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Bicycle ride pays tribute to fallen police officer



BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Local first responders recently took part in a bike ride to mark the five-year anniversary of the death of Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr.

The May 22 ride began at the Spencer Police station, then looped around the area in a circle through several towns before finishing at Officer Tarentino's grave site in Leicester.

Tarentino, an Auburn Police Officer, was killed in the line of duty in May 2016. Since then, resi-

dents have supported multiple group fundraising events in his honor, but COVID-19 caused many activities to be canceled or rescheduled this past year.

“We want to let the Tarentino family know that LPD, and the entire town of Leicester, supports them and keeps them in their thoughts and prayers,” read a statement released by the Leicester Police Department, where Tarentino worked for several years before serving the Auburn Police.

In total, the May 22 bike



Courtesy
Local first responders honored the life and legacy of fallen Auburn Police Officer Ronald Tarentino, Jr.

ride featured 74 miles throughout the area in honor of Tarentino's badge number. The ride was organized by Leicester Police Officer Mike Lombardozzi and Auburn Police Officer Randy Hawley.

Hundreds of residents in multiple towns came out to support the riders as they passed through. These included residents of Sturbridge, West Brookfield, Leicester, Spencer, and East Brookfield, among others.

The ride was scheduled to stop at the Black

and White Restaurant in Spencer, where supporters could cheer on the riders.

“We are marking the day we lost a hero,” said LPD Chief Ken Antanavica.

Added Spencer Police Chief David Darrin, “We are honored to be part of the remembrance of Officer Tarentino – can't believe it has been five years.”

Additionally, local officers and first responders paid their respects to Officer Tarentino by laying wreaths at his grave site.

Mary D. Stone Apartments begins lottery pre-application period

AUBURN — Pennrose and the Town of Auburn are pleased to announce that Mary D. Stone Apartments has opened its lottery pre-application period. The community is located on a 1.39-acre parcel and is a renovation of the three-story 1920s era historic Mary D. Stone school building and construction of a new addition. The development will include 55 total units comprised of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartments. Eighty percent of the units will be for seniors at or below 60 percent of the area median income (AMI). The additional 20% of units will be at market rate rents. There are also seven studio, one-, and two-bedroom accessible units. Community amenities include a community room, meeting room, laundry rooms, and on-site parking.

Pre-applications are available for download at MaryDStoneApts.com and can be picked up at the entrance of the site at 10 Church Street in Auburn, MA. Individuals can request a paper pre-application be mailed to them by emailing the off-site leasing office at MaryDStone@pennrose.com or calling 508.456.8195. The pre-application is also available upon request in Spanish.

All pre-applications must be mailed via U.S. Mail to P.O. Box 281, Doylestown, PA 18901. Pre-applications for the lottery must be postmarked by July 17, and must be completed in its entirety to be accepted.

In lieu of a public information session, a video is available at MaryDStoneApts.com that includes all information about Mary D. Stone Apartments, the pre-application process, and the public lottery. The lottery will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. via Facebook Live. A link to the live lottery and subsequent recording will be available on MaryDStoneApts.com. Applicants are not required to join the event. Lottery numbers will be mailed to applicants following the live lottery. Following the lottery, if selected, applicants will be required to complete the full application for residency.

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State begins to lift COVID-19 restrictions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

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

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

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

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

Gov. Charlie Baker expects to end the state of emergency across the Commonwealth on June 15.

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

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

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

With the statistics continuing to trend positive-

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Nichols Class of 2021 honors Linacre during Commencement

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Just over a year after the Nichols College community mourned the loss of one of their own, the local business college officially honored the late Hallie Linacre with the naming of a student athlete award and the presentation of her degree to her family.

Linacre joined Nichols College in 2017, quickly becoming a mainstay on the pitch as a star of the schools' women's soccer team. Linacre sadly passed away at her home in Rhode Island on May 8 of 2020, leaving countless members of the Nichols College commu-

nity mourning a heavy loss. She was set to be a team captain, and was to graduate with the class of 2021. On May 15, as her fellow 2021 graduates prepared to take their walks across the stage, Linacre became the first to be honored for her time at the school with the presentation of her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree to her parents, John and Mary Linacre by their daughter's friends and fellow Nichols athletes Colleen Callahan and Jessica Ann Soucie.

“To Nichols, Hallie Linacre was a phenomenal friend and student, an amazing teammate and a caring and compas-

sionate student leader,” Nichols College President Susan Engelkemeyer said. “While she has been missed terribly this year her legacy and her impact on Nichols has never left us. We know for certain that she is here and with us today.”

President Engelkemeyer further announced that funds have been pouring in to support the Hallie Linacre Memorial Scholarship which has been an effort during the spring semester by the campus community to preserve Linacre's legacy for years to come.

“Family, friends, her classmates, staff, faculty and even alumni have

contributed to the scholarship and it is with great pride that I announce that as of today the scholarship has raised over \$12,000,” President Engelkemeyer said.

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



Jason Bleau

The parents of Hallie Linacre are presented with their daughter's degree from Nichols College during the school's 2021 Commencement ceremony.



Funding request for fire station design denied

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Efforts to construct a new fire station in Charlton hit another snag during the May 17 annual town meeting failing to earn enough support to appropriate monies for designing a new fire station only facility.

The concept of building a new fire department facility has been one of the most talked about topics in Charlton over the past few years. Voters deciding twice, including during the 2020 November election, to deny a proposed \$28.5 million public safety building that would have housed both a fire department and police department. The unused funding for that initiative was rescinded during the May 17 town meeting through Warrant Article 13. At the beginning of 2021, a new Fire Station Design Committee was formed to explore building a smaller-scale fire station with several steps towards potential approval including presentations at annual town meetings.

The May 17 meeting saw Warrant Article 14 propose allocating \$647,000 to complete the design of the new facility.

Conceptual art had previously been completed and presented at meetings of the Board of Selectmen and the \$674,000 would have been used to complete the designs for presentation to the public in the fall. The article got off to a rocky start with an initial vote of 75 to 53 which, despite having the majority in favor of the funding, did not reach the two-thirds majority threshold required for passage. The motion was successfully brought forward for reconsideration resulting in a larger discussion of the future of the project including input from emergency officials who clarified that this new project is a completely new proposal separate from the previous public safety building.

“This is for a fire station only and it is a redesign away from the public safety building based on the vote last year,” Fire Chief Ed Knopf said to clear up any confusion

on the subject. “The people voted against the public safety building, so we went back to the town and asked for a fire station only.”

Captain Rob Barton, the chair of the Fire Station Design Committee, explained that the project would see a fire station only facility built on the same plot of land on Masonic Home Road previously earmarked for the public safety building but with a much smaller footprint and omitting the police department entirely.

“We listened very clearly to the public when they said that they didn’t want to spend that much money for a public safety building. However, the need for a fire station did not go away with a ‘no’ vote,” said Barton. “The original public safety building was 40,000 square feet. The fire station alone was 27,000 square feet. When it was defeated, we came back and we knew we had to get this project to happen. However, we also know we have to get this project to happen in the lowest cost we possibly

can. We further reduced the size of the building by over 2,000 square feet.”

Barton further argued that the design was needed to put together a final plan to bring to the public later in the year, one that they hope will be within the cost parameters citizens expect but also provide a much-needed replacement for the aging facilities currently housing the fire apparatus.

“We know this will cost us less than a public safety building, we just don’t know how much lower,” said Barton. “This vote, if it passes, will just allow us to continue the design and we will come back before the citizens in October with the presentation of what we gathered for information as to what this cost is going to be.”

In the end despite being brought up for a revote and earning more support than the first tally the article failed a second time in an 85 to 47 decision, three votes shy of the required two-third majority.



Jason Bleau Photo
Captain Rob Barton discusses the status of the Charlton fire station project with voters.

First Congregational Church hosting yard & plant sale

AUBURN — A community yard sale and plant sale will be held at the First Congregational Church, 128 Central St., on June 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are happy to announce that we have more than 30 families signed up for this event, so come on out in search of that special bargain! Also, once again, we are featuring our annual plant sale as well. As always, there will be a large selection of annuals and perennials. We have loyal followers who come year after year because of the bargains, so don’t miss out!

Olivia Strasser named to SNHU President’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — Olivia Strasser of Auburn has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Winter 2021 President’s List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President’s

List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

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Voters approve building height amendments

BY JASON BLEAU
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CHARLTON – Voters in Charlton approved two zoning by-law amendments concerning building heights in general industrial, or IG, zones and business enterprise park, or BEP, zones allowing for two as-yet identified entities to begin permitting processes with the town’s Planning Board.

Articles 16 and 17 on the annual town meeting warrant on May 17 were both approved overwhelmingly in votes of 124 to 12 and 119 to 19, respectively. Article 16 asked for an increase of building and structure height limits in IG zones from 50 feet to 75 feet while Article 17 sought to increase height limits in BEP zones from 50 feet to 110 feet. While Article 16 passed easily with minimal discussion, Article 17 received significant debate prior to the vote especially considering that the article has been connected to a pending project by a Fortune 100 company looking to bring business to the town.

The Article received backing from the town’s Economic Development Committee while the Planning Board

and Board of Selectmen voted against recommending approval in prior meetings. However, members who voted against recommendation of approval indicated they did so on principle due to the lack of information at hand. This was the case for Selectman Bill Borowski.

“It’s pretty obvious that we are making a zoning change for a company without knowing who the company is. That being said there are good reasons for it. There’s obviously pros and cons, but at least for me individually that was my only concern,” Borowski said.

As for the Planning Board, member John Smith offered similar comments indicating that, in his mind at least, the Planning Board’s vote against the article was more due to a lack of information with the understanding that the voters would have the final say.

“I think the general feeling of the majority of the board at the time was to vet the project as it would affect five areas in town. So, we cautioned and wanted to see more information and actually get some more input from the townspeople,” said Smith.

Selectman Stephen Koronis was one of the selectmen who voted to recommend approval and noted that Article 16 not only received support from the voters, selectmen and the Planning Board, but also included a potential permit application from a yet-to-be-named company. He felt Article 17 deserved support to at least begin conversations with the town.

“They’re talking about \$2.4 million in tax revenue in year one. They also want to come into town and be operational in 2023. All this vote will do is to allow the height limit and let us learn more about the project,” said Koronis.


Members of both boards acknowledged that it’s not uncommon for companies to withhold their identity while their legal team works with towns in the early stages of permitting processes. It was also made clear that the voters were not deciding on specific projects but rather loosening the height requirements which would allow applicants to pursue projects within their own building standards.

Mark Donohue, an attorney representing the applicants connected to Article 17,

explained the project would bring substantial tax revenue to the community and that Article 17 would simply allow the special permitting process to proceed.

“It’s true that we’re not in a position to tell you which Fortune 100 ecommerce retailer is involved, but I would suggest to you there’s only three in the Fortune 100 and at least one of those I assume has been in your home in the last week in some fashion,” Attorney Donohue said hinting at the identity of the company which remained a mystery for the duration of the meeting. “The development that they’re contemplating is an investment of more than \$300 million into your community. That generates, in our estimation in the first ten years on average \$2.4 million in tax revenue annually and in year eleven it grows exponentially. That’s money for you to spend.”

With both articles firmly supported by Charlton voters it is expected that the permitting processes will proceed and that the identities of the companies could soon be officially revealed in public forums.



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Boy Scout Troop hosting bottle drive

AUBURN — Please let Auburn Scout Troop 101 help you clean out your returnable bottles and cans this Spring! The troop will hold a can and bottle drive at the Horgan Ice Skating Arena, 403 Oxford St. N., on Saturday, June 12, from 8 a.m. to noon. All funds generated help fund troop programs. Scouts thank you!

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Bay Path students inducted into the National Technical Honor Society



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Auburn Historical Society to host yard sale

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Society and Museum will be hosting their second annual yard sale with the General Ebenezer Learned DAR Chapter, on Saturday, June 12. It will be held at the Auburn Historical Museum parking lot, which is located at 41 South St., from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Proceeds will support the museum’s operations and programs, and the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship fund. Items include bicycles to rocking horse and more. All sorts of wonderful treasures will be for the offering. Please, **no early birds**.

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

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

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

GWCF marks a year of continued commitment to Central Massachusetts

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

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

Ernie Floyd (2021 winner) has dedicated himself to addressing negative portrayals of Worcester’s youth in the media by elevating the voices of young people in their communities. Throughout his career, Floyd created several platforms, including Pride Productions Inc., dedicated to empowering local youth about educating them about media and technology. In 1994, Youth Unity, a half-hour talk show was created, designed and produced by young people. In 2013, Floyd launched the Worcester-based radio station Unity Radio (97.9 WUTY) which focuses on serving several educational purposes in addition to broadcasting local talk, music

and sports. However, the impact of Floyd’s vision for the younger generation of Worcester goes beyond radio. In 2014 and 2015, Floyd served as the Re-entry Director for Worcester’s Straight Ahead Ministries on Main Street where he worked with young men and women to help them pursue their goals in education, employment, housing, health, and personal development. For Floyd, there is power to be found when youth are provided with the right platforms and tools to make their voices heard.

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

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

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

Two new members were welcomed to the Foundation board of directors including Che Anderson. Anderson is currently the University of Massachusetts Medical

School’s assistant vice chancellor for city and community relations. Prior to his current role, he served as Worcester’s deputy cultural officer where he brought a wide array of cultural and artistic programs to the residents of the city - most notably the international mural festival known as POW! WOW! Worcester. The festival brings artists from around the world and has curated more than 100 pieces of public art in the city since its inception in 2016. Anderson has volunteered with GWCF for several years on scholarship selection committees and recently served on the Creative Arts Committee which was the impetus for the city of Worcester’s arts and culture plan. Anderson has a Bachelor of Arts in political science from College of the Holy Cross and is completing a Master of Public Administration in senior leadership from Clark University.

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

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

- Ken Bates, Open Sky Community Services
- Leah Bradley, Central Mass Housing Alliance
- Lou Brady, Family Health Center
- Marybeth Campbell, Worcester Community Action Council
- Scott Casper, American Antiquarian Society
- David Connell, YMCA of Central MA
- Lucy Hale, Community Leader
- Jason Homer, Worcester Public Library
- Debora Jackson, WPI School of Business
- Steve Kerrigan, Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center
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- Jose Perez, Rock of Salvation Pentecostal Church
- Anh Vu Sawyer, Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts
- Ronald B. Waddell, Jr., Legendary Legacies
- Jon Weaver, Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives
- Stephanie A. Williams, City of Worcester

Fitchburg State University announces 2021 graduates

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

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

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

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

“To make a long story short,

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

Undergraduate valedictorian Joseph Bourgeois recounted the challenges all of the members of the Class of 2021 had faced in pursuit of their degrees. “As the brilliant Albert Einstein once said, ‘In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity,’” Bourgeois said. “This past year has been filled with challenges brought on by COVID. Our lives have been changed drastically, especially in terms of our academics. The transition from in-person classes to online was not easy by any means but we were able to push forward and cross the finish line. When we face difficulty in life, we must adapt to the changes and make the best out of a bad situation.”

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

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

Auburn
Jessilyn S. Collette, Nicole A. Fancy, Brandyn J. Geldart, Sophia L. Laperle, Lucinda J. Orne

Douglas
Stacey L. Bagaglio

Fiskdale
Cassandra L. Amadio

Grafton
Sean M. MacDonald

Leicester
Jose L. Rivera

Milford
Christopher P. Pruett

Millbury
Christopher A. Brunisma, Sara Charmchi, Patricia L. Leduc, Corrin C. Marchetta, Tatiana Martins

Millville
Madalyn A. Rafus

Northbridge
Miranda L. Monaghan

Oxford
Megan M. Sterczala, Alexis F. Stitisit, Alicia Worster

Southbridge
Amo B. Bounphasaysonh, Lauryn E. Larson

Spencer
Ryan C. Bowen, Meghan I. Bowen, Christopher E. Hickman

Sturbridge
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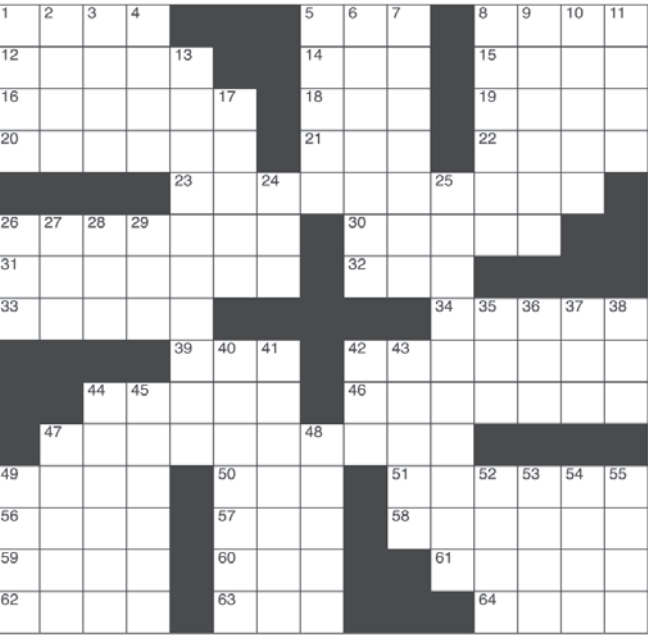
Sutton
Samantha K. Beauchamp, Grant D. McKinlay

Upton
Kaelan B. Farragher

Uxbridge
Katyana M. Russin

Webster
Madison T. Podedworny

Whitinsville
Jennifer A. Bombard



CLUES ACROSS

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

CLUES DOWN

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



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Charlton voters Approve budget

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON—Charlton voters approved a new budget for the 2022 fiscal year during the May 17 annual town meeting as one of the least contentious items on the night's warrant.

Coming in at \$32.3 million, the budget is a slight increase over the 2021 Fiscal Year's \$30.8 million spending plan which was

passed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Town Administrator Andrew Golas said the 2022 budget doesn't include a lot of new expenditures but makes good on staff obligations and bringing in needed personnel to town departments.

"There wasn't much change from the prior year. It was basically just keeping up with our general obligations and our current staffing plan.

There were some very minor staffing adjustments where we did need for additional help but, overall, our head count only increased by half of a full-time employee, so nothing major," said Golas. "There's not a whole lot in terms of capital costs. All of that stuff is going to be addressed in the November town meeting."

The budget includes \$16.6 million in educa-

tion spending, \$2.4 million for the Bay Path Regional Vocational School District and \$14.1 million for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District. While the Bay Path number is in line with their initial request to the town, the Dudley-Charlton District initially brought a much larger request to its member communities but both school officials and town representatives negotiat-

ed a lower request.

"We worked diligently with the school to get to a point that worked for us and them. Understanding that their initial budget asked of the town was close to a nine percent budget increase, we were able to work down to about three and a half percent in the budget. That translates a lot different in the overall budget scheme, but at the end of the day it was an ami-

cable solution for both the town and the school. We're going to continue to work on that relationship as we go into the next fiscal year," Golas said.

The annual town meeting also saw the approval of the water department and sewer department budgets and an official motion to move capital items and related contracts to the fall annual town meeting.

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Worcester State announces 2021 graduates

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

Bachelor of Arts

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

Brookfield: Mia E. Wilbur

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

Douglas: Angela M. Woodford (Magna Cum Laude)

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

East Brookfield: Ciara A. Haddad (Cum Laude)

Grafton: Brendan S. Smith

Leicester: Hawraa H. Chreim (Summa Cum Laude), Merrick T. Jarmulowicz (Magna Cum Laude), Josie R. Lavin, Mac T. Rice, Jaymi-Lyn Souza (Summa Cum Laude), Brett R. Willand

Milford: Jaclyn I. Delmonico

Millbury: Mitchell T. Moss

North Brookfield: Kalie E. Harding, Liberty H. MacMillan (Cum Laude)

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

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

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

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

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

Spencer: Michael J. Dow (Magna Cum Laude), Joshua D. Dukes, Kassidy R. Murphy, Alexandra Rodriguez, Seth M. Wesinger

Sturbridge: David J. Novack (Summa Cum Laude), Kathryn E. Staples (Cum Laude)

Sutton: Aidan Lucey

Upton: Mercedes R. Tredeau (Cum Laude)

Uxbridge: Baron V. Horwath

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

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

Bachelor of Science

Auburn: Samantha L. Brabbs (Cum Laude), Elizabeth J. Cedrone, Colleen M. Cutting, Deanna A. Dalli (Magna Cum Laude), Quynh D. Doan (Magna Cum Laude), Sarah P. Fahey, Alexandra E. Giaquinto (Cum Laude), Nathaniel G. Hopper, Jenna L. Lanciault, Nora D. LeBlanc (Cum Laude), Engy L. Mena (Cum Laude), Aleen M. Merzolian (Magna Cum Laude), Monika Mularski (Magna Cum Laude), Jeison R. Ortega, Tyler M. Rano, Emelyn C. Rivera, Amanda N. Roux (Magna Cum Laude), Victoria L. Simonian, Brianna L. Stomski (Cum Laude), Monica K. Tran (Cum Laude), Steven J. Wallace, Allison J. Woeller (Summa Cum Laude)

Blackstone: Amanda S. Alves, Faith L. Gudaitis

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

Brookfield: Eleanor M. Blodgett (Cum Laude)

Charlton: Susan Burtchell (Summa Cum Laude), Matthew P. Carpenter, Kylie E. Chupka (Magna Cum Laude), Jonathan T. Foley, Megan R. Greenough (Cum Laude), Marc S. Jansson, Hayley M. Johnston, Angela M. Kaperonis, Donald R. Mahan, III, Krystal A. Marment, Emily M. Provasoli, Daniel J. Soloperto

Charlton City: Julia L. Fitzpatrick (Summa Cum Laude)

Cherry Valley: Alejandro Diaz

Douglas: Holly J. Eplite, Kayla R. Finnegan, Meghan L. Foley (Summa Cum Laude), Melissa E. Landry, Grace M. Lapan (Cum Laude), Isabel M. Mazzarella (Cum Laude), Tyler P. Schwalbe

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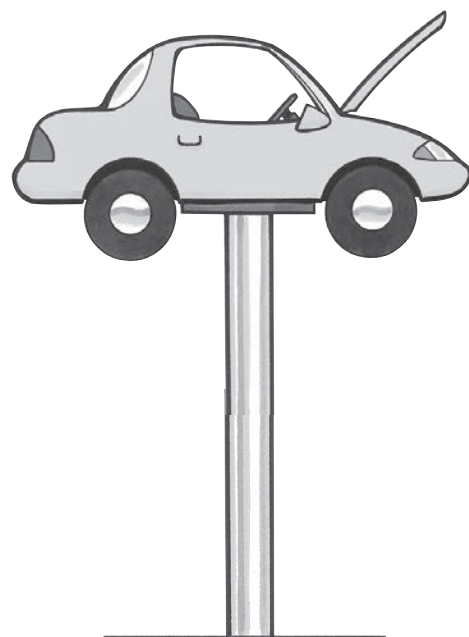
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Summertime dreams

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

Summer is here. Well, pretty much. We think the threat of another snowstorm is beyond us. As we write this, the high will be 80, the windows are open, and a warm breeze is hanging about the room with a slight scent of lilac. The trees are a bright green, with the sound of birds singing, the sky is blue and well, the day couldn’t be more perfect.

A day like today has us thinking about the summer months ahead, and what they will look like. Certainly, work will remain busy, but the days are longer, affording us more time to do the things we love, and the warmer weather tends to relax us all.

We spoke with a few members of our staff who shared their favorite things about summer. The list varies, which is a nod to our versatility.

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

When it’s okay not to be okay



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

I didn’t know what to say. “Wait,” was the only thing I could force out.

“For what?” She paused. “Until it’s too late?”

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

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

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

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

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

She then looked at the leader of the group and said, “Please understand that my Dad is a motivational speaker, writer of a column titled, Positively Speaking and an author of four positive books. It’s not his nature to say anything else.”

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

It doesn’t mean I’m being negative. Maybe it only means I’m giving my medical team accurate information to help them make sound decisions and to help me get better. They needed straight talk

POSITIVELY SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE

from me and not a motivational pep talk. People who are feeling fantastic are not admitted into the hospital.

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

It’s okay, not to be okay.

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Tips for raised bed and elevated gardening success



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

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

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

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

Make sure you have easy access to water and your gardens have means for excess water to drain. The limited soil mass and increased exposure to wind, heat and sunlight make planting mixes dry out more quickly than in-ground beds. Always water thoroughly to encourage deep, more drought tolerant roots.

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

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

Employ space saving techniques to maximize your gardens productivity. Space plants just far enough apart to reach their mature size. Plant quick-maturing vegetables like radishes, lettuce and beets between tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables that take longer to reach

GARDEN MOMENTS

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full size and start producing. You will be harvesting the short season vegetables just as the bigger plants need the space.


Look for compact flower and vegetable varieties that allow you to make the most of every square inch of these gardens. All-America Selections winner Patio Choice Yellow Cherry tomato produces up to 100 tomatoes on an eighteen-inch plant. Mascotte compact bush bean and Patio Pride peas are big producers suited to these and small space gardens.

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

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

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


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

Financial tips for the self-employed



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Being self-employed has some benefits: You get to choose your own hours, you don’t have to count “vacation days” and you’ll never worry about getting downsized. On the other hand, you’re truly on your own – there’s no employer-sponsored retirement plan and no benefits package. So, if you’ve recently started a business or become a “gig worker,” possibly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, what can you do to get on the road to financial security?

There are several steps you can take, including the following:

Establish a budget. When you’re self-employed – and especially when you’re first starting out – you need to keep tight control over where your money is going. So, establish a budget and stick to it.

Open a retirement plan. As a self-employed individual, you can choose a retirement plan, such as a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE-IRA or an “owner-only” 401(k). When your earnings are limited, you can contribute modest amounts to any of these plans, but when your income rises, you can boost your contributions. While these retirement plans have some things in common, including tax-deferred growth of earnings, they differ in other areas, such as contribution limits, and one plan may be more suitable for you than another, depending on whether you have employees. You may want to consult with a financial advisor to determine which plan is best for your needs.

Build an emergency fund. When you work for a business or other organization, your income is predictable – but that’s usually not the case when you’re self-employed. And when your earnings are uneven, you can be vulnerable to financial stress when you face an unexpected expense. To help protect yourself from these threats, try to gradually build an emergency fund containing a few months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

Pay down your debts. Some debts, such as loans to help your business, may be unavoidable – and even productive. But other debts, especially those that can’t be deducted from your taxes and carry a high interest rate, are far less useful, so you may want to set up a repayment plan. With your other expenses, you might not be able to whittle these debts down as fast you’d like, but, over time, your efforts can pay off.

Put money aside for taxes. Because no employer is withholding taxes from your paychecks, you will likely have to make quarterly estimated payments. Plus, you’re responsible for all your Social Security taxes, which, if you worked for someone else, would be split between you and your employer. To make sure you’ve got enough money available to pay your taxes, you might want to set up a special account – one that’s not used for any other purpose.

Get proper insurance. Depending on the nature of your work, you may or may not need some type of business insurance, but if you have a family, you should certainly consider the need for life insurance, and you may also want to consider disability insurance.

Self-employment can be quite fulfilling – and you’ll find it even more rewarding when you make the right financial moves.

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A family fishing trip

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

With Memorial Day weekend only a few days away, nutty behavior at the boat ramps is sure to be the same as in previous years. Boaters need to be respectful of other boaters waiting to launch their boats, and if someone is having a problem launching his or her boat, offering to help is often appreciated. Boaters should never back onto a boat ramp



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if they are not ready to launch. Getting the boat ready prior to launch should always be done prior to backing onto the boat ramp! Actual launch time should take no more than five minutes or less. Be aware that there is always someone with an attitude waiting to launch their boat. Don't ruin your day and your family's day by getting into a shouting match or a physical fight with him. It is not worth it.

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

fishing trips, and is well educated in photography.

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

As soon as I dropped my jig to the bottom, I had a fish on. It was a nice seabass and I was ready to place it in the cooler. Captain Mel motioned me to throw it back! It is a female, and he does not

like to include them in his daily catch. My brother Ken reeled in a nice seabass, and was told to toss it back. We will be catching much larger fish than that Captain Mel stated: "It seems as though we are on a catch and release fishing trip!" Ken complied to the captain's request! It was constant lock and load on seabass and a couple of tautog mixed in retaining only a couple of fish! "Be patient," Mel replied, "you will catch bigger fish than those you threw back."

Time to move to a new spot! After bringing the motor back into the boat, we were soon on our way to a new spot. Mel wanted to catch a few Scaup for a client, so we rigged our lures and small pieces of squid onto the hooks. The scaup were decent size with some extra-large called sea scaup. I have tried them, and do not like there taste, but many people love them. After filling a five-gallon pail with scaup, we rigged our rods with jigs. Mel has his own line of fishing rods, that make my fishing rods look antique. It was not long before we started catching seabass and tautog, but the jumbo seabass never materialized. We were more than happy to catch our limit



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

of seabass that were nice size and great for the eating. A few nice tautog were mixed in but there were so many seabass on the bottom feeding, the tautog were outnumbered.

After a few hours of fishing, this writer quit. The captain could see that we were fished out, and were ready for the trip home. Gosh! I wish I was 20 years younger.

West Hill Dam is taking reservations for small parties like birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, etc. To reserve your date, you can call Viola at the Dam Headquarters. Reservations cost \$75. A new road is being planned for the Harringtons pool area, but until then it is nice to see the area being used!

The Whitinsville Fish

& Game club is planning an "Italian Night" at the club on June19. It is going to be there first in house supper since the Pandemic. Be sure to get your tickets early. Only 60 tickets will be available for the in-house dining. Another 25 will be sold for to-go meals. Check it out on their Web site.

Fresh water fishing has been very good for largemouth bass fishing. One angler was fishing from his canoe and caught numerous largemouth bass and calico bass trolling small Rapala plugs. Shiners and small surface frogs are also catching some impressive fish.

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Tips to Keep Cool (naturally)!

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

Plant a Tree: Trees are not only attractive, they provide valuable shading and cooling. For quickest results, opt for quick growing varieties. According to expert landscapers, just three trees, properly placed around a house, can save between \$100 and \$250 annually in cooling and heating costs! Need more convincing? Consider this fact: Daytime air temperatures can be three to nine degrees cooler in tree-shaded neighborhoods.

Fine Vines: Vines also keep your house naturally cool. Grown on trellises, vines such as ivy or grapevines can shade windows or the whole side of a house. The dark and coarse leaves also absorb solar radiation.

Concrete Heat: Planning to landscape? Avoid landscaping with lots of unshaded rock, cement, or asphalt on the south or west sides because it increases the temperature around the house and radiates heat to the house after the sun has set.

Shady Deal: Shading is a valuable weapon in the battle against the heat of the summer sun. Shading that blocks summertime sun on the east, south and west

sides of a house, but not cool breezes, is an effective way to keep your house cooler. Planting shade trees, especially on the west and south sides of your house can improve comfort and increase coolness.

Instant Shade: Erect awnings, porches, or trellises on east, south and west sides of a building. This reduces solar heat penetration through walls and windows, keeping things cool. Note: Maintaining a gap between the top of a solid surface awning and the side of your house helps vent accumulated heat.

Did You Know? A home's inside temperature can rise as much as 20F or more if the east and west windows and walls are not shaded.

The Grass is Greener: Grass is a great natural coolant, and the more lawn you have, the greater the cooling benefit. On a hot summer day, grass can be up to 14 degrees cooler than exposed soil, and as much as 30 degrees cooler than concrete or asphalt! According to experts, the front lawns of a block of eight average houses have the cooling effect of about 70 tons of air conditioning! That's enough to cool 16 average homes.

If you use an air conditioner, make sure you're using it to its full advantage. Here are some top tips for optimal operation of your cooling unit: * Did you know an air conditioning unit operating in the shade uses less electricity than one in the sun? Plant trees or shrubs to shade air conditioning units, but be sure not to block the airflow. * To boost efficiency, use a fan with your window air conditioner to circulate the cool air throughout the home. * Never place lamps or TVs near your air conditioning thermostat. The heat from these appliances will cause the air conditioner to run longer. * Be sure to add insulation around air conditioning ducts when they are located in unconditioned spaces such as attics, crawl spaces, and garages. Also, check to see that your

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

Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House

Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Please note the contest had been suspended due to COVID restrictions for

RESTRICTIONS

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

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

APPLICATIONS

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For questions or assistance with the application process please email MaryDStone@pennrose.com or call 508-659-2871.

About Pennrose With 50 years of experience, Pennrose combines quality development and

seating in restaurants. It is expected to start up again in June. All entries have been collected and will be entered into an upcoming drawing.

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

follow CDC guidance for cleaning and hygiene protocols," Baker said.

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

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

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

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Auburn Historical Society to host yard sale

AUBURN — The Auburn Historical Society and Museum will be hosting their second annual yard sale with the General Ebenezer Learned DAR Chapter, on Saturday, June 12. It will be held at the Auburn Historical Museum parking lot, which is located at 41 South St., from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Proceeds will support the museum's operations and programs, and the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship fund. Items include bicycles to rocking horse and more. All sorts of wonderful treasures will be for the offering. Please, no early birds.

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

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

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

“I never cease to be amazed by our students

—your strength, determination, and perseverance. Be proud of your accomplishments. Many of you juggle work and family responsibilities, while continuing to pursue your dream of a college education. You are veterans, single parents, working adults, or the first in your family to go to college. And if all of the challenges you face each day aren’t enough, you completed your degree during a pandemic and some of the most turbulent times we’ve faced as a nation,” he said. “Each and every one of you is living history, but more importantly, you are making history!”

Commencement Speaker Maya Rockeymoore-Cummings, Ph.D., a

nationally recognized social justice advocate and scholar, told the graduates that the obstacles they have faced and overcome would help them throughout their lives.

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

“We know that people hold stereotypes about certain people based on categories. They just assume that they know who the person is and

they make those assumptions not based on full knowledge of the person, but based on a stereotype or a category,” she said. “You determine your success, and you will be successful in spite of those kinds of people. Why, because Quinsigamond Community College has prepared you.”

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

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

QCC Student Government President and Student Speaker Armela Xhidole told her classmates to keep feeding their minds with knowledge in order to continue to grow and prosper.

“Learning should be a constant operation, and learning is the fundamental prerequisite for progress in any area. After college, education should not stop. Take part in a career that helps to develop your personality and skills,” she said. “Remember, you can

achieve everything you want in life with hard work and perseverance. Life is constantly changing, and you must continue to evolve to become a better version of you.”

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

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

“In an economy like ours we need college educated students to fill the jobs needed to keep the state moving forward. This is why I am grateful to each and every one of you for earning your degrees. No matter what your major is, your skills and talents will help Massachusetts rebuild its economy and move past this pandemic,” Commissioner Santiago continued. “Even though I don’t know you person-

ally, I know how resilient you are because I know what it took for you to overcome the challenges of this last year in order to earn your degree. Now that same set of skills will help you in writing your next chapter.”

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

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

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

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

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

SNHU announces Winter Dean’s List

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

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Kerry Markvenas of Auburn
Peter Perez of Auburn
Southern New Hampshire

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

LEGALS

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Town of Auburn
OFFICE OF THE
COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

The owners or occupants of the following described parcels of land situated in the Town of Auburn in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon severally assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as Collector of Taxes for the Town of Auburn, by the Board of Assessors of said Auburn, remain unpaid, and that said parcels of land will be taken for the said Town of Auburn, on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. for the non-payment of said taxes, fees and interest, if any, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

Bushe, Sean D. Land in said Auburn, with the buildings thereon, at 153 Southbridge St., shown as Lot 137 on Assessor’s Map 12, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.28966, P.4. 2020 tax (bal) \$6,009.50.

Roland K.W. Butzke, Jr., and Kimberly A. Butzke. Land in said Auburn, with the buildings thereon, at 432 Leicester St., shown as Lot 2 on Assessor’s Map 21, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.17584, P.180. 2020 tax (bal) \$438.99.

Michael Carey and Shawn Carey. Land in said Auburn, with the buildings thereon at 4 Franklin St, shown as Lot 146 on Assessor’s Map 5, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.53213, P.225. 2020 tax (bal) \$167.84.

Carrotcake, LLC. Land in said Auburn, with the buildings thereon, at 6 Gibson Rd. shown as Lot 210 on Assessor’s Map 12, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.58520, P.113. 2020 tax (bal) \$1,639.78.

Jessica M. Cudabac. Land in said Auburn, with the buildings thereon, at 25 Tinker Hill Rd., shown as Lot 27 on Assessor’s Map 65, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.57752, P.36. 2020 tax (bal) \$288.70.

Carrotcake, LLC. Land in said Auburn, with the buildings thereon, at 4 Gib-

son Rd., shown as Lot 208 on Assessor’s Map 12, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B 56956, P.54. 2020 tax (bal) \$2,495.62. Supposed subsequent owner: Geldbaum, LLC.

Carrotcake, LLC. Land in said Auburn, at 2 Gibson Rd., shown as Lot 209 on Assessor’s Map 12, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B 56956, P.54. 2020 tax (bal) \$1,393.45. Supposed subsequent owner: Geldbaum, LLC

Susan Moniz Harrington and Roland Gray, III, Trustees of The Gracie Evelyn-Marie Bulger 2013 Irrevocable Trust. Land in said Auburn, with the buildings thereon, at 12 Paul Revere Rd., shown as Lot 60 on Assessor’s Map 75, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.52988, P.344. 2020 tax (bal) \$70.41.

Mary W. Eichel. Building in said Auburn, at 23 Arboretum Dr., shown as Lot 171-1 on Assessor’s Map 7, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.34962, P.209. 2020 tax (bal) \$1,410.51. Supposed subsequent owner: Patrick Heffernan.

Tom and Christine Ho. Land in said Auburn, with buildings thereon, at 20 Eaton Ave., shown as Lot 107 on Assessor’s Map 19, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.37742, P.187. 2020 tax (bal) \$865.19.

Gretlyn G. Jaroszuk and Sheila-Lyn Grampetro. Land in said Auburn, with the buildings thereon, at 304 Leicester St., shown as Lot 126 on Assessor’s Map 31, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.57562, P.398. 2020 tax (bal) \$2,629.60.

Erica Kerswell. Land in said Auburn, with the buildings thereon at 175 Hampton St., shown as Lot 97 on Assessor’s Map 12, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.57485, P.16. 2020 tax (bal) \$261.09.

Uyen Vo and Thai Do. Land in said Auburn at 133 West St., shown as Lot 12 on Assessor’s Map 53, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.30334, P.286. 2020 tax (bal) \$1,482.91. Supposed subsequent owner: Luc-Simon Lindor and Veronica M. Soto-Lindor.

Sean and Kelli A. McDonald. Land in said Auburn, with buildings thereon, at 9 Coachman Ln., shown as Lot 40 on Assessor’s Map 74, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.19383, P.341. 2020 tax (bal) \$288.70.

Erica S. Morin. Land in said Auburn, with buildings thereon, at 120 Wallace Ave., shown as Lot 45 on Assessor’s Map 23, described in Worc. Dist.

Deeds, B.52819, P.270. 2020 tax (bal) \$633.28.

John H. and Jean F. Nicholson. Building in said Auburn, at 1203 Forest Park Dr., #55, shown as Lot 1-55 on Assessor’s Map 18, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.17109, P.326. 2020 tax (bal) \$3,696.73. Supposed subsequent owner: Jean F. Nicholson

William J. and Judith A. Regan. Land in said Auburn, with buildings thereon, at 206 West St., shown as Lot 11 on Assessor’s Map 45, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.42835, P.184. 2020 tax (bal) \$3,869.30.

Rolando E. Rivera and Beverly Diaz. Land in said Auburn, with buildings thereon, at 9 Wethered St., shown as Lot 77 on Assessor’s Map 17, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.36453, P.179. 2020 tax (bal) \$463.27.

Jennifer C. Sandstrom. Land in said Auburn, with buildings thereon, at 408 Pakachoag St., shown as Lot 33 on Assessor’s Map 33, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.58577, P.232. 2020 tax (bal) \$257.49.

SIC Property, LLC. Land in said Auburn, with buildings thereon, at 697 Southbridge St., shown as Lot 36 on Assessor’s Map 61, described in Worc. District Deeds, B.59724, P.134. 2020 tax (bal) \$138.76.

Timothy D. & Kristen L. Smith. Land in said Auburn, with buildings thereon, at 15 Adella St., shown as Lot 2 on Assessor’s Map 4, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.49533, P.186. 2020 tax (bal) \$332.81.

Paul W. Spang. Land in said Auburn, at 208 Auburn St., shown as Lot 95 on Assessor’s Map 17, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, Certificate 16125, B.81, P.125 2020 tax (bal) \$480.61.

Angel L. Santana. Land in said Auburn, at 17 Rose Ln., shown as Lot 28 on Assessor’s Map 28, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.38322, P.382. 2018 tax (bal) \$1.81. 2019 tax (bal) \$3.68. 2020 tax (bal) \$3.60. Supposed Subsequent owner: Secretary of Veteran’s Affairs and Quoc Son Vu.

Wethered Realty LLC. Land in said Auburn, with buildings thereon, at 1 Wethered St., shown as Lot 81 on Assessor’s Map 17, described in Worc. Dist. Deeds, B.25303, P.204. 2020 tax (bal) \$1,336.32. May 28, 2021

**TOWN OF AUBURN
PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Town of Auburn, acting by and through its Town Manager, is seeking proposals to purchase a parcel of vacant land for the siting of a new Police/Fire and Ambulance Public Safety Complex (“Public Safety Complex”) in the Town of Auburn. Owners of real property within the Town of Auburn, which meets the minimum and mandatory criteria of this Request For Proposal (“RFP”) are invited to respond.

A Highly Advantageous offer of real estate will include a parcel of property that: (1) contains 4.5 acres or more of usable acreage; (2) is located between 366 and 676 Southbridge Street; (3) is free and clear of exposed ledge; (4) does not contain a significant change in grade; (5) is free of utility and/or other easements; (6) is not situated in a FEMA floodway, flood zone or in a flood plain with an impediment or encroachment; (7) and is free of vernal pools, excessive wetlands, intermittent streams, or similar environmental conditions.

Property that meets the minimum and mandatory criteria, but which is not classified as “Highly Advantageous” will also be considered and proposals for such property are welcome.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) is available in the Town Manager’s Office, 102 Central Street, Auburn, MA 01501 or by calling the Town Manager’s Office at 508-832-7720. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 102 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts until **12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, June 30, 2021** and at that time will be publicly opened and read.

A pre-proposal briefing session will be held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 10:00 AM in the Board of Selectmen’s Room, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, 104 Central Street, Auburn, Massachusetts, for all parties interested in submitting a proposal. This will be an opportunity for the Town to answer questions or make clarifications to the RFP. Any questions after the pre-proposal briefing must be made in writing to Julie A. Jacobson, Town Manager.

This procurement is subject to the requirements of G.L. c.30B, the Uniform Procurement Act. The Town of Auburn reserves the right to waive any informality, reject any and all proposals, negotiate with any and all proposers, or to accept a proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Auburn. Proposals are welcome from women minority businesses.

Julie A. Jacobson
Auburn Town Manager
May 28, 2021
June 11, 2021





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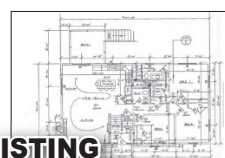
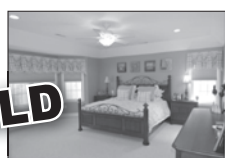
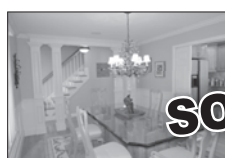
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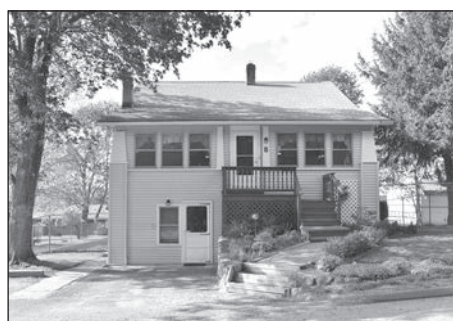


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Worcester Art Museum examines evolution of baseball jerseys

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

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

in doing so further collapse perceived boundaries between fine art and everyday objects.

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

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

“The *Iconic Jersey* takes the ‘formal’ language and concepts that we typically apply to individual works of art and, by applying it to baseball jerseys, makes

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

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

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

Among the highlights in this section are early design pamphlets and guides for sporting man-

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

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

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

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

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

This section of the exhibition explores the life of the baseball jersey in popular and fashion culture. It pays particular attention to the important role that Hip Hop artists of the 1990s such as Ice Cube, Notorious B.I.G., and Outkast played in bringing the jersey to streetwear styles, opening the door to the jersey's incorporation in mainstream fashion, as well as to significant collaborations between designers, artists, and activists within wider political and social movements. This includes *Runaway x G Yamazawa*, a 2017

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

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

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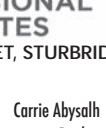
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To view the 2021 Commencement Ceremony, visit www.QCC.edu/commencement-2021.

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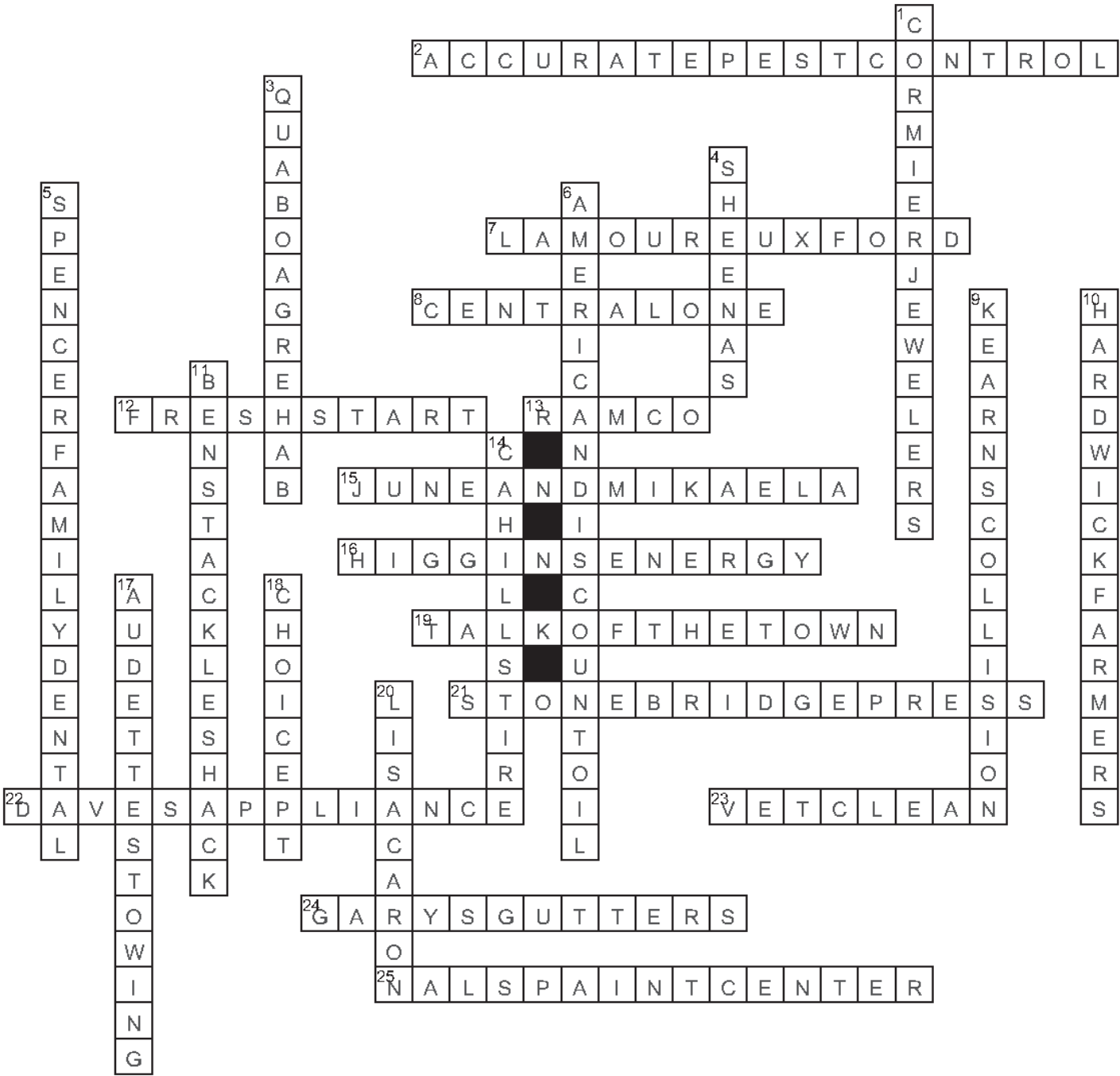
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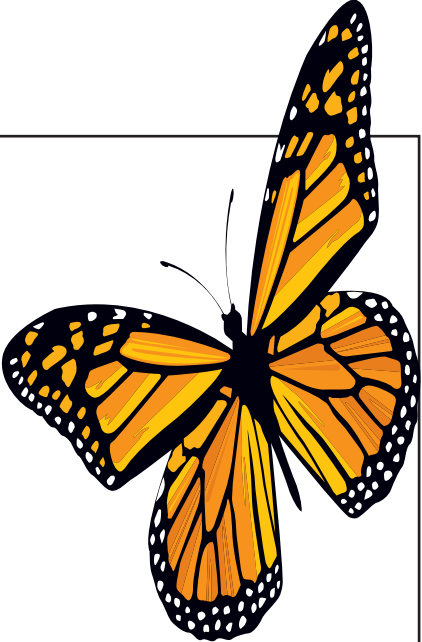
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