



Decade of Dollars scratch ticket raffle offered by BSTRA, Inc.



DOUGLAS — If you are someone who enjoys scratch tickets, you will want to take part in the latest raffle offered by local nonprofit organization, Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc. (BSTRA). BSTRA's newest raffle offers a book of 300 Decade of Dollars Scratch Tickets as the prize.

Tickets can be purchased online or through the mail, by going to www.bstra.org/support/raffle prior to the April 23 deadline. When you go to www.bstra.org/support/raffle there is more information, including a ticket order form. The drawing will take place on April 24 at BSTRA's Nancy Maenzo Memorial Benefit Ride being held out of Wallum Lake, Douglas, and the lucky winner will be notified if not present at the drawing.

Douglas resident, David Maenzo, donated the book of 300 Decade of Dollars Scratch Tickets to BSTRA in memory of his late wife, Nancy Maenzo, with the stipulation that the raffle drawing take place at the BSTRA ride held in her memory.

"This isn't the first time David stepped up to do something extremely generous like this. For the last two years he made similar donations which were successful fundraisers for us," said Lynn Paresky, BSTRA's Fundraising Director. "If you purchased 100 of these scratch tickets yourself, you would be paying \$300 for them. The real appeal is the amount you might win after scratching all 300 scratch tickets. The top prize in this game is a payout of \$500 per month for ten years!"

Nancy was an active BSTRA member for years, and she always supported the organization's annual projects to improve community trails. Her husband continues supporting BSTRA and its trail advocacy mission each year when he sponsors his wife's memorial ride and donates a generous prize for BSTRA to raffle off.

"She had an appreciation not only for the trails, but for all the work BSTRA put into maintaining those trails. I know Nancy would like that I'm doing this to help raise money for projects in the State Forest she enjoyed so much," said Maenzo.

BSTRA's trail improvement projects benefit a wide variety of user groups who enjoy the trails for outdoor recreation and fitness. The trails are used by not only equestrians, but by hikers, mountain bikers, dog walk-

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Uxbridge receives PPE donation

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — The town of Uxbridge has recently received a donation of 5,000 face masks and other items from Medline Corporation.

The items—including 1,000 pairs of gloves and 100 gallons of cleaner/disinfectant, in addition to the face masks—were brought to the Uxbridge Fire Station, according to a statement shared by the Uxbridge Police Department.

"The Fire Department is grateful for this generous donation. It will go a long way toward treating patients, and keeping our personnel safe. Our thanks and gratitude to Medline for reaching out and providing much

needed supplies during this difficult pandemic," said Uxbridge Fire Chief Tom Dion.

The Medline Distribution Center opened in the summer of 2020 at 81 Campanelli Drive in Uxbridge, according to the public statement. Medline is the largest privately-owned medical products manufacturer and distributor in North America, and the company "has helped to create jobs in the community" and is continuing to give back with this recent donation of face masks and more.

Medline Senior Director of Operations Sean Thornton and MedTrans Transportation Manager Paul Parravano made the delivery to the fire station.

"Medline really values all the work of Uxbridge's first responders," said Thornton. "Especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, the town is working around the clock to help residents and we're happy to do our part as a member of this community."

In the statement, the Uxbridge Police and Fire Department expressed "their thanks for the support shown by Medline with this donation," adding that the supplies will be "put to good use" and benefit the community of Uxbridge, in particular the senior community. A portion of the face masks will be distributed to seniors through the Council on Aging.

"The Uxbridge Police would like to thank Medline for being good

corporate citizens. The town appreciates your contribution," added Uxbridge Police Chief Marc Montminy.

Windstorm leaves thousands in the dark



Courtesy

Power lines were down throughout the area during the March 1-2 windstorm, causing thousands of outages.

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — March roared in like a lion last week, pummeling the region with damaging winds.

At the height of the March 1 & 2 windstorm, thousands of customers throughout the area were without power. Spencer was especially hard hit, with widespread outages causing schools to be closed and the emergency shelter at Knox Trail Middle School to open on March 2.

Wind gusts topped 60 miles per hour along the Route 9 corridor, combined with temperatures that didn't exceed the twenties. For many residents, early March felt

more like January.

"There were several outages all over town, but especially in the southern part of town," said Spencer Fire Chief Robert Parsons.

Leicester emergency management officials nearly activated their shelter as well, but crews were able to clear most roads in a timely fashion.

"The Highway Department was quick to react to several trees blocking streets, as well as National Grid to shut off power where we had trees on live wires," said Leicester Police Chief Ken Antanavica. "Once the Highway Department cleared the trees, they restored the power in short order. All in all, the town fared pretty well,

except for some tree-related property damage to private homes in the area."

By the end of the day on March 2, most Spencer and Leicester customers had the lights back on. Other area towns also saw significant wind damage, including downed power lines, damaged vehicles, and minor structural damage to homes.

In Brimfield, Dunhamtown Palmer Road was closed for several hours due to wires strewn across the road. Sturbridge residents contended with the extended closure of Holland Road, and major tree damage was also reported on Woodlawn Drive.

Local businesses receive COVID relief grant funds

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — Two businesses in Uxbridge and four in Bellingham were among the more than 1,000 small businesses statewide that recently received grant funds in the ninth round of COVID relief grants administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC).

The Baker-Polito Administration released approximately \$39.7 million in grants to 1,026 additional small businesses as part of the grant round. The MGCC program is focused on serving businesses that have been most impacted by the pandemic, according to a press statement, including restaurants, bars, caterers, personal

services, and independent retailers.

Rep. Michael Soter, R-Bellingham, said that \$215,000 will be distributed to six businesses in the 8th Worcester District, including \$100,000 to four businesses in Bellingham and \$115,000 to two Uxbridge businesses. Each business did not receive the same amount, the statement said.

"The MGCC has awarded \$2,745,000 to sixty-six businesses in the 8th Worcester District since the establishment of the relief grant program. It is great to have this influx of cashflow into the district and across all of Massachusetts," Soter said. "As we move forward, we need to focus on stabilizing the businesses in the Commonwealth and providing real relief."

To date, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$602 million in direct financial support to 13,346 businesses across the state. This funding has been made available through a \$668 million business relief fund set up in December, as well as a \$50.8 million fund for small and diverse businesses included in the economic recovery package announced in October.

"Our administration is pleased to award this latest round of direct financial support to 1,026 additional businesses hardest hit by the pandemic," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "As the largest program of its kind in the nation, we are proud that Massachusetts Growth

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Local nurse honored for work with homeless COVID-19 patients



Nurse Rebecca DeCoteau recently received an award from Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early.

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REGION – Homeless COVID-19 patients from throughout the area have been greatly assisted this winter by a local nurse, whose selfless efforts were recently honored.

Last month, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph Early, Jr., honored Nurse Rebecca DeCoteau, who works at the Worcester COVID-19 field hospital.

Nurse DeCoteau continues to collect and donate clothing and other items for homeless individuals being discharged from the Worcester field hospital. In recognition of her efforts, she was presented with the District Attorney’s Team Excellence and Merit Award (TEAM).

Presented annually, the award recognizes outstanding service by employees

in public safety.

“Working as a nurse on the front lines, she has seen others struggle to not only fight COVID-19, but face life after recovery,” DA Early said. “Nurse DeCoteau’s care goes far beyond the field hospital, bettering the lives of those who need it the most.”

Throughout the pandemic, Nurse DeCoteau has witnessed sick patients in need of winter clothing and self-care items. These challenges have severely affected the region’s homeless population, officials said.

Recognizing the need to immediately address the problem, DeCoteau created Nurses for Hope, a nonprofit organization that collects winter clothes, cleansing wipes, and socks for COVID-

19 patients. She has since donated essential goods to several discharged patients.

DA Early created the TEAM Award in 2019 to recognize public safety employees who go above and beyond the call of duty. If you would like to nominate someone for the award, contact the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office at 508-755-8601.



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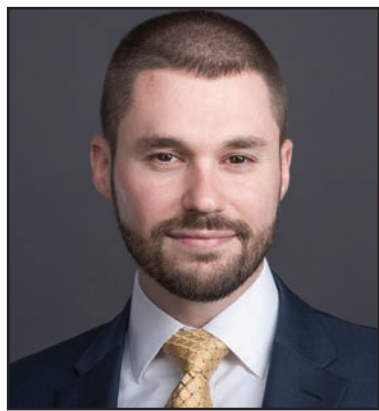
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Cornerstone Bank announces new Vice President, Mortgage Loan Officer



Jeffrey Moynihan

S O U T H B R I D G E — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout central Massachusetts, has recently hired Jeffrey Moynihan for the position of Vice President, Mortgage Loan Officer. Moynihan has over 14 years of banking and mortgage experience and will help lead the team responsible for helping customers finance their homes.

“Jeffrey’s vast experience in the world of banking is what drew us to him,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “He has experience in every area of retail banking, including as a teller and manager, before exclusively focusing on mortgages. This strong foundation will assist him in help-

ing our customers make their dreams of home ownership a reality.”

Moynihan, a resident of Norton, has a Bachelor’s degree in finance and economics from Southern New Hampshire University. Prior to joining Cornerstone Bank, he held positions as a Vice President of Mortgage Lending at a lending firm in Boston and a Sales Manager in the home loan department for a bank in Quincy.

“I am excited to begin the next chapter of my career,” said Moynihan. “My family values giving back to the community and so does Cornerstone Bank, making it a perfect fit. Life is not fulfilled if we cannot touch the lives of others in a positive way, and I hope to do that through mortgage lending and charitable opportunities with the bank.”

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Jondreus
Age 13

Hi! My name is Jondreus and I love science!

Jondreus is a caring boy of Caucasian and Hispanic descent who likes to be called Jon. Those who know him say that he is empathetic, committed, and a kind friend. Jon loves video games, science, playing outdoors, and swimming. When asked what he wants to be when he grows up, Jon states he wants to be a scientist, firefighter, or police officer. Jon’s teachers describe him as goal-oriented, very bright, kind, caring, and a great student who gets A’s and B’s in his classes. He gets along well with his peers, foster parents, foster siblings, and all adults both in his school setting and personal life. All of his teachers and his

guidance counselor have great things to say about him. He loves animals and would like to be in a home with pets.

Freed for adoption, Jon has an amazing amount of potential. He would thrive in a family of any constellation with older or no other children in the home. He would benefit from a family that could offer him stability, structure, and love. Jon is especially excited to potentially have a pet in his future home and a swimming pool in his backyard. His new family must be willing to support his relationship with his sister who lives in Western MA. Contact could be in the form of visits and other forms of media contact.

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.mare-inc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



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State moves toward Phase 4 of reopening plan

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – With COVID-19 numbers going down and vaccinations on the rise, the state is progressing with its reopening plan.

On March 1, the state advanced to the second step in Phase 3 of the reopening plan. Over the last month, Massachusetts has seen reductions in average daily COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

“With public health metrics continuing to trend in a positive direction – and vaccination rates continuing to increase – the administration is taking steps to continue to reopen the

Commonwealth’s economy,” said Gov. Charlie Baker.

The progression to the second step of Phase 3 marks the first time the state has reached that level since the fall of 2020. In response to an increase in new COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations following the Thanksgiving holiday, the Commonwealth reverted back to a previous level.

But now, with more residents getting vaccinated each day, officials are confident that the reopening plan will be successful this time.

As part of the latest guidance, all indoor performance venues can now reopen at 50 percent capacity, with no more than 500 guests. These include con-

cert halls, theaters, and performance spaces. Indoor recreational activities (laser tag, roller skating, trampolines, obstacle courses) will also be allowed to reopen at 50 percent capacity.

Additionally, restaurants will no longer have a capacity limit and will be permitted to host musical performances. The six-foot social distancing rule, as well as the cap of six people per table, will remain in place.

Arenas
Ballparks

Also effective on March 22, gathering limits for event venues and public settings will increase to 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors. Gatherings at private residences and in private backyards will remain at a maximum of 25 people, with indoor house gatherings remaining at 10 people.

Additionally, dance floors will be permitted at weddings, and overnight summer camps will be allowed to operate this summer. Exhibition and convention halls may also begin to operate, following gatherings limits and event protocols.

The Baker Administration also announced more than \$49 million in grant awards to 1,108 additional small businesses. The funding comes as part of the eighth round of COVID-19 relief grants administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC).

To date, the Baker Administration has awarded more than \$563 million in financial support to 12,320 businesses impacted by the pandemic. More than half of grantees are restaurants, bars, caterers, operators of personal services, and independent retailers.

BVT launches meal delivery service

UPTON – The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District (BVT) is the proud recipient of a \$75,000 Share Our Strength’s No Kid Hungry grant. The funding will allow BVT to take its Drive-up Meal Service off-campus and on the road, expanding access to nutritious school meals through a new Meal Delivery Service. The program is open to all BVT students during the 2020–2021 school year.

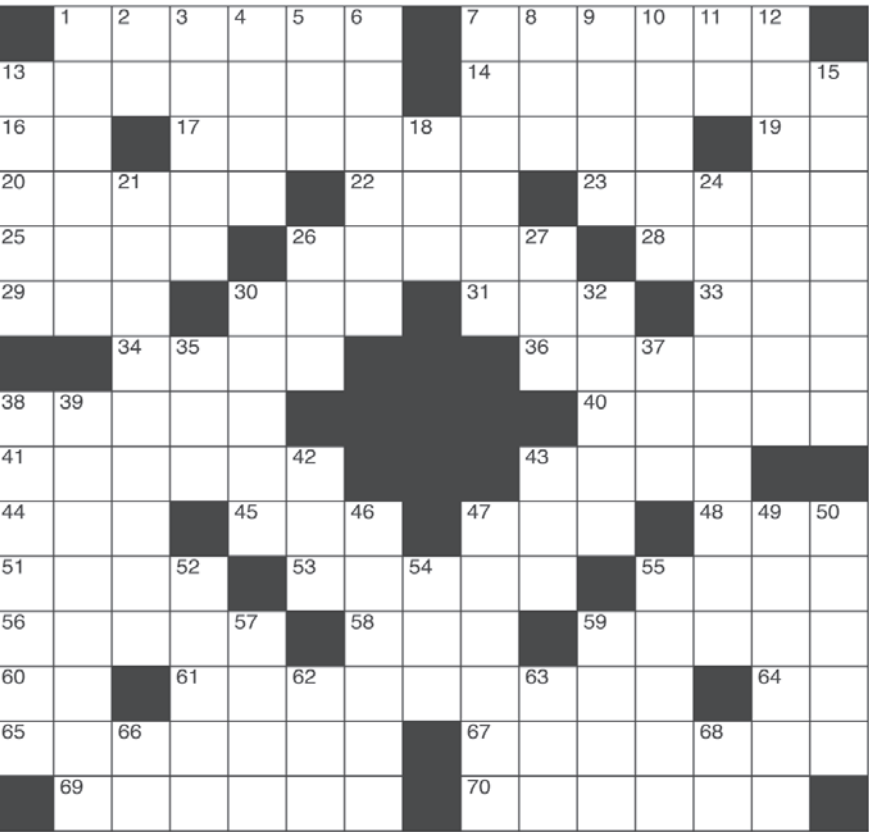
Whether students are on campus or in distance learning, having continued access to nutritious meals is vital to their health and wellbeing. Childhood hunger can have a devastating and long-lasting effect on a child’s physical, emotional, and academic wellbeing. The free Meal Delivery Service addresses issues of food access and economic inequalities many students face during the COVID-19 pandemic by utiliz-

ing their School Based Health Center to support the needs of its students enrolled in the program.

The delivery service provides a more convenient, user-friendly meal distribution plan for students, as they, or their parents, will no longer have to commute to pick-up the meals at BVT. This program removes the most prominent financial/transportation barriers to ensure students with the greatest need for food receive nutritious meals during the pandemic. The service is appealing now to a more significant number of students and parents who need the meals.

BVT can effectively address requests for food assistance with the No Kid Hungry grant. The grant supports equipment and supply expenses related to transporting and distributing packages of meals directly to its students in the 13-town district and additional support services available through the School Based Health Center. For more information or to sign up your BVT student, please visit www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/mealdeliveryservice.

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. The school’s Web site is www.valleytech.k12.ma.us.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Large dung beetle
- 7. Representation of a plan
- 13. In a fervid way
- 14. The Book of Psalms
- 16. Morning
- 17. Exactly the same
- 19. About
- 20. Brown and basmati are two
- 22. Swiss river
- 23. Philippine island
- 25. Expressions of surprise
- 26. An ant
- 28. Common Japanese surname
- 29. Deoxyribonucleic acid
- 30. Car mechanics group
- 31. A person’s brother or sister
- 33. Ancient pharaoh
- 34. Quantitative fact
- 36. Vividly colored bird
- 38. Your home has one
- 40. Organic compound

- 41. Section at the end of a book
- 43. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 44. Criticize
- 45. Split pulses
- 47. Brief trend
- 48. Cool!
- 51. Purposes
- 53. Brews
- 55. Skin condition
- 56. Pops
- 58. American air travel company
- 59. Minute bug
- 60. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- 61. One who rides in your car
- 64. One of the Gospels
- 65. City in southern Spain
- 67. Inquisitive
- 69. Jean Paul __, author
- 70. Pop singer Harry

CLUES DOWN

- 1. An ape or monkey
- 2. Chemical element
- 3. Zodiac sign
- 4. Removes
- 5. Brew
- 6. Nickname
- 7. Architectural structures
- 8. Trigonometric function
- 9. Postmodern architectural building in Vienna
- 10. Henderson and Fitzgerald are two
- 11. Mountain (abbr.)
- 12. Landscaping practice
- 13. Capacitance unit
- 15. Redirect
- 18. Hat for women
- 21. In a way, dressed down
- 24. Granny
- 26. Feed
- 27. Endpoint

- 30. Indian instrument
- 32. Bleated
- 35. Cablegram (abbr.)
- 37. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 38. Jellyfishes
- 39. Individual TV installments
- 42. Talk
- 43. More (Spanish)
- 46. Leaseholder
- 47. Monetary units
- 49. Hostility
- 50. Work stations
- 52. Linguistics giant
- 54. Female sheep
- 55. Calendar month
- 57. Seasoning
- 59. Lofty nest of a bird of prey
- 62. Single Lens Reflex
- 63. A way to remove
- 66. Virginia
- 68. Old English

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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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Sutton police present agency's ‘Core Values’

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — During a recent Sutton Select Board meeting, members of the Sutton Police Department presented the agency's “core values”—something the department said it has been discussing for more than a year.
“For about 18 months now, our department has been kicking around the idea of formally establishing what our core values are,” the department shared in a statement. “We drafted lists and had discussions about what we, as an agency, embody. This concept was being discussed by us long before any high profile incidents took place in law enforcement across the country.”
Sgt. William Jacques was tasked with completing this process, according to the department's statement, and sought the help of Patrolmen Derek Desruisseaux, Bryan O'Rourke, and Chong Her, Jr. to ensure he “included a variety of perspectives for this assignment.”

During the meeting, Sgt. Jacques presented the final outcome for the Sutton agency's core values. In the presentation, core values were defined as the traits or qualities that “represent an organization's highest priorities, deeply held beliefs, and core, fundamental driving forces.” The core values identified by Sutton Police included: integrity, community, empathy, accountability, teamwork, and grit.
Members of the Select Board noted after the presentation that they were “impressed,” describing the core values as a well-timed, valuable project.
“To me, it's an example of the professionalism and the confidence that I strongly believe is present in the department,” said Select Board Vice Chair Jesse Limanek.
“The group did a phenomenal job at articulating the beliefs, expectations, and framework of character that we expect from our officers. You, our community, can be proud about your police department for its standard of settling for nothing but the best when performing our duties,” Sutton Police continued in their statement after the meeting. “These important components of our core values will be framed and placed around our police station for continual reinforcement as officers pass by them every day while working.”
The department also recently welcomed two new officers—Nick Bertone and Christopher Romani. According to a statement, Bertone joins Sutton with several years of experience from previously working with the Douglas Police Department, and Romani joins Sutton after having worked for the Warren Police Department since 2007.
“Both of these officers will fill the two openings we had from recent retirements from the department,” Sutton police shared.

URI students named to Dean's List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2020 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries. The following students were named to Dean's List:
Grace Bertone of Douglas
Jacob Bliss of Whitinsville
Charlotte Doubleday of Uxbridge
Meghan Ferraro of Northbridge
Elena Franzosa of Uxbridge
Jenny Frick of Uxbridge
Megan Getter of Northbridge
Emma Kraich of Uxbridge
Stephanie Massey of Whitinsville
Alex Matkowski of Uxbridge
Rachel McGee of Uxbridge
Sarah McGee of Uxbridge
Abby Nigro of Whitinsville
Gabriella Oum of Douglas
Taylor Perry of Uxbridge
Teo Pizzirani of Whitinsville
Paige Shepard of Northbridge
Julia Vanelli of Uxbridge
Eric Vario of Uxbridge
Chris Wells of Whitinsville
Molly Zona of Northbridge

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.
As a public Land Grant University in a highly competitive region in the United States, URI carefully monitors and manages its tuition and fee rates to remain one of the most affordable universities in the Northeast for both in-state and out-of-state students. An estimated 90% of undergraduate students receive annual financial aid and institutional support.
The University's total fall 2020 enrollment of 17,649 students comprises 15,393 full- and part-time undergraduate students, including 748 pharmacy six-year professional practice, and 2,256 full- and part-time graduate students. About 52% of the total student body is from Rhode Island and 48% are from out of state or foreign countries. The

student body includes students from 48 U.S. states and territories, and 67 nations.
The University of Rhode Island's pioneering research in ocean, environmental and health sciences extends the University's influence well beyond its coastal borders, while its interdisciplinary courses provide students with unique opportunities and experiences.
Over the last ten years, the University has completed more than \$710 million in capital projects, including new construction, and renovation and rehabilitation of existing buildings across its four campuses. The University's campus locations, include the main campus, located on 1,248 acres in rural Kingston, the Graduate School of Oceanography, located on 165 acres on Narragansett Bay, the W. Alton Jones Campus in West Greenwich, a 1,200-acre nature preserve, the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies and the Rhode Island Nursing Education Center, both in the capital city of Providence, R.I.



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According to a statement from the Governor's Office, the Administration is taking steps to "gradually reopen the Commonwealth's economy" based on public health metrics "continuing to trend in a positive direction, including

a decline in average daily COVID cases and hospitalizations, and as vaccination rates continue to increase."

At the beginning of March, the Commonwealth advanced to Step 2 of Phase III of the state's reopening plan. In addition, the Administration also recently announced its plan to transition to Step 1 of Phase IV on Monday, March 22, provided that public health metrics continue to improve.

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RAFFLE

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ers, cross country skiers, and families out enjoying nature. With so many people out on the trails since the pandemic struck, BSTRA hopes the community has found a new appreciation for local trails and will support the nonprofit organization by purchasing tickets for this raffle.

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Elms College names local students to Dean's List

CHICOPEE — Elms College has named Julie Fraher of Milford, Taylro Floser of Millbury, Joshua Keaton of Northbridge and Mercy Kamau of North Grafton to the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester of the 2020-2021 academic year. To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes.

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DOUGLAS — Beginning March 8, the Douglas Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten program will be accepting applications from Douglas residents for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our program offers preschool for three-year-olds and pre-Kindergarten for four-year-olds. We offer a half day program for three-year-olds and both half- and full-day programs for four-year-olds. A variety of options, including two, three, or five days are available.

Open House will be held later this year at Douglas Primary School, 17 Gleason Ct. Applications are available on the Douglas Public Schools Web site or by calling the Douglas Primary School at (508) 476-2154. Children must be three years of age by Sept. 1. The deadline for applications is March 26.

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the hope, the refuge of
sinners, I who am the
most miserable of all
sinners, have recourse
this day. I venerate thee,
great queen, and I thank
thee for the many graces
thou has bestowed upon
me even unto this day;
in particular for having
delivered me from the
hell which I have so
often deserved by my
sins. I love thee, most
dear Lady; and for
the love I bear thee, I
promise to serve thee
willingly forever and to
do what I can to make
thee loved by others
also. I place in thee all
my hopes for salvation;
accept me as thy
servant and shelter me
under thy mantle, thou
who art the Mother of
mercy. And since thou
art so powerful with
God, deliver me from
all temptations, or at
least obtain for me the
strength to overcome
them until death. From
thee I implore a true
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me always, but most of
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Here comes the sun, and we say it's all right

After a long (but, we think, mild) winter, warmer, longer days are finally here. As the official first day of spring nears on March 20, we're noticing people have more of a pep in their step. A refreshing sight given the year 2020 delivered.

While each season has its own perks, there is something about spring that seems to surprise us each year. We re-acquaint ourselves with our yards as they slowly reveal themselves as the snowbanks melt away. Muddy grass has never been a kinder sight.

Over the past few weeks, the common chatter has been about baseball, spring-time fitness goals, gardening, hiking, you know the usual. This week we reminisced about old April Fool's Day pranks in the office. Tacks on seats, the soda bottle filled with water sitting on top of a door waiting to be opened in order to drench an unsuspecting individual, saran wrapped cars, fake lottery winnings, fake wedding proposals and lost wedding rings, to name a few. Stunts to make Larry, Moe and Curly proud.

With spring comes "spring fever." In modern times this is a semi-positive term, however back in colonial times, 'spring fever' referred to the poor quality of health everyone was in, after sustaining a winter without fresh vegetables and proper diet. Today's "spring fever" will have children restless, new romances transpire and people attacking their homes with dust cloths and Windex.

Experts say the changes that a person goes through during the springtime are due to hormonal changes in the body. During the winter months, the body secretes a large amount of melatonin, (the sleep hormone). The presence of more sunlight in spring sends the body a message to stop producing as much melatonin. This causes folks to be more awake. Add this to the uptick in your serotonin levels due to the sunlight and you will not only be awake but enthusiastic.

Interesting to note is that during the springtime the body becomes more susceptible to illnesses. Way back when, scurvy outbreaks always occurred during this time of year as did rubella and measles. Doctors note that in spring, gout, a condition that affects joints, peaks in individuals. Because there are more allergens in the air, you will see more cases of rosacea and other skin irritations on the rise.

We encourage everyone to spend as much time outdoors this spring, including the days leading up to its official start. Get back to basics, back to nature, keep things simple and pick up an old hobby you have abandoned but have been meaning to reconnect with, life is meant to be fun.

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OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

National Anthem Day was March 3. Here are some reasons to stand for the National Anthem:

Have you ever heard the amazing story of U.S. Navy Ensign Jane Kendeigh, the first U.S. Navy flight nurse to fly an evacuation mission to an active battlefield and the first to land on a Pacific battlefield? The 1945 photo of Jane surrounded by joyful Marines on her arrival is priceless, all American and patriotic.

On March 6, 1945, 22 year old Ensign Flight Nurse Jane Kendeigh landed on Iwo Jima and made history. Trained in crash procedures, survival, and high altitude medical treatments, she and her fellow flight nurses evacuated 2,400 Marines and sailors from Iwo Jima, caring for them in transport to operating hospitals away from the battle. Of the 1,176,048 military soldiers and sailors evacuated on these dangerous flights throughout World War II, only 46 died en route. These nurses, working in grueling circumstances, kept them alive.

Serving in the military was personal for another woman during World War II. The Japanese had killed Susan Ahn Cuddy's father in 1937 for speaking out against Japanese occupation and oppression of Korea. When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, Cuddy and her two brothers joined the U.S. military. How many Uxbridge students today know where Pearl Harbor is and why it is significant?

Cuddy applied to join the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), a branch of the U.S. Naval Reserve. She was rejected the first time she applied. Discrimination against an Asian (Korean) American woman living in California after Pearl Harbor would seem insurmountable to a woman who wanted to join the military, but Cuddy did it anyway. She applied again and became the first Asian American woman to join the U.S. Navy.

Cuddy taught aviators air combat tactics. She was the first female gunnery officer in the Navy, teaching aviators how to fire .50 caliber machine guns. Her son marveled as he described his five-foot, one-inch mother: "Mom basically was a trained killer." Women just stayed home and baked cookies in the 1940's, right?

After the war, Lt. Cuddy went to work for U.S. Naval Intelligence and the National Security Agency. She passed away in 2015 at the age of 100.

A modern day warrior is Martha McCally who recently served as the Republican Senator from Arizona.

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McCally was born in Warwick, Rhode Island. Her father died when she was 12 years old leaving her mother to work to support their five children. In 1984, McCally graduated from St. Mary Academy Bay View as valedictorian and earned an appointment to the U.S.

Air Force Academy, graduating in 1988. After she completed training for the A-10 Thunderbolt II jet ("Warthog"), McCally was deployed to Kuwait in 1995. Later, she flew over Iraq, enforcing the no fly zone.

McCally became the first female U.S. fighter pilot to fly in combat and the first woman to command a jet fighter squadron. Just another day baking cookies.

In 2001, McCally sued the Department of Defense, challenging the military policy that required U.S. servicewomen stationed in Saudi Arabia to wear an "abaya", a caftan that completely covers the body, when traveling off base. At the time, McCally was a Major and the highest ranking female jet fighter pilot in the U.S. Air Force. She alleged that this regulation made her send the message that "women are subservient to men." I don't think so.

In a 2002 interview, McCally said "I have to sit in the back [of the vehicle], at all times must be escorted by a male who when questioned must claim me as his wife...I can fly a single seat aircraft in enemy territory, but in Saudi Arabia I can't drive." McCally filed the lawsuit because she had been threatened with court martial for not complying. In 2002, the U.S. Central Command announced that U.S. servicewomen would no longer be required to wear the abaya. Military brass said the change was not due to the McCally lawsuit. No comment.

Senator Martha McCally was defeated in the 2020 election, but it took an astronaut to beat her. You and I know it was ten times harder for her to become a jet fighter pilot in 1995 than it was for him to become an astronaut in 2006. [Okay, so it's not easy to become an astronaut.]

I am proud to be protected by American women soldiers. My question is where are the young American women today who will serve in the military, go into active battlefields or battle skies? Could you be as brave as Jane Kendeigh, Susan Ahn Cuddy and Martha McCally? Are there obstacles to overcome in America? Yes. We Americans just make up our minds to conquer them and stand for the anthem.

Can you invest for retirement and education?



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Typically, this time of year is filled with graduation ceremonies and celebrations. But with the coronavirus pandemic, not much has been typical lately. Eventually, though, things will return to normal and schools will reopen for in-person learning. And if you have young children, you may want to save for their higher education, whether that be college or trade school. At the same time, though, you're moving ever closer to retirement. Can you save for your kids' education and a comfortable retirement for yourself at the same time?

It is indeed possible, although you may need to prioritize somewhat. Specifically, you may not want to put off saving for retirement in favor of education. But by viewing these goals together and investing as early as possible in each of them, you can take advantage of one of your biggest assets – time.

Of course, you'll still have to budget your resources. You want to invest as much as you can, but not so much that your monthly cash flow is cramped. Consequently, you may have to consider retiring later, contributing less to your child's education, or a combination of the two. But in terms of logistics, you can make saving and investing easier.

First, consider your retirement accounts. If you have a traditional 401(k) or similar plan, your contributions come out of your paycheck before you even see the money – so it's about as painless a way of building your retirement fund as possible. Put in as much as your budget allows and consider increasing your contributions when you receive a raise at work. You can also direct your bank to move money each month from your savings or checking account into your IRA.

Now, let's move to your other key goal: education. Several education funding vehicles are available, but one of the most popular is the 529 plan. Your earnings grow tax-deferred and withdrawals are free from federal tax, provided the money is used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan withdrawals not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax and a 10% IRS penalty on the earnings.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may earn a state tax deduction or credit if you participate in your own state's plan.

You can set up recurring contributions from a bank account to a 529 plan. And you don't have to fund your 529 plan on your own. Instead of gifts for birthdays, holidays, graduations and other occasions, why not ask friends and relatives to contribute to the 529 plan you've set up for your child? They're all eligible to participate – and their contributions may earn them tax benefits if they live in your state and you've invested in your own state's plans.

A financial advisor can help you plan for more than one goal, understand the benefits and tradeoffs of your decisions, and make the process of saving for those goals easier. So, get the help you need to stay on track – or rather, two tracks – toward the important objectives of education and retirement.

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Antique reproductions and fakes



Antiques have been copied for years. For example, in 1876, the Centennial Exposition took place in Philadelphia. Americans were interested in their history and cabinet makers produced many quality reproductions of pieces from the previous century. Often, the goal with reproductions is to create copies of furniture or other antiques for people who couldn't afford to pay what an original would cost. Other times though, the goal is to deceive an unsuspecting buyer.

When I started selling antiques over 30 years ago, a friend informed me that he was running a golf auction. I was new at the antique business and bought some cast iron doorstops of a man and woman golfer that I thought would be a good

fit. My friend who was running the auction informed me that the doorstops were reproductions. Someone had artificially aged them by exposing them to weather and hitting them with chains. Even when accurately described as reproductions in his golf auction catalog, the pair sold for well over \$200 and I was able to make a small profit, despite my mistake.

Around 15 years ago, I was helping a friend set up his booth at the Brimfield Antique Show. We finished early that night and walked around to see what other dealers were offering for sale. My friend specialized in antique furniture and saw a barrister's bookcase that was reasonably priced. Barrister's (or stacking) bookcases are rectangular sections that fit on top of each other. The glass fronts lift upward and slide inward at the top. When my friend examined the bookcase more close-

ly, he found a "Made in Malaysia" sticker in the back.

Around the same time, we auctioned a great collection of Tiffany Studios desk accessories for a client who had collected them for many years. Fortunately, the collector sold the collection when they did. Many copies have been made in Asia since we sold the collection. The flood of reproductions has caused the price of originals to drop considerably.

There are so many reproductions that it may be easier to list antiques that haven't been reproduced than things that have. A search of Wayfair's Web site of antique reproductions lists: telephones, tea sets, telescopes, bottle openers, scrimshaw boxes, toilet paper holders, statues, and furniture. There are hundreds more. I should point out that they are doing nothing illegal or unethical by selling these. They are merely offering decorative pieces to people who want them.

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Memories of fishing with Mel



Mike Daniels with a six-pound largemouth bass caught last Saturday in local waters. Nice fish!

The month of March will hopefully bring us some continued warm weather like we are experiencing this week. Mass. Fish & Wildlife will be stocking more than 500,000 trout in waters throughout the state starting any day now. More than 75 percent will be over 12 inches long. Ice conditions will become extremely dangerous in the days and weeks ahead, until total ice out. Most ponds and lakes rarely receive an allotment of trout before ice out, but if the waters are suitable for stocking, and the PH is correct, they could still receive trout.

This week’s two pictures of largemouth

bass caught in local waters last week are a good indicator that there are plenty of big bass out there for this year’s fishing, by diehard bass anglers. Catching largemouth bass and smallmouth bass in New England, provide some exciting fishing for anglers with bass boats during derbies, or just fishing with friends and family. Although I am not a big freshwater bass fishing angler like I was in my younger years, I still enjoy the excitement of landing a large bass on a flyrod, or other light fishing tackle. I have been told by numerous anglers that freshwater bass fish, that the colder New England waters provide a longer fight from the bass, than in the warmer waters of Florida and other Southern states.

In my younger years, I fished Meadow Pond and Arcade Pond in Whitinsville for many species of freshwater fish. Our dad often took my brother Mel & me fishing on Meadow pond in a 12-foot rowboat at least once a week. The boat was kept in a portion of the pond called Kanes Cove. The Kane family lived right on the water just off of Border Street, and was accessible to anyone that wanted to go fishing. The boat was moored out from the shoreline approximately 150 feet, and our dad kept a throwline and a block of wood to retrieve the boat when we wanted to go fishing.

My brother Mel and I sat in the back of the boat trolling a double spinner and worm combination, as our dad slowly rowed the boat. I can remember my



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brother Mel shouting to my dad to stop the boat, as he was stuck on the bottom! Suddenly, a huge bass broke the water, and the fight was on. Back then a steel rod and a level wind reel loaded with a Dacron fishing line, was all that we had for fishing gear. Landing the fish took some time, but he did manage to land the fish. That was the start of my brother’s fascination with fishing, and he became hooked on fishing big time, even more so through his adult life.

Meadow Pond and the Arcade Pond also offered some great Calico Bass (crappie) fishing, using a fly rod and a Micky Finn streamer fly. A bridge on the Meadow Pond Road (Main Street) was removed a number of years ago, but was a great place to fish for crappie. The water was crystal clear back in the day, and you could watch the crappie chasing the fly as it was retrieved just under the surface of the water. I can remember bringing home a stringer of them for my dad to clean & make a great fish chowder. Oftentimes, we caught yellow perch and bluegills to add to the pot. I sure do miss his fish chowder!

This past weekend, this writer was informed by a local sportsman, about a deer that had fallen through the ice in the West River. He was drawn to the deer carcass by a large Bald Eagle that was feeding on the deer. Sightings of Bald Eagles are at an all-time high throughout the state, and in the valley area. The



informant tried to get a picture of the Eagle, but it left the area before he got ready to snap the photo. I am sure he will be back to dine on the deer carcass in the coming days and weeks. Maybe he will get another chance to snap a photo!

March is the month for the Saltwater Fishing Show in Providence, R.I., but because of Covid, this year’s show has been canceled, as were most other Fishing & Sportsmen’s shows. Looking over the latest in fishing equipment, meeting old friends, and telling big lies about all of our fish we caught last year has been put on hold. Just wait until next year!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Spring has (Almost) Sprung: Ode to the Botanical Signs of Spring

New Englanders have long searched for signs of spring after a long, cold winter, and few promises of warm weather are more welcome than the annual arrival of early spring buds. From fuzzy pussy willows to blazing golden forsythia, nature ushers in the season with an abundance of color, texture and beauty that has inspired artist and poets for centuries. Such common “backyard blooms” are simple pleasures that evoke sentiment from both novice and experienced gardeners. Plentiful and easy to grow, these nostalgic perennials are gaining a new appreciation for the simple beauty the early spring blooms bring to the landscape.

Forsythia: As March arrives, so does Forsythia. Bursts of yellow blooms along country roads and splashes of gold color in New England yards bring a welcome change to the dreary winter landscape. Forsythia bushes are a mainstay of the Northeast, and these beloved flowers never cease to impress. While Forsythia is in bloom for only about two weeks, its early presence is so appreciated that it remains a popular plant, with its leafy shrub providing privacy throughout the rest of the growing season.

Arguably, the Forsythia signals the arrival of spring more than any other botanical cue. Named after the English horticulturist William Forsythe (1737-1804), the flowering plant is hailed for its hardiness and fast growth. The yellow bloomer, which is a member of the olive family, is native to China and Southeastern Europe.

Forsythia Folklore: Since it’s not uncommon for snow to fly after the Forsythia has bloomed, it’s not surprising the early spring plant has earned its way into American garden folklore.

“Three snows after the Forsythia blooms” was an oft repeated phrase by farmers of yore. The old weather forecasting method reminds us that although the blazing yellow Forsythia may be in full bloom, the New England winter is not yet over.

Forsythia, with its bright golden flowers and ability to thrive (and survive) harsh weather conditions, has been hailed and celebrated throughout the years. The Forsythia boasts several namesake festivals and celebrations held annually throughout the country; the most prominent Forsythia Festival held each year the second weekend in March in Forsyth Georgia.

Rooting Forsythia: Forsythia is easy to propagate. In fact, many gardeners report good results by simply cutting a branch on a slant and inserting the fresh cut end into a few inches of prepared soil.

Another option is to place fresh cutting into water to root. Leave in a cool, dark area until roots form. Once roots grow, plant outside in well watered soil.

Pussy Willows: Native to the Northeast, the tiny, furry grey buds of the pussy willow plant have long served as a welcome sign of spring. Long stalks of branches bearing “kitten toes” spring up in wetlands across New England, to be plucked and displayed in vases as a reminder warmer weather is on its way. A childhood favorite, the velvety grey buds are a sentimental reminder of a simpler time, when the sprigs of willows discovered in the woods, or along a pond’s edge proved an unexpected, yet delightful find. The simple form of the pussy willow con-

tinues to amaze today, as artists both past and present have replicated the lofty twigs in oils and ink, and naturalists gather the catkins to create long lasting bouquets.

Pussy willows do more than decorate a dismal wintry landscape, as they are very beneficial to wildlife. Wild birds, particularly cardinals and finches, consume the flower buds, and densely growing pussy willow shrubs offer nesting and shelter for a variety of native birds. Bees rely on the early season blooms of the pussy willow for pollen, and some species of butterfly larvae feed on the pussy willow’s leaves.

Deer, beaver, grouse and squirrels all include willow in their diets, and the leaves of the pussy willow provide much needed vitamins and nutrients including hefty doses of Vitamin C and zinc.

Pussy Willow Folklore: As adorable as it is unusual, it’s not surprising the fuzzy pussy willow has a place in folklore. According to an old Polish tale, a litter of kittens had been chasing butterflies at the river’s edge and one by one fell into the moving waters. The mother cat, unable to save her kittens began crying out. The willow trees, located on the banks of the river swept their long branches into the water – to which the kittens clung on tightly and were rescued. Legend has it that is why each spring the willow branches sprout grey furry buds – a reminder of where the little kitten’s paws grasped onto the twigs.

Another Polish legend isn’t quite so “warm and fuzzy” but nonetheless has earned pussy willows a place in Ukraine tradition. It is said just before Easter, families go into the woods to pick pussy willows with the intention of beating out the long cold winter. Reciting a childhood rhyme family members playfully strike each other with the long, pussy willow branches, an act which symbolizes the strength to break away from the winter season to welcome spring and new beginnings.

Propagating Pussy Willows: Pussy willows are moisture loving plants can be found wild along wetlands. The plant is a favorite remedy to remedy poor drainage areas and are useful for controlling soil erosion. Their tall branches are also used for privacy or borders, but most people enjoy the pleasures of pussy willow in bloom simply to display as a centerpiece.

Propagating pussy willows is not difficult and usually results in success. An easy way to plant pussy willows in the spring season is simply to cut a foot long branch of new growth and insert it into moist soil. Sink it into the ground at least three inches and allow a few nodes to remain above ground. With luck, roots will form within a couple of weeks. The trick is to make sure the cutting is from a male pussy willow (males change color and are often larger; female branches remain dull and grey). Keep in mind that roots are aggressive so be sure to plant them away from anything you do not want them to invade such as sewer systems, etc.

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

A graphic with a hammer and a screwdriver crossed behind a sign that says "HOME IMPROVEMENT HEADQUARTERS".

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OBITUARIES

Henry A. Baker, Sr., 66



WHITINSVILLE- Henry A. Baker, Sr., age 66, lifelong resident of Whitinsville, died at home on Sunday, February 7th surrounded by his family after a brief battle with cancer.

He was the devoted and loving husband of Gaytha (Richardson) Baker for forty-six years. Henry was born on March 3, 1954 to the late Henry and Doris (Philbrook) Baker in Whitinsville.

In addition to his wife, Henry is survived by his loving children: Henry Baker, Jr. and his wife Kristen of Ashland, Christopher Baker and his wife Elizabeth of Huddleston, VA, Gregory Baker of Whitinsville, and Melissa Morin and her husband Matthew of Whitinsville; his grandchildren: Hannah, Jacob, Samuel, Tyler, Logan, Katie, Arianna, Micah, Dylan, Nolan, Caleb, and Austin; and his sisters: Donna Anderson of Uxbridge and Alice Litman of Auburn. He was predeceased by his sister, Susan M. Baker.

He graduated from Northbridge High School and Burdett College. He worked for the Northbridge Public School System in Accounts Payable. Prior to that, he was employed at GE, Telechron, KMPG, EMC, and the Douglas School System.

Henry was an incredible organist

who spent his life playing beautiful music for God, blessing many local churches since the age of 12.

He was the ultimate family man, who devoted his life to being the best husband and father. His greatest passion, however, was spending time with his 12 grandchildren, who affectionately knew him as “Papa” and loved his big “Papa Bear” hugs and snuggles. One of his greatest memories was his trip to Hawaii with Gaytha, which in turn led to his fondness for palm trees. He was an amazing man with a huge heart whose smile and laugh left a lasting impression on so many people, and he will be greatly missed.

Calling hours were held on Friday, February 12th from 4-7 P.M. at Buma Funeral Home, 480 Church Street, Whitinsville.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 A.M. at Cornerstone Church (former North Uxbridge Baptist Church), 5 E. Hartford Street, Uxbridge. The service will be available live stream at the Cornerstone Church website: cornerstonebv.org.

Burial will follow at Riverdale Cemetery, Whitinsville.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Henry's name may be made to:

Children's Haven, P.O. Box 152, Douglas, MA 01516 or to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

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Janet M. Pawlowski, 77



WHITINSVILLE – Janet M. (Lees) Pawlowski, 77, of Whitinsville passed away Sat. March 6, 2021 in Milford Regional Hospital, Milford with her family by her side. She was the wife of

Edward J. Pawlowski.

Mrs. Pawlowski taught first grade in Auburn before opening the Grafton Country School, a preschool in Grafton where she was the director/teacher for 15 years, retiring to work in a family owned business, EPCO Fab, Inc.

She was born April 10, 1943 in Worcester, daughter of the late George A. and Mary B. (Reardon) Lees. She was a graduate of Shrewsbury High School, class of 1961 and Worcester State College, class of 1965.

During her retirement, Janet enjoyed spending winters in North Port, FL with her husband. She was active at St. Patrick's Church in Whitinsville with the bereavement committee and the fall festival and was a member of the “Tea Bags” in Grafton.

In addition to her husband Edward of 32 years, she is survived by one daughter Lisa Ann Bombard and her husband David of Woonsocket, RI; one son Gary P. Mantha and his wife Dr. Allison Bryant Mantha of Lexington; four stepdaughters, Cheryl and her husband Scott Sundeen of Sutton, Wendy and her husband Paul Kimbar of Hubbardston, Sandra and her husband George Bosnakis of Holden and Gina and her husband Derek Coulombe of Hopedale; a brother, William and his wife Judith Lees of North Port, FL; a sister-in-law Harumi Lees of Fayetteville, NC; 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a brother Robert Lees and a grandson Nicholas Sundeen.

Funeral services will be private. There are no public visiting hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 133 Federal Street, 2nd floor, Boston, MA 02110 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Designing a wildlife-friendly landscape



Melinda Myers

Include habitat features in your garden and landscape that are needed to attract and sustain the wildlife you are trying to attract.

We love watching the bunnies hopping across the lawn or ground squirrels scurrying away with a cheek full of seeds. That is, until they dine on our favorite shrub or take just one bite out of each red ripe tomato in the garden. Finding a way to coexist is critical for wildlife struggling to survive and our enjoyment of nature and our landscapes.



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Work with nature to maintain a balance in your landscape. Invite hawks, owls, and fox to your backyard. Grow tall grasses and plants that provide cover for foxes. Include trees with good perches or install perch poles to attract and support

raptors.

And like any landscape endeavor, start with a plan. Make a sketch of your existing landscape. Identify existing plants and wildlife-friendly habitats. Make note of both the natural habitats and any supplemental food, water, and shelter you provide. Review and note various features in your landscape throughout the year.

Now decide what you want to accomplish in your landscape. What wildlife do you want to attract and have the space to support? Perhaps you want to attract more songbirds to your gardens or animals, like toads, that help manage pests in the garden.

Make sure your landscape provides the habitat features needed to attract and sustain these welcome residents. You will find lots of helpful resources on National Wildlife Federation, Audubon, Natural Resources Conservation Services, Department of Natural Resources, and University Extension websites.

Be patient and wait for a year to evaluate the results of your efforts. Then begin making any needed changes to meet your goals.

Developing a landscape for you to enjoy and one that supports wildlife takes time, but as a gardener this is not only part of the process but an exciting adventure.

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 nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Tree World Plant Care* for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Raymond Sullivan, 91



NORTHBRIDGE- Raymond Sullivan, 91, of Northbridge, passed away peacefully on February 24 after a short illness. He was predeceased by the love of his life for 61 years, his wife Katherine “Kitty”

(Baghdasarian), in 2016. Ray was born in North Uxbridge in 1930, to John and Delia Sullivan. He served in the US Army in the early days of the Korean conflict, having volunteered for active duty in Korea, (just to “get out of Texas” he would often joke), but was instead posted to Germany. After his military service, he found employment with the Whitinsville Spinning Ring CO. where he worked as a blacksmith for more than a decade before becoming a volunteer for the Northbridge Fire Department and later going full time in 1968, as one of only a handful of full time firemen in town. Desiring to become proficient in life saving techniques, he was an early student and later, practitioner of the then-new profession of Emergency Medical Technician, taking as many courses as he could, (mostly on his own time), and becoming an early pioneer of the vocation. His leadership, innovations and professionalism brought the Northbridge Rescue Squad up to become a leader in the greater Blackstone Valley life-saving services, and set a standard for all other departments to aspire to. Taking an early lead in the use of the “Jaws of Life” auto-extrication tool, he took it upon himself to provide training to every other area department as the tool became more widely available, and provided mutual aid and assistance to all neighboring communities’ departments whenever the need arose.

Ray retired from the department after 23 years of continuous service, having attained the rank of Captain and leader

of the Rescue Squad. After a short stint as a maintenance worker at Beaumont in Northbridge, he spent his retirement years enjoying life with his wife and family. His other interests included oil painting, and as such, he was a founding member of the Blackstone Valley Artist Association in the mid 1950's. He also had a keen interest in history, becoming involved in the collecting of Civil War memorabilia, and also became a member of the Friends of the Gettysburg National Parks with his wife, Kitty, and participated yearly in the maintenance of historical structures at the the Gettysburg National Battlefield park.

Ray was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his son David of Medfield, his daughter Deborah Lozeau of Uxbridge, and two granddaughters that he utterly adored, Emily of Portland, ME., and Rachel of Portland OR. Ray was one of 5 siblings, and as such, was an uncle to many.

Ray was deeply loved by his family and will be sorely missed. As a dedicated public servant, he was admired and respected by many, and will also be remembered for his off-beat sense of humor and willingness to work very, very hard. He was strong, resilient and a role model for many, yet humble and self-effacing. In keeping with his wishes, there are no calling hours, but a graveside ceremony will be held at a future date by his family. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made in his honor and memory to the Northbridge Fire Department, 193 Main St., Whitinsville, MA, 01588. Carr Funeral Home, 24 Hill St., Whitinsville, is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.carrfuneralhome.com



Stella S. Plante, 98



SOUTH GRAFTON- Stella S. (Kurtyka) Plante, 98, of Milford Rd. passed away on Tues. March 2, 2021 at home surrounded by her loving family. Her husband of 53 years Henry A. Plante died March 23, 2005.

She is survived by her Godchildren Debra Listewnik and her husband Kenneth of Oxford and Ronald White and his wife Kay of Whitinsville; her caregivers as well as family, Ed Kurtyka Jr. of Oxford and Terry Pepin of Leicester; many nieces and nephews, grand nieces and nephews, and many friends. She was sister of the late Jennie White, Josephine Fleszar, Helen Marshall, John Kurtyka Jr., Edward Kurtyka Sr., Stanley Kurtyka, and Frank Kurtyka.

Born in Lawrence, MA on June 23, 1922 she was the daughter of John Sr. and Mary (Kostrezewa) Kurtyka. Stella was raised in the Manchaug section

of Sutton and lived in S. Grafton since she and Henry built their home in 1957. Auntie said “ I saw the moon one night shining over and knew that was going to be our home.”

Mrs. Plante worked in the Weaving Dept. as a dedicated Pattern Maker at Hayward Schuster Woolen Mill in Douglas and the Cotton Mill in Blackstone. As a skilled seamstress, she also did beautiful upholstery work, handmade clothing and made many home warming gifts. She was also an excellent cook who was always eager to bring a dish to special event. Stella was educated in the Manchaug Schools. She traveled with Henry for many years in their motor home, which brought them both much joy. She enjoyed caring for her yard, and tending to each shrub, plant, tree and garden, was very important to her. Stella even mowed her own lawn until she was 90. She loved needlecraft, crochet and also enjoyed Tole Painting. A member of the Dudley Gendron American Legion Auxiliary, Stella was also an active member of St. James Church for many years.

Her funeral was held Tues. March 9 from Jackman Funeral Home, 12 Spring St. Whitinsville with a Mass at 11 am in St. James Church, 89 Main St. S. Grafton. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home were Mon. March 8 from 4 to 6 pm. Memorial donations in Stella's memory may be made to St. James Church, 89 Main St. S. Grafton MA 01560. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit www.jackmanfuneralhomes.com



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Disappointment? Join the club

So, I get an email last night from a reader of this column ...
“You always write about optimism, now that you have cancer, what do you think?
What do I think?
Let me begin with this ... If you want to avoid disappointment, don’t do anything. Do not try to live your dreams. Stop reaching for the stars. Never build a business or try to compete. Don’t apply for the promotion. Refuse to take a risk. Don’t try to beat cancer. And above all ... never fall in love. If you want to avoid disappointment, its

easy, just be the anti-Nike and Just ‘Don’t’ Do It.’ Problem solved, right? Not hardly ...
The best of life is available for those who go for it.
The rewards of life go to those who risk, and when you risk, you will often be disappointed. I’ve suffered more emotionally crushing moments in my life than I can recount. It’s all part of the game. You win some, you lose some and some are rained out. Some disappointments are minor, and you move on quickly, while some stay with you for an exceptionally long



time. So yes, I’ve suffered great disappointment, while also enjoying great success. You can’t have one without the other.
By coincidence, previously, on a day where I got the call from another reader about disappointment, I personally suffered a major disappointment.
About an hour before the call, I suffered a busi-

ness setback that was stunning. It was something I didn’t expect, and the disappointment lingered for an exceptionally long time. I was pursuing an opportunity that I was convinced was a sure thing, and had been working on it for months. I felt assured by the client that they were eager to take advantage of my proposal. It was a great program, and there was every reason that the group I was courting should have said yes. When I was told no, it was like a punch to my gut. I was given no reason for the refusal other than “we just think we’ll pass at this time.” When I came home from the meeting with my tail between my legs, my wife consoled me for a few minutes then said, “Get on the tractor and mow the grass” ... and I did.
The grass doesn’t stop growing because I’m disappointed.
Life goes on. I had to pick myself up off the floor, get on the tractor and get cutting, and for me, the tractor is a great place to plan (or plant) my next move.
So, you are disappointed? Join the club. You are not alone. You were laid off from your company or your spouse left you. Your team didn’t win the big game and your diet

isn’t working as fast as you’d like. Your son or daughter was cut from the team or didn’t get into the college you’d hoped. There are different levels of disappointments and different people feel them to different degrees. But the fact is that we all suffer disappointment, but here’s the key ...
It’s not important that you were knocked down. All that matters is that you get back up again.
It is all a matter of personal resilience. As my dad always said to me, “You gotta keep on keepin’ on.” So, I was deeply disappointed that morning. At 11:20 a.m., I felt like I was punched hard by a friend, but by 3 p.m. the same day, I was planning my next move. The pain of the morning was eclipsed by the optimism of the afternoon. I was still hurt and disappointed, but I made a choice to leave my unfulfilled dream of the morning behind and embrace the future of my next idea. I made the choice to move on.
Always fish with more than one pole.
The more baited hooks you have in the water at one time, the more chances you have of landing the big fish. Be creative. Have more than one idea, project, or proposal. Pursue more

than one job. Apply to multiple schools. Never rely on a single outcome and never allow the disappointment of one day, stop you from taking a chance on the next. Keep going. Keep trying and never give up.
There are only two things you can control in life ...
So back to the reader question. Having cancer has not changed my attitude or optimism. I’m focused on living a happy and optimistic life. I believe I can beat this cancer and am working to do so.
You can’t control the weather ... or how others feel about you ... or the decisions others make that influence your future. You can control your attitude and your attitude will drive how you respond to the inevitable disappointments ... and you can also control your effort. Be optimistic and work hard. Next time you won’t be disappointed.

Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, “Playing with the Enemy.” Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryW Moore721 and at www.garywmoore.com.

ANTIQUES

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On the other hand, U.S. Customs seized 36 fake guitars that were shipped from China, according to a February NBC Washington report. Many of the guitars were Gibson Les Paul copies. A Gibson Ace Frehley had a suggested retail value of \$9,000. The total suggested retail value for all the guitars was \$158,692. Guitar.com reported that the bogus guitars were en route to buyers in 21 states and Australia.
If you are a collector, here are some things that you can do to make sure you are buying legitimate pieces. Buy from a reputable dealer. Learn as much about the items you collect. Before I became a full-time auctioneer, I spent a lot of free time in local antique shops. If I saw the same item in multiple shops I looked closely and found it was typically either a reproduction or a recent warehouse

find. Sometimes, it can be obvious that what you are looking at is a reproduction. If you see “copy of,” reproduction,” or a modern “Made in China” label on a piece, you don’t have to look any further.
We will soon auction another group of antique, vintage, and contemporary model trains, die-cast cars, and other toys online. We also picked up a large collection of sports and non-sports cards that will be sold by online auction. We are also still accepting quality consignments of valuable items like jewelry, coins, art, and better collectibles for our May multi-estate auction. See our website for details: <https://centralmassauctions.com>
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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Donna M. Molinaro, Peter J. Molinaro, Jr. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated October 5, 2005 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37528, Page 343, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated August 13, 2015, and recorded with said Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 54578, Page 95 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP, fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, recorded on June 5, 2012, in Book No. 49082, at Page 142
Bank of America, N.A. to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on October 17, 2012, in Book No. 49798, at Page 141
Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing LP, fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP to Federal National Mortgage Association, recorded on November 14, 2012, in Book No. 49948, at Page 328
for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on March 19, 2021, on the mortgaged premises located at 110 Jefferson Avenue, Northbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,
TO WIT:
A certain parcel of land situated in Northbridge, Worcester County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the southeasterly side of Jefferson Avenue, shown as Lot 44 on a plan entitled “Definitive Plan of Land in Northbridge, Mass., property of: Daniel J. Heney” Scale 1” = 40’, dated June 12, 1984, drawn by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., Engineering and Land Surveying, Whitinsville, Mass., recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 534, Plan 117, and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southeasterly side of Jefferson Avenue at the northerly corner of the herein described premises as shown on said plan; THENCE South 55 degrees 29’ 21” E., a distance of 94.30 feet to a point in a stone wall at land now or formerly of Armstrong; THENCE South 29 degrees 09’ 08” W., by said stone wall and by said Armstrong land 105.84 feet to a drill hole in said stone wall; THENCE South 7 degrees 18’ 32” E., by said stone wall and by said Armstrong land 140.99 feet to a drill hole in said stone wall; THENCE South 6 degrees 37’ 32” E., by said stone wall and by said Armstrong land 130.33 feet to an iron pipe at land now

or formerly of Burna; THENCE North 86 degrees 05’ 54” W., by said Burna land 40.00 feet to a point at Lot 45 as shown on said plan; THENCE North 21 degrees 34’ 30” W., by said Lot 45, a distance of 324.12 feet to a point on the southwesterly side of Jefferson Avenue; THENCE Northeasterly by said Jefferson Avenue and by a curve to the left the radius of whose arc is 475.00 feet a distance of 136.55 feet to a point; THENCE North 34 degrees 30’ 39” E, by said Jefferson Avenue, 13.45 feet to the point of beginning. Being the same premises in a deed Book 11599, Page 304.
For mortgagor’s(s’) title see deed recorded with Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 11599, Page 304.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.
Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
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Present holder of said mortgage
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February 26, 2021
March 5, 2021
March 12, 2021
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Barry McCloskey
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Will make available to interested parties its annual Private foundation tax filing for 2020 between the Hours of 8:00A.M. and 3:00P.M. on Friday May 14, 2021 at Uxbridge High School, 300 Quaker Highway, Uxbridge, MA
March 12, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate
and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200
Docket No. W021C0048CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Joseph William Donald Bruneau
A Petition to Change Name of Adult
has been filed by Joseph William
Donald Bruneau of Uxbridge MA
requesting that the court enter a
Decree changing their name to:
William Donald Bruneau
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/23/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 26, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
March 12, 2021**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. W021P0579EA
Estate of:
Harold D Gould, Jr.
Date Of Death: July 15, 2020
NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE**
To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jeanne A Gould of Whitinsville MA
Jeanne A Gould of Whitinsville MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
March 12, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family
Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. W021P0585GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
In the matter of:
Cameron A Pilon
Of: Northbridge, MA
RESPONDENT**
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Kelly J Smith of Northbridge, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Cameron A Pilon is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Kelly J Smith of Northbridge, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. **You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/30/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 26, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
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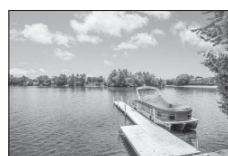


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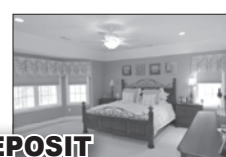
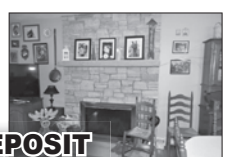


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WEBSTER – 44 Sunny Ave! Sought After Neighborhood! 7 Room 1,632' Colonial! 1st Flr Features Open Flr Plan, Kit w/Island, Din Area, Fam Rm, Frplcd Liv Rm, 1.5 Baths! 2nd Flr w/3 Bedrooms & Bathrm! 2.5 Baths Total! Tile Flrs Throughout! LPGas Heat & Hot Water! Town Services! **\$289,900.00**



WEBSTER – 69 Minebrook Rd! Conveniently Located 7 Rm Split Entry! 1.04 Acre Lot! House set well off the Road for added Privacy! Open Floor Plan! Eat-in Applianced Kit w/Island & Seating, Tile Flr, Tile Backsplash & Ceiling Fan! Din Rm w/Hrwd Flrs & Slider to the Deck Overlooking the Private Backyard! Frplcd Liv Rm w/Hrwd Flr! Ideal for Entertaining! Master Bdrms w/2 Dble Closets, Ceiling Fan & Master Bath w/Marble Tile Flr & Shower Surround! Hrwd Stairs, the Finished Lower Level Fam Rm w/Recessed Lighting, Stone & Tile Hearth w/Woodstove, 1/2 Bath w/Tile Flr, Laundry Rm w/Sink & Tile Flr, Utility Rm w/Storage! 2 Car Garage w/Electric Openers & Door to Backyard! Oil Heat! Steel "T" Beam Construction! Shed! Won't Last!! **\$349,900.00**

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DUDLEY - 22 ROBERTS ROAD



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WEBSTER - 20 KINGSBURY



SORRY, SOLD!
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Lake Shirley - 647 Reservoir Rd



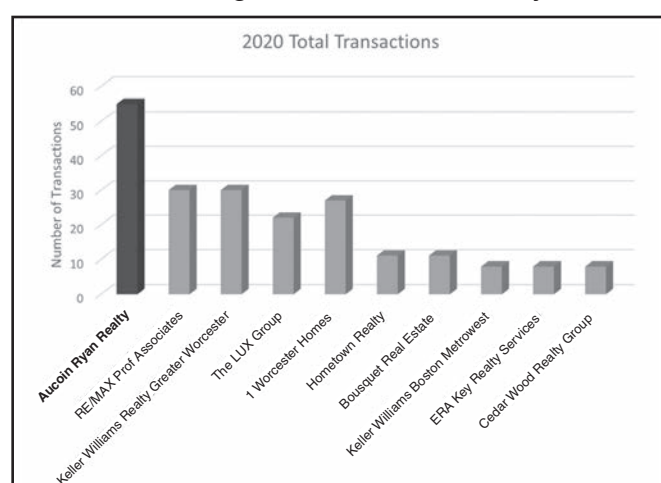
SORRY, SOLD!
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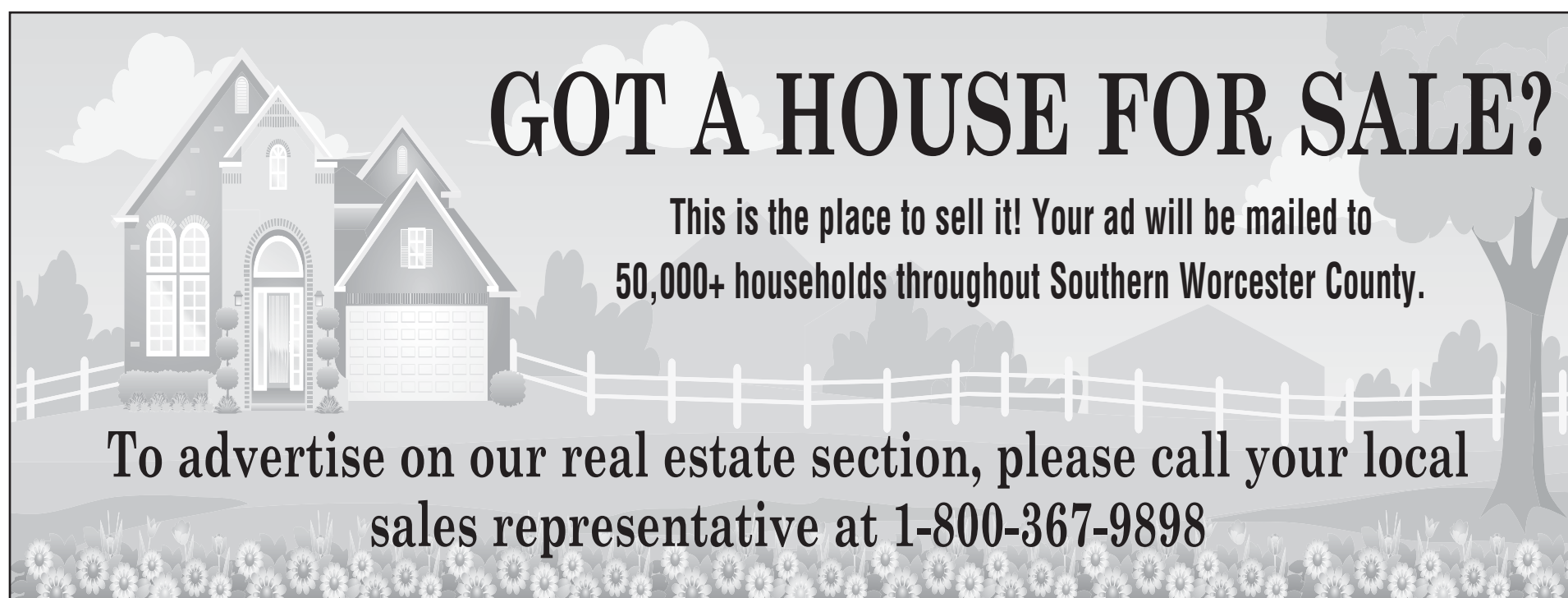
OXFORD			
	February 2020	February 2021	Trend
Median Price	\$217,000	\$322,250	▲
Market Volume	\$1,447,500	\$3,281,653	▲
# of Homes Sold	6	10	▲
Avg Days on Market	42	29	▼
Month Supply Inv.	.86	.34	▼

WEBSTER			
	February 2020	February 2021	Trend
Median Price	\$238,950	\$249,500	▲
Market Volume	\$2,025,300	\$3,598,500	▲
# of Homes Sold	8	11	▲
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ANSWER: LISTENING TO MUSIC



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each music note sharply detached from the others

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Instrument
- SPANISH:** Instrumento
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- FRENCH:** Instrument
- GERMAN:** Instrument



VARIOUS STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT MUSIC CAN STIMULATE COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT IN CHILDREN. IT ALSO IS A FUN WAY FOR STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: ELECTRIC GUITARS

⊙ * ☐ ⊕ ~ ⓪ ♫ ✕ ✎ + ☼ ☾ * ♂ ✎ ♀ ♀ ⊕
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

CRYPTO FUN

☐ ☾ ♀ ✎ ♂ ☼ ~ ✎ +

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to nutrition.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 15 = E)

A. 14 6 18 16 5 15 14 18 21

Clue: Vitamins and minerals

B. 12 8 8 10

Clue: Nourishment

C. 26 17 3 8 16 5 15 21

Clue: Food energy

D. 10 5 15 18

Clue: The food a person eats

Answers: A. nutrients B. food C. calories D. diet

SUDOKU

				9	7		8	6
1			8					4
						5		
		4		3				
	1					6		
	3				4			
			9				3	
2	6				5			
5	7	3				1		

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	9	1	8	4	2	3	7	5
8	7	5	4	1	6	9	3	2
8	4	1	6	7	2	3	5	9
6	3	5	7	8	4	9	1	2
3	9	6	2	5	8	1	7	4
7	1	8	5	2	9	6	4	3
9	2	4	6	3	1	8	5	7
3	8	7	4	6	2	5	9	1
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ANSWER:

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