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Miranda Snyder named outstanding graduating student at University of Maine

ORONO, Maine — Miranda Snyder of Brimfield, Massachusetts is the Outstanding Graduating Student in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Maine.

The secondary education major with a concentration in English received highest honors for her thesis completed in December, “How Alumnae of a Middle and High School Feminist Organizations Perceive Their Involvement Related to Their Academic Self-Concept.” Snyder was awarded a Center for Undergraduate Research Summer Fellowship and received the Thomas E. Lynch Honors Thesis Scholarship. Last year, she also collaborated with professor Rebecca Buchanan on



Courtesy

Miranda Snyder
multicultural teacher education programs. Snyder is president of All Maine Women, co-chair of Feminist Collective, a Fogler Library student ambassador, and a member of Hip Hop Club, Black Bear Mentors and Eating Disorder/

Body Positivity/Body Liberation Advocacy/Activism. She did her student teaching at Herman and Bangor high schools.

Snyder plans to be a high school English language arts teacher.

About the University of Maine

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's land grant, sea grant and space grant university. It is located on Marsh Island in the homeland of the Penobscot Nation. As Maine's flagship public university, UMaine has a state-wide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is the state's only public research university and among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast. It attracts students from all 50 states and more than 75 countries. UMaine currently enrolls 11,741 undergraduate and graduate students who have opportunities to participate in groundbreaking research with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn master's, doctoral or professional science master's degrees, as well as graduate certificates. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide to conserve energy, recycle and adhere to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.

Brimfield Memorial Day services to be held Sunday

BRIMFIELD — The Town of Brimfield will hold its annual Memorial Day Services on Sunday, May 30 at 2 p.m. on the Town Common. The committee extends a special invitation to all area veterans, enlisted service members and reservist to join us so that we may recognize and honor them for their sacrifice and service.

Ceremonies will begin with the drum roll and the Veterans call to order as they process in. The ceremony will feature the remembrance of current and former town residents who have passed in the last year with a roll call followed by the ringing of the historic Town Hall bell. Frannie Watson will sing the National Anthem, and students from the sixth grade Colin Marquis and Braeden Campbell will read the Gettysburg address and a poem. Starr Normandin will have the honors of raising the flag later at the cemetery. Brimfield's history buff Mike DeFalco will speak, State Sen. Anne Gobi and State Rep. Todd Smola will share brief remarks.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the parade will immediately form on North Main Street. The parade will follow the procession of flags. Veterans and military personnel will march, and there will be a wagon for veterans and others who want to join the parade but are unable to walk the route, provided by Village Green Campgrounds.

Brimfield Fire and Police will participate as well as the local Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops 7 and Girl Scouts who have helped prepare for

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Heal, Inc. to open first dispensary in Sturbridge

STURBRIDGE — Heal, Inc. -- a vertically integrated cannabis company -- is pleased to announce the opening of its first retail location at 660 Main Street on Friday, May 21, at 10 a.m. Heal received its Commence Operations Notice from the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission Wednesday, May 13, and opened its doors to serve the adult-use cannabis community in Central and Western Massachusetts. Heal is conveniently located about 5 minutes off of Interstate 84. Upon opening Heal will be accessible by appointment only per Sturbridge regulations, which can be made from the Heal Web site, www.healmj.com.

Heal is currently constructing a 50,000 square foot state-of-the-art cultivation and processing facility in Central Massachusetts and expects to launch its own

product lines in 2022. Heal will open carrying some of the finest products from across the state including Fernway, 1906, Nature's Heritage, Betty's Eddies, Resinate and more. Heal is dedicated to providing superior quality products and exemplary customer service to our community, as well as being an active and responsible neighbor.

Heal offers online pre-ordering, in-store pickup, curbside pickup and abundant free parking. A second Heal location is slated to open in Provincetown in Fall 2021.

For more information about Heal, our product offerings and dispensary hours and locations, please visit www.healmj.com or contact us at info@healmj.com.

Intern from Capstone Planning Group places second at Quinnipiac Global Asset Management Education Forum



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Andrew Gorey, an intern with The Capstone Group, along with his Merrimack College teammates, recently finished second at the Quinnipiac Global Asset Management Education (GAME) Forum.

STURBRIDGE — An intern with The Capstone Planning Group, a full-service financial services and investment planning team located at Cornerstone Bank, recently finished second along with his team at the Quinnipiac Global Asset Management Education (GAME) Forum. Andrew Gorey is a sophomore at Merrimack College and acts as the senior analyst for the Merrimack-Fixed Income Fund and the industrial analyst for the Merrimack Investment Fund. The GAME Forum is the largest student run financial conference in the world featuring undergraduate and graduate students from 150 colleges and universities.

“We were so excited to hear that Andrew and his

team had placed at the GAME Forum,” said The Capstone Planning Group's VP and Program Manager, Christopher Mallon. “Watching him learn and grow throughout his internship with us, it is clear this win is just the first step to his career in the financial services industry.”

Gorey, a resident of Sturbridge, has been a (non-registered) intern with The Capstone Planning Group since January 2021. While juggling his regular classwork and his internship, he and his team were able to assist in the creation of an impressive portfolio over the course of the past year to present.

“My experience interning with The Capstone

Planning Group has allowed me to obtain hands-on experience in this field,” said Gorey. “I am very thankful to work with a team that emphasizes the importance of putting their client first and offers solutions to fit each client's specific financial needs. I have learned so much.”

The Capstone Planning Group, conveniently located at Cornerstone Bank, is committed to helping the next generation of financial professionals succeed through internships, mentoring and entry-level career opportunities. For more information about The CapstonePlanning Group, please visit online at thecapstonegroup.com or call 508-764-0046.

Bay Path students inducted into the National Technical Honor Society

DOUGLAS — Five Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) on Sunday, May 9 during an in-person ceremony held amidst the apple blossoms at Douglas Orchard and Farms. The outside event marked the 6th annual induction ceremony for the Academy.

Every year, practical nursing students eagerly look forward to this



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TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY STUDENT AWARDED FOR NJHS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Manaali Vaidya – TCA Class of 2021 - is the recipient of the NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award this year! She is the Co-President of her NJHS chapter. She is involved in Student Council and prior to Covid-19 on the girls' basketball team. The National Junior High School Society annually recognizes middle level students to jump-start their quest toward higher education. (OAA). The award recognizes 500 exceptional NJHS students with \$500, to be placed in a college savings account program-managed by Oppenheimer Funds 529 college savings plan: The Education Plan.



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Class of 2021 NTHS inductees from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy were Monique Bull, Loise Kamero, Grace Mwangi (all of Worcester), Risper Wanjiru of Webster, and Tianna Welcome of Oxford.

SNHU announces Winter President's List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2021 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day stu-

dents must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

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prestigious event, according to Academy Director, Dr. Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRN. "Making it through nursing school is an achievement, being inducted into the NTHS is another feather in their cap! The PN students juggle school, work, and family life, it is quite a feat to be inducted to the NTHS," said Bolandrina, who has been organizing the induction ceremony for the last 6 years.

The practical nursing students are eligible for induction based on their grade point average, faculty recommendation, character, and leadership involvement in extracurricular activities, and clubs. These characteristics reflect the seven member attributes of the National Technical Honor Society which are skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

"It's amazing how kind, wonderful and resilient our practical nursing students are," added Bolandrina. "They navigated the rigorous program through these challenging times and even managed to participate in many volunteer activities to help the community."

PN Class of 2021 NTHS Inductees were Monique Bull, Loise Kamero, Grace Mwangi (all of Worcester), Risper Wanjiru of Webster, and Tianna Welcome of Oxford.



Celebrate Memorial Day 2021 safely with family and friends, and always remember to honor the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We also remember our beloved deceased on this day. May they all rest in peace.



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on our Facebook page,
and in this newspaper.

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Resilience of QCC's Class of 2021 celebrated at Commencement ceremony

WORCESTER — On May 21, Quinsigamond Community College conferred 1,441 degrees and certificates to 1,332 graduates as it celebrated its 56th graduating class. QCC hosted its virtual commencement ceremony amidst a backdrop of powerful and motivational speakers who reminded graduates how far they have come, how resilient they are, and the bright future that awaits them.

QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. described the sense of pride he felt witnessing the graduates attain their dreams of a college education, and encouraged them to never stop striving for a better future.

"I never cease to be amazed by our students — your strength, determination, and perseverance. Be proud of your accomplishments. Many of you juggle work and family responsibilities, while continuing to pursue your dream of a college education. You are veterans, single parents, working adults, or the first in your family to go to college. And if all of the challenges you face each day aren't enough, you completed your degree during a pandemic and some of the most turbulent times we've faced as a nation," he said. "Each and every one of you is living history, but more importantly, you are making history!"

Commencement Speaker Maya Rockeymoore-Cummings, Ph.D., a nationally recognized social justice advocate and scholar, told the graduates that the obstacles they

have faced and overcome would help them throughout their lives.

"You know how to persevere in life. There is a word for this toughness and it's called resilience, and you've got it. And you should know that you can draw on that resilience for the rest of your life because there are going to be challenges ahead," Dr. Rockeymoore-Cummings said, addressing the biases that student will face even in academia.

"We know that people hold stereotypes about certain people based on categories. They just assume that they know who the person is and they make those assumptions not based on full knowledge of the person, but based on a stereotype or a category," she said. "You determine your success, and you will be successful in spite of those kinds of people. Why, because Quinsigamond Community College has prepared you."

Dr. Rockeymoore-Cummings told the graduates that because of their QCC education they are able to achieve anything that they can envision.

"Quinsigamond has given you the tools, resources, and a platform to learn. Whatever comes next, you can be sure that you are prepared. You have what it takes to further your education or go out and earn, so that your knowledge, compassion, and insight can be shared," she said.

QCC Student Government President and Student Speaker Armela Xhidole told her classmates

to keep feeding their minds with knowledge in order to continue to grow and prosper.

"Learning should be a constant operation, and learning is the fundamental prerequisite for progress in any area. After college, education should not stop. Take part in a career that helps to develop your personality and skills," she said. "Remember, you can achieve everything you want in life with hard work and perseverance. Life is constantly changing, and you must continue to evolve to become a better version of you."

Carlos E. Santiago, Ph.D., commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education said that after the last year's unique challenges, these graduates are now considered pioneers in the higher education landscape.

"While you were learning, we were learning from you in ways that will shape the college experience in the future. Teaching and learning will never be the same. We saw black and brown students who were disproportionately affected by COVID-19; many did not return to school last fall because they had to prioritize family income and family health needs first," he said.

"In an economy like ours we need college educated students to fill the jobs needed to keep the state moving forward. This is why I am grateful to each and every one of you for earning your degrees. No matter what your major is, your skills and talents will

help Massachusetts rebuild its economy and move past this pandemic," Commissioner Santiago continued. "Even though I don't know you personally, I know how resilient you are because I know what it took for you to overcome the challenges of this last year in order to earn your degree. Now that same set of skills will help you in writing your next chapter."

President Pedraja told the graduates to draw strength from commencement day whenever they experience hardships in life.

"...know that you can carry on, know that there is nothing you cannot accomplish, and know that in the worst of times you've proven yourselves and succeeded," he said.

"Remember graduates of the Class of 2021, that you are enough, and remember that Quinsigamond Community College produces productive professionals. So, you go out and you get your future. It's ready for you, and you are ready for it," Dr. Rockeymoore-Cummings said.

To view QCC Commencement Ceremony visit, www.QCC.edu/commencement-2021.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

State begins to lift COVID-19 restrictions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION — In a major step toward reaching a new normal across the state, officials recently announced the imminent lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

Last week, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that most remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted on May 29. With the Commonwealth on track to meet its goal of fully vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the first week of June, officials are confident that restrictions can be safely lifted.

The Commonwealth's face-covering order will also be rescinded for most locations on May 29. The Department of Public Health will issue a new face-covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control's updated guidance.

Face coverings will still be mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxis, ferries, MBTA, commuter rail, and transportation stations). Masks will also still be required in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings. Face coverings will also be required indoors for staff and students of K-12 schools and early education providers.

Gov. Charlie Baker expects to end

the state of emergency across the Commonwealth on June 15.

"The administration is able to take these steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy because Massachusetts is on track to meet the goal set in December to fully vaccinate over four million individuals by the first week of June," said Baker. "The Commonwealth leads the nation in vaccinating residents, with 75 percent of adults receiving at least one dose."

To date, more than four million residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, with 3.2 million people fully vaccinated.

New cases of the virus have dropped by 89 percent since Jan. 8. Additionally, COVID-19 hospitalizations are down 88 percent since Jan. 1.

With the statistics continuing to trend positively and vaccinations rising, residents are looking forward to getting back to work and play far sooner than originally anticipated. Effective May 29, all industries will be permitted to open statewide.


With the exception of the remaining face-covering requirements, all industry restrictions will be lifted on May 29. Capacity for all industries will increase to 100 percent, and the gathering limit will be rescinded.

"All industries will be encouraged to follow CDC guidance for cleaning and hygiene protocols," Baker said.

Eligible residents who haven't been vaccinated are encouraged to schedule their appointments to help prevent the virus from lingering into the summer. Statewide, there are more than 975 locations for Massachusetts residents to access vaccines without delay.

Non-vaccinated individuals are advised to continue wearing face masks and to continue distancing in most settings.

To learn more about the latest guidance and state regulations, visit www.mass.gov.



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Justin Luke named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Justin Luke of Brimfield has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2021 Dean's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

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profit institution with an 88-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the "Most Innovative" regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.


Abigail Stansky of Sturbridge receives award from Nichols College


DUDLEY — Abigail Stansky of Sturbridge receives the award for Outstanding Achievement in Liberal Studies for English at the Nichols College class of 2021 commencement ceremony held on May 15.

About Nichols College

Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom,

and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow's leaders. Nichols also offers master's degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today's professionals.





Emily and Joanna
Age 12 and 14
Registration # 6414 and 6415

Hi! Our names are Emily and Joanna and we want to be adopted together!

Emily and Joanna are friendly and sweet sisters of Caucasian descent who are looking to be adopted together. Emily is a kind, humorous, sweet, and helpful girl. She enjoys drawing and painting, helping her foster parents around the house, and swimming. She likes lip gloss, nail polish, and "pink everything." Emily's foster family enjoys shopping, watching movies, and getting their nails painted with her. Emily plans on going to college after graduating from high school.

Joanna is described as outgoing, expressive, helpful and feisty. She is quite talkative and likes to engage with others. Joanna loves to sing, dance, color, work on arts & crafts projects, and do gymnastics. When she grows up, Joanna would like to be a famous actress.


Legally freed for adoption, Joanna and Emily would thrive in a supportive and committed two-parent family or with a single-parent who has a strong support system. An ideal family will have no other children or have children older than the girls. A family must be comfortable obtaining supportive services and resources in the community for the girls, and should be open to maintaining contact with the girls' biological brother.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.mareinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



Worcester State announces 2021 graduates

WORCESTER — Worcester State University congratulates the following local students who recently graduated with the Class of 2021.

Bachelor of Arts

Auburn: Anthony A. DiPietro, Renae M. Renihan (Magna Cum Laude), Sean M. Sullivan (Cum Laude)

Brookfield: Mia E. Wilbur

Charlton: Matthew A. Lovely, Johanna E. Riddle (Cum Laude)

Douglas: Angela M. Woodford (Magna Cum Laude)

Dudley: Jake E. Look, Amanda Pecyna, Wendy D. Storm, Keara L. Vangel

East Brookfield: Ciara A. Haddad (Cum Laude)

Grafton: Brendan S. Smith

Leicester: Hawraa H. Chreim (Summa Cum Laude), Merrick T. Jarmulowicz (Magna Cum Laude)

Laude), Josie R. Lavin, Mac T. Rice, Jaymi-Lyn Souza (Summa Cum Laude), Brett R. Willand

Milford: Jaclyn I. Delmonico

North Grafton: Patrick B. Young (Magna Cum Laude)

North Oxford: Zachary E. Alicandro (Cum Laude), Heather M. Hibbard (Summa Cum Laude)

Northbridge: Sean C. Otoole (Cum Laude), Jocelyn E. Stokowski

Rochdale: Gina M. Endres (Magna Cum Laude), Selena M. Sheldon

Southbridge: Ryan R. Berry, Sofia G. Melendez-Rojas

Spencer: Michael J. Dow (Magna Cum Laude), Joshua D. Dukes, Kassidy R. Murphy,

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Upton: Mercedes R. Tredeau (Cum Laude)

Uxbridge: Baron V. Horwath

Webster: Amanda L. Collins, Sarah B. Curry (Cum Laude)

Whitinsville: Dylan D. Murray, Julia L. VandenAkker (Cum Laude)

Bachelor of Science

Auburn: Samantha L. Brabbs (Cum Laude), Elizabeth J. Cedrone, Colleen M. Cutting, Deanna A. Dalli (Magna Cum Laude), Quynh D. Doan (Magna Cum Laude), Sarah P. Fahey, Alexandra E. Giaquinto (Cum Laude), Nathaniel G. Hopper, Jenna L. Lanciault, Nora

D. LeBlanc (Cum Laude), Engy L. Mena (Cum Laude), Aleen M. Merzoian (Magna Cum Laude), Monika Mularski (Magna Cum Laude), Jeison R. Ortega, Tyler M. Rano, Emelyn C. Rivera, Amanda N. Roux (Magna Cum Laude), Victoria L. Simonian, Brianna L. Stomski (Cum Laude), Monica K. Tran (Cum Laude), Steven J. Wallace, Allison J. Woeller (Summa Cum Laude)

Blackstone: Amanda S. Alves, Faith L. Gudaitis

Brimfield: Heather E. Larson, Kassandra Sanchez, Anita J. Swift (Magna Cum Laude)

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North Grafton: Mia C. Couto (Cum Laude), Anton Elkomos

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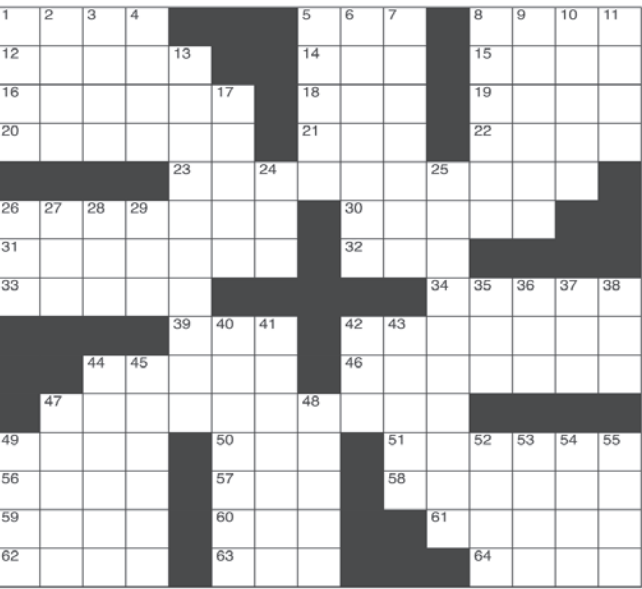
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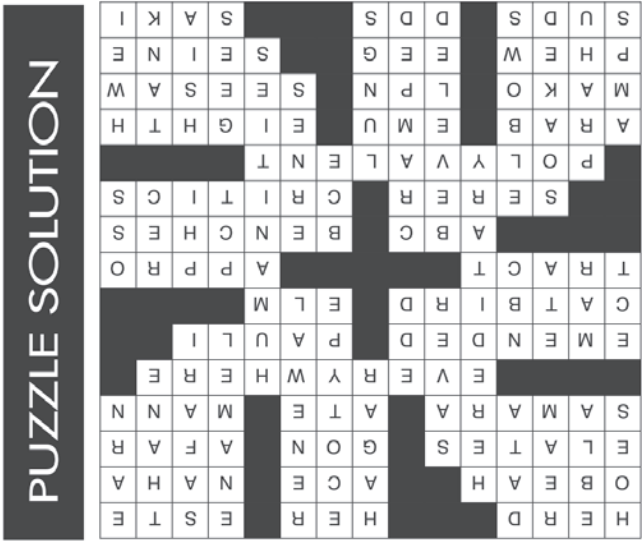


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- 1. A group of sheep
- 5. Of she
- 8. This (Spanish)
- 12. A type of sorcery
- 14. A team's best pitcher
- 15. Port in southern Japan
- 16. Makes very happy
- 18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
- 19. From a distance
- 20. Winged nut
- 21. Consumed
- 22. "Heat" director
- 23. In all places
- 26 Made improvements to
- 30. St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
- 31. A type of "seat"
- 32. Wood
- 33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
- 34. Approval
- 39. Basics
- 42. Where judges sit
- 44. W. African religion
- 46. Commentators
- 47. Having many different functions
- 49. Member of a Semitic people
- 50. Flightless, fast-running bird
- 51. After the seventh
- 56. Small N. Zealand tree
- 57. Health care pro (abbr.)
- 58. Playground mainstay
- 59. Expressing relief
- 60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
- 61. Fishing net
- 62. Beer
- 63. Tooth caregiver
- 64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Garden tools
- 2. Early Syrian kingdom
- 3. 500 sheets of paper
- 4. Information
- 5. Beloved comic strip character
- 6. Distinct form of a plant
- 7. Replenishment
- 8. Semitransparent glassy substance
- 9. Expedition to observe animals
- 10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
- 11. Obtain in return for labor
- 13. Inheritable genetically
- 17. One who rescues
- 24. Doctor of Education
- 25. Liberal arts
- 26. Shock treatment
- 27. Disfigure
- 28. When you hope to get there
- 29. Peacock network
- 35. Part of (abbr.)
- 36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
- 37. Not just "play"
- 38. Former CIA
- 40. Reduced to a sloping edge
- 41. Restricted the development of
- 42. Sciences degree
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Saturated
- 45. Joints
- 47. Sailing boat
- 48. Respiratory organs
- 49. Guitarists use them
- 52. Disco act: Bee ___
- 53. First Chinese dynasty
- 54. Intentionally lose
- 55. Muslim people of China



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GWCF marks a year of continued commitment to Central Massachusetts

WORCESTER—Greater Worcester Community Foundation announced the winners of the 16th and 17th annual Renaissance Awards during the Foundation's annual meeting, which was held virtually. With the 2020 award not being presented due to the global pandemic, two awards were announced at this year's event. The Renaissance Award winners are Anh Vu Sawyer, Executive Director of the Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts, Inc., (2020 winner) and Ernie Floyd, founder of Unity Radio (2021 winner). At the meeting, the Foundation also released its 2020 financial results and elected new directors and corporators.

Anh Vu Sawyer (2020 winner) is a tremendous resource for Worcester's Asian American community. As Executive Director of Worcester's Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts, Inc (SEACMA), Sawyer oversees the agency's mission to provide critical assistance to Southeast Asian immigrants and refugees, and to preserve the vibrancy of their cultural heritage here in Central Massachusetts. Established in 2001, SEACMA has developed a strong reputation among members of the cultural community and with the organization's partners in the community at large for being a trusted resource of first resort to help guide and aid the Asian population in Worcester. Since 2015, SEAMAC has also lent support to refugees from Iran, Iraq and Syria. During Sawyer's directorship, SEACMA received over 10 awards and recognitions for their work. With passion, strength and resilience, Sawyer has provided an opportunity for all Asian American immigrants to achieve their goals and dreams while preserving their heritage.

Ernie Floyd (2021 winner) has dedicated himself to addressing nega-

tive portrayals of Worcester's youth in the media by elevating the voices of young people in their communities. Throughout his career, Floyd created several platforms, including Pride Productions Inc., dedicated to empowering local youth about educating them about media and technology. In 1994, Youth Unity, a half-hour talk show was created, designed and produced by young people. In 2013, Floyd launched the Worcester-based radio station Unity Radio (97.9 WUTY) which focuses on serving several educational purposes in addition to broadcasting local talk, music and sports. However, the impact of Floyd's vision for the younger generation of Worcester goes beyond radio. In 2014 and 2015, Floyd served as the Re-entry Director for Worcester's Straight Ahead Ministries on Main Street where he worked with young men and women to help them pursue their goals in education, employment, housing, health, and personal development. For Floyd, there is power to be found when youth are provided with the right platforms and tools to make their voices heard.

"If the recent pandemic has taught us anything it's that we at the Foundation have a responsibility to continue strengthening our community, and it begins by highlighting some of the exceptional people who are making a real difference," said Carolyn Stempler, interim President & CEO of the Foundation. "We are proud to honor Ernie and Anh Vu as Renaissance Award recipients. From giving a voice to our younger generations, to providing the necessary resources our immigrant community needs to thrive, their work in Central Massachusetts has proven to be not only impactful, but also inspiring. Worcester is growing at an incredible speed. It's up to us and it's up to our community leaders to

continue this growth equitably."

The Renaissance Award is a cash prize of \$5,000 which the Foundation awards annually as an expression of gratitude for the talented, dedicated people serving the community in nonprofit roles. The late John W. Lund, a GWCF founder, established the Renaissance Award through an endowed gift which continues to make this prize possible today. Recipients are chosen based on their record of dedicated commitment to the nonprofit sector, professional accomplishments, and talent in fostering collaborative relationships.

In addition to the Renaissance Award, the Foundation released its financial reporting for 2020 at the annual meeting: Assets consisting of permanent charitable endowments that are available for local grantmaking exceed \$180 million; the foundation awarded \$14.3 million in grants and scholarships; and received more than \$11.9 million in contributions. A complete annual report can be found at www.greater-worcester.org.

Two new members were welcomed to the Foundation board of directors including Che Anderson. Anderson is currently the University of Massachusetts Medical School's assistant vice chancellor for city and community relations. Prior to his current role, he served as Worcester's deputy cultural officer where he brought a wide array of cultural and artistic programs to the residents of the city - most notably the international mural festival known as POW! WOW! Worcester. The festival brings artists from around the world and has curated more than 100 pieces of public art in the city since its inception in 2016. Anderson has volunteered with GWCF for several years on scholarship selection committees and recently served on the Creative

Arts Committee which was the impetus for the city of Worcester's arts and culture plan. Anderson has a Bachelor of Arts in political science from College of the Holy Cross and is completing a Master of Public Administration in senior leadership from Clark University.

After receiving the 2020 Renaissance award, Sawyer was named to a four-year term as well. Current board member Kimberly Salmon was renewed for an additional four-year term.

The following individuals were elected as new Corporators for a five-year term:

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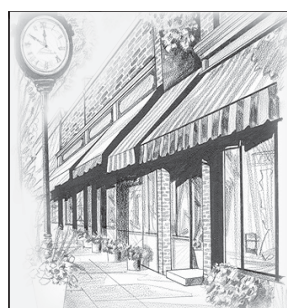
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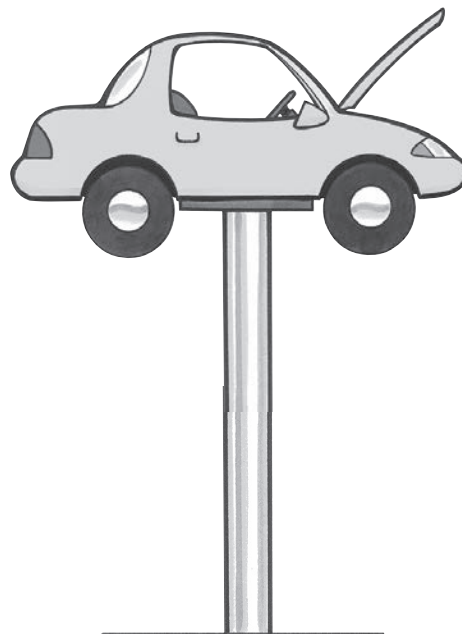
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EDITORIAL

Summertime dreams

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”
- John Lubbock, “The Use Of Life”

Summer is here. Well, pretty much. We think the threat of another snowstorm is beyond us. As we write this, the high will be 80, the windows are open, and a warm breeze is hanging about the room with a slight scent of lilac. The trees are a bright green, with the sound of birds singing, the sky is blue and well, the day couldn’t be more perfect. A day like today has us thinking about the summer months ahead, and what they will look like. Certainly, work will remain busy, but the days are longer, affording us more time to do the things we love, and the warmer weather tends to relax us all. We spoke with a few members of our staff who shared their favorite things about summer. The list varies, which is a nod to our versatility.

One of our Sports writers is looking forward to a trip to Tokyo for the 2021 Summer Olympics. This trek will be his third time going, to include the Winter Olympics as well. No foreign spectators are permitted, so the vibe won’t be quite the same, albeit historic.

He noted, “The Olympics are the best athletic event there is. Watching elite athletes compete at the highest level is amazing. On TV is great, but in person is even more incredible.”

When asked what his most anticipated event to watch is, he replied, “Swimming.”

Our Editor will take advantage of the beauty at local lakes and reading books on the balcony of his new condo. Of course, the perfect summer for him is not complete without something to do with film.

“I’m looking forward to going to the drive in. I’m not quite ready to sit in a theatre for two hours and the fact that the drive in near my home is vintage makes it even better. I’m all about the vintage!” he exclaimed.

It’s true — there isn’t a movie trivia question from any decade he won’t answer correctly.

One of our reporters, who also doubles as an artist, is looking forward to travel, gardening and landscaping.

“Home renovations and event planning will take priority, but I’m looking forward to doing some art installations as well,” she said.

When asked about home renovations, we needed to clarify whether it was to her home, or to her chicken coop that looks like the Beverly Hills Wilshire for birds.

Another of our writers will be looking forward to climbing as many mountains as possible, the more remote the better. Being outside deep into the woods is where it’s at. It’s such a grounding, refreshing activity especially on a scorcher of a day when a flowing river is close by.

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OPINION

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Tips to Keep Cool (naturally)!

The warm weather season is finally here, but the anticipation of a long, hot summer, prompts strategies to keep cool and comfortable throughout the upcoming months. Before you run out to buy a new air conditioner, read on. The following tips are environmental friendly ways to keep your cool this season.



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

to 14 degrees cooler than exposed soil, and as much as 30 degrees cooler than concrete or asphalt! According to experts, the front lawns of a block of eight average houses have the cooling effect of about 70 tons of air conditioning! That’s enough to cool 16 average homes.

If you use an air conditioner, make sure you’re using it to its full advantage. Here are some top tips for optimal operation of your cooling unit:

* Did you know an air conditioning unit operating in the shade uses less electricity than one in the sun? Plant trees or shrubs to shade air conditioning units, but be sure not to block the airflow.

* To boost efficiency, use a fan with your window air conditioner to circulate the cool air throughout the home.

* Never place lamps or TVs near your air conditioning thermostat. The heat from these appliances will cause the air conditioner to run longer.

* Be sure to add insulation around air conditioning ducts when they are located in unconditioned spaces such as attics, crawl spaces, and garages. Also, check to see that your fireplace damper is tightly closed.

* If your air conditioner is old, the new energy efficient models can save you up to 50% on your cooling bills. Make sure

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Please note the contest had been suspended due to COVID restrictions for seating in restaurants. It is expected to start up again in June. All entries have been collected and will be entered into an upcoming drawing.

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 newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

When it’s okay not to be okay

I learned a valuable lesson this week. I traveled to the University of Iowa Hospital for my monthly meeting with my oncologist and digestive health medical team. For those of you unaware, I’m fighting stage 4 stomach cancer. It was to be a quick in and out meeting and I would be on my way home by 3:00. Instead, my digestive health professional looked at me for thirty seconds and said, “I’m admitting you.”

I didn’t know what to say. “Wait,” was the only thing I could force out. “For what?” She paused. “Until it’s too late?”

So, I was admitted and began being fed nutrients through a hose placed in my nose. Truly a dismal experience. As I looked at the bag pumping into my stomach, it looked like its contents had already been eaten then spit back out. No, none of it was a pleasant experience.

Early the next morning, my team of oncologists arrived in my room and asked, “How are you feeling?” My typical reflex answer popped out. “Fantastic!” They glanced at each other. “Really. I’m feeling great!” I assured them. I’m a believer that optimism and positive intentions drive good health and positive results.

They asked a few basic questions, told me they ordered a couple of scans and a round of blood tests, then left the room.

The next day, my daughter arrived and was sitting with me when the group of oncologists came again. “So, how are you feeling today, Mr. Moore?”

“Fantastic! I’m feeling great!” once again popped out of my mouth. My daughter quickly blurted out, “Dad! You are not feeling great! These are your doctors, and they aren’t looking for a motivational speech from



POSITIVELY SPEAKING
GARY W. MOORE

you. Tell them how you really feel!”

She then looked at the leader of the group and said, “Please understand that my Dad is a motivational speaker, writer of a column titled, Positively Speaking

and an author of four positive books. It’s not his nature to say anything else.”

The question then hit me like an Acme Anvil dropped on my head as if I were in a Roadrunner cartoon. Is it okay, not to be, okay?

It doesn’t mean I’m being negative. Maybe it only means I’m giving my medical team accurate information to help them make sound decisions and to help me get better. They needed straight talk from me and not a motivational pep talk. People who are feeling fantastic are not admitted into the hospital.

I took a breath and gave them an accurate depiction of what I was feeling, which was far from fantastic. They seemed relieved and said what I was describing better reflected the results of my test.

I realized at that moment that being optimistic does not mean everything is perfect. It’s not. It does mean I’ve decided to focus on the good outcomes rather than bad and to allow my mind and body to conspire together to help create a better reality. I believe optimism and a positive mindset are essential components to my healing process, but so is accuracy in describing my symptoms, positive or not.

Admitting I didn’t feel well wasn’t a failure to be positive. In fact, not accurately deciding the current condition of my health could create an extremely negative outcome.

I’m learning that the smart thing to do is adjust myself to the reality and truth of my health instead

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529 plans: More versatile than ever



FINANCIAL FOCUS
JEFF BURDICK

If you have children or grandchildren, you may already be somewhat familiar with the 529 plan, a popular education savings vehicle. But you may not have kept up with some recent changes in the plan’s capabilities and in the educational environment in which the plan might be used.

Let’s start with the learning environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities switched to online classes, or at least to a hybrid of in-person and online. And even before the pandemic, many schools offered remote classes, though obviously not to the same extent. But after COVID-19 subsides, it’s likely that the online component will remain an important part of higher education. What does this “new world” mean for you, when you’re saving for college? Will a 529 plan still be relevant?

In a word, yes. First of all, a 529 plan can offer tax advantages. Earnings in a 529 plan are federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. And if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes as well as a 10 percent penalty.) Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor before investing.

Online learning costs are eligible for a 529 plan’s tax benefits just as much as those incurred from in-person classes. Tuition, textbooks, supplies, computers and services – all of these should qualify, assuming the school meets certain criteria. Also, students enrolled half-time or more don’t have to live in a dorm for room and board expenses to be covered by a 529 plan – they can live in off-campus housing. However, these room-and-board costs typically must equal the cost of living on campus. Some schools identify a specific cost for “commuters” or “at-home students,” so you will need to contact the college directly to determine qualified room-and-board costs.

Now, let’s take a quick look at what some changes in the rules governing 529 plans over the past few years might mean for you. Eligible expenses from your 529 plan include the following:

- K-12 expenses – Parents can withdraw up to \$10,000 per student, per year, from their 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at elementary and secondary schools. So, if you intend to send your children to a private school, this use of a 529 plan might interest you.

- Apprenticeships – 529 plans can be used to pay for fees, textbooks, equipment and other supplies connected to apprenticeship programs registered with the Department of Labor. These programs, typically offered at a community college, combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training.

- Student loans – Families can withdraw funds from a 529 plan to repay the principal and interest for qualified education loans, including federal and most private student loans. There’s a lifetime limit of \$10,000 for student loan repayments per each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary’s siblings.

All of these newer uses of 529 plans may contain additional guidelines and exceptions, and state tax treatment varies, so you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor before taking money from your account. But it’s valuable for you to know the different ways you can put a 529 plan to work.

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A family fishing trip



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Stripers are in everywhere along the coast and in tributaries, and are chasing baitfish like porgies and herring. There are a lot of big fish in the schools of stripers, but unfortunately, they cannot be retained by recreational fishermen. Only stripers in the slot size of 28 inches and 35 inches are legal to keep. This regulation has hurt a lot of charter boats, resulting in lost revenue from fewer anglers booking reservations. They are also being hit by the loss of mates for their boats because many have left to find steady employment from other jobs during the pandemic, and they are not coming back. One charter boat captain said he has very few bookings, because he has lost his mates, and hiring new ones is almost impossible.

With Memorial Day weekend only a few days away, nutty behavior at the boat ramps is sure to be the same as in previous years. Boaters need to be respectful of other boaters waiting to launch their boats, and if someone is having a problem launching his or her boat, offering to help is often appreciated. Boaters should never back onto a boat ramp if they are not ready to launch. Getting the boat ready prior to launch should always be done prior to backing onto the boat ramp! Actual launch time should take no more than five minutes or less. Be aware that there is always someone with an attitude waiting to launch their boat. Don't ruin your day and your family's day by getting into a shouting match or a physical fight with him. It is not worth it.

This past week, my brother and I were invited to go on a fishing trip with my nephew, Captain Mel True of Fish Net Charters! Mel left his high paying job at CVS to fulfill his dream of becoming a boat captain. He took a job with On The Water Magazine for a short time and then made the move to start his charter boat business. He never looked back, and has become a highly respected boat Captain on the North & South Shore. He loves to document his clients fishing trips, and is well educated in photography.

It was a nice crisp morning when my brother Ken picked me up at 4:30 a.m.! Captain Mel lives in Freetown, Mass., which is only an hour's drive to his house. We arrived on time, and Mel had his boat and trailer hooked up to his pickup truck that is well painted with his name, and sponsors of fishing tackle. His 25-foot boat is powered by a Yamaha 350 hp motor. Unloading the boat only took minutes and we were on our way to the fishing grounds. It was not long before we were traveling close to 40 miles per hour, arriving at our first fishing spot in less than 30 minutes. As soon as we stopped the boat Mel walked up to the bow of the boat to place his new electric motor into the water. The motor is programmed into his GPS, and automatically holds the boat at the fishing hot spot. Although he has an anchor on board, it is rarely used because of the new motor. "Technology."

As soon as I dropped my jig to the bottom, I had a fish on. It was a nice seabass and I was ready to place it in the cooler. Captain Mel motioned me to throw it



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This week's picture shows Ken True with a nice seabass caught last week in Buzzards Bay.

back! It is a female, and he does not like to include them in his daily catch. My brother Ken reeled in a nice seabass, and was told to toss it back. We will be catching much larger fish than that Captain Mel stated: "It seems as though we are on a catch and release fishing trip!" Ken complied to the captain's request! It was constant lock and load on seabass and a couple of tautog mixed in retaining only a couple of fish! "Be patient," Mel replied, "you will catch bigger fish than those you threw back."

Time to move to a new spot! After bringing the motor back into the boat, we were soon on our way to a new spot. Mel wanted to catch a few Scaup for a client, so we rigged our lures and small pieces of squid onto the hooks. The scaup were decent size with some extra-large called sea scaup. I have tried them, and do not like there taste, but many people love them. After filling a five-gallon pail with scaup, we rigged our rods with jigs. Mel has his own line of fishing rods, that make my fishing rods look antique. It

Tips for raised bed and elevated gardening success



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Raised beds and elevated gardens provide easier access to gardens and can increase space available for growing vegetables and flowers. You will enjoy convenience and easy access when including one or more in your landscape or on your patio, deck, or balcony.

Providing proper care for these elevated planting spaces will ensure the biggest possible harvest and a growing season filled with beautiful flowers. Adapting planting strategies and care to fit the needs of these unique growing spaces can help reduce maintenance.

It starts with creating and maintaining a healthy growing foundation. Fill your raised beds with a quality planting mix composed mostly of topsoil and compost. Or create your own planting mix with lasagna and Hugelkultur techniques. These methods allow you to convert plant trimmings, compost, and a minimal amount of soil into a quality planting mix.

Elevated gardens are basically containers on legs and usually filled with a quality, soilless planting mix. The lighter weight makes it much more suitable for this type of gardening. Look for a product that provides drainage yet retains moisture. Both features are important when gardening in smaller volumes of soil.

Make sure you have easy access to water and your gardens have means for



Melinda Myers

Get the most out of your elevated garden by spacing plants just far enough apart to reach their mature size.

excess water to drain. The limited soil mass and increased exposure to wind, heat and sunlight make planting mixes dry out more quickly than in-ground beds. Always water thoroughly to encourage deep, more drought tolerant roots.

Extend the time between watering by as much as 25% with the help of a sustainable, organic product like Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com). Made from wool waste, these pellets absorb and retain moisture releasing it when needed by the plants.

Purchase an elevated garden with wheels or add casters to the legs if you need to move your garden out of the way for entertaining. Take advantage of the added mobility to move your planter into the sun or shade as needed throughout the season.

Employ space saving techniques to maximize your gardens productivity. Space plants just far enough apart to reach their mature size. Plant quick-maturing vegetables like radishes, lettuce and beets between tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables that take longer to reach full size and start producing. You will be harvesting the short season vegetables just as the bigger plants need the space.

Look for compact flower and vegetable varieties that allow you to make the most of every square inch of these gardens. All-America Selections winner Patio Choice Yellow Cherry tomato produces up to

100 tomatoes on an eighteen-inch plant. Mascotte compact bush bean and Patio Pride peas are big producers suited to these and small space gardens.

Extend your enjoyment and harvest with succession plantings. Fill vacant spaces left once a row or block of vegetables are harvested. Freshen up ornamental plantings by replacing weather worn flowers with healthy new selections. Add more planting mix along with wool pellets if needed.

Train vining plants onto trellises or other supports to save space and reduce the risk of disease. Dress them up by allowing trailing herbs and flowers to cascade over the edge of these planting beds.

Increasing growing success and reducing maintenance will make raised beds and elevated gardens a practical and productive addition to your gardening endeavors.

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of trying to make the truth of my condition something that it's not. As minor as it is and as simple as it sounds, I was unable to admit I wasn't okay. It also doesn't mean I'm giving into a negative diagnosis. I'm still fighting with the attitude and belief I'm going to beat this cancer and I am. It just means my doctors need accurate information so they can help me win this battle.

This column began while I was lying in a hospital bed but is ending with me at home and back to my normal routine. I'm feeling much better and looking positively forward to my

day.

Everything about life is a challenge and ongoing opportunity to learn. 'From the mouth of babes' my daughter taught me a valuable lesson about creating positive outcomes from less than positive situations when you aren't feeling positive at all.

Like you, I'm still a work in progress. I'm still learning.

It's okay, not to be okay.

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Wales Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 40A §10 & §11, the **Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on June 15th, 2021 at the Wales Town Offices at 6:00 PM**, on the application of Gary Robinson, of 111 Union Rd, for a special permit in terms of the Town of Wales Zoning By-law Sec. 4. 2.. The Town of Wales Zoning By-Law Sec. 4.2.2 states "A pre-existing non-conforming use or structure may not be extended, altered or changed except by a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals." Specifically, the applicant wishes to construct an 8' X 12' addition with a handicap accessible ramp onto an existing structure. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to the town website (www.townofwales.net) under zoning board agenda for the above date to

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Worcester Art Museum examines evolution of baseball jerseys

WORCESTER — Over the course of 170 years, the baseball jersey has become an iconic emblem of American culture, extending well beyond a sports uniform to inspire fashion trends and serve as a means of everyday, individual self-expression. While the ubiquity of the American baseball shirt is undeniable, there has been little scholarly research on its importance to material and popular culture through time. In June 2021, the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) will open The Iconic Jersey: Baseball x Fashion, the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on the design evolution of baseball jerseys and their impact on wider national culture. The show will feature 37 garments, including historic and contemporary jerseys as well as runway looks—from Jesse Tannehill’s 1908 Boston Red Sox Uniform Shirt to MIZIZI’s Black Lives Matter jersey—along with two, one-of-a-kind jersey chairs and other ephemera that capture the phenomenon of the baseball shirt, both on and off the field. The exhibition, which will remain on view through Sept. 12 is accompanied by a scholarly catalogue that further examines the subject.

The Iconic Jersey coincides with and celebrates the construction of a new baseball stadium, Polar Park, in Worcester’s Canal District—just a short distance from the Museum—and the arrival of the Boston Red Sox’s Triple-A affiliate to the city—the Worcester Red Sox or “Woo Sox.” Worcester has a long and storied history with baseball, and the upcoming exhibition offers a singular opportunity to explore the sport’s most recognizable symbol as a work of art and design in its own right—and in doing so further collapse perceived boundaries between fine art and everyday objects.

“The long history of the baseball jersey taps into a profound set of human desires, to belong, and to be proud in proclaiming that affiliation whether as a player or a fan,” said Matthias Waschek, the Jean and Myles McDonough Director of the Worcester Art Museum. “But the jersey has not been a static item. Over the years it has changed and evolved, has sought to pick up on fashion trends or to reject them, and both designers and fans have, in turn, brought their own influences to bear. Now, for the first time, we can explore this history in a systematic way.”

The exhibition, which is organized by Erin R. Corrales-Diaz, Ph.D., WAM’s curator of American art, takes a broad view of the baseball jersey, illuminating equally its relationships to aesthetics and athletics and to collective and individual expression. To orient the viewer within these different themes, The Iconic Jersey is divided into three major sections, including “The Modern Jersey,” which traces the evolution of aesthetic choices such as fabrics, typography, colors, and patterns; “Experimental Design,” which examines sartorial decisions that deviate from the traditional jersey shape; and “Off the Field,” which explores the jersey as the ultimate articulation of fandom and its emergence in both luxury design and streetwear.

“The Iconic Jersey takes the ‘formal’ language and concepts that we typically apply to individual works of art and, by applying it to baseball jerseys, makes it possible to bring forward new ideas and ways of looking at an article

of clothing many people take for granted,” said Corrales-Diaz. “All of these jerseys, whether made for players or for fans, reveal an extensive design process in which a designer considers fabrics, fit, shape, colors, markings, and logos. When we choose to put one on, we do more than just affiliate ourselves with our chosen team. We are also embracing design, a set of aesthetic choices that help to define who we are and how we look at the world.”

More information regarding the ideas and histories explored within the three exhibition sections follows below.

The modern jersey

The New York Knickerbockers adopted the first baseball uniform in 1849. Seeking to professionalize and add credibility to the sport, other teams soon followed in developing uniform and dress parameters for their ball teams—most often inspired by volunteer fire and militia companies. Far from our modern conception of baseball style, this first uniform is described as featuring blue woven pantaloons, a white flannel shirt, and straw hat. This section of the exhibition traces the aesthetic evolution of the jersey from these early styles to the more casual and collarless look we understand today. The exhibition pays attention to both major changes in fit and fabric brought on by technological advances to the small shifts in graphic elements, logos, and colors, highlighting the importance of these developments to capturing team identity.

Among the highlights in this section are early design pamphlets and guides for sporting manufacturers, including never before exhibited items from the R. J. Liebe Athletic Lettering Company, who began creating their elaborate, circular chain stitched lettering in 1923, and who continue to provide lettering and other materials for major manufacturers’ uniforms. Also included are a wide range of jerseys that span from such early examples as a 1908 Boston Red Sox Uniform Shirt worn by Jesse Tannehill and a 1909 Chicago Cubs Uniform shirt worn by Johnny Kling through to contemporary jersey designs that look to the future of innovation.

Experimental design

While the classic button-down jersey is recognized as the quintessential look of baseball, there have been many moments of inspiration and innovation within jersey design across its 170-year history. This includes fanciful and unorthodox ideas such as satin jerseys, sleeveless shirts, and the incorporation of rainbow colors to designate player positions that were quickly discarded by teams and fans alike. In this portion of the exhibition, audiences will be treated to an array of these unusual style decisions, with a particular focus on uniforms from between the 1970s and 1990s—particularly fertile decades for daring uniform design choices.

One iconic design from this period is the Houston Astros’ “rainbow” pullover, created not by fashion designers or even manufacturers, but by New York ad agency McCann Erickson, which was hired to rebrand the team and refresh its visibility, with a jersey of different colored stripes. Another highlight is an initiative introduced by the Seattle Mariners,

titled “Turn Ahead the Clock,” which explored the jersey of 2027. The “Turn Ahead the Clock” jerseys were baggy and sleeveless and featured enlarged logos and new “techy” colors of metallic silver and maroon. The initiative proved popular and was later adopted as a League wide event, although the jerseys themselves were not used beyond promotional opportunities. Another, the 1950s uniform of Isabel “Lefty” Alvarez, a Cuban ballplayer who came to the United States and played for the Kalamazoo Lassies, shows how gender-specific design actually hindered performance by female players on the ball field.

Off the field

When fans began donning replicas of baseball jerseys in the 1970s, they transformed the shirt from athletic uniform to a symbol of both communal and personal expression. As replica jerseys grew in popularity among everyday fans, they were further adopted by celebrities and musicians, who gave the shirts heightened creative and cultural significance. This led to interest in jersey design from fashion houses such as Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana, and Moschino, among others.

This section of the exhibition explores the life of the baseball jersey in popular and fashion culture. It pays particular attention to the important role that Hip Hop artists of the 1990s such as Ice Cube, Notorious B.I.G., and Outkast played in bringing the jersey to streetwear styles, opening the door to the jersey’s incorporation in mainstream fashion, as well as to significant collaborations between designers, artists, and activists within wider political and social movements.

Quinsigamond Community College announces 2021 graduates

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its 2021 list of graduates. On Friday, May 21 at 1 p.m. QCC will host a virtual commencement ceremony to honor this year’s 1,441 graduates.

To view the 2021 Commencement Ceremony, visit www.QCC.edu/commencement-2021.

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This includes Runaway x G Yamazawa, a 2017 collaboration on a jersey to honor the Japanese American ballplayers at the WWII incarceration camp Heart Mountain Relocation Center, and the creation of a Black Lives Matter jersey by MIZIZI, a streetwear brand representing the African diaspora that has been worn by protesters across the globe.

The exhibition is accompanied by a scholarly catalog by curator Erin Corrales-Diaz, Ph.D. This groundbreaking volume traces the design and aesthetics of the iconic baseball jersey both on and off the baseball field. Published by D Giles Ltd in association with the Worcester Art Museum, the catalog is available from the Museum Shop for \$34.95 and can be ordered by emailing shopsales@worcesterart.org.

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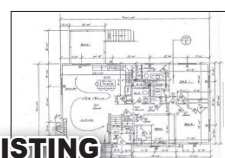
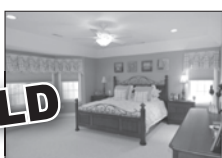
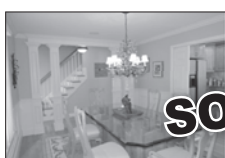
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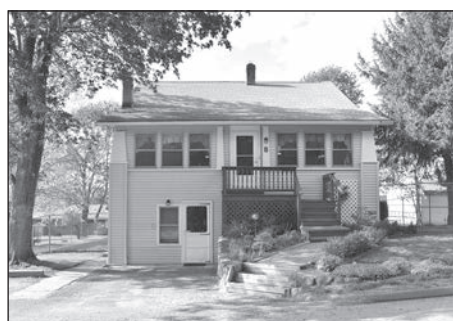


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Warren: Anita Griffin, Tyler Maloney
Webster: Eunice Arty, Sarah Condon,
Katelyn DiTullio, Chime Lama, Eliza
Larson, Kelly Moriarty, Danielle Zecco
West Brookfield: Jacob Gorham, Leah
Robillard
West Upton: Beck DuVall, Brian
O'Sullivan
Whitinsville: Jessica Duda, Rachel
Freneau, Caitlin Plant, John Roche

Associate in Science

Auburn: Faith Barbieri, Adriana
Bennett, Autumn Boateng, Bright
Bremang, Elizabeth Burch-Elder,
Quinn Bushe, Samantha Deso, Corey
Duff, Adam Eastty, Michael Flannery,
Jeanna Marion, Quinne Masiello,
Benjamin Rackett, Haley Rivers,
Ricardo Rodrigues, Katelyn Roy, Edward
Stanton, Sam Taki, Jonathon Wambach
Blackstone: Alex Ahee, Robert Finch
Brimfield: Allyson Chase, Alexis
Fluegel, Brendan Gendreau, Nicole Reed,
Amanda Waugh
Brookfield: Dalton Demers, Jennifer
Hurley, Joseph LaFlower, Alexandria
Sutton

Charlton: Joseph Bailen, Matthew
Beals, Michael Bjorn, Sarah Caplette,
Radoslaw Denert, Morgan Doucimo,
Victoria Gaspar, Chase Mannila, Collin
Mulcahy, Jeffrey Pearlstein, Arlene
Rodriguez, Jessica Trindade, Abigail
VanDeMark, Gabriel Varner, Jennifer
Vezina, Izabela Warnajts

Cherry Valley: Amber Bjorkman,
Alferid Hussin Shifa, Ingrid Maravilla,
Joseph Pauplis

Douglas: Brianna Boyko, Michaela
LaClair

Dudley: Jillian Baker, Erin Bernard,
Celia Bohaboy, Anna Donohue,
Shannon Ebbeling, Joy Goguen, Gregory
Gunsalus, Veronica Helock, Kennedy
Kamicha, Glenn Levasseur, Danielle
Moore, Averyl Nowosadko, Joanna
Paradis, Nicholas Sheehan, Cassandra
Smeltzer

East Douglas: Amanda Alexion,
Nathan Milliken

Fiskdale: Sam Cloutier, Joshua Cone
Grafton: Christopher Peterson
Holland: Edward Fisher, Jessica
Folger, Liam Fuller

Leicester: Grace Ankrah, Lauren
Badosa, Colleen Beaudreau, Tiffany
Beer, Haley Cooper, Cory Cronin, Kassie
Donais, Abigail Gagne, Dylan Havey,
Austin Le, Nicole Peltier, Lindsay Tucker

Milford: Keith Anderson, Courtney
Antalek, Raven Clarico, Jamie Crivello,
Bethany Kilgore, Kelly LeBlanc, Xianglin
Zou

Millbury: Devin Barrell, Mariah
Benson, Crystal-Ann Boisseau, Kyle
Boria, Tara Cadorette, Tara Curnin,
Amanda Hernandez, Michael Lirange,
Emily Matson, Zachary Munoz, Rose
Nagelschmidt, Lucas Pham, Sabrina
Piscitelli, Jillian Richard, Courtney
Schultz

Millville: Austin Gagnon, Kandyce
Ranslow

North Brookfield: Crystal Brown,
Rebecca Field, Jillian Peterson, Nathan
Sullivan, Jordan Waugh

North Grafton: Shannon Adams,
David Chanthavangso, Kyoko Ibaraki,
Christian Loja, Colby Magan,
Ryan Moorman

North Oxford: Kaylie Mauch, Michael
McCarthy, Kayla Soto

Northbridge: Feliciano Carrasco,
Christopher Corkum, Joshua Desjardins,
Trevor Gosselin,

Amanda LeClair, Tyler Novitch,
Nicholas Payne

Oxford: Lisa Atsma, Christopher
Bartczak, Gabriella Blackwell, Kylie
Brenneman, Adam Brindley, Shannon
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Hopkins, Breanna Kielinen, Jacob
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Upton: Ben Kijambu

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West Warren: Emily Guidetti,
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Madison Paquette

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Sutton: Natalia Dominguez Carranza,
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Matthew Thurber

Uxbridge: Jason Baillargeon, Daniel
Costa, Stephanie Gosselin, Courtney
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Warren: Alexis Ring, Comfort Smythe
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Almanzar Gutierrez, Abigail Biernacki,
Kathryn Brown, Ryan Clark, Courtney
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Edith, Lynn Fellman, Monica Gaithuma,
Jacob Gatto, Champayne Leshore,
Antonia Lopez, Chauntel Martin, Ashley
Martinez, Solmary Medina, Jillian
Morrow, SherryAnn Potenti-Crumbliss,
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OBITUARY

Marcella C. Roy, 83



SOUTHBIDGE- Marcella
C. (Rannigan) Roy, 83, of N.
Woodstock Rd., passed away
on Tuesday, May 18th, at
Harrington Memorial Hospital,
Southbridge, after a sudden ill-
ness.

She leaves her husband, Roger
R. Roy, with whom she recently
celebrated 63 years of marriage.
She also leaves her son, Michael
R. Roy and his wife Betty Morse
of Sturbridge; her daughter,
Michelle A. Roy of Holland; her beloved
granddaughter, Aemilia Desy and her hus-
band Bryce, US Army Chief Warrant Officer;
her two sisters, Mary Louise Theriault
of Southbridge and JoAnne Vlasak of
Springfield; as well as many nieces
and nephews, and her two beloved cats,
Tommy and Ziva. She was predeceased
by her two brothers, Bernard Rannigan
and Vincent Rannigan. Marcy was born
in Swissvale, PA the daughter of the late
Bernard and Bella (Hamel) Rannigan.

Marcy worked as a medical secretary for

Dr. Schonholz in Southbridge for
over 18 years and Dr. Casaubon
for years prior, then retiring
many years ago. She enjoyed
spending time with her family,
and also liked bird watching,
sewing, swimming and read-
ing. Marcy was a kind, gener-
ous, compassionate person and
always had her family's best
interest at heart. Taking care of
her family and her cats came
first always above everything

else.

Her funeral services and burial will be
private. There are no calling hours.

In keeping with Marcy's love for her cats,
her family requests memorial donations
in Marcy's name be made to Here Today
Adopted Tomorrow Animal Sanctuary, P.O.
Box 557, Brimfield, MA 01010 or online at
www.heretodaysanctuary.org.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home,
130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing
arrangements.

www.morrillfuneralhome.com

MEMORIAL DAY

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the day with the planting of flowers and
flags at the soldiers' graves. Per cus-
tom, all are encouraged to fall in behind
the regiments and join in the parade.
Children are invited to patriotically de-
corate their bikes and doll carriages.

The parade route stops at the ceme-
tery and two war monuments in town
with a brief ceremony at each that
includes an invocation, a ceremonial

gun salute honoring the deceased veter-
ans, laying of wreaths, raising the
flag and the playing of Taps. Also, at the
cemetery red carnations will be placed
on veterans' graves.

Following the parade all who marched
are rewarded with Hoodsie ice cream
cups. Be sure to join us on this Day of
Remembrance in honor of those who
have sacrificed so much for the free-
doms that we enjoy. All are asked to
please observe Covid guidelines that are
in effect on May 30 in accordance with
Governor Bakers orders.

GRADS

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Cormier, Carmen M. Ubarri, Danielle I.
Watkins

Cherry Valley: Elizabeth A. Marc-
Aurele

Douglas: Ellen G. Reber

Dudley: Kaitlin A. Davies, Danielle M.
Favata, Jonathan Flayhan, Brandon T.
Meece

Grafton: Holly Ekstrom

Millbury: Merrie M. Gardner, Andrew
S. Maxwell

North Brookfield: Kara E. Lowkes

North Grafton: Asiya Peerzade

North Oxford: Chelsea F. Langelier

Northbridge: Shannon G. Vail

Oxford: Meaghan M. Calkins
Southbridge: Enrique Sanchez

Spencer: David J. Stanick, Jr.

Sturbridge: Aaron M. Pearl

Uxbridge: Olivia L. Cormier, Danielle
M. Nieves

Webster: Maria A. Beaudette, Mariah
C. Gomes

Master of Occupational Therapy
Milford: Christine E. Orabona

Millbury: Christopher V. Lazzaro

Oxford: Aaron F. Holmberg, Mariah
C. Rennie

Sutton: Anne D. Quinlan

Master of Science

Auburn: Deborah A. Fahey, Cynthia
A. Lebel, Mary E. O'Neil, Ashley M. Peck

Charlton: Jenna M. Beahn, Collin J.
Hart, Denise M. Perry

Dudley: Hannah V. Doherty, Emily
Mattson

Leicester: Melissa S. Ledbetter, Joseph
A. Mazza, Diane L. Moffat

Milford: Kayla M. Supple

Millville: Mitchel P. McGonagle

Northbridge: Patrick D. Sweeney

Oxford: Cassie R. Ford

Sturbridge: Jonathan E. Pover

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Fitchburg State University announces 2021 graduates

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University recently held its 125th commencement exercises, with virtual ceremonies honoring the graduating class.

Fitchburg State President Richard S. Lapidus saluted the graduates for persevering through the challenges of a global pandemic.

"You're transitioning into a very different world from the one that you had been planning for when you started college, and find yourself at a pivotal time in our country's evolution," President Lapidus said. "The pandemic has changed all of our lives in significant ways. It has impacted the way we live and work, think and behave. It has raised questions of uncertainty about the financial future, it has enhanced political polarization and magnified ongoing issues of inequality and injustice. The experience has, at times, been chaotic, stressful and often fatiguing. In many ways, how you respond to this current situation will define your generation. You are well trained and possess the talent and skills to do great things. So, use your education wisely, summon your knowledge, insight, creativity, and

courage. It's your time to challenge what is, affect real change, and realize what can be in the world."

At the graduate ceremony, Graduate Student Leadership Award recipient Christopher S. Brooks talked about his journey from serving in the U.S. Navy to becoming a physician assistant, and the decision to continue his education with an MBA from Fitchburg State. He said he was encouraged to go back to school by a patient who was recovering from a stroke, who was also a teacher.

"To make a long story short, for every excuse that I had on why I could not go back to school, the teacher had given me a positive answer on how and why I should," Brooks said, encouraging others to follow the teacher's example. "Help guide or teach someone that may be feeling stuck. Lead others to help them achieve their goals. Lastly, do not be afraid to take a chance on yourself, whether it is continuing your education further, or possibly applying for that job that you saw, but did not think you'd get."

Undergraduate valedictorian Joseph Bourgeois recounted the challenges all of the members of the Class of 2021 had faced in pursuit of their degrees.

"As the brilliant Albert Einstein once said, 'In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity,'" Bourgeois said. "This past year has been filled with challenges brought on by COVID. Our lives have been changed drastically, especially in terms of our academics. The transition from in-person classes to online was not easy by any means but we were able to push forward and cross the finish line. When we face difficulty in life, we must adapt to the changes and make the best out of a bad situation."

The complete virtual ceremonies can be viewed online at fitchburgstate.edu/commencement.

Among this year's graduates were the following local residents:

Auburn
Jessilyn S. Collette, Nicole A. Fancy,
Brandyn J. Geldart, Sophia L. Laperle,
Lucinda J. Orne
Douglas
Stacey L. Bagaglio
Fiskdale
Cassandra L. Amadio
Grafton
Sean M. MacDonald
Leicester
Jose L. Rivera
Milford

Christopher P. Pruett
Millbury
Christopher A. Brunisma, Sara Charmchi, Patricia L. Leduc, Corrin C. Marchetta, Tatiana Martins
Millville
Madalyn A. Rafus
Northbridge
Miranda L. Monaghan
Oxford
Megan M. Sterczala, Alexis F. Stitisit, Alicia Worster
Southbridge
Amo B. Bounphasaysonh, Lauryn E. Larson
Spencer
Ryan C. Bowen, Meghan I. Bowen, Christopher E. Hickman
Sturbridge
Moreen LaBelle, Laura J. Polizoti
Sutton
Samantha K. Beauchamp, Grant D. McKinlay
Upton
Kaelan B. Farragher
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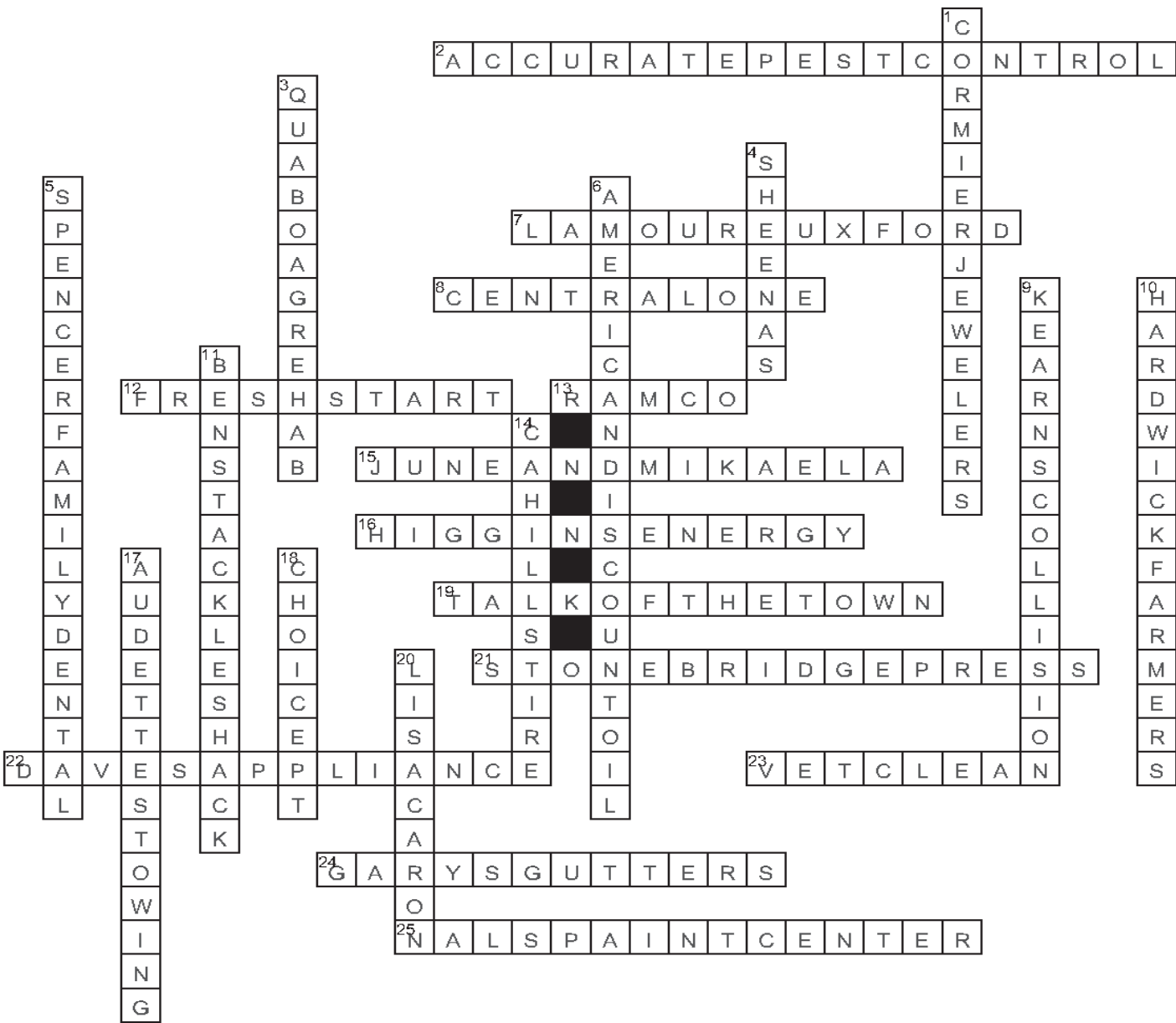
“Family, friends, her classmates, staff, faculty and even alumni have contributed to the scholarship and it is with great pride that I announce that as of today the scholarship has raised over \$12,000,” President Engelkemeyer

Another major announcement during the ceremony was that in addition to the retirement of Linacre's number 27 last fall, the athletic department renamed the junior class female athlete of the year award to the Hallie Linacre Memorial Award which will continue to honor the female athlete in the junior class who has the best overall season and shows positive leadership on and off campus.



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