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**News November 2009**

**BMR Students Awarded Adams Scholarships**

Thirty eight members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional Senior class. These students were called to the school's media center by Principal Richard Porter and informed that they had been awarded a John and Abigail Adams scholarship. The scholarship is a yearly reward for students who achieve MCAS scores in the advanced or proficient range and were in the top 25% of their schools total scores. The Adams scholarship provides free tuition to any Massachusetts institution of higher education. The following BMR Seniors were announced as scholarship winners; David Amante, Tiffany Armas, Cailin Boelke, Ethan Budnick, Melissa Copeland, Samantha Cote, Robert Delgizzi, Drew Dolbeck, Tyler Eisner, Dylan Fallon, Shannon Fitzgerald, Aline Fleurette, Richard Frend, Megan Gaskill, Kelsey Godin, Briana Grenon, Allyce Hadley, Kelsey Haggas, Ethan Hardy, Casey Harkins, Ashley Hartin, Kayla Larue, Kyle Lemay, Mathew Lesperance, Katherine McCabe, Tyler Menard, Courtney Mercadante, Patrick Murphy, Devyn Oliver, Samantha Paquin, John Partlow, Erik Quitzau, Julie Signa, Joshua Simard, Steven Tata, Brigid Thompson, Kelly Tracy, Paige Yager.

**Clafin Hill Symphony Orchestra Receives Verizon Communications Grant**

The Clafin Hill Symphony Orchestra (CHSO) receives a check for \$8000 as a grant from Verizon Communications to provide a multi-faceted music program that connects Clafin Hill's professional musicians with music students in the Milford Public Schools. From left in the photo: Alberto Correia - Clafin Hill Board of Directors, Nadine Pomeroy - Milford High School Music Department, Robert Tremblay - Superintendent of Milford Public Schools, Ellen Cummings - Verizon Director of Community Relations - Paul Surapine, Executive & Artistic Director Clafin Hill Symphony Orchestra, Angel Valchinov- CHSO Concertmaster, John Blazys, President CHSO Board of Directors. For more information visit:www.clafinhill.org

**Lost Pet? What to do?**

By Kevin Sullivan Blackstone Animal Control

If you find that your beloved family pet is lost, here are some helpful tips to follow. First call the Blackstone Police Station at 508-883-1212 and inform the dispatcher that your pet is missing. Please let them know the location, breed, age, description and gender of the lost animal. Animal Control is run out of the Police Station. No calls are taken at the animal shelter. Blackstone Animal Control will only pick up cats if they appear sick or injured. All dogs running loose will be picked up and if not equipped with a tag or microchip will be held at the shelter on Chestnut Street. All dogs will be held for a period of ten days. After the ten day period, the dogs will be turned over to another agency. Fines for a loose dog are; \$25.00 unleashed fee, and \$15.00 boarding fee per day if held at the shelter. If the dog is not up to date on their rabies vaccine there is a \$50.00 fine and you must pre pay the vaccine at a veterinarian. All dogs unlicensed, if picked up the owner will be fined \$25.00 and required to license before returning to the owner. Please remember to keep either a tag or microchip with your dog at all times. By doing this your family pet will be able to be returned home rather than going to the shelter.

**St. Paul's 27th Annual Turkey Trot**

**Primary Election**

By Marianne Staples

Residents are reminded that there will be a Special State Primary Election which will be held on December 8, 2009 to fill the seat vacated by the death of Senator Edward (Ted) Kennedy.

This election is a Primary Election, there will be separate ballots for each party. Voters not enrolled in any party can choose either party ballot whereas Republican voters must vote by Republican ballot and Democrat voters must vote by Democrat ballot. Political designation cannot vote in Primary elections.

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office for voters unable to get to the polls on Election Day.

Voter registration deadline for the Special State Primary Election is on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. Any non-voter who wishes to register may do so at the Town Clerk's office until 8PM on that day. Questions regarding voter status or party status may be directed to Town Clerk, Marianne Staples mstaples@townofblackstone.org or 508-883-1500 X116. In other matters, dog owners are reminded that 2009 dog licenses will expire on December 31, 2009. Renewals are available at the Town Clerk's office. A current rabies certificate must be provided in order to re-license the dog. Town Hall hours will be modified during holiday weeks. Please check with the Town Clerk's office for modified hours

**Winter Parking Ban**

By Chief Atstupenas

Effective December 01, 2009 through March 31, 2010, the winter all night parking ban will be in effect. Parking will be prohibited on all streets for a period no longer than one hour between the hours of 1:00 am and 6:00 am, with the exceptions of the following streets listed. Parking will be allowed on the odd number side of Prospect Street, First Avenue, County Street and Old Mendon Street. Parking will be allowed on the even numbered side of Raynor Street, Washington Street, Howard Street and Ives Street. However, if it snows during the night or there is a warning that we are expecting snow, all vehicle owners must make arrangements to move their vehicles off the roadways so they will not interfere with snow removal operations. If it snows and vehicles are not moved, they will be ticketed and towed at the owners expense.

**John P. Krajewski**

John P. Krajewski 89 of Farm St. passed away on October 2, at the Friendly Home in Woonsocket. He was the beloved husband to Emily (Dzaman) Krajewski Born May 16, 1920 in Woonsocket, son of the late Walter & Anna (Gasior) Krajewski, he resided in Blackstone for 59 years. John was employed at R.I. Hospital Trust Bank as a supervisor in the operations dept. retiring in 1982. He served 22 years in the U.S. Navy attaining the rank of Chief Yeaman, retiring from the Navy in 1967. A communicant of St. Paul's Church in Blackstone he was a Lector & Eucharistic Minister. He leaves 2 sons: Thomas W. Krajewski in Denmark Joseph J. Krajewski of Swansea, MA. a daughter: Kathryn A. Mansfield of Blackstone, MA. 8 Grandchildren. He was the brother of the late William, Genevieve, Stasia Krajewski and Pauline Olech. His Funeral arrangements under the direction of Kubaska Funeral Home, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Paul's Church, Blackstone. Burial was at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Blackstone.

**Betty Holbrook**

Betty J. (Gardner) Holbrook, 63, of Blackstone, MA died Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at Lydia Taft House in Uxbridge, MA after an illness. She was the wife of the late Richard Holbrook who died in 1979. She was born in Milford, MA daughter of Mildred (Thornhill) Gardner of Bellingham, MA and the late Wilbur Gardner. Betty had lived in the Bellingham, Franklin, Medway, and Blackstone, MA area all her life. Mrs. Holbrook was owner of Betty's Donuts in Blackstone, MA since 1982. Besides her mother, Betty is survived by two daughters: Wendy Schwenker of West Falls, New York; and Lynne Kapanke of Hyannis, MA; one step daughter: Kimberly Messier of Blackstone, MA; two stepsons: Alan Holbrook of Blackstone, MA; Jeffrey Holbrook of Blackstone, MA; two sisters: Margaret Jason of Medway, MA ; Deborah Butero of Millville, MA; one brother: Wilbur Gardner of Blackstone, MA; and ten grandchildren. She was predeceased by one son Keith Schwenker and one sister: Machel Constantineau. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the James E. Kellett and Son Funeral Home, 38 Main St., Blackstone, MA. Mrs. Holbrook's memorial service was held at in St. Paul's Parish Center, St. Paul's St., Blackstone, MA.

**Henry J. Goulet**

Henry J. Goulet Jr., 76, of Blackstone, MA died Saturday, October 3, 2009 in Oakland Grove Health Care Center, Woonsocket, RI. He was the husband of Marilyn F. (Ray) Goulet who died in April 2001. He was born in Woonsocket, RI son of the late Henry and Dora (Bourre) Goulet and lived in Blackstone, MA all of his life. Mr. Goulet was owner of Henry's Garage in Blackstone, MA from 1963 until 1983, when his son William took over running the business. He was active in Blackstone politics serving as a former selectman and vice-chairman of the Board of Selectman. He was also a member of the finance committee and the school committee. He was a co-founder of the Blackstone Tax Payers Association, which started out of his garage. He was responsible for building Goulet's Field in Blackstone, MA. Mr. Goulet is survived by one son: William M. Goulet and his wife Lucy of Blackstone, MA; one daughter: Barbara L. Atstupenas and her husband Police Chief Ross Atstupenas of Blackstone, MA; two sisters: Rita Lesperance of Blackstone, MA and Pauline Corbert of Mendon, MA; four grandchildren: Steven Goulet, Daniel Goulet, Michael Goulet, and Eric Atstupenas; and four great grandchildren. His funeral was under the direction of the James E. Kellett and Son Funeral Home, 38 Main St., Blackstone, MA.

**"Another Year; Another Memory"**

Amanda Chamberlin BMR Correspondent

The commencement of autumn has gradually snuck upon us. For seniors, the stress of college applications is an ongoing reminder that fall is here. For others, the pervading bitter air is the dead give away. Nevertheless, a wide variety of activities at BMR are initiating the official start to the season. As temperatures gradually descend, our marching band's scores continue to elevate as each week passes. The endless hours of rehearsing and devotion at performances have earned our band several first place titles. On Saturday October 10th, our band was given the distinct honor of performing as the half time pep band for a Revolution soccer game held at Gillette Stadium. The sound of the drums ringing through the lit up field triggered indescribable emotions for each of the members involved. The band is currently gearing up for the USSBA National Championship competition, which is to be held on Sunday November 8th in Annapolis, Maryland. Best of luck to the band! Although masks are being put back into the closet for another year, the efforts Student Council made for the Halloween Dance should not go unnoticed. This annual event was held on Monday October 26th in the BMR cafeteria. Open to all elementary students, the event included various games, candy, and a highly anticipated costume contest. StuCo is also showing their holiday spirit by hosting a Veteran's week in honor of our troops. During the week of November 9th through the 13th, toiletries and other personal care products will be collected as a symbol of our appreciation for those serving over seas. All items collected will be shipped in time for Thanksgiving. Parent Teacher Conferences for the high school will be held on Tuesday November 17th. As part of tradition, the National Honor Society will be providing parents with an assortment of homemade deserts at the Bake Sale. Be sure to stop by the table and help crave that sweet tooth. Additionally, NHS also sponsored Character Counts Week in mid October. The student body was asked to vote for a teacher that demonstrated the six pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, fairness, caring, citizenship, and responsibility. On the flip side, teachers were then asked to nominate students who they felt were a representation of these pillars as well. Winners then received a certificate, along with their photograph hung up in the main A- Wing display case. The Senior Class has high hopes for a successful last year here at BMR. In order for this to happen, fundraising is a crucial necessity. Back by popular demand, the senior class is bringing Frank Santos Jr. to BMR on Thursday November 12th from 7:00 to 9:00pm. This event will incorporate a 50/50 raffle, and a fun filled evening of fellow students and teachers singing and dancing under a hypnotic spell. Come join in on an evening that you will never forget! As you can see, numerous events and activities taking place throughout the month make for a fast approaching holiday season. Report card day is days away, which signifies that Thanksgiving break is quickly approaching. Enjoy your holiday and I will have more to come next month!

**MESPA Host Millville Mall**

MILLVILLE-The Millville Elementary School Parents' Association (MESPA) is hosting its seventh annual Millville Mall on Saturday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Millville Elementary School. Kick off the holiday season with festivities geared to all ages! In addition to one-stop shopping, this year the Mall has expanded to include a Community Fun Zone with activities, demonstrations and concessions. Admission and parking is free and the crafts and activities feature recession-friendly prices. The fun begins as you enter the door and receive a passport to get stamped at each destination and turn in for a chance to win exciting prizes. The marketplace will showcase a host of local vendors, crafters and home-based businesses. Shop for such items as floral designs, candles, handmade crafts and jewelry, or go home with a caricature or art for your child's room. The mall has a lengthy list of vendors this year, but we still have a few openings for those who would like to participate. Interested vendors can contact Kara Kirby at (508) 883-5585. Visit with Santa and come for story time. Watch exciting demonstrations

including live music and dance. Feast on an array of concessions, then head to the community fun zone, which will give people an opportunity to create handmade gifts at recession-friendly prices. Local community groups are also hosting an array of fun activities including face painting and ornament making. Enter the raffle for chances to win spectacular prizes. When your shopping and gift-making is complete, head to the gift-wrapping center. Proceeds from the event will support various school activities and programs through MESPA. Please come for the wonderful opportunity to support local businesses, bring the community together and share some holiday spirit.

#### **Picnic at Daniels Farm**

The next Markets will be held on September 13th and September 27th at Daniels Farmstead. Mark Your Calendars Now! The Daniels Farmstead Market offers locally grown fruits, vegetables and free-range eggs. There are also crafts including hand-made trivets and cutting boards, soaps and fabric crafts. Baked goods and preserves, dog treats and livestock are also on site. Please plan to join us from noon until 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 13th. Bring a picnic lunch or enjoy something hot off the grill. We look forward to seeing you at this picturesque New England farm. For more information about this market, contact Gail McDaniels at 781-710-4942. Daniels Farmstead is located at 286 Mendon Street in Blackstone.

#### **Paw Prints Around Blackstone**

Callie Ostrowski

As you know, the Blackstone Animal Shelter has been closed. The animal control officer, Janet Inger, has had her position terminated. This situation made my column obsolete. The editor of the Blackstone Enlightener has asked me to continue writing my column, but take it in a different direction. After consideration, I have agreed to do this and the changes will take place in the October issue. Just because there is no shelter in Blackstone now, does not mean there is no longer need of assistance for animals. Please still support other shelters in the area. The economic times make it a crisis situation. YOU can make a difference. Bay Path Humane Society in Hopkinton takes in both dogs and cats. They have a volunteer group and are always looking for new members. They are in need of towels, blankets, dog and cat food, and cleaning supplies, the same as all shelters. Some other shelters are Dog Orphans in Douglas, the Milford Humane Society in Milford, the Perfect Cat Shelter in Bellingham, the Woonsocket Shelter, Animal Rescue, and the MSPCA in Boston. If you are unsure how to contact volunteer organizations or shelters, please talk to a veterinarian. Show that the Blackstone citizens are still compassionate to animals.

#### **Blackstone Police Beat**

By Chief Ross A. Atstupenas

The Blackstone Police Department would like to welcome Craig P. Metz II as the newest officer to be appointed to the Blackstone Police Department. He was appointed at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on August 25, 2009. Officer Metz graduated from Blackstone Millville Regional High school in June of 2004 and sponsored himself at the Boylston Police Academy, graduating June 25, 2008. He was also awarded the Physical Fitness Achievement award upon graduation. Officer Metz will be replacing one of two officers who left the department to go to the Woonsocket Police Department. The two departed officers are Officer Roy and Officer Klocek. I would like to take this moment to wish them both the best in the future. Also, I would like to notify the public that the Town has been experiencing an increase in car break-ins. In addition, someone has been slicing tires on motor vehicles. I am asking the public to please contact the Blackstone Police Department if they hear or see anything suspicious. Please do not attempt to confront anyone; contact the Blackstone Police Department as soon as possible.

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