

## Auburn Day and Duck Race to take place Sept. 11

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Association will be holding its annual Auburn Day and Duck Race this year on Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is the AHA’s largest fundraiser and a great community event. The event takes place outside, along Hooksett Road, in front of Griffin Free Library and includes dozens of food and craft vendors as well as performers. And this year, for the first time, there will be an Author’s Alley, with a dozen local authors sent up to meet and greet in the library parking lot.

The highlight of the festivities is the Duck Race which takes place on Sucker Brook alongside the event. Thousands of rubber ducks are set adrift and race downstream.

Duck Race tickets are now available! The AHA will be selling them the day of the duck race and at an open house on Aug. 21. They are also now



available at the library. The cost of the tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for a “quack pack” of five tickets. The prizes are first prize: \$1,000, 2nd prize:

\$500, 3rd prize: \$250, 4th prize \$100, 5th prize: \$50 and 6th through 10th prizes: \$25 each. Email info@auburnhistorical.org or go to <https://www.auburnhistorical.org> for more details about the Duck Race.

A schedule of events is attached. Please contact Dan Szczesny at [danszczesny@gmail.com](mailto:danszczesny@gmail.com) or the Auburn Historical Society at 483-5401 for more information.

Also happening in Auburn, at Auburn Village School, at 11 Eaton Hill Rd., the town Parks and Recreation Department will hold a fire works display and mini-fest. From 6:30 until the display at 9 p.m., there will be food trucks and the band Whiskey Business will perform.

### Schedule of Events Sept. 10 & 11

Friday, Sept. 10 6:30-9 p.m.  
The Parks and Rec department will be sponsoring a fun Friday night at the Auburn Village School as a lead up to Auburn Day and Duck Race event. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. with food trucks available. At 7 p.m., the band Whiskey Business will take the stage, and at 9 p.m., there will be fireworks!

Saturday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
9-10 a.m.  
Duckling Dash starting

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## Old Home Day award winners announced

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The winners of the annual service and business awards in Charlton have been announced at the town excitedly prepares for the return of Old Home Day on Labor Day, Sept. 6.

Members of the Old Home Day Committee attended the Aug. 10 meeting of the Board of Selectmen to announce the names. Committee Chair Kathleen Walker started off with some insight into what these awards mean for those being honored.

“Each year, the Charlton Old Home Day Committee seeks nominations for community service awards for Charlton businesses or residents. The awards are intended to recognize volunteer work in the community schools and service to fellow citizens. The awards are not intended for those who during their traditional occupation complete their tasks, but for those who perform the good deeds purely out of volunteerism and civic duty. Whatever the endeavor, these people deserve to be recognized and applauded for their efforts,” said Walker.

The first announcement was the Youth Community Service Award which was established in 2011 to honor a young member of the local community for their contributions to Charlton. The 2021 recipient is Kelly Devlin, a 2020 Bay Path Regional Vocational High School graduate who has spent the past nine years supporting the Chip-In Food Pantry. She has also donated time to Blessings Farms heling with the horses and goats on the property.

Three individual community service awards were also announced. Aviya Singer is being honored for her support of Child Life Services during her high school and college years collecting towns to help give children a bit of normalcy during the holiday season. The second honoree is Frank Morrill, a 45-year resident of Charlton, former history teacher and longtime members of several committees including the Planning Board, Finance Committee and Historic District Committee as well a co-author of several books on Charlton history. Finally, Darlene Emco-Rollins will receive the third community service award for her longtime service as the Executive Director of the Chip-In Food Pantry in Charlton and as a member of the Charlton Firefighters Ladies Auxiliary.

Chip-In will also be honored as one of two recipients of the 2021 Business Award. Normally given to only one local business, the 2021 honorees both played a role in helping the community through the 2020 pandemic. Chip-In, established in 1993, worked with the USDA to distribution 61,740 pounds of food through the Farmers to Families program during the pandemic as well as opening its doors for Dudley residents and launching their first Back to School distribution initiative in 2021. The second business honoree is the Charlton Sewer Center whose members worked together to create masks for local schools, the town hall and Board of Health asking for no financial compensation. Their also supported the Charlton Senior Center and presented masks to veterans on Veterans Day 2020.



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## Selectmen solidify support for crumbling foundations movement

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Crumbling foundations continue to be a concern in Charlton and other surrounding communities. The Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Concrete Group has been working for the past few years to help raise awareness of a growing concern releasing a report in late 2019 and now seeking support from leaders of impacted communities to help push legislation in Boston that would be a step towards compensation for those effected.

The foundation issues are caused by a mineral called pyrrhotite, which has been detected in concrete used on foundations in Connecticut and, more recently, in Massachusetts. The mineral is known to rust causing cracks in foundations that could cost homeowners upwards of \$300,000 or more to repair with no compensation in site for those experiencing the problem. In January of 2020, Sen. Anne Gobi discussed the issue with the Charlton Board of Selectmen following the release of the Crumbling Concrete Foundations Reports at the end of 2019. The investigation was performed in 2016 and the finding of the report concluded that Becker’s Quarry in Willington has supplied concerned containing pyrrhotite that contributed to crumbling foundations in the commonwealth. The state currently has programs to reimburse homeowners for testing but when it comes to resolving the issues neither the state nor insurance companies

have a plan in place to compensate homeowners for their troubles. That’s where the Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Concrete comes in. The group’s leader and spokesperson Michelle Loglisci spoke with Charlton Selectmen on Aug. 10 where she asked selectmen to write a letter to lawmakers Becca Rausch and Carolyn Dykema, chairs of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, asking them to support a bill, hold a hearing and vote favorably on Senate Bill s548 which would put in place recommendations for remediation including paving the way for compensation for homeowners who have to rebuild their foundations as a result of pyrrhotite.

“We have been really pushing to try to get legislators to pay attention to this and do something. If you look around, Canada has replaced foundations for this issue. There were 3,000 homes in one town that had to be done in Canada and they came up with a remediation plan. Ireland has done it and Connecticut has done it, so here we are in Massachusetts, and we just don’t feel right that we’re left out,” Loglisci said.

Giving the matter a more localized perspective, Loglisci was joined at the table by Charlton Police Sgt. Keith Cloutier speaking as a citizen whose home is currently facing the dangers of a crumbling foundation. Cloutier started to learn about his own issues

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## Ivascyn family endows scholarship for local students at Nichols College



Daniel Ivascyn

and an EdD from UMass Amherst.

Ivascyn was a founding member of the French River Education Center, a regional private non-profit organization providing educational services to school districts throughout Worcester County. He served on the board for several years. He was associate professor of education and

chair of the Educator Preparation Program at Nichols from 2004 to 2007. He is also a recipient of the college’s Alumni Achievement Award.

While attending evening classes as an undergraduate at Nichols in the 1960s, Ivascyn worked as a teller for Webster Five, beginning a 46-year affiliation with the bank. He became a corporator in 1980, was elected to the board in 1984 and served as its chair for 14 years, retiring in 2020.

“Through this scholarship, Dan and his family are creating opportunities for local students to discover their leadership potential with a Nichols education and securing a legacy that recognizes service and commitment to the community,” said Glenn M. Sulmasy, JD, LL.M, president of Nichols College. “We are grateful for their gener-

osity and the example they are setting for future leaders.”

About Nichols College Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow’s leaders. Nichols offers master’s degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today’s professionals.



# Summer ends with Disney and music at Hitchcock Academy

BRIMFIELD — Saturday, Aug. 21 promises an evening of wild adventures at Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield with the showing of the Disney animated classic, “Zootopia” presented free on the outdoor screen at dusk. Pack a picnic supper or enjoy dinner from the Maddie’s Dogs food truck. This free animated adventure features the exploits of bunny Officer, Judy Hopps, and her fox sidekick, Nick Wilde as they work to solve the case of the disappearing mammals in the mythical metropolis of Zootopia.

“Zootopia” and the Sept. 1 concert on the common by the James Paul Band mark the end of Hitchcock Academy’s summer programming. However, HFA looks to September with a full schedule of classes and events to welcome fall. Starting on Sept. 9 HFA will offer ages seven and up beginner



to advanced guitar lessons. The lessons will include acoustic or electric guitar, introduction to music theory and instruction in how to read tablature. On

Sept. 18, Hitchcock presents its inaugural Fore a Good Cause golf tournaments at Heritage Country Club in Charlton. Registration includes 18 holes of golf at central Massachusetts’ premier public course, cart, prizes, and a steak dinner.

On Sept. 15 and continuing weekly through Oct. 6 on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., Hitchcock offers lessons in painting through ArtSong, an arts enrichment program that provides a framework for creativity and self-expression. The four week workshop teaches the essential of how to draw and paint using acrylic paint. Through demonstration and application each student will create their own original artwork. Registration information for this and all Hitchcock Academy courses can be found on their website under Current Classes.

# Bay Path volunteer headlines gala in support of cancer charity

CHARLTON—Emelita “Rita” Thorne of Acton, a Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy volunteer for Nurse Nostalgia portraits, will be among the models for fashion designer Chona Bacaoco of MM Milano, the brand from Milan, Italy.

In celebration of the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Filipino American Cancer Care of Falls Church, Va. presents “Couture Courage for a Cure” on Saturday, Oct. 23, 5 p.m. at the Westin Tysons Corner

Hotel, 7801 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Va. The charity gala will benefit cancer patients in the Philippines and United States (<https://www.facebook.com/FilipinoAmericanCancerCare/>).

Mrs. Thorne has a background of more than 20 years in the beauty and cosmetic industry as well as in philanthropy. She holds many pageant titles nationally, Mrs. Friends Indeed USA 2015, and internationally, Mrs. Philippines International also in 2015, she bested

65 other contestants in Jacksonville, Fla. She became Mrs. ServeCare Queen International in 2017, Mrs. June Calendar in 2018, and Mrs. Pearl World in 2021.

In her career as a professional beauty consultant, she has advised practical nursing students and graduates, Filipino-American youth and community leaders on matters of skin care and cosmetics. For several years she has glammed-up graduating nursing students at Bay



Emelita Thorne

Path Practical Nursing Academy for nurse nostalgia portraits gratis.

As a performer, Rita performed the Yakan Cultural Dance at multiple events before audiences in many states. She advocates for literacy, regularly contributing and participating in Bagong Kulturang Pinoy, Inc. ([www.BKP.org](http://www.BKP.org)) to promote the love of reading. As one of the founders of Thank God I’m Filipino (TGIF) in Boston, Rita helped promote world class Filipino talents and raise funds for survivors of natural disasters. She is well

noted in the Boston community for her contributions to charity and volunteerism.

Rita was born and raised in Isabela, Basilan province in Mindanao. She and David Thorne are celebrating 29 years of married bliss. She is the mother of two handsome gentlemen, Masaki and Zachariah. A living proof, Mrs. Thorne is a cancer warrior, bravely fighting cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer) and Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML).

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# Bay Path LPN awarded scholarship



CHARLTON — Fitchburg State University (FSU) awarded Elizabeth Mirekuuaa Lartey, LPN of Worcester its Burnham Scholarship.

The scholarship was awarded to a full-time undergraduate, nursing major who has completed at least one semester at Fitchburg State University who are working to support their education. Receipt of the scholarship is also based on an essay that demonstrates relevant examples of service-oriented leadership, active support for the social and academic welfare of peers, and active civic engagement in the community as well as demonstrated academic achievement and financial need.

Lartey is an alumna of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy in Charlton with the Practical Nursing Class of 2018. While at Bay Path Lartey was inducted to the National Technical Honor Society and was a district competitor for SkillsUSA for CPR/First Aid. Lartey was an Officer for the UNICEF Club and was certified in Infusion Therapy/Central Line Care and Dementia Care. She volunteered for multiple Blood Pressure Clinics and represent-

ed Bay Path at educational events at Framingham State University. Lartey continues to volunteer at Bay Path as a mentor and inspirational speaker to current Practical Nursing Students.

During the spring 2021 semester, Lartey, has been named to the Fitchburg State University dean's list for academic achievement. The designation is awarded to full-time students who have earned at least a 3.2-grade point average on a 4.0 scale, achieved no grade below a B, and received no failing grades in enrolled, credit/no credit, or pass/fail courses. Lartey's FSU transcript indicates "Dean's List" status for the semester.

Lartey is completing the LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Program. The LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Program is designed to transition the traditional or military trained Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to the role of baccalaureate-prepared Registered Nurse. The LPN to BS in Nursing Bridge Program is a unique and accelerated curriculum.



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# Bay Path LPN named member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

WORCESTER — In a recent announcement, Kiana McDonald, LPN of Worcester (formerly of Southbridge) joined the esteemed Phi Theta Kappa. The recognition included a membership packet containing a certificate, pin, and other benefits. Membership to Phi Theta Kappa allows McDonald to build job skills, challenging academic programs, scholarships, transfer support, and more. The mission of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize academic achievement of college students and to provide opportunities for them to grow as scholars and leaders.

In a message to McDonald, Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, President and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society stated, "congratulations on the accomplishments that brought you here. I look forward to seeing where Phi Theta Kappa takes you next."

McDonald is working on academic progression towards her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Quinsigamond Community College where she has been named in the dean's



Kiana McDonald

list due to her excellent academic performance. McDonald is a 2013 Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School graduate. She is an alumna of Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy, class of 2017 where she was inducted into the National Technical

Honor Society. She is a State Bronze Medalist and District Gold Medalist for SkillsUSA both for Medical Terminology. She was a recipient of \$500 Bay Path RVTHS Health Occupations Graduate Award and was an officer of the UNICEF Club. McDonald is Mental Health First Aid Certified. After her role as a charge nurse at the Webster Manor Rehabilitation and Health Care Center from 2017-2020, McDonald is currently with Maxim Healthcare as a staff nurse.

# Taking advantage of QCC's presence in the South County Region

WORCESTER — A local Southbridge family has found a way to higher education thanks to Quinsigamond Community College's presence in the Southbridge community.

QCC 2021 nursing graduates Cassara Casey and Kirstianna Ferschke are part of a large family who found their local community college to be just the resource they needed to obtain a higher education. Ms. Casey was the first to head to college in 2008, choosing QCC for its affordability and accessibility. Her sister Kaitlynn Ferschke followed suit, graduating in May 2016 with her associate degree in Early Childhood Education (ECE).

"Calissa is the second youngest and she starts this fall for ECE at QCC," Ms. Casey said, adding, "My mom has also taken classes at QCC."

Today, QCC at Southbridge is even closer to the communities it serves with its move in the summer of 2020 to a well-known and recognized central location, Southbridge High School,

"Broadening the footprint of QCC makes it more accessible not only Southbridge, but also to the surrounding communities. Also, by virtue of our location, Southbridge High School students can easily take part in QCC's Early College Program," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

Currently QCC is registering students for the fall semester. Students can set up appointments with a variety of offices through the QCC's new Easy Queue (EZQ) system ([www.QCC.edu/EZQ](http://www.QCC.edu/EZQ)). This new system enables students to save time by joining virtual waiting rooms for the offices they need to meet with such offices as Admissions, Advising and Financial Aid. Through a text messaging system, students will receive reminders and wait time updates as their appointment gets closer, saving them time from waiting in a physical line. When a student's appointment time is ready, they will receive notification and can then proceed to the designed office.

In addition to this new support service, QCC will continue to offer remote support services and online courses, as well as in-person services and courses beginning this fall.

"There are so many resources going to a community college. Ms. Casey said, "I like that QCC is more of a community."

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



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# “I want to know my landscape is thriving”

FAVORING NATIVE PLANTS ON LOTS OF ALL SIZES

BY GUS STEEVES  
CORRESPONDENT

BRIMFIELD — Dan Jaffe-Wilder is a huge advocate of helping land go wild. Whether it’s a garden, an acre, the 19 acres he recently bought in Brimfield, or the 8,000 acres he helps manage for Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary in Wales, the difference is often in approach, not objective. A garden, he notes, is easy to manage; an acre is barely possible, and “the big places” are well beyond that. “Even a lazy gardener is doing a whole lot more than we can do on 8000 acres at Norcross,” he told a few dozen conservation commissioners during an online Mass Association of Conservation Commissioners “Lunch and Learn” talk last week. “In some cases, the management is next to nothing, or is nothing.” It can be as simple as clearing a space around an uncommon plant or tree to give it a better chance against very common ones; on his land, for example, he’s trying to promote wild blueberry in thickets of laurel and shagbark hickory in copses of black birch. (It’s

not coincidental the promoted plants are edible.) “I want to know my landscape is thriving,” he said, noting he favors “plants that are bringing in habitat and feeding us,” as well as other species. The key is working with what’s there, not trying to force it into something it’s not. Where possible, Wilder recommends starting with a soil test; it’s “one of the best things you could possibly do” to avoid planting failures, but he suggests ignoring the amendment recommendations such tests usually provide. Instead, select plants that thrive in that kinds of soil. Case in point – thin soil, which is common around here. He dubs that “your friend” because “things grow more slowly in thin soil,” including the invasives and weeds. Native plants have adapted to such soil and will out-compete the weeds; some natives, such as goldenrod and bee balm, are also very important habitat plants for a large number of insects and birds. When promoting natives in such areas, Wilder encourages planting them in blocks, with many of a few species together, because “we

don’t have time to do the whole meadow.” To help them along, Norcross mows a third of the meadow each spring, although their goal is to eventually be able to have a controlled burn every five to eight years. You can’t do that with a rich-soiled, moist meadow; such places have a lot more nutrients and plants of all kinds (welcome or not) grow faster. Invasives tend to get started before the natives there, as they seep in by air and water; controlling them and “pushy” natives requires fall mowing and some brush-cutting. For Wilder, the goal there is to favor uncommon natives while keeping other species “in amounts that are happy and thriving.” In one field at Norcross, they found 12 gentians two years ago and have since increased that to 125. If you can establish “thick,

healthy patches of native species,” invasive seeds won’t have soil in which to root, he observed. For really big places, Wilder’s goal is to “look at the larger picture,” to see what kinds of habitat the region as a whole needs. One that’s uncommon in southern New England is what’s termed “early successional” meadow and woodland. Many in our area know what that looks like: the strip of “tornado alley” from West Springfield to Southbridge, where bushes and young trees are now taking over from the mature ones the tornado of 2011 wiped out. Although dangerous to hikers, the tangled masses of downed trees in that strip are ideal, even necessary, habitat for some species. Wilder urges people to maintain smaller examples of such woodpiles on their land. Creating the earlier,

meadow stage can take some work. Wilder said Norcross removed all the trees in a few selected sites and mowed the grasses very low to give “native annuals and short-lived perennials” a chance to get started. Such succession takes years. In three or four, the first species “get out competed,” and long-lived perennials like goldenrod start to take over. Eventually, those give way to low bushes, then trees of various species. At the end, Wilder took a few questions. One sought suggestions for challenging the common attitude that favors well-mowed “postage stamp” lawns. Often, he said, people do favor habitat; they just need education. One way to do that can be to put up signs indicating the parcel is habitat, while mowing paths to show

it’s “a purposeful thing,” he said. “Leading by example is so important,” he added, noting people need to “see value in this kind of landscape.” Similarly, ecology advocates can plant native wildflowers in visible public places with signs saying why they matter. Regarding another question, Wilder noted they sometimes have to use herbicides to control invasives. One effective organic type on plants (but not roots) is horticultural vinegar, but he said that’s very caustic, requiring safety gear and a pesticide license to use. It’s far stronger than household vinegar, at 30 percent acid vs 5 percent, but has no long-term ecological impact.

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## Cornerstone Bank donates \$3,000 to Nativity School of Worcester

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has donated \$3,000 to the Nativity School of Worcester, an independent, Jesuit middle school providing all-scholarship education to underserved boys of all faiths. The funds will be used to help low- and moderate-income families of current students as well as students who have graduated, through the school’s Graduate Support Program.

“Not only does the Nativity School foster the growth and learning of students currently enrolled with them, but they ensure that their graduates are prepared for the upcoming year in high school or college,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO

Todd Tallman. “The school’s work inspires responsibility, a love of service and a dedication to learning that many of these students may have never experienced otherwise. Cornerstone Bank is happy to make this donation, which has helped to fund the Nativity School’s all-important summer program.”

The Nativity School of Worcester’s summer program runs for three weeks during the summer and focuses on core academics, including language arts and math, as well as community services. Students and faculty spend every afternoon volunteering at local organizations to empower them to recognize the ways they can improve their community. The Graduate Support Team coor-

dinates with alumni to provide school supplies to high school and college-aged graduates of the Nativity School, helping them to continue their education.

“We are proud to play a small part in creating a long-lasting love of learning for these students,” continued Tallman. “We understand how important quality education is for all, and we are honored to assist in everything the Nativity School of Worcester is doing for its students and alumni.”

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## University of Rhode Island graduates more than 4,000 students during 135th Commencement

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island celebrated more than 4,000 of its newest alumni during the University’s 135th Commencement. More than 3,700 undergraduate degrees and 680 graduate degrees were conveyed to students during nine individual ceremonies held over three days, May 21-23, 2021.

Lindsay R Berthiaume of Auburn received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice, Summa Cum Laude. Rosemary Elisabeth Leger of Auburn received a Master of Science in Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design.

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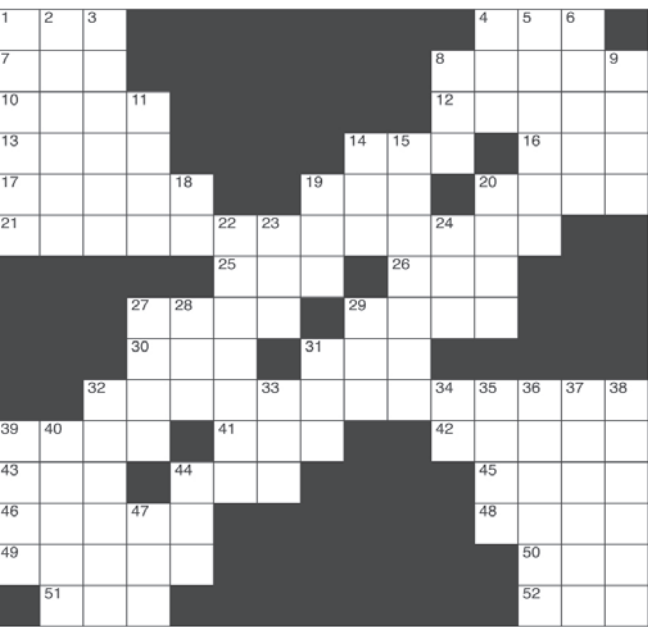
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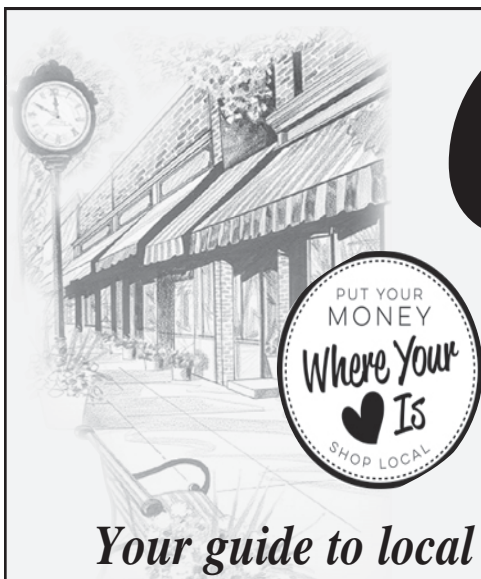
1. Midway between east and southeast
4. Sun up in New York
7. Japanese honorific
8. Czech name for Prague
10. Ochocinco's first name
12. Steep cliffs (Hawaiian)
13. Scots word for "home"
14. Upper class young woman (abbr.)
16. Monetary unit of Albania
17. Raise
19. Drain of resources
20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
21. Hikers use them
25. Retrospective analysis (military)
26. Tibetan form of chanting
27. Influential European statesman
29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
30. Monetary unit of Romania
31. Round green vegetable
32. Well acquainted with
39. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
41. Basics
42. "The Godfather" actress Keaton
43. Snakelike fish
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Russian river
46. Long Balkans river
48. Ancient Greek coin
49. Senegal's capital
50. Unwell
51. Snout
52. Low bank or reef of coral

### CLUES DOWN

1. Abstain from
2. Vast desert in North Africa
3. Cover the crown of a tooth
4. A major division of geological time
5. Urban center
6. Crook
8. Parts per billion (abbr.)
9. Questions
11. A pack of 52 playing cards
14. Recording of sound
15. Pithy saying
18. Atomic #22
19. Soviet Socialist Republic
20. Plant with ridged seedpods
22. Innate
23. Investigative body for Congress (abbr.)
24. Soda receptacle
27. Spanish stew: \_\_ podrida
28. Viet Cong offensive
29. Large body of water
31. Beginning military rank
32. Dissimilar
33. Counteroffensive system (abbr.)
34. Shows who you are
35. Chinese dynasty
36. Type of verse
37. African nation
38. Quite
39. Former Bucks star Michael
40. Showed again
44. Body part
47. Steal







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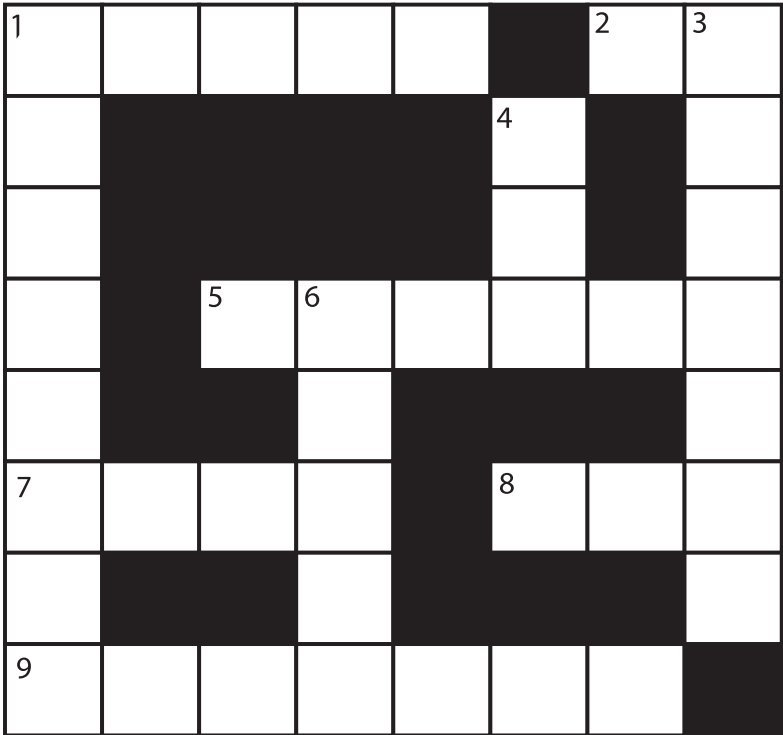
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Place to eat
- 2. Type of computer
- 5. Teachers write on these
- 7. Refers to two or more of things
- 8. Witness
- 9. Study of the physical and natural world

DOWN

- 1. Those who give lessons
- 3. Courses in school
- 4. Belonging to more than one
- 6. Yellow, brown or red color

Answers: Across 1. Table 2. PC 3. Classes 4. Our 5. Boards 6. Ochre 7. Each 8. See 9. Science Down 1. Teachers 2. PC 3. Classes 4. Our 5. Boards 6. Ochre 7. Each 8. See 9. Science

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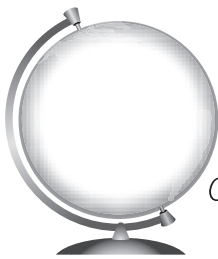
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- FRENCH: Élève
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ANSWER: SCHOOL BUS

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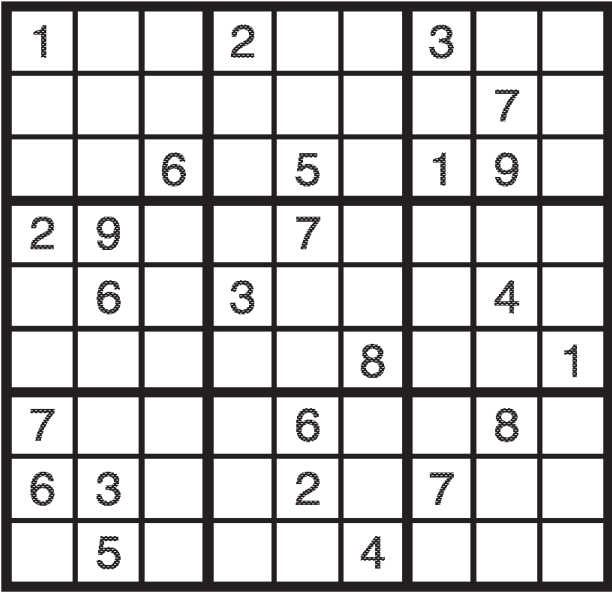
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Solve the code to discover words related to vision. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 25 = H)

- A. 11 8 5 25 4 Clue: Ability to see
- B. 2 25 26 2 16 12 6 Clue: Thorough examination
- C. 4 26 23 9 11 Clue: Eye secretion
- D. 17 21 8 7 16 Clue: Close eyelids

Answers: A. sight B. checkup C. tears D. blink

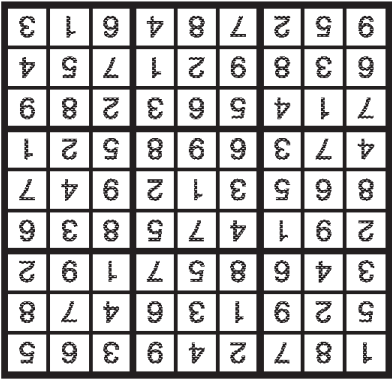
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## “Is this Heaven?” “No. It’s Iowa.”

An incredible moment happened last Thursday, and baseball fans all across the country watched. The Chicago White Sox and the New York Yankees met for an old fashioned game of ball in Dyersville, Iowa, where dreams really do come true.

The two teams, and thousands of fans came together, in a cornfield, at the Field of Dreams. The diamond was constructed right next to the original set of the 1989 film that gave the location its name.

The movie highlighted the magic and the history behind baseball. Inspired by the true story of disgraced White Sox player Shoeless Joe Jackson, who was infamously bribed, along with seven other teammates, to ‘throw’ the 1919 World Series, “Field of Dreams” offers his ghost the chance at redemption that he never had in life. We remember fondly the first time we watched the movie, reaching for a box of tissues when Kevin Costner’s character, Ray, asks his father’s ghost to “have a catch” that helps them both heal their troubled relationship as well.

During the broadcast of last week’s game, Costner, in the same blue jeans and white shirt he wore in the movie, appeared slowly, as he walked into sight from the cornfield, re-creating a scene from the movie. According to fans, it was magic, surreal. Anyone who has watched the film, would have driven to Iowa to watch the ‘baseball men’ play, if it was real. Thursday’s game was the closest they’ll ever get. There is no doubt that as fans watched the modern day ball players at work, thoughts of Archibald ‘Moonlight’ Graham, Shoeless Joe, Babe Ruth and others came to mind.

Costner addressed the fans as he made his way to towards the pitcher’s mound, stating “We’ve come to see the first place White Sox play the mighty Yankees in a field that was once corn. It’s perfect. We’ve kept our promise. Major League Baseball has kept its promise. The dream is still alive. There’s probably just one question to answer: ‘Is this heaven?’”

The players emerged, like the film’s ghosts, from the cornfield, leaving the fans in awe.

The game brought the sport back to the basics for just one night. What is simpler than a soda, a hot dog and some popcorn? How surreal to be able to sit close enough where the players can actually make out what the fans are yelling, or what they’re saying to raz the umpires.

The White Sox bested New York in a close match when Tim Anderson hit a walk off home run far off into Iowa’s country sky. The game was described as a time capsule from a different era. In a post game interview, Yankees Manager Aaron Boone said, “That’s probably the greatest setting for a baseball game that I’ve ever been a part of. Kevin Costner standing out there in short center field, that’s probably a moment I’ll remember the rest of my life.”

Many fans agreed that being at the game was a dream come true, it didn’t matter who won.

There are talks that the game may come back to Iowa next year. But more importantly, America’s greatest past time, reminds us that in times of uncertainty, there will always be baseball. The famous quote below is from the film. It’s a powerful message of unity that is refreshing to read.

“People will come, Ray. They’ll come to Iowa for reasons they can’t even fathom. They’ll turn up your driveway not knowing for sure why they’re doing it. They’ll arrive at your door as innocent as children, longing for the past.

“Of course, we won’t mind if you look around,’ you’ll say, ‘It’s only \$20 per person.’

“They’ll pass over the money without even thinking about it: for it is money they have and peace they lack. And they’ll walk out to the bleachers; sit in shirtsleeves on a perfect afternoon. They’ll find they have reserved seats somewhere along one of the baselines, where they sat when they were children

## Garden helps and healers

If you have a garden, you’re likely growing health promoting plants that offer more than nutritional benefits. From flowers and herbs to vegetables and wild plants, nature provides a wide variety of natural healers that aid in everything from taming a tummy ache to fighting off a fever blister. Read on for some garden favorites that offer the bonus of being beneficial health aids.

Note: Information is offered for general interest only and should not be taken as health advice. Contact your physician before ingesting or applying any herbs or plants. \*\*\*

Marigolds a.k.a. Calendula, with their bright yellow and orange hues, are not only lovely in the garden, they are useful, with their unique properties offering a variety of benefits. The Marigold not only repels mosquitos and other pests from the garden, its anti inflammatory properties also aid in treating minor cuts and abrasions - and the flower may be antibacterial (it was used during the Civil War to draw out infection in wounds). Marigolds are also used to soothe and heal such skin ailments as burns and acne. Here’s a recipe for Marigold Balm from Old Schoolhouse magazine’s Homestead Newsletter: You will need: 1/2 cup dried calendula petals (available in bulk at a health food store or from your garden), one ounce beeswax, 1/2 cup olive oil, a sterile tin to hold your finished project Place the petals and oil into an oven proof dish. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees. Place the oil and herbs into the oven, then turn it off and leave for three to four hours. Remove from oven to cool for an hour or so on the counter. Once cool, strain out the herbs with cheesecloth. Add the beeswax to the remaining oil and put back into the oven (or you can use a microwave for this part). Heat just until the beeswax is almost melted. Stir until it is completely melted and combined. Pour into your prepared tins and let sit 15-20 minutes until cool. Makes two tins of balm, about two ounces each. \*\*\*

Many backyard gardeners grow tomatoes, and the season’s first ripe, red tomato on the vine is a summer pleasure worth waiting all year for! Whether they are in



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a vegetable plot, container garden, or upside down planter, tomatoes are not only delicious and nutritious, they also offer an array of health benefits. In fact, it’s been well publicized that tomatoes are rich in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant. But did you know the tomato is one of the top five food sources of vitamin C, vitamin A, vitamin E, potassium and fiber? Tomatoes are also excellent sources of phytochemicals, polyphenols and carotenoids. And research shows tomatoes an aid in lowering blood pressure. According to an Israeli study, adding tomatoes to a diet can reduce systolic blood pressure by 10 points and diastolic pressure by four points. The secret weapon once again, is the tomato’s high concentration of lycopene. The delicious dosage? About four whole tomatoes daily, which is easy during peak season. Off season, use chopped and canned garden tomatoes in chili, tomato sauces and soups to reach your daily dose. \*\*\*

The pansy is a common, easy to grow flower. With their colorful “faces” a plot of pansies add personality to a garden or window box, but the ancient, edible flower is also a valuable detoxifying and anti inflammatory agent. In addition, its been claimed the pansy is also helpful in treating eczema, asthma and allergies. Pansies grown without pesticides can be enjoyed in their natural state, simply washed and tossed in a salad or cold drink, or the flowers may be made into a healthful tincture or tea. To make a pansy poultice for external skin application to treat eczema and impetigo, simply add two tablespoons of pansy petals to two cups boiling water. Allow to steep for about 20 minutes and cool. Soak clean cloth in mixture and apply to skin. \* \* \*

Growing garlic? The health virtues of garlic have been touted for generations. Here are a couple to try: \*The book, “The Healing Power of Garlic,” suggests garlic nose drops can kill the viruses that cause cold or flu. Here are the book’s

instructions on concocting the drops: Crush some garlic to obtain juice, and add ten parts water and mix well. Apply as you would regular nose drops.

\*According to a home remedy published long ago, if you place a clove of garlic on each side of the mouth between the teeth and cheek, a cold will disappear within a day. It’s worth a try! \*\*\*

Tea Tonics Natural teas are used to treat many maladies. If you are growing these herbs, you already have the ingredients for some healthful healers!

\*Fever Treatment Tea: Some Native American tribes treated a low grade fever with sage, as in this old time recipe. As a bonus, the dried peppermint supplies the tea with a soothing, cooling effect. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over two teaspoons dried, edible sage and one teaspoon dried peppermint. Steep. Strain, and sweeten with honey if desired. Slowly sip up to three cups a day.

\*Cold Sore Cure: Drinking sage tea can prevent and treat fever blisters and cold sores. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over edible sage leaves and a small piece of ginger root (or substitute ginger powder). Steep, cook and drink two to three cups of hot sage tea everyday to get rid of fever blisters.

\* Shoo Flu: One of peppermint’s claims to fame is that it can alleviate the chills and aid with symptoms of fever and the flu. Try drinking a cup or two of strong peppermint tea made from fresh leaves to relieve cold and flu complaints. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over four to six peppermint leaves. Allow to steep for 15 minutes, strain and serve.

\* Sweet Slumber: Lemon Balm promotes sleep as it acts as a very mild sedative. It is also helpful in treating stress and nervous headaches. To make a fresh Lemon Balm tea: steep one teaspoon of fresh leaves in one cup of boiling water. Steep covered for ten minutes. Strain and enjoy. To combat cold sores, made tea with up to four tablespoons of the herb per cup of boiling water. Allow to cool, then apply with a cotton ball to cold sore several times a day.

mer in the world at the time. His name was Tom Jager. Tom was amazing. He coached me through a few workouts, and I even raced him a couple of times. He was way faster than me. There was no comparison. I knew I just had to work harder if I wanted to be as fast as him.

I was determined. I barely made it onto a division one swim team. By my junior year, I was much faster than in high school, but I was also one of the slowest swimmers on the team, nowhere near the Olympic level. I was crushed as I realized I didn’t have what it took to make it to the Olympics.

That experience created an even stronger desire inside of me to accomplish my dreams. If I’d have listened to the naysayers, I wouldn’t have learned the lessons that I needed to take with me to the next

## Be prepared for long-term care costs



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Like everyone, you’d like to enjoy a long, healthy, independent life. But the future is unknowable, so it’s a good idea to prepare for a variety of outcomes – including the possible need for long-term care.

Consider the following: Someone turning age 65 today has almost a 70% chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care service, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The median annual cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$105,000, and it’s almost \$55,000 for home health aide services, according to the insurance company Genworth.

Medicare also may cover very few of these costs. Consequently, it’s a good idea to include potential long-term care costs in your planning. While everyone’s situation is different, you may want to budget for two to three years’ worth of long-term care expenses.

But how can you prepare for these costs? Essentially, you’ve got three options: You could self-insure. If you would like to cover the costs of long-term care out of your own pocket, you’ll need to consider a few issues: How will these potential costs affect your family? How might your other goals be affected, or even altered, by your decision to self-insure? Will you have to adjust your investment mix or designate certain investments to help achieve your self-funding objectives? None of these questions should dissuade you from trying to self-fund for long-term care, but they can help you clarify the significance of this choice within your overall financial strategy.

You could transfer the risk to an insurance company. You could purchase either long-term care insurance or a life insurance policy that provides long-term care benefits in addition to a death benefit. Before obtaining either type of policy, though, you’ll want to know exactly what the policies cover and when they kick in. Also, be aware that the younger you are when you buy a policy, the lower the premiums. On the other hand, if you buy a straight long-term care policy when you’re young, you could end up paying premiums for many years for coverage you may never need. A financial advisor can help you evaluate all your insurance options and recommend which one, if any, is appropriate for your situation.

You could combine self-insurance with an insurance policy. You could plan to self-insure for long-term care for a limited time – perhaps one year’s worth of anticipated costs – and then buy enough insurance for additional expenses. This technique could involve some juggling on your part, in terms of where to direct your money, but it might prove to be a workable compromise between self-insurance and putting all your long-term care resources into an insurance policy.

Which of these methods is right for you? There’s no one “right” answer for everyone. But whichever route you choose, you’ll be helping to protect yourself – and possibly your grown children or other family members – from the potentially huge costs of long-term care. And that protection can help brighten your outlook throughout your retirement.

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## Don’t listen to the naysayers

Most people who want to achieve big dreams will encounter naysayers.

They’ll say, “It’s already been done; the competition is too fierce. They’ll tell you, “you can’t have a career in that business; you have to know somebody; you have to be an insider,” others might be more mean-spirited, “You’re not talented enough, you’re not smart enough, you’re not good looking enough.”

It takes great courage and faith to follow your dreams. If you listen to the negative voices, you’ll never find that courage and faith.

I’ve always dreamed big dreams and gone after goals that seemed impossible. It’s who I am; my father encouraged me to think big.

In that sense, it was easy for me to go after my dreams because I never had anyone in my own family tell me I shouldn’t or that I couldn’t. The naysayers in my life came from outside the family.

As a high school athlete, I grew passionate about competitive swimming. I became enamored with the idea that I could be an Olympic swimmer! Some said I couldn’t do it. I paid them no attention.

I swam four hours a day and did a lot of cross-training. I got much faster. After graduating high school, four of my closest friends and I swam from Macinac Island to Chicago in Lake Michigan, a 375-mile journey. We did it as a relay, and we made it in fifteen days.

Out of that experience, I met the fastest swim-

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# Local anglers brave the heat

Now that the nasty heat of this past week is behind us, fishing should get back to normal for some anglers, although many anglers did brave the heat and did very well, especially on the canal. Numerous 30- & 40-pound stripers were caught by anglers that braved the heat last week, and released the big fish, but they were still able to retain a striper that fell into the legal slot size.

Upstate New York fishing has been relatively slow on the lake, but is improving every day. The annual salmon run on the Salmon River is relatively quiet and the water is running a bit high, but it is expected to improve also in the coming weeks. Hundreds if not thousands of anglers make the trip to upstate New York annually to fish the yearly Salmon run on the famous Salmon River. For up-to-

date information contact Fat Nancy's Tackle Shop in Pulaski for daily information. Check them out on their Web site at [www.fatnancy.com](http://www.fatnancy.com).

If you are looking for some of the best large-mouth bass fishing and smallmouth bass fishing in Massachusetts, you need to check out fishing at the Quabbin Reservoir! Both Gate 8 and Gate 43 rent out boats and motors for an extremely low rate, and are readily available on weekdays, but weekends require an early morning trip to acquire a boat rental. They go fast. The scenery on the reservoir is great, which makes you feel like you are in Northern Maine. Sightings of eagles are reported daily.

This past week, this writer enjoyed a great meal of pan-fried fluke from a fish that I caught while fishing the



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Westport River with my brother Ken. It is hard to find good bait (squid) to fish for these prized eating fish. Last week at a local tackle shop, I purchased a small bottle of imitation squid strip, manufactured by "Fat Cow" out of long Island New York. They are not cheap by any means, but will hopefully do the trick, replacing real squid. The old brand that was around for a long time called "Uncle Josh" strips, has been out of business for a number of years, now but worked very well back in the day. The soaring seafood prices at supermar-

kets and eating establishments has gone through the roof, with many restaurants taking clams off of their menu. Oysters, clams, Quahaugs and lobster prices continue to climb with no end in sight. The reason for the price increases are many including price gouging. Saltwater fish prices on Haddock, Cod, and bluefish are reasonable, but they too could become expensive. Many fish markets are buying their fish from foreign markets, which I try to stay away from for many reasons. Be sure to check the seafood origin before you buy. Beef prices are also extremely high.

Purchasing real squid from a market to do some fishing does not work very well because it is soft, and easy for fish to remove it from the hook, resulting in missed fish. It is a great squid for eating

calamari, but not great for fishing. Squid from most bait shops is also soft and easy for fish to remove also. Using fluke skin for bait worked very well, but has been made illegal to use because of reports of anglers cutting up undersize fluke for bait. Hopefully, these new Jig strips I purchased this past week will work better. They are scented and should work. They also work on fresh water for bass, and numerous other species of freshwater fish.

More reports of dead birds in the valley are not good. One local sportsman reported a dead red tail hawk in the Uxbridge area this week. The young eagle that was found dead, was examined by Mass. Fish & Wildlife and found it to have died from some type of poison. It could have ingested the poison from eating a dead animal that

was legally or illegally poisoned. Reporting dead birds in your area should be made to MFW.

A youth pheasant hunt will be held for all hunter graduates ages 12-17 this year. The registration deadline was Aug. 17, but may allow for late registrations if the classes are not full. Space is limited, so register today. Call Mass. Fish & Wildlife at 508-389-6300 for more information and where the clubs are that are sponsoring the events. It is a great time for first time sportsmen to realize the great time in the outdoors they will have during the event. Trap shooting, firearms safety, and hunting pheasant over well-trained bird dogs, are just a few of the things the young shooter will enjoy.

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# Tips for drying flowers



Lavender dries relatively quickly and retains the best color when dried in a low humidity, dark location.

Enjoy and share the beauty of your flower garden all year long. Pick and dry a few flowers to use in flower arrangements, craft projects or as gifts

for friends and family.

Pick the flowers when they are at peak bloom and blossoms are dry. Cut flowers for drying mid-day when they contain less moisture to reduce the dry time.

Use a bypass pruner or garden scissors to cut the stems above a set of healthy leaves. Remove the foliage and gather them into small bundles. Secure the stems with rubber bands that contract as the stems shrink and continue holding them tight. Use a spring-loaded clothespin to hang the bundles from a hanger, clothes line or nail. Allow the flowers to dry in a warm, dark, dust-free location.

Flat-faced flowers like daisies tend to close a bit when dried upside down. Try laying them face down on a flat surface. Simply cut off the stem and place the flowers face down on newspaper in a warm, dry location. Once dried, you can glue them in place or use florist wire to create stems for arranging.

And don't forget to pick a few seed-pods from perennials and ornamental grasses. These have dried, for the most



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part, on the plants and make great additions to your dried flower arrangements and projects.

Consider taking a trip to your local florist or craft store for more ideas and materials for drying delicate flowers. Silica sand works well for delicate blossoms like iris as well as roses, mums and more. Simply fill the bottom inch of a container with silica sand. Remove all but an inch of the flower stem. Place the flower, stem side up or on its side, on the surface of the silica sand. Gently pour silica sand over the flowers until completely covered. Follow label directions. Most flowers dried this way maintain their beauty when dried in silica sand. Just use a small paint brush to gently remove any remaining sand.

Test flowers for dryness before putting them in an arrangement or storing for future use. Carefully rub a piece of the flower between your fingers. If it feels dry, it is ready to use. If it still feels moist, continue letting them dry.

Store extra dried flowers in a location with low humidity and away from direct sunlight. Consider loosely wrapping with newspaper or kraft paper to prevent crushing and place in a box until needed.

Whichever drying method you choose, the result is the same – year-round enjoyment of your garden's beauty.

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and cheered their heroes. And they'll watch the game and it'll be as if they dipped themselves in magic waters. The memories will be so thick they'll have to brush them away from their faces.

"People will come, Ray. The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game: it's a part of our past, Ray. It reminds us of all that once was good and that could be again. Oh...people will come Ray. People will most definitely come."

And they did.

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phase of my life.

I turned my attention towards a different dream, one that I had since childhood. It wasn't long till I had a few big successes in my belt. It's an up and down industry, and I've had many tell me through the years that I should give it up, forget about my past successes and hang up the towel.

What I've discovered is that if you keep going and don't give up, doors will open that can lead you on a path of accomplishing your dreams in unusual ways.

Your destiny isn't up to the naysayers; it's up to you. It doesn't matter what they think about you; it does matter what you think about yourself.

Abraham Lincoln had many successes in his life; he also had many failures. He failed in business, was defeated for the state legislature, lost for Illinois speaker twice, didn't get the nomination for Congress, finally won a congressional seat but lost renomination, was rejected for land officer, defeated for the U.S. Senate, defeated for the nomination for Vice President, and then again was defeated for U.S. Senate.

I'm sure many negative voices were telling him to give up and quit through the years.

Instead, he was finally elected president of the United States. He became one of the most important presidents in United States history. He held the country together and helped win a war that resulted in the end of slavery.

What would've happened if Abe Lincoln listened to the naysayers?

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Friday's Child

Hi! My name is Jayven and I like to play board games and football!

Jayven is an inquisitive boy of African-American and Hispanic descent. He loves board games and is always happy to play one, either with his friends or with an adult. Jayven also likes to be outside, and his favorite outdoor activity is playing football, which he is currently doing with Pop Warner Football. Jayven likes playing football so much that when he grows up, he would like to play for the NFL. Just in case he isn't drafted, though, he is also considering careers as a detective or as a piano teacher. Jayven is currently doing well in school.

Legally freed for adoption, Jayven is looking for a loving and patient family of any constellation, with or without other children in the home. Jayven is very close with his young-er brother and has expressed a desire to be a role model for him. An ideal family for Jayven will be open to helping him maintain this relationship.

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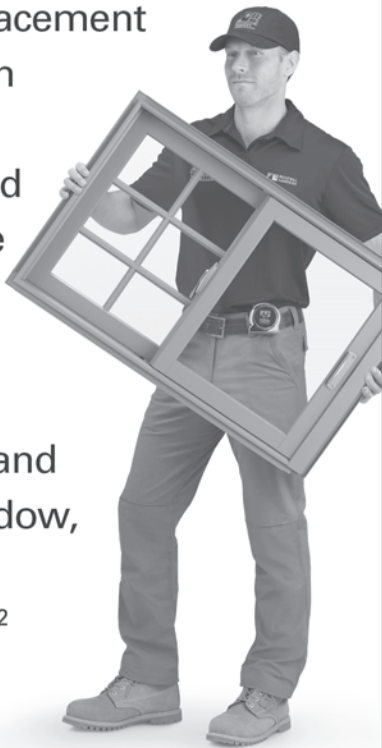
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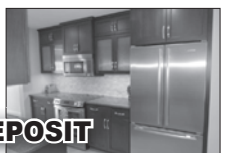
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## WINNERS

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The 2021 parade marshal who will lead the march through town on Old Home Day is Reverend Jim Chase. Rev. Chase joined the Federated Church in Charlton in 1987 and held the position for 33 years. He was also the Chaplain of the Charlton Fire Department and comforted first responders following the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He has also been a long-time supporter of Charlton Helping Hands leading mission trips to areas of great need.

The 2020 posthumous award will be presented in honor of Dennis Patrick Tully, a Shepherd Hill Graduate and engineer who purchased his father's business, Miniature Tool & Dye, in 2008 and evolved it into MTD Micromolding which because one of the plastic industries leading producers of miniature parts for medical devices and other needs. He was also a 12-year member of the Charlton Finance Committee and a supporter of numerous causes including support for cystic fibrosis patients.

Finally, the biggest award of the afternoon will be the Citizen of the Year honor, the highest award presented by the town of Charlton. Clarence A. Bachand will be recognized for his long-time service to the Bay Path Regional School Committee which he retired from in 2021 after 33 years of service. He has also been a member of the Charlton Memorial Day Committee, Council on Aging, served as Gas Inspector, served on the Industrial Development Commission, Recreation Commission, Municipal Building Committee, Sewer Commission, and as a Zoning Enforcement Officer. A World War II Army veteran, Bachand also earned the Massachusetts Association of School Committee Lifetime Membership Award in 2013 and in 2018 became the first person inducted into the Bay Path Regional Vocational High School Hall of Fame.

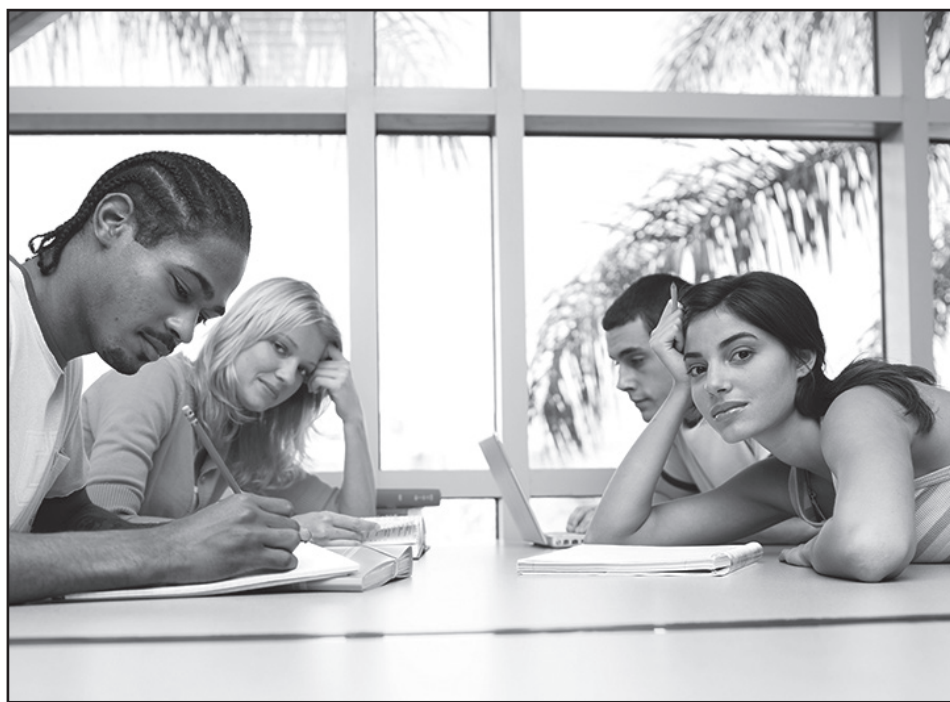
All the honorees or their representatives will be presented their awards at 2 p.m. during Old Home Day on Monday, Sept. 6.

## Many benefits of extracurricular activities

School offers much more than a top-notch education. Being an engaged student involves learning lessons in the classroom but also participating in the myriad activities that begin once the dismissal bell has rung.

Participation in extracurricular activities should be a consideration for every student because of the vast array of benefits such pursuits provide. Information published in the Brandon University Journal of Graduate Studies in Education indicates that participation in extracurricular activities positively correlates with students' development both academically and personally. Research shows being involved in after-school clubs and sports promotes greater character development, improved academic success, good time-management techniques and leadership skills, and greater interest in community involvement.

Every school offers some type of extracurricular activity — from school bands to academic clubs to volunteer groups to sports. The National Center for Education Statistics says these activities offer students opportunities to learn many valuable lessons, including group responsibility and the value of competition. Students who participate in extracurricular activities also can be exposed to a diverse array of people and cultures. Some activities also help students develop their mental and physical strength. The NCES notes that participation in extracurricular activities can foster a strong sense of connection between students and their schools, which can reduce the likelihood of school failures and dropout rates.



Extracurricular activities also are the gifts that keep on giving, particularly as they relate to future academic success. Crimson, an admissions support company specializing in increasing acceptance to highly regarded institutions, says extracurriculars are a critical part of a student's university application. Involvement in clubs and more provides a clearer picture of who a student is outside of the classroom and offers an opportunity to showcase various skills and interests. Furthermore, diversifying one's interests through extracurricular activities broadens a person's world view and improves self-esteem. These are benefits that can ultimately

help students become well-rounded persons and successful professionals.

While people are quick to view extracurriculars for the academic advantages they provide, one often overlooked benefit is the social benefits of these pursuits. One of the best and easiest ways to make friends is through extracurricular activities. Fellow participants share the same interests and that can lay a solid foundation for lasting friendships.

Students who view extracurriculars as vital components of their school experiences can reap the rewards of being active members of their campus communities.

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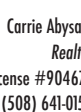


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at the safety complex.

Contact: jenn@good-shepherdsfoundation.org for more information 10 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.  
 Duck Race Tickets - Purchase at Auburn Historical Association tent 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Wooden Soul Band (on stage across from library) 10-11 a.m.  
 Great Bay Pottery Apple Pie Contest, Judging and Awards 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 A dozen local authors and vendors signing books in Author's Alley 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Auburn Village School tents 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Pretty Chicken Contest (drop off 9:30 - 10 a.m.) Noon Appl e Pie Contest winner and other announcements (stage) 12:15 p.m.  
 Police Dog demonstration in front of library 1:30 p.m.  
 Ducks start swimming! 2 p.m.  
 Pretty Chicken Contest prize awards 2:45- 3 p.m.  
 Duck Race winners announced after all the ducks

cross the bridge

Throughout the day:  
 Auburn Historical Association duck race tickets and souvenir table (Books, Great Bay pottery, 175th Auburn anniversary ornament, duck race posters, scarecrows)  
 Parks and Rec activities include miniature golf, a climbing wall, corn maze, petting zoo  
 Friends of the Griffin Library booth - popcorn, drinks, Pick-a-Duck  
 Authors Alley - Over a dozen local authors (library parking lot)  
 Auburn Fire Department food booth - sausage subs  
 Auburn Police Department Fry Guys food booth (French fries)  
 Longmeadow Church - Fried dough and baked goods  
 Food Trucks: B's Tacos, Winniez Mobile Diner, Sweet Crunch Bakeshop and Catering  
 Roaming Railroad trackless train ride (\$5 a ride)  
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 Pretty Chicken Contest  
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**FOUNDATIONS**

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around the same time Gobi spoke with town officials last year and said the problem is very real.

"There seem to be this misnomer that this is a Connecticut issue. When I started with my problem the radius that they were looking out from Connecticut was about 20 miles. Charlton was on the fringes of those 20 miles including my own house. Since that time, we have found more houses in Charlton, Holden, Rutland, Barre, so right now the area we're looking at has been as far west as Southwick and as far east as Grafton, as far north as Holden," said Cloutier.

Loglisci and Cloutier presented photos and data collected by the Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Concrete showing the damage done to homes, detailing some of the recorded costs of repairs and acknowledging that none of these costs are being reimbursed by insurance companies. Loglisci spoke from experience after revealing she has also fallen victim to the issues even though her home is many years away from facing major setbacks from the crumbling concrete.

"There's no recourse. It's been proven in Connecticut that insurance companies aren't going to cover it and they can't be sued to do so," said Loglisci. "Personally, my policy was changed six months before we found out we had this problem. They changed it to only cover an abrupt collapse and that if you knew of the reason that the abrupt collapse happened and you didn't mitigate it then that's still not covered. They made sure they weren't going to be held responsible for this."

Selectmen voted to support sending a letter of support for the Bill but also chose to include State Representatives Paul Frost and Peter Durant as recipients to ensure their concerns are heard beyond the Senate floor. Charlton joins Wales,

Munson, and East Longmeadow among other communities in joining the effort.



Courtesy Photo

Charlton Police Sgt. Keith Cloutier, who experienced concrete foundation issues with his own home, provided this photo on social media as an example of a concrete foundation crumbling at a home in Rutland.

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