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BVT students earn 71 medals at SkillsUSA State Competition

UPTON – Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School students had an opportunity to test their vocational-technical competency at the 47th Annual 2021 SkillsUSA Massachusetts State Leadership and Skills Conference Championship. Demonstrating skills learned at BVT and applied during the competition, BVT students won an impressive 71 medals - 39 gold, 18 silver, and 14 bronze.

During the State competition, BVT also had five National Voting Delegates, and Hunter Claflin was elected to serve as a State Officer. The second stage of the SkillsUSA series consisted of a six-day Zoom format schedule with a live competition day at BVT on April 30.

The SkillsUSA Championships showcases the best career and technical education students in the nation through competitive events. Students compete in hands-on technical exams designed and judged by industry leaders and officials to celebrate career technical education.



Gold: Leah Cook, Job Skill Demonstration A; Andrew Konicki and Kyle Penta, Entrepreneurship; Mandolin Simpson, Career Pathways Showcase Ind & Eng Tech; Christina Swenson, Nail Care

Silver: Daniel Cardone, Web Design; Grant Van Dyke, Additive Manufacturing

Bronze: Avry Guilbert, Painting & Design Technology; Cody Larson, Nail Care

Douglas State Officer Elect: Hunter Claflin National Delegate Elect: Jessica Brown and Aysia Parent

SkillsUSA Massachusetts Member of the Month-October: Aysia Parent

Gold: Giannah Downen, First Aid/CPR; Daria Hamelin, Advertising Design; Logan Hampson, Major Appliance Technology

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Following their outstanding performance, BVT's gold medalists will represent the Commonwealth by competing at the National Leadership and Skills Conference Championships held

virtually throughout June. The complete list of medalists is available at www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/skillsusa.

The following BVT students, organized by hometown, earned gold, silver, and bronze medals at the SkillsUSA State conference:

Gold: Sara Lewis, Safety Poster Design Team

Bellingham

Bronze: Nathan Dynko, Internetworking

Blackstone

Uxbridge, Sutton voters support bikeway expansion

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

REGION — A regional mission to continue expanding the Blackstone River Greenway/Bikeway has gained momentum.

At recent Town Meetings, Uxbridge and Sutton residents voted in favor of authorizing local officials in their communities to negotiate easements that help pave the way for extending the bikeway.

In Uxbridge, residents voted in favor of granting authority to the Select Board to negotiate "mutually agreeable access easements on public parcels," according to the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor. Additionally, the passage of the article

will allow a Greenway/Bikeway over or along the existing water/sewer infrastructure where the proposed extension of the existing Blackstone River Greenway will run, the Heritage Corridor announced.

"The vision for the 3.5-mile expansion would bring it from Adams Street in south Uxbridge to Depot Street in the center of town," the Heritage Corridor released.

In Sutton, residents voted to authorize the Select Board to convey a parcel of Town-owned land in exchange for trail and bicycle path easements that will allow passage of the Blackstone River Bikeway on Blackstone Street, near the Singing Dam.

"The Blackstone

Heritage Corridor Board is very appreciative of the work and leadership of Town officials and the support of Town Meeting voters in both Uxbridge and Sutton for their commitment to extending the Blackstone River Bikeway. These strong expressions of public support from Valley residents move this long-planned project closer to reality," said Blackstone Heritage Corridor Board Chair Richard T. Moore after the Town Meetings. "We look forward to continued partnership with local officials and voters in our efforts to improve recreational opportunities in the Valley as we work to complete what will one day be a 48-mile bikeway from Worcester to Providence."

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Local police officers complete expert training

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — Two Sutton police officers have recently completed their Drug Recognition Expert training, which will allow them to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than alcohol.

Officers Alex Sinni and Jayson Urato traveled to Jacksonville, Fla. for the week-long training, which was the culmination of two weeks of classroom training which was completed in early April.

"These officers were able to participate in this rigorous training program after our agency received a substantial grant from the [International Association of Chiefs of Police] which focused on Drug Impaired Driving Enforcement," Sutton Police released in a statement. "We'd like to express our thanks to the Class Coordinator, Don Decker, and his Assistant

Instructor Deb Batista, along with the handful of seasoned DRE instructors from the area, who accompanied the small group of officers to Florida."

A "drug recognition expert" is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol, according to the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which coordinates the International Drug Evaluation and Classification Program with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

According to Sutton Police, the agency was awarded a significant amount of grant money in October 2020 from the IACP for the focus of Drug Impaired Driving Enforcement training.

"The grant allowed us to provide in-depth training to a group of officers

from across the state at no charge to their individual agencies," police said in an earlier statement.

The three-week training class was "rigorous for those students who were accepted into the program," including two weeks of classroom academics, along with some practical exercises, taking place before the students traveled to Jacksonville for their field work, according to police.

The department added that this training "will allow them to better protect the roadways in our community."

In other news, another member of local law enforcement also recently completed training. Uxbridge Police K9 Bear completed training in the Berkshires and has received his patrol and narcotic detection certifications from the North

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Grafton Library to reopen temporarily in June

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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GRAFTON — The Grafton Public Library will reopen temporarily to the public in June, with limited hours, at its 53 North Main St., North Grafton location.

The library recently announced that this temporary opening will allow browsing and borrowing of library materials in advance of the scheduled closure in July for the move to the new facility at 35 Grafton Common.

"The Library is available for browsing only, with no public seating. No toys, puzzles, or computers will be available," a library statement said.

Curbside pickup was

suspended earlier this week, with in-person pickup and browsing available from Tuesday, June 1, through Friday, July 2. The hours are as follows, the library announced: Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday 2 to 8 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first hour of each day is designated for high-risk populations.

"Social distancing is encouraged where possible—please respect personal space," the library released in a statement. "Masks are required to enter the building and must remain on, covering your mouth and nose completely, for all patrons over two years of age, no exceptions."

Patrons who cannot wear a mask will be served via "No-Contact Curbside Pickup" or home delivery by calling 508-839-4649 in advance, the library announced.

Free public WiFi will be available outside and in the parking lot (password Lib@ry!), and copying, scanning, and faxing will also be available. Remote printing services—from home or the library parking lot—is available and encouraged, the library said, via print.princh.com (printer ID 103048).

"We will not provide passport, notary, proctoring, or computer assistance at this time. DIY and Make & Take kits will remain available on

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Off To work they go!

BVT CAREER SIGNING DAY CELEBRATES SENIORS PLANS

UPTON – The Cooperative Education Program (co-op) at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School hosted a Career Signing Day on May 14. The signing ceremony celebrated its senior co-op and career placement students who announced their career plans and signed a commitment letter to enter the workforce with their employer after graduation.

The continuation of employment with a full-time career offering more hands-on experience after high school is mutually beneficial for both the student-employees and the employers. The ceremony also acknowledged the local businesses employing BVT seniors based on their vocational skills, technical training, and expertise without a college degree.

A pool of students announced their plans during the ceremony, but

several more who could not attend due to conflicting work schedules are also headed directly to industry careers. This ceremony marks the first wave of many more students excited to enter the workforce.

Mario D'Ascenzo of Blackstone, Plumbing, will take his vocational-technical training to T&J Heating, Air Conditioning, and Plumbing, Inc. in Bellingham. Employed as an apprentice plumber, D'Ascenzo will continue to work towards his industry licenses and certifications. He is thankful for the opportunity to learn even more in the trade.

Taegan Jerome of Sutton, Plumbing, will take his vocational-technical talents to MPC Services, a heating contractor in Sutton. Employed as an apprentice plumber, Jerome plans to obtain his plumbing license and become a master plumber. He is thankful for his parents, BVT staff, and instructors, especially Mr. Corriveau, Mr. Piazza, Mr. Gaskill, and Mrs. Corda.

Mason Leavitt of Uxbridge, Plumbing, will

take his vocational-technical skills to Notturmo Plumbing and Heating in Franklin. A licensed apprentice plumber since junior year, Leavitt plans to become a licensed master plumber. He would like to thank his shop instructors for teaching him the trade and the opportunity to pursue his passion and career in the plumbing industry. He is thankful for his parents and brother for always believing in him.

BVT Plumbing Instructor, Joe Corriveau, said, "Having the opportunity to go directly to work for a local company is a testament to our student's hard work and dedication. We have seen a steady growth from all of these students over the years and are proud to see them all finish on a high note."

Timothy Smith of Uxbridge, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication, will take his vocational-technical training to Millibar, Inc., a manufacturer in Hopkinton. Smith has been on co-op for his entire senior year with this company and is excited to continue full-time employment as a CNC Manufacturing

Technician to gain a better foothold in the manufacturing field. He would like to thank his family, friends, and shop teachers for all of their support.

Matthew Scholl of Northbridge, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication, will take his vocational-technical skills to Blackstone Valley Machine, a machine shop in Hopedale. He is thankful for the opportunity and the support of his family, friends, and shop instructors.

Darien Collins of Millbury, Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication, will take his vocational-technical expertise to Lincoln Tool & Machine Corporation, a machine shop in Hudson. He is thankful for this opportunity and the support of his family, friends, and instructors.

BVT Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication Instructor, James Woodward, said, "I am proud of our students. Their hard work, dedication, and positive attitudes will serve them well in their future careers. We are excited to see them enter the workforce."

Cullen Ryan of Uxbridge, Information Technology, will take his vocational-technical expertise to Worldband, a computer consultant in Bellingham. Ryan has been on co-op for his entire senior year with this company and is excited to accept full-time employment as an entry-level technician. A position that will help him achieve his long-term goals while learning exceptional customer service skills and gaining knowledge within the cybersecurity world. He would like to thank his parents, friends, and everyone at Worldband for this opportunity.

Dylan Rosenberg of Northbridge, Electrical, will take his vocational-technical skills to Renaud Electric, an electrical contractor in Sutton. Rosenberg has been on co-op with this company since October of 2020 and is happy to accept full-time employment as an apprentice electrician working to obtain his electrician's license and hopes to own his own business one day. He would like to thank his parents, Maureen and Gary, and his family for always supporting him and his shop teachers Mr. Allen and Mr. Mitchell, for preparing him for his future career.

Jake Randall of Upton, Construction Technology, will take his vocational-technical talents to Baystate Outdoor Personia, a builder of custom outdoor structures in Bellingham, where he has been on co-op since October 2020. Randall is excited to accept full-time employment as an apprentice carpenter working to obtain his Construction Supervisors license and hopes to own his own business one day. He would like to thank his parents and his family for always supporting him and his shop teachers for preparing him for this career opportunity.

Also accepting full-time employment opportunities but not in attendance due to conflicting work schedules are the following students: Kyle Adams of Millbury, Automotive Technology, with Wagner Mercedes-Benz in Shrewsbury. Jack Alexander of Bellingham, HVAC&R, with Precision Heating & Cooling in Grafton. Grace Bernero of Upton, Cosmetology, with B Luxe Hair & Make-up Studio in Medway. Logan Bethel of Milford,

HVAC&R, with JJ Mechanical in Mendon. Jake Irons of Blackstone, Automotive Technology, with Imperial Ford in Mendon. Jacob Law of Blackstone, HVAC&R, with A Custom Company Plumbing & HVAC in Bellingham. John Lowrey of Uxbridge, Automotive Technology, with Imperial Chevrolet in Mendon. Nickolas Montani of Milford, HVAC&R, with Rodenhiser Plumbing, Heating, A/C & Electric in Holliston.

"There are many paths to success, and while I am proud of all of our career-focused students. I am incredibly proud of those heading directly into the workforce prepared and ready to launch their careers using their high school vocational-technical training," said Principal Anthony E. Steele. "Congratulations to all of our co-op and career placement students going directly into high-skill, high-wage employment."

For more details, visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/careersigningday.

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT)

Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

St. Patrick's hosting Spring Recycling event/Food Drive

WHITINSVILLE — The third annual St. Patrick's Spring Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, June 5 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Church parking lot, 7 East St. The profits will benefit upcoming YNIA (Young Neighbors in Action) service projects. Please keep items for each station separate. For more information & electronics pricing, call 508-234-5656 or email officesupport@mystpatricks.com. Cash preferred. No credit cards will be accepted. Thank you for your support!

On Site Paper Shredding - 9-11 a.m. only. \$7/per copy paper size box. No x-rays; binders; binder clips; hanging folders; notebooks; plastic; cardboard or magazines.

Electronics Recycling for a fee - No batteries/light bulbs/propane tanks. All equipment must be bone dry of oils/liquids.

Bottles and Cans - Please rinse. Items must be returnable in Massachusetts.

Textile Collection - Clothing; handbags/totes; accessories; linens; shoes; blankets; window treatments, etc. No rags/rugs, toys/books, housewares or mattresses. Items must be gently used (no stains), and in a condition to be resold. If you cannot make it on June 5th, please call office to donate.

Food Drive - collection of non-perishable food items for those in need

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Mondays and Fridays 9:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.
Classes are held inside with limited capacity
Reservations required, please call the center at 508-865-9154

WALKING CLUB
Tuesdays at 8:30 A.M.
We will be walking around the garden
This will be followed by coffee in the garden!

SOCIAL BINGO
Wednesdays at 12:30 P.M.
will be outside weather permitting
Bring your pennies!
Registration required, Please call the center at 508-865-9154

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

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

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

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

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

Millbury Senior Center COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance
We will assist Millbury residents who are 65 and older schedule a vaccine appointment
The sites open are the larger ones the Governor has set in place.
As soon as a nearby site opens up we will call you
If you have a computer you can go on to the Mass.gov website and schedule an appointment

If you do not have access to a computer or require assistance, please call the center and leave your name and phone number
508-865-9154

Blood Pressure Clinic
Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.
The Blood Pressure Clinic is held inside now
Come to front door and we will let escort you from there!
Masks required, along with social distancing!

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

Millbury Senior Center Food Pantry
Our pantry is open for Millbury residents Monday through Friday 9 A.M to 1 P.M.
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Millbury Friendly Visitor Program
Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provided by telephone
Volunteers call clients to check in with them, chat and hear a friendly voice
For more information on coordinating a Friendly visitor
Call the center at 508-865-9154

“MEMORY CAFÉ”
Our Traveling Memory Café is visiting people monthly.
If you are interested in a visit (outside) please call Julieanne Fitzgerald at the senior center
We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this program
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“Grab & Go Meals”
Lunch meals will be available to be picked up daily at the front door, 11:30 A.M.
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We are still here to answer any questions you may have and we are available for your transportation to Doctors appointments or if you need to go to the drug store for your prescriptions, we will take you there. If you don't have a mask, we will give you one.
Also if you are in need of a home delivered meal give us a call and we will set you up to get one delivered to you.
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The Plummer Place bus will go back to its regular schedule beginning Tuesday, June 1st. 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.

Mahjong is returning to Plummer Place. Beginning Wednesday, May 26th at 12:30pm, the National Mahjong League will meet. The Four Winds Mahjong League will begin Monday, June 7th from 1:00-3:00pm.

Exercise
Classes are back at Plummer Place beginning Wednesday, June 2nd with low-impact aerobics at 10:30am. On Mondays at 9:30, chair yoga will be back and on Fridays at 9:30, stretch and strengthening will resume. Please note the change in times on each of these days.

Tai Chi will return on Mondays at 11:00am beginning June 7th. Please note that the day has changed.

Crafts and Coloring Club will begin on Monday, June 7th at 12:30pm.

POKENO is back every Tuesday at 1:00pm.

Painting Class will be offered on Thursdays, 1-3:00pm.

Our Billiard Room is now open.

Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, June 16th at 10:30. Our current book is “Snow Falling on Cedars”. Call to sign up.

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.

Our patio is open for anyone who would like to meet for lunch or a cup of coffee with friends! Call the Center to sign up.

Our daily lunch at Plummer Place will remain on hold until further notice.

PET of the WEEK



JOEY 3 years old. Are you looking for a big lap dog to join your family? Meet Joey! This giant goofball is looking for an experienced dog owner in an adult-only home. We think that Joey may not have the best auditory hearing, but that does not seem to slow him down in life at all. He is happiest when he has a toy to wrestle with and could entertain himself for hours, and he loves to play with people too. Joey is not shy about getting comfy right in your lap and would do best in a home with a yard that he can run in. He is looking to be the only animal in his home. Joey is looking for an owner with experience in managing resource guarding behavior. If you are looking for a playful buddy to hang out with, please email adopt@baypathhumane.org today to learn more of sweet Joey!

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Friday's Child



Emily and Joanna
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Registration # 6414 and 6415

Hi! Our names are Emily and Joanna and we want to be adopted together!

Emily and Joanna are friendly and sweet sisters of Caucasian descent who are looking to be adopted together. Emily is a kind, humorous, sweet, and helpful girl. She enjoys drawing and painting, helping her foster parents around the house, and swimming. She likes lip gloss, nail polish, and “pink everything.” Emily's foster family enjoys shopping, watching movies, and getting their nails painted with her. Emily plans on going to college after graduating from high school.

Joanna is described as outgoing, expressive, helpful and feisty. She is quite talkative and likes to engage with others. Joanna loves to sing, dance, color, work on arts & crafts projects, and do gymnastics. When she grows up, Joanna would like to be a famous actress.

Legally freed for adoption, Joanna and Emily would thrive in a supportive and committed two-parent family or with a single-parent who has a strong support system. An ideal family will have no other children or have children older than the girls. A family must be comfortable obtaining supportive services and resources in the community for the girls, and should be open to maintaining contact with the girls' biological brother.

Who Can Adopt?

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

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

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



Daniels Farmstead Farmers’ Market begins July 4

BLACKSTONE — The Daniels Farmstead in Blackstone, MA will begin their 2021 Farmers’ Market Season on Sunday, July 4, with a “Fourth at the Farm” celebration hosted in partnership with the Blackstone Parks and Recreation. The celebration will be hosted at the farm, 286 Mendon St., Blackstone, beginning at 11 a.m. and running through to 3 p.m.

In addition to the seasonal Farmers’ Market vendors,

the “Fourth at the Farm” celebration will feature old fashioned lawn games, live music featuring local artists and bands, wine and beer garden, raffles, lunch and July 4 specials from the grill, house tours, as well as demonstrations of Beekeeping, Rug Hooking, Wool Spinning, Gardening and more! This event is free to the public; come out to the Daniels for some summer fun on July 4!

The Farmer’ Market will be open every Sunday from

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through to Sunday, Oct. 3. As always, everyone is welcome to come visit to enjoy the property and shop from a wonderful selection of vendors, selling fresh produce, local meats and dairy, bakery items, handmade items and so more. Doris’ Kitchen will be open for lunch as well. In addition to the Farmer’s Markets the Antique Tractor, Truck and Car show will be hosted again this year in September.

All current state and

town COVID safety guidelines are adhered to at the Daniels Farmstead. Please visit the Daniels Farmstead Foundation Inc. Web site, www.danielsfarmstead.org, or the Daniels Farmstead Famers’ Market Facebook page www.facebook.com/Daniels-Farmstead-Farmers-Market for all the details. You may also email the Daniels Farmstead at info@danielsfarmstead.org.

Local residents inducted into national communications honor society at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — Lauren Malenchini of Sutton and Tlya Castonguay of Whitinsville were inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the national communication association’s official honor society, during a recent virtual ceremony:

To be eligible for induction, undergraduate students must complete 60 credits, have a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 3.0, complete the equivalent of 12 credits in communication studies, have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for all communication studies

courses, and be enrolled as a student in good standing, as determined by the institution’s policies.

Graduate students must have completed 12 hours of graduate credit-hours (18 quarter hours) in communication, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5, and currently be enrolled as a student in good standing, as determined by the institution’s policies.

Lambda Pi Eta became part of the National Communication Association in 1988 and was made the

association’s official honor society in 1995. Its main purpose is to recognize, foster and reward students who have outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies. It also aims to promote professional development and create a closer bond between professors and students.

About Quinnipiac University
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Lasell University student elected to Student Government Association leadership role

NEWTON — Kaylie Silva, a Lasell University student from Douglas, was elected to the Student Government Association (SGA)’s board for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Silva will serve as Vice President of Financial Affairs. For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P1578EA
Estate of:
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Date Of Death: January 8, 2020
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\$531,536, 17 Glenside Dr, Independent Building Corp, to Ayyagari, Suresh, and Ayyagari, Sheela.

\$486,582, 1MeadowLn, Independent Building Corp, to Sabatino, Manuel A.

\$375,000, 102 Mendon St, Costantino, Mary E, to 102 Mendon St Realty LLC.

\$365,000, 150 Blackstone St, Zagalia, Ryan, and Creighton, Anne M, to Linney, Robert V.

DOUGLAS

\$615,000, 117 Monroe St, Russell, Stephen P, and Russell, Nancy P, to Aquadro, Alessandro, and Aquadro, Shelby.

\$500,000, 25 Lindberg Ave, Davidson, Scott H, and Davidson, Victoria L, to Nicholson, Deborah V.

\$485,235, 278 Yew St, Orbison Corp, to Galipeau, Jeffrey S.

\$360,000, 28 Franklin St, Bellenoit, David M, to Hann, Brandon, and Hann, Ashley.

\$190,000, 73 Eagle Dr #73, Freeman, Cynthia J, and Freeman, Susan B, to Freeman, James D, and Freeman, Caitlyn J.

\$110,000, Lakeshore Dr #3, Cahill, David W, and Cahill, Janis, to Dauteuil, Nicholas P.

\$28,000, Walnut St, Heather M Carlucci RET, and Carlucci, Heather M, to Club RE LLC.

NORTHBRIDGE

\$475,000, 196 Quaker St, Silva, David C, to Perron, Elizabeth A, and Perron, David F.

\$325,000, 1548 Providence Rd, Alvarez, Carlos R, and Alvarez, Jisly G, to Grzyb, Steven, and Grzyb, Shannon.

\$320,000, 2201 Providence Rd, Pabla, Gurmit, to Patel, Harshad N, and Patel, Jyoti H.

\$270,000, 445 Highland St, P M& Gerard E Roy RET, and Lachapelle, Denis M, to Roy, Benjamin B.

\$225,000, 556 Church St, Jigarjian, Harold C, and Jigarjian, Carol, to Andreozzi, Kristen.

\$150,000, 37 C St #A, Glennon, Jason M, to Santiago, Juliana, and Marmolejo, Maria S.

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\$600,000, 2 Capron St, W H Leland 2nd T, and Leland, Andrea M, to Sprunger, Lisa S, and Sprunger, David L.

\$575,000, 58 Murphys Way, Kahn FT, and Goodman, Brenda, to Vaz, Brandon, and Vaz, Stephanie.

\$500,000, 100 Williams St, Miller, Richard J, to Belanger, Armand E.

\$460,000, 14 Smith St, Stewart, Mary E, to Fritsch, Emily E, and Carignan, Ryan.

\$422,615, 68 Tea Party Dr #68, Independence Uxbridge Rlt, to Subramaniam, Vishnu, and Raj, Jeyasri D.

\$407,000, 47 Pine Grove Cir, Perron, David F, and Perron, Elizabeth A, to Park, Thomas J, and Polo, Courtney M.

\$396,500, 8 Tea Party Dr #8, Independence Uxbridge Rlt, to Lanotte, Daniel J.

\$354,000, 108 W Hartford Ave, Cochran, Jerrett, and Cochran, Anne, to Leaming, Ryann P, and Leaming, Meghan R.

\$315,000, 129 Douglas St, Casali, William J, and Casali, Lisa C, to Lebron, Jay A, and Lebron, Amy.

\$245,000, 12 Manor House Ln #12, Porter, Polly, to Rojas-Gonzalez, Maria D, and Lira, Jose L.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A group of sheep
- 5. Of she
- 8. This (Spanish)
- 12. A type of sorcery
- 14. A team’s best pitcher
- 15. Port in southern Japan
- 16. Makes very happy
- 18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
- 19. From a distance
- 20. Winged nut
- 21. Consumed
- 22. “Heat” director
- 23. In all places
- 26. Made improvements to
- 30. St. __ Girl: brand of beer
- 31. A type of “seat”
- 32. Wood
- 33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
- 34. Approval
- 39. Basics
- 42. Where judges sit
- 44. W. African religion
- 46. Commentators
- 47. Having many different functions
- 49. Member of a Semitic people
- 50. Flightless, fast-running bird
- 51. After the seventh
- 56. Small N. Zealand tree
- 57. Health care pro (abbr.)
- 58. Playground mainstay
- 59. Expressing relief
- 60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Beer
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Garden tools
- 2. Early Syrian kingdom
- 3. 500 sheets of paper
- 4. Information
- 5. Beloved comic strip character
- 6. Distinct form of a plant
- 7. Replenishment
- 8. Semitransparent glassy substance
- 9. Expedition to observe animals
- 10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
- 11. Obtain in return for labor
- 13. Inheritable genetically
- 17. One who rescues
- 24. Doctor of Education
- 25. Liberal arts
- 26. Shock treatment
- 27. Disfigure
- 28. When you hope to get there
- 29. Peacock network
- 35. Part of (abbr.)
- 36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
- 37. Not just “play”
- 38. Former CIA
- 40. Reduced to a sloping edge
- 41. Restricted the development of
- 42. Sciences degree
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Saturated
- 45. Joints
- 47. Sailing boat
- 48. Respiratory organs
- 49. Guitarists use them
- 52. Disco act: Bee __
- 53. First Chinese dynasty
- 54. Intentionally lose
- 55. Muslim people of China



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SNHU announces Winter Dean’s List

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Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Kylee Ramsey of Whitinsville
Ryan Paul of Uxbridge
Michelle Thomas of Whitinsville
Amanda Geer of Uxbridge
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Lindsey Bernard of Uxbridge
Vanessa Marcolivio of Uxbridge
Hannah Cusson of Whitinsville
Michael Whitney of Uxbridge
Emily Roberts of Uxbridge
Sal Ante of Uxbridge
Frankie Nieves of Uxbridge
Susan Rojee of Douglas
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Bethany Videto of Whitinsville

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Sutton Historical Society to sponsor Town-Wide Yard Sale

SUTTON — After a long year of no events, the Sutton Historical Society is once again sponsoring the annual Town-Wide yard sale on Saturday, June 26, with a rain date of Sunday, June 27. There are minimal spaces available at the M. M. Sherman Blacksmith Shop, 6 Singletary Ave., Sutton, or participants are encouraged to set up at their own location. A map detailing all locations will be created, shared on social media, and available to all attendees. A \$10 registration fee for all participants covers the cost of advertising and printing of location maps. All registration fees must be received by Friday, June 11. All excess funds are donated to the Sutton Historical Society. Registration forms can be found on our Web site at suttonhistoricalsocietyinc.org.

The Society is also seeking item donations for our own table. Please no TV’s, computers, monitors, upholstered furniture or clothes. Contact us through our website or reach out to our president, Brian Stevenson (508-865-2122) to coordinate drop off or pick up of donations.

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Silver: Aysia Parent, Job Skill Demonstration Open; Sophia Payson, Welding Bronze: Lily Courtemanche; Advertising Design

Grafton State Conference Opening Ceremony, National Anthem Singer: Sophia Yitts Gold: Maggie McCann, Career Pathways Showcase Ind & Eng Tech; Catherine Rozanas, Technical Drafting Silver: Rebecca Ashmore, Principles of Engineering; Stephen Bayreuther and Baraka Consuegra, Mechatronics Bronze: Noah Mariano, Related Technical Math

Hopedale

National Delegate Elect: Carter Beard Gold: Gabriel Chaves-Silva, HVAC/R; Anna Dykhoff, Prepared Speech Ashley King, Entrepreneurship; Julia Pellegrini, Precision Laser Imaging; Silver: Rohit Kaushik, Information Technology Service; Bronze: Elora Loughlin, Basic Health Care; Camila Ramirez, Major Appliance Technology

Mendon National Delegate Elect: Samantha Stephens Gold: Naomi Tsuda, Commercial Baking Silver: Kathryn Surbey, Major Appliance Technology;

Millford Gold: Christopher Mason, Urban Search & Rescue;

Kioni Sankofa, Precision Laser Imaging Silver: Joel Awuku-Asante, HVAC/R; Colin Chambless, Mobile Robotics Bronze: Mayra Desousa, First Aid/CPR; Kaitlyn Manzi, Medical Terminology; Tifuh Tah, Principles of Engineering Technology; Joseph Tutela, Commercial Baking

Millbury Gold: Julia Allain, Medical Math; Julia Drapeau, Health Occupations Portfolio; Jenna Kenary, Promotional Bulletin Board Silver: Nicholas Healey, Telecommunications Cabling Bronze: Payton Hartshorn, Collision Repair Technology

Millville

Gold: Myra Dehestani, Career Pathways Showcase Ind & Eng Tech Silver: Nicholas Kirby, Additive Manufacturing; Natalie Lambert, Culinary Arts;

Northbridge Gold: Grace Arnold, Culinary Arts; Anna Cook, Photography; John Hehir, Mobile Robotics (State Only); Cullen Jacene, Automation Tech; Kaitlyn McPherson, Cosmetology (Over 500 Hours); Ella Rogozenski, Safety Poster Design Team; Bianca Silveira, Promotional Bulletin Board; Silver: Emery Amtmann, Medical Terminology; Kevin Downing, Web Design Bronze: Jacob Lisak, Plumbing

Sutton Gold: Benjamin Judson, Automotive Refinishing Technology

Upton About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

Uxbridge Gold: Madison Gannon, Related Technical Math; Casey Goyette, Urban Search & Rescue; Riley Holt and Robert Mellen, Mechatronics; Abigail Manuels, Promotional Bulletin Board; Khushi Patel, Nursing Assisting; Adam Pratt, Robotics and Automation Tech; Caroline Sanford, Mobile Robotics (State Only); Silver: Riley Goyette, Mobile Robotics

Bronze: Autumn Herrick, Telecommunications Cabling

EXPANSION

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The Blackstone Heritage Corridor will continue to work with state and federal partners to secure funding for the design and, later, construction of these segments of the path through the Valley.

“Most communities where bikeways have been constructed consider them to be genuine assets for their residents as well as visitors to the region,” Moore said. “They provide opportunities for outdoor recreation through historic downtowns and beautiful views of our natural surroundings.”

According to the Heritage Corridor, the Blackstone River Greenway was conceived of as including a 48-mile-long bikeway connecting Worcester to Providence, R.I. With more than 24 miles already constructed, the vision is for it to extend 48 miles, running the length of the National Heritage Corridor. The bikeway would follow along the Blackstone River and/or Canal wherever possible, according to the organization’s Web site.

To learn more about the Blackstone River Greenway/Bikeway and the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor, visit BlackstoneHeritageCorridor.org.

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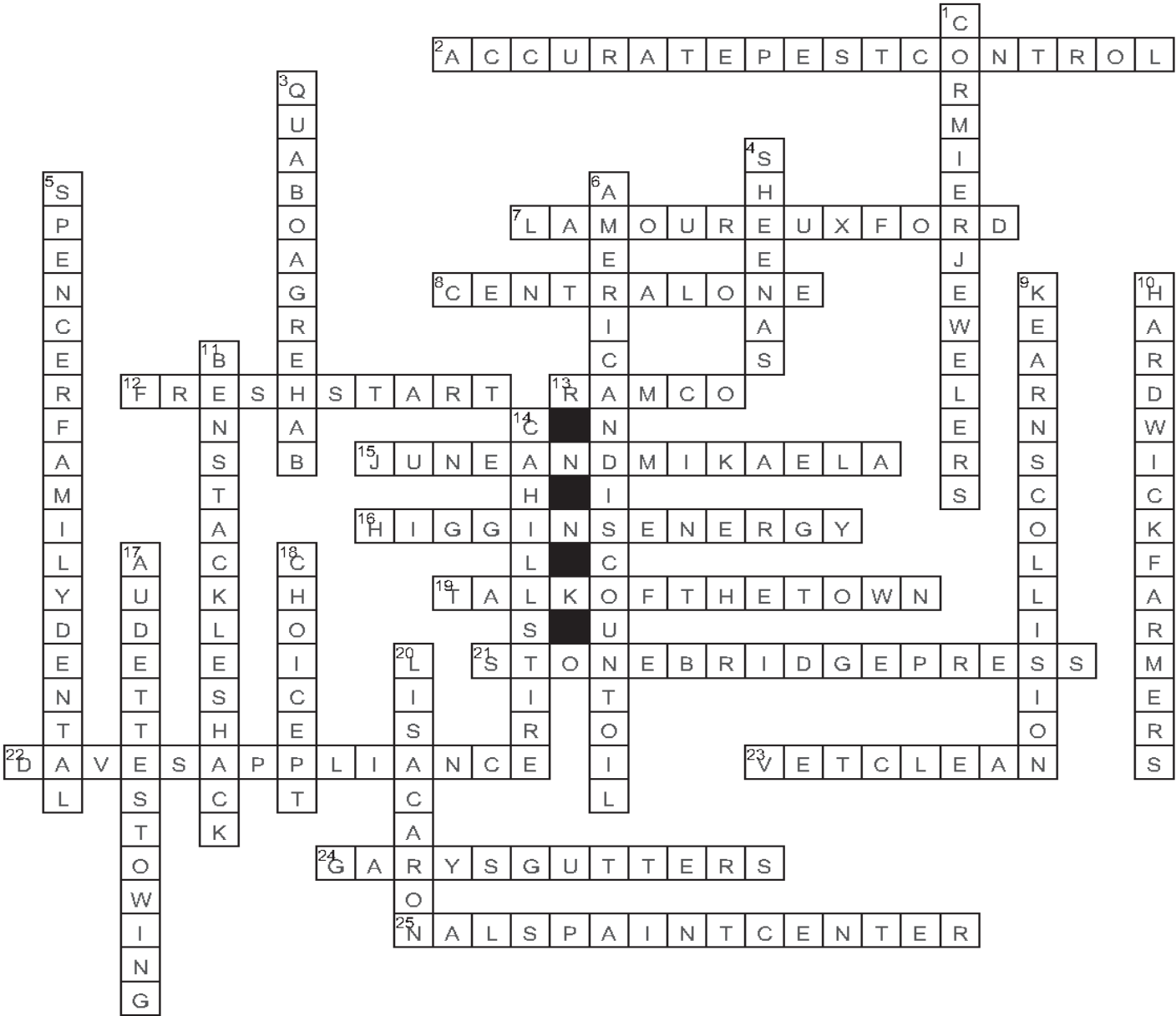
the covered porch, first come, first served,” the library’s statement continued. “No appointment is required for browsing.” The facility limit is 25 members of the public at one time, restricting to no more than 10 in the Children’s Room and no more than 10 in the sanctuary where adult materials are housed, according to a library spokesperson. No more than one browser or family unit will be allowed at a time in the Large Print, Audiobook, or YA room; magazines, graphic novels,

music CDs, and part of the YA collection will be available by request only, as certain spaces remain closed to the public. “When we meet capacity, browsing will be limited to 20 minutes, the entry door will be locked and a socially distanced line will form outside, with new visitors allowed in as visitors leave.” Library representatives also asked that members continue to return all items via the outdoor Book Drop, and plan to keep items through an extended due date of mid-August when the library reopens at its renovated and expanded facility at 35

readiness,” Uxbridge Police released in a statement. “Their hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.”

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3rd Annual ABC’s of the Seasons ~ Spring Edition



- ACROSS
- 2. Treat Your Yard Before They Take Over
 - 7. Best Sales Experience
 - 8. Balance Transfer
 - 12. Usdot# 2407387
 - 13. We Can Save You Time And Money!
 - 15. Help Wanted, Real Estate, Legals
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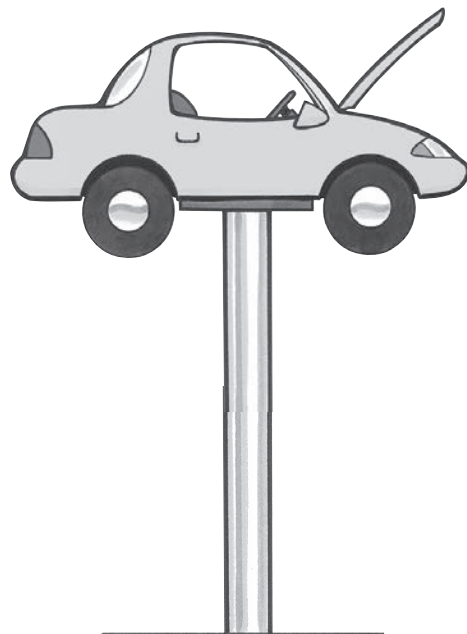
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EDITORIAL

Summertime dreams

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”
John Lubbock, “The Use Of Life”

Summer is here. Well, pretty much. We think the threat of another snow-storm is beyond us. As we write this, the high will be 80, the windows are open, and a warm breeze is hanging about the room with a slight scent of lilac. The trees are a bright green, with the sound of birds singing, the sky is blue and well, the day couldn’t be more perfect.

A day like today has us thinking about the summer months ahead, and what they will look like. Certainly, work will remain busy, but the days are longer, affording us more time to do the things we love, and the warmer weather tends to relax us all.

We spoke with a few members of our staff who shared their favorite things about summer. The list varies, which is a nod to our versatility.

One of our Sports writers is looking forward to a trip to Tokyo for the 2021 Summer Olympics. This trek will be his third time going, to include the Winter Olympics as well. No foreign spectators are permitted, so the vibe won’t be quite the same, albeit historic.

He noted, “The Olympics are the best athletic event there is. Watching elite athletes compete at the highest level is amazing. On TV is great, but in person is even more incredible.”

When asked what his most anticipated event to watch is, he replied, “Swimming.”

Our Editor will take advantage of the beauty at local lakes and reading books on the balcony of his new condo. Of course, the perfect summer for him is not complete without something to do with film.

“I’m looking forward to going to the drive in. I’m not quite ready to sit in a theatre for two hours and the fact that the drive in near my home is vintage makes it even better. I’m all about the vintage!” he exclaimed.

It’s true — there isn’t a movie trivia question from any decade he won’t answer correctly.

One of our reporters, who also doubles as an artist, is looking forward to travel, gardening and landscaping.

“Home renovations and event planning will take priority, but I’m looking forward to doing some art installations as well,” she said.

When asked about home renovations, we needed to clarify whether it was to her home, or to her chicken coop that looks like the Beverly Hills Wilshire for birds.

Another of our writers will be looking forward to climbing as many mountains as possible, the more remote the better. Being outside deep into the woods is where it’s at. It’s such a grounding, refreshing activity especially on a scorcher of a day when a flowing river is close by.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Signs of hope

To the Editor:

The year of Zoom classes and no social interactions was one that damaged many young people. Social connections that occur in-person are essential for most young people and their mental health. One in three teen females and one in five teen males has experienced new or worsening anxiety and depression since the start of the pandemic.

The recent openings and announcements have shown hope for the future and the well-being of adolescents. Many high school students are just now beginning full in-person learning along with

participation in sporting competitions/activities since the start of COVID-19.

As a high school athlete, the recent announcement from the MIAA regarding mask-mandates was a relief. No longer having to wear a mask while participating in sports outside has made life feel somewhat normal. If the state of Massachusetts, along with the entire United States, continues on the trend they are currently on with COVID-19 procedures and mandates, life will only get better for adolescents.

MOLLY LASHLEY
WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The importance of post-pandemic mental health

To the Editor:

As the Covid-19 lockdown and mask restrictions are beginning to be lifted and the social scene is reopening, taking care of one’s mental health is of utmost importance. After such a long period of isolation and minimal face-to-face interaction, it is expected that people will experience some stress, anxiety, and struggles when trying to resume their social lives. Once again, socializing with coworkers or classmates, as well as sharing equipment and indoor space, can be nerve-racking. Also, over quarantine, almost everyone underwent personal changes, leaving many to wonder if they will be returning to and able to get along with former friends and family.

I am a junior in high school and, as an extrovert myself, I was excited to finally return to in-person learning and see my friends after an elongated period of virtual classes. However, along with this enthusiasm came an unfamiliar anxiety to me; anxiety not only about how to behave and act in public, but how to be “normal.”

The transition from online life back

to the concept of normalcy is going to be difficult and full of ups and downs. To address this problem, it is extremely important for one to monitor their mental state. It is important to ease back into the social arena and take the necessary time to readapt. Embrace the new-found struggles that arise and persevere through them as that is where the most growth will take place. Unprecedented times merit unprecedented growth. As an individual who didn’t experience anxiety before the pandemic, I believe now is a more important time to make sure that mental health conversation is being held at a high school level. I know there are many others out there who are in the same position as me and are overwhelmed while experiencing mental health troubles for the first time. I encourage my fellow students to not be silent on these hardships. Let family and friends know of any lasting stress, and if necessary, seek professional help.

Thank you,
AJ GORMAN
WHITINSVILLE

Balancing tranquility and industrial growth

To the Editor:

The town of Sutton has consistently portrayed a history of suppressing large industry in order to maintain its peaceful residential status, yet a recent town meeting has voted against this tradition to allow increased heights for buildings within the industrial region. Although the generally underdeveloped town typically favors small industry and modest manufacturing, this new height allowance would attract more business and industry with the eased regulations. Many citizens of Sutton, however, have displayed some sentiments against the recent decision, as the expanded industrial regulations would most likely increase traffic congestion in the town. With a growing industrial region, more cars and chaos would disrupt the formerly serene community.

My family moved to Sutton because of the town’s reputation of being tranquil with its underdeveloped industrial region. Without the traffic and noise of expanded manufacturing, the town is a peaceful suburb lacking the chaos of industry that other industrialized towns experience. To ease this issue, the town council should implement more construction regulations and exclusive building permits to go along with the expanded height allowances. If this were enacted in the town, Sutton’s traditionally peaceful environment would be able to continue while comforting residents without completely suppressing industry.

Thank you,
KAYLA HANNON
SUTTON

Upton needs a new approach to road construction

To the Editor:

Recently, I have noticed that Upton has been constantly bombarded with new construction. Although I am not currently a resident of Upton, I—a new driver-travel through the town at least five times a week on my way to club volleyball. Getting a license and driving alone is pressure enough, but driving through a sea of orange traffic cones adds an unnecessary level of anxiety.

The other night, while I was driving home from volleyball, when I was in Upton, I saw a misplaced traffic cone blocking the center of the right lane. I, along with many others, was forced to maneuver into the left lane just to continue on my way home. The construction has become not only an inconvenience, but a hazard to the countless number of drivers in the Blackstone Valley.

As reported by the CDC, “From 1982 through 2017, 27,037 individuals (about 773 per year) lost their lives in work zone crashes.” I am not suggesting that Upton shouldn’t repave their roads and add traffic lights, but it should be done in small fragments at a time. As of late, it seems I can’t find one road in Upton that doesn’t have some sort of construction

sign posted. It appears as if working on certain roads or sections at a time would be a lot more beneficial than working on several areas continuously where the traffic can become even more congested. The time limit within work should also be shortened. I understand that working on roads takes time and resources, but these roads have been worked on for an absurd amount of time. The project shouldn’t be started until all materials are acquired and the work can be done in a considerable amount of time. If this means driving on a bumpy road for a few more days then so be it, I think I can speak for a majority of people when I say that driving on a road with a few potholes is better than driving on no road at all.

According to the CDC, “Teens aged 16-19 are three times as likely to get in a fatal car crash than older age groups.” For the safety of the thousands of teenage drivers in Massachusetts and the residents of the Blackstone Valley, the road conditions need to be fixed in smaller sections and a more reasonable period of time.

Thank you,
HOPE BROOKHOUSE
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Discuss financial goals with your family



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June is Effective Communications Month. And it’s a good idea to recognize the importance of good communications because it plays a role in almost every aspect of living – including your finances. You’ll want to clearly communicate your financial goals to your loved ones – and you’ll want to hear theirs, too.

Let’s look at some of the communications you might have with family members:

Your spouse – You and your spouse may have different thoughts about a range of financial topics – how much to save, how much to spend, the level of debt with which you’re comfortable and so on. Try to reach some type of consensus on these issues. However, in regard to investing, you don’t necessarily have to act in unison all the time. You each may have different investment styles – one of you may be more aggressive, willing to take on more risk in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other would rather invest with an eye toward mitigating risk, even it means accepting a lower return. Of course, there’s nothing stopping each of you from pursuing your individual investment strategies in your own accounts – IRA, 401(k) and so on. Still, if you are going to work toward common goals – especially toward a shared vision of your retirement lifestyle – you each may want to compromise in your investment choices. And this accommodation is even more necessary in your joint accounts.

Your parents – If you may someday be involved with your parents’ financial plans – which is highly likely – you should know in advance what to expect. This may not be the easiest conversation to have, but it’s an important one. So, for example, ask your parents if they have a durable power of attorney, which allows them to designate someone to manage their financial affairs if they become physically or mentally incapacitated. You might also inquire if they have protected themselves against the potentially enormous costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. If not, you might suggest that they contact a financial advisor, who can offer solutions. Once you begin communicating about these issues, you may well want to go further into your parents’ estate plans to determine what other arrangements, if any, they have made. If it seems that their plans are not fully developed, you may want to encourage them to contact an attorney specializing in estate planning.

Your grown children – Just as you talk to your parents about their estate plans, you’ll want to discuss the same topic with your own grown children. Let them know who you have named as a durable power of attorney, what’s in your last will and testament and whether you’ve established a living trust. If you’re already working with a financial advisor and an estate planning professional, make sure your children know how to contact these individuals. Of course, you don’t have to confine your communications to estate plans – if you want to help your children financially, such as loaning them money for a down payment on a home, let them know.

By talking with your loved ones about key financial matters, everyone benefits. So, keep those lines of communication open.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vaccination incentive

To the Editor:
As we hear the long awaited news that the CDC is telling us that we can finally remove the masks, we still have too many people who have passed up the chance to be vaccinated. Recently, while grocery shopping, I asked the clerk if the chain store was going to allow mask removal. His answer was that they had heard that customers would probably be allowed to shop maskless, but employees would probably still have to wear them.
I commented that if they were fully vaccinated, they should be allowed to remove their mask if they wanted to. He replied that he had received is first shot, but hadn't got around to the second one. I asked him if he would run right out and get the second dose if it meant he could remove the mask at work.

Living in Alice-in-Wonderland Land

To the Editor:
Attention! Today, people constantly spout "words matter," but our language is being turned upside down and inside out, to the confusion and consternation of millions! Are those of a particular political persuasion really like the media descriptions — 'racist,' 'nativist,' 'white supremacist,' 'anarchist,' 'Nazi?' I think not, but neither common sense nor good manners temper our words in any political discussion! When words divide, not unite; inflame, not calm, nothing positive results, and One Nation under God cannot long prevail in this toxic atmosphere.
If you engage in 'modern' conversation, prominent words must be understood; so follow these (Google) definitions. Originally, woke simply meant well-informed and up-to-date, but now, even more than "awareness of issues which concern social/racial justice... with emphasis on discrimination," it demands active engagement against anything 'defined' as racist. (That's crazy, but ipso facto (for a fact) if you disagree, you are labelled 'racist!') Cancel culture, "... withdrawing support for something considered objectionable or offensive ... performed on social media by 'shaming,'" is used most frequently as a verbal hammer against those with opposite views. Racism is "...discrimination or antagonism... based on... racial superiority." Critical race theory (CRT) is defined as a "'theoretical' framework of social sciences that uses critical theory to examine society and culture as relates to categorization of races, proposing white supremacy and racial power is maintained in law (a segment of systemic racism), and investigating transforming that relationship by pursuing racial emancipation and anti-subordination." (With apology that my linguistic skills can't 'translate' this particular word jumble!)
Incidents of man's-inhumanity-to-man will never cease, but shame-

Without hesitation, he said he would. While driving home, I thought that if all employers that were allowed by the CDC and the state, had a policy that if you produce a CDC card stating that you were fully vaccinated, you would be allowed to work without a mask; otherwise, you must continue to wear it, how much closer we could get to herd immunity.
Like many of you, I am getting more than a little tired of hearing how the government is trying to get vaccine compliance. It's simple. Get employers to dangle that carrot. It would benefit them too if, due to higher vaccination numbers, it could result in less sick time. Anyone got a better idea?
TOM GRIFFIN
WHITINSVILLE

ful days of Jim Crow laws and attitudes are long over, and are recognized as such by millions who identify with other races, even genders! Sadly, that fact matters not! These 'buzz words' are used to cement in our minds only one storyline- to evaluate every subject in starkest black/white terms- which merely serve to agitate one segment against another rather than resolve situations pro-actively.
For example, CRT draws from several ideological scholarships including Marxism and arrived in the US by way of post-'60s civil rights movements. Parents be very wary of CRT, because it has infiltrated every aspect of our schools' curriculum! It is critical to discern distinctions between history 'reinterpreted' according to scholarly norms, based on newly discovered primary source material, versus history and social science books and textbooks 'revised' specifically to support skewed, narrow perspectives! For innocent, impressionable youth in classrooms from pre-school to college that's rightly called 'indoctrination' and should be objectionable to all! Valuable contributions of a host of people, not just Founding Fathers and Founding documents, are being 'cancelled' daily, and those who offer even small resistance to CRT messaging are shamed, censored, or blacklisted from jobs! This is today's reality, but those interested in having this and future generations educated based on classical Western Civilization values must 'dare' to speak-up-for-education. Quiet acceptance of how destructive and divisive is this portrayal of America is simply inconceivable.
As Lincoln said at the time of the Civil War: united we stand; divided we fall. Hope, anger, courage makes change.

JANE F. KEEGAN
UXBRIDGE

Don't forget the sunscreen

To the Editor:
With the summer months approaching, many individuals should be reminded of the importance sunscreen plays in protecting the skin from harmful UV rays. Sunscreen blocks these rays, greatly decreasing the likelihood of developing sunburns, premature aging, and even skin cancer. Premature aging is the breakdown of collagen, a main protein structure in the skin, which often leads to sagging and wrinkles. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the US; however, by applying sunscreen everyday, the risk of contracting skin cancer is cut in half.

While it is also important for individuals to wear sunscreen in the cooler months, the UV rays are strongest during the summertime, therefore more precautions should be taken to prevent skin damage. There are two types of UV rays: UVA rays and UVB rays. UVA rays permeate deep into the skin, while UVB rays only affect the top layer of the epidermis. Generally, dermatologists recommend broad spectrum-which protects against both UVA and UVB rays- sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or higher.

ELLA REJMER
WHITINSVILLE

A strip club has no place in Mendon

To the Editor:
As a teenager living in Mendon, I was shocked when I found out that a strip club had been authorized to be built in my town. One of the main reasons my family moved to this town was for its quaint, small-town charm. Embracing the adult-entertainment industry should be reconsidered for multiple reasons.
Located just down the street from an elementary school, the club sets a poor example for children living in the town. It models a type of behavior that most parents would not want to teach their children. A question we should ask ourselves is, do we really want children being introduced to such sexually explicit content at such a young age? The answer should be no.
Building a strip club also can have a negative financial impact on the town. According to Eric D. Simpson, one of the founders of Speak Out Mendon, adding a strip club to the town is like a "negative halo" in which the businesses around it suffer financially. In addition to this, property values tend to decrease in towns where strip clubs are present.
Historically, Mendon has had a very low crime rate. However, we can expect to see a dramatic increase in this rate after a strip club is established in the town. According to Speak Out Mendon, other towns in Massachusetts have seen crime rates ascend 23 percent and sexu-

ally based crimes climb 77 percent after a strip club was established in that particular area. This increased crime rate then puts a strain on the police force, as modeled in Monson, Massachusetts. In February of this year, there was a shooting at a strip club in Monson. We will be inviting the same types of violent crimes to take place in Mendon.
Do we want "the little town of Mendon" to be known as the "little town with the big strip club?" Most assuredly not.

LAUREN FOELLMER
MENDON

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Never count out the underdog

To the Editor:
What I believe. Feel free to agree or disagree.
Have you ever taken a moment to think about how baseball used to be America's Pastime? You could go to Fenway, cheer for the Red Sox and sing "Sweet Caroline" during the seventh inning stretch. Or listen to the ball game on the radio — "the pitch is high and wide, Ball one!" — while working in the garden, or while sewing, or while making a shelf in your wood shop, or during a family picnic. Suddenly, "It's a line drive to center field, going..." - everyone would hush, stop with hot dog in mid-air - "and it's gone! Another home run for Big Pappy!"

Now, social media is America's Pastime. Does it make you feel happy? No, it's negative, all the time. And the negativity of the media pushes people into a deep hole of perpetual pandemic panic. Not even Big Pappy can hit a ball out of that strike zone, nor can Tiger Woods hit a ball out of that sand pit. It's three strikes and you're out, every time. No cheering! No flag waving! No singing the Anthem!

For some great fun [before this nation became infected with miserable Wokeness] I recommend "Moneyball," the 2011 film starring Brad Pitt as the brash Billy Beane, General Manager of the Oakland Athletics. In 1998, Billy Beane was a busy man, building the A's into a winning team using Sabermetrics. Bill James developed this theory while working as a night watchman in a pork and beans factory. I love this guy! James figured out how to evaluate players' skills that actually contribute to wins. In 1999, Beane used the new system. The media called the wins "an aberration." When the A's lose a few games, the media rants: Beane is going to be fired. But they were wrong. Turns out, the media cannot predict the future or even accurately call balls or strikes. The A's are winning.

In the early 2000's, they had made it to the playoffs three years in a row, taking on the richest team in baseball, the dreaded Yankees. Here was a \$39 million team nearly beating the \$114 million New York Yankees. As Michael Lewis says in his great book, "Moneyball," "the Oakland experiment was a willingness to rethink baseball: how it is managed and who is best suited to play it." Beane and his analyst, Paul Podesta, found and

hired "bargains": underrated players who defied conventional wisdom. It's so American! In 2002, the A's won 19 consecutive games. On Sept. 4, 2002, 55,000 fans were in the A's coliseum, screaming and cheering, because it appeared the A's would win 20 in a row.

[Recall, in 2002, George Bush was President. Fans and players stood for the National Anthem, hands over hearts. In 2011, when the film was released, Obama was President. Biden was still playing golf and not mumbling. Hollywood actually filmed fans and players standing for the Anthem.]

On that night, the A's were ahead 11-0. Then, the Kansas City Royals dismantled the A's and it was 11-11. Coach Howe calls Scott Hatteberg to pinch hit. The first baseman had been told he would not be playing so he was in the locker room chatting with some random guy who had hand crafted a new bat. Now, Hatteberg is at bat with the new bat. He hits a rocket deep into right center field up in the stands. He cannot see it, but 55,000 fans are screaming. The A's win 20 in a row!

I suggest to you that the U.S.A. is Billy Beane, the underdog! The worst General Manager in history and the most brilliant General Manager! [Did you know that Theo Epstein and the Red Sox were watching Billy Beane?]

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OBITUARIES

Blanche L. Kidd, 70



NORTHBRIDGE-Blanche L. (Mongeon) Kidd, 70, of Northbridge passed away peacefully Wed. May 19, 2021 in the UMass Medical Center, Worcester with her children by her side.

She was born in Northbridge in 1950 the daughter of the late Leo and Loretta (Landry) Mongeon and was a graduate of the former St. Mary's High School, Milford where she was a Girl's State Representative. She was also a graduate of the former David Hale – Fanning School in Worcester.

Blanche was a surgical technician at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester for 47 years and enjoyed many friendships there. She was also part of the first surgical team to transplant a heart at the hospital and loved volunteering on humanitarian missions to Central America to perform heart surgeries, repair cleft palates, and

an occasional painting of a school or church. Previously she had worked at Landmark Hospital, Woonsocket.

A lifelong resident of Northbridge, she served on the citizen's advisory committee at Alternatives Unlimited and was the first woman President of the Uxbridge Rotary Club. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, cooking, traveling, and loved hanging out with her friends, the "Golden Girls".

Blanche is survived by her children Sean G. Kidd of Oxford and Keryn A and her husband Jesse Riel of Whitinsville; her siblings, Muriel Beaulieu of Whitinsville, Donald Mongeon of PA, and Constance Aubin of Bolton; 7 grandchildren Samantha, Chase, Benjamin, Tessa, Jayson, Kevin, and Damian; a great-grandson, Cameron and nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours were Tues. May 25, 2021 from 3:30 – 6:30 PM in the BUMA FUNERAL HOME, 480 Church St., Whitinsville. Burial will be private at a later date.

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Arthur Leo Darcy



Arthur Leo Darcy of Plymouth, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on May 14, 2021. He was born in Whitinsville in 1943 and was raised in Uxbridge. He attended Uxbridge high school and then went into the Navy at 17. Arthur served on the destroyer USS Bache for 4 years, where he received the good conduct medal. He graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at UMass Amherst in 1966 and got his bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from UMass Amherst in 1968. As a junior at UMass, he married Constance Lee Doherty in 1966. He went into the dairy and ice cream business working for HP Hood, Howard Johnson's, and finally as a technical sales representative for Dairy Concepts Inc. He was very proud of the beautiful ice cream plant he managed in Miami, Florida for Howard Johnson's. Arthur and Connie raised their two daughters following his career as he transferred from Portland, to Brockton, to Endfield, to Scituate, to Plantation, and back to Scituate.

Arthur was very active in St. Francis X. Cabrini's parish, the Foyer of Charity, St. Anthony's parish, and currently St. Bonaventure's parish in Plymouth where they reside. Although they moved away from Scituate 11 years ago, he still did landscaping at the Foyer of Charity from spring until fall.

Arthur was an outstanding husband, father, and grandfather, as well as brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

Known as Butch to many, he lived to make things better. Arthur was a generous, selfless man with his time and talents, always offering to help. He loved gardening, cooking, reading, watching Jeopardy, and he loved to watch his Patriots.

Arthur was predeceased by his parents Mary (Houle) and Alfred Darcy; sister, Berniece Bernard; brother Robert Darcy. Arthur is survived by his wife of 54 years Constance (Doherty) Darcy; daughters, Melissa Pooler and her husband Richard of Westford and Meredith Hilditch of Scituate; grandchildren, Richard Pooler, Edwin Pooler, and Abigail Hilditch; brother, Joseph Darcy of Sturbridge; sister-in-law, Erlene Darcy of Uxbridge. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a multitude of friends.

A period of visitation will take place on Thursday, May 20, 2021, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Davis Life Celebration Funeral Home, 619 State Road, Plymouth (Manomet). A funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 12:00 pm at St. Bonaventure Church, 803 State Road, Plymouth (Manomet). Interment will be at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Connery Avenue, Bourne. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 1100 N., Bethesda, MD 20814 or www.cff.org or the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, 6520 North Andrews Avenue, FL 33309-2132 or www.msfocus.org. For more information or to sign the online guestbook please visit www.cartmelldavis.com.

Lawrence "Guy" Bacon, 75



DOUGLAS - Lawrence "Guy" Bacon, 75, an outgoing local businessman, of Cedar St. passed away Fri. May 21, 2021 after an illness.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Marleen R. (Simmons) Bacon; 3 daughters Dawn M. Alexander of Douglas, Kristina M. Bacon and her husband Corey Saillant of Exeter, RI, and Ann M. Bacon of Douglas; his granddaughter Brooklynne Alexander; a sister Gail (Bacon) Ketels and her husband Rick of Arkansas; his son in law Daniel J. Alexander; his office "wife" Linda; his nurse "wife" Janet; his good friend Dr. Eric Matthews; golfing partner Skip; several nieces nephews and cousins including Judith. His family would also like to thank Dr. Tahir, Dr. Kaddis, Adonica, and all the nurses and staff at Dana Farber in Milford. Their genuine care and concern put everyone at ease throughout Guy's illness.

Born in Worcester, MA on March 25, 1946 he was the son of Lawrence A. and Marion (Graham) Bacon, was raised in Worcester and moved to Douglas 53 years ago in 1968.

Mr. Bacon owned and operated Debits and Credits, an accounting and bookkeeping company in Douglas since 1990, retiring in 2014. Always a people person, Guy made folks feel at ease during tax time with his talkative, lighthearted personality. Previously he worked in Public Accounting. He was educated at North High School, Worcester Junior College, and earned

his BA at Clark University in 1972. He served in the US Army's Finance Corp. and was stationed in Korea and Germany.

Active in his community Guy served on the Douglas Zoning Board of Appeals for 19 years. He directed the Douglas High School Marching Band's Flag Team and Winterguard and belonged to their Band Booster Club. An avid golfer he played in the Blissful Meadows Golf League. Planting and caring for his veggie garden was a joy and similar to raising his 3 girls. He nurtured them, weeded out the bad aspects, and was rewarded with beautiful children whom he was proud of. One of his favorite things was hearing the sound of their laughter. One of the happiest days of his life was when Brooklynne came into his family. She always made him smile.

Another thing Guy loved was traveling with his wife. They went to such places as North Dakota, the coast of California, Puerto Rico, Aruba, and of course Arkansas, to visit his sister and brother-in-law. Above all, Guy loved his life. He was a friendly, fun, local gentleman who will be missed by his family and friends.

His Funeral Service will be held Fri. May 28 at 11 am in Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St. Calling hours at the Funeral Home are Thurs. May 27 from 5 to 7 pm. Memorial donations in Guy's memory may be made to Dana Farber, Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284. To leave a condolence message for Guy's family, please visit <http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com>



Irene C. De Jordy, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully at her home on May 18, 2021. Irene leaves her beloved husband Eugene and four children Terri and her husband John, Gene and his wife Jamie, Tom and his wife Maria, Steve and his wife Heather, as well as grandchildren Jessica, Katherine and Michael Larrabee; Dakota, Kean and Kaitlyn De Jordy; Alexander, Jack, Benjamin and Thomas De Jordy; Hannah, Stephen, Tyler De Jordy and his partner Hannah with new great-grandchild Sadie. Irene is predeceased by her sisters Patricia Marteka and Pauline Allen and her brother Rev. Anthony Marteka and is survived by her sister Mary Bilodeau and brother Edward Marteka. Irene also leaves her many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. She so enjoyed each and every one of them.

Irene was born on November 22, 1932 to Mary Novak and Anthony Marteka and grew up in Whitinsville, MA. Irene

valued education and truly enjoyed her professional life, first in data processing at Whitin Machine Works and then as credit manager at David Clark Company. Upon retiring, Irene channeled her tremendous energy and enthusiasm into helping her children renovate their homes and caring for her grandchildren. Her grandchildren were the light of her life. She always was up to date on the activities and interests of all 13 grandchildren and enthusiastically embraced whatever they loved. She kept a running list in her mind of everyone's favorite food and magically would whip together a lasagna or batch of brownies at a moment's notice when a grandchild appeared at the door.

A private memorial mass for Irene will be held at St. Denis Church in Douglas on May 24 at 11 am. Burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Whitinsville. Memorial donations in Irene's memory may be made to St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug Street, Douglas, MA 01516. To leave a condolence message for her family, please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Josephine Saucier, 88



UXBRIDGE - Josephine (Kogut) Saucier, 88, passed away on Wednesday. May 19, 2021 in West Side House, Worcester. She was the wife of the late Richard D. Saucier who died in 2008.

She was born in Uxbridge a daughter of the late Francis and Mary (Hyz) Kogut.

Josephine was a hairdresser for over 30 years and was the owner and stylist at Jo's White Orchid Salon in the former Train Depot in downtown Uxbridge. Bernat Yarns employed her to make their displayed samples of cross stitch artwork and other handmade items.

Josephine fully embraced her Polish

heritage. She loved Polish food, Polka dancing, and music.

Jo was skilled in several crafts including ceramics, knitting and crocheting. She was an avid gardener and dog lover. Jo prepared many feasts and hosted countless gatherings for her extended family.

She is survived by several loving nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends. She was predeceased by her brothers Joseph, Ignatius, and Edward Kogut.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Buma Funeral Home, 101 N. Main St., Uxbridge with a funeral service to follow at 11:00.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Uxbridge Senior Center 36 S. Main St, Uxbridge, MA 01569.

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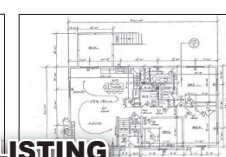
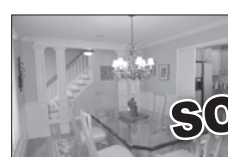
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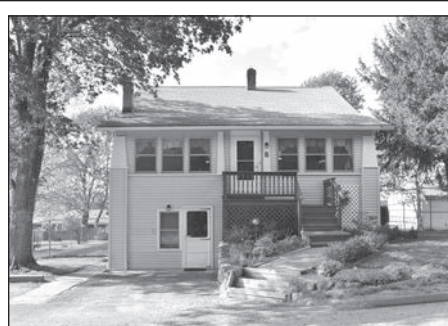
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With Memorial Day weekend only a few days away, nutty behavior at the boat ramps is sure to be the same as in previous years. Boaters need to be respectful of other boaters waiting to launch their boats, and if someone is having a problem launching his or her boat, offering to help is often appreciated. Boaters should never back onto a boat ramp



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This past week, my brother and I were invited to go on a fishing trip with my nephew, Captain Mel True of Fish Net Charters! Mel left his high paying job at CVS to fulfill his dream of becoming a boat captain. He took a job with On The Water Magazine for a short time and then made the move to start his charter boat business. He never looked back, and has become a highly respected boat Captain on the North & South Shore. He loves to document his clients

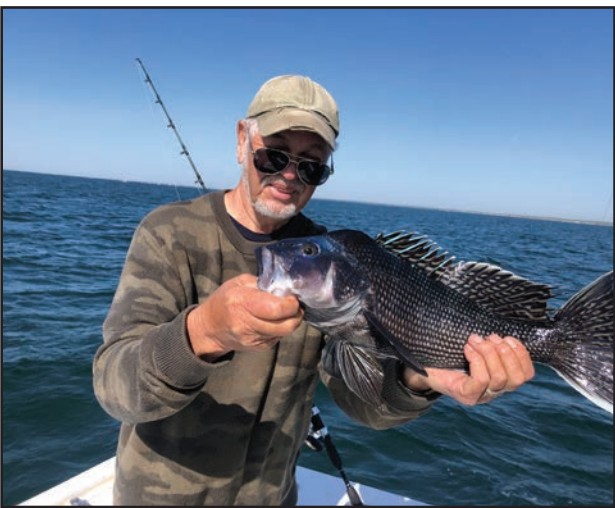
fishing trips, and is well educated in photography.

It was a nice crisp morning when my brother Ken picked me up at 4:30 a.m.! Captain Mel lives in Freetown, Mass., which is only an hour's drive to his house. We arrived on time, and Mel had his boat and trailer hooked up to his pickup truck that is well painted with his name, and sponsors of fishing tackle. His 25-foot boat is powered by a Yamaha 350 hp motor. Unloading the boat only took minutes and we were on our way to the fishing grounds. It was not long before we were traveling close to 40 miles per hour, arriving at our first fishing spot in less than 30 minutes. As soon as we stopped the boat Mel walked up to the bow of the boat to place his new electric motor into the water. The motor is programmed into his GPS, and automatically holds the boat at the fishing hot spot. Although he has an anchor on board, it is rarely used because of the new motor. "Technology."

As soon as I dropped my jig to the bottom, I had a fish on. It was a nice seabass and I was ready to place it in the cooler. Captain Mel motioned me to throw it back! It is a female, and he does not

like to include them in his daily catch. My brother Ken reeled in a nice seabass, and was told to toss it back. We will be catching much larger fish than that Captain Mel stated: "It seems as though we are on a catch and release fishing trip!" Ken complied to the captain's request! It was constant lock and load on seabass and a couple of tautog mixed in retaining only a couple of fish! "Be patient," Mel replied, "you will catch bigger fish than those you threw back."

Time to move to a new spot! After bringing the motor back into the boat, we were soon on our way to a new spot. Mel wanted to catch a few Scaup for a client, so we rigged our lures and small pieces of squid onto the hooks. The scaup were decent size with some extra-large called sea scaup. I have tried them, and do not like their taste, but many people love them. After filling a five-gallon pail with scaup, we rigged our rods with jigs. Mel has his own line of fishing rods, that make my fishing rods look antique. It was not long before we started catching seabass and tautog, but the jumbo seabass never materialized. We were more than happy to catch our limit



Courtesy

This week's picture shows Ken True with a nice seabass caught last week in Buzzards Bay.

of seabass that were nice size and great for the eating. A few nice tautog were mixed in but there were so many seabass on the bottom feeding, the tautog were outnumbered.

After a few hours of fishing, this writer quit. The captain could see that we were fished out, and were ready for the trip home. Gosh! I wish I was 20 years younger.

West Hill Dam is taking reservations for small parties like birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, etc. To reserve your date, you can call Viola at the Dam Headquarters. Reservations cost \$75. A new road is being planned for the Harringtons pool area, but until then it is nice to see the area being used!

The Whitinsville Fish

& Game club is planning an "Italian Night" at the club on June19. It is going to be there first in house supper since the Pandemic. Be sure to get your tickets early. Only 60 tickets will be available for the in-house dining. Another 25 will be sold for to-go meals. Check it out on their Web site.

Fresh water fishing has been very good for large-mouth bass fishing. One angler was fishing from his canoe and caught numerous largemouth bass and calico bass trolling small Rapala plugs. Shiners and small surface frogs are also catching some impressive fish.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Tips to Keep Cool (naturally)!

The warm weather season is finally here, but the anticipation of a long, hot summer, prompts strategies to keep cool and comfortable throughout the upcoming months. Before you run out to buy a new air conditioner, read on. The following tips are environmental friendly ways to keep your cool this season.

Plant a Tree: Trees are not only attractive, they provide valuable shading and cooling. For quickest results, opt for quick growing varieties. According to expert landscapers, just three trees, properly placed around a house, can save between \$100 and \$250 annually in cooling and heating costs! Need more convincing? Consider this fact: Daytime air temperatures can be three to nine degrees cooler in tree-shaded neighborhoods.

Fine Vines: Vines also keep your house naturally cool. Grown on trellises, vines such as ivy or grapevines can shade windows or the whole side of a house. The dark and coarse leaves also absorb solar radiation.

Concrete Heat: Planning to landscape? Avoid landscaping with lots of unshaded rock, cement, or asphalt on the south or west sides because it increases the temperature around the house and radiates heat to the house after the sun has set

Shady Deal: Shading is a valuable weapon in the battle against the heat of the summer sun. Shading that blocks summertime sun on the east, south and west sides of a house, but not cool breezes, is an effective way to keep your house cooler. Planting shade trees, especially on the west and south sides of your house can improve comfort and increase coolness.

Instant Shade: Erect awnings, porches, or trellises on east, south and west sides of a building. This reduces solar heat penetration through walls and windows, keeping things cool. Note: Maintaining a gap between the top of a solid surface awning and the side of your house helps vent accumulated heat.

Did You Know? A home's inside temperature can rise as much as 20F or more if the east and west windows and walls are not shaded.

The Grass is Greener: Grass is a great natural coolant, and the more lawn you have, the greater the cooling benefit. On a hot summer day, grass can be up to 14 degrees cooler than exposed soil, and as much as 30 degrees cooler than concrete or asphalt! According to experts, the front lawns of a block of eight average houses have the cooling effect of about 70 tons of air conditioning! That's enough to cool 16 average homes.

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If you use an air conditioner, make sure you're using it to its full advantage. Here are some top tips for optimal operation of your cooling unit:
* Did you know an air conditioning unit operating in the shade uses less electricity than one in the sun? Plant trees or shrubs to shade air conditioning units, but be sure not to block the airflow.
* To boost efficiency, use a fan with your window air conditioner to circulate the cool air throughout the home.
* Never place lamps or TVs near your air conditioning thermostat. The heat from these appliances will cause the air conditioner to run longer.
* Be sure to add insulation around air conditioning ducts when they are located in unconditioned spaces such as attics, crawl spaces, and garages. Also, check to see that your fireplace damper is tightly closed.
* If your air conditioner is old, the new energy efficient models can save you up to 50% on your cooling bills. Make sure ***



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tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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

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When it's okay not to be okay

I learned a valuable lesson this week. I traveled to the University of Iowa Hospital for my monthly meeting with my oncologist and digestive health medical team. For those of you unaware, I'm fighting stage 4 stomach cancer. It was to be a quick in and out meeting and I would be on my way home by 3:00. Instead, my digestive health professional looked at me for thirty seconds and said, "I'm admitting you."

I didn't know what to say. "Wait," was the only thing I could force out.

"For what?" She paused. "Until it's too late?"

So, I was admitted and began being fed nutrients through a hose placed in my nose. Truly a dismal experience. As I looked at the bag pumping into my stomach, it looked like its contents had already been eaten then spit back out. No, none of it was a



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pleasant experience.

Early the next morning, my team of oncologists arrived in my room and asked, "How are you feeling?" My typical reflex answer popped out. "Fantastic!" They glanced at each other. "Really. I'm feeling great!" I assured them. I'm a believer that optimism and positive intentions drive good health and positive results.

They asked a few basic questions, told me they ordered a couple of scans and a round of blood tests, then left the room.

The next day, my daughter arrived and was sitting with me when the group of oncologists came again. "So, how are

you feeling today, Mr. Moore?"

"Fantastic! I'm feeling great!" once again popped out of my mouth. My daughter quickly blurted out, "Dad! You are not feeling great! These are your doctors, and they aren't looking for a motivational speech from you. Tell them how you really feel!"

She then looked at the leader of the group and said, "Please understand that my Dad is a motivational speaker, writer of a column titled, Positively Speaking and an author of four positive books. It's not his nature to say anything else."

The question then hit me like an Acme Anvil dropped on my head as if I were in a Roadrunner cartoon. Is it okay, not to be, okay?

It doesn't mean I'm being negative. Maybe it only means I'm giving my medical team accurate

information to help them make sound decisions and to help me get better. They needed straight talk from me and not a motivational pep talk. People who are feeling fantastic are not admitted into the hospital.

I took a breath and gave them an accurate depiction of what I was feeling, which was far from fantastic. They seemed relieved and said what I was describing better reflected the results of my test.

I realized at that moment that being optimistic does not mean everything is perfect. It's not. It does mean I've decided to focus on the good outcomes rather than bad and to allow my mind and body to conspire together to help create a better reality. I believe optimism and a positive mindset are essential components to

my healing process, but so is accuracy in describing my symptoms, positive or not.

Admitting I didn't feel well wasn't a failure to be positive. In fact, not accurately deciding the current condition of my health could create an extremely negative outcome.

I'm learning that the smart thing to do is adjust myself to the reality and truth of my health instead of trying to make the truth of my condition something that it's not. As minor as it is and as simple as it sounds, I was unable to admit I wasn't okay. It also doesn't mean I'm giving into a negative diagnosis. I'm still fighting with the attitude and belief I'm going to beat this cancer and I am. It just means my doctors need accurate information so they can help me win this battle.

This column began

while I was lying in a hospital bed but is ending with me at home and back to my normal routine. I'm feeling much better and looking positively forward to my day.

Everything about life is a challenge and ongoing opportunity to learn. 'From the mouth of babes' my daughter taught me a valuable lesson about creating positive outcomes from less than positive situations when you aren't feeling positive at all.

Like you, I'm still a work in progress. I'm still learning.

It's okay, not to be okay.

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Providing proper care for these elevated planting spaces will ensure the biggest possible harvest and a growing season filled with beautiful flowers. Adapting planting strategies and care to fit the needs of these unique growing spaces can help reduce maintenance.

It starts with creating and maintaining a healthy growing foundation. Fill your raised beds with a quality planting mix composed mostly of topsoil and compost. Or create your own planting mix with lasagna and Hugelkultur techniques. These methods allow you to convert plant trimmings, compost, and a minimal amount of soil into a quality planting mix.

Elevated gardens are basically containers on legs and usually filled with a quality, soilless planting mix. The lighter weight makes it much more suitable for this type of gardening. Look for a product that provides drainage yet retains moisture. Both features are important when gardening in smaller volumes of soil.

Make sure you have easy access to water and your gardens have means for excess water to drain. The limited soil mass and increased exposure to wind, heat and sunlight make planting mixes dry out more quickly than in-ground beds. Always water thoroughly to encourage deep, more drought tolerant roots.

Extend the time between watering by as much as 25% with the help of a sustainable, organic product like Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com). Made from wool waste, these pellets absorb and retain moisture releasing it when needed by the plants.

Purchase an elevated garden with wheels or add casters to the legs if you need to move your garden out of the way for entertaining. Take advantage

GARDEN MOMENTS

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of the added mobility to move your planter into the sun or shade as needed throughout the season.

Employ space saving techniques to maximize your gardens productivity. Space plants just far enough apart to reach their mature size. Plant

quick-maturing vegetables like radishes, lettuce and beets between tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables that take longer to reach full size and start producing. You will be harvesting the short season vegetables just as the bigger plants need the space.

Look for compact flower and vegetable varieties that allow you to make the most of every square inch of these gardens. All-America Selections winner Patio Choice Yellow Cherry tomato produces up to 100 tomatoes on an eighteen-inch plant. Mascotte compact bush bean and Patio Pride peas are big producers suited to these and small space gardens.

Extend your enjoyment and harvest with succession plantings. Fill vacant spaces left once a row or block of vegetables are harvested. Freshen up ornamental plantings by replacing weather worn flowers with healthy new selections. Add more planting mix along with wool pellets if needed.

Train vining plants onto trellises or other supports to save space and reduce the risk of disease. Dress them up by allowing trailing herbs and flowers to cascade over the edge of these planting beds.

Increasing growing success and reducing maintenance will make raised beds and elevated gardens a practical and productive addition to your gardening endeavors.

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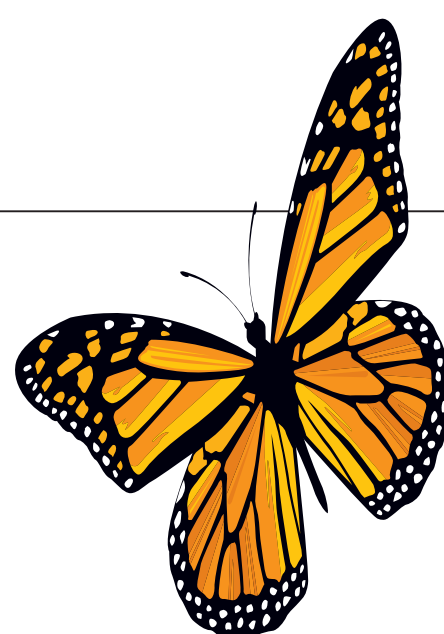
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