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Mumford Knights donate \$20,000 to local school

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — To help fund educational technology updates, one local Knights of Columbus council has recently donated \$20,000 to the Uxbridge-based Our Lady of the Valley School.

“This wonderful and generous donation from the Mumford Knights of Columbus has helped us equip our classrooms with leading edge technology, allowing us to not only support our remote learners at home during this pandemic but also to improve the educational experience of our in-person learners,” said Our Lady of the Valley Principal Ed Reynolds. “Teachers are using iPads to livestream their lessons to students at home. Chromebooks are utilized daily in our classrooms and are also on loan to remote learners, and smart TVs have been installed as presentation technology in sev-

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eral classrooms. These improvements are the result of the generous spirit of the Knights of Columbus.”

The Knights of Columbus Mumford Council 365 is located in Northbridge. Grand Knight Devin Graham said the donation is part of the group’s ongoing mission of charity within the community.

“Our council does a lot of different fundraising events, including food drives, spaghetti dinners, and Bingo on Sunday nights,” Graham said. “This is without a doubt a team effort and our council members are very excited to be able to make this donation.”

A ceremony commemorating the donation was held at the school last week.

“I’m amazed every day at what this council has

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Pleasant St. Church welcomes new pastor

WHITINSVILLE — It is with great enthusiasm that Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church in Whitinsville welcomes Matthew Burns to be their new Sr. Pastor.

Pastor Matthew grew up in Maryland and graduated from Calvin College, now Calvin University. He received a Masters of Divinity and a Masters in Theology from Calvin Theological Seminary. For the past six years, Burns has been the pastor of Palo Alto Christian Reformed Church in California. He will start his ministry at

Pleasant Street Church in November after he and his wife Diana along with their four children relocate to Whitinsville.

Steve Haringa, president of the church council, says, “We are excited to welcome Pastor Burns and his family. He is a collaborative leader whose strengths, experience, and passion for serving Christ make him an excellent fit for our church. We are anxious to work with him to cultivate Christian life together and reach out to the community.”

As a Pastor, Burns enjoys providing pastoral and congregational care,

preaching and teaching, leading worship, and discipling inquiring and new Christians. Outside of work, he likes spending time with family, hiking, reading, and woodworking as well as playing hockey and the drums.

When asked about this new chapter in his ministry, Pastor Matthew responded, “What excites me about moving to Whitinsville and Pleasant Street Church is the rich history of both. We learn to know God’s presence in our lives by looking back. Looking back helps us to see God in the present, giving

us hope for what lies ahead. Grateful for the past, Pleasant Street is a church with a future that is full of Grace and Hope. This is something we all need right now.”

Pastor Matthew’s installation service will be held in the church sanctuary on November 22 at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend. The worship service will include vibrant music and singing, scripture reading, prayer, and a sermon delivered by Pastor Matthew. Members of the staff, congregation, and community will partici-

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Towns encourage residents to celebrate Halloween safely

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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REGION — Several local communities have shared Halloween guidelines that will keep residents safe and limit the risk of exposure to Covid-19.

“At this time, the Milford BOH has not banned trick-or-treating, if it is conducted with precautions in place,” Milford officials shared in a statement. “Everyone should wear their normal masks; costume masks are not a substitute. Keep trick-or-treating groups small—maximum of six people. Offer grab-and-go candy on platters or tables placed at the end of walkways or driveways to avoid close contact and prevent people from touching all candy in the bowl.”

The Sutton Select Board met earlier this month, and there was a discussion regarding Halloween.

“The decision was made based on Sutton being a low risk community for Covid-19, as well as Halloween being an outdoor activity, that it will be a ‘GO!’ With that said, it is highly recommended to follow all CDC guidelines such as wearing masks at all times (even under costumes), frequent use of hand sanitizer and remain socially distanced,” Sutton town officials said. “If anyone chooses to NOT to participate, turn your lights off to discourage trick-or-treaters. Be safe and have fun.”

The state’s Department of Public Health has shared similar guidelines, encouraging residents to enjoy Halloween outside rather than attending indoor events, place candy on a platter instead of a bowl, and more.

“Instead of traditional trick or treating, opt for one-way trick-or-treating, with treats placed outside of the home for trick-or-treaters as a ‘grab and go’ while keeping distance from others,” the department shared. “Consider leaving hand sanitizer by any treats left out for trick-or-treaters to use.”

Other ways to stay safe are to decorate your yard for others to enjoy from their car or while on a “socially-distanced walk,” holding virtual costume contests or pumpkin carving events, celebrate with members of your household with a Halloween-themed meal, Halloween movie night, or by preparing a Halloween scavenger hunt, the Department of Public Health added.

“Avoid: attending crowded costume parties held indoors, or any gatherings that exceed indoor or outdoor gathering limits; going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming; and going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.”

Residents are encouraged to stay home and refrain from Halloween activities, including handing out treats, if they feel unwell, have tested positive for Covid-19, have been exposed to someone with Covid-19, or have traveled to or from a state that is not classified as lower risk within the last 14 days.

BVT assists Upton PD by applying pink patch graphics to cruisers

UPTON — The spirit of giving back is part of the culture at Blackstone Valley Tech. Each October, pink is worn with pride, and giving back initiatives are coordinated to raise awareness and funds during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Upton Police Department and many public safety agencies participate in the Pink Patch Project - an innovative public awareness campaign designed to

The Upton Police Department had some pink vinyl wraps added to its fleet at BVT. Pictured from left to right are Officer Mason Brown, Officer Matthew Rankins, Officer Carl Ambrosino, Officer Michael Lupachini, and Officer Isaiah Poxon with BVT Mascot, Sporty the Beaver.

support cancer research organizations in combating this devastating disease and bring attention to the fight against breast cancer by wearing pink patches and badges and selling collectible uniform patches each October.

This year, in addition to the collectible patches and t-shirts, the Upton Police Department is also selling face masks to raise money for the Milford Regional Healthcare Foundation’s Olivia Fund for Cancer Care, helping

patients undergoing cancer treatments locally. If you are interested in joining the fight against cancer with some stylish merchandise, it is available at the police station.

“It has been an honor

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Experiencing a state-imposed school closure in March that resulted in distance learning, in the process, we all learned that not all classrooms have four walls. Working remotely, embracing


technology and online tools for distance learning, administrators, staff, and students worked together to achieve classroom learning from their kitchen tables, backyards, or anywhere that inspired curiosity. Therefore, the 2020 Annual Report titled Unexpected Opportunity looks at how BVT reacted, adapted, and contributed during the school closure to carry out its mission in new and undefined ways during a global health pandemic.

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Unemployment scams delay financial assistance statewide

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

REGION — Tens of thousands of fraudulent unemployment claims have been made in Massachusetts using stolen personal information, state labor officials said, and these fake claims aren’t just costing money—they’re delaying financial assistance for real people who need it amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Labor officials say the fake claims are being submitted by criminals who acquired people’s stolen personal information through previous data breaches, something that’s happening around the country,” the Millville Police Department shared in a statement. “To combat the fraudulent claims, the Department of Unemployment Assistance is taking extra steps to verify claimants’ identities, which may be slowing down the processing of some legitimate claims.”

According to the state’s Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA), a top priority is to protect unemployment claimants and make sure money disbursed through the system is going to valid unemployment claims.

“If you believe someone has applied for unemployment benefits using your personal information, use our secure fraud reporting form to alert us or call the DUA customer service department

at 877-626-6800,” the DUA shared.

After submitting the fraud reporting form, DUA’s Program Integrity Unit will take appropriate action, including freezing the DUA account associated with the report, according to a statement.

“If any payments were made, they will not be recognized as income to you at the end of the calendar year. In addition, the fraudulent claim will not impact your ability to collect unemployment should you need to in the future and no charges will be assessed to your employer.”

If you believe your identity has been stolen and a fraudulent unemployment claim has been filed on your behalf, the DUA is encouraging residents to file a police report with their local police department and obtain a copy of the report that can be provided to creditors and credit agencies.


Also, change passwords on your email, banking, and other personal accounts, make a list of credit card companies, banks, and other financial institutions where you do business and tell them you are a victim of identity theft, and ask them to put a fraud alert on your account.

“DUA takes fraudulent claims seriously and we are working closely with state and federal law enforcement agencies. We want to assure you that there

is no evidence of a state data breach. Protecting claimants’ information is our top priority.”

You may receive communications about a fraudulent claim from DUA by text message, email, or letter. According to the department, DUA will never ask you to pay a fee for assistance with your claim.

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Isabella likes going to school and she reports that she has many friends this year that she enjoys spending time with. Her favorite class is chorus

and she does well in school with extra supports.

Isabella really wants to be a part of a family and loves participating in all kinds of family gatherings. Isabella will do best in a patient family that can give her a lot of individualized attention. Her social worker is open to exploring families that consist of a single mother, two mothers, or a mother and a father. She will do best as an only child or with an older sister in the home. Isabella is legally freed for adoption.

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Question 1 has ‘a number of risks and uncertainties’

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

Besides the well-known and very expensive political races on this year's ballot, Massachusetts voters are also being asked to decide two key ballot questions. Question 1 is a fairly technical one regarding whether smaller car repair shops will

be able to access the “telematics” that are now only available to garages owned by the car companies. Question 2 would change the way we conduct most elections from the present system to a “ranked choice” system. (For Question 2, see related story.) According to

Ballotpedia.org, Question 1 is the sixth most costly ballot question campaign in the country this year, collecting \$50.9 million – \$24.4 million for yes, \$26.5 million for no. About 75 percent of the no side's funding came from five major car manufacturers, while about half of the yes side's money comes from four major auto parts dealers. It seeks to expand on a ballot question the voters approved in 2012.

The two sides briefly summarized their points of view last Saturday on WATD 95.9 FM in separate interviews posted at <https://959watd.com/blog/2020/10/ma-interviews-with-representatives-on-both-sides-of-ballot-question-1-debate/>. But there does not seem to have been a publicly-available debate on the subject.

Pro-1 spokesman Tommy Hickey said the goal is to “update” a law passed by the voters in 2012 to give car owners “direct access” to certain kinds of information that’s “necessary to diagnose, maintain and repair the car. That is not GPS information; it’s not personal information.” To him, it closes a “carve-out in that law for wireless communications systems,” which are now common but were not then. Those

wireless systems diagnose car issues from the car's sensors, and such information would go to the owners if they have a certain smartphone app; they could then take it to any mechanic,

Anti-1 spokesman Conor Yunitz, however, said the existing right to repair law already covers such “telematics” data. If the manufacturers chose to make all data wireless, they’d still have to provide it to independent shops, he said. Instead, he sees this as “an enormous cybersecurity risk” because it “creates a wireless entry point” into a car that could be hacked. To him, problems mechanics face “should be addressed under the existing law. They won’t be solved by Question 1.”

“This is a national fight over data” between big parts companies and big car manufacturers, Yunitz said. “It’s not about right to repair.”

Earlier this month, the Tufts University Center for State Policy Analysis released a report by Evan Horowitz looking at the issues surrounding Question 1. It's available at https://tischcollege.tufts.edu/sites/default/files/cSPA_right_to_repair.pdf.

In it, Horowitz essentially echoed Yunitz's last statement and the Ballotpedia data, noting, “[T]he large amount of spending and political advocacy surrounding this ballot question suggests there's more to it than just a codification of existing rights. Over 100 automobile repair shops have joined the campaign in support of Question 1, indicating this is an issue

they believe matters significantly to their business. And hefty spending from the “yes” and “no” campaigns suggests both sides see real stakes.”

One well-publicized issue is that telematics access has been portrayed by some anti-1 ads as increasing the risk of stalking and other dangers. That, Horowitz found, is unlikely.

“So long as GPS and other privacy-related information is excluded — as it seems to be — concerns about data misuse are greatly diminished. Some risks remain, however, including potential exploitation of the system for remotely updating your car,” he wrote. “... Unauthorized access to tire pressure or air-bag deployment details wouldn't expose the same kind of personal details as unauthorized access to your GPS-tracked movements. Moreover, telematics data already involves a real risk of misuse, with or without this ballot question. Automakers are collecting large quantities of telematics data — including about your location — with little transparency or formal oversight, only a voluntary code of conduct.”

The variety and secrecy of such data could make it difficult for mechanics to know if they're actually getting what they need, and the remedies to enforce sharing are weak, he noted. If the law passes, he found, “Should you decide to use an independent shop, you can grant them access to your repair-relevant telematics data via the mobile app — not indefinitely but for a timeframe you

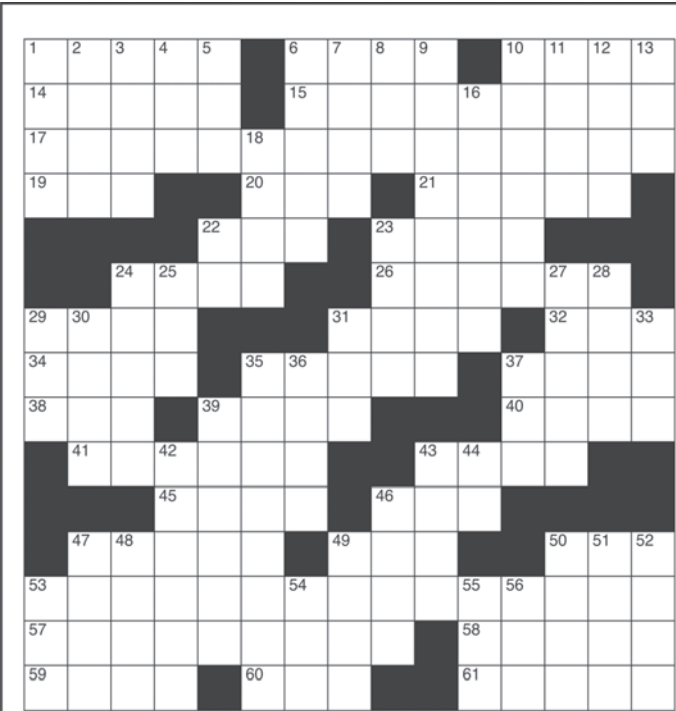
determine.” That could include the ability to see how you drive in real time and advise on maintenance needs, among other things. Some of those could be done remotely, and already can be.

“It might have made sense for the ballot question to require some kind of express sign-off from drivers before updates take place. But the more general issue is that allowing independent mechanics to access telematics data requires changes to automobile security systems that could introduce new vulnerabilities, especially given the narrow timeframe,” Horowitz found. “...Note, however, that malicious and negligent manipulation of your vehicle would still be illegal under other laws. And the hacking issue transcends this ballot question; it is already a threat and will persist so long as new cars are designed to accept remote commands.”

In conclusion, Horowitz states, “There remain a number of risks and uncertainties associated with this ballot question, which could be mitigated with timely legislative action.” Such action could include extending the timeframe for compliance, which is now the 2022 model year.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Battered corners: dog-
6. __ Mater: one's school
10. National capital
14. Frogs and toads order
15. Bathrooms (French)
17. Praise
19. Witch
20. Consume
21. Pork and lamb are two types
22. Rocky peak
23. Women's undergarments
24. From end to end
26. Bed sheets
29. South Sudanese king
31. Dislike immensely
32. Diving seabird
34. Breathe noisily
35. Full of roots
37. Inside
38. Small island in a river
39. Tear into pieces
40. "CSI" actor George
41. Make less dense
43. Derogatory term for a country native
45. Pike and pickerel genus
46. Important in respiration and other biochemical reactions (abbr.)
47. Belgian city
49. "The Joy Luck Club" author
50. Essence of "Aloha"
53. Suggestions
57. One who overindulges
58. Expression
59. Maize dough
60. Make into leather
61. British noblemen

CLUES DOWN

1. One of two or more people or things
2. Small, deerlike water buffalo
3. Part of a ladder
4. Unit of work
5. Patriotic women
6. Fragrant essential oil
7. Aggressive, uncouth man
8. One thousandth of an inch
9. Brisk and cheerful readiness
10. Serving no practical purpose
11. Prevent from going forward
12. Camera part
13. Former CIA
16. Colorless, odorless gas
18. Long division of time
22. Atomic #73
23. Make a bleating sound
24. The kids love him
25. Female condition prior to menstrual period
27. Founder of Sikhism
28. Sudanese swamp
29. Can help with you finances
30. Part of the human body
31. Mortar trough
33. Greek island
35. Change pagination
36. Queens hip hop group
37. Precursor to the EU
39. A way to go on
42. Slender marine fish
43. Georgetown's mascot
44. Farm state
46. Military leader (abbr.)
47. Russian river
48. Teams' best pitchers
49. In a more positive way
50. Long French river
51. Reactive structures in organic chemistry
52. Distinctive practices
53. Male gypsy
54. When you hope to get there
55. Men's fashion accessory
56. Journalist Tarbell



Question 2 changes how elections work

BY GUS STEEVES
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REGION — Question 2 has seen by far the greatest difference in spending of the two questions. According to Ballotpedia.org, the pro-2 side has collected about \$9.7 million in donations, while the anti-2 side has just \$3576.77. Voters need to turn their ballots over to vote on this one; it's on the back.

In September, the Edward M Kennedy Institute for the US Senate hosted a debate between pro-2 spokesman Evan Falchuk and anti-2 spokesman Lee Goodman. Falchuk is chair of the Yes on 2 board and ran for governor in 2016, while Goodman was a Federal Elections Commissioner 2013-18 and a key attorney in the failed effort to overturn Maine's Ranked Choice Voting law in 2019. The event is still available at <https://www.emkinstitute.org/explore-the-institute/public-events-programs/public-ranked-choice-voting>.

In general, both sides agree ranked choice voting (RCV), also termed instant runoff voting, has existed for “well over 100 years” and is used in several American city elections plus several foreign systems. It works this way: Instead of picking just one candidate in a multiple-candidate race, the voter ranks them however they wish. They can choose just one, or they can rank them all (some states set a limit on the number of choices voters can rank). If nobody gets a majority of votes in the first round, the candidate with the lowest total is eliminated and the voters who ranked him/her first get their ballots counted for their second choice instead. This rolling process goes on until someone has a majority and wins the race.

“If you can rank your donuts ... as so many do, you can do ranked choice voting,” Falchuk said. Later he summarized the need this way: “Voters have to be able to vote for the person they really like, versus worrying about voting for someone that might cause someone else to win.”

To him, the voters have repeatedly said they “want more choices” and RCV will push candidates to reach beyond their core voters to “ask them what we agree on.” At the same time, it will allow third parties a better chance to be heard.

Goodman saw that as a problem, claiming it will increase polarization as mainstream candidates try to court supporters of single-issue and other “fringe” candidates. He claimed RCV requires voters to try to “predict” who will make it to second and

subsequent rounds, that studies have shown Latino and African-American voters “tend to mismark their ballots at statistically-significantly higher rates than [those from] more affluent communities,” that it favors more educated voters, and that it's not needed in Massachusetts, where most elections are “won by over 60 percent” even with third-party candidates. To him, two alternatives are better than RCV: having actual runoffs on a separate date or giving the voters on one date multiple ballots that would show them the choices in “conjectural runoff rounds.”

Goodman noted that about 90 percent of RCV elections are actually won by the first round's top vote-getter, but about 10 percent see someone else end up on top. He noted that one aspect of RCV is that voters who do not rank enough candidates can see their ballots drop out as the number of rounds gets higher.

Falchuk, on the other hand, argued Goodman was making it much more complicated than it is and that his arguments “have been rejected over and over again,” particularly by the courts in Maine. One issue that came up there, he added, was a claim that older voters had trouble with RCV, but the judge “destroyed the expert for cooking the books. ... It's not true.” He also rejected the idea that “black and Latino voters aren't as smart as other voters,” noting many RCV proponents are black and Latino.

Goodman argued he was “merely reflecting what the studies say” and sees such things as “practical and documented concerns” that should be considered. Both men agreed that educating voters on how to mark their ballot and how it's counted are important to make it work well. Falchuk said he thinks the Secretary of State and municipal clerks can do that.

Goodman agreed they can, saying, “I think this has been templated enough that your state can do it,” but it will require some funding for new software and maybe more voting machines. Falchuk agreed, but pointed to Maine, where early predictions said it'd cost \$1 million more, but it actually cost just \$100,000 more to run the first RCV election. What needs to be determined is whether towns will handle the second and later counting rounds, or if those will go to the state. Maine communities didn't have the capacity to do that, but Goodman noted it is possible to program the voting machines to do it locally.

Falchuk said RCV would prevent what happened in the recent 4th Congressional District primary, where the winner only received 22 percent of the vote – “78 percent of voters voted for someone else,” and all of the candidates have endorsed RCV.

Regarding constitutionality, the Maine case and Massachusetts have different language. Maine's Supreme Court initially ruled it unconstitutional because the document specifically calls for “plurality” elections, Goodman said. (Maine voters subsequently changed that.) In Massachusetts, though, the language doesn't use that word, just calls for the winner to be the one who gets the most votes. Falchuk noted the state constitution doesn't say how that's calculated, and this ballot question will define that if it passes.

RCV would first be used for the state and federal elections of 2022, but will not apply to future presidential races. A local option would allow towns to adopt it for local elections.

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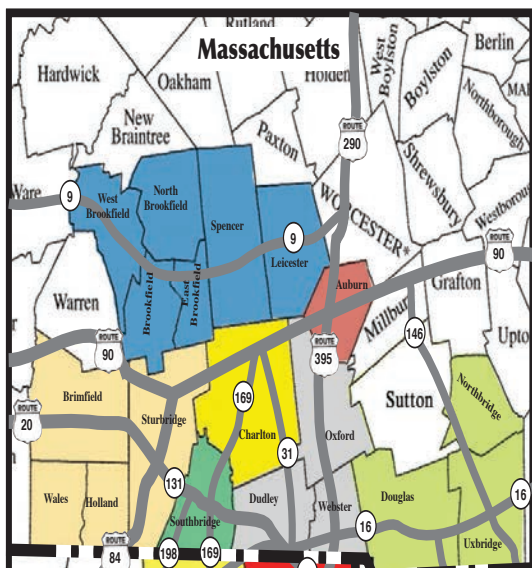
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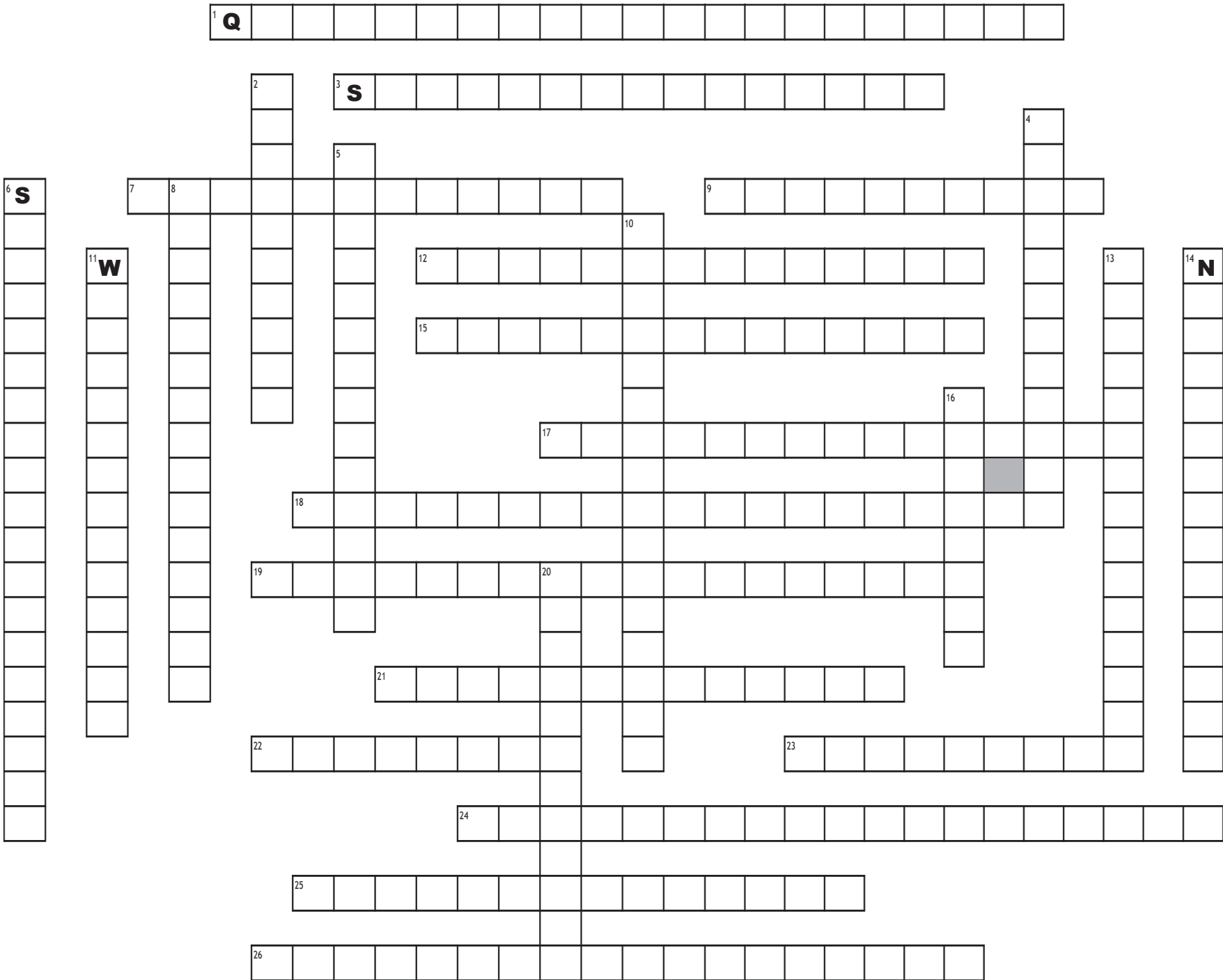
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The exhibit showcases 151 pieces of art by our talented artists and photographers. In keeping with the tradition of The Guild’s mission to support the growth and development of local artists, our show has always doubled as an art sale. This year is no different as the virtual gallery has prices and contact information listed for

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Acrylic: Irena Russell

Drawing & Printing: Marilyn Kulesa

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Watercolor: Maggie Hart

Photography: Peter Spencer

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Street Smarts, featuring designers Sarah Rudker, Stephanie Amato, Sarah Kelly, Sarah Reese, Allie Doyle, and Sabrina Michaud

Transitional Elegance, featuring designers Kathleen Politica, Amanda Wagreich, Kaitlin Johnson, and Elizabeth Witherell

Teasing the Edge, featuring designers Cass Greeley, My Nguyen, Cass Starling, Hannah Bowerman, and Sam Bettencourt

After Party

A live, interactive event at which Lasell Class of 2020 designers participated in “Meet the Designer” conversations. Participants wore blue, Lasell’s collegiate color, to celebrate the unifying power of fashion and symbolize inspiration.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

600 students attend Blackstone Valley Education Foundation Webinar series

WHITINSVILLE — BVEF celebrates STEM Week (Oct. 19-23) all month long with successful virtual STEM webinars offered to full and affiliate member school districts. Panelists from Gaston Electrical (Norwood), Consigli Construction (Milford), MAPFRE Insurance (Webster), Gaudette Insurance (Whitinsville), Lampin Corporation (Uxbridge), and Lenze Americas (Uxbridge) engage students and educators with a company overview, an explanation of the different career options and required competencies, a discussion about the importance of soft skills/job preparedness skills and why these skills are important in the workforce, and a Q&A. The Careers in STEM Webinars Series marks the launch of BVEF’s new Virtual Programming designed to engage larger numbers of students and further connect local businesses and schools. The month-long series concludes in a co-hosted Financial Aid Webinar with MEFA on Thursday, Oct. 29.

Julia L. Touhey receives degree from Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — Julia Touhey of Uxbridge graduated from Western New England University with a MS in Applied Behavior Analysis on Aug. 15.

Touhey was among more than 140 students who received degrees from 19 states and four countries.

Having just celebrated its Centennial, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,825 students, including 2,580 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

LEGALS

**TOWN OF DOUGLAS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FY2021 TAX CLASSIFICATION
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020 at 7: 00 pm in the Municipal Center Resource Room, 29 Depot Street, Douglas, MA, in accordance with Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982 for the purpose of receiving public input into the determination of the tax rate for each class of property for the Fiscal Year 2021. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. For remote access to the meeting, visit the Selectmen’s Page on the Town Website at www.douglas-ma.gov

October 30, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 48 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:45 P.M.** BY VIA ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/93058568076?pwd=K1hLQUFQcVhYaEtXQmphS2h-scGVkQT0919292056099US> (New York)
Meeting ID: 930 5856 8076
Passcode: 823517

to consider the petition of Cora Lane Group LLC regarding a Lot# 254 on Hill Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588 for a Variance (16-V-20) for 6’ width requirement to build a single family home. Article X, Table of Area Regulations 173-48, of the Town of Northbridge Zoning By-laws. The property, shown on Assessor’s Map 7 as Parcel 254 is located in a residential -1 zoning district and is owned by St. Camillus Whitinsville Properties, LLC.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this matter should attend said meeting at the time and place designated. A copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals Office and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

Thomas Hansson, Chairman
Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals
October 30, 2020
November 6, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L Ch 40A, Section 11, and Chapter 173, Section 48 of the Northbridge Zoning By-laws, the Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:35 P.M. BY VIA ZOOM;**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://zoom.us/j/93058568076?pwd=K1hLQUFQcVhYaEtXQmphS2h-scGVkQT0919292056099US>
Meeting ID: 930 5856 8076
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to consider the petition of Joshua Nadeau & Elizabeth Hubert regarding 20 Haringa Ave, Whitinsville, MA 01588 for a Variance (15-V-20) for an existing shed & deck located within the side and front set back, Article VI, Table of Area Regulations 173 - 19, Note 7 of the Town of Northbridge Zoning By-laws. The property, shown on Assessor’s Map 24 as Parcel 12 is located in a residential -3 zoning district and is owned by Elizabeth Hubert. The purpose of this hearing is to provide an opportunity for public comment. Anyone wishing to be heard regarding this matter should attend said meeting at the time and place designated. A copy of the petition is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk and Zoning Board of Appeals Office and may be reviewed during nonn,al business hours.

Thomas Hansson, Chairman
Northbridge Zoning Board of Appeals
October 30, 2020
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court**

**225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200**

**Docket No. WO20P2808EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of:
Steven Faber
Date of Death: 09/22/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Allyson Gjeltema** of **Chattanooga TN** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Allyson Gjeltema of **Chattanooga TN** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/10/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a dead-

line by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 09, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

October 30, 2020

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

**225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200**

Docket No. WO15P3387PM

Estate of:
Loretta Robinson

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Jewish Family and Childrens Service, Inc. of Worcester MA** requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/10/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court

October 16, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
October 30, 2020

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court**

**225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 831-2200**

**Docket No. WO20P2563EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of:
Gordon J. Spence
Date of Death: 04/10/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Patti J. Spence** of **Northbridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that:

Patti J. Spence of **Northbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/10/2020.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 08, 2020

Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate

October 30, 2020



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EDITORIAL

Your voice, and your vote, matter

We have heard a good deal of buzz from younger voters recently regarding the upcoming election, and the overwhelming consensus among them is a sense that their votes do not count. While there are exceptions to this rule, we feel it is important to stress to our younger counterparts how important it is to pay attention and to head to the ballot box.

The youth voice is important, whether you are a Republican, Democrat, Independent, Libertarian, or something in between. Important issues in every election directly relate to concerns students and young professionals have, which is even more reason to arm yourself with knowledge. Truth be told, younger voters are needed now more than ever. Issues that concern students are college tuition reform, healthcare and federal job programs to name a few. You may not care now, but you may care a few years from now when choices politicians make, begin to affect your life, and they will.

Young voters make up almost 50 percent of the voting population, giving you a stronger voice than you think, making your votes collectively more influential across the board. An interesting bit of trivia is that youth votes declined by 2 percent from a record of 52 percent in 2008. In 2016, 19 percent of those ages 18-29 voted in the presidential election. Those ages 45-64, however, made up for 49 percent of the vote.

You may not think your vote matters, but the fact is that every vote counts. The climate of the country appears to be so divided that the youth vote matters now more than ever. Oftentimes, politicians will win by a small margin as low as 20 votes, especially in local and state races, proof that your vote does matter. Young people that want to inspire change need to find the candidate who represents their values best, and cast their votes.

With news at our fingertips these days, it's easier now more than ever to educate yourself regarding politics. Sure it may seem boring and often times it is, but educating yourself on current events and the issues will serve you well. One bit of advice is not to believe everything you read or see, and to always fact check your sources. Protect your interests and use your voice, after all this is what democracy is all about.

Do not be discouraged or intimidated to vote — it's easy. You have a right to be at the polls just like every other American. Bring a friend and go grab some lunch or breakfast afterwards, making it a fun occasion.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Social workers support Crean

To the Editor:
We are asking you to vote for Chris Crean for State Senate. As social workers, we support her candidacy because, like us, Chris is a social worker. Social workers spend their careers helping families find solutions. Sometimes the problems lie in relationships between people, and sometimes the problem is rooted in systems that work against families. During her career as a social worker, Chris worked tirelessly to resolve issues on both levels. She was an

active union leader fighting for workers' rights and dignity to serve families in Massachusetts better. Please join us on November 3 and vote for Chris. For more information, please visit <https://www.crean4senate.com>.

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A MOMENT IN HISTORY

BEVERLY GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

Have you ever heard of the failures, Americans during the Civil War period who somehow persevered in the final year of the war and turned their failure into success? They contributed to a Union victory, won freedom for enslaved Americans, and in the process became legendary heroes?

In the final year of the Civil War, this was the state of things:

Clara Barton, our future founder of the American Red Cross, was a failure at age 38, suffering from an emotional breakdown, stuck in Oxford, Massachusetts.

Not only that, but a few men were facing failure, too:

President Abraham Lincoln was in the midst of losing the Civil War, savaged by critics and expected to lose the election. General Grant, equally a failure, losing battles, losing the war, and facing a brilliant Confederate General.

But wait: Clara Barton rose from the ashes! So did Lincoln, Grant and others!

Clara Barton, born in Oxford, was shy and ladylike, but did you know? She was also a superb rider and crack shot with a revolver. She moved to Washington to join the first women clerks in the US Patent Office. The brave, the few. She was paid well, but like many women who were "the firsts" in any industry in the 1850s, she was not treated well. When a new president was elected in 1856, she lost her job.

Back in Oxford, she was unemployed. She felt useless, hopeless, and even suicidal. Our hero, the future founder of the American Red Cross!

When President Lincoln was elected in 1860, she got another job in the Patent Office at a lower salary. In 1861, when the Civil War began, Clara wanted to enlist and fight, but that was impossible.

So, after work, Clara began soliciting food, clothing and medical supplies from Massachusetts to distribute to soldiers. She leased a warehouse. She distributed food, shirts and bandages to the Massachusetts volunteer regiments in Washington and became her own relief operation.

Still, Barton yearned to be close to the battles (just like women telephone operators in 1918 during World War I). She knew there was a need: food and medical supplies were in short supply at the front lines. In 1862, she convinced the Army Quartermaster to give her six wagons with horses and passes to army camps.

She then fudged the passes and drove straight to the front lines in Culpepper, Virginia. A Confederate army had just badly beaten a Union army. In the Union field hospital, surgeons had run out of bandages as the wounded flooded in. Barton went to work alongside bloodied doctors for days and nights. At the second major Union defeat, the Second Battle of Bull Run, she talked her way into another medical disaster and single-handedly supplied a Union field hospital. As nurse and manager, she supervised the medical treatment of 1500 soldiers.

Her heroism is legendary. A tiny determined woman, covered in dirt and blood, Barton nursed soldiers while bullets, shot and shell whizzed by her. She fought the Civil War on her own terms and established a new gold standard for what women could do in war time. By 1864, she

was famous in newspapers across the country.

As for President Lincoln? He doubted he would win the election of 1864. His own Republican party was staging a radical challenge to his presidency. For Lincoln, the 1862 election had been a referendum on his Presidency. He lost 5 key states that had won him the 1860 Presidency: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. In 1863, the Union army lost bloody battles, the Confederate army raided Washington, D.C., and the U.S. financial markets were in a free fall.

In early 1864, the most despised man in America was Lincoln. He was hated by members of his own party. "It was fashionable to hate him." The reasons? "He had either done too much or too little; had moved too slowly or too fast; had been too harsh or not harsh enough; had been too tyrannical or too kind."

Here is a sample of the descriptions of President Lincoln in the Northern states' newspapers: "a tyrant, buffoon, braggart, perjurer, robber, swindler, ignoramus, monster, usurper, dictator...scourge of the Constitution." James Gordon Bennett, editor of the powerful New York Herald, wrote: "President Lincoln is a joke." But, as you and I know, Lincoln won in November of 1864. He dominated the electoral vote, 212 to 21.

The successes of these former failures are described in the 2019 book by S.C. Gwynne, "Hymns of the Republic; the Story of the Final Year of the American Civil War." It is the classic only-in-America story of turning failure into success.

Could you be this brave? Could you match their ability to snatch victory from defeat?

Protect your finances from "cyberthieves"



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You've no doubt heard reports of personal data being stolen and used for financial fraud — anything from online shopping on your credit cards to actual theft from your financial accounts. This problem won't go away anytime soon — but you can take steps to defend yourself.

Here are a few suggestions:
Use multifactor authentication or other extra security options with online accounts. Many of your online accounts offer extra security by giving you the option to prove your identity in different ways. With multifactor authentication, you must provide at least two different factors to prove your identity when you log in to an account. This additional layer of security provides you with much greater protection.

Be creative with passwords. Create different passwords for work, financial services sites, social media and email — and give each password some length and complexity. Consider passphrases — actual words combined with symbols and numbers (for example, "ThisIsAPassphrase!2468"), for sites that allow them.

Protect your computer and your key data. Keep your antivirus software updated. And don't install bootleg or unlicensed software, which could infect your computer with a virus. Also, back up your important data.

Watch out for fake websites or apps. When making financial transactions, be sure you're on the website of your bank or financial institution — and not on a fake site established by hackers. Your financial statements should have the legitimate website, so bookmark it and use it when doing anything with your accounts. Also, be careful when downloading apps — stick with those from established providers such as Google Play or the App Store.

Avoid "over-sharing" on social media. Cyberthieves constantly stalk social media platforms for information they can use to commit their crimes. You can help stymie them by limiting what you share online. It's a good idea to keep your full name, address and birthday private. You might also avoid discussing your plans for upcoming vacations. And review your privacy settings periodically so that only people you know or approve can see your information.

Limit use of public Wi-Fi. Hackers often set up their own Wi-Fi networks in public areas, such as the computers found in hotel business centers. Ask an employee for the name of the legitimate network. And even when you use it, log off when you're finished.

Don't take the bait of "phishers." Cyberthieves go "phishing" for sensitive information — usernames, passwords and account numbers — by sending communications, such as emails, purporting to be from a business or financial institution with which you often do business. They may claim your account was "suspended" or that an "unauthorized transaction" was made, and you'll be asked to click on a link that takes you to what appears to be the company's website.

If you go along with this request, you could find malicious software being downloaded on your computer. But legitimate businesses generally won't ask for account numbers or passwords unless you initiate the transaction. Other signs of phishing include threatening language, "urgent" requests, misspelled words or odd word choices. If an email does look suspicious to you, delete it without opening it.

This list is not exhaustive, but by putting these steps to work, you can at least reduce the risk of becoming victimized by cybercriminals.

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Stand up for decency and democracy

BY BOB DATZ
CORRESPONDENT

As our spirit pants through what we hope is the last lap of the presidential election race, headlines have begun popping up around the country about voter intimidation. There are fears but also realities, from a mail ballot drop box set afire in Boston to supporters of a president prone to badmouthing shouting at people outside an early polling place in California.

This is a type of election security breach that is being documented. Attempts to establish voter fraud as a significant security problem have been rejected by pretty much all credible investigators. And by the time you read this the mail-in ballot deadline will be passed, leaving us only Election Day to look forward to and look beyond.

Should you feel intimidated this Tuesday? Voting is a hard-won right. You certainly have less to fear than the Founding Fathers when they put their lives on the line to sign the Declaration of Independence, or the people of Syria who stepped into the streets to demand democracy more recently and were cut down by their own government. We are more fortunate, but good, decent people can feel intimi-

dated by shouting and such.

Let's stand together and not be turned around. People have fought and died for the rights we have, voting included.

Your vote on Nov. 3 is secured by a historically reliable electoral system in the Commonwealth. In our communities, clerks are confident they will see that election and harassment laws will be enforced if necessary. They have worked hard to put extraordinary systems in place to certify each ballot received by any means, and to assure sanitation and social distancing for all who vote and work at the polls during a pandemic. And towns like Brimfield are welcoming the public to observe the "great care our staff will apply to the processing of ballots."

We can do our part to ensure the integrity of the process by following the advice commonly given to the public about any threat of terrorism: "If you see something, say something." 9-1-1 makes that easy enough. And make no mistake: Voter intimidation is terrorism.

Election officials can call on officers to enforce bans on politicking and voter intimidation within 150 feet of polling places. Police officers are at the polls but may need public help seeing something occurring outside that distance. If called,

police departments can enforce other laws dealing with unruly behavior and harassment on the public streets. Don't hesitate to be their eyes and ears.

"I think that we have everything pretty secure," Barre's Town Clerk Ellen Glidden told me. She acknowledged the media and public discussions have heightened election security awareness in 2020 beyond the norm. If anyone sees anything suspicious or disruptive, she said "they should definitely contact the police or election officials."

Clerks I interviewed reported no issues have surfaced in their Western Worcester County towns during early voting. "We have police officers at the polls to keep order. We think there's going to be plenty of police on duty that day (November 3)," Southbridge Town Clerk Madaline I. Bonadies said. Spencer Town Clerk Lisa J. Johnson offered a similar assessment, adding, "I don't anticipate anything" in the way of intimidation in her town.

The clerks said that state advisories weren't giving voter intimidation as much emphasis as working out the mechanics of 2020's unprecedented heavy mail-in and early voting season and COVID safety.

As for police chiefs, Chief David Darrin of Spencer said.

"I think generally there's more concern with disorder after the process, what's going to happen if there's not a winner and how people are going to behave." He alluded to the prospect of court battles prolonging the process around the country, but he was confident there will be order in these parts. "I don't think that sort of thing would happen in Spencer," he said, "or in the state of Massachusetts."

And as common as the phrase "we'll deal with it" seems to be coming from local officials, it would be hard to deny the tone of this election year can be uglier than we're used to. Here's how we can "deal with it":

Don't be intimidated. Vote for decency and democracy by showing up on Nov. 3 if you haven't voted already. Be civic and civil, and don't let those who won't be get away with a single step. If democracy is to be tested, we're ultimately the ones who determine whether it passes or fails.

Bob Datz is a retired journalist and volunteers with Grassroots Central Mass., an area organization that addresses issues of fairness, justice, democracy, health and the environment. More information on GCM is available at grassrootscentralmass.com and on Facebook.

My favorite time of year



The month of October Is my favorite time of year. Hunting and fishing provides us with a lot of opportunities to get out and enjoy all Mother Nature has to offer, before we head into the cold weather, and more than likely a few snow storms before all is said and done. As we grow older, time seems to go a lot faster. I do not want to wish my life away, but because of Covid-19, I will be happy to see spring. That is when a vaccine will more than likely be available to the general public, and we can get back to some form of normality. Until then, we will need to take life a bit slower and refraining from social gatherings. It is only six months away. Hoping everyone stays safe until then.

People that love the outdoors and do hunting and fishing should have no problem social distancing while still enjoying life. Deer hunters are often perched up in a tree observing wildlife and waiting for that big buck to walk into shooting range. If he does not come, harvesting a smaller deer will still give him some venison for the cold months ahead.

Bird hunters also should have no problem with social distancing, walking through the woods with a couple of buddies, and their dog. With the state stocking birds once a week at two local hunting areas, bird hunting should provide some great hunting opportunities through the Thanksgiving holiday.

After hunting a local stocked area for pheasant last week, I noticed a few ticks on my Labrador retriever when I brought her home. After removing as many as i could locate, I ran a flea comb through her hair the best that I could. Next came a bath with a flea & Tick shampoo. I keep her on Nexguard which is a once a month pill to keep her from contracting Lyme disease.

This past weekend, I decided to bake one of the pheasant that i retained from a hunt in open covers. The Ringneck pheasant was at least a couple of pounds after cleaning. I located an electric roaster oven that my wife always used to bake our Thanksgiving turkey. After she passed a couple of years ago, I had to take up cooking my own

meals. I always liked to cook, but she would never let me into her kitchen. I can remember her words «You like to cook but you never clean up when you are done.” That was not exactly true. It was just that she was a very, very fussy person, and cleaning was something she practiced daily.

Anyway, I went on to YouTube and found a receipt for baking a chicken and figured it should apply to any bird. I quickly cleaned the baking oven three times , splashing soapy water all over the kitchen sink, and onto the floor. If my wife could see me now! After a good cleaning I washed the bird a couple of times and patted it dry per instructions.



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Salt and pepper and a full stick of butter was added to the bird along with a liberal amount of celery and onion. Placing the bird into the pan after heating it to 350 degrees, and it was time for the one hour or more cooking time. My two dogs Twig and Molly seemed to be entertained by my actions.

Finally, it was time to taste the results of my first baked bird. Allowing the bird to cool a few minutes I pulled a leg from the bird's body and took a good bite into the meat. It was a bit chewy and did not have much flavor. After a few bites, I looked at the two dogs that seemed to be drooling, hoping for a bite. I took another bite and soon realized I had screwed it up. I lifted the remaining bird from the pan allowed it to cool, cut off some of the bird for the dogs, and threw the rest in the trash.

My next bird will come from the supermarket, and I still had the mess to clean up that I had made while preparing it. The two dogs will eat almost anything that looks like food, so I could not tell if even they really liked it!

My wife often said that I only married her because of her great cooking. It was one of the reasons, but staying married for 62 years there had to be a lot more than just her cooking. Rest in peace, babe!

With many people out enjoying the outdoors this year, they to need to be very careful with their children becoming infected with Lyme disease. Daily checkups by parents should be made of all family members at the end of the day. A Thorough examination of the body, looking for a tick requires a few minutes to spot the extremely small deer tick. It could save one of your family a serious tick infection, that can turn into a life-threatening disease. There is a spray for your clothes called Permethrin that works very well to ward off ticks, but it should never be used on the skin. It is for clothing only, and can last up to a couple of weeks or more. Be sure to read all of the instructions before applying the spray.

This week's picture shows Andrea Henchey and her husband Curis shooting clay birds at the Uxbridge Rod & Gin Club this past Sunday. The trap range is open every Sunday weather permitting. It is open to the general public, so give it a try. You cannot find a nicer group of trap shooters, and they will be happy to help improve your shooting skills.

Do not forget to vote!
Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



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Alice V. Larson, 86



DOUGLAS- Alice V. (Kleya) Larson, 86, passed away peacefully in her home on Sunday, October 18, 2020 with her family by her side. She is survived by her best friend, partner, and loving husband of 61 years, James L. Larson, whom she did everything with, side by side.

She is also survived by her son Gary R. Larson and his wife Sandy; her daughters, Cheryl A. Tremblay and her partner Harold Canale, Elizabeth Larson and Gina Mastroianni; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son Glenn J. Larson.

Born in Douglas on February 4,

1934, Alice was the daughter of Joseph Sr. and Anna (Manyak) Kleya. She will always be remembered for her strength, determination and the love and devotion she had for her family. She will be greatly missed by all.

Alice's funeral services will be held on Wed. October 28th in St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug rd, Douglas Ma, 01516. Donations in Alice's memory may be made to either the Douglas EMT Association, Box 222, Douglas, MA 01516, the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102, or to a charity of one's choice. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Paint a Room – Change Your Mood

Perhaps nothing provides the “wow” effect as fast (or as cheaply) as redoing the walls of a room. After all, paint offers an easy and inexpensive means of transforming a living space - but that's not all. While paint can make a significant difference in a room's appearance, it can also make a difference in the mood of the people within those four walls. Case in point: In the 1950s color experts shared their groundbreaking data that revealed that rooms painted certain shades of blues and green not only served to calm, but could have a sedative effect! A decade or so later, prison officials discovered cell walls painted a bubble gum pink color calmed violent prisoners.

Alexander Schauss, Ph.D., director of the American Institute for Biosocial Research in Washington, who was the first to research and report on the “pink effect”, stated: “Even if a person tries to be angry or aggressive in the presence of pink, he can't. The heart muscles can't race fast enough. It's a tranquilizing color that saps your energy. Even the color-blind are tranquilized by pink rooms.” For all those painting this season, here's a rundown on the psychology of paint.

Creative Color: Want to foster your creativity? Try painting an office or work space light blue. Light blue also promotes imagination, inner security and confidence! Need to be more organized? Try pairing light blue with yellow, to stimulate the mind and help with organizational skills.

Deep Sleep: Dark blue, however, tends to encourage deep and peaceful sleep, which makes the dramatic color ideal for a bedroom.

Diet Aid: According to the Paint Quality

Institute, medium blue is an appetite suppress-



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sant, so you might want to avoid using it in the kitchen or dining room, unless you're on a diet. In that case, a blue plate might just do the trick.

Bright and Brighter: The color yellow is not only bright, it inspires mental brightness too! Yellow is associated with intelligence and expressive thoughts. Yellow is even credited with improving memory. If that's not enough to sell you on the color, yellow is a mood booster too!

But with yellow a little goes a long way, and too much bright yellow can over stimulate the nervous system.

Chit Chat: Aqua or Turquoise encourages communication, making it the perfect paint color for a teenager's room - or in a salesroom office where the deal is sealed.

Hunger Pangs: It's no secret red inspires hunger, and many restaurants use the color psychology to whet a diners appetite. Red also increases the heart rate, energy and passion. But don't run off to buy a gallon of red yet. Studies show too much of some intense reds can cause irritability and anger. If you're using red in your room, try a darker shade of red, or try painting one wall to avoid becoming overwhelmed by the energetic color.

Spa Shade: Green is considered a healthy color, fostering comfort,

relaxation and a sense of wellness. Green is a good choice for a bathroom, sun porch or reading nook. On the other hand, lighter shades of green such as mint green, can refresh and invigorate the mind. Darker greens, however, add a sense of calm to the decor and are another favorite bedroom color.

But the Blues: Depressed? Try painting your walls orange, or at least a workable shade of orange, such as peach or terracotta. Orange is the top mood booster, according to experts. Orange fights depression and cultivates good humor. The powerful energy of orange even promotes the capacity to forgive!

Win Dinner for Two
Your tips can win you a fabulous dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send 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!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdrr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

Take heart — the madness of 2020 is coming to an end!

A friend texted me a few days ago and said, “You're going to need to issue a retraction.”

I responded with a very articulate and intelligent, “Huh?”

She then texted a picture of my first column of the year, entitled, “2020 Promises to be Awesome!” Maybe awesome wasn't the correct word.

Another friend posted on Facebook, “Dear Mom, you once threatened to slap me into next year. Does that offer still stand?”

Although a funny statement, I think most of us would endure that slap if it truly delivered the desired result.

I'll admit, 2020 wasn't exactly what I expected and hoped for. We were handed a virus, (I believe history will show it came from China, but does it really matter?) that we didn't and maybe still don't understand. One side is saying, “We left you a plan! All you had to do was follow it,” while the other side is claiming that early closing of the borders saved lives. I really don't care who was in office, this is a virus no one understood and it's impossible to prepare for something you don't understand. Those screaming that the current administration has blood on their hands are making irresponsible claims to gain votes.

However, it's election season and irresponsible and ridiculous claims are being sprayed like machine gun fire from both sides. As we talked about a few weeks ago, it would seem that civility is dead.

The best news of the year is that the election will soon be over and “hopefully” the heat of



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the national discourse will cool.

Is that wishful thinking? I keep making the same point, but it's important.

I trust the will of the American people. If your candidate doesn't win, it's not the end of life on earth as we know it. There is another election in four years and the beauty of our system is that we have checks and balances to keep us from driving off the rails until then. The worse thing that can happen is if a single party takes control of all three branches of government. Trust me, neither party is always right or always wrong. A little gridlock slows things down and forces negotiation.

I've never seen both sides so frantic. The screams from both left and right claim that if the other party ends, the nation will be irreversibly changed for the worse.

Irreversibly?

I don't think so. So please lower the volume, take a breath, and relax. The sun will rise on November fourth and life will go on.

As for COVID-19 ... it's become so politicized that it's hard to know what's true. And shame on both parties for using a national life and death circumstance as a tool to gain votes.

But that is how 2020 began. It doesn't mean that it must end this way. I am not naive'. I understand there's nothing that's going to change

until after the election. If we are going to save our nation, we must accept the will of the people, regardless of who wins, then move forward together.

Sounds simple ... but it's not easy.

First, watch a few movies and skip the evening news channels. Prime time is where the barking opinion heads work hard to hijack your head and heart. Watch a movie, read a book, take a walk ... do anything but expose yourself to the evening vitriol.

While in your car, listen to music and again, avoid the shrill political voices coming out of your radio. Please understand ... these voices are rarely there to inform. They are there to manipulate your hearts and mind to come over to their side.

Relax. Take a breath. Turn off the noise. We are better than this and from Nov. 4 to Dec. 31, don't let the results of this election determine your happiness. Let's work on taking our year back and ending on a happier note.

American optimism is what has made the United States of America a beacon of hope, peace, and prosperity. Be hopeful. Find your peace. Let's all prosper together, regardless of outcome.

I choose optimism over despair.

Vote, then move on.

Will you join me?

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old sheets or blankets when frost is in the forecast. Protecting plants from the first few frosty nights can keep them growing until the remaining frost-free days of the season are back in the forecast.

Only store pumpkins free of soft spots, cuts and other damage that can lead to decay. Cleaning them before storing can help extend their shelf life. Wipe them down with a dilute solution of one tablespoon of bleach per gallon of water. Allow them to dry thoroughly before placing them in storage. Washing the fruit removes bacteria and fungal spores that can contribute to decay.

Store pumpkins in a dark, dry, cool location between 50 and 60 degrees for storage. Place them in a single layer on cardboard, crates or wooden shelves. Avoid storing them directly on a concrete floor that

can lead to rot.

Check pumpkins regularly for rot and soft spots. Remove any that show signs of rot and add them to the compost pile. Pumpkins that are stored properly can last for several months.

Remember to take time this season to enjoy the harvest and flavor as you cook up some tasty, nutritious pumpkin dishes this fall.

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my prayer but still I
will never be able to
thank you enough.
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on occasion that I
may have forgotten
or overlooked in
thanking you for the
favours granted. I
promise you St. Jude
to be ever grateful and
always be, devoted to
be you as my patron
saint. For by the good
Lord's grace has
got me to this point
in life, and there is
still a very long road
for me to traverse.
Therefore, St. Jude, I
will always need you
by my side and please
continue to guide and
help me with God's
grace. I ask you St.
Jude to not leave any
prayers unanswered
whether it is one of
mine or from others
who have invoked
your aid. Look upon
us the hopeless and
desperate for the
Lord's help in our
life. I will always be
in need of your help
and you always hear
my prayers, otherwise
my life will be very
difficult to lead.
AMEN.

N.F.L.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

Most holy Virgin
Immaculate, my Mother
Mary, to thee who
art the Mother of my
Lord, the queen of the
universe, the advocate,
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
love for Jesus Christ.
Through thee I hope to
die a holy death. My
dear Mother, by the love
thou bearest to Almighty
God, I pray thee to assist
me always, but most of
all at the last moment of
my life. Forsake me not
then, until thou shalt see
me safe in heaven, there
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of thy mercies through
all eternity. Such is my
hope. Amen.

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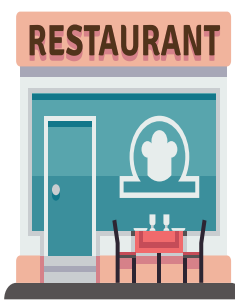
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to assist our town’s police department with their Pink Patch Project Campaign by applying pink patch decals and graphics to their cruisers,” said Tom Lamont, Painting & Design Technology instructor. “Last year, we applied decals to windows, and this year a vinyl wrap graphic to the hood of a few cruisers. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to use their design skills in the application process.”

Providing professional policing to our community for over thirty-one years, Carl Ambrosino has been an

active member of the Upton Police Department with twenty-four years as a School Resource Officer. When Ambrosino arrived at BVT on Oct. 6 to have the graphic applied to his cruiser, he was in for a surprise.

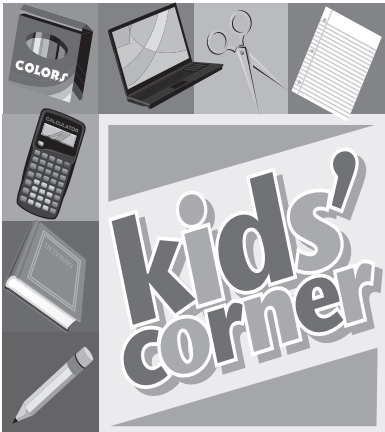
Ambrosino will retire on November 6th. To let him know how appreciated he is and to thank him for his service, the P&D instructors coordinated with the police department and arranged to have students and staff sign the printed graphic before installing the well-wishes on his hood. Instructors Tom Lamont and Tim Buono had their P&D students assisting on this project. Natalie Bolduc of Bellingham, a senior, helped prepare and print the graphic, and Ashley

Haley of Milford and Amanda Brochu of Uxbridge, juniors, helped apply the signed graphic to the hood of Ambrosino’s cruiser.

“I was genuinely surprised to see the hand-written messages of appreciation,” said Ambrosino. “This is a wonderful surprise, I was on campus the day before, and no one spilled the beans.”

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ANSWER: FORTNITE

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There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A

B

Answers: 1. Spider on pumpkin 2. Jack-o'-lantern in back missing face 3. Girl has black nail polish 4. Missing face paint by eye

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KNIGHTS

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accomplished. It’s truly incredible,” Graham said. “Every event we do, there is an outpouring of support. It really warms my heart and it’s one of the reasons I joined—to help the next generation.”

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ANSWER: JACK-O'-LANTERN

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B. 22 10 9 8 14
Clue: Sheets of paper

C. 11 15 10 22 1 8 17
Clue: Division of a book

D. 16 18 18 23 19 10 17 23
Clue: Marks a spot

Answers: A. library B. pages C. chapter D. bookmark

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| 6 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
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