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BVT's Painting & Design instructor receives MVA's new teacher award

UPTON – As the Painting & Design instructor at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT), Tom Lamont, is proud to provide his students with an outstanding vocational-technical education. For Tom, that has meant incorporating high-tech training into a visually engaging curriculum for his students who are inspired and trained using a variety of techniques and tools. Those contributions and his commitment to a career in vocational and technical education have earned recognition from the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA), as the recipient of their annual New Teacher Award.

“Receiving the MVA New Teacher Award, exemplifies the determination and dedication that Tom Lamont brings to our Painting & Design program,” said Superintendent Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. “We are proud of Tom and his accomplishments, having a talented vocational-technical educator on our team, we all win.”

The MVA New Teacher

Award is given to a new teacher that exemplifies excellence in teaching in the vocational high school setting. The award includes five hundred dollars for the purchase of new supplies for the shop program. Lamont would like to give each of his students a quality artist brush set and is also exploring the addition of a Virtual Reality Headset to enhance the experience of the Interior Design Program and Freshman Exploratory.

“I love teaching in the vocational high school setting,” said Lamont. “I had a vocational-technical education and have had similar opportunities and experiences that my students now have in front of them. My children have experienced the quality of vocational-technical education at BVT. My son Chad graduated in 2018 and is now an electrical apprentice, and my daughter, Abigail, will graduate from our Culinary Arts program with the Class of 2020.”

“We have an opportunity to do some amazing things every day at BVT,” said Lamont. “We’ve had students compete at SkillsUSA Nationals in Louisville, KY win gold.



Tom Lamont

As the Environmental Club Advisor, we collected and recycled 650 pounds of single-use plastic bags, which earned our students an invitation and recognition at the State House. Multiple national trade magazines have published articles highlighting the efforts and technological advancements of our shop. Through our co-op program, we have placed students in full-time jobs within our trade area. Our students serve our District communities through their work on Eagle Scout projects, Gold Awards, sign production for churches and non-profit organizations, as well as continue to support our veteran groups with painting and sign projects.”

During his rela-

tively short time at BVT, Lamont has managed to volunteer for just about everything, Environmental Club, Ski Club, SkillsUSA, Prom, NTHS, Summer Painting Program, and the list goes on. Lamont said, “It has taken a significant change in my personal and professional life and a lot of work to get to where I am today. But I get an incredible amount in return, rewarded with amazing students, and supported by a fantastic school community that feels like family.”

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School

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Uxbridge named in national ‘Best High School’ report

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UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge High School has recently been named as a 2020 Best High School based on rankings published by U.S. News & World Report.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frank Tiano said that more than 24,000 public high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia were reviewed and 18,000 were

ranked. The information presented in the Best High Schools rankings is for the 2017-2018 academic year and is collected from independent third parties such as the U.S. Department of Education, The College Board, and official state assessment data.

“Our educators and staff do not do the work that they do for rankings or recognition; they do it for the students and the families of Uxbridge,” Dr. Tiano said.

“However, it is exciting and cause for a brief celebration to have our work and continued efforts validated by a national publication.”

According to this report, Uxbridge High School is ranked 4,412 nationally and 120 in Massachusetts, among the top 25 percent of all schools in the country.

Uxbridge High School Principal Michael Rubin has been at the

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Northbridge announces new date Town Meeting, election

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NORTHBRIDGE — The town of Northbridge has announced that the Spring Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, at 7 p.m. in the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium.

The meeting was originally scheduled for May 5, but was postponed due to the “ongoing battle against the pandemic brought on by COVID-19, and in order to continue to promote the health and safety of the residents and the community,” according to town officials.

The town will be exploring possible social distancing protocols and health and safety provisions that may be deemed necessary. In order to comply with the legislation, the town is first continuing the Town Meeting for the maximum 30-day period and will again do so at the end of May, to allow for the postponed Town Meeting to occur on June 23, Northbridge released in a statement. Information regarding the Annual Town Meeting—including the Warrant and Finance Committee Booklet—can be found at the town’s Web site, www.northbridgemass.org.

“The Town will continue to monitor the pandemic’s impact and the safety of residents. If it is necessary to postpone the Spring Annual Town Meeting beyond June 23rd, future notice will be provided,” the statement reads.

In addition, the Board of Selectmen have postponed the Annual Town Election that was originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 19. The new date will be Tuesday, June 30, at the normal location of the Northbridge High School Field House. Information regarding the Annual Town Election, including the sample ballot and absentee ballot provisions, can also be found at the town’s website.

The Board of Selectmen have also adopted the local option to extend the due date for real and personal property tax payments from May 1 to June 1.

While Town Hall Offices remain closed to the public, payment options include: mailing a check to the Treasurer/Collector at 7 Main St., Whitinsville, MA 01588; utilizing the Drop Box at the Rear of Town Hall at 7 Main Street, Whitinsville; electronic Payments using the online payment link located on the Treasurer/Collector’s Web site at www.northbridgemass.org/treasurercollector.

“The health and safety of our residents is the first priority of Town Officials. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we seek to continue to provide services and plan for necessary Town voter actions during this time.”

New order requires use of face coverings

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REGION — A recent order will now require Massachusetts residents to use masks or face coverings in public places where they cannot socially distance from others, including both indoor and outdoor spaces.

The Baker-Polito Administration issued the order and also announced expanded community health center

Covid-19 testing capacity at centers through the state.

According to the order, all residents over the age of two are required to use a face covering or mask in public places where maintaining proper social distancing measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 are not possible. This statewide order went into effect on May 6 and supersedes previously issued guidance relative to mask use.

The order applies to all workers and customers of businesses and other organizations that are currently open to the public and permitted to operate as Covid-19 Essential Businesses, including grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retail stores, state officials said. Residents are also required to wear a mask or face covering at all times when using any means of transportation service or public mass

transit.

As defined by the order, a face covering may include anything that covers your nose and mouth, such as a mask, scarf, or bandana. Health care masks should not be used and should be preserved for health care workers and first responders. Cloth masks should not be worn by young children under the age of two, persons with

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SENIORS ON PARADE

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Uxbridge native receives promotion at Sheriff's Department

WEST BOYLSTON — Worcester County Sheriff Law Evangelidis has announced Assistant Deputy Superintendent Christopher Brothers, a 25 year veteran of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office, has received a major promotion to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Operations. As Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Brothers will be responsible for the daily security operations of the entire correctional facility, which can house up to eleven hundred male inmates and will also be charged with overseeing all correctional staff, monitoring inmate activity and ensuring the safety of both staff and inmates.

Brothers' promotion announced by Evangelidis is effective immediately. Assistant Superintendent Brothers was most recently assigned as a Deputy of Training and Medium A Operations.

In 1995, Brothers started his career with the Worcester County Sheriff's Department and was promoted to

Sergeant in October of 2005, Lieutenant in July, 2009 and promoted to Captain in April of 2014. In October of 2015, Sheriff Evangelidis promoted him to Assistant Deputy Superintendent of the Training Department, where he oversaw operations including the hands-on training of all Basic Recruit Training Academies required for all new correctional officers.

"Throughout his impressive career at WCSO, Assistant Superintendent Brothers has demonstrated the leadership, sound judgment and professionalism that is a model for all of our staff," said Sheriff Evangelidis. "His ability to not only solve problems, but more importantly in the world of corrections, anticipate and prevent security issues, will undoubtedly help keep all of the staff and inmates at WCSO safe."

Assistant Superintendent Christopher Brothers obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Syracuse University and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Westfield State



Christopher Brothers

University. He is a native of Uxbridge, and now resides in Millbury.

Faith Adam of Uxbridge inducted into Mortar Board at UA

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Faith Adam of Uxbridge was inducted into the Mortar Board honor society at The University of Alabama's virtual Tapping on the Mound ceremony April 10.

Mortar Board is the premier national honor society recognizing college seniors for superior achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. The University of Alabama's Hypatia Chapter is one of the oldest chapters in the nation. Only a select few students on each campus are invited to join this esteemed Society. Mortar Board members are presented with the opportunity to join a diverse group of students from vastly different disciplines and interests.

The University of Alabama, the state's oldest and largest public institution of higher education, is a student-centered research university that draws the best and brightest to an academic community committed to providing a premier undergraduate and graduate education. UA is dedicated to achieving excellence in scholarship, collaboration and intellectual engagement; providing public outreach and service to the state of Alabama and the nation; and nurturing a campus environment that fosters collegiality, respect and inclusivity.

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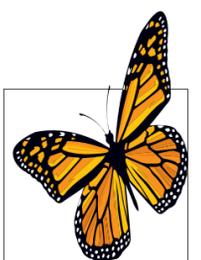
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How to exercise during the pandemic

Life changed overnight for millions of people across the globe in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, which shuttered businesses and forced many people to follow stay-at-home measures issued by their local governments. These measures not only affected the overall health of those infected with the virus, but also those who experienced no symptoms and even tested negative for COVID-19.

In recognition of the mental toll that social distancing and stay-at-home measures can take, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised people to exercise regularly. But opportunities to exercise seemingly dried up when stay-at-home guidelines were issued and gyms were shuttered. People without exercise equipment at home suddenly found themselves wondering

how they could stay fit and keep their bodies in the best possible condition to fight a virus that has claimed thousands of lives. Thankfully, there are ways to stay fit and keep immune systems strong without violating stay-at-home measures.

• Access online exercise programs. Many gyms that were forced to close to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus began offering exercise tutorials and classes via social media or websites such as YouTube. These videos can be invaluable resources, teaching people how to stay fit at home even if they don't have weights or other equipment on hand. In addition to gym-sponsored exercise tutorials, the internet is loaded with free exercise videos and advice that can help people without access to a gym get fit or maintain their fitness routines.

• Go back to the basics. Many people no doubt recall gym class from their school days. Such classes teach youngsters the basics of physical fitness without employing dumbbells or advanced exercise machines. Those same basic exercises that work for youngsters, including push-ups, sit-ups and lunges, can be effective for adults as well. If it's been awhile since you've done your most recent push-up, access an online tutorial so you can be certain your form is correct.

• Do some yard work. It might not feel as high-intensity as a spinning class or a Pilates session, but yard work can be a great workout. Dust off the push mower the next time the grass needs to be cut, and get to work on pulling weeds in garden beds. The added benefit to yard work is it provides a great opportunity



to get some fresh air without violating social distancing guidelines.

• Go for a jog. Perhaps the simplest way to exercise during the pandemic is to go for a daily jog. According to the Mayo Clinic, aerobic exercise repeatedly moves large

muscles in the arms, legs and hips while engaging the immune system and helping it to ward off minor viral illnesses. That makes an early morning jog an especially valuable, not to mention easily accessible, way to exercise during

the pandemic.

Exercise can help people maintain their immune systems in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, and there are many simple ways to fit in a little physical activity even while social distancing.

How to avoid spreading illnesses at home



Family companionship together with loved ones is an important component of daily life. However, when an illness affects one person of the household, that highly coveted closeness can put others at risk.

Infectious diseases are equal opportunity hitchhikers.

Should a person be waylaid by influenza, strep throat, mononucleosis, or COVID-19, casual contact may be all it takes to pass the illness to someone else. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that COVID-19 is primarily spread from person-to-person among people who are in close

contact with one another (within about six feet). Respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby or possibly be inhaled through the lungs. Other viruses and bacteria spread from contact

with contaminated surfaces or objects and then touching one's own mouth, nose or possibly the eyes.

Keeping household members safe when one person is ill can be challenging, but it is possible. These steps can help keep everyone in a household safe, particularly from virulent diseases.

• Wash your hands. This is the most effective way to prevent the spread of germs. As frequently as possible, wash your hands, but especially after touching frequently used items or before and after preparing and eating food.

• Disinfect surfaces. Target areas that are frequently touched by all members of the household. Such surfaces include doorknobs, stairway railings, bathroom and kitchen faucets, the refrigerator door, light switches, and cabinet knobs. Make sure to keep the disinfectant visibly wet on the surface for the "dwell time" recommended on the label instructions to fully kill the germs.

• Consider color coding. Use microfiber cloths, which

don't harbor germs like porous sponges do, with different colors for cleaning each room of the house to prevent the spread of germs from one area to another.

• Keep your distance. Sick individuals should stay away from others as much as possible. Now might be the time to use a guest bedroom for spouses who normally share a bed. Designate a separate bathroom for healthy individuals. Do not touch hands, hug or kiss others while you are ill. Kaiser Foundation Health Plans also suggests hygiene techniques like coughing or sneezing into a tissue or sleeve to trap the virus.

• Use personal bath towels. Do not share towels and linens with others while sick. Now is the time for a personal bath towel or bathrobe for showering and drying hands, offers Meridian Health.

It can be difficult to avoid spreading disease when one member of a household is sick. But with proper hygiene and diligence, illnesses can be contained.

Explaining clinical trials

Over the last several decades, survival rates for many types of cancers have improved dramatically. Much of that improvement can be traced to the tireless efforts of cancer researchers and the organizations and donors who fund their research.

According to the National Institutes of Health, there are two types of clinical research: observational studies and clinical trials. Observational studies observe people in normal settings, and during these studies, researchers gather information, group volunteers according to broad characteristics and compare changes over time. Observational studies sometimes help researchers discover new opportunities for clinical trials, which are research studies that aim to evaluate medical, surgical or behavioral interventions. Clinical studies are often how researchers learn if new drugs and treatments are safe and effective.

Clinical trials are somewhat routine, though they tend to capture the attention of the general public during public health crises. For example, much attention was paid to clinical trials during the

recent COVID-19 outbreak as researchers hurried to develop a vaccine for the novel coronavirus.

Cancer researchers utilize clinical trials to advance treatments and as part of ongoing efforts to find a cure for all types of cancer. In the United States, these trials must go through various phases as outlined by the Federal Drug Administration. During these phases, treatments are tested and researchers try to find appropriate dosages while also documenting any potential side effects. A clinical trial must go through three phases before a drug can be approved for use.

• Phase I: A phase I clinical trial tests an experimental treatment on a small group of people, typically healthy people between the ages of 20 and 80. Phase I aims to judge the safety of a treatment and find any side effects while also determining dosage.

• Phase II: More people are typically needed for a phase II clinical trial, which may require as many as 300 participants. The NIH notes that a goal of phase II trials is to obtain data regarding the effec-

tiveness of the drug on people who have certain diseases or conditions. Safety, particularly in regard to short-term side effects, also is studied during a phase II trial, which can last for several years.

• Phase III: Different populations and different dosages are studied during phase III trials, which may require the participation of several hundred, if not thousands, of people. Positive results during a phase III trial typically result in FDA approval.

Once a drug is approved by the FDA, a phase IV trial is conducted to study the effectiveness and safety among large, diverse populations. The NIH notes that the side effects of a drug may not become clear until more people are studied over very long periods of time, which is why drugs are often studied even after they're approved by the FDA.

Information about participating in clinical trials in the United States can be found at www.nih.gov, while Canadians interested in learning more about cancer trials can visit www.canadiancancertrials.ca.

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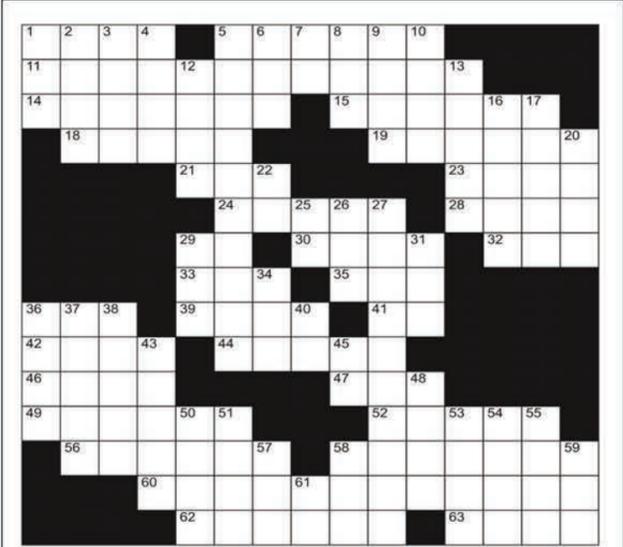
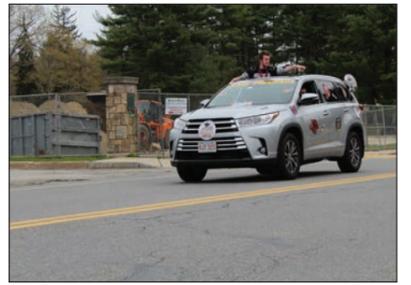
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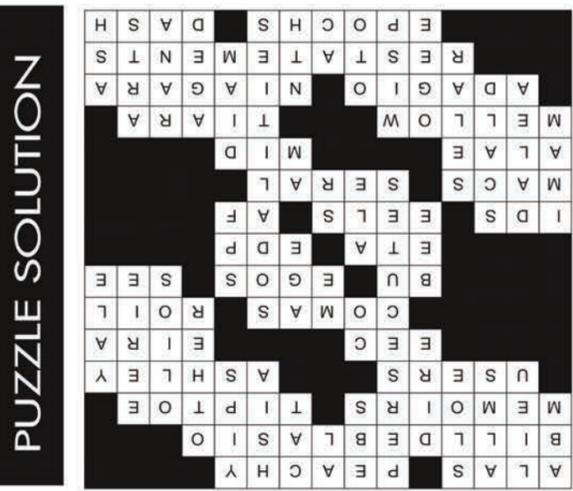


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- 5. Not bad
- 11. NYC Mayor
- 14. Essays
- 15. Walk lightly
- 18. Those who utilize
- 19. Actress Judd
- 21. One-time community of nations
- 23. Norwegian river
- 24. Unconscious states
- 28. Make muddy
- 29. Unit of volume
- 30. Consciousnesses
- 32. Envision
- 33. When you aim to get there
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports are some
- 39. Snakelike fish
- 41. Military flyers (abbr.)
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Ecological stage
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Princess's headgear
- 56. Musical composition
- 58. Famed Falls
- 60. Reiterations
- 62. Eras
- 63. Track event

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
- 2. Instead
- 3. Gifts for the poor
- 4. A type of gin
- 5. Torments
- 6. One point south of due east
- 7. Actor Pacino
- 8. Feline
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. Short cries for help
- 12. Straits can sometimes be this
- 13. Further
- 16. Variety shows
- 17. Supernatural
- 20. A university in Connecticut
- 22. Atomic #27
- 25. Of I
- 26. We all have one
- 27. Religious guilds
- 29. This can sting
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Religious leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Jr.'s father
- 43. Ray-finned fish genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Straight line passing from side to side (abbr.)
- 50. S-shaped line
- 51. Small bunch of hay
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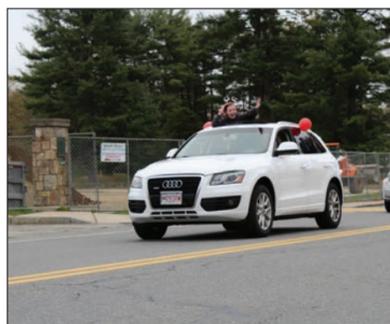
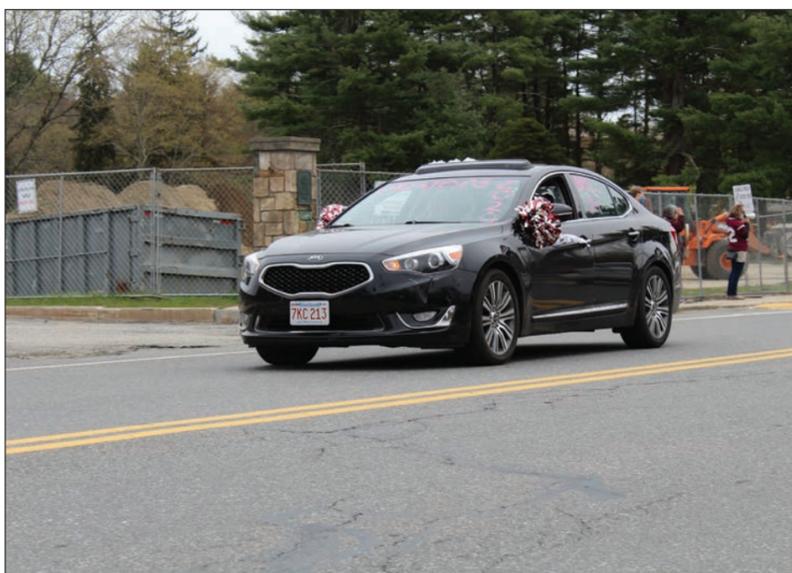
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A few days this past week sure felt as though winter was returning. Hopefully, this coming week's weather will be a lot better. Even with the cold wet and snowy & windy weather, many ground nesting birds successfully hatched their young. A couple pairs of Canadian geese managed to have their young at a local Rod & Gun club. One pair had five goslings and the other pair had four. Every day that goes by gives the young birds a better chance for survival. Snakes and turtles are there largest threat in the water, and fox, coyote, Fisher cat, hawks, and owls, and bobcats are predators that often take their toll on newly hatched goslings.

A picture of a great horned owl was observed by Don Danforth recently in his back yard, and this week's photo of

the bird was captured by him a few weeks ago. This writer has a pair of Red Tail hawks flying over my property daily, and are fun to watch as they do different maneuvers in the sky directly overhead. One bird would fly extremely high and then cup his wings dropping real fast to its mate below. They sure are taking care of the squirrel population in my area. No problems at my bird

feeders this year! It will not be long before extremely large snapping turtles start to leave their watery environment to lay their eggs along many river banks, and local residents back yards. They can cause serious harm to anyone that comes to close, especially young children. Someone losing a finger or two happens every year by these turtles, especially this year with a lot of people enjoying walks along trails and river banks.

A lot of people need to be reminded to leave all wildlife alone, if they encounter them on their daily walks. Young deer are often encountered by trail walkers at this time of year. They may

seem alone, but the mother of the young deer is often not far off.

Some real impressive tautog were caught by local anglers like the one in last week's column of William Toner in Long Island Sound with his 10 pound tog. Sorry I forgot to identify the angler last week. I must be getting old. Nice fish!

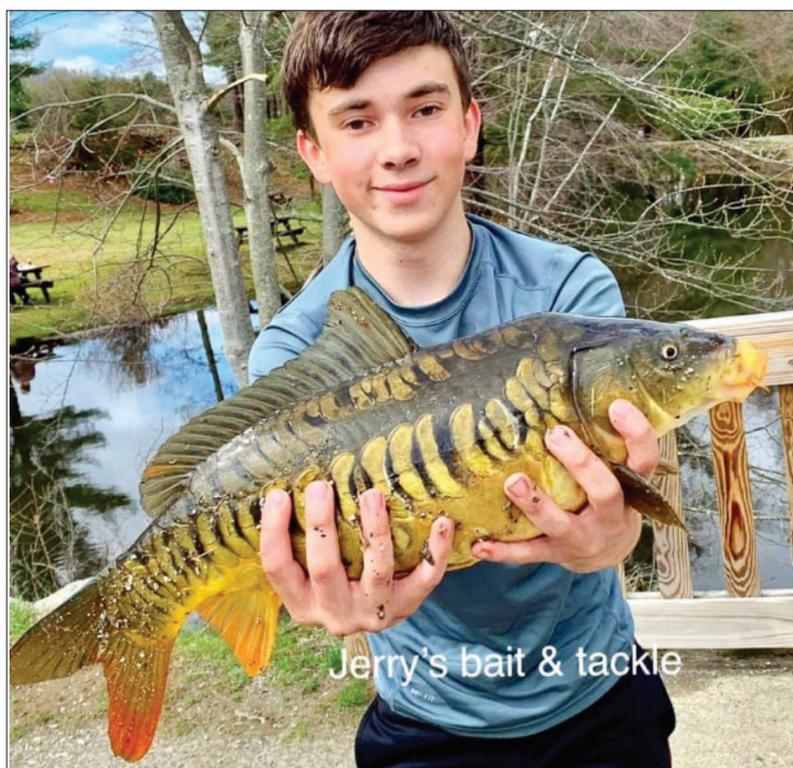
Wild turkey hunting is coming to an end on May 23, this year in Massachusetts. It was not the best of weather for turkey hunter's but many large toms were harvested. Numerous turkey hunters had already harvested there two bird's by last week, and reported encountering a lot of young birds. It was a crazy season this year, with birds scattered all over the place, but if you could walk, finding a big tom to harvest was not hard.

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Waterfowl 2020-2021 regulations are out and can be found on the Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Web site. Many waterfowl hunters were surprised by the new regulation allowing veterans a special two-day hunt on waterfowl. The new special veterans' waterfowl hunting days are Oct. 3 & Jan. 30, which are prior to the regular opening days for the season dates. I thought it was great. The early Canada goose season in Massachusetts starts on Sept. 8 this year.

This week's picture of Yair Tufeld with his six pound, 10 ounce brown trout from Ashland Reservoir was a real nice fish. Anglers continue to catch some real nice rainbow trout from numerous bodiess of water in the valley.

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Estate of:
Colleen M Labelle
Date of Death: 03/02/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Cynthia L Duclos of Fort Myers Beach FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Cynthia L Duclos of Fort Myers Beach FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/07/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 1, 2020
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Raymond Beaudoin of Northbridge MA** and **Valerie Dube of Chepachet RI** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that **Raymond**

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 4, 2020
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Division
Docket No. W018P0559EA
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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Paul L Brigham, Esquire of Framingham MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Paul L Brigham, Esquire of Framingham MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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EDITORIAL

The making of Mother's Day

Another Mother's Day has come and gone, and this year's was certainly different as far as celebrations go. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, traditional Mother's Day luncheons or brunches did not take place. Mothers living in long term care facilities replaced in person visits with zoom or telephone calls. From what we can see, most everyone has made the best of the situation.

We would like to recognize the fact that today, "mother" is increasingly becoming a word that could also apply to a father, aunts, uncles, grandparents and other family members who, for one reason or another, step in to that role as single parents or careivers. To those people, we wish you a happy Mother's Day as well. With that being said, motherhood should be celebrated. Our children bring out the best in us and sometimes the worst, however at the end of the day the bond between most mothers and children is one that is stronger than anything we can describe.

Interesting is the fact that the creator of the holiday, Anna Jarvis, in 1908 fought to remove the day from the calendar after it became overly commercialized. Mother's Day was officially placed on the calendar in 1914 by President Woodrow Wilson. Mothers were to wear white carnations given to them by their children and presented with other gifts.

The ancient Greeks, along with the Romans, held festivals to honor mother goddesses Cybele and Rhea. In more recent history the Christians called it 'Mothering Sunday.' Across the Atlantic Ocean, the holiday fell on the fourth Sunday during Lent and every mother was expected to return home to their 'mother church' to attend a Mother's Day service.

Ann Jarvis (the mother of Anna Jarvis), along with Julia Ward Howe, held special classes in West Virginia during the early 19th century to teach women how to care for their youngsters. In the year 1868, Jarvis put together a 'Mothers Friendship Day' where mothers would socialize with former Union and Confederate soldiers in helps to create reunification.

Howe penned a 'Mother's Day' Proclamation in 1870 in which she asked mothers across the country to help promote world peace. Three years later, Howe was pushing to have a 'Mother's Peace Day' celebrated on June 2 annually. In Michigan, Mary Towles Sasseen and Frank Hering worked together to organize the holiday into the 20th century.

In 1905, Anna Jarvis lost her mother Ann. The grieving daughter looked to honor the sacrifices her mother made for her by celebrating Mother's Day and hoped other children would do the same.

The first big celebration took place in 1908 in West Virginia, where a business owner named John Wanamaker held an event at a church to honor motherhood. That same day in Philadelphia thousands attended a sister store of Wanamakers to celebrate as well.

In 1970, Coretta Scott King, wife of Martin Luther King, Jr., used the holiday to bring awareness to underprivileged women and children. In Thailand, Mother's Day is celebrated in August on the birthday of the current queen. In Ethiopia each fall, a big feast along with music is held over the course of a few days to celebrate motherhood. A fun fact, is that more phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A thank you to our Harrington community

To the Editor:

Despite the constant flow of news and information about the novel coronavirus and the worldwide pandemic it has spawned, it can still be challenging to describe the enormity and complexity of the situation before us. It requires that we all make personal decisions – sometimes at great sacrifice – to limit risk to the most vulnerable among us and avoid the collapse of our healthcare system.

In a career that spans over 40 years in healthcare, I have never experienced a time like this. Despite the fact that we are required to be physically distant from one another, I have never felt such a powerful spirit of unity and connectedness within our community.

As a community healthcare system, we have always had a special responsibility to our local residents. Because the healthcare environment is so challenging and ever-changing, we have had to make difficult decisions about where to focus our resources, sometimes reducing or closing services that we can no longer provide in a financially sustainable way. But we have always done so with an eye towards assuring our long-term ability to serve as a local and reliable critical healthcare provider.

It was this dedication that drove our strategic decision to be acquired by the UMass Memorial Health Care System; assuring that we could maintain our position as a health care partner and safety net for our community. Little did we know that a completely different challenge would be before us in a matter of weeks.

The Harrington HealthCare team has always based our decisions, both large and small, on how we can continue to make our community healthier and safer. Today, we are seeing that commitment return to us in spades. Our departments work seamlessly to ensure compassionate quality care. That is why we have received our 14th "Grade A" in LeapFrog Group's spring 2020 Hospital Report.

I couldn't be more proud of the way every single member of our team – from front line clinicians to support staff – has pulled together to plan for and face the coronavirus in our community. Everyone has contributed to assure that

Harrington HealthCare facilities will continue to be safe accessible resources. Across all floors and units of our hospital campuses, in offices and satellite locations, we have been a resource for safe testing and have created protocols to limit the spread of infection while caring for our community. This is the power of local healthcare.

We are heartened by the outpouring of support we have received from our community. We have long known that all of our employees are "Harrington Heroes;" and we are so glad to know that you see it too. Not only do we greatly appreciate donations of food supplies, homemade masks, and other personal protective equipment (thank you!), we are also so encouraged and motivated that in a time of global challenge you are thinking of us. This knowledge is particularly meaningful as we celebrate our staff in observance of Hospital Week this week. We also had the opportunity to honor our Nurses during National Nurses Week the previous week. A special thank you to MAPFRE Insurance Group who went above and beyond to make our nurses and staff feel extra special by delivering dedicated treats, signs and snacks. It is truly remarkable to see the outpouring of support from our community.

We urge the public not to delay seeking care out of fear that they may contract the COVID-19 virus at a healthcare facility. Extensive infection control measures have always been in place at HHS and additional measures aimed specifically at preventing the spread of COVID-19 have also been in place since early March.

Our goal right now is to assure everyone that they can safely access care for all emergency, urgent and chronic care needs, and to remind them that they should also continue to receive routine care through in-office visits and Telehealth appointments where possible.

We at Harrington are doing our part to help you, and we thank you for doing your part to help us. We will get through these trying times. When we do, we will never forget that it was by working together; healthcare and community, that we beat this pandemic.

BY ED MOORE
PRESIDENT AND CEO
HARRINGTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

If there was ever a time for radical optimism, it is now

Be optimistic. Get excited. Great things are on the brink of occurring. Positive shifts in paradigms are happening. Be open and embrace the future. From the ashes of a pandemic, incredible and positive change can occur. Be open!

Our nation has always responded positively and with overwhelming optimism to any challenge. When looking back at the history of World War II, you see how lives changed overnight and factories building cars one day were turning out tanks and airplanes the next. From the tragedy of Pearl Harbor emerged the greatest and most powerful nation in history. Democracy spread like wildfire and the world has never been the same. I believe that something positive and similar will happen because of this pandemic.

Look at General Motors. One day, they were turning out cars, and 40 days later they are turning out respirators. Look at the multitudes of company's and everyday people sewing masks. Americans are always up to the challenge. Americans have a history of radical optimism that inspires nations and people around the globe.

I keep hearing people ask, "Will things ever get back to normal?" And my response is "maybe there's a new and improved normal coming. Many have commented that they like having their groceries delivered. I embrace the idea that other than emergencies, I can visit my Doctor on my phone or laptop and not have to go into the office. I think we have all become more deliberate at keeping in touch with relatives and loved ones that live in distant places via Facetime, Zoom and other group meeting programs. Yes, some are commenting that we are becoming germophobic, but shouldn't we all wash our hands more and practice social distancing when we have a cold or flu? Being aware of the various ways to protect ourselves and others is a healthy thing.

My friend Judith Salitore wrote to me and said, "Radical optimism is having a dedication ... a commitment to always trying to find the good in every situation and not remaining on the side of defeat, hate or negativism in your life or experience." She also sent this quote from the Athenian historian, Thucydides. "The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them. Glory and danger alike,



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and notwithstanding. Go out to meet it."

My point is simple. If there was ever a time for bravery, vision, and radical optimism, it is now. Many people look only at the negatives that come from change. Sure, I can sit and point at a few obvious negatives but what good comes of complaining? Let us instead focus on the positive and embrace the good that comes from hard or difficult times.

I believe this pandemic has uncovered many weaknesses and cracks in our nation's foundation. Now exposed, we can positively fix them.

I believe turning over the manufacturing of our pharmaceuticals to China was a national security risk that has been exposed. We should expect and demand it return within our nation and control, and I believe it will. We cannot allow our basic health and wellbeing be held hostage by a foreign government.

We've learned that some of our high-tech firms are sharing information in China that puts us all at risk. This is something we the people must demand comes to an end. In the name of business, we cannot allow our companies to sell the safety of our people off for financial gain.

I believe the World Health Organization has been exposed to be either inept or corrupt.

Make no mistake. We need a global health organization of some kind but not one that is politicized and run with extreme bias and mismanagement.

Acknowledging these weaknesses, and others, is a positive, if we recognize them and act to make the positive and necessary changes. We are up to the challenge.

I'm confident in the human spirit and our ability to overcome the greatest obstacles. We will survive this pandemic, then thrive.

Be optimistic about our future. Why expect gloom and doom? Sure, we have a rough road ahead, but that road leads us to a bright future and greater times.

I'm a radical optimist. Will you join me?
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What can investors learn from cyclists?

May is National Bike Month. Of course, millions of Americans enjoy biking, so there's reason to celebrate. But even if you're not much of a rider, you can apply some of the guidelines and lessons of bicycling to other areas of your life – such as investing.

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Consider some of these ideas for a spin:

Tune up your portfolio. When bicyclists tune up their bikes, they adjust their brakes, clean and lubricate the chain, tighten nuts and bolts, and check the tire pressure, among other tasks. Such a tune-up keeps their bikes running smoothly and reduces the chances for breakdowns. And by "tuning up" your investment portfolio, you can help it stay in line with your goals and risk tolerance, while also preparing it for a "breakdown" in the financial markets, in the form of sharp downturns. To tune up your portfolio, look for ways to increase diversification, which can help reduce the effects of volatility, and watch for investments that may have chronically under-performed or are no longer suitable for your risk tolerance. You might be better off selling these and using the proceeds to invest in new opportunities.

Know when to shift gears. Bicyclists move into higher or lower gears in response to changing road conditions and elevations. As an investor, you, too, may need to "shift gears" or adjust your investment strategy when your personal financial environment changes. So, for example, in the years immediately preceding your retirement, you may want to move some – but certainly not all – of your investment dollars from growth-oriented vehicles to income-producing ones. That way, you can lock in some of the gains you may have achieved while lowering your portfolio's overall risk level. This is important, because once you reach retirement and you need to start withdrawing from your retirement accounts – which essentially means liquidating some of your investments – you don't want to worry too much about having to sell when prices are down. However, keep in mind that, even during retirement, you'll need some growth potential in your holdings to help yourself stay ahead of inflation.

Protect yourself. Smart bicyclists always wear their helmets – they know that an unexpected bump in the road could cause a dangerous spill. And on the journey toward financial security for yourself and your family, you can also expect that some hard knocks could come your way – which is why you need the proper protection. To safeguard your family in case anything should happen to you, you must have the appropriate amount of life insurance. And to help ensure your financial independence – and avoid becoming a potential burden to your grown children – you may want to consider some type of long-term care coverage, which can help cover many of the costs of a lengthy nursing home stay. You could choose a long-term care insurance policy or a "hybrid" policy, which combines long-term care protection with the death benefit of traditional life insurance. A financial advisor can recommend the option that's most suitable for your needs.

You may want to observe National Bike Month by taking a few rides yourself. But in any case, making these cycling-inspired moves can help you keep rolling along toward your financial goals.

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Get maximum yield from minimal garden space

Growing on a deck or balcony is a great way to bring the garden to your backdoor. You can attract butterflies and hummingbirds into easy view and grow edibles within close reach when cooking. For some, it may be the only available space to garden.



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the abundant harvest of forty 3- to 4-inch fruits. Put away the peeler, slice and enjoy these smooth seedless cucumbers.

Be sure to include a few tomatoes. Apple Yellow's fruit are shaped like a small apple, colorful and ornamental. You'll have plenty to enjoy as each plant can produce up to 1,000 tomatoes. These bright lemon-yellow tomatoes have a sweet citrusy flavor and firm exterior, making them perfect for stuffing.

Grow some flowers for added color and don't forget the herbs. You'll enjoy the evening fragrance of Perfume Deep purple nicotiana, the bold leaves and bright orange flowers of South Pacific Orange canna and the vibrant red flowers of Holi Scarlet zinnia. Mix in a few of your favor-

ite herbs to add texture and color to the garden and flavor to your meals.

These All America Selections (AAS) winning varieties (all-americanselections.org) are tested nationally for their flavor, beauty, and performance in home gardens. This non-profit trialing organization names only new, non-GMO varieties as winners.

Gardening on decks and balconies offer many advantages, but also a few challenges. Winds can be brutal, toppling over or launching tall, leafy plants into flight. Use a heavier pot to help anchor plants or tether the container to a post or railing mounted on the deck or balcony.

Drainage is critical to container gardening success but can be a problem when you inadvertently shower your neighbor below when watering your plants. Consider using a self-watering container and be careful not to overfill the water reservoir.

Another solution is to place containers on a

saucer to capture excess water instead of allowing it to seep to the deck or balcony below. Elevate the pot in the saucer with a commercial or homemade device. You'll be able to monitor the water level to avoid overflows and keep the pot above the water to prevent root rot.

With proper plant selection and adjustments in your gardening style, get ready to enjoy a season full of tasty vegetables and gorgeous flowers.

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Grow pole beans, like the Seychelles, up a trellis to get the most out of your available space and make harvesting easier.

Garden Folklore: Old Wive's Tales or Trusted Truisms?

Farmers have long relied on legendary advice to guide them through a successful harvest season. Steeped in tradition and oftentimes superstition, many of these "rules" of farming continue to serve the modern gardener well. From upping the odds of successful planting to ensuring a bountiful harvest, this week's column examines the validity of some common garden folklore.

Old Wives Tale: Planting rusty nails in the garden can be beneficial.

TRUE: But not for the reason you might think. While people assume rusty nails will replace lack of iron in soil, the jury is still out on that. As experts continue to debate the subject, a Wayne State University finding reveals rusty nails had the ability to help "clean up" soil contaminates in city gardens. According to a published report from Environmental Pollution, Geologist Jeffrey L. Howard discovered soils in demolition areas of manufacturing that that were contaminated by lead and other heavy metals (from industry waste, paints, gasoline, etc.), benefited from the rusty nails (and cement) left behind. When the nails and cement broke down, the resulting iron oxide from the nails (and calcium carbonate from the cement) bound to the lead, preventing it from leaving the soil.

Old Wives Tale: It is good luck to find a black snake in the garden.

TRUE: Black snakes can serve as valuable predators of an array of garden pests - which can result in a successful harvest.

Old Wives Tale: A fire brings a lucky harvest.

FALSE: Old beliefs from Germanic, Slav and Celtic tribes include celebrating the summer solstice with huge bonfires, which were thought to boost the energy of the sun therefore boosting productivity of plants.

Today, the tradition of harvest bonfires continue, but are typically symbolic to show gratitude for a bountiful harvest season.

Old Wives Tale: When a farmer plows up a turtle shell it indicates a bountiful harvest season.

TRUE: With box turtles depending on animal matter for 60% of its diet, the reptiles feast on such garden pests as slugs, grubs, snails, flies and more, thereby aiding in the success of crops.

Old Wives Tale: Planting a lone mum in the vegetable garden helps veggies grow lush.

TRUE: In the sense that the chrysanthemum acts as an irrigation indicator. Because the flower wilts before other plants when water is needed, it'll act as a red flag to tell you to irrigate. Cucumbers can also act as flags because they are the first to droop during a dry spell.

Old Wives Tale: Squash and Melons should never be planted near flowering plants.

TRUE: Because squash and melons rely on bees be pollinated, planting them near other flowering plants can result in competition for pollinators.

Old Wives Tale: Four O'Clocks (flowers) kill Japanese Beetles.

TRUE: While Four O'Clocks bear beautiful blooms, they can be deadly to Japanese Beetles. The foliage is poisonous to the garden pests, therefore planting the flowers around the perimeter of plants that are at risk for the pests acts as a deterrent.

Note: Four O'Clocks are also poisonous to children and pets so be very careful where you plant them.

Old Wives Tale: Adding Epsom salts to the soil is good for a garden.

FALSE: While some gardeners swear an elixir of Epsom salts help their plants flourish, experts report most garden soils are not low in magnesium, so the salts are an unnecessary pollutant.

Old Wives Tale: Pepper plants should always be planted near rocks.

TRUE: Pepper plants thrive on heat, so it can be beneficial to place large rocks next to your green pepper plants to attract the sunlight.



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Old Wives Tale: Toss cooking water into the garden for lush plants.

TRUE: Cooks from days of yore never wasted anything and the water that vegetables and pasta was cooked in was no exception. It makes sense that the vitamins and minerals in the water would be beneficial to growing plants.

Farm & Garden Superstitions
Farm and garden superstitions of days gone by often carried over into everyday life. Even the day one spies the first spring flower is an omen, as the following rhyme attests:

Monday means good fortune,
Tuesday means greatest attempts will be successful,
Wednesday means marriage,
Thursday means warning of small profits,
Friday means wealth,
Saturday means misfortune,
Sunday means excellent luck for weeks."

More garden lore:

*Finding one pea in a pod is considered lucky.

*If one discovers two shoots from a single cabbage root, good luck will be bestowed.

*Looking for a little luck? Place sprigs of basil in the four corners of your house at the beginning of the planting season.

*Basil is a lucky herb. It is said to bring love and wealth to those who

have Basil in the garden.

*Cursing while you plant parsley evidently ensures flourishing plants!

*It was claimed lettuce can reduce labor pains

*Both onions and chili pepper were hung up over doorways to ward off evil.

*A row of tomatoes ripening on the windowsill is said to have the power to ward off evil.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

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

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

Local students graduate from University of Tampa

TAMPA, Fla. — The University of Tampa virtually hosted its 150th commencement on May 9 to honor 1,752 degree-seeking candidates.

The following local students graduated from The University of Tampa.

William Athanas, of Northbridge, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in International Business - Management.

Jonathan Fraser, of Whitinsville, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

For the first time ever, due to the unprecedented circumstances that the

COVID-19 pandemic has brought upon campus life, The University of Tampa hosted a virtual commencement to honor the 1,752 degree-seeking candidates. The event was viewed online by the students, their family members and friends, UT faculty and staff members, and the general public. The ceremony included remarks by President Ronald Vaughn, special messages from the academic deans and student challenge speakers. Additionally, each graduate received a personalized video commemorating their achievement.

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OBITUARIES

Marc D. Pincince, 62



MILLVILLE – Marc D. Pincince, 62, of Millville passed away on Friday, May 1, 2020 at St. Mary Health Care Center in Worcester. He was the husband of Donna T. (Houle) Pincince.

Mr. Pincince owned and operated Diamond Pest Control in Woonsocket for 19 years. He had previously been employed at local retail stores, Almacs and was a former store manager at several CVS stores in RI and MA. He later worked at Kohls in Millbury for 7 years.

Marc was born May 5, 1957 in Woonsocket, RI the son of the late Elphege and Jeannette (Plouffe) Pincince and was a graduate of Woonsocket High School.

Mr. Pincince was an avid Boston Bruins fan. He possessed a quick wit, playful nature and his laughter was infectious. He adored his daughter and

loved his grandchildren dearly. He was also affectionately known as “Marky Marc” at St. Mary’s Healthcare Center in Worcester by his friends and caregivers.

In addition to his wife Donna of 14 years, he is survived by his daughter, Kellie and her husband Christopher Dubois of Woonsocket, RI, a sister, Denise and her husband Robert Forget of Woonsocket, RI; a brother, Rene and his wife Diane Pincince of Woonsocket, RI; 2 grandchildren, Samuel and Tessa, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary Health Care Center, c/o Activity Fund, 39 Queen St., Worcester, MA 01610.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Buma Funeral Home, Uxbridge.

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Kathleen A. Gosselin, 59



NORTHBRIDGE – Kathleen A. (Holohan) Gosselin, 59, of Northbridge passed away on Wed. May 6, 2020 at her home with her family by her side. She was the wife of Eugene M. Gosselin.

Mrs. Gosselin had been a bartender at the Gray Barn in Whitinsville. She had previously worked at the former Lake Ripple Restaurant in Grafton.

Kathleen was born Feb. 3, 1961 in Worcester, the daughter of Ronald and Janis (Brunelle) Morin of Northbridge and was longtime resident of Northbridge.

She enjoyed arts and crafts, country music shows and especially time spent with her grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband Gene of 21 years, she is survived

by her children, Casey M. Nieminen and Eugene M. Gosselin both of Grafton, Michael Gosselin of NC, Carrie Peckham of Oxford; her sister, Colleen Holohan of Northbridge; 4 grandchildren, Connor and Ella Nieminen and Lilly and Makyla Peckham and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by a brother Randall F. “Randy” Morin.

Family and friends will be invited to a graveside service at a later date in St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Northbridge.

Memorial donations may be made to VNA Hospice and Palliative Care, 100 Trade Center, 6500, Woburn, MA 01801 or to the Dana-Farber Cancer Care Center, Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation, 14 Prospect St. Milford, MA 01757.

Arrangements by Buma Funeral Home, Whitinsville. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Margery A. Burke, 87



MILFORD - Margery A. (York) Burke, 87, died Friday, May 1, with her family by her side, at Countryside Health Care, in Milford. She leaves a son, Robert Burke, of Hopedale, two daughters; Carol Happel and her husband Tom, of Cocoa, FL, and Christine Nichols and her husband David, of S. Grafton and a grandson, Alden Nichols. She was predeceased by her partner, Joseph Nunziato, in 2006.

The only child of Earl and Ruth (Russell) York, she was born August 21, 1932 in Acushnet. Following graduation from Fairhaven High School, Margery went to Boston to attend school to become an X-Ray technician. While she worked briefly in Boston, she worked for more than 30 years at Milford Hospital while raising her family in Hopedale. After retiring in the

early 2000’s, she returned to Fairhaven, then came back to the area in 2015.

Book Club and reading were among Margery’s favorite activities. She loved the beach, shoes and beautiful clothes. Family vacations at the Von Trapp Family Lodge were enjoyed for many years, as were visits to her daughter in Florida. She really loved movies and movie stars.

Margery was a friend of the Hopedale Unitarian Church and a member of the Fairhaven Unitarian Church where she enjoyed participating in the women’s group. Church services and burial in Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven will be held at a later date. Memorial donations can be made in her memory to the Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation, 14 Prospect St., Milford, MA 01757. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is assisting the family during this time. To leave a condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Louis Jacob Wiersma, 85

WANTAGE - Louis Jacob Wiersma, 85, of Wantage, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2020, at home.

Born in Mendon, Mass., Louis was a United States Air Force veteran, proudly serving from Nov. 18, 1953 to Oct. 10, 1957. He was the owner of Wiersma Nursing Home in Allendale for 25 years before his retirement. Louis was a man who was dedicated to his church and to his family.

The son of the late Jacob and Nellie (LaFleur) Wiersma, Louis was also predeceased by his wife, Alida G. (Tanis) Wiersma, and his brother, Kenneth Wiersma. He is survived by five children, Lou Wiersma and wife, Ligia, of Pittsboro, N.C., Trudy C. Eddings and husband, Roger, of Frankford, Jodie Norton and husband, Scott, of Ledyard, Conn., Susan Clark and husband, Joel, of Davidson, N.C., and Laura Wiersma, of New Gloucester, Maine; as well as 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grand-

children. He is also survived by four siblings, Nancy Rooks, of California, Bernard Wiersma, of Massachusetts, Clayton Wiersma, of Michigan, and Charlotte Lee, of Massachusetts.

Graveside services in Fair Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Fair Lawn, will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of the Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, 63 High St., Newton.

Memorial donations may be made to Sussex Help Center Food Pantry, 28 Main St., Sussex, NJ 07461 or Sussex Christian Reformed Church, 49 Unionville Ave., Sussex, NJ 07461. Online condolences may be offered at www.smithmccrackenfuneralhome.com.



Nancy A. White, 82



WHITINSVILLE - Nancy A. (Robidoux) White, 82, died Saturday, May 2, at St. Camillus Health Center, surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by 2 sons; David White and his wife Michelle, of

Whitinsville, and Robert White and his wife Susan, of Clermont, FL; 3 daughters; Karen Heney, of Northbridge, Patty Palmer and her husband John, of Northbridge, and Kimberly A. White, also of Northbridge; a sister, Judith Menard, of Leicester; and 5 grandchildren: Matthew White and his wife Danielle, Derek White, Paige Whittaker, Hayley White and Caitlin White. She is predeceased by her brother, Kenneth Robidoux.

Nancy was born May 30, 1937 in Worcester, a daughter of Henry and Melina (Gallant) Robidoux. She lived in Grafton before moving to Northbridge

in 1967. After staying home to raise her children, she began working at Milford Federal Savings, first as a bank teller, and retiring as a mortgage adjuster.

Nancy was a long time, very active member of St. Peter’s Church, in Northbridge. She served as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, participated in the Prayer Shawl Ministry and the church fair. She also enjoyed BINGO and Foxy Travel day trips.

A Funeral Mass at St. Peter’s Church and burial in St. Patrick’s Cemetery will be scheduled when restrictions on social gatherings have been lifted. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either the Alzheimer’s Association 225 N Michigan Ave, Fl 17, Chicago, IL 60601, or to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point, Tampa, FL 33607. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is entrusted with arrangements. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com

Louis Palermo, Jr., 73



Louis Palermo, Jr., 73, of Rotonda West, FL, passed away on May 4, 2020, at Venice Regional Hospital.

Louis was born in Jersey City, NJ on March 31, 1947, to Louis Palermo, Sr. and Rita Maietti. He graduated from Hoboken High School and Johnson and Wales University.

Louis was married to his love, Lillian Van Buren for 50 years. He lived in Douglas and Uxbridge before enjoying retirement in Rotonda West, FL.

He was the owner and operator of Ace Glass, Lighting and Decorating in Whitinsville, working alongside his wife for more than 30 years.

Specialist 4th Class, Palermo served his country during the Vietnam War for the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He enjoyed bowling, fishing, golfing and vacations with family and friends. He loved spending time with his granddaughters, boating, snuggling and

watching them play softball. His family adored him, his witty sense of humor and contagious laughter. Affectionately known by family and friends as Papa Lou, Louie, Big Lou, Loulee and Ladyfish Lou. He will forever be in our hearts and always remembered as a sweet and selfless person.

Louis is survived by his wife, Lillian; daughters, Christina Campbell and her husband James, and Robyn Dodge and Richard Covel; granddaughters, Lauren, Emma and Kayla; sister, Rosemarie; brothers, Nicholas and wife Mary Ann, Dennis and wife Karen, and Michael and wife Reena; several nieces and nephews; many cousins and countless friends.

Louis is preceded in death by his parents, sister Maryann and sister-in-law Joanne.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Patrick F. Desjourdy



UXBRIDGE – Patrick “Pat” F. Desjourdy, 98, passed away on May 4, 2020 at the Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing in Westborough. He was the husband of Lillian (Woucuzuk) Desjourdy

who died in 2006.

A resident of Uxbridge since 1927, he was the son of the late Edward Osias and Delia (Blaine) Desjourdy and at-

tended Uxbridge High School.

Pat was a chef and was the owner of the former Pat’s Diner, Pat’s Catering Service and Patrick’s Function Hall for 45 years, retiring in 1996. He had served as a former Selectman in the Town of Uxbridge, was a former member of the Uxbridge Zoning Board of Appeals and had served on the Board of Directors of Tri-River Health Center in Uxbridge.

He was a member of St. Mary’s Church and former member of the Sutton Golden Ages.

He is survived by two daughters, Nancy LeBlanc and her late husband Raymond “Butch” LeBlanc of Uxbridge, Sandra Southwick and her husband Donald of Leverett; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews. He was predeceased by 11 brothers and sisters.

A private graveside service will be held in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Uxbridge.

Arrangements made by Buma Funeral Home, Uxbridge. www.bumafuneralhome.com

Pauline Naroian, 92



WHITINSVILLE - Pauline (Najarian) Naroian, 92, died on Thursday, May 7, at the Saint Camillus Health Center. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Edward Naroian; a son, Paul Naroian of Whitinsville; two daughters, Robin Giando of Natick, and Lynne Hamjian of Bellingham; her granddaughter, Sarah Hamjian; two sons-in-law, Michael Giando and Harry Hamjian; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. She was predeceased by her brothers, Arsen and Armen Najarian, and her sisters, Alice N. Foley, Helen Rusz, and Anna Najarian.

Pauline, fondly known as Polly, was born in Worcester on July 1, 1927, a daughter of Harry and Dichranouhi (Dehlia Jamgochian) Najarian. She grew up in Worcester and graduated from South High School. She lived in Whitinsville for over 64 years. She worked her whole career as a fastidious bookkeeper at the family busi-

ness, Najarian Insurance Agency, in Worcester followed by the Whitney Insurance Agency in Millbury.

Pauline was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed making clothes for herself and her daughters. She was a longtime member of the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville. She spent many summers entertaining countless family and friends “down the Cape” in Yarmouth Port. She loved to dance with her husband every Saturday night and was known for her fancy foxtrot and jitterbug moves. Polly was the life of every party and loved to cook large holiday feasts in her Whitinsville home. Her family and friends meant the world to her.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Whitinsville. The family wants to thank all the employees at St. Camillus Health Center for their wonderful care. Please omit flowers. Donations in memory of Polly may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association of MA, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452. Family messages are welcome at the Carr Funeral Home website, www.carrfuneralhome.com



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helm of the school for five years. He has worked collaboratively with his staff and district offices to push his school to be the best that it can be, according to a district statement.

"We have watched our metrics improve each year, and we acknowledge that there is still work to be done," Rubin said. "We see how close we are to even jumping up higher in the rankings, and we remain focused on those goals, not because of numbers, but because the tactics that get us there are good for students. The commitment and energy our staff put into our daily efforts with students is truly impressive. Acclaim like this is validating for them and the community alike."

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Further guidance from the Department of Public Health is available at mass.gov/coveryourface.

In other news, in a continued partnership with Quest Diagnostics and the Mass League of Community Health Centers, the Baker-Polito Administration has also announced further expansion of Covid-19 testing at additional centers throughout the Commonwealth.

This testing expansion builds upon the previously announced increased testing, bringing the total to 18 Community Health Centers. The new facilities that will begin or expand testing include: Lynn Community Health Center; Holyoke Health Center; North Shore Community Health Center; South Boston Community Health Center; and Community Health Center of Franklin County.

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The current Board of Directors is comprised of a

number of experienced coaches, former players and tenured youth sports advocates.

“This league is the result of a grassroots effort by a large group of dedicated parents and coaches to provide a great youth baseball experience for the current generation of players. I have worked with many of these coaches over the past 10 years in youth baseball and consider them to be some of the best and most dedicated individuals in the area,” according to league President, Brian Jankins.

The focus of this league will be on teaching and development through comprehensive, detail oriented sessions in a positive, fun environment.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the Spring season is currently postponed but local league officials are hopeful the season will have a start date later this summer. Additional information about Sutton Little League can be found on their website: suttonlittleleague.org or by visiting their facebook page, Sutton Little League or twitter feed of [suttonlittleleague](https://twitter.com/suttonlittleleague).

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U.S. Attorney investigating reports of abuse by landlords

REGION – U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling's office continues to investigate reports of housing-related sexual harassment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As the country adopts drastic measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, many Americans have lost their jobs, and many more have seen their wages curtailed," read a statement released by Lelling's office. "These losses have

forced some to seek abatements or suspensions of their rent. According to a recent memo from the Attorney General, there have been reports of landlords who have responded to requests to defer rent payments with demands for sexual favors and other acts of unwelcome sexual conduct."

Lelling has pledged to vigorously prosecute those who seek to use the COVID-19 crisis to break laws.

"Sexual harassment in housing is illegal and despicable," Lelling said. "No person should have to tolerate this behavior in order to keep a roof over his or her head."

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