

April-October, www.nps.gov/blac/planyourvisit/valley-sites-lincoln.htm), which features exhibits on the Blackstone Canal as a key mode of transportation in the area in earlier days. Perhaps the most historic area of Lincoln is the Great Road Historic District. Located on Route 123 are several significant Rhode Island houses including the **Eleazor Arnold House** (487 Great Road, 401-728-9696, www.historicnewengland.org/historic-properties/homes/arnold-house-1/arnold-house), and **Hearthside House** (677 Great Road, 401-726-0597, www.hearthsidehouse.org). Hearthside hosts various events including afternoon teas, antique fairs, and a Civil War reenactment. Adjacent to the Hearthside House is the **Hannaway Blacksmith Shop** (www.hearthsidehouse.org/hannaway) which holds turn-of-the-century blacksmithing demonstrations and classes on weekends.

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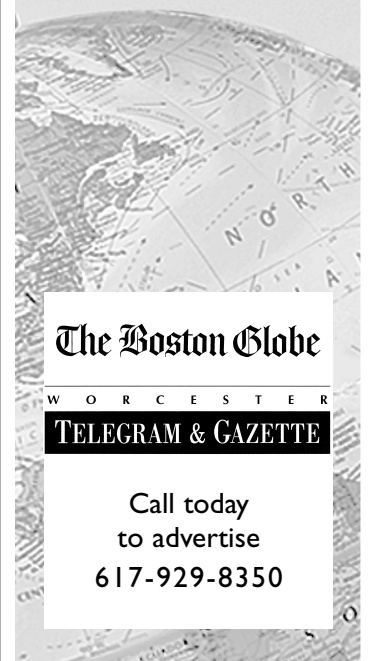
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