grafton Police Department would like to warn parents and guardians about the dangers of ingesting THC edibles by teenagers. It’s not only unlawful for anyone under 21 to possess marijuana/cannabis and products infused with THC, it is also dangerous,” the department released. “Because these items are packaged similar to commercially available candy, parents and guardians need to closely examine suspected THC edibles.”

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, edibles take longer to digest and produce a high, police added. Therefore, youth may consume more to feel the effects faster, leading to “an increase in dangerous results.

“Taken in large doses, the intoxicating effects of cannabis may include diminished concentration and impaired memory. Acute cannabis toxicity can result in severe anxiety, panic attacks, nausea, respiratory insufficiency, delirium, psychosis, paranoia and hallucinations.”

## 🌿 Friday’s Child 🌿



Keanui  
Age 17

### Hi! My name is Keanu

Keanu is a sweet teenager of Caucasian descent who loves to run and be outside. Those who know Keanu describe him as fun and adorable! Keanu loves to sing; his favorite songs include “Old MacDonald,” “You are my Sunshine,” and “Wheels on the Bus.” Keanu enjoys swimming in the pool and swinging on the swing set. Keanu’s favorite food is pizza, and his favorite toys are ones that light up. When presented with a new toy, he loves figuring out how to make it work and play music.

Keanu’s favorite time of the day is gym class. All of his teachers and providers constantly report what a joy he is to work with and that he loves being at school. Keanu continues to make progress with his speech and walking skills.

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

### Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you’re at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org). The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



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fishing/sports merchandise, furniture, clearance fall clothing, coats. Check out Columbus Day sales.

November: Blankets, used cars, men’s suits and coats, shoes, winter clothing, Thanksgiving food sales, turkey, feast fixings. Look for day after Thanksgiving sales, held to jump start the holiday shopping rush.

December: After Christmas sales on most items. Stock up on wrapping paper, tape, gift bags, gift sets, ornaments, and holiday decor items.

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

Please note the contest had been suspended due to COVID restrictions. It is expected to start up again in June. All entries have been collected and will be entered into an upcoming drawing.

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



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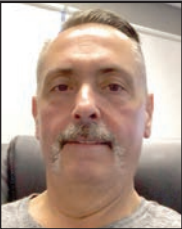
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# OBITUARIES

## Brian D. Therrien, 58



UXBRIDGE – Brian Denis Therrien, age 58 of Blackstone, died unexpectedly at home, Tuesday, March 30.

Brian was the devoted husband of Heather G. (McCrea) for thirty-four years.

Born in Northbridge on March 28, 1963 to the late Camille J. and Margaret R. (Beauregard) Therrien, Brian lived in the area all his life.

Brian worked for Extreme Protocol Solutions in Uxbridge. Prior to that he retired from the Uxbridge Fire Department.

Brian enjoyed time outdoors, especially fishing and time spent with his family.

In addition to his wife, Brian is survived by his children: Marissa E. Therrien and her boyfriend, Tyrone Harrington of Blackstone and Jared R. Therrien of Blackstone; his siblings: Kenneth Therrien of Blackstone and Robin Marshall of Woonsocket, RI and his beloved dog, Papi.

A memorial funeral service will be held on Friday, April 16th at 11 A.M. in United Presbyterian Church, 51 Cottage St., Whitinsville.

Facial coverings and physical distancing are required.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Brian's name may be made to: Uxbridge Fire Fighters' Association, 31 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569 or Dana Farber Cancer Center, 20 Prospect Street, Milford, MA 01757. [www.bumafuneralhome.com](http://www.bumafuneralhome.com)

## Frederick G. Petri, 75



UXBRIDGE – Frederick G. Petri, age 75, of Uxbridge died on Wednesday March 31st at home, surrounded by his family.

Frederick was the loving husband of Leuila M. Petri

(Misionare).

Born in Boston., MA on February 10, 1946 to the late Camillo and Barbara (Grinnell) Petri.

He grew up in Weston, MA and graduated from Hamilton College, later spending many years in Samoa sprouting from his time in the Peace Corps.

Frederick enjoyed gardening, curling and being a past president member of the Uxbridge and Samoan Rotary Club. After spending years in the Peace Corps, he developed a love for social connections and carried that into his later work at Panera, continually making close friends everywhere he went. You were guaranteed to find him attending his perennials or drinking iced tea, while listening to Soul on warm evenings. Frederick made it a tradition to write odes on special occasions for his loved ones—a writing gift

passed down to his children. Most of all, he loved time spent with his grandsons, Tuiafetoa and La'auli Kruse, because spending time with his family was his greatest enjoyment of all.

In addition to his wife, Frederick is survived by his children: Jeffrey Petri and his wife Veronica of Samoa, Neta Kruse and her husband Lucien of Uxbridge, Hector Petri of Uxbridge and Valasi Petri of Uxbridge; his siblings: Mark Petri of Fairhaven, Daphne Petri and her husband Paul Schwartz of Newton and Matthew Petri and his wife Eleanor of California; his grandsons: Tuiafetoa Kruse and La'auli Kruse.

“We can’t rewalk the exact footprints we make in the stories of our lives, but we’ll hear again our footprints, like the lullabies our parents sang us the moment our stories end. Perhaps out of our footprints our children will nurse wiser lullabies” - Albert Wendt of Samoa

Funeral services and interment private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Frederick's name may be made to: Uxbridge Rotary Club, Uxbridge, MA. [www.bumafuneralhome.com](http://www.bumafuneralhome.com)

## Suzanne W. Wise



Milford – On April 1, 2021 Suzanne W. Wise said farewell to us all and began the next of her great adventures. The first act of her life's story began in 1945, where she was welcomed onto this life's stage by John and Helen White. Early acts of her life include her growing up in Needham, MA where she attended school, participated in church and various activities. She will be remembered for her sense of humor, optimism for things to come and generosity. In her final days, she often expressed her gratitude for her family and friends and their support as well as her love, hopes and confidence in her grandchildren's bright futures.

The second act of her life included Russell S. Wise II, who won the best supporting male in his role as her husband. The two of them launched themselves onto the stage of life as main features in many performances. Their repertoire included dramas, variety, humor, all with a theme of love. During these years, she bid adieu to her husband, Russell S. Wise II as well as her father and mother, John H. White and Helen M W Cunnally, in their final curtain calls.

Being extremely versatile, Suzanne was able to play several different roles. Though her main characters were devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother, side parts included Past Worthy Matron OES, the Uxbridge Women's club, organized and taught Sunday School with the Unitarian church for several years, early educator with the Uxbridge School system for several years in the after-school program and minister. Later in life, she expand-

ed her stage presence in take on the role of student, achieving degrees from Wellesley College and Quinsigamond in education, religion and history. In her recent years, she enjoyed knitting, reading, crafts and socializing with many of her new friends who helped support and care for her as she navigated her illness.

Among her greatest accomplishments are those who loved her and will carry on her memory. Her first act character consisted of daughter Rusanne and her husband Charles, Russell S. Wise III and his wife Rebecca, their children: Samantha and Russell IV, John H W Wise and his wife Jennifer. And bringing up the final act, Alison Wise Raposo and her supporting cast husband Kevin Raposo, sons Matthew and Kevin Jr. Various supporting family who had special appearances in her life include her brother John H. White of N.H. as well as her many nieces and nephews.

As a family, we want to extend a special “thank you” to Suzanne's loving caregivers over the last 3 years at Blaire House of Milford. With them by her side, we were fortunate to share a few encores with her before the house lights dimmed.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, April 15th from 4-8 P.M. at Buma Funeral Home, 101 N. Main Street, Uxbridge. Facial coverings and social distancing required.

A private burial will be held at a later date for the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Suzanne's name may be made to: New England Donor Services, 60 First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451 or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607. [www.bumafuneralhome.com](http://www.bumafuneralhome.com)

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the food that we have,” says Hagspiel, who has donated to a local food pantry and volunteered making dinners for meals on Wednesdays in Northborough. “Hunger is a cause that is universal. I love walking. I have always wanted to help the hungry and Project Bread's Walk for Hunger is a perfect way to help.”

Money raised through the virtual Walk is funding Project Bread's urgent COVID-19 hunger-relief response work to ensure kids have reliable access to food, directly helping individuals and families, and advocating at the state and federal levels for expedited and efficient relief for those in need. Walk funds are also supporting community organizations that are helping people access food during the crisis and ensuring communities have the resources necessary to respond to the hunger crisis now and over the long road to recovery ahead.

“Our walk community always inspires us. In the early days of the pandemic, we weren't sure what would happen. The people of Massachusetts showed up for us in a big way – almost immediately. From sewing and selling face masks, to doing family fitness challenges, or even writing songs and walking their own routes, people found a way to raise money to help those who really needed it. I think Massachusetts is a state that takes care of its own and people just understood how important it was,” says Erin McAleer, CEO of Project Bread. “We were blown away that the event raised \$1.3 million last year. We are working to beat that on May 2.”

This year's event will include Facebook Live check-ins throughout the day with McAleer, elected officials, as well as walkers and volunteers posting and sharing their experiences along their neighborhood routes and why they are walking to help end hunger. Families with kids, individuals and teams of corporate employees are encouraged to find creative ways to connect virtually and fundraise together.

To register as a virtual participant for Project Bread's Walk for Hunger, or

to support a walker or team, visit [projectbread.org/walk](http://projectbread.org/walk) or call (617) 723-5000. There is no registration fee or fundraising minimum to participate, although a \$250 minimum goal is suggested. Participants who raise \$500 or more are recognized as Heart & Sole walkers, and receive access to personalized fundraising support, exclusive event gear, and invitations to events.

People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP, which would make them eligible for no charge or reduced-price school meals, and answer questions about eligibility for school meals through the National School Lunch Program. The most up to date meal site information is available through the FoodSource Hotline or at [www.projectbread.org/covid19](http://www.projectbread.org/covid19). Strict safety protocols and best practices for social distancing are being closely adhered to across distribution models and locations for maximum safety. No registration or ID is required to receive a meal. The nonprofit's COVID-19 Resources pages in English and Spanish.

About Project Bread

Project Bread, the leading statewide anti-hunger nonprofit, connects people and communities in Massachusetts to reliable sources of food while advocating for policies that make food more accessible—so that no one goes hungry. For more information, visit: [www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org).

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part of the review process, Northbridge Schools released in a statement.

“The review chairperson from the Office of Language Acquisition will send a survey to the parents of students whose records the review team examines,” the statement continued. “The survey focuses on key areas of their child's English learner education program. Survey results will contribute to the monitoring report.”

Parents and other individuals may call Paul J. Aguiar, Office of Language

Acquisition Review Chairperson, at 781-338- 3538 to request a telephone interview. If an individual requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, DESE will make the necessary arrangements.

School officials added that within approximately 60 business days of the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the district with a report containing information about areas in which the district meets or exceeds regulatory requirements and areas in which the district requires assistance to correct or improve practices. This report, when released, will be available to the public online at [www.doe.mass.edu](http://www.doe.mass.edu).



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EDITORIAL

A Revolutionary legacy

April 19, 1775, next week, 246 years ago, was the start of the Revolutionary War after the battles of Lexington and Concord. The big debate still remains as to whether or not ‘The Shot Heard Round’ the World’ took place in Concord, or in neighboring Lexington.

This time in our history, while brutal and necessary brings with it much intrigue for many. The tenacity and bravery of those who fought for our independence is beyond admirable. The events that took place during the Revolutionary War, read like a novel in modern times and have been brought to life through such works as Howard Fast’s “April Morning,” where we need to be reminded that this story is not fiction.

On that spring morning, more than 700 British soldiers who were given a secret tip on the whereabouts of colonial military supplies in Concord, marched towards town to confiscate the lot. The Patriots who had developed a top-notch intelligence network, largely the work of George Washington’s Culper Ring, and the Sons of Liberty, had received notice weeks in advance and were able to move the supplies to safety.

Paul Revere and William Dawes had plans to ride ahead of the British troops to warn other Patriots. Knowing the task was risky, Revere secured the help of about 30 other men to make sure word reached Lexington and Concord if the two were captured. Revere told militia leaders to look at the steeple of the Old North Church each night for a signal. One lit lantern meant the Regulars would come by land through the Boston Neck. Two lanterns meant the British would come via the Charles river on row boats into Cambridge, “One if by land, two if by sea.”

The night before the famous battle, Dr. Joseph Warren sent Dawes to Lexington where he was joined with Revere to warn Sam Adams and John Hancock that the British were coming.

It was midnight in Lexington when Revere and Dawes were joined by a third rider, Dr. Samuel Prescott. Prescott had been courting a woman in Lexington and met Dawes and Revere by chance. Because he believed in the cause, Prescott joined the men. The three riders were stopped by a British patrol not long after. Dawes was able to escape by reversing his direction. Prescott jumped a stone wall and fled using a short cut only locals knew about. The doctor was the only rider to reach Concord. Revere who was now captured, was surrounded by six Regulars and was searched and interrogated. “An officer clapped his pistol to my head, called me by name and told me he was going to ask me some questions, and if I did not give him true answers, he would blow my brains out.” Revere wrote in his diary. The Regulars were spooked by the sound of gunfire in the distance, and let Revere go after asking him for an alternative route to town. Revere made his way back to Lexington where he regrouped with Hancock and Adams, who planned an escape to Woburn.

Throughout the night, the ‘Rebels’ gathered to intercept the British. When the red coats were seen marching onto the Lexington green, the local minutemen knew they were outnumbered. Out of the dawn a shot was fired, and no one knows to this day which side was responsible for it. After the scuffle on the green, eight minutemen and one British soldier were killed. There were accusations from both sides laying blame on one another.

William Sutherland, a British soldier, is on record saying, “I heard Major Pitcairn’s voice call out. ‘Soldiers, don’t fire, keep your ranks, form and surround them.’ Instantly some of the villains who got over the hedge fired at us which our men for the first time returned.”

Sylvanus Wood, a minute man had recalled something different: “He swung his sword, and said, ‘Lay down your arms, you damned rebels, or you are all dead men – fire!’ Some guns were fired by the British at us from the first platoon, but no person was killed or hurt, being probably charged only with gunpowder. The company immediately dispersed; and while the company was dispersing and leaping over the wall, the second platoon of the British fired, and killed some of our men. There was not a gun fired by any of Captain Parker’s

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We must gain support for the 100 Percent Clean Act going forward

To the Editor:

Every day, as Massachusetts residents, we see the effects of climate change all around us. We wonder why there’s been no rain and it’s April, we wonder why it was 60 degrees last December, and we worry when our water will not be safe to drink. This is due to climate change which stems from the overuse of fossil fuels and the increase in carbon emissions. For years we have been overusing our natural resources and depleting our sources of energy, heat, and transportation. This is because we insist on having nonrenewable sources of energy be our dominant way of life; this insinuates fossil fuels. These fossil fuels such as coal and oil emit Carbon dioxide into the atmosphere which increases greenhouse gases that essentially heat up our planet. We have reached an increase of 1 degrees celsius globally. This may seem like nothing, but this increase has pushed areas over 32 degrees Fahrenheit (water’s point of freezing) causing ice caps to melt and increasing sea level rise and flooding areas around the world like Cape Cod. If we don’t do something about fossil fuels now, we will only have 20 years left of coal and 50 years left of oil. This is why we must gain support and implement the 100% Clean Act.

The 100 Percent Clean Act is a bill that establishes requirements to reduce greenhouse gas pollution. Specifically, the bill sets a national goal of achieving a 100 percent clean economy (i.e., economy-wide, net-zero greenhouse gas emissions) by no later than 2050. This could start the process to heal our planet and ourselves. The 100 Percent Clean Act is our present solution to our past ignorance. We cannot deplete our earth any longer, if we do, we are jeopardizing the futures of our generations and the earth itself. The wildfires in California, the floods in Cape Cod, and the increased hurricanes in Florida and New Orleans are not a coincidence; they are a direct result of climate change and burning fossil fuels. If we do nothing and ignore this bill, these natural disasters will only get worse. More people will be harmed, our children may not have clean drinking water or clean air to breathe. We need to focus our attention on renewable energy and achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions. We cannot push this off any longer, this is a problem right now, not in 10 years...now. This is why the 100 Percent Clean Act is so important, we must gain support and implement it now.

ILAYNA MORRISON  
BLACKSTONE

Rush had it right

To the Editor:

What follows is what I believe. Feel free to disagree. It’s American, isn’t it?

A sign of a healthy and vibrant democratic republic is a robust debate. Debating once flourished in schools where young citizens learned to state their case, back it up with facts and assertions, then politely listen to the other side state their case. Rebuttals followed, out in the open, in front of everyone. Quaint, wasn’t it?

Does debate even exist anymore, or is it considered too scary? Too scary to sit and listen to the other side. Simply terrifying. Now, Twitter rants by the current poisonous Cancel Culture silences the other side. The Woke mob silences the other side - not by open debate - but by complaining to power. And lately, power caves.

Thank goodness for those who did not cave: George Washington, John Adams, Paul Revere, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglas, Clara Barton, Winston Churchill, General Dwight Eisenhower, Martin Luther King, Condoleezza Rice, President Trump, and the late great Rush

Limbaugh, just to name a few.

Did you know that in 2010, Limbaugh received a new talk radio contract, a signing bonus of \$150 million and a pay-out of \$400 million over eight years? Even Tom Brady doesn’t command that kind of happy cabbage.

Why was Rush worth so much? Limbaugh’s audience in 2008 was 14 million. After 2008, it climbed. By 2020, it was near 43 million. All who tried to compete failed. Air America was launched in 2004 as liberal talk radio to oppose Rush. In 2006, it filed for bankruptcy. Re-launched in 2007, it failed again in 2008. It had an Arbitron rating of 0.5, the equivalent of radio silence. Why?

Rush said it best: “Liberals can’t compete in the open marketplace of ideas because they don’t really want to spell out what they actually believe. There’s no hiding on talk radio. When your ideas sound stupid, it’s out there to be exposed.”

Rush may have been An Army of One, but I say: Sign me up.

Signed,

BEV GUDANOWSKI  
UXBRIDGE

A sign of better days ahead

To the Editor:

This past weekend, my family hosted an annual Easter event in the town in Sutton. This event has been in existence for years, but last year we had to pivot away from the experience, as we were facing the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. We wanted to put emphasis on an event this year, as COVID-19 has caused us to entirely restructure “normal” events to meet modern restrictions. In that regard, we moved from a traditional Easter egg hunt, to a drive-through “Hopalong” event, where kids were driven through a series of different sights and were ultimately given little bags of goodies to take home. Kids got to see live animals, the Easter bunny, and much more on the beautiful property of Waters Farm.

While this was modified from its normal form, it filled me with hope and gratitude for better days to come. We saw around 400 cars pass through the day’s festivities in a two-hour span. During these challenging times, people have had to be innovative with events so that we may continue to uphold our local traditions. So many people went into making this event a success, and I wanted to take time to thank those that helped shine a light in our community last week.

First, I wanted to thank the sponsors of the event, for their generous financial donations to make the day possible. Without them, we would not have been

Sincerely,

RYAN FATTMAN & FAMILY  
WEBSTER

Will investors change behavior after the pandemic?



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The COVID-19 pandemic may end up changing our lives in some significant ways. To cite one example, it’s likely we’ll see a lot more people continue to work remotely, now that they’ve seen the effectiveness of tools such as videoconferencing. Education, too, may be forever changed in some ways. Perhaps just as important, though, is how many people may now think more about the future – including how they invest.

If you work with a financial professional, you may have connected with this individual over the past several months through a videoconferencing platform, rather than in person. Some people like this arrangement because it offers more scheduling flexibility and eliminates the time and effort of traveling to and from an appointment. Others, however, still prefer face-to-face contact and look forward to when such arrangements will again be practical and safe for everyone involved. But if you’re in the first group – that is, you prefer videoconferencing – you may now wish to use this communication method in the future, at least some of the time.

But beyond the physical aspects of your investing experience, you may now be looking at some changes in your investment strategy brought on, or at least suggested, by your reactions to the pandemic.

For example, many people – especially, but not exclusively, those whose employment was affected by the pandemic – found that they were coming up short in the area of liquidity. They didn’t have enough easily accessible savings to provide them with the cash they needed to meet their expenses until their employment situations stabilized. Consequently, some individuals were forced to dip into their long-term investments, such as their 401(k)s and IRAs. Generally speaking, this type of move is not ideal – these accounts are designed for retirement, so, the more you tap into them early, the less you’ll have available when you do retire. Furthermore, your withdrawals will likely be taxable, and, depending on your age, may also be subject to penalties.

If you were affected by this liquidity crunch, you can take steps now to avoid its recurrence. Your best move may be to build an emergency fund containing three to six months’ worth of living expenses, with the funds held in a separate, highly accessible account of cash or cash equivalents. Of course, given your regular expenses, it may take some time to build such an amount, but if you can commit yourself to putting away a certain amount of money each month, you will make progress. Even having a few hundred dollars in an emergency fund can help create more financial stability.

Apart from this new appreciation for short-term liquidity, though, the foundation for your overall financial future should remain essentially the same. In addition to building your emergency fund, you should still contribute what you can afford to your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement plans. If you have children you want to send to college, you might still explore college-funding vehicles such as a 529 plan. Higher education will still be expensive, even with an expansion in online learning programs.

Post-pandemic life may contain some differences, along with many similarities to life before. But it will always be a smart move to create a long-term financial strategy tailored to your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

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# Pass the crossbow bill

Sportsmen are eager to find out the results of the recent meetings that were held with Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife on the proposed license and permit increases. Many sportsmen expressed their concern over the large increases that are being proposed for the 2022 season.

The Worcester County League of Sportsmen are planning to hire a lobbyist to help sportsmen have a better voice when it comes to passing new regulations on fishing and hunting issues. We have gone that route before. You may as well throw the money down the toilet. Unfortunately, they feel as though the legislators they voted into office are not representing their interest. Getting the Crossbow bill passed has failed numerous times, along with the Sunday hunting bill, and they are becoming frustrated! The Worcester County League is planning to donate the first \$5,000 to the fund, and are asking sportsmen's clubs to also donate monies the fund. They hope to raise \$65,000 or more, which is needed to hire a lobbyist.

This past week, this writer and many other sportsmen watched "Chronicle," which is a daily evening show, watched by thousands of residents of Massachusetts! Myself and many other sportsmen were shocked to watch Joe Judd, a long time friend of sportsmen, talk against opening Sunday hunting in Massachusetts. Joe is a representative of a top manufacture of wildlife calls, and has done a great job representing them. Joe has a right to his opinion, but unfortunately, "Chronicle" did not get it right at the end of the program. Sportsmen are not trying to open up the entire state to Sunday hunting, and are only interested in Sunday hunting for bow season.

They are trying to open private properties like Rod & Gun Clubs, and land purchased by sportsmen's monies to Sunday Hunting. It has nothing to do with private properties owned by private landowners. The crossbow bill is a no brainer. Allowing any responsible licensed hunter to own and use a



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This week's picture shows Andrea Henchey and her son Logan with a couple of rainbow trout he caught last week at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club derby.



Taylor Burke with his catch of trout at the Derby .



Taylor Burke with his trout at Uxbridge last weekend!

crossbow for hunting is law in most states. It would also help sporting goods shops with increased revenue, as sales would help the few remaining shops stay in business. Most of all, it would help decrease lost deer because of a bad shot.

Crossbows are a great tool to keep wildlife under control, where high deer populations in rural areas of the state are otherwise not manageable. Lyme disease is almost an epidemic in many areas of the state, and deer are responsible. Keeping our deer herd healthy as it is today needs professional management, and crossbows are a great tool to help keep it that way. We owe it to the residents of Massachusetts to keep them safe from Lyme disease, as well as keeping our wildlife healthy. Set politics aside and pass these two bills now!

This past weekend was a perfect time to get outdoors and enjoy the weather and to do a little fishing. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club held their annual trout



fishing derby this past Saturday, and it was attended by a more than 50 members and family. The Dean family was in attendance with three generations of their family in enjoying some great fishing including young Aaron Dean. This week's pictures show some of the young anglers that participated in the annual trout derby. Although the derby was for adult anglers, the youngsters are never left out! A kid's derby is still planned for May 8.

The Whitinsville Fish & Game Club

will hold their annual fishing derby this Saturday, April 17, starting at 8 a.m. Breakfast will also be served starting at 7 a.m.! The club also holds trap shooting every Saturday, which is open to the public. Check it out.

Do not forget the Louisa trout derby this Saturday, which is free to all children. This week's poster tells it all.

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# Little boy, scared ...

Are there some things in life worth believing in ... whether they are true or not?

Like most of my generation, I was raised by a veteran of the Second World War. Tom Brokaw labeled them “The Greatest Generation” and as I’ve mentioned before, I agree. At a moment’s notice, they left their homes for the local recruiting station and into a life and death struggle against the Fascism of Hitler and Mussolini, and the treachery of imperialist Japan. Were they perfect? Of course not. We are all flawed, but they answered the call and saved the free world as we know it.

As such, my Dad expected from an early age that I stand up straight, respect the flag and fight for what’s right. He also told me never to be afraid to defend myself. He’d say, “Never start the fight but never run away and swing as hard as you can to win it.” My dad wasn’t encouraging me to fight but to stand up and defend myself.

The first movie I ever viewed in a theater wasn’t a Disney cartoon. My dad took me to see an almost four-hour epic starring John Wayne. I sat as a five-year-old, riveted to the screen, as I watched Davy Crockett fighting like a tiger against overwhelming odds, giving his life for his cause. The impact of “The Alamo” shaped my life. Later, Errol

Flynn as George Armstrong Custer in the highly fictionalized “They Died with Their Boots On,” and others ... all epic struggles of fighting with courage on both sides of the battle. I absorbed these stories and they’ve become part of my DNA, understanding they are more fiction than fact. The point is they are stories of perseverance and courage.

In my teens I became almost obsessed with learning of heroic acts of bravery against insurmountable odds. A common prayer was “Dear God, when I grow up let me fight in ‘the battle for my life’ and overcome.” Be careful what you wish for. Yesterday, that prayer came to mind with regret as the impact of my chemo ravaged my body and mind and I felt as though my prayer had unfortunately come true, as I am fighting for my life. My enemy, as most of you know is stage 4 gastric cancer.

Fatigue does make cowards of us all and yesterday morning was my moment in the darkness. For those of you who follow me on social media, I’m sorry if I alarmed you with my posts. I awoke yesterday morning as a frightened little boy, clinging to my store-bought-faux-fur coonskin cap wishing I were as brave as Davy ... but was not.

Today is different. My Crockett cap is firmly upon my head. The frightened little boy cowering yesterday in a can-

cer-ridden sixty-six-year-old body, today feels strong, confident, and unafraid. I believe I can and will beat this cancer. I’m enthused by the challenge and the fight is back on.

Where does this fight come from? The books, stories and movies of my youth that encourage me still, play in my head. Heroic speeches ring in my ears. The belief that there are things worth fighting for ... especially your life, against an indiscriminate, unfair disease. I know that someday, somewhere, someone is going to beat this cancer. Why not here and now? Why not me?

There is a song I played for my kids; it’s titled “Give it all you’ve got!” It began with the lyrics ... “Hero’s come in all shapes and sizes, different colors too. Yes, it’s true, yes, you know it’s true. But a fact of all different hero’s, they give it their best shot. Every time win or not, they give it all they’ve got.” I think it encouraged them, as it still does me. I sing this song in my head in my weakest moments.

The examples, stories or fables of others inspire us. They give us courage and often the ability to fight when we’d rather run. They strengthen us to stand back up when we get knocked down. And I wonder ... why is there a move to remove and tear down our traditional heroes at a time they are needed most? (A subject

for another time) Scan the records of history and show me anything positive that has ever begun by banning books, erasing history, or trying to change culture by force.

Let me leave you with this little speech from a fun movie and is delivered by Robert Duvall in “Secondhand Lions”:

“Sometimes the things that may or may not be true are the things that a man needs to believe in the most. That people are basically good. That honor, courage and virtues mean everything. That power and money, money and power mean nothing; that Good always triumphs over Evil; and I want you to remember this: That Love, true Love never dies. Doesn’t matter if any of this is true or not. You see a man should believe in these things because these are the things worth believing in.”

I always look for and believe the best. What do look for and believe?

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# Cool and refreshing – cucumbers

Add a cool refreshing twist to your meals, beverages, appetizers, and snacks with cucumbers. These popular vegetables are grown worldwide, adding anti-inflammatory vitamin K, vitamins C, B-5 and more to your meals. Take it a step further by using your own fresh-from-the-garden cucumbers.

Grow cucumbers sprawled on the ground or in a container on your patio, balcony, or deck. Save space and train them up a decorative support. They make great vertical accents in containers as well as edible and ornamental gardens. Going vertical not only saves space, it improves productivity by reducing disease problems while also making harvesting easier.



## GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA  
MYERS

You will find a wide variety of cucumbers available from seed company catalogs and on the seed racks of your favorite garden center. Check with your local Extension service website for their recommendations for your location.

Select the best cucumber for your garden space, meals, and snacks. Bush types like Salad bush produce eight-inch slicing cucumbers on a small plant. Spacemaster is a compact plant, spreading 24 inches and suitable for containers and hanging baskets. All-America Selections winner Saladmore Bush is another semi-bush plant that starts producing cucumbers in 55 days from planting.

Green Light is a 2020 All-America Selections winner that produces an abundance of great tasting mini cucumbers. Grow to the other extreme with burpless-type cucumbers that can be harvested when much larger. They have been bred to contain little or no cucurbitacin that causes bitterness and the tendency to burp when consumed.

Wait for the soil to warm and danger of frost to pass for planting seeds one half to one inch deep in properly prepared soil. Plant several cucumber seeds in a large container or in rows or hills in the garden. Space seeds 12 inches apart in rows 36 inches apart. Or plant several seeds in hills (small mounds of soil) spaced 36 inches apart.

Water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Apply a one-



Melinda Myers

**After the first flush of flowers, male and female flowers will appear for bees to pollinate and cucumbers to develop.**

to two-inch layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or other organic matter over the soil surface to conserve moisture, suppress weeds and reduce the risk of soil borne diseases.

Watch for the first flush of flowers in 50 to 70 days after planting. The first set of flowers are all male flowers, so no fruit can form. Soon male and female flowers will appear for bees to pollinate and fruit to develop.

Harvest your cucumbers based on how you plan to use them. Pick when one and a half to two and a half inches long for making sweet pickles and three to four inches for dills. Harvest slicing cucumbers when the fruit is firm, green, crisp and six to eight inches long. Burpless-type cucumbers will maintain

their flavor at even larger sizes. Check the seed packet for harvesting directions.

With proper selection, planting and care you will be rewarded with an abundant harvest. So be prepared to enjoy, preserve, and share your homegrown fresh cucumbers.

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## EDITORIAL

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company, within my knowledge.”

While the British soldiers continued to search for supplies, the colonial militia was able to regroup in Concord where they later met the red coats at the North Bridge. The British were outnumbered this time and retreated to South Boston after losing several soldiers.

Some say the Shot Heard Round the World happened on the bridge in Concord, while residents in Lexington have long said the first shot to kick off the revolution took place on their green.

The phrase ‘Shot Heard Round the World’ was coined by author Ralph Waldo Emerson 62 years after the battle. His poem titled “Concord Hymn” was about the Battle of Concord.

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,  
Their flag to April’s breeze unfurled,  
Here once the embattled farmers stood,  
And fired the shot heard ’round the world

Some historians say that because the Battle of Concord was the first real American victory in the Revolutionary War, that shot, should be considered the one heard ‘round the world’. Other historians say that because the first shot took place in Lexington, that should be the famous “shot heard ‘round the world.”

In his diary, Paul Revere wrote about the battle, “I heard the report, turned my head, and saw the smoke in front of the British troops, they immediately gave a great shout, ran a few paces, and then the whole fired. I could first distinguish irregular firing, which I suppose was the advance guard, and then platoons. At the time I could not see our Militia, for they were covered from me, by a house at the bottom of the street.”

In Concord, British Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith in a report to General Thomas Gage said that the British were the first to fire in Concord, stating “While at Concord we saw vast numbers assembling in many parts; at one of the bridges they marched down, with a very considerable body, on the light infantry posted there. On their coming pretty near, one of our men fired on them, which they returned.”

The debate has continued between the towns of Concord and Lexington, as to which is the birth place of American Liberty. Even though the first shots took place in Lexington, Emerson’s ‘Shot’ was fired in Concord.

In 1875, President Ulysses S. Grant wanted to forgo attending the centennial to avoid conflict between the two towns. In 1894, the Lexington Historical Society sought to name April 19, ‘Lexington Day’ to the outright objections of Concord citizens. To ease both towns, a compromise was made where April 19 is now referred to as Patriot’s Day.



## TAKE THE HINT

KAREN  
TRAINOR

It’s obvious that some people are better shoppers than others. But the best bargain hunters are not necessarily those who have a knack for a good deal. It may be that, like any good investor, savvy shoppers know when to take action. Traditionally certain times of year are better than others to save money on particular purchases with both in store and online purchases. This week’s column will review some classic calendar sales throughout the year.

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### Groceries

Everyone has to buy groceries, but savvy shoppers know when to buy and save money all year long! Throughout the year grocery stores hold sales on specific department or aisle items, such as specials on frozen foods or soft drinks. Here are some guidelines:

Dairy: June is National Dairy Month, so look for exceptional sales on milk, cheese, ice cream and specialty dairy foods during June.

Frozen Food: Many supermarkets celebrate Frozen Food Month in March with rock bottom prices on a wide variety of frozen goods.

Canned Goods: February has been deemed National Canned Foods Month. Canned goods typically go on sale in January and February. Since canned foods can be kept for a long period of time, it pays to stock up for the whole year

on drastically reduced items.

Snacks: Late August, when kids are gearing up to go back to school, is an ideal time to stockpile snack foods and drink boxes. Lunch box fillers are at their lowest prices at this time.

Condiments: As cookout season kicks off in June, the prices of mustard, relish, ketchup, barbecue sauce, pickles and other condiments drop in price. Smart shoppers buy enough to last throughout the warm weather season.

Soft Drinks: There’s no better time to stock up on soda than around the holidays. Typically six and 12 packs will be on sale during warm weather holidays like Memorial Day and 4th of July; while two liter bottles are often on special during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Baking Products: Baking supplies such as flour and sugar, as well as cake and bread mixes, pie crusts, pudding mix, etc. are marked down in time for holiday baking. Look for sales on these items, from November through December.

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### Gas

With gas prices fluctuating on a daily basis, getting a buying edge can be a challenge. Consumer watchdogs offer the following money saving advice: Time your trip based on whether prices are rising or falling, and purchase gas during the early morning or late evening on a weekday.

The reason is gas stations typically change their prices between 10 a.m. and noon. So it makes sense to buy early in the morning to take advantage of lower prices when gas is on the rise. If gas prices are coming down, wait until later

in the day.

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### Cars and Trucks

There is much debate on when is the best time to snag a bargain on the car lot. Here is some advice on timing the best deals: Consumer pundits tout weekday mornings in September as the prime bargain time. They say since the next year’s models are in, car dealers are in a rush to move out the current year’s stock.

Others say springtime can yield the best price all year, since spring is typically a slow season for dealerships. And some penny pinchers swear shopping for a car on a rainy day can cut the price down to size. Still others claim the end of any month or the end of a yearly quarter is best, since salespeople are desperate to make quotas. Using all this information, it appears the optimum time to drive away with the best price would be a rainy weekday morning at the end of March or September.

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### Electronics

Black Friday and back to school season are the best times to snag a deal on computers and electronics. Also some computer review sites claim you can snap up a super bargain on computers and electronics if you buy just after a new model is introduced (some in January). They say prices will immediately drop on the previously best-selling model as a new one takes its place.

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### Heads Up on Monthly Sales

Want to pocket savings the whole year long? Here is a list of months, with items that are typically offered at a discount during those times.

January: Canned goods, white goods (towels, sheets, linens), appliances, Christmas items, costume jewelry, indoor plants, carpeting, shoes, furniture, toys, storewide pre-inventory sales.

February: Presidents’ Day Sales on big ticket items such as cars, trucks and furniture. Also save on sports equipment, electronics, housewares, mens clothing, canned goods. Valentine Day specials.

March: Luggage, shoes, coats, shoes, appliances, pre season garden supplies, spring bulbs.

April: Paint, wallpaper, home decor, dresses, suits, garden adornments and tools. Sales on Easter holiday foods such as ham, pies, eggs, candy, etc.

May: Fabrics, outdoor furniture, tires and auto accessories, electronics, summer sport equipment, perfume, pocketbooks. Mother’s Day specials.

June: Air conditioners, outdoor furniture, building materials, flooring, shoes, tools, Father’s Day sales.

July: Clearance summer clothing, luggage, furniture, electronics, 4th of July specials.

August: Paper goods and other back to school sales, swimwear, school clothes, electronic gadgets, bicycles, fans, clearance air conditioners, clearance summer merchandise, including grills and pool supplies.

September: Clearance garden goods, school supplies, hardware, outgoing model vehicles, china, fall fashions, fabrics.

October: Major appliances,





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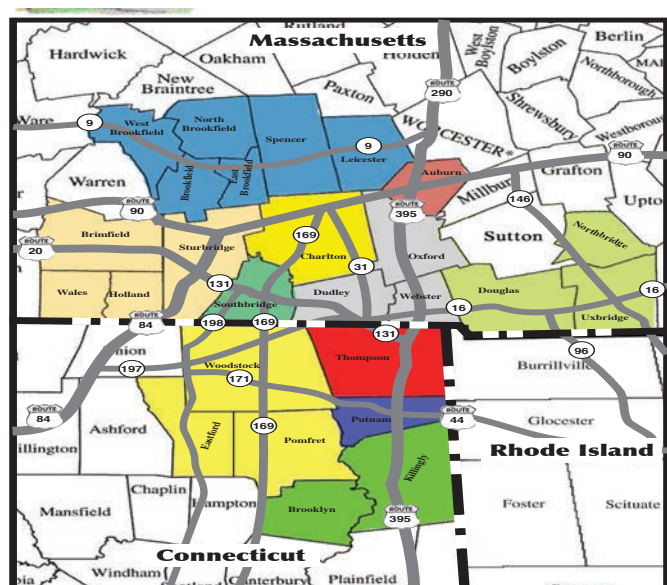
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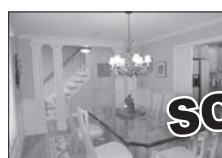
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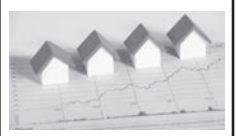
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*Grafton resident hired as Vice President  
of DiPrete Engineering's Dedham office*



## Gregg Burnett

DEDHAM — DiPrete Engineering is pleased to announce its newest team member, Gregg Burnett. Burnett, a resident of Grafton, joined the team in February and has filled the role of Vice

President of the firm's Dedham office. Burnett has over 20 years of experience in the civil engineering industry integrating infrastructure needs and strategic permitting requirements on a broad range and scale of projects; from site selection and conceptual land planning through permitting and construction.

"Gregg brings a wealth of knowledge to our firm," said Greg Guglielmo, Executive Vice President at DiPrete Engineering. "We are looking forward to adding his experience to our team as we continue to grow business in Massachusetts and beyond."

Prior to joining DiPrete, Burnett worked for GreenbergFarrow as the Civil Department Manager and before that as a Project Engineer for Brassard Design and Samiotes Consultants in Massachusetts. His focus has been on commercial, residential, and institutional sectors. Gregg earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Outside of work, Burnett enjoys golfing, skiing, and spending time at the beach with family and friends.

# Milford Federal Bank names Mortgage Loan Specialist



**Alycia McCallum**

MILFORD — Milford Federal Bank appoints Alycia McCallum to the position of Mortgage Loan Specialist.

McCallum, a native of Hopedale, is active in the Corridor 9/495 Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Milford Area Chamber of Commerce, where she received the Extra Step Award for outstanding initiative.

She brings 22 years of experience in the residential mortgage industry and will be responsible for mortgage sales in the Metro West area. She can be reached at the bank's 246 Main St., Milford office at 508-381-5242 or 774-462-2158.

Established in 1887, Milford Federal Bank has been assisting its neighbors and friends for 134 years. Serving the greater Milford and Blackstone Valley areas in Massachusetts and Northern Rhode Island, it has four conveniently located offices in Milford and Whitinsville Massachusetts and Woonsocket, R.I., and can also be found on the Internet at [MilfordFederal.com](http://MilfordFederal.com) and on Facebook.

## Jake Hamel of Uxbridge competing on Assumption's baseball team

WORCESTER — The Assumption Department of Athletics announced that Jake Hamel, of Uxbridge, was named to the roster of the 2021 Assumption Baseball team. The Greyhounds returned to action in late March.

The Assumption University baseball team ranked fourth in the Northeast-10's Northeast Division in the 2021 Preseason Coaches' Poll. The Greyhounds finished with a 5-8-1 record prior to the cancellation of spring sports, playing all of their games in North Carolina or Florida.

“Our team is beyond excited to return to the field for the 2021 season,” said eighth-year Head Baseball Coach Mike Rocco. “These student-athletes have put in tremendous work during the off-season, and are well positioned to succeed this season. Our players will continue to mind the University and NE10’s safety protocols while pursuing success both in the classroom and on the field.”

On March 11, Assumption announced the full return to competition for all spring sports programs with a number of safety protocols in place, including regular COVID-19 testing for student-athletes. Resuming participation in NE10 competition this spring is contingent upon student-athletes' com-

pliance with all COVID-19 health and safety protocols put in place by the University and the NE10 Conference. For more information, [click here](#).

For more information on Assumption athletics, visit [www.assumptiongreyhounds.com](http://www.assumptiongreyhounds.com).

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# Local student named to Dean's List at Northern Vermont University

LYNDONVILLE, Vt. — Ryan Paulino of Uxbridge was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Northern Vermont University. Students who achieve between a 3.50 and 3.99 semester average are placed on the Dean's List.

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