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Anya Grondalski



Kendall Mullen

Shepherd Hill grads awarded CMS Chamber scholarships

STURBRIDGE — The Chamber of Central Mass. South is incredibly pleased to announce the winners of the Chamber Scholarships for 2020. This year, scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to two very deserving, local students upon successful completion of their first semester of college with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

“With the outbreak of the pandemic occurring only days before our application deadline, this was a very unusual year for our selection process,” said Chamber Executive Director Alexandra McNitt. “Our Scholarship Committee scrambled to make it all happen via Zoom. We had many applications from across our catchment. It is incredibly heartening to see so many talented young adults making valuable contributions to our communities. As our process unfolded, two students clearly set themselves apart as leaders with bright, bright futures ahead of them.”

This year’s \$1,000 scholarship recipients are Anya Grondalski and Kendall Mullen, both Class of 2020 graduates of Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

Anya Grondalski, of Charlton, is an exceptional student with a glowing school

transcript, and an outstanding young citizen in our community. Anya not only excels in her academics; she is also highly active in many school activities. Anya has held prominent positions such as Shepherd Hill RamTV Producer and Editor, Member of the Shepherd Hill Principal’s Advisory Council, and a Member of the Dudley-Charlton Regional Superintendent’s Advisory Council. Anya is a talented and award-winning member of the Shepherd Hill Show Choir. She was also chosen as Charlton student delegate at the Massachusetts State Convention. Throughout her high school career, Anya has volunteered her time and efforts to give back to her community by serving on or with 14 organizations including: The Charlton Board of Selectman, The Charlton Library, Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary, The Charlton Old Home Day Committee, and The Overlook Masonic Health Center. Anya takes her love of hard news with her to college in the fall to pursue her studies in broadcast communications.

Kendall Mullen, also of Charlton, is an excellent student with an innate ability to engage in a supportive way with people of all ages. Kendall has maintained a high GPA

while also being active in her school, church and community activities. A member of Student Council through all of her four years of high school, Kendall brings energy and enthusiasm to all of her endeavors. Her activities include being the captain of Shepherd Hill’s Show Choir, donating countless hours as a volunteer at St. Joseph’s Church in Charlton, and raising funds for and serving at Camp Sunshine, a non-profit organization in Casco, Maine for families of children with life-threatening diseases. Kendall excels at music and is a member of The Tri-M Music Honor Society, the international music honor society for middle and high school students. She is currently employed at Zoink’s Fun Factory in Oxford. With a true passion for serving those in need, Kendall will pursue her education towards a career in social work.

The Chamber and its members are truly gratified to be able to contribute to the ongoing education and success of these exceptional young scholars and offer them heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as they embark on their journeys into higher education. The Chamber of

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Charlton voters head to the polls Saturday

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Voters in Charlton will have some important decisions to make this Saturday, as the town’s annual election will see several seats filled in town leadership including the naming of two new selectmen and a town moderator.

Three candidates are running for open seats on the Board of Selectmen with only two open positions on the board. John McGrath and Deborah Noble have decided not to run for re-election in 2020 leaving both seat 4 and seat 5 open for the taking. Seat 4 on the board has only one candidate for consideration, Stephen George Koronis, who is seeking his first three-year term serving the town. An 18-year resident of Charlton and a member of the local Lions Club, Koronis’s family has a long history serving their communities in the political stage. During a special online candidates’ night on May 18, Koronis introduced himself as a someone with experience and training in negotiation skills and motivating a group to work towards a common goal thank to his professional life as a sales engineer for over 30 years.

“I consider myself a man of conviction. I rarely budge on a position. However, I do take the time to understand different positions, do the research and fully understand both sides before I make a decision,” Koronis said. “The town has been good (to my family) and I want to serve and give some of it back.”

The second available selectman seat, Seat 5, has two candidates each contending for a single three-year term. Patricia Ann Rydlak and Joshua Saper are both hoping to earn the position bringing a mutual perspective of governing for the people to the position. Patricia Rydlak looks to move over to the Board of Selectmen after 18 years on the Planning Board. A resident of Charlton for more than 30 years with experience in corporate and government auditing and finance, Rydlak believes her background in fraud and efficiency assessment and risk analysis as well as her exten-

sive experience serving the town on her prior board make her worthy of a selectman seat.

“I’ve demonstrated my commitment to this town. I have proven that I stand up for what is right even when it is difficult,” Rydlak said during candidates night. “I believe that my knowledge, experience and proven commitment to this town makes me an excellent candidate for selectman.”

Her competitor Joshua Saper is an eight-year resident of Charlton who has spend most of his career and an entrepreneur. A volunteer in the local little league and with numerous nonprofits Saper is hoping to translate his dedication in public service into a victory for a Board of Selectman seat this Saturday with a primary focus on infrastructure as his main goal.

“I want to do my part to keep Charlton the great community that we all know it is,” Saper said during candidates night. “Most importantly, we need to run a transparent and efficient government that represents all of our residents equally and I look forward to helping make that happen.”

The only other contested seat on the ballot will be for town moderator with outgoing Selectman Deborah Noble and first-time candidate Noreen Smith each looking to lead town meeting for the next three years. Noble, who has lived in Charlton for almost ten years and finished her first three-year term as selectman, said she decided to run for town moderator after an illness in the family prevented her from committing to a new term as a selectman. However, she wanted to continue her longstanding reputation of volunteering and public service by helping lead the town in a new position.

“I still believe in volunteering which is why I’m running for town moderator this time around,” Noble said in her candidates’ night introduction. “Volunteering and speaking in my own community with my neighbors and helping them means more to me than anything else. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to do so.”

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Dyer hired as Human Resources Director

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – A familiar name will be taking a permanent seat, as Human Resource Director in Charlton. Lynn Dyer, who had served as the Administrative Assistant and has operated the Human Resources office as its interim director, will officially move over the post after selectmen voted in May to appoint Dyer following a months-long hiring process.

Charlton posted the position in February and received qualified applications by March 9. The COVID-19 pandemic struck soon after delaying consideration for candidates, however once officials got the emergency situation under control they revisited the applications with the finance team and Town Administrator choosing the

candidate they saw fit. Town Administrator Andrew Golas read his recommendations to the board of selectmen in a livestreamed meeting in May.

“It is the recommendation of the finance team and myself that interim Human Resource Director Lynn Dyer be promoted to the permanent human resource director position,” Golas said. “Over the past seven months, Ms. Dyer has done an incredible job keeping the department’s demands on track while transitioning through a change of management and handling employee needs that have come through during the pandemic.”

Selectmen called Dyer an “excellent choice” who has done and “awesome job” in her interim position. Her promotion received unanimous approval from the board with no opposition to the hire.

Charlton Town Meeting set for June 15

BY JASON BLEAU
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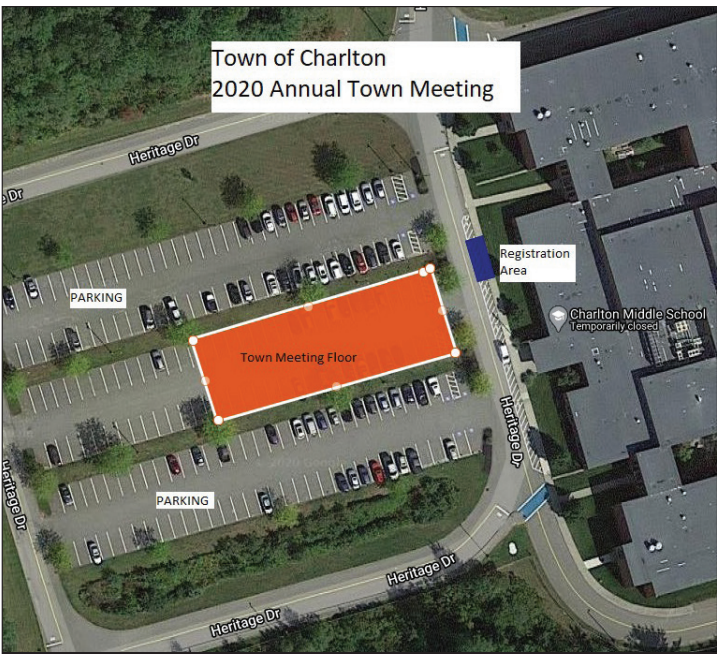


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A graphic presents the setup for Charlton’s outdoor annual town meeting on June 15.

CHARLTON – Charlton’s spring annual town meeting will look a little different in 2020 thanks to the continued social distancing guidelines imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the town will persevere as voters are welcomed to the June 15 gathering to decide on a new budget and have their say on other town business items throughout the evening.

With 17 articles on the warrant, the annual town meeting has a lighter agenda that meetings passed with twelve articles being formalities or normal town business items including the proposal for the 2021 Fiscal Year town budget. Town Administrator Andrew Golas explained that

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the combined spending plan including town funding and projected school district expenses comes to \$30.8 million, a \$700,000 increase over the prior year. That includes \$16 million education spending with \$2.3 million designated for the Bay Path Regional Vocational School District and \$13.6 million designated for the Dudley Charlton Regional School District. Both the town and school budgets have been forced to manage variables and unknowns on the state level due to delays caused by the national health crisis.

“What we’re looking at is pretty much a 23 percent reduction in unrestricted general government aid. That accounts

for a little over a million and a half of the total budget. The state’s portion is not a huge amount and that’s kind of where the biggest amount of uncertainty is. We’re really confident that given the local economic outlook that our local receipts and tax revenue will stay pretty steady. We’re kind of in that unique position where we do have some economic growth that we haven’t seen trail off during this whole pandemic. We’re pretty hopeful that’s going to stay upward,” Golas said. “For years, the town has taken a very conservative approach to local receipts and I think that’s really going to help balance any uncertainty that we do have in the budget.”

Golas added that the town is not adding any new critical positions. They’re approach to the 2021 budget is to make is

“lean and mean” and to avoid any major increases to respect the economic uncertainties both the town and taxpayers are facing under the current health crisis.

“There were a lot of requests from department heads for additional staffing and we basically had to cut out every single one of those requests. We’re really trying to be as balanced as possible but recognize that we do have a little bit of flexibility with local receipts. We’re trying to do that so we’re not using layoffs to balance our budget,” said Golas.

Other items found on the warrant include interdepartmental transfers, town reports, appropriation of funds for unpaid bills, the water and sewer budgets and discussion of capital items which are expected to be moved to the fall annual town meeting. Articles 13

through 17 are all citizen petitions all of which the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen have said they will not support as written. A full warrant for the 2020 Charlton Spring Annual Town Meeting can be found on the Town of Charlton Web site.

The annual town meeting will take place outdoors in the central parking lot bay of the Charlton Middle School on Monday June 15 at 6 p.m., one hour earlier than past meetings, and will see citizens seated spaced six feet apart. In the case of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to the follow night, Tuesday, June 16. If inclement weather continues the meeting will be moved to Wednesday night and so forth until the meeting can successfully take place outdoors.


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Research indicates that oral health mirrors the condition of the body as a whole. Also, regular dental visits can alert dentists about overall health and pinpoint if a person is at a risk for chronic disease. An oral health check-up also may be the first indication of a potential health issue not yet evident to a general medical doctor.

HEART DISEASE

According to the Academy of General

Dentistry, there is a distinct relationship between periodontal disease and conditions such as heart disease and stroke. Joint teams at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom and the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, found that people with bleeding gums from poor dental hygiene could have an increased risk of heart disease. Bacteria from the mouth is able to enter the bloodstream when bleeding gums are present. That bacteria can stick to platelets and subsequently form blood clots. This interrupts the flow of blood to the heart and may trigger a heart attack. Brushing and flossing twice daily and rinsing with mouthwash can remove bacteria and keep

gums healthy.

FACIAL PAIN

The Office of the Surgeon General says infections of the gums that support the teeth can lead to facial and oral pain. Gingivitis, which is an early stage of gum disease, as well as advanced gum disease, affects more than 75 percent of the American population.

Dental decay can lead to its own share of pain. Maintaining a healthy mouth can fend off decay and infections, thereby preventing pain.

PANCREATIC CANCER

In 2007, the Harvard School of Public Health reported a link between gum disease and pancreatic cancer. In the ongoing study, 51,000 men were followed and data was collected beginning in 1986. The Harvard researchers found that men with a history of gum disease had a 64 percent increased risk of pancreatic cancer compared with men who had never had gum disease. The greatest risk for pancreatic cancer among this group was in men with recent tooth loss. However, the study was unable to find links between other types of oral health problems, such as tooth decay, and pancreatic cancer.

ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE

Various health ailments, including poor oral health, have been linked to a greater risk of developing Alzheimer’s

disease. In 2010, after reviewing 20 years’ worth of data, researchers from New York University concluded that there is a link between gum inflammation and Alzheimer’s disease. Follow-up studies from researchers at the University of Central Lancashire in the United Kingdom compared brain samples from 10 living patients with Alzheimer’s to samples from 10 people who did not have the disease. Data indicated that a bacterium — Porphyromonas gingivalis — was present in the Alzheimer’s brain samples but not in the samples from the brains of people who did not have Alzheimer’s. P. gingivalis is usually associated with chronic gum disease. As a result of the study, experts think that the bacteria can move via nerves in the roots of teeth that connect directly with the brain or through bleeding gums.

These health conditions are just a sampling of the relationship between oral health and overall health. Additional connections also have been made and continue to be studied.

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Charlton Public Library begins reopening process

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON – While town buildings remain closed to the public at large as phase one of Charlton’s reopening is underway, the Charlton Library is looking to the future and taking steps to serve patrons once more with the goal of eventually allowing business to return to normal before the end of the year.

Library Director Cheryl Hanson said staff returned to the Charlton Public Library immediately after Memorial Day and began accepting returns of library materials which she considered phase one of their reopening. Phase two was expected to begin on June 8 allowing rental from the library in the form of curb side pickup.

“What we’re doing is, we’re opening the lower level lobby and people can place holds on items and pick them up in that lobby. We started a soft opening to see how that would go by calling people who already had some things on our hold shelf that have been sitting here since March when we closed to see how it would work and it seems to be working so far,” said Hanson.

In order to enter the building, patrons must wear masks and retrieve their

items from the lobby in a marked paper bag. Hanson said the regional library system, which allows libraries to share resources and book between them so that patrons can rent books Charlton may not actually have, remains on hold for now likely to prevent the possibility of cross contamination. The library is planning for a tentative reopening of July 6, where citizens would be allowed into the facility for a short time and numerous resources would be limited to prevent overcrowding and promote social distancing.

“We are not encouraging people to stay and linger,” Hanson said. “We have to monitor how many people are in the building. It will be a ‘come in, get what you need and leave’ kind of situation.”

In preparation for the full reopening plexiglass is being installed as a barrier between employees and visitors while both workers and visitors will be required to wear masks at all times while in the building. Public computers will be limited to prevent people from sitting close to each other and upholstered furniture will be temporarily stored away. The children’s room will also be limited to one family at a time.

While it won’t be a complete return to normal, Hanson said she and the staff

are excited by the prospect of welcoming citizens back into the building.

“We are very social. The staff and our patrons are very social with each other. It’s been hard working remotely from home for all this time. We’ve been reaching out to some of our patrons by phone to make sure they are okay,” Hanson said. “In the three months that we were closed, the use of and circulation of our digital items like E-books and digital audio downloads skyrocketed. That may go down when we reopen but I think we’re going to see that as a trend now that people have been forced to embrace some of those digital resources.”

Hanson commended the town of Charlton and its leaders for their response to the COVID-19 pandemic that required the shutdown of the library and countless other town buildings and businesses. Having been involved in many discussions with town leaders from the start, she said Charlton is “very lucky” to have the leadership it does and that the communication and guidance from selectmen and the town administrator have been vital to the libraries ability to serve patrons and keep them informed even while the doors are closed.



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Central Mass South typically offers \$1,000 scholarships to local students each year. Monies are allocated from the Chamber’s Charities and Scholarship Fund which is supported by the annual ‘Your Chance to Be a Millionaire’ lottery scratch tickets raffle, the Chamber’s Annual Golf Classic and individual contributions from Chamber Members. Scholarship applications can be obtained at local high school guidance offices or online at the Chamber website. The annual deadline to apply is April 1.

Nichols College students named to Spring 2020 Honors List

DUDLEY — Many hard-working students at Nichols College in Dudley have achieved Dean’s List or President’s List honors during the spring 2020 semester.

The Dean’s List and President’s List give recognition to those students who achieve high grades during a single semester. In order to be included on the Dean’s List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and must have received no grades below B- during the semester. Students whose semester grade point average is 3.85 or higher for at least 12 undergraduate credit-hours and no grades below B- will receive President’s List honors.

Arslan Chaudhry, an Accounting major at Nichols College from Charlton, is named to the President’s List.

Jessica Smith, an Accounting major at Nichols College from Charlton, is named to the President’s List.

Collin Mulcahy, a Corporate Finance & Investment major at Nichols College

from Charlton, is named to the President’s List.

Adam Warnajtyś, a Criminal Justice major at Nichols College from Charlton, is named to the President’s List.

Summer Lieberman, a Digital & Social Media Marketing major at Nichols College from Charlton, is named to the Dean’s List.

Jacob White, a English major at Nichols College from Charlton, is named to the Dean’s List.

Jason O’Regan, a Management major at Nichols College from Charlton, is named to the Dean’s List.

Hannah Vangel, a Psychology major at Nichols College from Charlton, is named to the President’s List.

Zachary Davey, a Sports Management major at Nichols College from Charlton, is named to the President’s List.

Andrew McCarthy, a Sports Management major at Nichols College from Uxbridge, is named to the President’s List.

Dylan Delaney, a Undecided major at Nichols College from Charlton, is named to the Dean’s List.

Cameron Lanier, an Undecided major at Nichols College from Charlton, is named to the President’s List.

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Congratulations, QVCC Class of 2020

DANIELSON, Conn. — Nearly 150 Quinebaug Valley Community College students will receive degrees and certificates in QVCC’s 48th commencement, which will be virtually celebrated on QVCC’s Facebook and Instagram pages. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Auburn: Kelsey L. Gallo
Dudley: Kerrissa Danielle Cobb
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Local students named to Assumption College’s Dean’s List

WORCESTER — Assumption has announced those students who have been named to the College’s Dean’s List for the spring 2020 semester. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters. Local students include:

Kyle Belmonte of Charlton, Class of 2022

Travis Butler of Uxbridge, Class of 2020

Cameron Cox of Charlton, Class of 2022

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Nora Ilacqua of Charlton, Class of 2022

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Emily Snay of Charlton, Class of 2022

Julianne Sutherland of Uxbridge, Class of 2023

“This semester, our students faced unprecedented challenges due to the global pandemic,” said Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., president of Assumption College. “Following a rapid transition to remote learning, students adapted to the new form of education delivery amid difficult circumstances. The Assumption community is proud of these students who, despite the distract-

tions of the COVID-19 situation, were able to remain focused and maintain a commitment to their academic programs.”

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Students named to President’s List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH, New Hampshire—A total of 1,070 students have been named to the Plymouth State University President’s List for the Spring 2020 semester. To be named to the President’s List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Spring 2020 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Bryana Reardon of Uxbridge

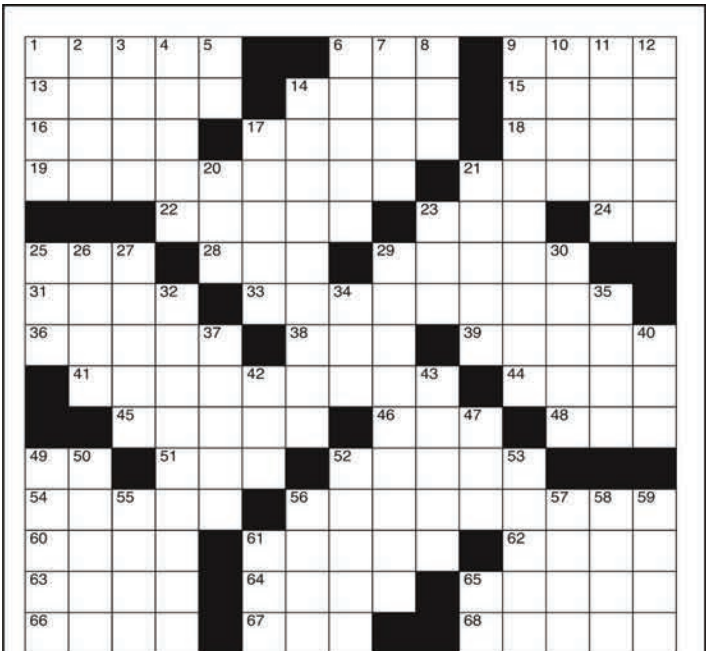
Sally Cederberg of Charlton

Staci Segalla of Uxbridge

About Plymouth State University

Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning produces well-educated under-

graduates and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire.



- CLUES ACROSS
1. American composer

6. Very fast aircraft

9. Workplaces

13. A mount on a surface

14. Small freshwater fish

15. Double-reed instrument

16. Canadian flyers

17. Famed astronomer

18. Smooth, shiny fabric

19. Profited

21. Conspiracy

22. Infections

23. Chum

24. Secondary school (abbr.)

25. Resistance unit

28. Sound unit

29. Ancient city of Egypt

31. Crease

33. Polished

36. For goodness _!

38. College basketball tournament

39. Scorchers

41. Describe precisely

44. Thick piece of something

45. Frocks

46. Indicates near

48. Senior enlisted US Army member

49. A note added to a letter

51. A nose or snout

52. Clumsy

54. Satisfied to the fullest

56. Display of strong feeling

60. Popular awards show

61. Cuisine style

62. Expresses pleasure

63. Monetary unit of the Maldives

64. Utah city

65. Fight

66. Messenger ribonucleic acid

67. Body part

68. Suspiciously reluctant

- CLUES DOWN
1. Fruit of the service tree

2. At some prior time

3. Mongolian city _ Bator

4. Strongboxes

5. Russian river

6. Gurus

7. Horse mackerel

8. Pearl Jam’s debut album

9. Confiners

10. First month of Jewish ecclesiastical year

11. Famed Idaho politician

12. Prevents from seeing

14. Indicate time

17. Male parents

20. Tab on a key ring

21. The Great Dog constellation: _ Major

23. Frying necessity

25. Former CIA

26. The leader

27. Produces

29. London soccer club

30. Closes

32. Region in the western Pacific Ocean

34. Not present

35. Small drink of whiskey

37. Begat

40. Helps little firms

42. Pointed end of a pen

43. Fencing swords

47. Inches per minute (abbr.)

49. Hymn

50. Philippine island

52. Flemish names of Ypres

53. A way to inform

55. Small lake

56. Linear unit

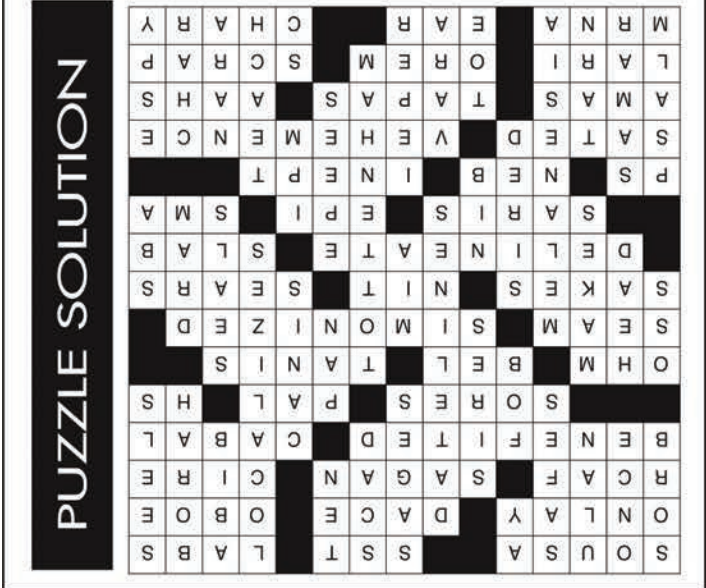
57. Central Japanese city

58. Partially burn

59. Sports award

61. Part of your foot

65. Atomic #21



POLLS

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Noreen Smith may be a new name to town politics but she believes her experience in the field of public health and the opportunities that career has given her to learn to manage projects and groups gives her the skills required to lead a town meeting and to help in the democratic process in her hometown of more than 28-years.

“I believe in democracy and in the idea that we don’t always have to agree, but we need to hear from each other, consider all perspectives and make informed decisions together,” Smith said at candidates night. “The town moderator ensures that the voices of the voters are heard, and town meetings are conducted according to procedures and in a respectable manner and that our finance committee members represent the entire community. I want our town to be well run with a transparent government

that serves in the best interest of our community.”

The only other contested election on the ballot is for the Housing Authority. Cathleen Kuehl and Jeanmarie Vincent will each contend for a single two-year term to fill a vacancy on the board.

The rest of the ballot contains uncontested elections, but there are still some new faces to be noted in the mix. Town Clerk Karen LaCroix is one candidate seeking reelection for a new three-year term. Other familiar names are Town Assessor Richard Vaughan, Cemetery Commissioner Donna Neylon, Board of Health member Matthew Gagner, Tree Warden Seth Lamansky, Library Trustees Fiona Bycroft-Ryder and Kathleen Therrien, Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District Representative Michael Tiberii, Housing Authority member Michael Sullivan, an Jamie Lynn Terry of the Dudley-

Charlton Regional School Committee who are all seeking three-year terms as incumbents unopposed.

Among the new names seeking positions unopposed are Jordan Willow Evans seeking a one-year term on the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee, Sheri Lee Zanca for the Recreation Commission, John Joseph Smith for the Planning Board and Willis Bond, Jr. for the Cemetery Commission.

Charlton’s annual town election will take place at Heritage School on Saturday, June 13 with lines designated for each precinct. Voters are asked to arrive with masks and their own pens and maintain a six-foot distance from each other. Voters should also be prepared for the weather as they may be waiting outside. Umbrellas and sunscreen are recommended. A full election sample ballot and adding details on election day procedures can be found on the Town of Charlton Web site.



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Students named to the Dean's List must have a Quality Point Average (QPA) of 3.5 or higher and have earned 12 or more credits in a given semester. Students named to the Merit List must have a QPA of 3.5 or higher and have earned 6 or more credits in a given semester, but fewer than 12 credits.

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

Dean's List

Auburn: Brighid Campbell, Gracie Curtis, Corey Duff, Catherine Forde, Dawson Gemme, Jason Henry, Nicholas John, Quinne Masiello, Benjamin Rackett, Haley Rivers, Rheina Viruet
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Charlton: Matthew Beals, Elaine Bond, Rebekah Diaz, Lucas Lanier, Paige Leite, Robert Orasz, Jeffrey Pearlstein, Christopher Rapoza, Shannon Ross, Rebekah Ukpong

Cherry Valley: Hunter Guinto, Robert Howard, Alec Iott, Sarah Kacevich, Krissy Lindner

Douglas: Kristina Chacon, Daphne Sevilla

Dudley: Erin Bernard, Gabrielle Boivin, Jessica Clark, Jacqueline Coggans, Joy Goguen, Veronica Helock, Francesca Johnson, Montana Josey, Meaghan Krajcik, Conner Meece, Aidan Murray, Mick Sullivan, Meroon Zahrah
East Brookfield: Allison Hingston

East Douglas: Amy Ackerman, Bethany Buller, Dominic Corso, Adam Gaulin, Jenna Glode, Sarah Happy, Jacob Masi

Fiskdale: Carina Holt, Tristan Shaw
Leicester: Grace Ankrah, Tiffany Beer, Sajed Chreim, Anastasia Cichowski, Jillian Dube, Dylan Havey, Kristina Jarobski, Austin Le, Ayla Martinez, Meaghan St. George, Lindsay Tucker

North Brookfield: Skye Guertin, Jay Mason, Michelle Nguyen, David Vincent

North Uxbridge: Sarena Gervais
Northbridge: Joshua Desjardins, Tyler Hewitt, Brian Iarussi, Tyler Novitch, Lauren Springer, Donovan

Tames

Oxford: Gabriella Blackwell, Kayla Brodeur, Nathan Hagopian, Luke Knowles, Samantha Lemay, Trenton Lovejoy, Paul Maynard, Abigail Rice, Madeline Tomlin, Felecia Violette

Southbridge: Kevin Brady, Edgardo Camacho, Caiden Ellis, Breanna Filion, Jaime Fuentes, Jessica Harvey, Megan Hufault, Dalizbeth Rivera-Szczypien, Dianis Sanchez, Justin Santiago

Spencer: Chantel Croteau, Joseph Hamel, Nelmarie Irizarry, William Marrier, Morgan Mercadante, Johnny Nguyen, Dustin VanDyke, Savannah Vangel

Uxbridge: Anthony Abate, Gabrielle Casey, Marcus Cruz, Jenna Dagle, Erika Ethier, Mark Jordan, Michaela Randall, Christopher Videto

Wales: Lilyth Bourque

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Quinsigamond Community College to continue remote instruction this fall

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College will continue remote instruction for the Fall 2020 semester. According to QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja, the decision was made to ensure the safety of the College's students, faculty and staff.

"We did not make this decision lightly. The administration felt this was in the best interest of the QCC community with the continued uncertainty of COVID-19," President Pedraja said. "Due to the pandemic, we feel it's

most prudent to leverage our experience and expertise with online and remote instruction and unprecedented support. This will allow for little to no disruption of services in the Fall, should the virus spike as predicted later this year. We will continue to monitor the situation, and follow the medical advice of local, state, and national organizations. A limited number of courses, such as labs or clinical experiences that require direct hands-on participation and cannot be delivered remotely, will be

offered on campus, as long as we can do so safely."

QCC has a long history of online education and has offered hundreds of courses remotely prior to the pandemic. In early March, the College adapted quickly to the changing landscape and transitioned its in-person spring semester courses to remote instruction, in addition to delivering its full array of support services remotely.

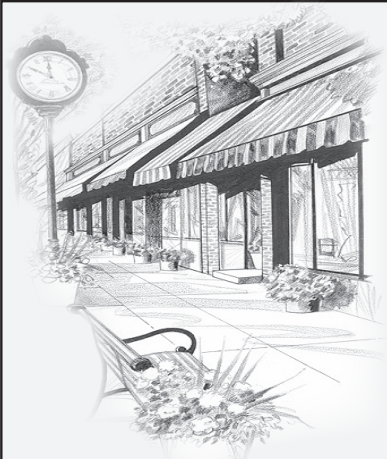
Today, college students are facing an uphill battle as many are rethinking their fall college

plans and looking for impossible guarantees from four-year schools that dorms will remain open for the academic year. Students looking for the "on campus" experience could find themselves back home and out thousands of dollars in a few short weeks or months, should residential schools find they must move to a remote form of education delivery as they did this Spring.

"This pandemic is one that is transforming how we look at higher education," President Pedraja continued. "Right now,

no one knows what the future holds and while we all want to be optimistic, we must be cognizant that our world may be forever changed. Making smart higher education decisions now, will pay off substantially in the future."

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United we stand, divided we fall

In the 6th century B.C., Aesop shared a fable about the Lion and The Four Oxen. The story, if you have not heard it, goes like this....

A lion used to prowl around a field where four oxen dwelled. Several times, he would try to eat them but whenever he approached the four oxen would back their tales up to each other with their bodies pointed outward in different directions. No matter what direction the lion approached, he was met by the horns of one of them and could do nothing. Finally, the oxen began quarreling amongst themselves, and so each went off to a pasture of their own in a separate corner of the field. Then the lion attacked them one by one and soon made an end to all four.

Aesop’s moral to this tale has become one of the most well known sayings of our time, “United we stand, divided we fall.” President Abraham Lincoln parroted the sentiment in his acceptance speech, made in the year 1858: “A house divided against itself cannot stand.”

As of late, it seems the division throughout the country and even in our small communities has grown deeper. What we noticed, however, is that most well minded, kind, compassionate, intelligent people all want the same things. To be happy and successful. The arguments ensue, when people have different ideas on how to reach such a state of success in our government, and even in our own lives. When one person thinks we should reach A by doing X and Y, and another thinks we should reach A by doing Z, tempers flare. We want to remind you, that there is no reason to get heated when talking to a friend or colleague. Getting heated at a stranger is even more inappropriate. It’s ok if someone disagrees with you. Remain calm.

What needs to unfold is the ability to hear each other out with a listening ear. Where one person’s experience ends, another’s begins. Solutions always appear in that middle area, where compromises are made.

To be steadfast in your beliefs is important, but it’s even more important to exercise some flexibility, that is where growth takes place. This is where we can learn from someone who doesn’t think the same way we do. It does not make a person weak, when there is a mind shift. It makes them smart.

We’re seeing a lot of arguing on social media, people publicly going back and forth and the thread never ends with any real change being made. If you want to have a meaningful, productive conversation with someone online, take it to a private message, where the world isn’t watching. In the public eye, we all can be defensive.

Now, there are extremists on both sides of any argument, in those cases, there’s not much you can do. There are people who want to see things through one lens and one lens only. Fine, let them. You will also see ignorance and evil come flying out of the mouths of those you never thought capable, fine let them. Remember that the majority of the people in this country want to unify. It comes down to common sense. United we stand, divided we fall. That statement couldn’t ring truer.

Be strong enough in character, where you are a leader, whether in your own community, at work or in your own family. Unity should always be the end goal. Therefore, if you see someone that disagrees with you, and you want to unify, have a conversation that will do just that.

Sometimes simply saying, “Hey the country is really divided right now, how can we start to unify on a small scale?” That question puts both people in a position to come up with a solution that works for everyone. Then the domino effect takes hold. Then unity happens, then change, then success.

In the words of author Ken Blanchard, “None of us is as smart, as all of us.”



OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM CHARLTON, CHARLTON CITY, CHARLTON DEPOT AND BEYOND

I’m optimistic that common sense will prevail

What a mess ... The tragic and unjustified death of George Floyd has shaken the soul of our nation and broken our collective hearts. It is compounded by the realization that he was murdered by someone we should have been able to trust. It wasn’t just murder but preceded by eight agonizing minutes of torture. There is no excuse for what happened. There is no justification possible. I grieve for the Floyd family. I believe we all do.

As usual, a tragedy, that should spur positive change, has been hijacked, not for George Floyd or his family, but for a political ideology. The conversations are now all being directed by the extremists and it’s turned into violence and more death.

What about the “Common-Sense Majority?” I’ll coin the phrase here. I think it’s a great descriptive label for most Americans.

What does the “common-sense majority” want? They want to be safe. They want to be left alone to raise their families, build their careers, and start small businesses. They want the opportunity to own their home and pursue the American Dream.

There is no color attached to the common-sense majority. I believe most black, brown, and white parents want the same. They want to build a happy and successful family and safe life. Above all, they want to know when their kids leave home, they’ll safely return.

Yes, black lives matter. I have no problem saying it. I believe it. It doesn’t mean that all lives don’t matter, it just means that the average black person in America is at greater risk. Unfortunately, the idea that black lives matter has been hijacked to become a political hashtag and the common-sense majority see it. Most are just afraid to say it because if you disagree with any part of the narrative, you risk being verbally assaulted.

Looting, burning, and destroying property is not a form of legitimate protest. Those politicians and political leaders defending these actions are only perpetuating the problem to gain favor with those committing violence.

We all know the name George Floyd and should ... but does the name Miosotis Familia ring a bell? Probably not. She’s not given much attention at all and there is a reason.

ABC reported, “An on-duty New York City police officer was killed early Wednesday after a gunman walked up to a police vehicle and fired one round through a window, authorities said. Officer Miosotis Familia, a 12-year veteran assigned to the New York City Police Department’s 46th Precinct’s anti-crime unit, was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, where she was pronounced dead at 3:37 a.m. ET. She was 48 years old, according



POSITIVELY SPEAKING

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to police sources.” What the above statement didn’t say, is she was black. Much was made of George Floyd’s color but not Miosotis Familia. Did her black life not matter? The truth is that her story didn’t fit the narrative, so her life didn’t matter to this movement. Her death didn’t advance their agenda, so there will be no protests on her behalf. Do you see the disconnect? Don’t all black lives matter?

So, this column is entitled “Positively Speaking!” What’s positive about any of this?

I believe cooler heads will prevail. I believe in the American spirit. While many of our political leaders are bowing down to the political agenda and threatening the defunding of police departments, or disbanding them completely, I don’t believe the majority of common-sense Americans, left or right, of any color, race or religion will allow that to happen. To believe if we didn’t have police, anyone’s life would be safer is nonsensical to the common-sense majority.

Members of the common-sense majority are often silent but consistently vote. They direct their dollars into causes they believe in. I know most protestors are peaceful and well-meaning, law-abiding citizens who are saddened and hurt. Unfortunately, the criminal element arrives, and the legitimate protestors go home as their protest is hijacked by an angry mob with a violent and destructive purpose.

The common-sense majority will not violently protest, loot, or burn buildings. They deeply care but will not hurt others or destroy property to make their point. They support common sense politicians and vote out, for example, those who believe a nation without police would not devolve into chaos and mob rule.

The common-sense majority of all race, religion or political leanings must stand up and be counted. I believe they will. We cannot let our nation devolve into a lawless society run by those manipulating emotion and causing harm for their political gain. Yes, I said we. I am a member of the common-sense majority.

We as a nation are better than this.

I continue to grieve and pray for the family of George Floyd. We must demand justice, but I also grieve for the family of Officer Miosotis Familia. Does her family not deserve justice also?

I’m optimistic. Common sense will prevail. ■

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Summertime Lawn Care Tips

A recent past column touched on a few lawn tending tips. Based on a request from a reader for more basic lawn tips, the following compilation of hints and ideas from past columns is offered:

If the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence - it may be time to review the basics of lawn care.

A beautiful lawn is worth the effort. And properly groomed grass doesn’t offer only aesthetic benefits. An average sized lawn creates enough oxygen to meet the needs of a family of four every day, is a natural provider for our ecosystem, and can boost property value by nearly ten percent! Need another reason invest time and energy into your lawn? Ponder this: The front lawns of a block of eight average houses have the cooling effect of about 70 tons of air conditioning-enough to cool 16 average houses. On a hot summer day, grass can be 10 to 14 degrees cooler than exposed soil and as much as 30 degrees cooler than concrete or asphalt. And it also provides oxygen. A 50’ x 50’ well-maintained grass area will create enough oxygen to meet the needs of a family



TAKE THE HINT
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per week. The bottom line? Your lawn needs about an inch of water once every seven to 10 days to grow strong roots.

Still not convinced when it comes to watering less is more? Keep in mind frequent shallow watering leads to shallow root growth because roots only grow where the soil is moist. Shallow root growth can make a lawn more susceptible to heat stress and drought damage. On the other hand, if you water too much and saturate the lawn, you run the risk of suffocating grass roots. In saturated soil, deep roots can’t get air and die. The only roots that survive will be those near the surface.

Your goal in irrigating should be to wet the soil where the grass roots are growing, no more and no less. To achieve this, experts advise wetting the top six inches of the soil thoroughly. To gauge how long you should run your sprinkler to achieve the six inch mark, place a few tin cans around the yard and run the sprinkler for a set amount of time. Then measure the accumulation to figure out how long it will take to equal six inches.

Despite the best intentions, watering a lawn thoroughly enough to wet the soil at least six inches deep is often easier said than done. Most sprinkler systems apply water much faster than the soil can absorb it. As a result the water just runs off, especially if you have a sloped landscape. To control runoff, take periodic pauses in water-

Nearing retirement? What questions should you ask?



FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

The recent market volatility has affected just about everybody’s financial and investment situations – so, if you were planning to retire soon, will it still be possible?

Of course, the answer depends somewhat on your employment situation. With so many people’s jobs being affected by the coronavirus pandemic, your retirement plans may also have been thrown into confusion. But assuming your employment is still stable, what adjustments in your financial and investment strategies might you need to make for your retirement?

Here are a few areas to consider, and some questions to ask yourself:

- Retirement goals – Now is a good time to review your retirement goals and assess your progress toward achieving them. You may want to work with a financial professional to determine if the current environment has materially affected your goals or if you need to make modest adjustments to stay on track.

- Retirement lifestyle – You probably created your investment strategy with a particular type of retirement lifestyle in mind. Perhaps you had planned to become a world traveler when your working days were over. Of course, in the near term, extensive travel may not be possible, anyway, but once we move past the pandemic, your freedom to roam will likely return. But if your investment portfolio is not where you thought it might be, can you (or do you want to) adapt your lifestyle plans? And can you accept the same flexibility with your other lifestyle goals, such as purchasing a vacation home, pursuing hobbies, and so on?

- Tradeoffs – Based on your retirement goals and your willingness to adjust your retirement lifestyle, you’ll want to consider your options and tradeoffs. For example, would you be willing to work more years than you had originally planned in exchange for greater confidence in your ability to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle? By working longer, you can continue adding to your IRA and 401(k) or similar retirement plan, and you may be able to push back the date you start receiving Social Security to receive bigger monthly benefits. You might also review your budget for opportunities to reduce spending today and potentially save more toward your retirement goals.

- Social Security – You can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but you can get 25 to 30 percent more each year if you wait until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. As you created your retirement plans, you likely also calculated when you would take Social Security, but you may need to review that choice. If you postpone retirement a few years, what effect will that have on when you choose to take Social Security and, consequently, the size of your benefits? You won’t want to make a hasty decision, because once you start taking Social Security, you can’t undo your choice.

This is certainly a challenging time to be entering retirement, and you’ll have some questions to answer. But even in the midst of uncertainty, you still have many choices. Consider them carefully and make the decisions that work for you.

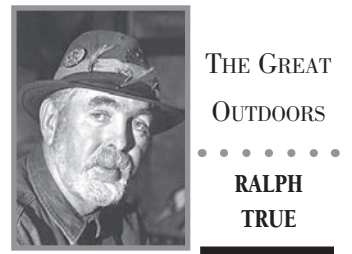
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Charter boat Captain Mark Petitt of “Firehouse Charters” in Plymouth volunteers his services every year to servicemen & women that love fishing. Petitt is part of a group called the Veteran Anglers Association. The Veteran Anglers organization have five boat Captains that offer their services to the program with two boats in Connecticut, one in Rhode Island and one boat in Maine and Massachusetts! The organization is funded by donations, and by numerous functions that are held each year. If you would like to donate to this worthy program or find out more about the group, contact Mark Petitt at 1-508-326-3185. This week’s picture shows a veteran angler with a cod he caught on one of the recent trips aboard Captain Petitt’s boat.

This past week, this writer

fished the Providence River hoping to catch a legal-size fish to take home for the dinner table, but that did not happen. There were thousands of (porgies) in the river and snagging a few to fish with was easy, but there were very few bass in the area feeding on them. Many reports still say that the stripers are late, and by the time you read this column things could be totally different. We did manage to lose a few live porgies to bluefish in the area as this week’s picture shows. It is amazing how the bluefish could steal half of the porgy without getting hooked. I also tried placing the hook a bit farther back, but the bluefish managed to miss the hook by less than one half inch. Because of a new law, we are required to use circle hooks when using live bait or chunk baits this year and many anglers dislike them already. Love or hate circle hooks they are here to stay for a while.

Freshwater anglers are still catching some nice fish in local lakes and ponds, but finding live bait to fish with is becoming a lot harder to purchase. Local Bait & Tackle shops have reported a shortage of shiners, which is a favorite bait to



fish with for many freshwater anglers.

Back in the day mummy chubs were caught in the salt-water tributaries of the state & were used to fill the shortage of bait back then. Chubs were a lot cheaper to buy back then, and were a lot more active even after having a hook stuck through them. They were a favorite bait for ice fishermen also.

They were easy to keep for the next day of fishing by simply placing them in some seaweed and kept in an old refrigerator or cooler. Catching your own live bait is not as easy



as it was 20 or 30 years ago. Many rivers and small ponds still have a small population of redbfin shiners, but you need to know where to go. Purchasing a minnow trap at your local tackle shop and doing a bit of research could have you locating some live bait. No special license is needed. My brother Ken and his son Mark trolled some streamer fly’s at Webster Lake and had a great day catching Browns, Rainbow trout, along with a couple of small mouth bass last week.

In the last 20 years or so, a large decrease in the bullfrog

population was noticed by this writer. Living on the banks of the West River in Uxbridge I could always listen to the frogs from my front porch during early morning and evening hours. I was excited to hear the croak of the bull frogs again this spring, and hope that their populations have started to rebound, at least in my area.

I know that the snake population has increased over the past years and are more than likely responsible for the decline. At one time, Fish & Wildlife was requiring a license to harvest frogs, but realized it was not that popular, and dropped the frog license. Frog legs are a delicacy, but are rarely eaten by today’s residents.

This past week, a good friend and fellow sportsmen Roy Underwood of North Uxbridge passed away in a local rest home after a lengthy illness. Roy loved the outdoors and enjoyed Pheasant hunting and goose hunting with his good friend Bob Brooks. He was a life member of the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family, and many friends.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Manage mosquitoes for a safer and more enjoyable summer

Don’t let the buzz of mosquitoes keep you indoors. Most mosquitoes are a nuisance, causing rashes and itching but some species can transmit diseases that can make you sick. Understanding how they breed and spread disease can help you gain the upper hand in the battle against these pesky insects.

Mosquitoes serve as a carrier (vector) in the spread of certain diseases. It starts when they feed on an animal infected with heartworms or an animal or person with West Nile, Saint Louis Encephalitis, Zika or other mosquito-vectored disease. The young heartworm or virus is taken in with the mosquito’s blood meal. The heartworm larvae or virus is then transmitted to other organisms when the mosquito feeds on them.

Always take precautions when traveling to other regions. Find out about the health risks of the area and come prepared. Consult with your doctor and be sure to pack repellent and the appropriate clothing.

At home, start by eliminating mosquito breeding grounds. These insects need standing water to reproduce. The



GARDEN MOMENTS

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larvae hatch and feed on tiny organisms in the water. Once they morph into adults, they leave the water and look for animals and people to dine upon.

Get rid of any standing water to eliminate breeding grounds in your landscape. Clean

clogged gutters where water can collect and mosquitoes can breed. Empty water that collects in any items left outside. Change the water in your birdbath at least once a week or anytime you water your container gardens.

Toss an organic mosquito control, like Mosquito Dunks and Mosquito Bits (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com), into your rain barrel, pond or other water feature. Mosquito Bits quickly knock down the mosquito larval population, while Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of mosquito control. The active ingredient is *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*, a naturally occurring soil bacterium that kills the mosquito larvae but is safe for children, fish, pets, beneficial insects and wildlife.

Invite the songbirds into your backyard with birdhouses, birdbaths and feeders. Most of them feed on insects, including mosquitoes and garden pests, while adding color, motion and beauty

to your landscape.

Keep the garden weeded. Mosquitoes rest in shrubs, trees and weeds during the day. Removing weeds and managing neglected garden spaces will make your landscape less inviting to these pests.

Further protect yourself by wearing light colored clothing, long sleeves and long pants when enjoying the outdoors. Apply EPA-approved repellents as directed on the label.

Use a fan when sitting on the porch or even working in the garden. The gentle breeze helps keep the weak-flying mosquitoes away.

Then add a bit of ambience to your next party by lighting a few citronella candles. Citronella oil and the scented candles do have some mosquito-repelling properties. Scatter lots of candles throughout the party and within a few feet of your guests for some short-term

relief.

And be sure to keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair windows and screens that may be providing easy access into your home.

Taking a few precautions will help you manage these pests so you can enjoy the outdoor summer activities you love.

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Hi! My name is David and I love board games!

David
Age 13

David is a very polite boy of Caucasian descent. He has a great sense of humor and loves to be silly with others. David loves to take on new challenges. He enjoys swimming and has been considering playing sports as well. David loves to play outside and shows his inventive and imaginative skills when doing so. A big interest of David’s is playing board games, especially Monopoly, which he explains is his greatest talent. David has expressed his many goals and aspirations, including his interest in being a police officer when he is older.

Legally freed for adoption, David does well with structure, routine and clear and concise expectations. He also would do well with having his own bedroom. He has no preference for family constellation but would like at least one other child in his new home. He currently has contact with his siblings, and it is very important that this is maintained after adoption as well. David would do very well in a family that could supply clear rules, structure, and expectations for him. Ultimately David expresses his wish to be safe and secure in a home and have the ability to still have a relationship with his siblings.

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OBITUARIES

Anna E. Wolfenden, 93

CHARLTON- Anna E. (Clarke) Wolfenden, 93, passed away peacefully after a short period of declining health on Sunday, May 31, 2020 at UMass Memorial Medical Center-University Campus. She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Clifford Wolfenden, who passed away in 1999.

Mrs. Wolfenden was born in Rochdale, daughter of the late Harry and Minnie (Beckwith) Clarke. She was a lifelong resident of Charlton and graduated from the former Charlton High School. She is survived by her children, Julie Wolfenden of Charlton, David Wolfenden and his wife Susan of

North Myrtle Beach, SC, and Timothy Wolfenden of Dudley; a sister, Ruby Vitkus of Dudley; and two grandchildren, Derek and Greta. She was predeceased by her three sisters; Grace, Mae and Dorothy; and five brothers, George, Theodore, Harry, Charles and Walter. The family would like to thank the Life Care Center of Auburn and UMass Memorial Medical Center- University Campus for their kind and compassionate care. Funeral services and burial in West Ridge Cemetery in Charlton will be private. The family kindly requests for flowers to be omitted. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements. paradisfuneralhome.com

Claire J. Cavanaugh, 95

CHARLTON- Claire J. (Brown) Cavanaugh, 95, passed away on May 26, 2020 surrounded by her loving and devoted children and grandchildren at her home in Charlton, MA. She was the wife of the late, Michael P. Cavanaugh, Sr. who predeceased her in 2007. She was born in November 22, 1924 to the late, Alfred and Yvonne (Perron) Brown in Spencer, MA. She leaves behind her children, Catherine Cavanaugh, Mary Messier, Bernice Ferguson, Karen Gemboski, Richard Cavanaugh and Eve DiPietro and 45 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Besides her husband and parents she was predeceased by her children, Joseph Cavanaugh (infant), Claire V. Cavanaugh, Gloria L. Ells and Michael P. Cavanaugh, Jr. She is survived by her siblings, Donald Brown, Ronald Brown and Gloria McKissick. Predeceasing her were her brothers Clifford, Richard, and Nelson Brown and sisters, Shirley Birchard and Bernice Hurley. Throughout her life Claire was advocated for those in need, she was one of the founders of the food pantry and Senior Center in Charlton. She was Charlton's Citizen of the Year, and was recognized by both the local and state Democratic Party receiving life time member certificates. Claire was a religious teacher for children at St. Joseph Church in Charlton for many years. She was a past president of the St. Joseph's Women's Club on several occasions. But she was proudest of the time she spent with her grandchildren

and great-grandchildren, watching their successes and being there when they needed her for anything. She was particularly fond of holding babies. Her biggest reason for getting up in the morning were the children's visits. This is what she wants to be remember for being a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She generously gave her love and support to her niece, nephews, all her surrogate children and many friends. She often said, there was not a child she didn't think was beautiful and didn't love. The family wants to thank the wonderful and caring people at the Summit Elder Care in Webster in particular her Elder Service caregivers, Tina, Sandy, Patty. Special thanks to Claire's daughter, Cathy who lived with Claire and was her primary caregiver for the last several years, without her it would have been very difficult to let Claire pass to her afterlife at home. Finally the family wishes to thank Michael Pillsbury for arranging the private viewing and Mass for Claire, his consideration and patience were greatly appreciated. Finally we want to thank Father Bob Pastor at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Charlton for coordinating the arrangements for the the beautiful Memorial Mass the Church provided and his visits to Claire. Anyone wishes to make a donation in Claire's memory can send to ALSAC/ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 and Boy's Town USA, 200 Flanagan Blvd., Boystown, Nebraska 68010-9988. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 163 Main St. Spencer.

Russell P. LaBarge, Jr., 39

CHARLTON- Russell P. LaBarge, Jr., 39, of Townfarm Rd., passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 1st, in the UMass Memorial Hospital, Worcester. He leaves his fiancé, Sarah M. Ianniccheri; his son, James R. LaBarge of Charlton; his daughter, Khloe J. LaBarge of Charlton; his parents, Russell P. and Penny M. (Benoit) LaBarge of Southbridge; his brother, Michael LaBarge and his fiancé, Caitlyn Doolin of Southbridge; his sister, Jennifer LaBarge and her longtime companion, David Santa of Southbridge; his four nieces, Brianna, Olivia, Emma and Adeline; and several close uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. Russ was a self-employed concrete finisher, specializing in floors, patios and stamped concrete work. He took great pride in his work. Russ loved sports and loved being competitive. He

played football throughout his youth playing in Pop Warner League and for the Shepherd Hill High School team. He played softball for many years in the Southbridge Softball League. He also enjoyed fishing. Russ also took great pride in his son James playing high school football and never missed a game. Russ had a great ability for remembering sports stats and other interesting facts. With this ability and his great sense of humor he was known for saying that 'he knew more about nothing than you know about something'. Above all Russ had a great love for his entire family, especially his children and his nieces. A funeral Mass for Russ will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at 10:00am in Notre Dame Church of the St. John Paul II Parish, 446 Main St., Southbridge. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the James LaBarge Scholarship Fund, c/o Savers Bank, P.O Box 250, Southbridge, MA 01550. The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements. www.morrillfuneralhome.com

Willis M. Moore, 79

Willis M. Moore, 79, ended his battle with cancer on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at his daughter's home surrounded by his loving family. Willis is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rose (Nichols); four wonderful daughters, Deborah Paddleford and husband Carl of Webster, Diane Contois and husband Stephen of Charlton, Denise Carrier and husband Steven of Oxford, and Darlene Ilvonen and husband James of Oxford; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; sister Donna Charbonneau and husband Donald of Southbridge, and brother David Moore and wife Elaine of Townsend. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Willis was born on July 24,1940 in Charlton MA, a son of late William H. Moore and Geraldine Chadwick, and was raised in Oxford. He attended Oxford Schools until joining the National Guard. He worked as a journeyman folder at Colonial Press in Clinton. He was on the assembly line at General Motors, start-

ing in Framingham and relocating to the Baltimore Plant in 1993. He retired with Rose to Buffalo, South Carolina in 2006 and continued his active lifestyle. Willis was socially and physically active throughout his life, he enjoyed gardening, camping, hiking, mowing, and spending time with family and friends. While resting, he could be found with his nose in a sudoku book. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. His family and friends will always remember him as a strong, hardworking, generous, devoted man, who could be stubborn at times, but was as genuine a person as any, having positively touched the lives of everyone around him. As a member of St. Augustine Church in Union S.C., he enjoyed his church family as well as tending to the grounds. After his diagnosis, Willis always remained in positive spirits saying, "I had a good life". He will be dearly missed, thought of often, and never forgotten. The family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of support and kindness through this difficult time. There will be no services held at this time under the current circumstances.

Matthew E. Smith

Matthew E. Smith, patriarch of a large and loving family, died at home Friday, May 29th of natural causes. Born in Grafton, Massachusetts, in 1923, he was the son of Albert and Bessie Smith. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Harvard University and Master's Degree from Boston College. Matt married the love of his life, Adele Guinee, in 1945 and settled to Auburn in 1955 where they raised their family. They moved to Charlton in 2008. Matt was an actuary at John Hancock for several years before following his life's passion of teaching. His teaching career began in Warren, MA and was followed by 35 years of teaching mathematics at Auburn High School. After growing up in Grafton during the depression, he left for Harvard University. His years in college were interrupted when he entered the Army Air Corp, serving as a lead navigator and radar bombardier in the South Pacific Theater. Matt was predeceased by his wife, Adele, in 2016. They were married for 71 years and raised seven children together. He is survived by his sons Daniel and his wife Nancy of Auburn, Stephen and his wife Joan of Milton, FL, and daughters Carolyn Smith of Little Hocking, OH, Melinda Hannan and her husband Kenneth of Charlton, MA, Susan Smith-Scott and her husband Gene Scott of Charlton, Judith Maruca and her husband Francis of Charlton, MA and

daughter-in-law Wanda Whitted-Smith of Philadelphia, PA. He is predeceased by his son David Smith, and his brothers Jeremy, Stephen and Christopher. He was adored by his grandchildren, Courtney, Sage, Luke, Chloe, Timothy, Allison, Christopher, Michael, Jacob, Lindsey and Tyler and great grandchildren Jesse, Joseph, Declan, Adele, Dalila, Connor, Camille, Joni and Esme. Matt was a great lover of people and treasured his relationships with his running community, his former students, his Marco Island friends, his many friends in the Auburn and Charlton communities and especially the Wednesday morning breakfast club. He also served his Auburn community as a member of the Conservation Committee and town member representative. Matt began running after he turned 40, and ran over 60 marathons, two dozen when he was between the ages of 60 and 80. When his running career ended, he took up long distance cycling, covering miles of terrain between Auburn and northern Connecticut. Adele was secretly relieved when his bicycle disappeared from the garage in 2010. In his own words, "I shall depart this earth envying no one in this world." In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Matt's memory to Pernet Family Health Services Inc. at 237 Millbury Street, Worcester, MA 01610. In alignment with current guidelines, there was a graveside service with social distancing at Hillside Cemetery in Auburn, MA on Wednesday June 3, 2020 at 11:00 AM, where military honors will be rendered. Funeral arrangements are being made by Britton Funeral Homes, Auburn, MA.

Bonnie Lou Williams, 82

PROVIDENCE, RI/ DUDLEY - Bonnie Lou. (Porter) Williams age 82 passed away at the Charlesgate Nursing Center, Providence, RI. She leaves three daughters, Edna Gazaille of Woonsocket, RI, Melanie Dunlevy of Charlton, MA and Amy Durand of Cranston, RI., a son Roderick Thompson of Cumberland, RI, two brothers Daniel Porter f Minnesota, and William Porter of Washington, twelve grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. She had a sister who predeceased her Carolyn Boucher of Apple Valley, Minnesota. She was born in Sioux City, Iowa and

lived in Dudley for several years as well as Milford NH and of recent Providence, RI. She was a certified nursing assistant and had worked at the Sandlewood Nursing home in Oxford, MA. There are no calling hours and services are private at the Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton, MA at a later date. The Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School St., Webster, MA has been entrusted with her arrangements. A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com where you may post a condolence or light a candle.

Michael J. Mahoney, 63

CHARLTON- Michael J. Mahoney, 63, passed away June 3, 2020 in his home. He leaves behind his mother, Mary (Fairbanks) Mahoney of Auburn, 2 daughters, Shannon Griffiths of Mashpee and Jaime Mahoney of Hyannis, 2 brothers, Thomas J. Mahoney of Charlton and Dan Mahoney of Auburn, a sister, Donna Grennon of Webster and a grandson, Zachary Griffiths, and his companion Pat Smith. Michael was born in Worcester, March 12, 1957, son of the late Donald Mahoney, he graduated from Auburn High School

and worked at Linder's in Worcester, prior to that he was employed at Reed and Prince. He was an avid antiques collector, cars was a favorite and he also enjoyed going to yard sales and swap meets. There are no calling hours. Services will be private. The ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd., is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave a message of condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Richard Phillip Berthiaume, 45

CHARLTON - Richard Phillip Berthiaume, 45, of Buffalo, MO (formerly of Charlton, MA), died Friday, May 29, 2020.

Born in Putnam, CT, on November 11, 1974, he was the son of Victor P. and Linda L. (Berthiaume) Parent of Charlton, MA. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara Kearns of Belchertown, MA; as well as nephews and nieces. Richard was predeceased by his siblings, Robert Berthiaume and Lisa Jean Berthiaume. Richard enjoyed fishing, and dogs. Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA is handling private funeral arrangements. Please sign an online guest book at sansoucyfuneral.com



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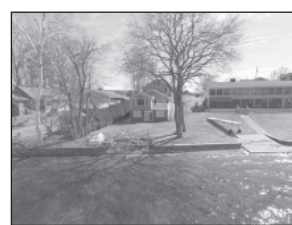
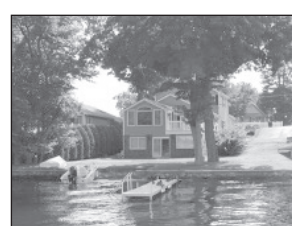


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ble commitment to the Charlton Community.
Our always generous members and friends have outdone themselves with donations for this sale. This sale will adhere to the State’s Covid-19 guidelines – masks, distancing, etc. If neces-

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ing by turning off the sprinklers to allow the water to seep in.
Compacted soil is another cause of water runoff. Soil compaction also restricts air, water and nutrient entry and slows root development. Remedy this by aerating the soil. Keep in mind lawns with deep roots can be watered less often than lawns with shallow root systems.
Also, let the weather work for you. Keep a rain gauge to determine how often you will need to water your lawn. For example, if it rains an inch, you can skip watering until next week!

Water at the Right Time of the Day: Early morning is by far the best time for watering lawns. For optimum efficiency and success, try to water in the wee morning hours. The high humidity and morning dew adds to the moisture quota, and evaporation of the water is lessened during this time. If you cannot water in the morning, irrigate after sunset. But remember, early morning watering helps to prevent lawn diseases that can be caused by watering at night because it gives

your lawn time to dry by night fall.

Mowing Minders: Experts say a common mowing mistake is cutting your grass too short, particular for cool season grasses. Higher heights usually provide for a deeper root system, looks better, and is less likely to have weeds invading, particularly crabgrass.
Lawn pros advise adjusting your blade so that you never remove any more than one third of the grass leaf at any one cutting. By doing so, you can safely leave clippings that will quickly decompose and add valuable nutrients back into the soil.
The direction you mow your lawn is also important. For best results, your lawn in a different direction with each mowing.. Altering the direction gives you an even cut and will prevent your grass growing in a set pattern.
To ensure a good cut, make sure your lawn mower blade is sharp, which may translate into sharpening it at least three times during mowing season.
Want to up your odds of a lush lawn? Try mowing during the

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