

# Douglas implements new food program

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DOUGLAS — The Town of Douglas, through the Emergency Operations Center, has implemented a new program that will provide food to vulnerable families in need during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The town is making available a food preparation and distribution program for Douglas seniors, students, and residents, said Douglas Adult Social Center Director/Outreach Case Manager Patrice Rousseau.

Any residents who would like to participate in this program are asked to register at the following website: [www.Tinyurl.com/DouglasFood](http://www.Tinyurl.com/DouglasFood). At that Web site, residents should indicate their preferred drop off location and the number of family members living in Douglas that would need a meal.

According to the town, this program is anonymous, although an email address is requested for periodic email updates.

“The Adult Social Center staff worked at the St. Denis Church thanks to Father

Juan and Nancy Norberg feeding 75 plus seniors a day from April 6 through 17, cooking and delivering meals to all of the senior residents in town including Easter dinner for 80 senior residents,” Rousseau said. “We made more than 700 meals during this time until we were able to collaborate with the food service staff at the Douglas High School on April 17.”

Rousseau added that volunteers continue to deliver meals to senior residents and buses are now in place to deliver to students and residents of the town who are in need of food.

For more information, visit [douglas-ma.gov](http://douglas-ma.gov). Seniors with questions are asked to call Rousseau at 508-476-2283. According to a statement on the town’s Web site, donations can be made online or by check, made out to “The Town of Douglas” and mailed to 29 Depot St., Douglas, attention Patrice Rousseau (Adult Social Center Director), or dropped in the drop box outside the Municipal Center. Please put, “Community Food Outreach Program” in the memo section.



# Local auto business donates to food pantry

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UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge-based Advanced Automotive Performance recently completed a social media campaign aimed at helping a local food pantry

and raising positive spirits within the community.

The “Toilet Paper and Pets” effort resulted in 300 rolls of toilet paper being donated to the People First Food Pantry of Uxbridge.

“We’ve always tried to support the People First Food Pantry here in Uxbridge, and we try to come up with some creative ideas that can get our customers and the local community involved,” said Jason Malo, Owner of Advanced Automotive Performance.

The idea was sparked for Malo when he ordered bulk toilet paper from vendors that wasn’t coming through. Then, suddenly, all the orders came through at once.

“I had ordered one box...that never came, so I ordered another box—that never came,” he said, adding that he



# State officials urge hands-off approach to young wildlife

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REGION — Due to the Covid-19 emergency, Massachusetts residents are spending more time in their homes and yards. Combined with the arrival of spring, the state’s Division of Fisheries and Wildlife has recently issued a statement advising residents on what to do if they come across a baby bird, a nest of newborn bunnies, or another young animal in their yard.

“Every year, the lives of young creatures are disturbed by people who take young animals from the wild in a well-intentioned attempt to save them, but this often does more harm than good,” officials with MassWildlife said.

The agency is reminding the public that young wildlife belong in the wild and urging residents to leave young wildlife alone.

“Finding a young animal alone does not mean it’s been abandoned or needs to be rescued. Adults are often nearby and visit their young only occasionally to avoid detection from predators.”

Nearly all wild birds and mammals are protected by law; they may not legally be taken from the wild or kept as pets.

“Young wildlife removed from the wild are also denied important natural learning experiences which help them survive on their own. Even if these animals are released back into the wild, their chances of survival are reduced,” the statement reads.

Often, the care given to young wildlife results in attachment to humans and the animals may return to places where people live only to be attacked by domestic animals or hit by cars.

“With little fear of humans, once-tamed wildlife may become nuisances or injure people.”

If you have found a baby bird, MassWildlife said they are “not helpless.”

“They do not need your assistance unless you see clear signs of injury, like a broken wing.”

If residents find a young bird without feathers outside the nest, referred to as a hatchling or nestling, you can try to return it to its nest or create an artificial nest. The parents will not reject it if you touch it. If you find a young, fully feathered bird, you should leave it alone.

# Douglas Boosters seeking volunteers

DOUGLAS — The Douglas Athletic Boosters Club is a group of volunteers whose objective is to support school athletic activities while instilling a sense of school pride in the community.

The Boosters conduct several fundraising events through the year to raise money to ensure athletic programs are maintained for Douglas student-athletes. Fundraisers include a golf outing, a trail run on the High School cross-country course, a silent auction held at Oktoberfest, Field of Honor flags for service persons and veterans on Memorial Day, Tuesdays at the Track during the summer, and others. The Boosters Mattress Fundraiser scheduled for late March had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Besides the Nautilus machines which were purchased to replace the damaged and unusable ones that were installed when the school opened in 2003, monies raised in the past have been used for such items as team uniforms, dugouts for the baseball field, bleachers, a scoreboard/clock for the gym, accomplishment banners, cross-country course repairs and scholarships for graduating seniors.

The Boosters are seeking volunteers to assist the Club with future events. They can be reached through Athletic Director Mary Sokol at Douglas High School.



Douglas High School Athletic Director Mary Sokol (right) accepts gift of Nautilus Exercise Machines from Athletic Boosters President Lynn Walker

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# How to wear cloth face coverings

In an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where it can be difficult to maintain social distancing measures. That means people are advised to wear cloth face coverings while shopping for groceries or in any other settings where it might be difficult to stay at least six feet away from other people.

In recognition that the notion of wearing face coverings while in public is foreign to many people, the CDC issued instructions on how to wear such coverings to ensure they provide as much protection as possible.

How to wear cloth face coverings

The CDC notes that cloth face coverings should:

- fit snugly but comfort-

ably against the side of the face

- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction

Additional guidelines

The CDC says face coverings should be avoided by certain people. Such coverings should not be placed on children under age two. In addition, people who have trouble breathing, those who are incapacitated and people who cannot remove coverings without assistance should not wear them.

The CDC also notes that cloth face coverings does not refer to surgical masks or N-95 respirators. The CDC urges everyone to reserve such supplies for health care workers and other medical first responders.

Cloth face coverings should be routinely washed. A washing

machine should be enough to clean these coverings.

When removing cloth face coverings, do so carefully. The CDC urges people to avoid touching their eyes, nose and/or mouth when removing their face coverings. Once the coverings are removed, people should wash their hands immediately.

Cloth face coverings can help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. While wearing such coverings is a simple gesture, it's also one that can save lives. More information is available at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

## COVID-10 when grocery shopping

Safeguard against (447 Supermarkets and other food merchants are allowed to stay open as “essential” retailers amid the mass shutdowns prompted by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Along with banks, gas stations and takeout restaurants, supermarkets are among the few places that people are allowed to visit to procure the necessities of everyday life.

Even with social distancing and other precautions in place, grocery stores remain high-traffic locations. As a result, many people feel concerned about how to best protect themselves when turning to in-store visits or grocery delivery services to stay stocked on food and other essentials.

- Maintain a six-foot distance. As with other locations, shoppers should keep a distance of six feet between themselves and other shoppers. Do not hesitate to move back or ask someone to move away if you feel concerned about proximity. Shopping during “off-peak” hours may help thin out crowds and make it easier to maintain social distance.
- Shop small retailers. It can be beneficial to visit independently owned retailers, like local markets, delis and specialty food stores. Crowds at such stores will likely be smaller than the crowds at large chain stores.
- Wipe down products. Data published in The New England Journal of Medicine that tested how long COVID-19 survived on surfaces found the virus was detected up to 72 hours on plastic, 48 hours on stainless steel, 4 hours on copper, and 24 hours on cardboard. While infection from touch may not be as likely as it is from direct inhalation of COVID-19 from an infected individual, it can be helpful to wipe down surfaces, including non-porous packaging, once items are brought home, as well as counters or tables used to unload packages. Wiping down a shopping cart handle also may be helpful.
- Wash produce. Consumer Reports suggests washing fruits and vegetables in a mild soap-and-water solution to eliminate any possible live virus and pesticides.
- Avoid direct contact. Whether items are delivered or purchased in-store, avoid personal contact with cashiers or other store employees. Pick up and pack your own groceries. Opt to pay with a credit card or another digital pay option like Apple Pay instead of handing over cash. Use your own pen to sign receipts. Scan your own frequent shopper card or have the cashier use a scan gun, rather than taking your key ring to hold. Delivery services can place the bags outside of your front door. Tips also can be exchanged electronically for delivery services through an app or online or over the phone.

Some simple shopping strategies can help people prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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# BVT amends school calendar

UPTON – The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional District School Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting remotely on Thursday, April 16, marking the first time in the school’s history that the Committee has met virtually.

On the agenda, the Distance Learning Plan (DLP), which is going well according to the report presented by Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal, Anthony E. Steele II. In response to an outpouring of positive support of their DLP and feedback from their community of teachers, staff, parents, and students, BVT chose to respond with continued instruction during what would have been their April vacation week.

Although the District’s first inclination was to live within its originally posted school calendar whereby the traditional

April vacation would be in place, the BVT School Committee opted to reverse that plan during its most recent formal meeting.

The opinion in favor of working through April vacation was the most common point of view with distance learning gaining momentum, and the timing of a spring break representing an unnecessary detrimental break in continuity. Boosted by the complimentary feedback and positive impact of the District’s elaborate DLP, the School Committee was asked to amend the school calendar to continue remote learning throughout the April vacation. The Teachers Association and school administration shared favorable rationales with the key aspect in forgoing the break beyond the Presidents’ Day holiday in keeping the continuity of present instruction to keep students

engaged during a period where COVID-19 restrictions required all to be home-based.

As a vocational-technical system, the credentialing process required for certification within many of the trades is another factor that comes into play during this unique time. While BVT is collaborating with several licensing agencies regarding flexibility in counting attainment of competency needed hours earned within shop classes, remote learning has raised new questions. The ability of their students to earn additional hours during what would have been the April week is beneficial to those students who could potentially graduate before they are allowed to return to their traditional classrooms. The District School Committee vote modified the original school calendar to include distance learning for Tuesday, April 21 through Friday, April 24. The vote passed unanimously.

“We understand and recognize that this is an example of a local decision, and some might prefer a step back from the unique pressures caused by the pandemic,” said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. “For our students to earn credit toward their trade licenses, now will prove more significant should Massachusetts chose to close its schools for the remainder of the year. Nevertheless, I am proud of our staff and students for their continued willingness to pursue learning at every opportunity.”

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# Renovation and repairs continue on Community House



UXBRIDGE — The community House of the First Congregational Church of Uxbridge has been receiving some renovations. The building was originally owned by merchant Robert Taft as a stable. It is an example of Italianate architecture. The eastern half is the original structure, built between 1865-1870 when the Robert Taft house was renovated. The stable is two and a half stories on a foundation of granite and enclosed with a pitch roof with an octagonal cupola at its center.

The roof and cupola have recently undergone renovations. The cupola was restored by the Kevin Allen Carpentry Co. The new roof was then replaced by the Nor’Easter Roofing.

Both the church and the Community House are historical structures and are located behind the Uxbridge Town Common. The church and the Community House have been the location of many religious and local events over the years.

The Taft Stable was turned over to the First Congregational Church in 1922 which enlarged the building for church functions as well as a public hall and even sported bowling alleys. It was dedicated as a parish house in 1922.

The church does allow people to use the facilities for a small donation.

# Registration welcome for Uxbridge Kindergarten program

UXBRIDGE — To register your child for Kindergarten for Uxbridge, for the upcoming school year, minimum Kindergarten entrance age is five years as of Sept. 1 of the year the child enters school.

Register by downloading a packet from the school Web site, [www.Uxbridgeschools.com](http://www.Uxbridgeschools.com).

Upon completion of the packet, please email it to [Khill@uxbridge.k12.ma.us](mailto:Khill@uxbridge.k12.ma.us). The following items need to be included with your registration information:

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  - Your driver’s license
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# Uxbridge Senior Center offers COVID-19 resources

UXBRIDGE — At the time of this print, the Uxbridge Senior Center is closed until further notice. This decision is made by the local and state government in adherence to CDC guidelines. Please note, at this time, all activities and programs are cancelled except for the Hannaford’s shopping on Tuesday mornings.

Although the Center is closed, our staff are working remotely. If you are in need of assistance, please call the Center, leave a message, your call will be answered or you can email us at lbernard@uxbridge-ma.gov. We will make it through this crisis together. We look forward to re-opening soon!

In the meantime, the information below may be of help to you:

Hannaford’s grocery store and pharmacy offers 60+ and High Risk (as defined by CDC) shopping hours from 7-8AM every day.

CVS in Uxbridge is open and senior (60+) hours are 8-9 a.m. every day. Starting March 9th, CVS Pharmacy will waive charges for home delivery of prescription medications, which will help patients avoid visiting their local CVS Pharmacy for refills or new prescriptions. Aetna will offer 90-day maintenance medication prescriptions for insured and Medicare members. CVS Caremark is working with all clients to waive early refill limits on 30-day prescription maintenance medications.

Massachusetts 211 is at 24/7 hotline providing real-time COVID-19 guidance on prevention, symptoms, treatment, testing and travel. Multiple languages are supported. Residents with questions should dial 2-1-1 from any landline or cellphone. Callers dialing 2-1-1 will hear an automated menu of options. Callers press 2-6 for coronavirus.

The Uxbridge Board of Health you can contact the Uxbridge Board of Health at 508-278-8600 x8 or email boh@uxbridge-ma.gov. if you need help understanding COVID-19.

The People First Food Pantry in Uxbridge provides food assistance and personal care items for residents of Uxbridge. If you need assistance, they can be reached at 508-278-5506.

Project Bread Food Source Hotline if you are having trouble affording food, call the FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333 (TTY: 1 (800) 377-1292). Hours are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.

-2 p.m.

On-line food services order food with Instacart, Walmart, Pea Pod or on-line food services such as Home Fresh or Blue Apron or Heart to Home Meals (private pay) Call 508-658-3000

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Department of Housing and Community Development information for renters and homeowners, go to <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-dhcd-website>

SNAP (food stamps) you may qualify for extra or

emergency benefits, go to DTA (Division of Transitional Assistance) at 877-382-2363 or DTACConnect.com.

Emotional & Spiritual Care if you need someone to talk to, call 844-458-HOPE (4673) from 9am-9pm EDT- 7 days a week with the Salvation Army.

Disaster Distress Hotline 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

Massachusetts Nursing Home Family Resource Line: for information contact 617-660-5399 Open Every Day – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Low Income Heating Assistance Program the LIHEAP deadline has been extended to May 31st contact SMOC for more information at 508-620-1230.

## WHITINSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

WHITINSVILLE — Whitinsville Christian School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2019-2020 school year.

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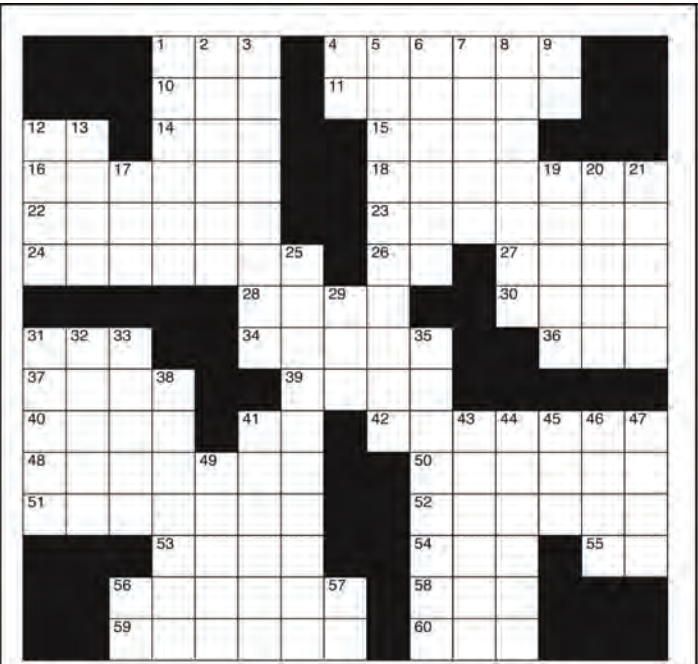
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Honors: Nikolaos Chalkiadakis, Olivia Cutler, Vicky DeBarros, Connor Dudka, Lucas French, Andrew Harvey, Victoria Herrick, Crescent Huang, Peter Johnson, Jiachen Lou, Alexandra McGrath, Yolanda Pan, Olivia Toothman, Justin VanderBaan



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Revolutions per minute

4. Hymns

10. Brew

11. Did not acknowledge

12. Atomic #77

14. Partly digested food

15. Not one

16. Lesotho capital

18. Copyreading

22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter

23. One’s biological father

24. An aggregate of molecules

26. Equally

27. Khoikhoi people

28. Jump in figure skating

30. Lantern

31. TV network
34. Georges \_\_, French philosopher

36. Sharp, shrill bark

37. Albanian monetary units

39. Launched Apollo

40. One who graduated

41. Exist

42. Passed by

48. Very unpleasant smell

50. Graduates

51. Seedless raisin

52. Self-protection

53. Clue

54. Life-savers

55. Ingest too much

56. Misrepresented

58. Small Eurasian deer

59. Most mocking

60. Soviet Socialist Republic

### CLUES DOWN

1. Flower cluster

2. A form

3. Inner organ regions

4. Local law enforcement

5. A citizen of Senegal

6. Positively charged electrodes

7. Connects granules

8. Business practice

9. The Mount Rushmore State

12. Leader

13. Hindu queen

17. Proofreading mark

19. European country

20. Greek mythological nymph

21. Grandfather

25. Clears
29. Amount of time

31. Mollusks

32. German municipality

33. Body part

35. City of Angels hoopsters

38. Suffocate

41. Pleasing to the eye

43. Poplar trees (Spanish)

44. Ship officer

45. Individual investment account (abbr.)

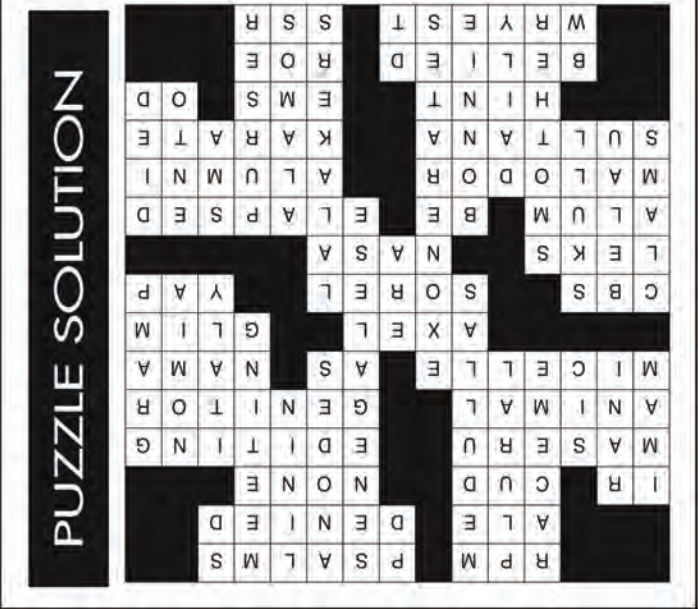
46. Prefix meaning within

47. Ceased to live

49. Day by day

56. Not color

57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)



## Soter announces bill granting liability protections to health care workers

BOSTON – Gov. Charlie Baker has signed legislation that will shield the state’s health care workers and medical facilities from the threat of lawsuits and civil liability while treating patients during the coronavirus outbreak.

Senate Bill 2640, An Act to provide liability protections for health care workers and facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, closely mirrors legislation filed by Governor Baker on April 8. The bill was enacted by the House of Representatives and the Senate on April 17 and is now Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2020.

State Rep. Michael Soter (R-Bellingham) said the new law will ensure that doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians and other health care professionals will not be subject to lawsuits or liability when they provide health care services in good faith. These protections also extend to med-

ical facilities, including the temporary field hospitals established at Worcester’s DCU Center and at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to treat COVID-19 patients, as well as to volunteer organizations that provide the use of their facilities to assist with the state’s pandemic response.

The new law does not provide immunity to individuals or facilities for damages caused by an act or omission constituting gross negligence, recklessness or conduct with an intent to harm or to discriminate based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. It also does not provide immunity from consumer protection actions brought by the Attorney General, or from false claim actions brought by or on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Soter commented, “This bill works to shield those who are on the front lines every day doing

their best to address this pandemic. The bill will give some peace of mind to healthcare workers, while also keeping protections in place for patients and their families. I’m thrilled to see that the legislature took action on this proposal.”

Soter noted that the protections contained in the new law are retroactive to March 10 – the day Gov. Baker declared a State of Emergency – and will remain in effect until the State of Emergency is lifted.

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# Douglas Open Space and Recreation survey results

DOUGLAS — In an effort to understand some of the needs of the residents of the town of Douglas, the Douglas Open Space Committee conducted a survey last fall. The survey asked several questions about open space and recreational facilities, both passive and active.

The survey was distributed both online and with physical copies placed at the library, adult social center and the Municipal Center. We received 97 responses. The respondents were most all Douglas residents (indicated by zip code) and most were between 25-64 years old.

The first general area surveyed concerned asked about what type of open space we should preserve. Preserving land both existing and additional found 60.4 percent responding that it is very important. Preserving land to meet water and conservation needs is very important to 66.7 percent Preserving for active recreational needs (ie, ball fields) is very important to 39.6 percent. On the other hand, preserving land for passive recreation was very important to 76.3 percent. Finally, linking open

space was very important to 56.3 percent of the respondents.

The next section asked to rate several recreation activities/facilities as “sufficient as is,” “more are needed” or “new facilities are needed.” The top vote getters for more are needed were (in order): Public access to water bodies 47, Conservation/open areas 45, Neighborhood parks and trails 44, Family recreation area with facilities 43, Public Swimming area 42. Of interest is that the top votes for “sufficient as is” was ball fields 70, basketball courts 53, tennis courts 52 and children’s playgrounds 49.

An additional survey question asked: What would you do the help preserve open space? Support Zoning to conserve open space got 64 responses, Support mandatory/dedication of open space by developers 53, Vote for town supported land acquisition 48, and 39 would donate money to buy land if it was tax deductible and 36 people would support a 1% tax increase toward a Community Preservation Act for matching funds.

The next question attempted to find what resources folks used in

the past years. A couple of things popped right out: 52 people have used Douglas State Forest 15 or more times while folks have never used the soccer fields behind the VFW. Other facilities were ranked: (67) Martin Road playground (56) Soldiers Fields ball fields (52) and school Recreation facilities (47).

Next we asked, “Are you aware of Douglas’ recreation facilities programs and open spaces?” 64.9 percent said no. Then we asked if they wished to see trail maps and information on the town Web site and 100 percent responded yes. The survey then asked how search for or find out about recreational opportunities. 70.5 percent said word of mouth, 65.3 percent responded social media and 40 percent responded via a Web site.

The Douglas Open Space Committee will use this information to plan for future preservation and recreational needs throughout the town. For more information or to join the Committee, please call Sue Perkins, Chairperson at 508-476-2872.

# Uxbridge Public Schools receive funding to expand meal service

UXBRIDGE — Beginning Monday, April 13, in efforts to support families during school closures, Uxbridge Public Schools is providing free, nutritious breakfast and lunch meals to all Uxbridge students and to all children/youth aged 0-21, regardless of residence or school attended , as part of the USDA’s emergency COVID-19 response. The Eos Foundation awarded the district a \$2,527 grant to support continued distribution of meals to children.

“We want people to know that these healthy meals are available to all Uxbridge students. In fact, parents/caregivers can pick up meals on children’s behalf to help ensure safe social distancing,” said Superintendent Frank Tiano. “We know that home food supplies are running low and it’s important to try to keep people out of the supermarkets. This is a federally funded program, and the food is nutritious, so please come take your meals!”

Uxbridge Public Schools offer meals at the Taft Early Learning Center , 16 Granite St, Uxbridge, MA 01569. Meals are available for pick-up on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with breakfast and lunch offered for multiple days. “On Monday and Wednesday, we offer two breakfasts and lunches to cover Tuesday, and Thursday. On Friday, we offer three breakfasts and lunches to carry children through the weekend,” said Stephanie Barstow, the district’s School Nutrition

Director.

- Meals are available to Uxbridge Public School students and to all children/youth aged 0-21, regardless of residence or school attended.
- Meals are available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Children receive a free breakfast and lunch for every day of the week (bagged breakfast and bagged lunch). Children (or parents/guardians on behalf of children) can take multiple days’ worth of meals at once.
- On Fridays, families can pick up 6 meals to cover both a breakfast and a lunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Children do not need to be present for parents/guardians to pick up the meals.
- Safe social distancing is encouraged via the pick-up process : Meals are distributed outside cafeteria doors on the sidewalk where families enter the drive-up/pick-up line, pull up to the curb, and inform staff how many students they are picking up for. Food service staff will place meals in the trunk of vehicles to maintain distance.
- Anyone who cannot make it out of their house to pick up a meal is encouraged to email Stephanie at sbarstow@uxbridge.

# Take the hassle out of watering container gardens

Growing flowers and vegetables in containers will allow you to expand planting space, grow plants right outside your door and elevate them for easier access and maintenance. Unlike growing in the ground, the smaller volume of soil in containers is exposed to heat and wind, so requires frequent, often daily, watering.

Don’t let this watering schedule discourage you from growing in pots. Enlist one or more of these strategies to eliminate the daily burden of watering while still maintaining beautiful and productive gardens.

Grow plants in large plastic, glazed or other less breathable material to extend the time between watering. The larger the pot and less breathable the container



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material, the longer the soil stays moist. Small pots made of breathable materials, like unglazed terra cotta, dry out more quickly.

No matter the size and type container used, monitor and adjust your watering schedule based on weather, number of plants in the pot and size of the plants. The more plants used and the larger the plants grow the more water needed; so, frequency will increase over time.

Use self-watering pots to extend the time between watering. Fill

the reservoir in these containers as needed. The water moves from the reservoir to the soil where it is needed. This extends the time between watering. As your new plantings grow, you will need to fill the reservoir more frequently.

Use a quality potting mix that holds moisture and is well draining to avoid waterlogged soils that can lead to root rot. Most potting mixes contain peat moss, compost or bark to hold moisture. Vermiculite, perlite or rice hulls are used to provide drainage.

Add a long-lasting sustainable, water saving product, like wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com), to your potting mix. This organic product is made from belly wool and tags that cannot be used for clothing. The pellets promote healthier growth, increase soil aeration and reduce watering frequency by as much as 25 percent.

Mulch the soil surface in newly planted container gardens. This common garden practice is often overlooked when growing in containers. Cover the soil surface with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic material. This helps conserve moisture until plants grow and shade the soil.

Automate watering with one of the many commercial or DIY con-

tainer irrigation systems. These are designed to provide water to each individual pot with the turn of the faucet. Attach the irrigation system to the faucet, attach a timer and watering becomes a breeze. Regularly check the system to make sure the lines that deliver water to the pot are intact and the watering frequency is adjusted throughout the growing season as needed.

Enlist one or more of these strategies to make container gardening a manageable growing system. Once you eliminate the inconvenience of daily watering you may just find yourself planting more container gardens each season.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts

*The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.*



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What crazy weather! Last week's snowstorm was no big surprise for New Englanders. Thankfully, it did not stick around long, and melted quickly the next day. It did give turkey hunters the opportunity to check out their favorite turkey hunting spot by following tracks in the snow, before it melted. Wild turkey hunting opens in Massachusetts this coming Monday, April 27, in zones 1-13. This year, turkey hunters can harvest two bearded turkeys in the spring and one of either sex in the fall. A hunter can harvest two birds on the same day this year during the spring hunt.

Hunting wild turkey can provide some great days in the field during the Corona virus outbreak. No problem doing social distancing while engaging in this sport. Although local hunters were not reporting on a lot of turkey's being spotted in local woodlots prior to the season, there are a lot of birds, as tracks in the snow last Saturday revealed.



The Wild Turkey youth hunt is scheduled for this Saturday, April 25, and can provide some great time with your son or daughter.

As mentioned in a previous column, hunting from a ground blind allows a hunter to conceal himself from the sharp eye of the wild turkey, and makes hunting a lot easier as you wait for the turkey to approach

your set of decoys. Calling in a wild turkey for a good shot is extremely exciting. If you do not get that rush of excitement as the bird slowly advances into your set up strutting and gobbling, you probably should find another sport.

Turkey hunters often do very well hunting in pairs. One hunter is set up a short distance from the setup of decoys, and another hunter

is back at least fifty to one hundred feet, doing most of the calling. Turkeys can often calculate the distance of were the call of the hen turkey is coming from, and often stop short of the decoys. Hung - up are the word's that turkey hunters often use to describe the situation. Too much calling can often keep a bird from coming into



shooting distance. If the bird's spot your set of decoys, they will often go around and come into view from another direction. They often come in silent, surprising the hunter.

Turkey decoys are a bit expensive, but will last for many years to come. Each year that I harvest a tom turkey, I save the beard and wings of the bird. The wings are given to some local fly tiers, and the tail is spread out to dry on a piece of cardboard. Apply small amount of Twenty Mule Team Borax to the fleshy part of the tail, and store in a cool part of your garage or shed. The tail is attached to a stake and used during the next years hunt, which I use in back of an old turkey decoy. It sure works for me. This week's picture shows my brother Ken with a wild turkey he harvested a few years ago.

Tautog fishing is picking up fast in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island waters. Green crabs are the number one bait using a number three circle hook for these hard fighting fish. They make excellent table fare when poached in a pot of boiling water and two tablespoons of white vinegar. It is unlikely that you will find this delicious eating fish in local markets, but you can find it at fish markets along the coast. This week's picture shows the late Steve Mercure

with a monster tautog taken a few years ago while fishing with this writer on the Westport River. Steve is missed by his family and friends. He was my fishing partner for many years, and we had a lot of great times fishing together.

Massachusetts has had the recreational bluefish limit cut to three fish daily from the regular 10 fish per angler daily limit. There has been a dramatic decrease in bluefish populations over the last 10 years. I have not received any notification on reduced bluefish limits from Rhode Island Marine Fisheries but would suspect that they too will have their limits cut.

A bright spot from this pandemic is the adoption of many dogs and cats from animal shelters. Some shelters have had every dog and cat adopted. Hopefully, they are all in good homes, and that they will keep their newly adopted family member long after the country gets back to some form of normality.

Trout fishing should improve when the waters start to warm. Hopefully, it will be soon. Water temperatures are still cold.

Until next week, stay safe and healthy. God Bless!

*Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!*

## WILDLIFE

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ered bird—a fledgling—outside the nest, leave it alone unless it is near a road or exposed to danger, in which case it can be moved to a safer location nearby.

For young deer, which are born in late May and early June, the recommendation is to leave them alone.

“Even if you see a fawn alone for several days...the animal may

be motionless and seem vulnerable, but this is the normal behavior for a fawn and the mother is probably feeding or bedded nearby.”

Fawns are safest when left alone because their camouflaging color helps them remain undetected. Also, the mother will visit the fawn very infrequently to nurse, a behavior that helps fawns avoid detection by predators.

Generally, baby bunnies and other young mammals are visited by their mother only

a few times a day to avoid attracting predators, MassWildlife said. In most cases, it's best to leave young animals alone.

In the rare case you find a young animal with a dead parent or if you see visible signs of injury, contact a wildlife rehabilitator for advice. Residents may visit [mass.gov/masswildlife](http://mass.gov/masswildlife) for more information.

always supported us throughout the years and are really stepping up even more supporting our families through this health crisis,” said Denise Mussulli, Executive Director of the People First Food Pantry, adding that the pantry has seen a 25 percent increase comparing February 2020 versus March 2020.

“We are always in need of personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant), paper goods (toilet paper, tissue, paper towels), beef stew, soup, canned chicken, Mac and cheese, tomato sauce, jelly and condiments,” she added.

Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. is the pantry's donation receipt night. If residents would like to support the pantry financially, Mussulli added that donations can be mailed to: P.O. Box 506, Uxbridge, or sent electronically by visiting the pantry's Web site, [peoplefirstuxbridge.org](http://peoplefirstuxbridge.org).

Malo added that he is in the process of starting a Facebook page called “Share the Local Love” with the goal of pulling together local residents, local businesses, and community groups. Anyone with interest in helping or joining the group may contact Malo by visiting [theautodoctor.net](http://theautodoctor.net).

## DONATION

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ordered a third box which also never came. “Then, one of my other vendors called me and said they have some toilet paper.”

And of course, all the orders ended up arriving at the same time, leaving Malo and the group “overloaded in toilet paper.”

The idea was simple—residents were asked to post photos of their pets in the comments of the contest post on social media. For every picture posted, Advanced Automotive would donate one roll of toilet paper, up to 300 rolls.

And the pictures flooded in quickly.

“We had really good results. There were 300 or 400 people that put pictures of their pets up,” Malo said.

Malo added that the best feeling was being able to take people's minds off anything negative and give them something to smile about.

“It seems like most people tend to love animals. Pets usually put a good smile on people's faces, and it's something fun and unique and interesting. It gives everyone a chance to share the pets that they're proud of,” he said. “It's definitely a good feeling that we have.”

“The Uxbridge community has

# Quarantine is what we make of it

For years to come, pundits and historians will write about the wisdom, impact and results of this quarantine. Was it necessary? Was the result worth the devastation to the economy? Did it save lives? Of course, for the next few years, the discussion will be strictly partisan. If you support the President or your governor, you'll praise him/her. If you are not a fan, none of the decisions were correct. However, as time passes, a clarity of events will set in, and the true impact of quarantine will be measured.

A television journalist I deeply respect (and there's not many left) said last week, “When the decision is made to end quarantine and how the economy is restarted, will determine if the



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President is re-elected or not.” He didn't say so, but I think the same decisions will apply to our governors.

If they end quarantine too soon, the virus could explode again. As we lead up to the election, the death rate will climb. If quaran-

tine remains too long, irreparable damage can be done to the world economy. We are truly in uncharted territory and the decisions made by our government leaders will impact our nation and world for decades to come.

For those of us who believe in the power of prayer, we should all be praying for wisdom to be granted to our governmental leaders as well as their advisors and influencers. For those who are not, positive thoughts and statements are always helpful.

What is totally useless, and damaging is negative partisanship. I've heard more than one political pundit wishing a recession or worse, only to damage the Presidents chances for re-election. Think about the negative impact of a recession or depression. Really? There are people who hate the President enough to wish damage to the world economy, unemployment, loss of homes and even suicide? Regardless of your political leanings, there is something deeply wrong in that type of hatred that some would wish this kind of damage and destruction.

I'm still old school. I pray for and support the President and governmental leaders whether I voted for them or not. To pray for the success of our President, whether he's your choice or not, is to pray for the success of the nation. To pray that he fails, is to pray for our failure.

How about praying for the health, happiness and prosperity of all regardless of political leanings?

As for quarantine ... how's it going? I'm an extrovert, so I am deeply missing my friends and basic social connections. I can whine about it, but what will that accomplish? Giving into it and complaining solves nothing and can potentially move me from missing other people into depression. Don't give in!

Count your quarantine blessings!

I work full-time as a writer. I love what I do and feel blessed to have a career that I truly love and adore. Quarantine, in many ways has been perfect for me. A major publisher is looking at my new book, “Fragrance of Lilacs,” and claims to love it, but asked for a rewrite of



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EDITORIAL

# The lost class of 2020

When schools across the country moved to remote learning, we weren't sure how long it would last, but many of us suspected that eventually it would last for the remainder of the year.

Many students use school as a respite and several thrive on having a consistent schedule. Younger students are facing many losses, but our hearts truly break for the seniors, particularly athletes who are missing out on their final sports season.

In our own experience, it was track season that would have had the most impact. As a senior, records needed to be broken, goals needed to be reached and rivals needed to be beat. To have that season abruptly "taken" would have been devastating. Thinking back, time spent on a Saturday at a sunny track meet with talented athletes, encouraging coaches and parents with coolers loaded with food are some of, if not the best, memories from high school.

Then there are softball and baseball players. Baseball, in all its various incarnations, is called the 'American pastime' for a very good reason. The adrenaline rush that comes after managing to hit an expertly thrown pitch and sprinting to first base is unforgettable. Making a catch in the outfield, or making the play for that all important out that could decide the game, is gold. Fortunately, many athletes are going on to play ball or run track in college. For those that are not, know that we sympathize with you, and hope that you can continue doing what you love in some sort of league that will hopefully be available to you. No, it won't be the same, but this is when they say you need to "adjust your sails" and remember that what is happening is in order to keep you and your families safe.

Again, we know that all of our students, parents, faculty, healthcare workers, business owners and all community members are going through a loss, all to varying degrees but all just as important. For students, whether it's the last school theatre production or JROTC competition, we feel for you. Have faith that your administration will make up for all of this, as best they can, given the circumstances.

Certainly, our students understand the gravity of the situation. Lives are being lost, families are losing loved ones and people are heart broken. We are in the midst of a global pandemic, but that doesn't mean that the devastation those students are feeling shouldn't matter. We acknowledge your pain. Reading a recent Facebook post by a friend's daughter brought the situation home to us. In an emotional letter to her fellow members of the Class of 2020, she wrote that if she had one wish, it would be to go back to the last day of classes before the governor's office made the decision to close schools, with the knowledge this time that those eight precious hours would be the end of her senior year, and give all of her classmates — many of whom she might never have an opportunity to see together in one place again — one last hug or high-five before saying good bye.

Her words speak for all students across our region, and across the country, who have been denied the opportunity to experience one of the most memorable times in a young person's life, and we invite our readers to join us in recognizing the pain, comforting the sorrow, and above all, saluting the achievements and incredible fortitude of the Class of 2020.

# OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### UTA supports Tiano

To the Editor:  
The Uxbridge Teachers Association understands that the School Committee is preparing its evaluation of Superintendent Frank Tiano.

Given that the district, like everywhere else, is grappling with the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis, and that the School Committee itself has recently undergone abrupt reorganizations, the UTA wanted to be clear and vocal about its support of Superintendent Tiano.

Superintendent Tiano has provided excellent, stabilizing leadership in the district, and he should be afforded the opportunity to continue leading the district, even after his current contract expires next year.

Since his arrival, Superintendent Tiano has made vast improvements for our students and their families and for the educators working in the district. Superintendent Tiano has led the initiative to improve the workplace culture within our schools. Consequently,

morale among educators is better and communication within the district has likewise improved.

Superintendent Tiano has made positive adjustments to the curriculum that align with best educational practices. He created a staff council and a parent council, both of which have been able to provide valuable insight into decisions affecting our students.

Prior to the arrival of Superintendent Tiano, we experienced a churn of building and district administrators, and that proved to have a destabilizing effect on our schools. Under Superintendent Tiano's leadership, the UTA believes that those of us responsible for delivering the best possible education to our students are better supported and ultimately more effective in our jobs.

ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE  
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## In Appreciation of Trees!

Spring has officially sprung and trees, both big and small, are coming alive with long anticipated buds of color. But the promise of lush, green foliage is just one benefit of planting trees. Hot on the cusp of Earth Day and Arbor Day, this column will celebrate the many virtues of trees

- from showy shrubs to towering timbers!



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Breathe easier: Trees absorb harmful pollutants and small particles from the air which could irritate sensitive lungs. Plus, trees give off oxygen. A mature leafy tree can produce as much oxygen in one season as ten people inhale in a year!

Tree planting tip: It can be difficult to successfully take cuttings from trees or shrubs to root and plant. Here is an option that ups your chances the cutting will take: Take a small potato, make a small hole, and place your shrub cutting inside. Immediately plant, potato and all, either in the ground or in a pot.

Planting pointers: Waiting until the fall to plant encourages good root development. Nurseries often slash prices on perennials and shrubs at the end of the summer, so planting then will reward you with healthy plants on the cheap!

Forest Facts:  
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## Earth Day - Time to "Go Green" with your investments?

Over the past several weeks, many of us have been working from home in response to the "social distancing" necessitated by the coronavirus. Nonetheless, we still have opportunities to get outside and enjoy Mother Nature. And now, with the 50th anniversary of Earth Day being celebrated on April 22, it's important to appreciate the need to protect our environment. Of course, you can do so in many ways - including the way you invest.

Some investors are supporting the environment through "sustainable" investing, which is often called ESG (environmental, social and corporate governance) investing. In general, it refers to investments in businesses whose products and services are considered favorable to the physical

environment (such as companies that produce renewable energy or that act to reduce their own carbon footprints)

or the social environment (such as firms that follow ethical business practices or pursue important societal goals, such as inclusion and pay equity). ESG investing may also screen out investments in companies that produce products some people find objectionable.

ESG investing has become popular in recent years, and not just with individuals; major institutional investors now pursue sustainability because they think it's profitable - and plenty of facts bear that out. A growing body of academic research has found a positive relationship between corporate financial performance - that is, a company's profitability - and ESG criteria.

So, although you might initially be attracted to sustainable investments because they align with your personal values, or because you want to hold companies to higher standards of corporate citizenship, it turns out that you can do well by doing good. Keep in mind, though, that sustainability, like any other criteria, can't guarantee success or prevent losses.

In any case, be aware that sustainable investing approaches can vary significantly, so you need to determine how a particular sustainable investment, or class of investments, can align with your values and fit into your overall portfolio. Specifically, how will a sustainable investment meet your needs for diversification?

For example, if you desire total control over how your money is invested, you might want to invest in a basket of individual stocks from the companies you wish to support. But if you want to achieve greater diversification, plus receive the benefits of professional management, you might want to invest in sustainable mutual funds. Be aware, though, that even though they may not market themselves as "sustainable," many more mutual funds do incorporate sustainability criteria into their investment processes. You also might consider exchange-traded funds (ETFs), which own a variety of investments, similar to regular mutual funds, but trade like stocks. ETFs often track particular indexes, so an ETF with a sustainable focus might track an index including companies that have been screened for social responsibility.

Make sure you understand the fundamentals of any sustainable investment you're considering, as well as whether it can help you work toward your long-term goals. But by "going green" with some of your investments, you can help keep the spirit of Earth Day alive every day of the year.

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# Online auctions remain strong during the pandemic

Although auction houses are not able to run live auctions due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the demand to buy and sell at auctions remains high. Many auction houses have turned to online only auctions to meet this demand. Some items have brought strong prices recently and others will soon be sold that are also expected to sell very well.

A hockey stick dating between 1850 and 1870 is currently being auctioned online, according to Bleacher Report. The “Morse stick” was found by Anthony Bean when he purchased his grandmother’s Northfield, Vt. house in 1980. The stick was later gifted to Gary and Germaine Morse. The first recorded hockey game took place in 1875. “Hawkey” is reported to have been played in New England as early as 1845. Another hockey stick from the 1850’s known as the “Rutherford stick” sold for \$2.2 million in 2018. The Morse Stick has a starting bid of \$100,000 and may set a record. It has a \$3.5 million auction estimate.

Many people have been watching shows on live streaming platforms during the pandemic. One of the most popular is “Tiger King” on Netflix. TMZ reported that a pink sequined



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shirt worn by the main Tiger King character, Joe Exotic, was recently auctioned online with a \$650 starting bid. The owner told TMZ that the Greater Wynnewood (G.W. Zoo) Exotic Animal Park had previously sold clothes worn by staff members. He purchased the shirt from the zoo for \$100. The owner had also seen some of Joe Exotic’s hats being offered online for \$800. The auction for the shirt ended on April 17. It received 43 bids and sold for \$10,400.

ABC News reports that a “very special” Porsche 911 Speedster that was recently delivered to a California dealership will soon be auctioned. “Typically, we would not auction a car that has historic relevance to us -- it would go [to] a special customer or in our museum,” according to Klaus Zellmer, president and CEO of Porsche Cars North America. The Speedster is the “last 991 generation 911 that rolled off the Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen production line in December.” The two-seater convertible is one of only 1,948 produced. Porsche will donate all proceeds to the United Way Worldwide’s COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund. The car has an estimated value of \$312,000.



Movie stars, sports figures, and other celebrities are also helping raise funds for those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Opportunities to meet celebrities, buy memorabilia, and for other fan experiences can be found at allinchallenge.com. You can also buy raffle tickets for some of the events for only \$10. As of Sunday, April 19, \$11,646,495 had already been raised.

We have been contacted by several individuals who want to auction their collections online to help them with their financial needs during the pandemic. We can auction larger collections of coins, gold jewelry, diamonds, Sterling silver, 1960’s baseball cards, comic books or other valuable items

that are easy to ship. If you have items you’d like to auction, please reach out to us for no-contact options for receiving your items. When the current restrictions are lifted, we will be rescheduling many events. Keep checking [www.centralmassauctions.com](http://www.centralmassauctions.com) for details as things progress. In the meantime, I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe.

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an antagonist’s storyline. If not for quarantine, it may have taken months to accomplish, and in the process, given the publisher time to move on. Instead, quarantine has given me the time to complete the rewrite in ten days.

Quarantine has caused my family to be more deliberate in contact and communication. We are talking and Facetimeing daily. I am loving the connection and I’m determined to continue the deliberateness of talking and expressing our love daily, face to face.

Quarantine has helped me be of service. I truly cannot keep up with the positive email I’m receiving from readers wishing

to talk about a column and express their opinion. I think positive content in this, and all newspapers, has never been more important than now. To remain optimistic during a pandemic will help us all weather the storm, survive and once again thrive as it passes. And believe me, this too shall pass.

My prayer for us all is that we remain positive and optimistic during the worst of times. In doing so we’ll usher back into our world, and our lives, the best of times.

I hope and pray that we all use this time to accomplish the things we previously wished we’d have had the time to accomplish and enjoy.

Do not squander this precious opportunity with partisan bickering and complaining. Never

in my lifetime of over six decades, has it been more important to reach across the political aisle and work in unison to save lives and recover quickly from the impact of this terrible disease. Partisanship in this time of turmoil only guarantees prolonged misery and suffering.

Optimism is a powerful choice in times when being optimistic is most difficult.

Purposely looking for positive ways to be encouraging during times of mass discouragement is not just helpful but is an honorable calling.

Choose optimism. Act positively in thought, word and deed. Make the best of a bad situation and we may look back at this time in history and say we virtually held

hands and together, we positively weathered the storm. And when the dark clouds break and the sun once again rushes in, our attitude in the

worst of times will make us better people. ■

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## Two Lasell field hockey student-athletes named NFHCA Scholars of Distinction

NEWTON — Two members of the Lasell University field hockey team were honored by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) on Wednesday for their outstanding work in the classroom as the organization announced the 2019 Zag Field Hockey/NFHCA Division III Scholars of Distinction.

Lasell’s Scholars of Distinction are senior Mindy Esposito (Sunderland, Mass./Frontier Regional) and freshman Kaylie Gonya (Uxbridge, Mass./Uxbridge).

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# OBITUARIES

## Arline M. Ezzo, 88

NORTHBIDGE- Arline M. (Burns) Ezzo, 88, formerly of Cooper Rd. passed away on Thurs. April 9, 2020 at Beaumont Nursing & Rehab. in Northbridge, where she had resided the past 6 months, after a period of declining health. She was predeceased by her adored husband of 65 years, Michael Ezzo Jr., on October 14, 2019.

Arline is also survived by 3 daughters, Sharon A. Reynolds and her husband Timothy of Douglas, Sandra M. Racicot and her husband Thomas of Ft. Myers, FL, Noreen F. Arpin and her husband Gary of Northbridge; 6 grandchildren: Neil Reynolds, Tracy (Racicot) Gratton, Thomas Racicot, and Casey and Hallie Arpin; 3 great-grandchildren: Jack Mespelli, Georgiana Robinson, and Maxx Gratton, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandson Adam Reynolds, and 4 siblings, Joseph, Thomas, and Robert Burns, and Frances Lennox.

## Donald L. Cooper, 85



NORTHBIDGE/ W R E N T H A M - Donald L. Cooper, 85, died at Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center at Northbridge on April 14, 2020. Donald was born on April 2, 1935 in Northampton, Massachusetts to Henry E. and Leah (Randall) Cooper. Don grew up in Wrentham but graduated from Walpole High School, where he was a standout hockey goalie. After high school Don attended Clarkson College in Potsdam, NY on a full hockey scholarship and helped lead the Golden Knights to a historic undefeated season in 1955-56. After graduating from Clarkson with a degree in Business Administration, Don was drafted into the United States Army. During his military service, Don was able to travel abroad extensively as one of the goaltenders with the United States

Born in Whitinsville on Feb. 26, 1932 Arline was the daughter of Henry and Alice (Gauvin) Burns and was raised in Whitinsville. She had been a lifelong resident of Northbridge. Arline worked as an assembler for 20+ years for Zymark Corp. out of Hopkinton, retiring in 1997. She was a very quiet woman who kept to herself and family but, also really enjoyed going on date nights with her husband to bowl at the alley in Whitinsville. She was a amazing wife, mother, and grandmother and will be sorely missed.

Her memorial funeral services will be held from Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St., Whitinsville, at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations in Arline's memory may be made to: Our Lady of the Valley Regional School, 75 Mendon St., Uxbridge MA 01569. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: <http://www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

National Hockey Team. Following an honorable discharge from the Army, Don went to work for IBM.

Don enjoyed auto racing , classical music and trips to the ocean, especially Good Harbor Beach in Gloucester, MA. Don was a talented artist and calligrapher and had several of his drawings published in auto racing magazines.

Don is survived by a nephew, D. Scott Calhoun and a niece, Melanie Brundage, both of Douglas, MA. He was pre-deceased by his parents, Henry (1968) and Leah (1995), brother David (2008) and sister, Sandra Cooper Calhoun (2020). Private funeral arrangements are being handled by Carr Funeral Home, Whitinsville. To leave a condolence, please visit [www.carrfuneralhome.com](http://www.carrfuneralhome.com)



NORTHBIDGE- Gordon J. Spence died on April 10, 2020, one month shy of 89 years young. He was married to his loving and devoted wife, Patti J. Spence, for one week shy of 49 years.

Gordon lived in Northbridge since his birth on May 6, 1931. He grew up playing baseball on the fields around town and basketball at the Whitin Community Center. His parents Agnes and Joe Spence, his brother Bob, and Gordon together ran the Spence Music Shop on Church Street and big band dances at the Town Hall.

Gordon worked in the Sutton schools for 38 years, starting out as a math teacher and eventually serving as the Superintendent of Schools for 25 years. He was also an avid golfer and had fond memories of refereeing high school and college basketball games. He was giving golf and basketball tips to his grandchildren Ella and Nicholas until the week of his death.

## Gordon J. Spence

Gordon spent summers in Ocean Park, Maine with Patti and their daughters Staci and Sarah. For the past 37 years, Gordon and Patti have run the Ocean Park Soda Fountain and Variety Shoppe. Instead of funeral services, Gordon's request was for his family to stop the ice cream line one summer night and play Sinatra's My Way.

In Gordon's later years, he often said, "I've had a great life." His nickname was Gordo, pronounced almost like God-O, causing one friend's young daughter to think that Gordon actually was God. Gordo loved this story, and it might have been his last laugh to die on Good Friday.

Carr Funeral Home, Whitinsville, is entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Ocean Park Association Music Program, PO Box 7296 Ocean Park, ME 04063-7296 or to Oceanwood, with Campership Fund on the memo line, PO Box 7338, Ocean Park, ME 04063. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit [www.carrfuneralhome.com](http://www.carrfuneralhome.com)



MILLBURY - James P. Hoban, 79, died peacefully on Monday, April 13, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. He was predeceased by his wife, Cynthia M. (Sulc) Hoban who died in 1998. He is survived by three children, Milissa A. Hoban of Long Island, NY, James P. Hoban and his wife Joanne of Millbury, and Timothy K. Hoban and his wife Heather of Mechanicsburg, PA; his brother, Richard Hoban; three sisters, Maureen Huebner, Frances McNaughton, and Catherine Johnson; and seven grandchildren, Scott Heredia, Rebecca Heredia and Veronica Handwerker of New York, Maura Hoban, James Hoban, and Patrick Hoban of Millbury, and Teagan Hoban of Mechanicsburg, PA. He was born in New York City, NY, son of the late James J. and Agnes (Hyde) Hoban, and lived in New York

for many years and Florida for 27 years, before moving to Millbury in 2014. He graduated from Stony Point High School in Stony Point, NY, in 1958. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Mr. Hoban was an aircraft mechanic for Pan American Airlines for 30 years. Later, he worked for Florida Detroit Diesel for several years. He was an avid fisherman and will be remembered as a true family man.

Due to gathering restrictions in Massachusetts, a private funeral Mass will be held at St. Brigid's Church in Millbury. Burial will be private at Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale, NY. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

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## Arthur Joseph Lawrence, 95



NORTHBIDGE - Arthur Joseph Lawrence, 95, went home to Our Lord on Monday, March 16, 2020, after a long illness. He lost his wife of 70 years, Theresa Anne (Paquette) Lawrence, on February 14, 2020.

He leaves his three children: Linda R. (Lawrence) Berkowitz and her husband, Harry A. Berkowitz, of Northbridge, Kenneth A. Lawrence and his wife, Rachel M. (Morin) Lawrence, of Milford, and Tammy M. (Lawrence) Murphy and her husband, Stephen Murphy, M.D., of Newark, DE. He also leaves seven grandchildren who loved him wholeheartedly: Shawn Berkowitz, M.D. and his husband, Paul Gould, Ph.D., of Chelmsford, Nathan Berkowitz and his wife, Carrie, of Northbridge, Andrew Lawrence, Ph.D., and his wife, Lianne, of London, UK, and Ty Murphy, PharmD., Erin Murphy, R.D.M.S., Hope Murphy and Kendal Murphy, all of DE; and a great granddaughter, Haley Rose Berkowitz, of Northbridge.

He was predeceased by his parents,

James and Maria (Potty) Lawrence and eight siblings: Annie May (Lawrence) Whitcomb and Henry, Jules, William, George, Edward, Michael, and Charles Lawrence. Arthur worked as a machinist and engineering technician for 33 years at Pratt and Whitney Aerospace Company of United Technologies Corp, East Hartford, CT; he retired in 1987.

A devout Catholic, he was a lifelong member of St. Peter's Catholic Parish, Northbridge.

He enjoyed sports, especially following the Red Sox and boxing. He also loved tinkering with his cars and he could fix anything that was broken.

An exemplary husband, father and grandfather, he always thought of others before himself. He was a blessing to everyone who knew him. He will be sadly missed.

Strength, love, faith, pride, dedication - Our Dad. We love you. Elaine L. Moran, 93

Because of the coronavirus emergency, Arthur's Funeral Mass and burial will be private. There are no calling hours. Please omit flowers.

Turgeon Funeral Home, 80 School St., Northbridge, has charge of the arrangements.

## Elaine L. Moran, 93



NORTHBIDGE- Elaine L. (McNeil) Moran, 93, passed away peacefully on Monday April 20, 2020 at Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center in Northbridge after battling dementia coupled with complications of COVID-19. Her husband of 67 years, William H. Moran, died in July 2014.

She is survived by her 5 daughters: Kathleen M. Roy of Whitinsville, Margaret M. and her husband James Conlee of Bluffton, S.C., Dorothy A. Lash of Whitinsville, Judith A. McNeil of Providence, R.I. and Franleen C. and her husband Mark M. Pendergast of Millbury. She also leaves behind 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters Vivian Lapointe and her husband Ed, Anita Labrie and her husband Wilfred, her brothers Neil and his wife Helen (Moran) and Walter and his wife Jeanne (Lussier).

Born in Northbridge, MA on December 3, 1926 she was the daughter of Charles C. and Eva (Cournoyer) McNeil and lived in Northbridge her entire life. She was a graduate of Sainte Anne's Academy in 1943 in Marlboro, MA. She spent many years working as a clerk at Village Drugs in Northbridge

until it closed. She then worked as a clerk for Finn's Pharmacy in South Grafton and in the cafeteria at Bancroft School in Worcester.

Elaine was a faithful member of St. Peter's Catholic Parish in Northbridge where she taught CCD for many years. She also participated on several committees supporting her parish. She was an avid seamstress and enjoyed knitting and crocheting. Elaine and her husband Bill spent many enjoyable years traveling up and down the east coast in their travel trailer. They took their longtime dream cross country trip in the spring of 1989. In their later years they wintered in Leesburg, Florida making many friends along the way.

The family especially wants to thank Betty Wadsworth for being by her side as well as the entire first floor staff at Beaumont for their compassion and care during her last 2 years.

Due to the current health crisis, services for Elaine will be private. She will be buried alongside her husband at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Whitinsville.

Donations in Elaine's memory may be made to St. Peter's Parish, 39 Church Ave., Northbridge, MA 01534, the Alzheimer's Association, 8180 Greensboro Dr., Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102, or Salmon Hospice Care, 42 Beaumont Drive, P.O. Box 935, Northbridge, MA 01534. Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St., Whitinsville, is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a condolence message for the family, please visit <http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com>.

## Jean Rorstrom Trifero, 93



NORTHBIDGE- Jean Rorstrom Trifero Age 93, of Nantucket & formally of Natick passed away peacefully on April 10, 2020, at Beaumont Nursing Home, in Northbridge. Born on October 16, 1926 in Northampton, MA to Hans Rorstrom and Katherine Mayo Rorstrom, Jean was a loving sister to her brother Eric Rorstrom, and to the late Virginia "Ginny" Boyd, Barbara Mautz, and Richard "Dick" Rorstrom. A widow of nearly 50 years to John L. Trifero or "Jack" as she called him, Jean never remarried, however she is survived by her son Richard Trifero and his wife Margarette of Paxton, MA, daughter Kathleen Trifero of Chatham, MA, son William Trifero and his wife Mary of Holliston, MA, daughter Ellen Trifero of Nantucket, MA, and daughter

Elizabeth Trifero Clark of Northbridge, MA. She is predeceased by her two eldest children, John Trifero, formally of Ashland, MA, and Laura Trifero Gail, formally of Holla, PA. Jean leaves behind many memories she shared with her 12 grandchildren and several great grandchildren, like the many stories of her favorite horse Cheerio, her work at Eastern Airlines, her time spent at the "Guest House," as well as the many faces she met helping at the Information Bureau on her beloved Nantucket Island, where she was well known for her generous smile and outgoing personality for the past 40 years.

There will be no funeral or services at this time. A celebration of Jean's life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 417005, Boston MA 02241-7005. Carr Funeral Home is assisting the family during this time. To leave a condolence, please visit [www.carrfuneralhome.com](http://www.carrfuneralhome.com)

## Joan A. Davis, 84



WHITINSVILLE- Joan A. (Wassenar) Davis, 84, of Whitinsville passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at the Beaumont Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Westboro.

She was the wife of the late Richard C. Poe and the late Paul W. Davis who died in 2014.

Mrs. Davis was born August 22, 1935 in Whitinsville, the daughter of the late Harold and Lola (Peloquin) Wassenar and graduated from Uxbridge High School.

Joan was an artist and enjoyed abstract art as well as art with animals, particularly cats. She had attended courses at the Worcester Art Museum

and loved to paint.

She is survived by her sons, Michael D. Poe of Raynham, Kerry E. Poe and his wife Julia of Salisbury, Kyle E. Poe of Linwood and David W. Poe of Worcester; two step-sons, Glenn Davis of Marlborough and Keith Davis of Littleton; a daughter, Kim L. Poe of FL; two brothers, Byron Wassenar of Marlborough and Peter Wassenar of Uxbridge; a sister, Christine Graveson of Auburn and 3 grandchildren.

Visiting hours and graveside services will be private on Monday April 20, 2020.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice and flowers are welcomed.

Arrangements under the direction of Buma Funeral Home, Whitinsville. [www.bumafuneralhome.com](http://www.bumafuneralhome.com)



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# OBITUARIES

Additional Obituaries,  
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## John S. Czebotar, 94



John S. Czebotar, 94, of Northbridge, passed away on April 6, 2020, in Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center At Northbridge, after a period of declining health.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Anna A. (Filipkowski) Czebotar; a daughter, JoAnn (Czebotar) Sweetman and her husband, Robert D. Sweetman, of Whitinsville; a son, John A. Czebotar and his wife, Elaine D. (Giarrusso) Czebotar, of Uxbridge; two grandchildren: Rob Sweetman and Melissa (Sweetman) Parker and her husband, Ben Parker; three great-grandchildren: Nicholas, Avalon, and Brielle Parker; and several nephews and nieces.

He was predeceased by his parents, John and Stephanie (Kroll) Czebotar, and a sister, Olympia (Czebotar) Ayers.

Mr. Czebotar was born in the Farnumsville section of South Grafton on June 14, 1925, and was raised there. After graduating from Worcester Boys Trade High School in 1943, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in the midst of World War II. He served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater in Third Fleet Operations in Okinawa and in the occupation forces in Tsingtao, China. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant in May, 1946.

Mr. Czebotar spent his entire working life employed by the Wyman-

Gordon Co., North Grafton, before retiring in 1987. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Parish, and Oliver Ashton Post 343, American Legion, both in Northbridge.

After his retirement, John and Anna, the love of his life, were inseparable. They spent their summers at their home in Wellfleet on Cape Cod where he enjoyed walking the beach, clamming, and picking quahogs and oysters. For many years, they spent the month of March in Myrtle Beach, SC. No matter where they were, they could be found playing bingo in casinos or church halls. John was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan and rarely missed watching a game.

John's family would like to thank all the caregivers and staff at Beaumont's Comfort Corner for their care during his stay there.

Because of the coronavirus emergency, a private family graveside service was held in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Whitinsville, during Holy Week. A memorial service and celebration of John's life for relatives and friends will be held at a later date. Please omit flowers. Donations

in John's memory may be made to St. Peter's Renovation Fund, 39 Church Ave., Northbridge, MA 01534.

Turgeon Funeral Home, 80 School St., Northbridge, had charge of the arrangements.



## John J. "Jack" Kelly



DOUGLAS- John J. "Jack" Kelly, formerly of Franklin St. died Sun. April 12, 2020 at Beaumont of Northborough following a valiant 13 year battle with Alzheimer's disease, coupled with complications of COVID 19. Through it all, Jack maintained his kind and gentle demeanor with sincere gratitude to everyone he encountered. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Elaine B. (Bombara) Kelly; 4 children Joan M. Butterfield and her husband Bruce of Franklin, Rose Kelly Pond and her husband Steve of Northborough, Timothy E. and his wife AnnKelly of Shrewsbury, and Patrick J. and his wife Cheryl Kelly of Douglas; 11 grandchildren Caitlin, Padraic, and Liam Rafferty, Ben, Christopher, and Aleksandra Pond, Shannon and Sean Kelly, Katie, Brenna, and Riley Kelly, a great-grandson Conor Rafferty; several nieces, nephews, and cousins and countless good friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Patricia Kelly, brother Jeremiah Kelly and son-in-law Michael (Mickey) Rafferty. Born in Northbridge, MA on May 16, 1935 he was the son of Jeremiah J. and Mary (Karoty) Kelly and lived in Douglas all of his life. He was a resident of Beaumont of Northborough for the past 2 years Jack worked tirelessly as a Union Truck Driver for the former

Red Star Express retiring in 1999. He was presented with numerous awards, specifically for safe driving for over two million miles. Jack was a proud Teamster member of Local 251. A graduate of Douglas Memorial High School, Class of 1952, Jack also served in the US Navy Reserves. Adedicated resident of Douglas, Jack paid it forward before the term became popular. He was a member, then Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, serving 4 consecutive terms, as well as a member of the Douglas Recreation Dept. and Board of Health. Jack was also a volunteer on the Douglas Fire Department, and would run out the door as soon as the alarm sounded. Always upbeat and positive, Jack was social and funny, and was a gifted conversationalist who loved to engage anyone he met! Heenjoyed hunting and fishing, and snowmobiling trips to the beloved "Camp KellzRaff" in Molunkus, Maine, as well as family vacations on Cape Cod. He was a lifelong member of St. Denis Church where he served as a lector.

In accordance with his family's wishes, a Memorial Mass at St. Denis Church and cremation burial in the Parish Cemetery will take place at a later date. Memorial donations in Jack's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Support Network South Central MA [www.alzsupportnet.org](http://www.alzsupportnet.org) or to the Douglas Fire Department 64 Main St. Douglas, MA 01516. To leave a condolence message for the family please visit [www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com](http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com).

## Karen A. MacDonald, 69



DOUGLAS- Karen A. (Meyerhoff) MacDonald, 69, of Hayward Landing Apts. formerly of Blackstone and Milford, passed away Thursday April 16, 2020, at UMass Medical Ctr. in

Worcester. She is survived by her 3 children, Michael J. MacDonald and his wife Kathy of Westford, MA, Kelly Balanca and her husband Jeff of Douglas MA, and Amy E. MacDonald of Douglas, MA; 6 grandchildren Mikayla MacDonald, Marissa MacDonald, Matthew MacDonald, Zachary McIntyre, Gabriella Balanca, and Nate VanderZicht; a sister Patricia O'Brien in FL; and nephews Craig and Bob Wagner. Born in Somerville, MA

on April 17, 1950 she was the daughter of Everett and Blanch "Sally" (Urban) Meyerhoff, was raised in Somerville, and lived in Douglas the past 3 years.

Karen worked as a Construction Accountant for several area firms including Perini Corporation and Carlson Construction Group. She was a graduate of Somerville High School and later earned her degree in accounting from Newbury College. She was an avid reader, enjoyed walks and loved getting together with her "Hen" friends.

Karen's Memorial Funeral Service will take place at a later date. Memorial donations in her memory may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284-9168. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit <http://www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com>

## Pearl Ruth (Jarvis) Walcott



N O R T H B R O O K F I E L D - Pearl Ruth (Jarvis) Walcott passed away peacefully at home on April 16, 2020 with her daughter Diane and son-in-law Brian L. Perkins at her side. She was 84 years, 7 months old. She was born in Millville, MA the second of two children to Edward & Ruth Jarvis who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her brother Ed, Jr. who lived in Florida, and her loving husband and soul mate December 19, 1919.

Pearl was a stitcher by trade, working at a bridal shop in Woonsocket, RI, then at Penthouse Sales in Franklin, MA managing the sewing depart-

ment. She later found joy working in the Linens Department at Landmark Medical & Milford Hospital prior to her retirement in 2000. Her quick wit made her a pleasure to be around, always lighting up a room upon her arrival.

Pearl is survived by her son, Robert Walcott and his wife Teri of Millville, MA, her daughter Diane and her husband Brian L. Perkins of North Brookfield, MA with whom she lived. She is also survived by her grandchildren Amelia Walcott (MA); Brian Perkins, Jr. (MA); Bethany Minnick (FL); Bridgette Ebbeling (MA); Stephen Goyette of (CA); Ryan Dulac (MA); and Alyssa Jalbert (MA); along with many great grandchildren.

Private burial will be in the future and is being handled by Buma Funeral Home, Uxbridge.

## Theresa Anne Lawrence, 90



Theresa Anne (Paquette) Lawrence, 90, went home to Our Lord on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2020.

Theresa leaves her loving and devoted husband of 70 years, Arthur Joseph Lawrence, and her three loving and loyal children who she centered her life around: Linda R. (Lawrence) Berkowitz and her husband, Harry A. Berkowitz, of Northbridge, Kenneth A. Lawrence and his wife, Rachel M. (Morin) Lawrence, of Milford, and Tammy M. (Lawrence) Murphy and her husband, Stephen Murphy, M.D., of Newark, DE.

She also leaves seven grandchildren who loved her wholeheartedly and who gave her endless smiles and laughter: Shawn Berkowitz, M.D. and his husband, Paul Gould, Ph.D., of Chelmsford, Nathan Berkowitz and his wife, Carrie, of Northbridge, Andrew Lawrence, Ph.D., and his wife, Lianne, of London, UK, and Ty Murphy, Pharm.D., Erin Murphy, R.D.M.S., Hope Murphy and Kendal Murphy, all of Delaware; and a great granddaughter, Haley Rose Berkowitz, of Northbridge.

She was predeceased by her parents, John Baptiste and Rosalma (Merchant) Paquette, and five siblings: Jeannette Moore, Cecile Green, Doris Guiou, Leo Paquette and Wilfred Paquette.

Theresa was born in the Manchaug village of Sutton on November 25,

1929, and was educated in Sutton schools. She worked as a spinner at the Paul Whitin Manufacturing Co., Northbridge, and then at the Ethyl Corp., South Grafton, and at several local supermarkets.

A devout Catholic, she was a longtime member of St. Peter's Catholic Parish, Northbridge. She enjoyed reading, walking, shopping, crocheting and knitting blankets, scarfs, slippers, hats and mittens for family and friends. Travel with her husband was a special favorite:

Cape Cod and other beaches, Canada and Amish Country were favorite destinations.

Theresa was a loving wife, mother and grandmother as well as a talented homemaker. She most of all enjoyed time spent with her family, cooking them wonderful meals and baked goods. She loved playing card games and Chinese Checkers (at which she was quite the expert) with her grandchildren as well as swimming and going places with them. She loved face-timing all of them when they were apart; her smile and laugh would light up their world.

Theresa's Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, February 24, in St. Peter's Catholic Church, 39 Church Ave., Northbridge. Burial will follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery,

Whitinsville. There are no calling hours. Turgeon Funeral Home, 80 School St., Northbridge, has charge of the arrangements.

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