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BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — The Bernat Mill in Uxbridge was destroyed by fire in 2007. Now, a new chapter will be written for this property at which Netflix is currently shooting scenes for a sci-fi thriller starring Halle Berry.

"For decades, this site has been penciled in the history books that cover the industrial revolution and the town of Uxbridge," said State Rep. Michael Soter, R-Bellingham, who recently visited the Bernat Mill with local officials.

The Bernat mill and the town of Uxbridge have a role in U.S. history—and the history of the American Textile manufacturing, according to reports. But early on the morning of July 21, 2007, a fire erupted at the historic mill. Reports indicate that the complex was nearly totally destroyed by the fire.

Soter confirmed in a statement on social media that the well-known video streaming platform, Netflix, is "currently shooting scenes for a sci-fi

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Grafton Town Administrator receives 'credentialed manager' designation

GRAFTON — Evan Brassard, Town Administrator of Grafton, recently received the "Credentialed Manager" designation from the International City/ County Management Association (ICMA), making him one of 30 managers in the Commonwealth with this designation.

"The ICMA-CM is a designation that is given to Town Administrators and Managers that have shown strong proficiencies in four areas: staff management, financial management, policy facilitation and implemen-

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Douglas' Bolandrina family among many volunteering in Pan-Mass Challenge



The Bolandrina family

DOUGLAS — Even during the COVID-19 pandemic cancer still touches everyone in one way or another. The Bolandrina family of Douglas are doing their part as volunteers to help get closer by the mile to a world without cancer.

Joseph and Gretheline Bolandrina, their children Jessica, Lilly, and Max will join a large group of volunteers taking part in the annual Pan-Mass Challenge on Aug. 7 and 8, 2021. This year, PMC 2021 includes both fully supported routes and reimagined rides, effectively using 360 miles of infrastructure to better socially-distance riders from each other and still raise money for the cancer research efforts of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

"It's been something that we've been doing as a family since 2013 and this year we resume after last year's completely reimagined rides," Joseph said. "It's a challenge to get all the kids together, but we did so in 2019 when everyone's schedule opened for all the kids to join in."

Joseph is the crew leader for bike parking at the monument finish at Provincetown.

Joseph took his wife, Gretheline, as a medical volunteer on their first year. Gretheline is a registered nurse who works as the director of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton. She is now the signs and supplies manager at the monument finish at Provincetown.

"It's an honor to participate and do something like this for such a great cause," said Gretheline. "We've been growing together as a PMC family, and we've been abundantly blessed. I am in awe of the caring and kindness that our children have shown amidst the even more kind and caring volunteers at PMC.

The Bolandrina children have held various volunteer positions such as crew leader for site beautification, food crew, and runners.

Joseph and Gretheline have both seen up close the Turn To BOLANDRINA page A5

Northbridge School Committee approves middle school sports funding

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

NORTHBRIDGE During a recent meeting, the Northbridge School Committee unanimously voted to approve \$40,000 in funding for middle school sports for the fiscal 2022 budget.

Seven years ago, the decision was made to cut middle school sports, said Kate Tracy, who appeared before the board during the meeting. Shortly after that, a group of "very dedicated

parents" got together and were able to support all of the middle school sports that fall, consistently raising \$40,000 each year after that to keep sports funded.

But due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the group's fundraising efforts took what Tracy described as "a giant hit." The group was unable to hold any larger fundraising opportunities.

"Our kids suffered. We all suffered due to COVID," she said.

"It's my hope that all of you sitting here will take into consideration how much work has gone into the middle school sports program for the past seven years," Tracy said. "It's my hope that you all will consider adding middle school sports back to the budget for this year and hopefully for years to come.'

Recommended sets to help cover the cost include the remaining funds in the middle school athletic donation

account from the fiscal year 2020, which could be used to offset some of the funding, as well as the middle school athletic

"There will still be a fee associated, and we will share much more details shortly, but just know we could not be happier with tonight's decision," the NMS Athletic Booster Club shared in a statement, adding that the group is not going anywhere and will continue

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TERANDO AND GOYETTE RECEIVE BRENDA M. BONETTI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Sonya Terando and Casey Goyette were named the 2021 recipients of the Brenda M. Bonetti Memorial Scholarship presented by Larry Bonetti, Sunday, June 13 at the **Catholic Community of Sacred Heart** Church, Hopedale. Terando, a 2021 graduate of Hopedale High School, will be attending the University of Connecticut pursuing a degree in healthcare management. Goyette, a 2021 graduate of Blackstone Valley Tech, will be attending Northeastern University pursuing a degree in computer engineering.

In memory of Brenda M. Bonetti, the scholarship is available for any graduating high school senior who attends the Catholic Community of Sacred Heart Church in Hopedale. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to one student pursuing post-high school education or training. Consideration for the scholarship is given to all who are a registered parishioner at the parish, accepted to a college or institution of higher learning in the coming fall, participated in church ministries for the past four years and have continued through senior year, worship regularly with the Catholic **Community of Sacred Heart.**



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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has allowed school meals to be universally free for all students during the 2021-22 school year. Students can purchase extra items such as snacks and beverages or a second meal at their qualifying price. All school districts must provide school meal applications to certify children for free and reduced-price meals and may use that information to qualify newly eligible children for Pandemic EBT (P-EBT).

Children from households that meet federal guidelines are eligible for free or reduced-price meal services. You do not need to complete an application to receive free meal benefits if you received a letter stating that your child is eligible for free meals via the direct certification process.

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Dean's list honors announced at Tufts University

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21. Fencing sword

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29. African antelope

33. Carefully chooses

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond

2. Spanish city

4. Type of chair

6. Sea eagles

5. Tin

19. Steward

24. Sodium

28. Small lump

36. Ringworm

16. Round Dutch cheese

18. Harsh, grating noise

23. "Sleepless in Seattle"

6. "Unbelievable" musicians

9. Invests in little enterprises

13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach

17. Detects underwater objects

22. Painful places on the body

25. Engineering degree (abbr.)

31. Electronic point of sale

3. Sudden, very loud sound

7. Broad volcanic crater

8. Some animals have it

11. "A Doll's House" playwright

9. Ottoman palaces

10. Divulge a secret

14. Poisonous perennial

17. Gulf in the Aegean

20. Clothes

21. Chairs

38. Unrefined

39. Drenches

51. Born of

61. Remains

63. Dried-up

66. Digs up earth

67. Type of screen

68. Old Norse poet

30. Genus of lemurs

34. River in southern Italy

35. Supplemented with difficulty

32. Sings to

37. Farewell

43. Begets

47. Boy

12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director 52. Expressed pleasure

40. Senior officer

42. Utah resident

49. Violently break

50. Brief appearance

53. A light informal meal

57. Ancient Greek City

55. Fabric with smooth finish

56. One billionth of a second (abbr.)

Kıch tapestry

54. S. China seaport

60. Surrounded by

62. Away from wind

56. Being without clothes

64. One who can see the future

65. A very large body of water

41. Type of pants

44. Son of Noah

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Call the center at 508-865-9154

Lunches are served Monday through Friday 12 P.M. at the Senior Center

The menu is available on the town website, www. townofmillbury.org

Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page. A 48 hour reservation is required.

UPCOMING SUMMER CONCERT!

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

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508-865-9154

Northbridge Senior Center

Phone: 508-234-2002 www.northbridgemass.org/ council-on-aging

– 3 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Plummer Place bus is back to its regular schedule. Shaw's trips will be scheduled for Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings and Walmart trips are Wednesday afternoons only. The bus will go to Hannaford's on the first Tuesday of every month. You can also book an appointment for in-town medical appointments and other in-town trips on all days. You must give a 24 hour notice when booking your trip.

FINE's 120 Club, their biggest fundraiser, is back July 1 -November 18th. For \$20 you can buy a 120 ticket and be entered every week to win \$20. On the final drawing, November 18th, you have a chance to win \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 or \$100! Call the Center for information or come in to buy a ticket at the front

Plummer Place will resume our Day Trip program through Best of Times Travel. We will be going on our first trip on September 21st to the Danversport Yacht Club to see "Home Again, A Carol King Tribute". Luxury bus, lunch and the show are \$96/person. Call Michelle for more information or to sign up.

Aerobics @ 10:30, Thursdays: Chair Yoga @ 11:15, Fridays: Stretch & Strengthen @ 9:30.

resumed, Elaine has lots of new projects planned! Call for information.

We have a new caller with new games being played.

open every day and we are looking for those interested in

in September, call us if you would like to join.

Mahjong is looking for new players at Plummer Place. The Four Winds Mahjong League meets 1:00-3:00pm Mondays, on Wednesdays and 12:30pm, National

Plummer Place has secured a block of time on Northbridge Cable channel 194 from 9:00-11:00am Monday through Friday. We will be airing exercise classes and programs geared towards our senior population.

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Millbury Friendly Visitor Program

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Our Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, is happy to

Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provid-

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For more information on coordinating a Friendly

Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10

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Crafts and Coloring Club has

Bingo is back at Plummer Place. Mondays 1:00-3:00pm.

Our Billiard Room is now

a Billiard League starting

Mahjong League meets.

Bridge League has returned to Plummer Place, Tuesdays at 12:30. They are in need of more players. If interested, call to sign up.

Our computer expert, Paul Holzwarth is back to help you with your computer needs. Call to make

"Take a Hike" Walking Club is new to Plummer Place. Our Outreach Coordinator, Jeanne White, will lead the group on walks at various trails in our area. Call to sign up with Jeanne.

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tation, and service delivery," Brassard said, adding that receiving this designation is a "satisfying accomplishment."

The designation represents seven years of hard for Brassard, and shows "his commitment to strong management practices and good government, the town released in a statement. In total, 1,300 local government management professionals are currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

To receive the ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field: and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development, according to an ICMA press statement.

Brassard is qualified by seven years of professional local government executive experience. Prior to his appointment in 2021 as Town Administrator Grafton, he served as Town Administrator for Monson from 2014 to 2021, and Emergency Management Director for Monson from 2011 to 2014.

'The designation took seven years to obtain and, to me, represents a major milestone in my career. Professionally, I believe the designation will help to steer our organization in the right direction moving forward," Brassard said. "The ICMA-CM places a large emphasis on efficient and good government. By following best practices, and innovating whenever possible, I believe Grafton has bright things on the horizon."

Peter Carlson, Chair of the Grafton Select Board, added that "the entire Select Board is pleased with Mr. Brassard's accomplishments."

'We believe he will continue to use the skills and abilities which this designation represents to advance the goals of our community," he said.

ICMA's mission is to "advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics and by increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officer, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world,' the organization released.

FUNDING

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to raise funds as a "true booster club" supporting all the middle school teams. "Thank you to everyone who made this happen.

The board added that future budget discussions will take place regarding middle school sports funding beyond the fiscal year 2022.

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pain that cancer brings. Joseph's god-

mother fought a brave battle but was

not so lucky. She died from breast can-

cer decades ago. Gretheline's paternal

thriller starring Halle Berry at the Bernat Mill."

"While there are many things that the production staff weren't able to share with me, there is something I can share with you: this industry creates jobs and stimulates local economies," he said.

On the set, there were well over 200 individuals working hard to make a script become a reality, Soter said, many of whom were from Massachusetts.

"Furthermore, these teams are staying local, which means they are spending local," he added. "Today, I heard countless

positive reviews of nearby restaurants, retail shops, equipment rental entities, contractors, artists, and Uxbridge public service departments.'

Soter added that hearing these accounts flooded him with 'an overwhelming sense of pride."

A few weeks ago, Soter joined his House colleagues in voting to pass a permanent film tax credit for Massachusetts, he added.

"This credit serves as an incentive for filmmakers to come to Massachusetts and spend their budgets in Massachusetts! Today, I was proud to see firsthand how important this legislation is to a small town like Uxbridge. We need to look to support more opportunities like these," Soter concluded.

Rachel Forte receives degree from Nichols College

DUDLEY — Nichols College graduated 245 undergraduate students this spring. An in person commencement celebration was held for the class of 2021 on May 15.

 $Rachel Forte \, of \, Douglas \, graduated \, with \, a \, Bachelor \, of \, Science \,$ in Business Administration, majoring in Management.

About Nichols College

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Local students selected to University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean's List

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL, Minn. — Addison Baker of Sutton has been named to the 2021 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the university announced today.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

aunt also fought the same brave battle

against breast cancer, and a childhood

friend, who lost a fight against stage

4 colon cancer in the Philippines. The

memories of loved ones are what keep

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EDITORIAL

Olympic

It's nice to have a distraction from the rollercoaster that was 2020, with the summer Olympics plastered all over television and social media. Watching athletes from all over the globe show off what they've been training for shows us all what can be possible when we set

With that said, we thought it would be interesting to share some Olympic

In 1998, Surya Bonaly, a figure skater from France fell during the winter games in Nagano. Since she knew she lost a chance to medal, she decided to do a move that had been banned since She did a backflip and landed on the blade of one skate. No one has attempted the trick since then, making her Olympic performance, one to remember.

From 1912 through 1954, individuals could earn medals for art, as long as it was inspired by a sport of some kind. The art could include painting, literature, sculpture or music. Eventually, this was tossed out, as most professional artists sell their work to earn a living.

In 2002, during the Winter Olympics, speed skater Steven Bradbury of Australia was racing in the 1,000 meter short track finals and was lagging behind. During the race, the leaders crashed into each other, leaving Bradbury far enough behind to avoid the collision. He was able to skate by and win gold.

The first modern Olympic Marathon (26.2-mile road race) took place in 1904. Most of the runners had never run that far before. One competitor showed up to the start line in dress pants. Fourteen out of the 32 racers were able to finish. One racer, Fred Lorz who won, actually jumped in a car for 11 miles of it due to a cramp. Another runner, Felix Carvajal ate a rotten apple halfway through and stopped to take a nap. He finished fourth. The gold officially was given to Thomas Hicks who was carried over the finish line having hallucinations that he had 20 more miles to go.

During the summer of 1992, the Lithuanian basketball team did not have enough money to compete in the Summer Olympics due to the collapse of the Soviet Union. Coming to the rescue and offering aid to the team was, unexpectedly and, frankly, bizarrely, the Grateful Dead, the rock band with a legendary reputation for imbibing, shall we say, 'illicit substances.' Beyond donating money to make the trip possible, the band allowed the team to sell Grateful Dead merchandise. The team competed in tie-dyed uniforms, and took bronze.

In 1984, McDonald's offered free food every time an American won a medal. During those summer games, the Soviet Union boycotted the games, leaving many open spaces for medals available. This ended up costing the fast food chain a significant amount of money.

True sportsmanship was shown during the Winter Olympics in 2006, held in Torino, Italy, when skier Sara Renner broke her ski pole halfway through an event. Bjornar Haakensmoen, the Norwegian ski coach handed her a spare. The Canadians went on to win silver, while the Norwegians took fourth. To show gratitude the Canadians gifted Haakensmoen with five tons of maple syrup. Both governments waived import duties.

The medals for the Tokyo Olympics are made from recycled electronics to include cameras, smartphones and lap-

The McDonald's in the Olympic Village is free for all athletes and coaches; however, in 2016 in Rio, McDonald's capped the amount of items that could be ordered at one time to 20.

From 1900-1920, Tug of War was an Olympic sport, with Great Britain winning the most medals and the USA coming in a close second.

In 1936, two Japanese pole vaulters, who were friends had to compete against each other to decide who took silver and who took bronze. The requested that they share the honors, but were told no. Shuhei Nishida and Sueo Oe had their medals cut in half and fused together, into the medals of friendship.

In 2012, women were finally allowed to compete in boxing. Since 1991, anytime a new event is introduced to the games, women must be included.

Dr. Spock, a well known pediatrician and author, won Olympic Gold as part of the 1924 U.S. rowing team.

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A history of accomplishment

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree.

Have you taken a moment to think about the number of women who entered the workforce in World War II? At least 350,000 women served in the Armed Forces, and in 1945, 19 million women were out of the home and into the labor force, doing traditional male jobs such as mathematics and heavy manufacturing.

Today, if you Google "best jobs for omen," you will find pharmacist, teacher, medical professional, and human resources staff. Sounds like the 1950's. Google "best paying jobs" and you will find anesthesiologist, surgeon, dentist, computer/ information systems manager, petroleum engineer, sales manager, pilot, financial manager, lawyer, and orthodontist. Frankly, I thought the list would include On Air Talent masquerading as a journalist or reality show star. The best paying trade jobs? Electrician, boilermaker, construction manager, and dental hygienist. Why don't we encourage our young women to pursue these well paying jobs?

During World War II, serious personnel shortages resulted in a call for women to work in non-traditional jobs. Women began riveting together planes or battleships or doing calculus - after they put on their lipstick.

Hundreds of women worked as scientists, mathematicians, engineers and technicians on The Manhattan Project - America's secret project to develop the first nuclear weapon. Because this work was top secret, little information about the contributions of these women were made public during the War or after. Also, because the Manhattan Project was considered a long shot with little chance of success, women and foreign scientists were assigned to it. Don't you love women? We take on the impossible. Sure, build a bomb? No problem!

Leona Woods Marshall Libby, a young physicist at the University of Chicago [during the early years of World War II when Enrico Fermi's group worked on producing a controlled nuclear fission chain reaction], built detectors to monitor neutrons in the first atomic pile of uranium and graphite. Maria Goeppert Mayer worked on theoretical studies of the thermodynamic properties of the

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uranium hexafluoride gas to be used in the enrichment of uranium. Chinese American experimental physicist Chien-Shiung Wu contributed to solving the problem of reactor "poisoning" from the large plutonium production reactors.

Remember, this is 1943, when women were home baking cookies, right? No, they were literally designing bombs and manufacturing aircraft.

In the nuclear bomb project and in aeronautics, women were hired to do the math - back when math was not racist. It was a time "when computers wore skirts." These women were responsible for "computing" [calculating the math—arithmetic, calculus, differential equations, trigonometry, analytic geometry, with a pencil and slide rule in hand].

In 1944, Naomi Livesay, with a degree in mathematics and experience with early electric calculating machines in the analysis of data, supervised critical nuclear bomb calculations, under extraordinary time pressure, 24-hour shifts six days a week. Frances Dunne, an aircraft mechanic at Kirtland Air Force Base, was recruited as an explosives technician. Her expertise and manual dexterity allowed her to adjust the trigger in the high-explosive shell of model weapons.

In 1943, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics [NASA's predecessor] also recruited black female mathematicians for these positions. Miriam Mann, a graduate of Talladega College, with a major in chemistry, a minor in math, applied for the job and got it, 20 years before the Civil Rights Act. She was part of the first group of black female mathematicians at NASA. Later in the 1960's, Mann did computations for John Glenn's spaceflight that circled the planet three times.

Wait, wasn't systemic racism alive and well in the 1940's and the 1960's? How did these women ever become that accomplished? How, indeed. Only in the U.S.

Compare these women to the female left wing politicians in Washington, D.C. today who tell us what to do, yet has any one of them ever actually accomplished anything? What say you?

Nevertheless, she persisted.

BEV GUDANOWSKI Uxbridge

He did the opposite and seamlessly moved into a new career as an author. He convinced himself that he would succeed, that it would only be a matter of time before his books would sell. It wasn't long, and his books were selling. An Oscar-winning producer optioned his first book, and his second book was adapted into a screenplay by a different Oscarwinning producer! What are the odds? Did it have anything to do with the narrative he created in his

Gary passed away on July 14. It was a terrible loss for the whole family.

For the past several years, I spoke to my father daily. We have written screenplays together and started what we think will be a very successful busi-

As I move forward without him, sometimes the thoughts creep in, "I can't do this, I wasn't meant to succeed, my business will be an utter failure without my dad."

Observing my father and studying how other successful people cope with loss, I know enough to kill those thoughts right as they manifest. I am instead telling myself what my father would have said to himself if he were in my position, "I can do this; I was born to win; the business will be wildly success-

Toby Moore is a colum-

Create your own backyard 'paradise



Melinda Myers

If you want a tropical escape, include leafy plants like elephant ears and banana plants in pots, wicker furniture, a water feature and colorful flowers like hibiscus and mandevilla.



GARDEN Moments **MELINDA MYERS**

You don't need a plane ticket, tank full of gas or train ride to enjoy a bit of paradise. Create your own in a small alcove, large patio, or deck in your own back-

Start by visualizing what paradise looks and feels like to you. A table and chair surrounded by beautiful plants makes a wonderful space to relax, read a book and enjoy some alone time. For some, it means a patio or deck filled with colorful planters and surrounded by ornamental grasses, vine covered trellises, flowering shrubs, and evergreens. These will help define the space, provide privacy, mask unwanted noise, and provide a great space for entertain-

Don't let a lack of space, patio, or deck stop you from building a backyard getaway. Look for those underutilized areas. Perhaps it is a back corner of the yard, space next to the garage, side yard or a spot under a big shade tree. A vine covered arbor, piece of indoor-outdoor carpet and a few planters can turn any space into a backyard retreat.

Once you identify the space and desired function, think about the ambience you want to create. For a tropical escape, include leafy plants like elephant ears and bananas in pots, wicker furniture, a water feature and colorful flowers like begonias, hibiscus, and mandevilla. Don't overlook hardy perennials. Plants like big leaf hostas, variegated Solomon's seal, crocosmia, cassia and others help create the look and feel of the tropics. Continue this theme by using bamboo, wicker, and wood for any needed screening.

If it is a visit to the Me diterrane anyou prefer, include stonework, planters with silver foliage plants like dusty miller, and sage and a few evergreens. Use upright junipers and grapevines trained on arbors for screening. An urn or topiary make an attractive focal point. Fill the garden space with herbs, blue oat grass, calendula, salvia, and alliums.

For a casual visit to England, craft yourself a cottage garden. Construct a narrow path leading through an archway at the entrance to your secret garden. Create an informal collection of flowers, herbs, and medicinal plants. Use a birdbath, piece of garden art or water feature as your focal point.

If it's the north woods you prefer, make a firepit the focal point, add some rustic furnishings and complete the scene with native plants. Or let your personality shine with a colorful bistro set, garden art, and flowers of orange, red, and yellow.

As your vision comes into focus, it is time to start putting your ideas on paper. A simple sketch will help you define the space, arrange the plants, and identify the appropriate furnishings and

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Positively Speaking

Benjamin Franklin said, "... nothing can be said to be certain, except

death and taxes."

He wasn't the originator of the phrase, but he certainly helped to

idiom here in America. I've begun to feel that the idiom isn't precisely true. Sure, death comes to us all, and we all must pay taxes. To me, it makes more sense to say, "nothing is certain, except loss

and taxes." All of us deal with loss in our lifetimes. Coping with a loss is never easy. Loss comes in many forms and all shapes and sizes.

Some people can go through life not losing much at all, and others sometimes lose every-

Zig Ziglar said, "It's not what happens to you; it's how you handle what happens to you that will make the difference...Two brothers had an alcoholic father. One brother became a happy, successful person, and when asked why he said, "I had no choice; my father was an alcoholic." The other brother became a miserable alcoholic, and when asked why he said, "I had no choice; my father was an alcoholic.

The brothers had the same experience but created different narratives.

When I was younger, I met a beautiful girl. I don't believe in love at first sight, but this was the closest thing to it. It was a short relationship, only seven months. She left me abruptly after telling me many times that she loved me. I felt as if my whole world was ending. I became bitter and

hostile for a time, and blamed him. despite my positive upbringing, it was the first time I'd lost something that had such profound meaning. My reaction made things much worse. I

created a narrative in cement it as a mainstream my mind that became a destructive thought pattern that brought even more heartache; I allowed it to fester, nourished it, and it became my personality for a time.

> My father, Gary W. Moore, the founder of this column, lost a business that he poured into his heart and soul. He built a business from scratch that sold state-of-the-art water filtration systems. He had a factory, sales teams, and offices around the country. His offices in New Orleans had become his most profitable. The future seemed bright; little did he know that loss was knocking at

> his door. It all started when his business partner embezzled several hundred thousand dollars. Then the managers of his most profitable sales offices in Louisiana made counterfeit water filters, selling them, keeping the money, bypassing the inventory process. Sales slumped, lawsuits were filed. Then came Hurricane Katrina; it destroyed all of his offices in New Orleans. The business had collapsed. Through all of this, he was determined to recover. Limping along, barely surviving, the housing collapse of 2008 brought it to an end.

> He could have become negative. He could have positioned himself as a victim. He could have given up, and nobody would've

mind?

He was our anchor.

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Adventures with Molly



Courtesy

Fishing on the Helen H in Hyannis. Lots of sea bass and porgies. commotion From left to right: Logan Henchey, five, Mason Letellier, nine, about. I spotted a Brendan Packard, nine, Nate Packard, Mike Letellier, Mykayla cottontail rabbit Kenmuir, 14, Lexi Letellier, 15, and Eva Henchey, eight.

By Ralph W. True, Sr.

Planet earth is under attack on all fronts again. Wildfires in the West and floods in other parts of the country, along with mud slides, are extremely devasting to the people and wildlife, in the areas. Not to forget to mention tornadoes that are ripping

apart whole towns in their path. Now we need to deal with a new Delta variant of Covid-19. Will life ever get back to normal? Whatever that is!

Finally, my little 13-inch beagle Molly has opened up on rabbits. and had the longest drive of her life in my backyard this past Sunday afternoon. She started to bark in the backyard,

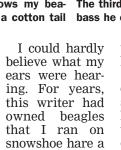


This week's second picture shows my bea- The third picture shows Frank Padula with an impressive largemouth gle Molly after a great hunt on a cotton tail bass he caught recently .



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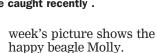
so I walked down to the back gate to see what all of the a hundred feet or less from the back gate. I quickly opened the gate and she shot out of the gate entrance like a bullet. She was quickly vocal as she ran towards the rabbit that quickly disappeared into the brush. Soon she was barking and yodeling as she trailed the elusive rabbit. The rabbits seem to have as much fun as the beagle, as they try



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Douglas forest with a couple of friends. Back in the day we had a half dozen dogs or more chasing and driving rabbits for hours. Rabbit populations are exploding throughout the valley and show no signs of slowing down. Maybe the Blackstone Valley Beagle Club could once again have their members hunting rabbits and owning beagles like we once did back in the day. Unfortunately, there are very few snowshoe hare to run the dogs on, but cottontail are still a lot of fun to hunt and train the beagles on. This



Every dog had a different bark. Some yodeled, some squeaked, some had a distinct bark, so that every dog owner could identify dog. Hopefully, Molly will continue to improve before the hunting season. Maybe just maybe, she will continue to be vocal and hunt down a few pheasant for me to harvest, as beagles are great for hunting both rabbits and pheasant. Hunting season is not far away! I know I am rushing it!

Captain Mel True, Jr. had a party of anglers enjoyed a day of fishing on his boat "Fish Net Charters" last week. The four anglers landed their limit of stripers, but not before releasing 30- & 40-pound fish because they were too large or too small. Then they limited

out on large seabass, and finally finished catching a good number of huge bluefish. Sounds like they had a good day.

Freshwater bass fishing also remained strong this past week with this week's photo showing an angler with a 5.5pound beauty. One local angler reported catching 16 largemouth bass last week at a small pond in Uxbridge, while fishing from his kayak. The largest was three and a half pounds! Numerous smallmouth bass were also reported last week.

The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold another Chicken Bar-B Q this Sunday along with another archery shoot which is open to the public. Come on down.

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Guide to Harvesting Your Backyard Crop

It's harvest time and backvard gardeners everywhere are anticipating the well earned fruits of their labor. From plucking peppers to cutting cauliflower, proper harvesting ensures optimum flavor and nutrients from your home garden. Read on for the ways to up the odds of culling "the cream of the crop" from common vegetable and fruit plants.

Experts say the most important rule at harvest time is to pick vegetables daily. Plucking them as soon as they ripen not only offers superior taste, but this practice encourages plant production. Simply stated, harvesting on the day that the produce ripens can help you yield more from your seasonal crop. Furthermore, gardeners should be aware that some vegetables are best harvested when they appear premature. Examples include summer squash, zucchini and green beans, all vegetables can can become tough and lose flavor when they are allowed to sit on the vine too long. Seed company Burpee offers expert advice on harvesting common fruits and vegetables:

Herbs. Pinch or cut back herbs frequently to keep them producing more stems and leaves (the parts we eat) and to keep them from blooming, which changes the flavor. If that means you have surplus thyme or oregano, dry it in a brown paper bag. Basil, especially, needs frequent pinching back to keep it bushy and productive. At some point in July or August everybody has too much basil, which is why the Italians invented pesto (find many recipes on the internet).

Tomatoes. There is a huge range of tomato varieties. Many kinds are red when ripe, but some are orange, yellow, striped or even green. Learn what to expect from your variety and monitor the plant closely as its due date nears. Generally, a tomato is fully ripe when it releases easily from the stem. If you misjudge a bit it's no tragedy, because tomatoes will ripen somewhat after picking. But they develop the fullest sweet flavor if they ripen in the sun on the vine. Once you have picked the first few tomatoes of a particular variety, you will get a feel for what a ripe one will look and taste like. Some tomatoes are "determinate" types, which will stop bearing after a few weeks. Most "indeterminate" kinds, which will keep flowering and setting fruit until killed by frost, although colder weather will slow production. It's a good idea to pick your green tomatoes a week or so before your area's average first frost date. The more mature ones will ripen indoors if they are stored at room temperature, wrapped in newspaper so they don't touch. Or make fried green tomatoes.



to outsmart the dog.

TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

Peppers. Peppers are mature and ready to eat when full-sized but still green. If left on the vine longer, they will change color to red, orange, yellow or prown, depending on the variety, and will deepen in flavor and become less crisp in texture. Hot peppers left to change color will get hotter. So whether you pick at the green stage or later will depend on the variety and what you plan to use the pepper for. As with tomatoes, the first few you pick will teach you to gauge ripeness.

Lettuce. It's important to pick lettuce before hot weather encourages the plant to "bolt," or develop a flower stalk, which makes the leaves taste bitter. With leaf lettuce and many other greens, vou can "cut and come again" while the leaves are young and tender, no more than five inches long. Use scissors to cut the largest leaves individually from the plants. When the smaller leaves get big enough, harvest those. You may be able to come back to a plant two, three or four times, a few days apart, before it gives up in the summer heat. To prolong the lettuce harvest, look for bolt-resistant varieties and sow seeds several times

at two-week intervals. A tent of shade cloth or translucent row cover -or a site in part shade -also may delay bolting in hot climates. In late summer, sow green seeds again for a fall crop.

Green beans. Green beans are an easy vegetable to harvest. Pick the pods when they are a little shy of their maximum size, to be sure that they are tender, with immature seeds. If you delay the seeds will mature and harden and the pod will become tough. Don't pick green beans in the morning when the dew is still on the vines; wait until they are fully dry to avoid spreading disease. Be sure to keep up with regular picking to encourage the vine to keep flowering and producing pods.

Peas. For garden peas, pick a test pod and open it when the seeds have begun to swell inside. Your looking for peas that are round but still tender. Pick peas just before you are ready to shell and cook them. For snow peas and sugar snaps, taste a pod when it nears full size. You want a crisp, crunchy, fresh-tasting pod, in which the seeds have started developing but are nowhere near round. Pods left too long on the vine get tough and stringy.

Cantaloupes, muskmelons and honeydews: Harvesting melons can be tricky, even for melon farmers. You can thump the melon and listen for a dull, hollow sound or sniff it to see if it smells sweet. A ripe cantaloupe or muskmelon will begin to have a tan or yellowish color beneath the corky «netting» on its skin. A honeydew will feel smooth, not hairy. Cut the stem rather than breaking the fruit off, which creates a wound that invites the fruit to rot. Let the fruit ripen for another day or

two at room temperature before cutting into it.

Watermelons. When the spot beneath the melon, where it sits on the ground, turns yellowish, rather than white or green, the melon is close to ripe. The rind also gets tougher, so test it with your thumbnail to how easily it dents. For old-fashioned full-sized watermelons, the traditional ripeness test is to thump and listen for a dull, hollow sound, but this may not work as well with the smaller «icebox» varieties. Ultimately, you\ll have to cut one open and decide if its ripe, and use that as a standard for the rest of the crop.

Cucumbers. Check the seed packet to see how large your variety of cucumber will get and how long that is expected to take. But bear in mind that you can pick cucumbers at any stage, depending on what you want to use them for. Smaller ones will be more tender, with thinner skins and few or immature seeds. Too-old cucumbers get dry and woody. Like melons, cucumbers should be cut from the vine, not pulled.

Sweet corn. Timing is everything with sweet corn. The kernels begin to lose sweetness and flavor the instant the ear is picked, so the great advantage of growing your own is so you can wait until the last minute. The traditional rule was to get the pot of water boiling to cook the corn and then go out and pick it. Sweet corn is ready to eat when you can feel full, rounded kernels beneath the husk; the silk at the top of the ear is drying out; and a squished kernel produces a milky sap.

Root vegetables. Read the seed packet to see how long it should take before you start checking to see if your variety of carrots,

beets, turnips, radishes or parsnips is ready for harvest. When it's about time, loosen the soil gently and pull one up to see how big it is. Root vegetables are more tender and delicate in flavor if eaten younger and smaller; as they get older and larger, they get tougher, woodier and more pungent. If that's okay with you, you can store some root crops right in the cold ground after the tops die. Spread a thick layer of leaves, straw or other mulch to keep the ground from freezing so you can still dig them up, and you may be able to harvest carrots, turnips or pars-

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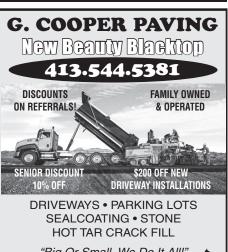
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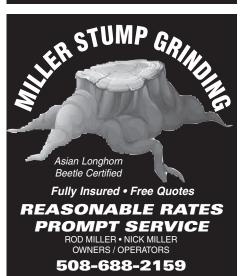
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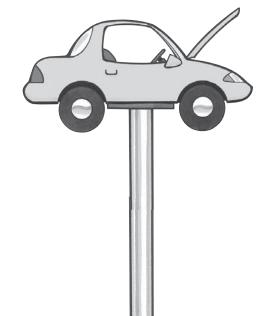
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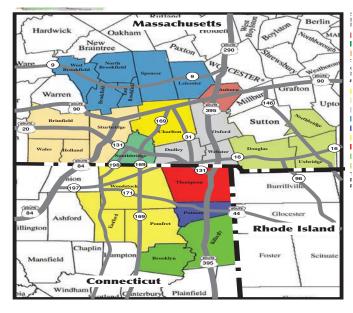
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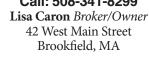
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO21P2509EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Aleta Alice Black Date of Death: 04/01/2021 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jane A Proia of East Douglas MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Jane A

Proia of East Douglas MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised

administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/31/2021. 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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under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 29, 2021 Stephanie K. Fattman, Register of Probate

August 6, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Worcester Division Worcester Probate and Family** Court 225 Main Street

Worcester, MA 01608 Docket No. WO21P2417GD CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT **OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO**

G.L.c. 190B, §5-304 In the matter of: **Katherine A Richer** Of: Blackstone, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Normand E Richer, of Blackstone MA Jessica R Richer, of Woonsocket, RI in the above captioned matter alleging that Katherine A Richer is in need of a Guardian requesting that Normand E Richer, of Blackstone MA

Jessica R Richer, of Woonsocket, RI, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/17/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection within 30 days after the return

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Date: July 21, 2021 Stephanie K. Fattman Register of Probate August 8, 2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Worcester Probate and Family Court 225 Main Street Worcester, MA 01608 (508) 831-2200 Docket No. WO00P1807GR1 **CITATION GIVING NOTICE**

OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON Respondent Incapacitated Person/ **Protected Person** In the interests of: **Katherine A Richer**

Of: BLACKSTONE, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by:

Normand E Richer of Blackstone,

in the above captioned matter requesting that the court Accept the Resignation of the Guardian and/or

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/ or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardian and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 21, 2021

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Outdoor Storytime

Every Thursday 10:30 - 11:00

Join Miss Heather on Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:30 outside on the front lawn of the library! Bring a blanket to sit in the grass as we read books, sing rhymes and dance to some fun music. Let's have some fun reading and singing together! Each week a different craft will be available at the end of the program, stay outside on the front lawn to craft with Miss Heather or take your craft home to put together in your own time! This program is for children ages 1-6. Registration is required. Register at: www.tinyurl.com/EventsAtWSL

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Local Author Visit: Sharon Healy-Yang

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Adult Craft Night

Tuesday August 10 at 6:30

Save your place with an easy canine themed sewing project. You can either craft in the library's front yard on Tuesday August 10 at 6:30 with hands-on instruction or pick up your kit anytime between 10-8 on Wednesday August 11 (the next day). This event/kit is for adults. Registration required.

Tween and Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Wednesday August 25 at 3:30

Join us for a discussion of the graphic novel "The Tea Dragon Society" by Katie O'Neill. Request the book in our online catalog and copies are available at the Library's front desk. The meeting is taking place outside on the library's front lawn. If you have one, please bring a chair. Sign up to be notified if the meeting needs to be rescheduled due to poor weather.

Cookbook Club: Pickling Spice Thursday August 26 at 12

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BLACKSTONE VALLEY TRIBUNE Friday, August 6, 2021 • 13

Take a break on new benches along Blackstone Valley Greenway path

UXBRIDGE — In an effort to encourage seniors and folks of all ages to get out and walk, the Massachusetts DCR announced a campaign to place three benches along the Blackstone Valley Greenway walking path.

This initiative is part of the Uxbridge Senior Center's effort that began with the launch of the walking club lead by Activities Coordinator, Sally Selvidge. Sally presented this project to Jody Madden from Mass DCR (Department of Conservation & Recreation) and Jody quickly responded to construct and install the benches along the walking path. The walking path is located on Adams Street in South Uxbridge.

The Uxbridge Senior Center's Walking Club meets every Wednesday at 9am (weather permitting) on the walking path. This is a program in coordination with Massachusetts Council on Aging (MCOA) Walk Massachusetts Challenge, which runs until September 30th. Please call the senior center to sign up at 508-278-8622 or go to www.mcoaonline.com/walkma for more information. The senior center wish-

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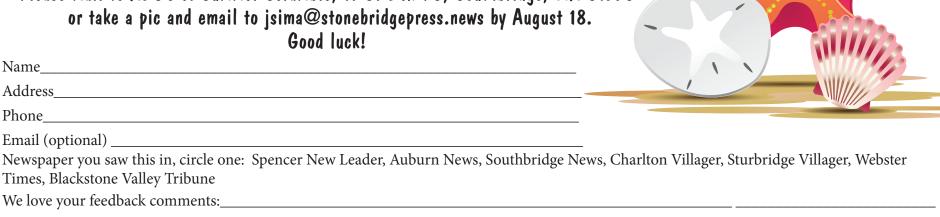
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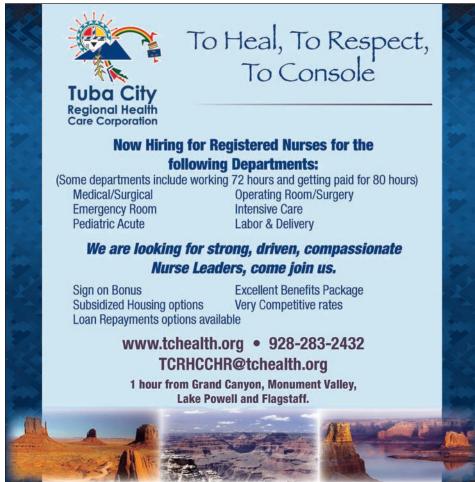


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Northbridge Senior Center program reveals horrors & discoveries of Victorian medicine

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On July 15, the Northbridge Senior Center hosted a performance and tea titled Myths & Miracles of Victorian Medicine. The event took place at the Center at 20 Highland St., Whitinsville. Twenty-one guests discovered some of the primitive practices and surprising discoveries associated with medicine in the later part of the 19th century.

'When we think of medicine in 1900, we tend to cringe," said Michelle LaChapelle, Assistant Director at the Northbridge Senior Center. "The performance, however, offered a more balanced perspective. It was surprising to learn that although mothers took their children to the local factory so they could inhale the 'healing gases', doctors also had access to x-ray equipment. In fact, there were discoveries made then that made modern medical miracles possible.'

While guests sipped tea and nibbled on treats that included tea bread and cookies, fictional Victorian lady Miss Myrtle Mills escorted them on a journey through the sometimes head-scratching state of medicine in the latter half of the 19th century. Guests learned about the evolution of medicine in the 19th-century, disease prevention; homemade medicines and patented "remedies"; pregnancy protocols;

the difficulties for aspiring women physicians and scientific discoveries that formed the roots of medicine in 2021.

Janet Parnes, owner of Historical Portrayals by Lady J. Millis portrayed Myrtle Mills. Janet also portrays Massachusetts War heroine Deborah Sampson, First Lady Dolley Madison and the fictional Etiquette Expert of 1890. For information, visit her Web site www.women-history.com.

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