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Students Strike Against Climate Global Warming Protests to Continue, Organizers Pledge

By Lydia Crowley
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At 8:30 a.m., I was up and packing a backpack, putting my sign into my car to head out to the Newburyport train station to travel into Boston for the Student Climate Strike in front of the Massachusetts State House.

Greta Thunberg, a climate change activist, organized the larger global climate strike in over 100 countries on Friday, March 15, a day when 1.4 million students across the world missed their classes and joined together for the protest against human involvement in climate change.

The Student Climate Strike included hundreds of students all over Massachusetts skipping school to make their voices heard; that climate change is happening and that actions to reverse climate change need to start happening sooner than later.

The turn out to this strike was awesome. Hundreds of kids held signs ranging from so many different sayings such as, "Respect Your Mother" with planet earth drawn behind the words. Another read, "System Change~Not~Climate Change."

Many demands, poems, speeches and chants were read by student climate change activists throughout the strike. One of the chants was "Hey-hey, ho-ho, climate change has got to go!"

There was also a small band there, so most of the chants were accompanied by music. During the day there were different age groups of kids, most were in high school, but there were also little See **CLIMATE** on page 2



Students protest in front of the State House in Boston during the Global Student Climate Strike on March 15 (Crowley photo).

The Game Of Life Teachers Tell Students to Pick Their Paths

Rachel Miller
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Sometimes it can be weird for students to think that our teachers had different careers before they came to Triton. The *Triton Voice* interviewed three faculty members to find out about their past work before THS.

Mr. Frederick McAskil, who is an instructional assistant at Triton, worked with Western Electric, which was part of the telephone company.

"My job was to microfilm plans and send them around the country, plans of telephone boards," said McAskil. He also worked for the Internal Revenue Service as a filing clerk. He never thought he'd be an IA in his future, but is now Triton's longest-serving employee, having worked at Triton for 41 years.

Mrs. Lori St. Jacques is also an IA at Triton and has an abundance of work experience.

"I worked for the Department of Developmental Disabilities for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I did that for 12 years. I worked at a residential unit," said St. Jacques.

When she was younger, she wanted to be a geologist "I wanted to study rock formations and natural gas and volcanoes but I decided to follow my heart."

St. Jacques earned an associates degree and became a paralegal. She later got her bachelor's of science degree at Salem State University with a major in psychology. She worked at a residential unit with people with developmental disabilities. Later, she passed the Massachusetts teacher test to be a history teacher.

In addition to working in education, she works in her family business.

"We have a sheet metal fabrication and installation shop, and I'm a licensed sheet metal mastercraft person and one (who is) unrestricted."

Mr. Thomas Horsley has also had a variety of work experience, though he now teaches environmental science at Triton. Horsley has always wanted to be a teacher.

"I really wanted to be a history teacher. I bet if you quizzed me now I'd know a big chunk of information. It was really my AP biology teacher in my senior year of high school who made me really want to go into biology," said Horsley.

Before Triton, his former jobs always entailed some



Environmental science teacher Mr. Tom Horsley holds a beloved plant (Miller photo).

type of education. "I pretty much always worked with students, even when I was a student, I worked with students. Pretty much been in some form of education, whether it being environmental field based education or teaching college labs or being a teaching assistant in college," said Horsley.

Even though he accomplished all of that, he did a lot of research on animals.

"I have also been in wildlife research as well. Both working for local organizations like fish wildlife service at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge down in Plum Island, and I also worked for a company that would conduct research in South America and Honduras on bats," said Horsley.

Job Fair Set for April 23rd

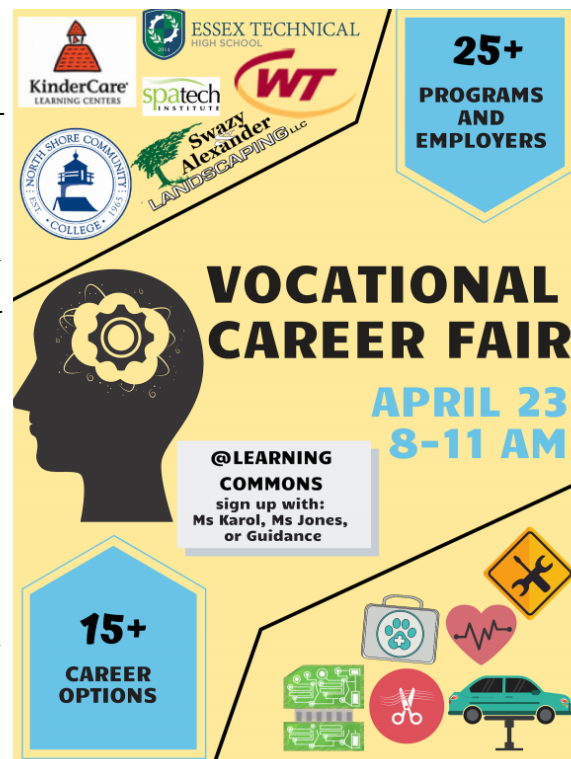
Library Event to Offer Careers, Training, Summer Employment

By Connor Kohan
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Triton's First Annual Vocational Career Fair will be taking place in the library on April 23rd, beginning at 11 a.m. The event is aimed those who would rather get a good paying job right out of high school instead of going to college.

The Vocational Career Fair will be filled with trade jobs and aims to open students' eyes to a world of opportunity that doesn't require a college diploma. Jobs including construction, electrical, plumbing, and many more will be presented as will information about how the trades are an alternative option to college.

Along with employers, such as Arthur S. Page Insurance and Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, the Vocational Career Fair will offer pre-training schools, such as Essex Tech, Whittier, Lincoln Tech, and Northern Essex Community College. These schools will help students prepare for the vocation they want to go in to; they also help give you selective experience in that field.



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Haley's Ice Cream Sold Future of Family Favorite Uncertain

By Gracie Burnim
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A local fan favorite, Haley's Ice Cream of Newburyport, has just been sold to a North Andover developer after the death of the owner Micheal Roy. Haley's is a seasonal ice cream shop that also serves food and is located off the Newburyport Rotary. In the summer, business is booming and many Triton students enjoy eating there, while others work there. So what now? Is it still going to be the Haley's we know and love?

Louis Minicucci, owner of the developing group that bought the ice cream stand, has said that he has plans to lease the space out to someone who wants to continue scooping ice cream. However, the Haley property is small but valuable. Minicucci has the option to tear down the standing restaurant to build up with the surrounding buildings. He says he has not thought that far. By combining the two buildings he would gain two acres of land to work with. However, tearing it down would end the long standing ice cream and food stand as well as terminate jobs for many.

"I went there three consecutive days before prom," said senior Carisa Boyle. "I got a grilled cheese with tomato and an ice cream after softball for three days straight. I'm going to miss Haley's so much, I'm so sad."

"It's really sad. I do think that it will poorly affect the business," said junior Connor Kohan, "The customers come to experience the reliable people, service, and ice cream at Haley's, and now its not going to be the same. Hopefully, if the owner choses to make it into another ice cream place that they keep a lot of the old recipes and traditions."

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Prepping For Prom, From Expenses to Accessories

Expenses of Prom

Students wary of amount being spent on big day

By Maggie Bowen
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With prom just around the corner, the time has come to beg the question whether prom is worth its extreme costs. Before a student can even think about attending prom, each has to pay the school for any outstanding costs.. This includes class dues, lunch debt, any missing library books, and sports funds. On top of these expenses, each student going to prom still has to pay for the items and accessories needed for prom.

The joint costs for the required expenses, as well as the cost of clothes and accessories, is far too much for the average high schooler to pay. Once in junior year, if past class dues have not been paid, students will have to pay \$170 to the school. Additionally, if any other past expenses were not paid, students will have to pay all debts before being able to go to prom.

Junior, Bridget Tucker, spoke on this matter, when asked if she thought the expenses were unreasonable, “I wouldn’t say its unreasonable except for the fact that they treat everyone like garbage. See, if we were allowed to have more privileges at prom I’d be totally supportive of that cost, but they treat prom a bit like a prison.” Students attending prom aren’t allowed to bring any bags, wallets, makeup, or any other belongings. “Money to me in my circumstances, that’s not the worst thing, it’s the inconvenience of it. It is not the biggest problem but it is definitely a factor.” Not every student can afford the expenses of prom, and prom is one of the big memories people take away from high school.

“Everyone has the right to their high school prom.” Tucker said. Although events like prom tend to cost a large amount of money, all students deserve the opportunity to be able to go, have fun, and make memories, students said. “Prom is a school event, so I feel like the school should kind of help us out.” Junior Kaelyn Scalley said. “I just think it should be cheaper, be-

cause that much money is kind of ridiculous.” Junior Kayla Perley added on. Let alone paying the school the debt each student owes them, there are other necessary accessories that are needed for prom. Items such as a dress, a suit, shoes, hair, makeup, corsage, and even a tan. All of those listed accesso-



Although tickets say otherwise, prom will be held on **Friday**, May10.

ries are the typical getting ready for prom go-to’s. When students were asked if prom and all of its expenses are worth it, the answers varied. “I think it could be, but the way Triton does it is not. It makes prom for fellow Tritonians not fun and very elementary.” Tucker said.

One of Triton’s marketing teachers Laura Kuleszka spoke on this matter. “I wouldn’t dream of missing it [prom],” she said. Looking back on her memory of prom, Kuleszka remembers saving her money to buy the necessities. “I worked hard to save up for my dress and my mother bought my tickets.”

Prom is one of the biggest high school events to happen within the four years of attending.

Thinking about students who don’t get the chance to go to prom, Kuleszka said, “Not only the cost of the prom, if you didn’t have a date somebody might miss it.”

“I went to prom with my wife,” Triton teacher Brendan Stokes said. As he reflects back on his high school prom, Stokes claims his best memory was, “just being there with my date and all of my friends.” Although Stokes went to a high school prom, he would be “totally bummed” if he missed out on the opportunity.

The only chance people have to attend their prom is throughout high school. Prom can bring a lot of stress and anxiety to conversations, but according to both Kuleszka and Stokes, missing prom wasn’t a part of it.

Say ‘Yes’ to the Dress

Finding that Perfect Outfit for the Dream Night

By Kelly Sharkey
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Prom season is the season girls have been eagerly waiting for; the time to find the perfect dress to stun everyone with. Glitterati, Ultimate, Tammi’s Closet, Frugal Fannies, and David’s Bridal are the places to get your dream dress. I personally wasn’t that stressed about finding my dress. I only went to one place: Glitterati; they were so kind and nice and they helped you find the perfect dress.

Some dresses they picked were not ones I’d particularly pick out myself, but they had some good ones. They picked out this huge white dress, and I had told them I only wanted tight fitting dresses and pastel colors, but I know they were just trying to help. Sometimes, they would be tight in the seat, and would butt into conversations that I had with the friends I went with, and when you went out to see what you look like in the dress, they would be right there, giving their opinion. They kind of invade your space, but that’s their job. But overall, they’re really organized and have the store set up by color and size, so you don’t get confused, and are right there to help you with any problem you have. They have so many to pick from, you’re bound to find one you’ll love.

Girls look for certain styles they think they would look best in. Some girls go for the ball gown look - that’s big, that makes them look like Cinderella - some go for the mermaid dress, tight fitting, but flowy at the bottom, or, they go for the tight fitting dresses that hugs their body and is sleek. A lot of dresses have different necklines, and you can either get a strapless dress, off the shoulder, long sleeves, one strap, or ones with different kinds of straps, thick or thin.

You start trying on dresses you picked, and the ones the workers picked for you. At Glitterati and Ultimate, the workers are nice and are there to help you find your dream dress. They encourage you to get a

dress and tell you their honest opinions on a dress you have tried on and they really just want you to look your best for prom.

Tammi’s closet has a variety of dresses to choose from, but the best part about their store is that their dresses are totally free! Each has been donated by girls who have already been to prom and are no longer using those dresses. This store is for the girls who want to go to prom but don’t have much money to buy an expensive

dress; dresses can cost up to seven hundred dollars, or even more. Sometimes you can get a really good deal on a dress, e.g. if one was originally five hundred dollars, so the price could be dropped a lot of money. There’s so many places to go to find your dream dress, it starts to get stressful for girls. The number of dresses in a place can be overwhelming because girls don’t know where to start. Some girls also don’t want to spend a large amount of money on a dress either,



Alyssa Montisanti (in black) in her Glitterati prom dress (Montisanti Photo).

because girls still have to pay for hair, nails, spray tan, and makeup. So it gets stressful trying to stay within budget but also finding the dream dress within that budget.

For the girls who don’t want to spend much on dresses, they tend to go to David’s bridal, Frugal Fannie’s, and other department stores, and still find a good dress for cheap.

With all these stores, you can go to find your dress, but it’s hard to pick your dress because you don’t know where to go because there are so many options. Still, once you’ve found your dress, you may feel like could’ve found better.

There’s only a few more months until prom for some people and this season for girls could get them feeling really overwhelmed and anxious, but with these stores, there’s no doubt that you’ll find you dream dress!

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ones seeming to be in the age range of five years old as well as senior citizens and some adults.

Everyone there was motivated and driven. Some kids managed to get into the state house to talk to state representatives about climate change and what actions we can do to start fixing it.

The United Nations recently came out with a statement on global warming, confirming that, “climate change is running faster than we are.” The report stated that we need to cut global emissions in half by 2030 and by 2050 produce zero emissions, or else we will suffer from more extreme weather, sea levels rising, arctic ice continuing to melt at faster rates, extreme heat waves for millions of people, more species going extinct, increased water scarcity, and a total destruction of coral reefs.

The climate strikes all over the world were to raise awareness to this, to show that it’s time to make changes to what we are doing to our planet. If we want a future for a planet, we have to raise the awareness to make those changes happen.

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Some students grew up eating at Haley’s and say it is a family favorite. If Minicucci decides to rent out the space to a new ice cream family will it still be the same? People love the Richardson’s ice cream they are known for and the food there is very good, many said. If it’s not the same they are at risk of losing a lot of cliental.

“My favorite flavor there was coffee cookies and cream. I always got an extra thick frappe in that flavor,” said senior Grace McGonagle, “and if I felt like making a bold move I got a side of fries too.”



A local favorite, Haley’s Ice Cream in Newburyport has been sold (Burnim photo).

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One of the faculty members, Teresa Karol, helped shed some light on the first annual Vocational Career Fair at Triton. “This fair is mainly for kids who aren’t comfortable going to college in the future and they want to go into a vocational trade,” said Karol. “It helps broaden these students’ horizon and show how these jobs will work, how much they will pay, benefits, hours, licensing requirements, and growth within the company.” College debt is a hassle to pay back for most students who apply, and some are attempting to avoid this.

“I applied for more than 20 scholarships so I can hopefully get a lot of help for payments while in college, so I do not drown in debt,” said Jeremy Duford, a Triton senior and wrestler who will be graduating in just a couple months. Some benefits of going into the trades are not having the burden of paying for student loans after college. Students can also get a good paying job right out of high school and can make more than \$45 dollars per hour in some cases without a college degree. But not going to college has some downsides, including if you don’t like the trade you go into.

If you acquire a college diploma it has been shown that people have a much greater chance of getting a higher paying job. College will be paid off over time. “I am most likely going to an in-state college so my debt is very minimal. On top of in-state tuition and the scholarships that I am going to apply to, I hope my debt is as small as it can possibly be. Cause, let’s be real, I am not going to get a full ride,” says Triton junior Sophia Agrella. Agrella is taking every opportunity she can get to be debt free in years to come. It is an opportunity that most high school students take making scholarships

a very competitive field between students that are going for the limited ones that can be handed out. The college experience can be something to look forward to in your future and look forward too but also the excessive amount of work and the “do it yourself” learning style that college requires is immense and may put a lot of stress on a person. The Vocational Career Fair shows a new option to those who don’t want to go to college and want to see their options for the future.