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Baker administration begins closing down mass vaccination sites

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Recognizing that most residents interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccination have already scheduled both shots, the Baker-Polito Administration recently announced plans to ramp down operations at mass vaccine sites.

Over the next month, mass vaccine sites across the Commonwealth will begin to close. With nearly 3.7 million residents fully vaccinated and over 4.3 million people receiving at least a first dose, Gov. Charlie Baker is focused on increasing targeted community-based vaccine efforts to reach remaining populations.

“All mass vaccination vendors will continue to work closely with the Commonwealth as they ramp down operations at mass vaccination sites over the next several weeks,” Baker said.

Gillette Stadium, the Hynes Convention

Center, the Reggie Lewis Center, Natick Mall, and the Doubletree in Danvers will finish operations by the end of June.

The Eastfield Mall in Springfield and the former Circuit City in Dartmouth will remain open into July. Vaccine vendors CIC Health and Curative will continue to support community mobile sites, including on-site employer clinics and school-based clinics.

Despite a shaky start that saw long lines and problems with online registrations, the Commonwealth’s mass vaccination organizers rebounded to lead a successful program. The effort has led to major decreases in new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, even after the state fully reopened and mask mandates were lifted.

“Today, Massachusetts is a nationwide leader in vaccination, with 79 percent of all adult residents and two-thirds of all res-

idents having received at least one dose,” Baker added.

If you haven’t gotten your vaccine yet, there is still time to register at a mass vaccination site or a regional venue. In total, there are more than 900 vaccine locations available across Massachusetts. The COVID-19 vaccine is free, and individuals do not need insurance or an ID to get the vaccine.

Currently planned closing dates for mass vaccination sites are as follows: Gillette Stadium (June 14); Hynes Convention Center (June 22); Natick Mall (June 23); Reggie Lewis Center (June 27); Doubletree in Danvers (June 30); Eastfield Mall in Springfield (July 6); the former Circuit City in Dartmouth (July 13).

For more information about scheduling and hours of operation at various vaccine sites,

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LPN alumna to speak at Bay Path graduation and pinning ceremonies

WEBSTER – This year’s graduation and pinning ceremonies for the Practical Nursing Class of 2021 will take place at the Lakeside Pavilion by the shores of Lake Chaugoggagoggmanc-hauggagoggchaubunag-ungamaugg in Webster. The live event to honor and recognize the Practical Nursing Class of 2021 is scheduled on Friday, June 25, 2021, will be streamed live via video and audio feeds with no need to sign up in advance.

Alumna Donna Pope, LPN, of Southbridge from PN Class of 2017 will deliver this year’s commencement address. Her message will be one of hope in the journey of becoming an LPN and the many challenges in the rapidly changing COVID-19 world. She encourages the soon to be LPNs to be alert to opportunities – something at which she has excelled. Pope is the STDH Program Nurse at Center of Hope Foundation in Southbridge. She briefly worked as a Flu Clinic Nurse at Maxim Healthcare in Worcester. While a student at Bay Path, Pope was inducted to the National Technical Honor Society. She represented Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy at SkillsUSA District competition earning a Gold Medal and at State com-



Donna Pope

petition earning a Bronze Medal both for Health Knowledge Bowl. Pope is Mental Health First Aid Certified and volunteered for multiple events at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy such as the Admissions Panel Interview, Blood Pressure Clinics, and mentorship. She also volunteers for the Baptist Haiti Mission. Donna Pope, LPN follows in the footsteps of nursing colleagues in delivering Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy’s commencement speech. They include Professor

Virginia Dockstader, BSN, RN and Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. Pope is the first LPN Commencement Speaker for the Practical Nursing Academy.

On the Graduation and Pinning Ceremony honoring diversity will include the graduates wearing their heritage stole made possible by a grant from #WalmartGiving. The celebrations will be capped-off with the pin-

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American Legion holds Father’s Day Ride



Jason Bleau

American Legion Riders Chapter #184 takes off from the Webster-Dudley American legion in Webster for their Father’s Day Ride.

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

WEBSTER/DUDLEY – The Webster-Dudley American Legion Post #184 held a Father’s Day Ride on Saturday, June 19, with more than 70 riders on more than 60 motorcycles taking to the streets to raise money for local veterans.

The event saw riders take off from the Webster-Dudley American Legion stopping at Legion posts in Northborough, Grafton and Woonsocket, R.I. before returning to Webster where food and a live band awaited them. The day was a chance for veterans to come together in brother and sisterhood and to raise funds to help enhance and expand the veteran programs and facilities at the Legion on Houghton Street in Webster.

Miguel Nieves, the President of the Webster-Dudley Legion Riders Chapter #184, said while

the beautiful weather provided a great day for riding there was more too the event than just getting together and enjoying good company. This was a day truly for the veterans.

“You can’t express a lot of the things that you’ve gone through as a veteran to those who have gone through it themselves or their children who have seen their parents deal with the images and trauma that they’ve been exposed to. Being able to open up is a huge thing. You get this type of gathering where there are so many people with similar circumstances and it’s a way to decompress,” Nieves said. “One of the big things nowadays when it comes to veterans is the psychological effects. The 22-day is still a thing where people can’t see the light. With something like this we say if you’re feeling dark come out, hang out and we’ll take care of you and that’s what, to me, this is for. The bikes and the nice day, that’s all a bonus.”

David Harris, one of the route planners for the event, said these kinds of events happen all year round at Legions across the state. Riders come

together for a great cause and celebrate the brotherhood they share.

“It happens everywhere when a post puts on a ride. You’ll see turnouts very similar to this if not bigger. It’s just a brotherhood. Everybody is in it for the same thing, to raise money for veteran causes,” said Harris. “It’s very relaxing and it’s good to be with all your friends and fellow riders. You go out, have a couple snacks, have a drink and it’s one of the best ways to raise funds.”

Miguel Nieves added that having the ride on Father’s Day weekend was a special way to acknowledge those who never returned to be part of their families and the sacrifice they made while also being thankful that everyone on the route has had a chance to enjoy that part of their lives in great part due to the sacrifices of others.

“When you do something like this, and you think about fatherhood a lot of guys didn’t come home and couldn’t be fathers. It’s a double-edged sword. I’m thankful that I can have a family, and you have to remember the guys who

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Cornerstone Bank donates \$25,000 to YMCA of Central Massachusetts



Courtesy

YMCA of Central Massachusetts President and CEO David Connell (left) and Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd M. Tallman (right).

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$25,000 to the YMCA of Central Massachusetts to support youth development programs and services as well as the LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA initiative, a fitness program for cancer survivors.

“The core values of the YMCA align with those of our own organization,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “Their commitment to the community, especially children and teenagers, is inspiring. We hope this donation will allow them to continue their youth programs as well as the LIVESTRONG® program, providing wellness support for so many who are recovering from serious illnesses.”

LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA is a free 12-week small-group fitness program designed for adult cancer survivors seeking to regain health following treatment. The YMCA of Central Massachusetts serves youth through childcare programs, education and leadership opportunities, physical activities and summer camp. Their six full-service branches serve 35,000 members across 70 cities and towns, providing more than \$1 million in scholarship assistance and program subsidy to participants over the past seven years alone.

“Even with the COVID-19 pandemic making outreach more difficult, the Y has continued to serve Central Massachusetts in a big way,” added

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St. Joseph Pre-K and Kindergarten students receive diplomas



St. Joseph School Kindergarten Class of 2021 - (Front) Sophia Bengston, Kacper Bal, Cameron Blodgett, Julia Biela, Samuel Brunnett, Luke Zeglen, Anna Wozniak, Julian Gibbons, Gabriella Powaza. (Back) Carson Krajcik, Gabriella Fernandez, Emma Romeo, Nikolai Runge, Zoey Sandstrom, Landon McGrail, Mia Reed, Headmaster Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, Principal Michael Hackenson, Instructor Samantha Cozza.



St. Joseph School Pre-K 4-Year-Old 2021 Graduates - (Front) Isaac Nading, Kenneth Maurer, Kelsey Cormier, Juliet Craver, Amalina Khozami, Evan Walker, Austin Runge, Hudson Hogan, Avery Benson. (Back) Patryk Deptula, Shaelynn O'Dell, Maksymilian Bujala, Oliver Smith, Adam Chojnacki, Instructor Robyn Dodge, Headmaster Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, Principal Michael Hackenson, Teaching Assistant Amanda Pecyna.

WEBSTER — On Tuesday, June 8, St. Joseph School Pre-K four-year-old students and their families gathered in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium to celebrate their accomplishments and receive their diplomas.

The ceremony began with a procession followed by the “Pledge of Allegiance.” The morning’s program also included the songs “ABC You Later,” “The Lord’s Prayer,” “Baby Shark Graduation Edition,” “The Hail Mary,” “Tooty Ta,” and “Thank you.” Then, the extremely excited students received their diplomas from St. Joseph School Principal Michael Hackenson and then settled into the audience with their parents to review an incredible slide show highlighting events and their achievements throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

Fourteen students advanced to Kindergarten: Avery Benson, Maksymilian Bujala, Adam Chojnacki, Kelsey Cormier, Juliet Craver, Patryk Deptula, Hudson Hogan, Amalina Khozami, Kenneth Maurer, Isaac Nading, Shaelynn O’Dell, Austin Runge, Oliver Smith, and Evan Walker. St. Joseph School Pre-K four-year-old students are instructed by Ms. Robyn Dodge and Miss Amanda Pecyna.

On Wednesday, June 9, St. Joseph School Kindergarten students and their families also

gathered in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium for their graduation ceremony. The Kindergarten students processed into the gymnasium wearing traditional St. Joseph School red and white caps and gowns. Once on stage, they began their program by reciting “The Our Father” and “Hail Mary,” followed by the “Pledge of Allegiance.” Then, each student took a turn coming forward to the microphone and telling the audience what they want to be when they grow up. Career choices include being a YouTuber, a puppy salesman, a zookeeper, and a mommy.

The morning culminated with the students singing and dancing to “Deep, Deep, Deep!” “First Grade, First Grade!” and “Dynamite.” Diplomas were also distributed to the students by St. Joseph School Principal Michael Hackenson.

Seventeen students advanced to First Grade: Kacper Bal, Sophia Bengtson, Julia Biela, Cameron Blodgett, Samuel Brunnett, Gabriella Fernandez, Julian Gibbons, Carson Krajcik, Landon McGrail, Delaney Pacheco, Gabriella Powaza, Mia Reed, Emma Romeo, Nikolai Runge, Zoey Sandstrom, Anna Wozniak, and Luke Zeglen. Mrs. Samantha Cozza instructs St. Joseph School Kindergarten students. Best wishes, students!

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Leicester Harvest Fair returns this fall!

LEICESTER — The twenty-first annual Leicester Harvest Fair will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18. Mark your calendar and plan to join the festivities on the Leicester Common, in the Town Hall and adjacent buildings!

Watch for Harvest Fair brochures soon to be available at the Town Hall, Senior Center, Leicester Public Library our Facebook page and at local businesses. Plan to enter your garden vegetables and flowers, your best canned and baked goods, your homebrew, your photography and fiber crafts to enrich the Fair exhibits. Skilled artisans will demonstrate historic crafts, and local crafters will sell their wares. Food booths will offer a tasty selection. Traditional folk music performances at the Band Stand and activities for children will entertain Fair goers of all ages.

Don't miss the return of this annual community gathering!

Auburn resident named to Dean’s List at Dean College

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce that Bella D’Auteuil of Auburn has earned a place on the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. Students named to the Dean’s List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

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Selectmen look to formalize Employee Appreciation Day

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Charlton Board of Selectmen is working on a way to make an employee appreciation event a permanent part of the town's yearly schedule.

Board Chair Bill Borowski and Town Administrator Andrew Golas brought forward a draft policy during the board's June 8 meeting that would designate a day near Labor Day as an official Employee Appreciation Day. The town has previously held annual celebrations of town employees however the COVID-19 pandemic halted the event for 2020. The selectmen want the event to return for 2021 but with a new,

more official status.

"The catalyst for this was we all know that people have been going through an awful lot the past couple of years between just typical town government as well as COVID. What I really wanted to do is show all of our employees that we know it's hard and we know we're not always the easiest people to deal with but at the same time they do a great job day in and day out," Borowski said. "I thought this was a nice way to rekindle what had been done in the past showing appreciation."

The idea was welcomed with open arms by his two fellow selectmen present for the meeting, Stephen Koronis and Barbara Zurawski. Koronis, who was elected in 2020 and did not know

an employee appreciation event took place, said he "loved the idea" while Zurawski volunteered to coordinate the event saying, "I don't think there's enough that we can do to thank every single person that is helping out every single day."

The selectmen also clarified that the event would not be funded with taxpayer dollars but instead through private donations or the like.

While all three selectmen were in favor making an Employee Appreciation Day official they held off on acting on any policy until their fellow selectmen, David Singer and Patsy Rydlak, could join in the conversation in July.



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University of Rhode Island names local students to Dean's List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2021 Dean's List. More than 7,000 students were named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List, representing nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

The following local students were named to the list:

Ryan Murphy of Auburn
Isabelle O'Toole of Auburn
Shannon Sampson of Auburn
Justin Skaparas of Auburn

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades

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To view the entire Dean's List, visit: uri.edu/academics/deans-list/

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Area students named to Dean's List at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD — A model for the "New Traditional University," Western New England University (WNE) is among just 13 percent of private (5,000 students or less) institutions ranked among *US News and World Report* "National Universities" and a "Top 100 Engineering Program." WNE enrolls 3,690 students, including 2,552 full-time undergraduate, in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at its Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy & Health Sciences, and School of Law.

Western New England University is pleased to announce that the following area students are among more than 750 named to the WNE Spring Semester 2021 Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Christopher J. Bernier-BSE in Electrical Engineering from Auburn

Matthew P. Russell-BSBA in Marketing Communication/Advertising from Auburn

Sebastian John Smreczak-Pre-Pharmacy/Doctor of Pharmacy from Auburn

Jacob Brett Benoit-BSBA in Sport Management

from Auburn

Caroline M. Foley-JD from Auburn

Amy Ly-BS in Health Sciences from Auburn

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Area students named to President's List at Western New England University

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Western New England University is pleased to announce that the following area students are among more than 460 named to the WNE Spring Semester 2021 President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

Haley Phoenix Burek-Pre-Pharmacy/Doctor of Pharmacy from Auburn

Emily Paige Wambach-BSE in Biomedical Engineering from Auburn

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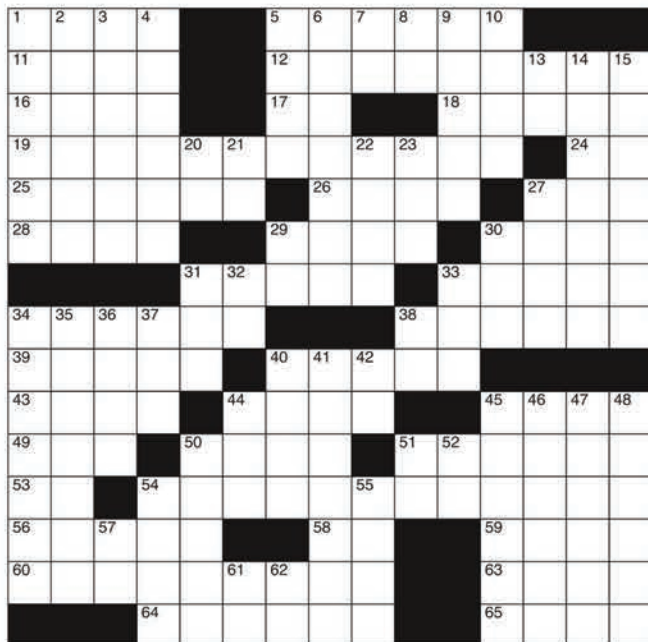


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- More deformed
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- Blood disorder
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- We
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- Male parent
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A celebration of freedom

Last week, President Biden signed legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday. The house approved the legislation with a bi-partisan vote of 415-14. This day commemorates the actual end of slavery in our country, a day that should be celebrated by all. An entire race of people was now free, two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, what's not to celebrate? If that bothers anyone, we have to wonder why. Adding a federal holiday does not negate, nor take away from any other holiday. It just doesn't.

In 1776, just under 100 years earlier, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

However, not all Americans were 'free' until June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3, which stated that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, "all slaves are free." Several months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subjected to President Abraham Lincoln's order.

During that time, Union presence was weak in Texas; therefore, enforcement wasn't strong, allowing white plantation owners to continue to use slave labor. Anytime evil is undone, as it was on that day in 1865, it should be celebrated.

In current times, the goal is for all law abiding Americans to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as one another. Such a simple concept yet so many continue to feel threatened by our differences. How great would it be if everyone was just kind to each other, despite our differences, why is that so hard? The fact is, it's not hard to try to understand each other. Maybe we may never understand each other but that's ok. We can guarantee that anyone you meet, has something in common with you, even if it's something as simple as preferring Pepsi over Coke. Start there.

Make it a point this week to seek someone out who lives and feels completely different than you and just be kind to them. It is possible to have different views on different topics yet still possible to treat each other with respect and dignity. We all deserve that, no matter who you vote for, what you look like, what you do for work or who you love.

Addressing the country after signing the Juneteenth bill, the President said, "The promise of equality is not going to be fulfilled until we become real; it becomes real in our schools and on our Main Streets and in our neighborhoods."

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!



I'm still here!

I'm sitting here surrounded by love. Noah is on my left and Caleb on my right, sitting on the sofa. The doorbell just rang and Noah leaps to his feet ... pizza!

If circumstances were different, it would be a typical Friday night, but tonight everyone is feeling a bit subdued. Last week I shared with you my health news. The outpouring of love has been overwhelming. I will not possibly be able to respond to all the email and social media messages. Just know I'm grateful for each and everyone.

I'm not a fatalist. Yes, I'm in hospice, and yes, I'm told that I'm dying, but I struggle to believe that it's the final word. I'm fighting to stay alive. I will forever be a "prisoner of hope," and I'll never stop hoping for life here on earth, and my ultimate hope is in the promise of Heaven.

So many of you ask, "How do you cope with knowing you are going to die?"

A dear old friend, Roger Roussell sent me this quote ...

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I understand the cold-hard truth that we are all going to die. Some sooner than others, and I suppose I'm on that sooner list. I cope because I know I can rely on God's promises. If not, I'm sure I'd be a mess. I can cope because I've known this day was coming for over a year and I'm ready. I'd rather not go, but Cancer is a killer and we've exhausted all our possibilities that we are aware of today. Tomorrow may be a different story. I have hope that before I die, there will be a breakthrough that gives me more time. If not, that's okay too. I've lived a big happy life. I have a beautiful and independent family that will carry on.

Last night a tornado passed my daughter's home within a few blocks and cut a devastating path leaving 34,000 without power. The damage

and death toll are still not known. The difficult reality with this life is that it's never if hardship or tragedy will come, but when. These moments are never easy, and these moments bring about grief, pain, trauma, and heartache. When these moments come, we all reach a crossroad - how will we respond?

To be hope-filled, positive, and optimistic is not to ignore the hardship, but it's to face it head on. It's a decision to take the bull by the horns (or the cancer!) and give the best fight we've got all the while choosing to cling to hope and embrace the everyday joys of life.

It isn't if... but when hardship comes. How will you respond?

Since it truly is a choice we make. Why would we choose otherwise?

Today I choose hope, joy, and gratitude.

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Managing insects on vegetables and herbs



Melinda Myers

Lady beetles are one of the good guys, helping to control populations of aphids and other harmful insect pests in the garden.

Homegrown fresh vegetables not only taste better; they are more nutritious. Plus, you can control what products are applied to the plants to control insect pests and disease.

The first steps to growing a productive vegetable garden and protecting your harvest begin with proper planning and care.

Select the most disease-resistant varieties available when planning your garden. Then plant them in properly prepared soil with the amount of sunlight they require. Provide the necessary ongoing care and your plants will be healthier and better able to tolerate pest problems.

Even when you do everything right; problems can still arise. It's just a part of gardening.

Further reduce the risk with regular visits to the garden. Check along the stems and under the leaves for any clues that insect pests have moved into your garden. It is much easier to manage small populations of harmful pests than after they have had time to rapidly reproduce.

At the same time, look for lady beetles, green lace wings and other good guys that eat a variety of garden pests. Leaving a few pests to attract these good guys is often an easy, yet effective way to manage the harmful ones.

Enlist the help of songbirds by attracting them with birdbaths and feeders. Many birds supplement their diets with insect protein. Just protect young seedlings as many birds also like fresh greens.

If you need to lend nature a hand, remove small populations of insects by hand or use a strong blast of water to knock aphids and mites off plants. This is often enough to manage the damage and minimize their impact on your garden harvest.

Barriers of floating row covers can keep cabbage worms, onion maggots, Japanese beetles, and some other insects from laying

eggs on their favorite plants. Cover the plants with the fabric at planting, anchor the edges and leave enough slack for plants to grow. Uncover flowering plants as soon as blossoms appear if bees are needed for pollination.

Set out yellow bowls filled with soapy water. The yellow attracts aphids and some other harmful pests. The insects gravitate toward the yellow, then crash into the soapy water and die.

If the problem insects are winning the battle, you may be tempted to reach for chemical controls. Instead, look for the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) certification on product labels. This independent non-profit organization reviews products for use in organic gardens, production, and processing.

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As always, read and follow label directions for any organic, natural, or synthetic chemical used. Heeding label directions ensures safe application and effective control.

By working with nature and investing some time and creativity you can safely minimize insect problems and maximize your garden's harvest.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*, *ShehostsTheGreatCourses* "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Summit for her expertise to write this article. Myers' Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

How can you prepare for the "New Retirement?"



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A generation or so ago, people didn't just retire from work – many of them also withdrew from a whole range of social and communal activities. But now, it's different: The large Baby Boom cohort, and no doubt future ones, are insisting on an active lifestyle and continued involvement in their communities and world. So, what should you know about this "new retirement"? And how can you prepare for it?

For starters, consider what it means to be a retiree today. The 2020 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study has identified these four interrelated, key ingredients, along with the connected statistics, for living well in the new retirement:

Health – While physical health may decline with age, emotional intelligence – the ability to use emotions in positive ways – actually improves, according to a well-known study from the University of California, among others. However, not surprisingly, retirees fear Alzheimer's and other types of dementia more than any physical ailment, including cancer or infectious diseases, according to the "Four Pillars" study.

Family – Retirees get their greatest emotional nourishment from family relationships – and they'll do anything it takes to help support those family members, even if it means sacrificing their own financial security. Conversely, retirees lacking close connections with family and friends are at risk for all the negative consequences resulting from physical and social isolation.

Purpose – Nearly 90 percent of Americans feel that there should be more ways for retirees to use their talents and knowledge for the benefit of their communities and society at large. Retirees want to spend their time in useful, rewarding ways – and they're well capable of doing so, given their decades of life experience. Retirees with a strong sense of purpose have happier, healthier lives and report a higher quality of life.

Finances – Retirees are less interested in accumulating more wealth than they are in having sufficient resources to achieve the freedom to live their lives as they choose. Yet, retirees frequently find that managing money in retirement can be even more challenging than saving for it. And the "unknowns" can be scary: Almost 70 percent of those who plan to retire in the next 10 years say they have no idea what their health-care and long-term care costs will be in retirement.

So, if you're getting close to retirement, and you're considering these factors, how can you best integrate them into a fulfilling, meaningful way of life? You'll want to take a "holistic" approach by asking yourself some key questions: What do you want to be able to do with your time and money? Are you building the resources necessary to enjoy the lifestyle you've envisioned? Are you prepared for the increasing costs of health care as you age? Have you taken the steps to maintain your financial independence, and avoid burdening your family, in case you need some type of long-term care? Have you created the estate plans necessary to leave the type of legacy you desire?

By addressing these and other issues, possibly with the help of a financial professional, you can set yourself on the path toward the type of retirement that's not really a retirement at all – but rather a new, invigorating chapter of your life.

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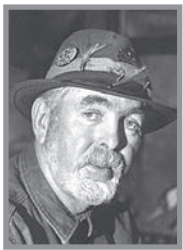
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The heat is on — and so is the fog

The summer heat is on for the next two months, and boaters need to be aware of the thick fog at this time of year. Although I do not like fishing in the fog, I rely on my GPS to keep me safe, and navigate the ocean waters that I enjoy fishing. For years I navigated the ocean using a compass and was not comfortable when the fog rolled in. None of my fishing buddies were much help, and relied on me to keep them safe.

There was one time when we were fishing in the five cottages area of Rhode Island, fishing for fluke. My two fishing buddies each had two lines out while I had one. We had two drift socks out to slow down our drift. The thick fog rolled in right after we got set up to start adrift, and I mean thick fog. We could hear the fog horn at the Galilee break wall, but we could also hear a strange sound coming closer to our boat. I started blowing my horn to alert the captain of the other vessel. I finally realized it was a large boat heading in our direction. I told the guys to be ready for a possible collision. “Thug Thug Thug” from the engine of the other boat, got closer every second, and I quickly started my motor.

Like a ghost ship, we suddenly spotted the hull of a large sailboat headed right at us. We all start-



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ed yelling as loud as we could. I quickly threw my 175 hp motor into forward gear, but we did not move to fast because we still had two drift socks out. The hull of the massive sail boat barely cleared the stern of our boat as we all kept yelling at the top of our voices. Suddenly a voice from the other vessel wanted to know what all the yelling was about. “Are you Nuts?” I replied. “You darn near ran us over.” Obviously, he was navigating on auto pilot, with no one at the helm. He sure ruined our day! We decided to call it a day!

A couple of times, we near got run over by the Block Island speed ferry, and had to make fast adjustments to our course. Both times, it was extremely foggy. Just because I had a good GPS to navigate with, it did not keep us safe from other boats that take little care in their navigation. One buddy of mine that often fished with me would not go out if it was foggy. If the fog rolled in while we were out fishing, he would demand that we head in. I did not

comply one day and he never went fishing with me again. Big Baby!

Captain Mel True of “Fish Net Charters” sent along this week’s picture of a large striper which was released after a fast photo shoot. All the striper his clients caught were released because of the slot limit. I do not know who dreams up all of these crazy regulations, but it is not done by responsible biologists. Politics!

Another local angler and his brother had to cancel their planned striper fishing trip to the Cape last week. They both enjoy surf fishing for stripers on the cape, but the beaches were shut down because of the shore bird called the “Piping Plover.” It is nesting season, and these endangered birds’ nest along the sandy beaches. It seems like a bit of overkill, when they shut down a lot of the coastline to fishing.

My brother Ken and his wife Debby made another trip to the Quabbin Reservoir last week and caught numerous lake trout on their fishing trip, that has become an annual event.

They rent a boat at gate 8 for around \$25, which is equipped with a four-stroke motor and six gallons of gas. It is the price for the rental on weekdays, and it also has the reduced price for seniors. Sometimes, it



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This week’s picture shows Byron Crampton with a nice size striper last week while fishing aboard Fishnet Charters, with Captain Mel True, Jr.!

pays to be old. The lake trout were averaging 21 inches plus. Bass fishing is also great this time of year at the Quabbin Reservoir!

Unfortunately, you need to have your boat washed prior to launching because of fear that you may have an invasive weed stuck to the bottom of your boat. The outrageous price of \$80 to wash your boat prior to fishing needs to be done every time you plan to fish the Quabbin, if you use your boat in another body of water prior to your trip.

Drivers need to be aware of the high population of deer in local covers. Deer are just about done having their young at this time of year, and their fawns are out exploring their surroundings. This past week, I was in the area of the Nelmore Co. in North Uxbridge when I spotted a young fawn in the road. The young deer had extremely wobbly legs, and near fell down twice before it wandered off into a small patch of woods. It sure was not very old. I am sure the mother was not far away. Numerous

reports of small deer in backyards have also been reported in the last few weeks. It is best to leave them alone, and they will have a better chance of survival.

Local freshwater bass fishing has been nothing but fantastic in the valley area, and freshwater anglers are still catching some nice trout. Deep trolling lakes and ponds, are producing the most trout.

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Tips for Terrific Tomatoes

The taste of a garden tomato, warmed from the sun and plucked fresh from the vine, is a simple pleasure worth waiting all year for. While tasty tomatoes are undoubtedly the highlight of most backyard gardens, their sweet success can often be ensured with a few “tricks of the trade.”

Prep Plants: Harden off tomato plants for a week to ten days before transplanting outside. Veteran farmers advise to transplant tomatoes in late afternoon for best results.

Deep Seated: Growing deep, extensive roots and full leaves will help establish newly transplanted tomatoes. Many experienced tomato growers pull off the first flowers, so the plant does not devote energy to forming fruit before its roots and foliage have filled out.

Rotation Inoculation: Expert growers claim insect infestation and plant disease is reduced if you never plant tomatoes in the same spot more than three years in a row.

Mulching Mix: Mulching is an important garden task and natural mulches such as straw, leaves, pine needles and dried grass all are beneficial to tomato plants.

Warm Up To Cool Down: Since mulch keeps the ground cool, it’s important to wait until the ground soil warms to 65 degrees before laying the mulch.

Companion Crops: The plants in which tomatoes keep company with can affect their growth. Tomatoes like to grow near onions, parsley, chives, garlic, and carrots. **Early Irrigation:** Water tomato plants early in the day to be sure leaves will be dry by nightfall

Think Ahead: Pound in stakes for future support at the same time you plant tomatoes. Waiting until later could the roots.

Tie it up: Stake ties made of strips of old pantyhose or lightweight fabric won’t cut into plants

Faded Flavor: If your tomatoes are large, but lack flavor, over watering might be the culprit.

Fun Fact: According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the world’s largest tomato was grown by Gordon Graham of Edmund, Oklahoma and weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces.

Freezing Tomatoes: If you’re lucky enough to have too many tomatoes to

use or give away, you might want to consider freezing them. Here’s how:

Freezing Raw Tomatoes: It is possible to quickly freeze raw tomatoes without blanching them first. They may be frozen without their skins or frozen whole with their skins. Frozen tomatoes are best used in cooked foods such as soups, sauces and stews as they become mushy when they’re thawed. Tomatoes should be washed before cutting. To wash, wet each tomato with water, rub its surface, rinse it with running water, and dry it with a paper towel. After washing, cut away the stem scar and surrounding area and discard it before slicing or chopping the tomato. Washing tomatoes in a sink filled with water is not recommended since contaminated water can be absorbed through the fruit’s stem scar. The use of soap or detergent is neither recommended nor approved for washing fruits and vegetables because they can absorb detergent residues. Tomatoes may be frozen whole, sliced, chopped, or pureed. Additionally, you can freeze them raw or cooked, as juice or sauce, or prepared in the recipe of your choice. Thawed raw tomatoes may be used in any cooked-tomato recipe. Do not try to substitute them for fresh tomatoes, however, since freezing causes their texture to become mushy. Tomatoes should be seasoned just before serving rather than before freezing; freezing may either strengthen or weaken seasonings such as garlic, onion, and herbs. Preparation. Select firm, ripe tomatoes for freezing. Sort the tomatoes, discarding any that are spoiled. Wash them in clean water as recommended above. Dry them by blotting with a clean cloth or paper towels.

Freezing Whole Tomatoes with Peels: Prepare tomatoes as described above. Cut away the stem scar. Place the tomatoes on cookie sheets and freeze. Tomatoes do not need to be blanched before freezing. Once frozen, transfer the tomatoes from the cookie sheets into freezer bags or other containers. Seal tightly. To use the frozen tomatoes, remove them from the freezer a few at a time or all at once. To peel, just run a frozen tomato under warm water in the kitchen sink. Its skin will slip off easily.

Freezing Peeled Tomatoes: If you prefer to freeze peeled tomatoes, you can wash the tomatoes and then dip them in boiling water for about 1 minute or until the skins split. Peel and then freeze as noted above.



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Lifespan: To extend the lifetime of frozen foods maintain good quality, package foods in material intended for freezing and keep the temperature of the freezer at 0 degrees F or below. It is generally recommended frozen vegetables be eaten within about 8 months for best quality.

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House – Contest has resumed!

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random

drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I’m in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I’m counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press 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.

Friday’s Child



**Thomas
Age 14**

Hi! My name is Thomas and I love Italian food and hamburgers!

Thomas is a quiet young man of Caucasian descent who loves Harry Potter and Pokémon. He likes to be active and spend time outside. However, when he is indoors, his favorite thing to do is play Nintendo. Thomas would like to go hiking and fishing but so far, he has not had the opportunity to do so. His favorite foods include anything Italian and hamburgers. However, he is not a fan of hot dogs.

Thomas’ favorite subject is science, and he receives extra supports in school to help him complete his assignments on time.

Thomas is legally freed for adoption and is seeking a patient and caring family that is open to him making a slow transition to their home. He will do well in a family of any constellation, where he can be the only or significantly youngest child in the home.

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The Spencer Housing Authority is seeking an experienced administrator for leadership and management of its programs, properties, and contracts.

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To apply please submit cover letter and resume to charlene.kaiser@spencerhousing.org, addressed to the Spencer Housing Board of Directors. A full job description is available upon request. at this email address.

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Jacob Kusy graduates from Union College

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Jacob Kusy, of Auburn, graduated from Union College last weekend.

Kusy, a member of the Class of 2021 majoring in Political Science, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts.

Through the hard work and sacrifices of many, Union was able give its seniors an in-person ceremony. The featured speaker was Sue J. Goldie '84, a renowned physician, medical researcher and educator whose work has greatly influenced the field of public health.

Union College, founded in 1795 as the first college chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, offers programs in the liberal arts and engineering to 2,100 undergraduates of high academic promise and strong personal motivation. Union, with its long history of blending disciplines, is a leader in educating students to be engaged, innovative and ethical contributors to an increasingly diverse, global and technologically complex society.

Roger Williams University announces 2021 graduates

BRISTOL, R.I. — The following local residents were among the students who received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2021:

Mary Byrne of Auburn graduates Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Criminal Justice

Dylan Pratt of Auburn graduates Cum Laude with a B.S. in Architecture
Samantha Sutton of Auburn graduates with a M.A. Forensic & Legal Psychology About RWU

With campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I., Roger Williams University is a forward-thinking private university committed to strengthening society through engaged teaching and learning. At RWU, small classes, direct access to faculty and guaranteed opportunity for real-world projects ensure that its nearly 4,000 undergraduates - along with hundreds of law students, graduate students and adult learners - graduate with the ability to think critically along with the practical skills that today's employers demand. Roger Williams is leading the way in American higher education, confronting the most pressing issues facing students and families - increasing costs, rising debt and job readiness.

Roger Williams University announces Dean's List

BRISTOL, R.I. — Select students have been named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

Cody Berube of Auburn
Alli Schoenfeldt of Auburn
Niccola Zona of Auburn
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Fairfield University congratulates Dean's List students

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Shamrock Barrera and Riley Nicholson of Auburn received Dean's List Honors for the Spring 2021 semester at Fairfield University.

In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

Springfield College recognizes Dean's List students

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2021 Spring Semester.

Grace Levansavich from Auburn. Levansavich has a primary major of Physical Education and Health/Family and Consumer Science.

Danielle Schmeling from Auburn. Schmeling has a primary major of Sports Biology.

Samantha Foulkrod from Auburn. Foulkrod has a primary major of Therapeutic Recreation.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.50 for the term.

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.



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All Saints Academy eighth graders graduate

WEBSTER — On Sunday, June 6, the eighth-grade students of All Saints Academy returned to St. Louis Church in Webster to participate in their graduation Mass and ceremony. Celebrant Rev. William Sanders and Concelebrant Rev. Adam Reid, together with families, faculty and staff celebrated the students’ academic successes, accomplishments, and hopes for the future.

In her remarks, Mrs. Joan Matys, principal, commented on how blessed she was to have been able to spend quality time together with the eighth graders, both inside and outside of the classroom, and really got a sense of who they each are. Principals rarely get that chance.

“I believe they are all destined for great things,” she said.

At the end of graduation, awards to students who have best exemplified the defined qualities for specific scholarships were presented. The Bishop Reilly Book Award was awarded to Logan Mueller for displaying kindness and truth in everyday life together with and enthusiasm for learning and an active involvement in service to the school, church, and community. The Pearson Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Lara Boulmetis and Logan Mueller for their spirit of achievement and dedication to excellence. The All Saints Academy Award was bestowed upon Lillian Maglich and Dylan Polinski, acknowledging their strong and consistent effort, conduct, honesty, maturity, responsibility and service.

Mrs. Matys recognized the incredible journey the students have been on for the past year and a half, enduring hardships that no one could have imagined. But these students “continued to learn, grow and thrive, despite them.”



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The newly graduated students exited the church with one final assignment from All Saints Academy – to continue to be beacons of Christ’s love, use their God-given talents to be the best young men and women they can be, and go make a difference in this world. These students will be making a difference at Marianapolis Preparatory School, Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School, Shepard Hill regional High School, and St. Paul Diocesan Jr.-Sr. High School in the fall.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021: Lara Boulmetis, Lillian Maglich, Logan Mueller, Dylan Polinski, Joseph Santora, Lily Sargent, Reid Szela.

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TCA holds Pre-K graduation ceremony

SOUTHBRIDGE — Earlier this month, Trinity Catholic Academy’s Pre-K graduation was held at St. Mary’s Church in Southbridge.

After last year’s traveling graduation, St. Mary’s Church offered a spacious opportunity for families to gather to celebrate the 10 deserving Pre-K Graduates of Trinity Catholic Academy. Pre-K teacher, Melissa Hilli and asst. Sandra Lomme presented these inspired and animated children with their graduation cap & certificate of completion for the 2020-2021 in-person school year. Family members and grandparents alike were entertained with music, movement and song performed by the little graduates that were led by Music & Movement teacher, Nicole Ladd. They were so excited to perform for all. As challenging as it may have been through the pandemic, these scholars followed protocol for a successful healthy school year. The 2020-21 school year allowed for enrollment of 10 Pre-K students. Hopefully, future months reveal the ability to include more four-year-olds who are requesting to attend the fun innovative group for fall 2021. TCA offers full-day preschool, three-day or five-day for children aged 4 by Aug. 31. Trinity Catholic Academy, a Pre-K to Grade 8 school, promotes academic excellence, athletics, and the arts with respect, compassion, and service among our diverse family.

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Trinity Catholic Academy honor roll

SOUTHBRIDGE — Trinity Catholic Academy has released its honor roll for the third trimester of the 2020-2021 school year.

Grade 4
High Honors: Layla Beu, David Gil
Honors: Chloe Cahill, Sarah Clark, Lucas Cournoyer, Sofia Henao, Fernandez Kinuthia, Lily Nellis, Kylar Norris, Anthony Postale, Kerstin Smaltz

Grade 5
High Honors: Alivia Gauvin, Oliver MacDonald
Honors: Jameson Durocher, Matthew Ehrhard, Aedyn Esser, Issayris Gonzalez-Rivera, Heather Kennedy, Isabella Lamica, Olivia Neuenschwander, Nolan Smeltzer

Grade 6
High Honors: Apollo Logan
Honors: Elliot Gaspar, Michael Gasperini, Melany Ngo, Iban Pelaez, Isabel Raczkowski, Yashvi Swadia, Nico Yacavace

Grade 7
High Honors: Anika Ferrantino
Honors: Charles Congdon, Colin Ladd, Amari Pereira, Nicholas Sargent

Grade 8
High Honors: Luisa Henao, Elena Jerez, Casey Renaud, Ava Simon, Havish Swadia, Manaali Vaidya
Honors: Summer Hudson, Jennalee Rousseau



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