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Jake Garille

BVT senior secures full-time employment in his trade

UPTON – Jake Garille of Uxbridge is a senior at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) in the Electrical program and an employee at Renaud Electric & Communications Inc. in Sutton through his cooperative education. Also known as co-op, this structured learning method combines a student's classroom-based training with actual work experience and academic credit for the job experience. Resolutely, Garille's post-graduation plans now include full-time employment with this company as an Electrical Apprentice.

“Consistent with our focus on trade employment, our co-op program had more than one hundred industry placements during the 2019-2020 school year,” said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. “These paid internships in the private and public sectors involved some one-third of the graduating class.”

With this apprenticeship, Garille is also fulfilling a goal that he set as a child.

He explained, “Since I was nine years old, I've wanted to be an electrician. So, I knew what trade I hoped to pursue before I even arrived at BVT with intentions of becoming a third-generation electrician. But BVT was the necessary first step in reaching that goal.

“I am proud to be following in the footsteps of my dad and his father. My papa worked for the Electric Utility in Rhode Island before his retirement, and my dad works for National Grid, and I am excited to go to work in the electrical trade too!”

Looking for a co-op where he could apply the skills that he learned at BVT, Garille searched through a job posting site that allows employers to post available job listings. That is how he found Renaud Electric & Communications was seeking a skilled apprentice, and he decided to take a chance and pursue an open position.

Garille said, “I applied, and now I'm employed in my trade, enhancing my skills, and creating memories with my friends during my senior year.”

His vocational instructors at BVT are proud of his effort in reaching his career goal with full-time employment within his trade.

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Douglas superintendent search narrows down

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS — The Douglas Superintendent Search Committee will be submitting three candidates to the town's School Committee for consideration. A vote to appoint a new Superintendent for the school district is scheduled to take place by June 1.

According to a recent statement, the Superintendent Search Committee has spent the past few weeks reviewing more than twenty applicant resumes, conducting interviews with eight semi-finalists, and deliberating on finalist candidates to put forward to the School Committee.

“The committee was very impressed with the talent of all of our semi-finalists, and we want to thank everyone who has aided the search process by providing survey input and materials for the position brochure,” said School Committee Member and Superintendent Search Committee Chair Becky Charniak in the statement. “We are happy to formally announce our three finalist candidates.”

The three final candidates include: Richard Lind, the current Superintendent of North Brookfield Public Schools; Gary Reese, the current Superintendent of Westport Community Schools; and Paul Vieira, the current Assistant Superintendent of Ashland Public Schools.

In the past few weeks, the finalists and School Committee participated in remote visits with the Douglas district as well as the finalists' districts, according to the Search Committee statement.

Finalist interviews were then conducted this past week and a vote to appoint the town's new Superintendent is scheduled to take place by June 1.

“We encourage parents, community members, and school staff to stay apprised of our progress via public meeting video streaming so you will be able to have a voice in the process should you so choose,” said Charniak.

Charniak also extended a special thank you to those who have served on the search committee during the first phases of interviews, adding that their time and input has been invaluable.

Town meeting videos and information regarding remote town meetings can be found at the town's official Web site, douglas-ma.gov.

Community library planning Coronavirus Memory Project

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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DOUGLAS — The Simon Fairfield Public Library in Douglas is asking residents to participate in creating the new Coronavirus Memory Project. The project will allow members of the community to share their experiences and become “a chapter in the novel that is being written across the world.”

“As our community navigates through these unprecedented times, we are presented with an opportunity to create our own narrative of the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic,” said Library Archivist and Historian Rebecca Doyon-Lavallee in a recent statement. “It is a chance for us to tell our stories as we experience them...our stories today will help paint a vivid picture of what life was like in the small, rural town of Douglas during the Coronavirus Pandemic.”

Residents are being asked to share their memories or experiences—some will be happy, others will be sad, the library statement reads.

“It doesn't matter what kind of story it may be, the point is they are your memories and experiences, and they will be preserved for future generations.”

Memories will be accepted in many different forms, including written experiences, drawings, video or voice recordings, to-do lists, or even songs. Residents are also encouraged to give a voice to the children in the community as well.

“How do they see the pandemic? What do they have to say? Let's give them a voice,” Doyon-Lavallee said. “The manner in which you record your experience isn't as important as the preservation of your memories...Let's make our experiences of this unknown world be a chapter in the history books instead of just a footnote.”

Residents who would like to participate may send an email to douglas.archivist@gmail.com. Any requests to remain

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Whitinsville Christian seniors celebrate with drive-thru parade

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

WHITINSVILLE — Hundreds of cars decorated with messages offered their well wishes recently to one local graduating class as Whitinsville Christian School hosted a drive-thru parade for the school's seniors on their last day of classes.

“This on-site event works well because of the wide geographic region of where our seniors live. While our student body represents 38 communities, the senior class alone comes from 19 different towns in two states,” said Chris Vander Baan, High School Principal. “This is something we've never done before. We were excited so were the seniors. They received a goody bag as they arrived today and then we had 500 cars come through our lot for the parade.”

The seniors set up in designated spots in the school's parking lot, and traffic directors guided hundreds of cars decorated with messages for the graduates with passengers offering their well-wishes and honking their horns.

Many area first responders participated in the event, including the Uxbridge Fire Department and Northbridge Police Department. The U.S. Coast Guard even sent a helicopter to fly over the event, according to a statement from the school.

“It was really cool to see our community come out and support us like this,” said Erin Brown, Whitinsville Christian School Student Council President. “It meant a lot to see how much they love us and it gave us the opportunity to say goodbye.”

Some other end-of-year events have been held virtually, such as the WCS High School Awards Ceremony live-streamed to students and parents on May 21.

“The parade was a great way, done in a safe manner, to allow the students to be together again,” added Vander Baan. “We are also hopeful that we can hold a live graduation ceremony in July. We just have to wait and see what that event will look like.”



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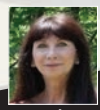
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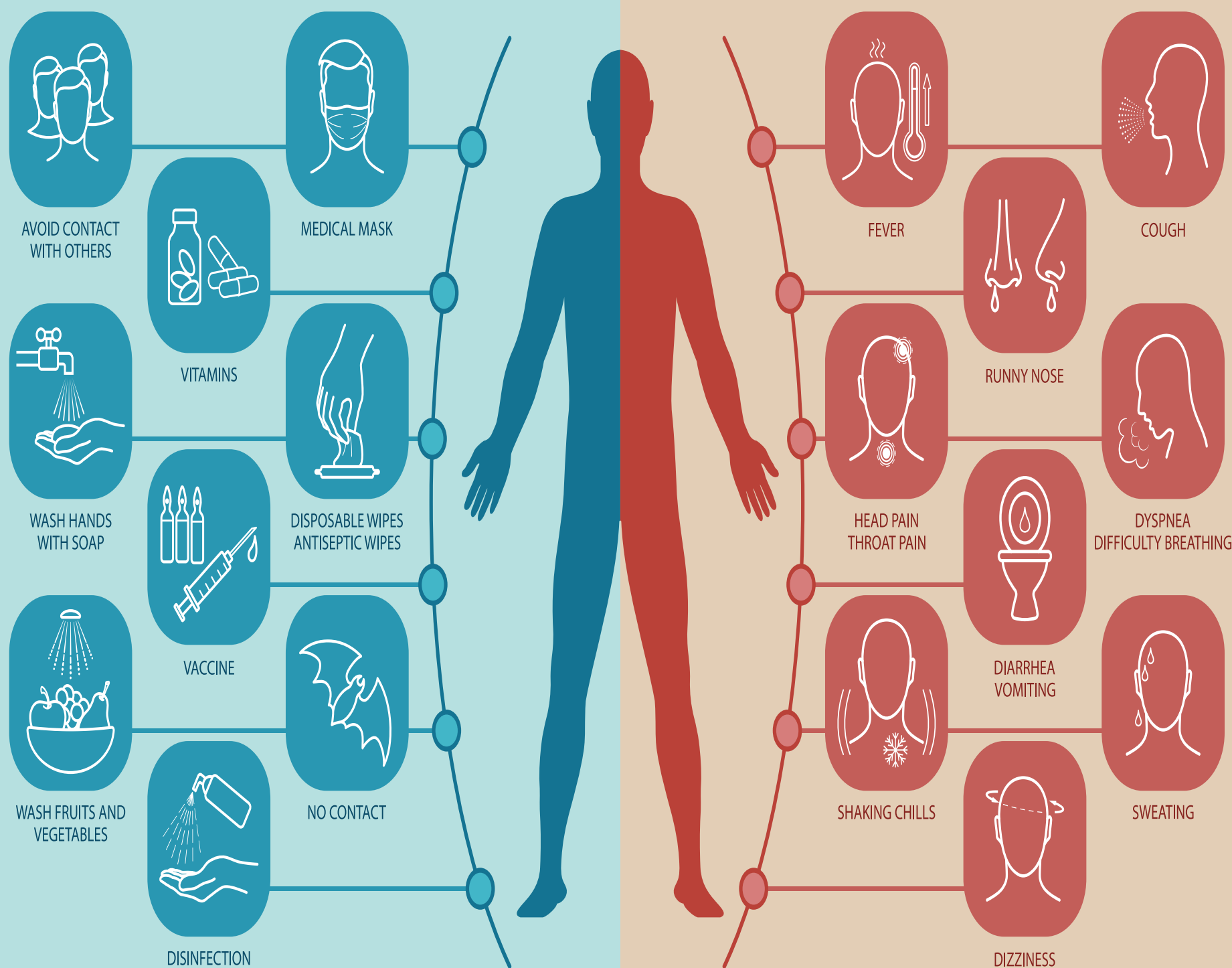
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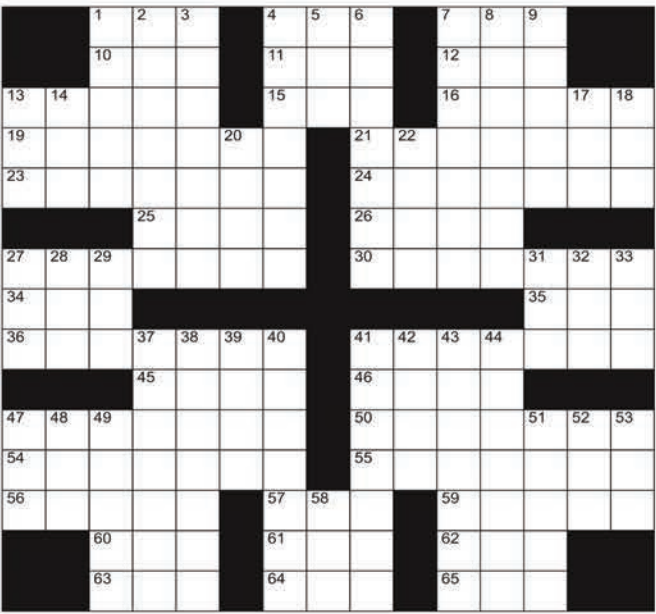
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1. It's now called Experian

4. You can draw it

7. Very fast aircraft

10. Go quickly

11. Fifth note of a major scale

12. Biochemical abbreviation

13. Make somebody laugh

15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)

16. City in NE Morocco

19. Colorless gas

21. NE football player

23. A snake is one

24. Small spot

25. Inform

26. Republic of Ireland

27. Large statues

30. Documents about an individual
34. Helps little firms

35. Namibia's former name

36. Large insects

41. Thirsty

45. A well-defined track or path

46. One who utilizes

47. Plant-eating mammals

50. Not in tip-top shape

54. Alternate names

55. A part of a broadcast serial

56. City in central Italy

57. LOTR actor McKellen

59. Trees provide it

60. Men's fashion accessory

61. Type of screen

62. Snakelike fish

63. Possesses

64. When you aim to get there

65. Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

1. Hit heavily

2. Italian rice dish

3. Some are cocktail

4. A citizen of Israel

5. Read-only memory

6. Passed by

7. Northern diving ducks

8. References

9. Iranian language

13. Swiss river

14. Woman (French)

17. Gov't department (abbr.)

18. Consumed

20. Ailments

22. Balkan Jewish appetizer

27. Reciprocal of a sine

28. Skywalker mentor ____-Wan

29. Resinous secretion of insects
31. Similar

32. Female sheep

33. Cool!

37. Borders the Adriatic Sea

38. Flowers

39. It's sometimes upped

40. Immobile

41. Female body parts

42. Common request

43. Made a second thrust

44. Fell into deep sleep

47. Subway resident

48. Brew

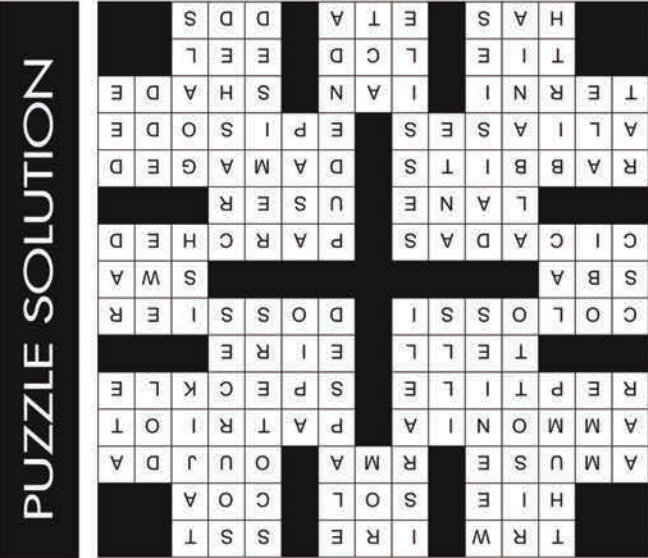
49. The event of being born

51. Aspirations

52. Doctor of Education

53. Punk musician ____ Dee Ramone

58. A subdivision of a play



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ANIKA KOOPMAN

Anika is a graduate of the Blackstone Valley Technical High School class of 2020.

Anika will attend the University of New England to double major in Neuroscience and Global Studies is also the recipient of a Captain Job Knapp Scholarship in memory of Marcelyn “Marce” Karagosian. The Scholarship honors Marce’s service in public health nursing and her dedication to the DAR. She served as Massachusetts State

Regent, Chapter Regent and many DAR boards and committees for the preservation of the History of the United States, the Promotion of Education, and Patriotism for our citizens.

HADLEY KOEMAN

Hadley is a member of the Whitinsville Christian School class of 2020.

Hadley was also the Chapter’s DAR Good Citizen Scholarship Essay winner.

She will be attending Calvin University in Michigan.

CHRISTIN WALCEK

Christin is a member of the Douglas High School class of 2020.

She will be attending Nichols College in Dudley.

EMMA HOLTZ

Emma is a member of the Northbridge High School Class of 2020.

Emma will be attending the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

BVT celebrates seniors with class parade

UPTON – While society works to adapt to a new normal, Blackstone Valley Tech pulls out all the stops to celebrate its seniors this spring. As the Class of 2020 gears up for graduation, BVT hosts a senior parade commemorating this milestone, making sure these class moments are fun, unique, and memorable.

It was a bright, beautiful summer-like day, on Friday, May 15, as the Class of 2020 and their families arrived at BVT to pick-up their class t-shirt. The students were not expecting to see

what they saw. More than 75 of their teachers, instructors, administrators, and support staff eagerly awaiting their arrival, socially distanced along the driveway, parking lots, wrapping around the building to celebrate them with hoots, hollers, and cheers in what was a rolling rally parade.

Families were assigned an arrival time and asked to stay in their vehicles. To enter the driveway near the digital sign, plan to pull around the building heading towards the t-shirt distribution tent set-up

outside of the fitness center. The parents were aware that they were part of a celebratory procession of vehicles that would slowly roll around the building. They arrived in true BVT fashion; with parental pride, on full display, the car décor was on point, and creativity did not disappoint.

From bubbles, balloons, and banners to the Upton Police, Fire, and EMS with flashing lights, horns, and sirens to noisemakers, decorated cars, and masked staff, family, and friends wearing BVT

colors to celebrate the Class of 2020. It was uplifting to see each other and come together in this way. Even Sporty the Beaver made a brief appearance to wish our seniors well.

Check out the celebration: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/celebratingourseniors2.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone,

Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, Blackstone Valley Tech creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. The school’s Web site is www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.

Sharing some “sunshine” with home bound seniors



REGION — Tri-Valley, Inc., in partnership with Marsh & McLennan Insurance Agency and Stonehenge Gardens in Charlton, distributed 800 healthy plants to seniors receiving Meals on Wheels deliveries on Friday, May 8. Meant to lift spirits, and just in time for Mother’s Day, the project was conducted as part of Tri-Valley’s SOS (Supporting our Society) volunteer initiative. The goal of this program is to assist people living in our communities to continue to live safely and comfortably.

Volunteers and employees delivered the plants which included tomato, lettuce, eggplant, pepper, basil and parsley along with meals to seniors in the Agency’s 25-town service area. An uplifting poem and plant instructions were included in the delivery.

“At this time of year, and especially this year, it is important to share some happiness with the seniors in our community. The plants represent life,

nourishment and hope and will bring a little bit of sunshine to those who need it the most,” said Lisa Prince, Executive Director of Tri-Valley.

Tri-Valley is grateful to the Marsh & McLennan Insurance Agency for funding the project; to Stonehenge Gardens for their beautiful plant selection and cooperation; to Christie Higginbottom, local Garden Consultant and Research Historian who provided the plant care instructions which were included as an insert; and to our incredible employees and volunteers who continue to deliver meals with smiling faces underneath their protective masks.

As an ‘essential’ service, Tri-Valley continues to provide services to seniors and young-disabled individuals. Meals on Wheels, providing Care Management, In-home Services, Protective Services, and our Information & Resource team is fielding calls during this pandemic. If you need assistance, please give us a call at 508-949-6640; if you would like to make a donation, please mail to Tri-Valley, Inc., 10 Mill St., Dudley,

MA 01571 or donate online at www.trivalleyinc.org.

Tri-Valley, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency providing in-home and community-based services in 25 towns located in south central Massachusetts. The Agency receives funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and from the Federal government, under the Older American’s Act, processed through the Central Mass Agency on Aging.

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Remaining optimistic in a negative media world

I have written on this subject before, but as this current election cycle is beginning to heat up, I hope to preempt the anger and vitriol with what I think is basic common sense.

If you believe the 24-hour news channels, the sky is falling. Chicken Little, in the form of talking heads, would have us believe that the end is near. As I mentioned in a column a few months ago, it's good business for the TV and AM radio talkers to have us frightened of the impending doom. Whether it's the danger of a pandemic or the upcoming election, their fear-mongering causes us to keep coming back for the next news alert, so we can learn how the end will be delivered and by whom. Don't allow them to pull you in.

Politics are a nasty business. Plato warned us, "Never give power to those who seek it." Our democratic form of government seems to only reward power to those who seek it with a vengeance ... and lots of cash.

George Washington was the perfect leader. He did not seek power and in fact, gave it up twice. After he led us to victory against the British in our war for independence, there were those who wished to make him king, yet General Washington refused and retreated to the solitude of Mount Vernon, his estate on the Potomac. Several years later, he was drafted to become our first President. He resisted but did not refuse his call to duty and served two terms. Again, the people wished to make him our permanent ruler. In his humble wisdom, once again, the "Father of Our Country" gave up power and returned to life at Mount Vernon. I believe George Washington to be the greatest American President and one of the world's greatest leaders.

The mission of my column is to help my readers to be positive, uplifted, encouraged and optimistic in a world that is increasingly pessimistic and negative. It really doesn't matter which way you lean. Sean Hannity and Rachel Maddow, for example, could not be more different in rhetoric and beliefs, but are opposite sides of the same coin. As I have said here several times before, they, and others like them, are a major part of the problem in our country. If you think you are turning on the evening television to get the news, forget it.

There is a big difference between opinion and hard news. Hard news, and there's not much of it on television or talk radio, is found more fre-



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quently in your local newspaper ... this newspaper, in fact ... and a few trusted national sources. What we are tuning into at night on television is opinion and commentary. It is purely a left or right leaning person telling you what is going on in the world based on their personal bias and agenda. Both sides are guilty. What is masquerading on nighttime television as news is nothing more than propaganda mixed with entertainment.

Where is our George? I don't believe we'll find a George Washington today because we are currently too angry and divided to listen to reason. Washington would appeal to very few voters in this environment. If we believe our side is good, the other side must be evil. If you aren't with us, you must be against us. If I am right, you must be wrong. This kind of thinking has me asking ... "Where do we go from here?"

Turn off the noise and get back to "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness!"

Let's all pull together this election season, regardless of where you lean and not allow the anger and vitriol to pull us under. Half of my friends lean left, and I love them. The other half lean right, and I love them too. I'm going to encourage you to love your friends and neighbors regardless of political leanings. Do not get into ideological arguments on social media, but if you do, please don't unfriend your friend! Just ignore them until the dust clears. Remember, they are a friend for a reason ... keep them as a friend after the election.

Don't let this election cycle define you as a person.

Trust me ... regardless of who wins in November, the sun will rise the next morning. These United States of America will remain a beacon of democracy in a world looking to us for leadership. Rejoice in the fact we live in a country that allows "We the People," the common citizen, to choose. I love my life in the greatest nation in the history of mankind. Please rejoice with me in the realization that no matter who wins or loses, the USA will continue to thrive.

May God continue to bless The United States of America

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Lemon Balm: A tea made from Lemon Balm relieves abdominal pains and cramps.

Detoxing Agent
Cilantro: Eaten fresh (as in a salad or steamed), the tasty herb binds to toxic metals that accumulate in the organs, aiding the body in disposing of them.

Pansies: The flowers with the "faces" have been touted as a valuable detoxifying. Pansies grown without pesticides can be enjoyed in their natural state, simply washed and tossed in a salad or cold drink.

Garlic: Fresh garlic contains compounds that help flush heavy metals out of the body.

Anti Inflammatory
Marigolds: Marigolds have anti inflammatory properties also aid in treating minor cuts and abrasions. Marigolds are also used to soothe and heal such skin ailments as burns and acne. Simply make a poultice from the flowers and apply to the area to be treated.

Pansies: Pansies act as an anti inflammatory. The flowers may be made into a healthful tincture or tea.

Brain Boosters
Lemon Balm: Taken as a tea, Lemon Balm is hailed as an herb that sharpens the mind and improves mental performance and memory.

Rosemary: The tasty spice herb has long been used as a remedy for age related memory loss.

Sage: Two university studies showed that those given Sage performed better in a word recall test. Experiments also revealed Sage can boost the same brain chemicals that decrease with Alzheimer's Disease.

Skin Care
Dandelion: Although you won't want to plant dandelions, a plentiful supply of the weed is likely available. The yellow flowers, when made into an infusion can aid in reducing both large pores and age spots. Steep fresh blossoms in boiling water, allow to cool and apply to skin. The sticky liquid in the stems is used to shrink warts.

Pansy: The pansy is beneficial in treating eczema. To make a pansy poultice for external skin application to treat eczema and impetigo, simply add two tablespoons of pansy petals to two cups boiling water. Allow to steep for about 20 minutes and cool. Soak

clean cloth in mixture and apply to skin.

Sage: Drinking sage tea can prevent and treat fever blisters and cold sores. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over edible sage leaves and a small piece of ginger root (or substitute ginger powder). Steep, cook and drink two to three cups of hot sage tea every-day to get rid of fever blisters.

Lemon Balm: Lemon Balm can speed up the healing of cold sores. Simply make a Lemon Balm tea with up to four tablespoons of the herb per cup of boiling water. Allow to cool, then apply with a cotton ball to cold sore several times a day.

Antioxidant
Oregano: Packed with antioxidants, the herb is also very easy to grow. FYI: In a USDA study, oregano demonstrated 42 times more antioxidant activity than apples, 30 times more than potatoes, 12 times more than oranges and four times more than blueberries! Just one tablespoon of fresh oregano was found to contain the same antioxidant activity as a medium-sized apple.

Tomatoes: It's been well publicized that tomatoes are rich in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant, but tomato is also one of the top five food sources of vitamin C, vitamin A, vitamin E, potassium and fiber. Tomatoes are also excellent sources of phytochemicals, polyphenols and carotenoids. And research shows tomatoes an aid in lowering blood pressure. According to an Israeli study, adding tomatoes to a diet can reduce systolic blood pressure by 10 points and diastolic pressure by four points. The secret weapon once again, is the tomato's high concentration of lycopene. The recommended dosage is whole tomatoes daily, which is easy during peak season. Off season, use chopped and canned garden tomatoes in chili, tomato sauces and soups to reach your daily dose.

Rosemary: Laboratory studies reveal the popular spice herb Rosemary has antioxidant properties that neutralize free radicals

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A most solemn holiday

As many events over the past few months have been cancelled in an attempt to flatten the Coronavirus curve, Memorial Day celebrations were not exempt. Typical ceremonies were altered as a way to honor those lost serving our country while still maintaining safety.

When Memorial Day was first celebrated, it was known as Decoration Day following the Civil War. Youngsters would place flowers in cemeteries while they sang songs and honored those lost due to war. The Civil War, which ended in 1865, took the lives of more people than any other war in the history of the United States; the estimate is roughly 620,000, with the Union losing 365,000 and the Confederacy 260,000. History says that more than half of these losses came as the result of disease. As a result, the first national cemeteries were created.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans called for a nationwide day to honor fallen soldiers. General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Decoration Day and the more than 5,000 people in attendance decorated more than 2,000 graves, both Union and Confederate.

The holiday, as we all know, is celebrated on the last Monday in May, and became an official holiday in the year 1971. Parades across the country take place, and people visit cemeteries where family members who have served in the military have been laid to rest.

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2008, President Bill Clinton signed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act” which designated the time be at 3 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, New York as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

Originally, Decoration Day was intended to honor those lost in just the Civil War. After the First World War, America felt the need, and rightfully so, to honor all those lost serving their country. In WWI, 116,516 Americans died at war, and 405,399 were lost during WWII. The Korean War took 36,574 lives, and the Vietnam War cost 58,220 lives. A total of 4,411 were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 73 in Operation New Dawn, 2,346 as the result of Operation Enduring Freedom, 48 in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and 61 in Operation Inherent Resolve.

We hope that our readers, and all Americans, took a moment at some point over the long weekend, even in the midst of our current circumstances, to pause and remember the reason for this most solemn of holidays.

LETTERS

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

We think you’re important enough to tell all our readers to turn to the Opinion pages and read your Letters to the Editor.

But first, you have to write us!

Mail your letters to the Blackstone Valley Tribune, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550.

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You’ll need to provide your name and place of residence, along with a phone number, so we can verify the letter is yours.

We don’t have a set limit, but if you keep it around 600 words or so, you’re going to have a better chance at seeing all your words in print.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

The price of industrialization

To the Editor:

The Industrial Revolution, from 1760 to 1840, was a period of time where America had transitioned from old processes to new, creating a more efficient and effective way to mass produce products. Factories, newer machines, and textiles were a huge part of this. But, the root of it all came down to steam power.

Although this was a huge step for the nation, a big problem was created through the many factories and machines now used to mass produce. Chemicals were being produced at these locations that created goods, and individuals didn’t know where to get rid of the chemicals. The solution was to dump them in the river for many, many years. And there were no regulations against such practices.

The Blackstone Valley was a huge part of the Industrial

Revolution, and some would even call it the heart of the Industrial Revolution for America. The first textile mill was built along the Blackstone River.

In return for this, our rivers have been severely polluted. In 1990, the Environmental Protection Agency declared the Blackstone River as “the most polluted river in the country with respect to toxic sediments.” Other rivers such as the Mumford located in the towns Douglas, Sutton, Northbridge, and Uxbridge are also polluted.

I think it would be a great idea for the state to return the favor to the beloved valley and depollute the rivers that were ruined during the industrial revolution. We deserve to enjoy our rivers again with flowing clean water and fish!

LILLIE BURNS
DOUGLAS

A solution to hazardous road conditions

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention that some of the roads in the area have severe water damage, ultimately creating large potholes that can be a nuisance while driving.

Potholes mainly form in the winter during a repeated freeze-thaw cycle after water gets under the road surface. These conditions are hazards for vehicle operators, motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Potholes have the ability to create a long list of damages: puncture your tire, bend or crack your rim, harm your suspension or shocks, and even move your tires out of alignment. Providence Road in Uxbridge, as well as Highland Street and Mendon Road in Northbridge are severely deteriorating and have an abundance of potholes.

To address the problem, I would propose the town create a committee to keep track of this issue and attempt to fill as many potholes as possible before they become problematic. A committee could be beneficial; however, improvements to the paving process would be a smarter longterm solution. New England states should join forces and monies to solve this issue regionally. I would think citizens would consider paying more in taxes if new technologies can be proven to minimize potholes, ultimately making it more cost-effective.

THANK YOU!
KARLEE BURMA
NORTHBRIDGE

Uxbridge dog park a great idea

To the Editor:

The new Uxbridge Dog Park on Sutton Street in Uxbridge is a great idea and opportunity for the Blackstone Valley Community. It provides a fantastic way for citizens of the Blackstone Valley to get outside safely, while also supplying a fun way for dogs to get exercise and enjoy the outdoors.

The park has several great features, including the sand-box, safely distanced benches, shade structures, and much more. Although the opening of the park (which was previously scheduled for April 18, 2020) has been postponed,

the park’s launch is still highly anticipated by many. The park’s opening, whenever it may be, will likely provide a new opportunity for dogs and their owners all over the area. It may assist in forming new friendships between dogs and owners. Most of all, it will help the community grow even further in several positive ways.

THANK YOU,
OLIVIA FLEMING
NORTHBRIDGE

The absence of appeal to young adults in politics

To the Editor:

Although senior citizens make up the majority of the voting population, those who will be most affected by the elected candidates are those who are the future of the United States: young adults. They will live with the repercussions of any decision and currently have the ability to have an impact.

Many believe that this change should come from an increase in their votes and if more young adults vote, more candidates will try to appeal to them, but the lack of candidates that appeal to the younger population makes many of them lose interest in the election. I am a teenager who

has the ability to vote in the next presidential election, but, although I know I should research and keep up with the candidates, it is difficult since there are no candidates I have an interest in. Joe Biden tried to appeal to the youth by promising free things, but it is unlikely that he would be able to follow up on these promises. In order to ensure that the future is a place young adults envision, they need to vote, and that requires a candidate that can appeal and provide what young adults desire.

ALLY FOGG
NORTHBRIDGE

New fire station in Northbridge?

To the Editor:

As we may carry a Flag for a new Fire Station in Northbridge, may we also carry a Flag of ‘Financial Confidence’ in these Financial ‘Tumultuous Times?’ Many citizens in Northbridge may be dealing with in these our unprecedented times? We can all agree we need a new Fire Station, but is not ‘Financial Confidence’ also important in these hard financial times for many?

For those that may be unaware, our Town Government/Spring Town Meeting, Town Ballot Elections, is asking Northbridge Taxpayers to approve an approximately 29,000 square foot facility. With a 3,700 square foot ‘Package Steel’ Garage which Fire Trucks will also be parked to the rear of the new main facility. Recently I asked the Chairman of our FINCOM how they ‘Independently Validated’ their support for the \$19 MM Dollar Facility, or it’s Pre-Covid-19 Economy \$19 million estimate from our Towns’ hired Consultant? The response I received was that the FINCOM based their support on the \$19 MM dollar proposal, on ‘only information’ they received from the Town and it’s Public Presentations. Plus the Towns \$100,000 hired Fire Station Consultant, and our BPCC information? Many may agree why not ‘Independently Validate’ this information? It’s only \$19 million?

This is quite a contrast from what the FINCOM’s of 2009,2010, 2012, requested from a stellar Citizens group I was associated with in trying to attain for the Town a new DPW facility. Our group needed three Certified Quotes from Contractors that built DPW Facilities in Massachusetts. Plus in 2010, the BOS sent our Proposal out to Bid before the 2010 Fall Town Meeting to validate our Cost Estimates, on the groups Proposal in 2010. None of this has been done by our Town Government, BPCC, relative to this costly \$19 MM project in my opinion?

For those that were in Town in 2011 a Town Consultant told us we needed a \$9 million DPW Facility, Fletcher St, which was rejected. Then the Consultant said we needed a \$4 MM Dollar DPW facility on Douglas Road, rejected. Nbridge taxpayers received two very costly Consultant reports, no DPW facility in 2011. In 2012, a \$2.5 million ‘Package Steel’ well received, DPW Facility was approved which took almost four years to build.

In the Town’s presentation, you will not see these Towns on the new Fire Station Comparison list? Dudley, Plymouth,

Westford, Littleton, Greenfield, the reason in my opinion? They do not fit the Towns conjectural cost narrative, they were built all substantially less per over all Sq.Ft. then Nbridge, suggestive cost, ours \$653-\$750 per square foot costs? Dudley at approximately \$235 per square foot costs, with \$1 million in administrative costs, compared to Northbridge at almost \$5 million in administrative costs? Plus, we still do not know what are the Financial Safeguards to the taxpayers if Ledge is an issue at Riverdale Field/ Goulet Field? Which was brought up at the BPCC Meeting in January 2020? Plus safeguards on a defined completion date of the project if approved?

The Town mentions response times according to National Fire Standards, their are also similar standards (2019) for new Fire Station Construction at approximately \$5 million per 10,000 square feet of new construction. Plus, if the Town/Registered Voters may authorize \$19 million for a new Fire Station based on the Pre-Covid-19 Economy? May Contractors’ Bids come in at around \$18 million knowing that the Town has approved \$19 million to spend? May you tell a potential Home Contractor on a suggestive project, you have \$19 million to spend and give me back any possible change?

Yes, there are some things coming off the Tax Rolls, but if you examine the Town’s Manager Five Year Capital plan there are many things also suggestively going back on the Tax Roll’s for Taxpayers? Plus, we still do not know the full costs to maintain all these Towns Empty buildings? Plus the cost to eventually remove them from the Taxpayers liability of legions of potential costs? Plus may we also have to support more of the Schools annual budget due to more uncertainty on State School funding/Covid-19 fallout? Plus what may be the status of the Schools District., ‘Revolver Fund balance’?

I think everyone may support a ‘financially pruden’t new Fire Station, plus it was not the ‘Northbridge Citizens’ that did not ‘prioritize’ a new Fire Station over the last forty years for the Town Citizens? Plus our excellent Fire Department and it’s Great Staff.

SINCERELY,
BARRY GALLANT
WHITINSVILLE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Destroying of land in North Uxbridge

To the Editor:
The land that surrounds my house in North Uxbridge, near the border of Sutton, was once land owned by my great-grandfather who was a dairy farmer many years ago. The land was then divided up between my great-grandparents’ five daughters, one of them being my grandma. This land is still mostly owned by my family, but there are now many people that are moving into the houses and land that were once owned by my family. These people respect the land and care for it, for the most part.
There are some people that have altered the land around here also.

Some have cut down many trees just to sell while others have torn up fields to put in houses. There also have been planning on doing both by cutting down many trees to develop the land right next to my house. This land has been family land for many years and now it is being destroyed only for the benefit of others, without the consideration of the work that my great grandfather had done for this land over time.

THANK YOU,
BEN JOHNSON
UXBRIDGE

A needed change in the selection of Dual Valley Conference all-stars

To the Editor:
I am an athlete at Whitinsville Christian School, and play as a part of the Dual Valley Conference. This league is made up of Sutton, Hopedale, Douglas, Nipmuc, Blackstone-Millville, and Whitinsville Christian. After each sports season, about a dozen athletes from the area are chosen for the All Star Team. This team is made up of the best athletes from the league. There is an A team and a B team for All Stars.
In previous years, the players selected for these teams were chosen through coaches meeting and voting for players to be added to the teams. This often leads to coach favorites being selected and gifted athletes aren’t always rewarded for their hard work. A new system of selecting the athletes for the All Star Teams should be created which selects players based off of personal statistics rather than favoritism.
Coaches don’t always notice every gifted player in the league. A talent-

ed player may go unnoticed and not be mentioned at the meeting where players are selected. To help solve this issue, coaches could keep a record of the statistics of the players on their teams throughout the season. At the meeting at the end of the season, statistics could be compared and the players with the best statistics could be selected for the All Star Teams.
This new system could allow for more gifted athletes to receive the recognition for their hard work which they deserve. It could also create an All Star Team which is filled with the most talented players in the league and as a result, could lead to a win for the Dual Valley Conference against other All Star Teams.

SINCERELY,
MAGGIE REJMER
WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A solution to the school system’s dilemma

To the Editor:
Schools aren’t in session. Many high schools in the US are still unsure whether they’re going to be open next fall. The fact is that coronavirus is creating a cultural “new normal,” and individuals need to be aware that not everyone has the same mindset going about virus restrictions, especially when it comes to schooling. Instead of closing all schools and forcing students to learn at home, schools need to give their students and families the option to either send their kids to school, or have the student learn at home from virtual video-recorded classes.
All schools went online for the remainder of this year, and studies have shown that studying on a computer with little to no social interaction has decreased many student’s mental health and motivational drive to com-

plete their school work well, if not, at all. As a current high school student, I can attest to this. Therefore, school systems shouldn’t force students to continue learning through their computers. Instead, schools should have teachers record all of their lessons and give families the choice to send their child to school, or have their child attend the video sessions of the class in the comfort of their own home. This way, school systems aren’t forcing students who would rather be at school to learn from a computer screen or demanding families to send their child out while the virus is still prevalent. That being said, this is only a temporary solution until the world can truly return to normal.

KATIE WEEDON
WHITINSVILLE

Adopt a senior

To the Editor:
The excitement of senior year has gained attention in literature, in Hollywood, and in real life by millions of high school graduates. The days to prom and graduation are counted down as an individual’s high school career comes to a close. However, the Class of 2020 has fallen into its own category; the memories and the “lasts” that so many have taken for granted are these seniors’ current desires. They all missed out on milestones they had potentially been looking forward to for years because of- well, I’m sure you know why.
Nevertheless, people in our community are reaching out in an attempt to make this year special for these twelfth-graders. Signs have been put up in yards, pictures have been posted in

businesses, and parades have been held. Yet, one way to celebrate these young men and women is particularly special; some residents around the Blackstone Valley have decided to “adopt” seniors. This entails choosing a specific senior and either making or buying a gift to send them- presents can range from a letter to a snack to money. One student I know received a hand-stitched quilt bearing the colors of the college she’s attending in the fall. This gift is just one example of the great acts of kindness that make the seniors feel loved and celebrated. In our community, I believe this is an impactful way we can support the Class of 2020 through a monumental time in their lives despite this.

ALYSSA WORLEY
UXBRIDGE

One good deed deserves another

WARE — Country Bank, headquartered in Ware, knows that working together to support the needs of its communities has never been more critical than it is now. The bank continues to look for ways to make a difference for those on the front lines as they battle COVID-19. President and CEO, Paul Scully recently read an article on efforts by the Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center to assist first responders and healthcare workers by offering \$15 per night stays at their facility. Scully reached out to Charles “Chip” Norton, and committed to donating up to \$10,000 to help cover the cost of rooms for first responders.
“In times like these, acts of kindness can make such a difference in people’s lives. We are thrilled that the bank’s donation can assist the hotel in its efforts to support first responders and public safety personnel in providing a safe place for them to stay,” stated Scully.
Chip Norton, Manager of Franklin Realty Advisors LLC, and part owner of the Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center, said: “On behalf of the Southbridge Hotel, we are enormously grateful to the people at Country Bank for their support in assisting with the critical housing needs of the public safety persons and hospital staff in Southbridge. The leadership demonstrated by their President and CEO, Paul Scully, is remarkable. As one of our most important lenders, Country Bank has once again demonstrated a strong civic commitment and a true partnership with the business community, a partnership that goes above and beyond expectations.”
In response to COVID-19, Country Bank has been focusing much of its philanthropy on supporting first responders, healthcare workers, and food pantries. Since March, the bank has donated a total of \$250,000 to area hospitals, including \$50K each to UMass, Saint Vincent’s, and Harrington Hospital, along with \$50K to the First Responders Recovery Home and \$20,000 to several area food banks.
About Country Bank
Country Bank is a full-service mutual community bank serving central and western Massachusetts with 14 offices in Ware, Palmer, West Brookfield, Brimfield, Belchertown, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Leicester, Paxton, Charlton and Worcester. Country Bank is a member of FDIC, DIF and the SUM network. Country Bank can be reached at 800-322-8233 or online at countrybank.com.

A local bridge in need of widening

To the Editor:
Hello, I am a resident of Douglas. Almost every day, I drive either to school, to a sports practice, to work, or to almost anything. On my way to any of those events, I have two roads that I can take, both of which consist of crossing a bridge in Douglas. One bridge is on Mechanic Street, near the UniBank, and the other is on North Street, right after Hayward landing going towards the four way intersection.
The North Street bridge is a little tight and has some slight traffic. The bridge I cross most often is the one on Mechanic Street. This bridge is quite a problem due to how small it is. If you are trying to cross this bridge and another car is coming from the other way, you have to wait until that car crosses. This bridge can not fit two cars safely. It can barely allow SUVs, like a Ford Explorer for example, to cross the bridge alone. This bridge needs to be widened, not just for me, but for all citizens who cross this bridge.

Personally, when I cross this bridge, 90 percent of the time I have to stop because someone else is either currently crossing the bridge or attempting to cross it. This is problematic. A normal bridge allows for at least two cars, going opposite ways to cross at the same time. The bridge allows very few construction vehicles to cross the bridge. The Mechanic Street bridge has the potential to cause many more accidents. The number of times I’ve almost seen an accident is copious. The bridge in this current state is an accident waiting to happen. This bridge needs to be widened to allow two vehicles to cross at the same time.
Overall, this bridge needs to be widened for the safety of those who cross it. The bridge needs to allow two cars to safely cross at the same time. Accidents can easily be prevented through the correction of this bridge.

ZACHARY NOLEN
DOUGLAS

The importance of art as a hobby during the pandemic

To the Editor:
For many, the current global pandemic has kicked social plans, work schedules, and vacations out of the picture. Many people have more time on their hands than they could’ve ever imagined. And after a couple of seemingly eternal months of social distancing, constant scrolling through social media or binge-watching series after series has gotten monotonous. Now is the time to take up an artistic hobby. Many people feel obligated to deep clean their home or go for a run but getting creative with an art form can reap just as positive benefits, allowing one to relax and breathe as the paint moves around the canvas or the notes ring out of the piano. Author and Columbia University professor Tim Wu, who studied the effects of art as a hobby on the brain and published his findings in the New York Times, found

that engaging in some art form as a hobby can help ease anxiety and stress (emotions that are likely high during the pandemic) as well as increase problem-solving skills, memory retention, and hand-eye coordination (the same findings have been expressed by many other academic publications). It is important to exercise the other side of the brain. The key to starting a new art is to have low expectations and rather let the mind wander while creating and have fun with it. No one ever said it had to be good. So next time that Netflix episode is finished and the next one is about to automatically play, click the power button and go practice a new instrument, sketch the view from your window, or learn a dance – you’ll be glad you did.

ELLA VANTOL
WHITINSVILLE

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Hi! My name is Trey’von and I am very affectionate!

Trey’von is a playful seven-year-old boy of Hispanic descent. He can be shy when meeting new people but once he is comfortable, he is affectionate and easily engaged. Trey’von enjoys playing age-appropriate games, watching movies, playing outside, and coloring. Trey’von does extremely well in a structured environment with clear and consistent boundaries, both at home and in school.

Trey’von
Age 8

with his birth mother until an adoption is finalized, then the visits will decrease to two visits per year. Trey’von will also need to maintain three visits per year with his sibling.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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

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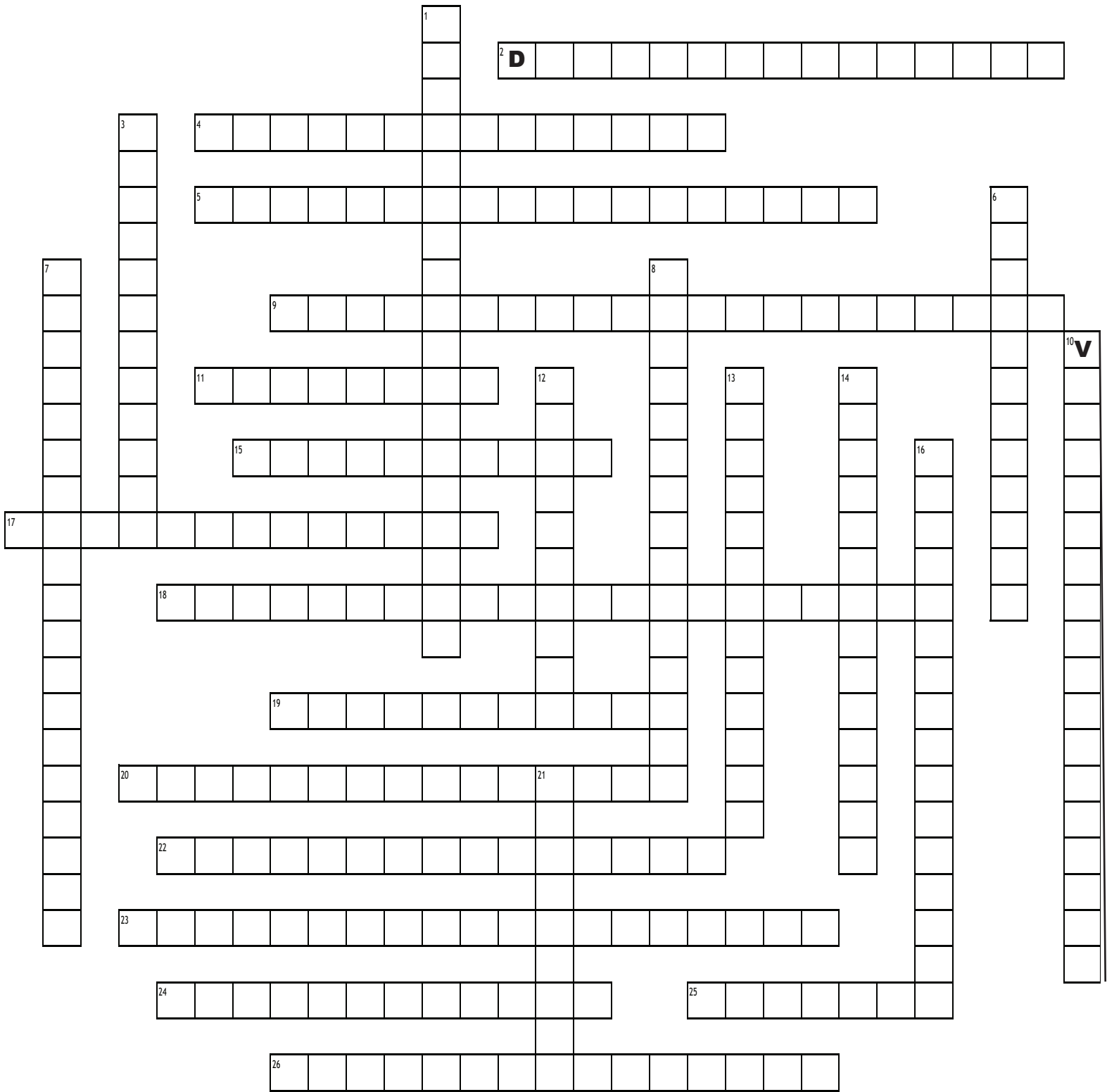
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Spring Edition

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ACROSS

- 2. Instant Credit - In-Shop Repairs
- 4. Helping You Get Back Home.
- 5. Official Sponsor Of The Boston Bruins
- 9. We Are A Deficiency Free Community Facility
- 11. Breakfast \$9
- 15. \$25 Dinner For Two
- 17. Outside Seating Now Open!
- 18. Experience, Education, Enthusiasm. It Makes A Difference!
- 19. Free Oil Change To Any Doctor Or Nurse With Valid Hospital ID
- 20. Engagements, Weddings, Birthday, Anniversaries, Or Just Because
- 22. White's Landing
- 23. 1182 Park St., Palmer, Ma 01069
- 24. 50% Off Leaf Guards With Gutter Installation
- 25. Hair Lashes Waxing Skincare Facials Massage
- 26. Find Our Bogo Coupon On Our Website

DOWN

- 1. Update On Covid-19 For Our Patients
- 3. Get Back To You
- 6. Covid-19 Safety Protocols At All Times
- 7. One Time Treatments Starting At \$125
- 8. Maple Syrup Products, Country Toys
- 10. 2nd Building Complete
- 12. Call Us Today 508-868-4291
- 13. Everybody Talks
- 14. Rental Car Or Truck Can Be Arranged For You
- 16. Read All About It
- 21. 16 Years Real Estate Experience

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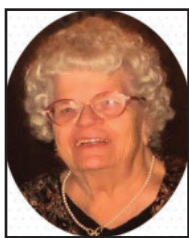
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OBITUARIES

Doris G. Kurtyka, 94



WHTINSVILLE- Doris G. (Peloquin) Kurtyka, 94, lifelong Linwood resident, passed away on Sat. May 23, 2020 at her daughters home aside her loving family, after a period of declining health. She was predeceased by her cherished husband of 65 years, John L. Kurtyka Jr. who passed in 2012.

She is survived by a daughter, Donna M.A Heywood of Linwood and her companion Scott Odette; a granddaughter, Alice Ann Zyra and her significant other Robert Hoaglund also of Linwood; a great-grandson, Maxwell M. Zyra; her close friend, Viola Bramel, many nieces and nephews, as well as her caregivers, Samantha Ellis and Craig Wilkins "Chlem". She was predeceased by a son, John Kurtyka III, a grandson, Scott Henry Linthicum, 2 sisters, Lola Wassengar, and Alice Howard; 3 brothers, Louis Peloquin, Leo Peloquin, and Raymond Peloquin. Born in Linwood on Feb. 20, 1926 she was the daughter of Adolphe M. and Alice A. (Lescault)

Margery Tufarolo, 75



NORTHBRIDGE- Margery (Shirley) Tufarolo, 75, died at home, Monday, May 18, with family by her side, after a brief illness. She leaves her husband of 34 years, John Tufarolo, two daughters, Lisa Benoit and her husband Bob, of Kennebunkport, ME and Janet Parker and her husband Bruce, of Holly Springs, NC, 3 brothers; David Shirley, in CA, Myron Shirley and Steve Shirley, both in NY, and a sister, Karen Shirley, in FL; and three grandchildren.

Margery was born in Syracuse, NY, a daughter of Arnold and Elsie

Peloquin and lived in Linwood all her life. She was a graduate of the Good Shepherd School and St. Mary's High School in Milford class of 1945. Doris owned and operated with her husband A. M. Peloquin Oil Company out of Linwood. Previously she had worked for the former Kartaigier Hat Shop in Upton and the former Whitin Machine Works. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, jewelry making, also making beautiful Rosary Beads. She was a member of the VFW Post 1385 Auxillary, enjoyed flea markets, her Boston Red Sox, bird watching, and game shows. Affectionately called "Big Mom" by her family, she was spunky, feisty, and family oriented. She loved her home and was a member of Good Shepherd Church.

Her Funeral Mass at Good Shepherd Church and burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations in her memory may be made to Good Shepherd Church, Columbian Church Mission, 121 Linwood St. Linwood, MA 01525. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

(Cates) Shirley. She graduated from Sandy Creek High School, then SUNY Albany, in 1966. In 1984 she graduated from Leslie College with a Masters of Art in Teaching, Special Needs. Margery taught special needs students for 22 years at North Attleborough High School. She was an active member of the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, in Whitinsville. She enjoyed reading and participating in book clubs, but especially found joy spending time with her grandchildren.

Margery's funeral service and burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Providence, are private. Carr Funeral Home, Whitinsville, is assisting the family with arrangements. For condolences, please visit www.carrfuneral-home.com

Ralph J. Duquette, 90



Ralph J. Duquette, 90, died Tuesday, May 19 in the Beaumont Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Charlotte (Crawford) Duquette; a son, Steven Duquette, and his wife, Gabrielle, of California; two daughters, Dale Madden, and her husband, Michael, of New Hampshire, and Karen Morrell, and her husband, Richard, of Douglas; four grandchildren, and a great granddaughter. He was predeceased by five brothers and five sisters.

Mr. Duquette was born in Whitinsville, May 8, 1930, a son of Joseph and Rose (Carpentier) Duquette, and he was a lifelong resi-

dent. He attended Northbridge High School and Northeastern University. He was a United States Army veteran.

An electrician, Ralph worked at Astra pharma in Westborough from 1982 until his retirement. He previously worked at the Cott Soda Company in Millis, and the Whitin Machine Works.

Ralph was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Whitinsville where he served as a Deacon. Following his retirement, Ralph developed an avid interest in genealogy and family history.

A private graveside Funeral Service will be held in Pine Grove Cemetery, Whitinsville. There are no Calling Hours. Carr Funeral Home, Whitinsville, is assisting the family during this time. To leave a condolence, please visit www.carrfuneral-home.com

Shannon Elizabeth Choquet, 50

Shannon Elizabeth Choquet, 50. Passed away after long illness; at the Oakbrook Village Nursing Home, in Huntington, IN on April 30th, 2020.

She was predeceased by her mother Lillian Choquet, her father Joseph Choquet and her step mother Hida Choquet.

She will be missed by her sisters, Harriet Beaudoin of Whitinsville. MA, Mary Hicks of Putnam, Ct.

Marjorie Swasey of Bellows Falls, VT, Deborah Flanders, Lorie Coleman, Monica Gibson.

Rebecca Dydo: all of VT and Brother Norman Flanders of VT; as well as

many nieces and nephews and cousins and friends.

Shannon was born in Vermont, moved to Massachusetts as a toddler. She attended Northbridge. MA elementary school, graduated from Valley Technical Regional High School

Shannon loved Eeyore, cats and a good joke. She worked as CNA in various locations in MA, VT and IN Interment will be later in the summer in North Clarendon. VT with her parents.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to homeless shelter and animal shelters of your choice.

William A. Bedard, 81

NORTHBRIDGE- William A. Bedard, 81, passed away on Fri. May 22, 2020 at Saint Vincent's Hospital after a period of declining health. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Lorraine P. (Dion) Bedard.

He is also survived by his son, Michael Bedard of Whitinsville; his daughter, Lynn Gagne of San Diego, CA; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; 3 siblings, Raymond Bedard of Uxbridge, Richard Bedard of Florida, and Kathleen Conway of Sandwich, MA. He was predeceased by a son Gary W. Bedard on Jan. 26, 1999; and 2 brothers, James Bedard and John Bedard.

Born in Uxbridge, MA on Jan. 14, 1939, he was the son of Arthur and

Jeannette (Courteau) Bedard. William graduated from Worcester Boys Trade and attended Worcester Jr. College. He worked as a Mechanical Engineer Supervisor at New England Power for many years before his retirement.

As to his wishes, there will not be services. Memorial donations in William's memory may be made to: The American Diabetes Association: 260 Cochituate Rd #200, Framingham, MA 01701. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts provides \$371,000 in response to COVID-19 Crisis

WORCESTER — In response to the coronavirus public health crisis, The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts has expedited \$371,000 in supplemental funding to 27 non-profits serving Central Massachusetts.

The following non-profits were awarded funding:

Abby's House, Ascentria Care Alliance, Community Legal Aid, Easter Seals of Massachusetts, Fitchburg State University, Friendly House, GAAMHA, Inc., Health Care For All, Health Law Advocates, Jeremiah's



Edward Naroian, 92, died Saturday, May 16 in the Saint Camillus Health center. His wife of 67 years, Pauline (Najarian) Naroian died May 7. He is survived by a son, Paul Naroian of Whitinsville; two daughters, Robin Giando, and her husband, Michael, of Natick, and Lynne Hamjian, and her husband, Harry, of Bellingham; a granddaughter, Sarah Hamjian, his sister-in-law, Claire Malkasian, and many cousins, nephews, nieces and dear friends. He was predeceased by his loving brothers, Ira Naroian and Enoch Malkasian.

Edward, fondly known as Edgie, was born in Whitinsville, December 8, 1927, a son of Kaiser and Isabel (Gdavjian) Naroian. He was a lifelong resident of the community and he graduated from Northbridge High School. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He was a United States Army veteran of World War II. Edward also was a long-time member of the Village Congregational Church in Whitinsville where he served on the diaconate.

Edward was a passionate history and geography teacher at Uxbridge High School for nearly forty years. He loved teaching each and every one of his students and touched many lives. He coached baseball and tennis, and he was a summer camp counselor.

Edward was an avid tennis player.

Nancy S. (Brooks) Haggerty



SUTTON - Nancy S. (Brooks) Haggerty, formerly of Northbridge, passed away peacefully at home after a long struggle with COPD and heart disease. She was 72. Born, raised, and educated in Northbridge she was the tenth of twelve children born to Joseph H. and Rose Eva (Lucier) Brooks and lived in Sutton over 45 years.

She was the devoted wife of Richard R. Haggerty for 53 years. She is also survived by her daughter Kelly J. Royce and her companion Michael Raad; her 2 children Aidan and Connor Royce; her son Kevin R. and his wife Lynn and their children Samantha and Joshua Haggerty; 7 siblings Joseph Brooks and his wife Joan of Douglas, Margaret Rozak and her husband Stanley of Franklin, James Brooks and his wife Pam of Northbridge, Judith Rocheleau and her husband James of Northbridge, Richard Brooks and his wife

Paulette of Northbridge, Mary Adams and her husband Richard of Spencer, and David Brooks and his wife Rita of Northbridge; many nieces, nephews, cousins, her sister-in-law Joan Jeffers of Northbridge, and her lifelong friend Shirley Dubois of Millbury. She was sis-

In his earlier years, he was known to play year-round and was often seen shoveling the snow off the Hill Street courts during the winter. Edward also was an accomplished bridge player. He spent many summers entertaining countless family and friends "down the Cape" in Yarmouth Port. He loved to dance with his wife every Saturday night and was known as the "Silver Fox" of the dance floor for his smooth moves. Edward's life revolved around his close extended family and friends. He was the "organizer" of countless social gatherings and was well known for his sense of humor, competitive card games, and his ability to converse on any topic.

A celebration of Edward's and Pauline's lives will be held at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Edward Naroian to the Uxbridge Scholarship Fund Dollars for Scholars, c/o Linda Kuros - Treasurer, 18 Yankee's Way, Uxbridge, MA 01569. The family wants to thank all the employees at St. Camillus Health Center for their wonderful care. Carr Funeral Home, Whitinsville, is honored to be assisting the family during this time. To share a memory or condolence with the family, please visit www.carrfuneral-home.com

ter of the late Anne Leger, Arlene Rice, Wayne Brooks, and Edward Brooks.

Nancy worked at UPS before going into retail, working at several stores including the Mart and Stuart's in Grafton. She ended her career as Assistant Manager at Stuart's. She then worked as a Nanny several years before her own grandchildren were born.

Over the years she had many interests including knitting, baking, ceramics, cross-stitch and solving crossword puzzles. She enjoyed 1940's movies, old game shows, family get together's and genealogy. She found many new cousins during her family searches. What gave her the most joy however, was spoiling her grandchildren. She was a kind and generous person, who was all about family.

Her family would like to thank the VNA hospice team for their kindness and compassion.

Because of the coronavirus, Nancy's funeral will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the VNA Care Network, 120 Thomas St. Worcester Mass., 01608. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

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"I could see from his willingness to learn, the pride he took in his work, and his work ethic that he was going to succeed in the electrical trade. And this was just in his first two years," said Craig Allen, Electrical Vocational Instructor. "As he continued through junior and into senior year, he just soaked up everything that was being taught."

"It was a pleasure to instruct Jake in his junior

and senior years. He was eager to learn and share his talent daily," said John Mitchell, Electrical Vocational Instructor. "He took great pride in representing our school at SkillsUSA, traveling to Louisville, Kentucky, to compete on a national level with students from across the country. He has a solid future ahead of him!"

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School

serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Millford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, Blackstone Valley Tech creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills. The school's Web site is www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.

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anonymous will be honored.

In other news, Library Director Justin Snook added that the library's book drop is now open for returns. It will be emptied on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings;

items will be collected and placed in quarantine for three days before being checked in, Snook said.

"Please don't try to cram material into it if it is already full—just try again later," he added. "Due dates still don't matter and no fees will be charged—we just want to start collecting some books back so they can re-circulate."

Inn, LUK, Inc., Massachusetts Association for Community Action, Massachusetts Budget & Policy Center, Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance, Massachusetts Public Health Association, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts, Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation, Quinsigamond Community College Foundation, RCAP Solutions, Riverside Community Care, Seven Hills Foundation, South Middlesex Opportunity Council, Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, Worcester Regional Food Hub, World Farmers, and YWCA of Central Massachusetts.

"The Board of the Foundation devised a three-pronged strategy for helping area non-profits in response to coronavirus. The top priority to bolster current

grantees' projects and to address special circumstances has been accomplished with this distribution of supplemental funding," stated Jan Yost, President of the Foundation.

The Foundation's Activation Fund remains open, with Letters of Intent due April 30, 2020. Further allocations to address gaps and the long-term impact of coronavirus will be informed by government and private funding and determined in the months ahead, she explained.

The Foundation was established in 1999 with the proceeds from the sale of Central Massachusetts Health Care, Inc., a physician-initiated, not-for-profit HMO. The Foundation currently has assets of approximately \$67 million and has awarded grants totaling over \$44 million.



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Searching for stripers

BY RALPH TRUE, SR.

The weather is finally warming up, and so is fishing, if you have the proper gear and a boat to locate the fish. One local angler fished in Buzzards Bay last week and were targeting haddock. Fishing in 50 feet of water, the pair had lock and load cod fishing that lasted some time before they decided to leave the area in search of some haddock. All cod that were caught were released because of the closed cod fishing in all of the Gulf of Maine. They never did find the haddock fishing that they were looking for.

Another pair of anglers were fishing in Buzzards Bay and caught numerous seabass, large sculpin, fluke, & stripers. This writer made my first trip to the saltwater with my granddaughter Andrea and her son Logan. I had reports of some school stripers in the Providence River, as well as some schools of porgies, and decided to give it a try. When we arrived at the boat ramp at Hanes Park, I quickly realized that the reports of fish in the area were unsubstantiated. There was not a single car or boat trailer in the entire parking lot. "This does not look good" were the first words out of my mouth.

We were not looking for large stripers, just a little action with school stripers for my great grandson and granddaughter Andrea. We quickly launched the boat, packed in our gear and I slowly maneuvered the boat past the marina. As we entered the open water, the wind was light and the sun was partially hidden in the clouds. On our way out, we had to pass by one of my favorite fishing spots for tautog, but because there was no crabs available at a local bait shop we were forced to go fishing without them. It was high tide and it was a perfect time to fish for tautog, as the tide was about to start going out.

All we had to fish with was plastics and hardware. Attaching a small rapala lure to the first rod, I handed it to Andrea to start fishing as I slowed the motor to trolling speed across the open water. Before I even had the next rod ready for fishing Andrea reacted to



a sudden bump on her rod. "Wow, I had a good hit Pop!" Right then and there, I felt we were going to catch a lot of fish! That was it for the next few hours.

We tried going deep and everywhere in between. No fish. That is stripers fishing! Very little signs of fish on the fish-finder, and we never saw a single fish breaking the surface water as we trolled for hours. It was still a great day on the water with some of my family, and the little guy (five year old Logan) stayed busy watching the water and eating, and helping me steer the boat as the second picture shows. After returning to the boat ramp Andrea and Logan



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went looking for seashells on the beach area as I prepared the boat for the journey home. Logan was fast asleep in his car seat not long after we headed home. That darn Covid-19 is sure going to change all of this for many families in the coming months and years.

Trout anglers are still enjoying some great fishing for Brown trout at Ashland and Hopkinton Reservoir! A few large trout were caught on shiners as well as the old reliable power bait. Another trout angler told me about deep trolling for trout at Wallum Lake in Douglas, down 45 feet of water! Numerous rainbow trout were caught on his second trip to the lake. He



reported that only a couple of other boats were observed fishing, which is more than likely because of the virus.

This week's picture shows Samantha Johnson with her first Wild Turkey she harvested this spring. Last week's picture was of poor quality, and hopefully, this week's picture of her is a lot better. Nice bird!

This is the time of year that all residents need to be extremely careful when enjoying the outdoors. Ticks, wasps, yellow jacket bees and mosquitoes can cause serious problems for adults and children. Be sure to use the proper sprays and check your family daily, especially for ticks.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Boost your landscape's curb appeal in one weekend

Create a front garden that is sure to boost your mood and welcome visitors all year round. All you need is one weekend and a bit of paint, flowers, décor and edging material to boost your landscape's curb appeal.

Add a splash of color by painting your front door. Look for colors that complement your home's siding and the surrounding landscape. Then add a seasonal wreath or other door decoration. A wreath of seed packets in the spring, succulents or silk flowers in summer, dried materials in fall and greens in winter add seasonal interest to your home. Visitors will look forward to the change of seasons marked by your door's décor.

Add a few containers at the front entrance. Select a color and size that complements your home's size and architecture style. Reduce maintenance with self-watering containers that extend the time between watering. Further your enjoyment with solar-il-

luminated planters powered by the sun to add a magical glow to the landscape as the sun sets.

Define planting beds and create a finished look with edging. Use a sharp shovel to dig a V-shaped trench around small garden beds or employ the help of an edging machine for larger areas. Fill the trench with mulch to create a mowing edge and keep weeds out.

Or boost the aesthetic appeal and further define the space with edging materials like the Stomp Edge. This easy-to-install edging material is made from recycled rubber and only requires a few hand tools and minimal time to install.

Keep unruly plants out of the lawn and off walkways while defining the garden space with decorative garden edging. You can keep it simple with Gardener's Supply Company's Stratford Edge Irons that mimic the edging found in Shakespeare's garden



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in Stratford England. Or add an artistic flare with a more decorative edging like the Nocturne Border Edging.

Weed garden beds to improve the overall appearance and health of garden plants. Weeds not only compete with your desirable plants for water and nutrients, but many are hosts for insect pests and diseases that can harm your desirable plants.

Once weeded, spread a one- to three-inch layer of organic mulch like shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips over the soil surface. The finer the material, the thinner the layer of mulch needed. Organic mulch helps conserve moisture, suppress

weeds and improve the soil as it breaks down. Select a mulch that is aesthetically pleasing and won't overwhelm the beauty of the plants.

Keep mulch off tree trunks, shrubs, stems and crowns of perennial and annual plants. Covering stems and plant crowns can lead to root rot and other problems that can negatively impact the plants' health and longevity.

Freshen existing wood mulch by lightly tilling or raking, so the darker mulch below the surface moves to the top. Avoid over mulching. It is a waste of money and can be harmful to your plants.

Make it a fun weekend by mixing in some tasty treats or a barbecue once the work is done. As you enjoy the benefits of your weekend's efforts, you'll be anxious to start tackling those bigger landscape tasks.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books,



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Define garden spaces with decorative garden edging while keeping unruly plants out of the lawn and off walkways.

including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and con-

tributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardeners Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

LEGALS

**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. WO20P1282EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:**

Matthew J Blanding
Date of Death: 10/06/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Lee-Anne Blanding of Whitinsville MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Lee-Anne Blanding of Whitinsville MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Personal 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 attor-

ney 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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 13, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

May 29, 2020

**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. WO20P1291EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:**

Margaret C. Gauthier
Date of Death: 04/11/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Robert M. Bailey of Clinton MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Robert M. Bailey of Clinton MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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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 attor-

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 14, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,
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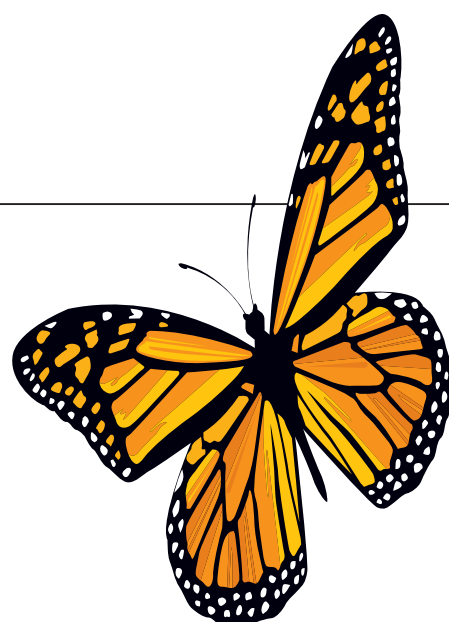
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