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Selectmen approve design for sewer project

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

STURBRIDGE – Selectmen approved the first stage of a project that will reduce Sturbridge's dependence on Southbridge for sewer service.

According to Town Administrator Jeff Bridges, now that the sewer plant's capacity has been enlarged, it can handle the flow from areas of Main street that now go

to Southbridge. The proposed project calls for building a new force main and pump station on Main Street to reverse that flow.

The first phase, estimated at \$176,000, is for design and engineering work. Actual construction will cost has been estimated around \$5 million. Initial funding for it was approved by Town Meeting several weeks ago, and the plan is to pay off the entire project with a bond at about \$200,000 a year, probably for 20 years.

"Long-term, we're going to have more revenue in the system," Bridges said, but noted the town "really won't know what the payoff is until we get numbers on the

cost of construction."

The board also approved pending \$700,000 on road work this year. DPW director Butch Jackson said he believes that sum will enable his department to finish "everything from the last CMRPC [Central Mass Regional Planning Commission] paving plan." In the process, he added, some work will have been done on all town streets in the last eight years.

A split vote of 2-1-1 will allow Greater Good Brewing Co. of Worcester to serve alcohol on the common

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BEST FRIENDS GRADUATE COLLEGE TOGETHER

John Reilly and Adam Jensen of Brimfield recently graduated from Western New England University in Springfield. Reilly received a Bachelor in Science in Information Technology, and Jensen a Bachelor in Science in Information Technology, cum laude. They both graduated from Tantasqua Regional High school in 2017 tech division of Information Technology. The two have been lifelong friends here in Brimfield From day one of pre-school, they have been best friends. They are both on the job hunt now in their degree fields.

Baker files legislation aimed at making swimming safer

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – In the wake of multiple tragedies on the water this summer, Gov. Charlie Baker has filed legislation meant to improve swimming safety.

In an effort to increase public safety and awareness at state parks and beaches, Baker's bill would increase fines for swimming outside designated waterfronts.

If passed, the legislation would raise the maximum fine to \$500 for entering or swimming in any waters on Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) property that are not designated for swimming.

"Swimming at undesignated waterfronts is dangerous and too often leads to tragic consequences, and this

legislation is part of a comprehensive plan to discourage risky behavior and ensure the safety of visitors to our state parks and beaches," Baker said. "While we encourage all to visit our beautiful coastal and inland beaches, we urge the public to exercise caution and not swim at any body of water that has not been designated for swimming by state or local authorities."

Last month, Worcester Police Officer Emanuel Familia, 38, drowned in Green Hill Pond while attempting to rescue a teenager. The 14-year-old boy, who also drowned, was reportedly trying to swim across the pond when he became distressed in the middle of the water. Several other water incidents statewide this

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Former Friendly's has new owners

STURBRIDGE — The word is finally out: Jenna and Ted ("Teddy G") Gidopoulos have finalized the purchase of the 4500 square foot former Friendly's Restaurant at 367 Main St., Sturbridge, where they plan to open a second restaurant.

The new restaurant, to operate under the name Gido's Brick Oven Pizza (pronounced je-doz), will offer a different dining experience from Teddy G's, the popular American style pub & grille that will remain open at its



Courtesy

Ted and Jenna Gidopoulos in front of the soon-to-be Gido's Brick Oven Pizza at 367 Main St., Sturbridge.

current Main Street address.

"Gido's will feature a brick oven pizza station where customers will be able to watch their pie being made," says Ted. "We're planning to keep the ice cream window for soft-serve and hard ice cream and a variety of ice cream toppings, shakes and other frozen treats." The menu will also feature chicken wings, pasta and fried and baked seafood entrees.

No opening date has been set. The couple plans major renovations to the interior of the property, with a new HVAC system, all new equipment and furniture. One half of the space will be dedicated to full-service dining and the remainder will include a separate bar and gathering place for community groups and adult sports leagues. The main dining room should be able to host groups of 25-30 people, including some of the many youth sports teams they hope to sponsor there.

"We expect to take full advantage of the space the property offers," Jenna said. "We're adding a full-service patio, for example, and we'll be adding some picnic tables behind the building for the convenience of take-out customers."

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Trinity Catholic Academy announces 26th Annual Golf Tournament



SOUTHBRIDGE — Trinity Catholic Academy is excited to announce the 26th Annual Golf Classic to be held on Saturday, Sept. 25 6:30 a.m. (coffee & pastries) 7:30 a.m. "Shot Gun Start."

The Golf Tournament was close to a "no go" last year, but a wonderful crowd enjoyed golf at Heritage Country Club in Charlton with proper protocol, we hope to have even more join us this year. A great day is planned for up to 144 participants. First registered, first served! <https://trinitycatholicacademy.org/golf-classic/>

This event continues to be a major fundraiser for Trinity Catholic Academy, that provides support for the school and a great opportunity for family, friends, and alumni to catch up with one another! TCA is very thankful for the past support of generous companies, donors and local folks who contribute to make it possible for Catholic Education to continue in Southbridge for over 150-years. Smaller class size makes this school an added advantage for today's families in our 25-mile

radius for children Pre-K to Grade 8.

Some of the tournament Day Options include:

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- Putting contests
- Great raffle items and more!
- Patriot Ticket Raffle

Those looking to support the cause with a raffle gift donation are welcome to do so on the website or email: ptoti3@aol.com.

To learn more about the 26th Annual Golf Classic, and be eligible for cash & fun prizes, or offer support to this hidden gem in Southbridge! Consider visiting the school website or Facebook page.



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Bay Path LPNs host summer workshop

CHARLTON — This summer Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy has partnered with alumni and held the first summer workshop for the Practical Nursing Class of 2022 at the Lecture Hall on campus.

This year's alumni volunteer workshop facilitators included Ericka Laurens, LPN, of Woodstock Valley, Conn. (Class of 2016) and Kelvin Muthoni, LPN, of Worcester (Class of 2018).

Ericka Laurens, LPN, is the Clinical Office Manager at West Brookfield Family Practice, where she oversees quality control measures for the practice, schedules the three medical assistants, assists two Doctors, two Nurse Practitioners with patient care. Previously, she was the charge nurse and wound care nurse at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing. As a student at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Laurens was inducted to the National Technical Honor Society (maintained a GPA higher than 3.1 on a 4.0 scale), was a nominee for Clinical Excellence Award, a member of the UNICEF Club, and elected as the Class of 2016 Student Representative. She served as a mentor to multiple practical nursing students in the past and was an inspirational speaker at various Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy events.

Kelvin Muthoni, LPN, is a staff nurse at the Holy Trinity in Worcester where he provides direct patient care. Previously he worked at the Brookdale Eddy Pond West in Auburn and the West Side House in Worcester. He completed his High School education at Kalimoni Senior School in Juja, Kenya (2015). As a student in Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Muthoni was the recipient of the Clinical Excellence Award 2018,



Courtesy

Kelvin Muthoni and Ericka Laurens

the distinction of being the best with his clinical performance as nominated and voted on by the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty. Muthoni has the distinction of being the first male (and only male to date) to be awarded the Clinical Excellence Award. He serves as a mentor to current male practical nursing students.

The summer workshop was held on July 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Icebreakers, Informal Q & A, PowerPoint presenta-

tions, checking on Medical Terminology, Medical Math, navigating ATI, and determining Learning Strategies were on the agenda. The summer workshop was attended by close to 40 incoming practical nursing students.

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Markey introduces bill aimed at strengthening state gun regulations

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – June was Gun Violence Prevention Month, and proved to be a busy one for U.S. Sen. Edward Markey, who presented several gun safety legislation proposals throughout June in an effort to strengthen state-by-state gun regulations, among other measures.

Four major proposals came from Markey's desk. One was the Making American Safe and Secure (MASS) Act which Senator Markey worked on with Senator's Elizabeth Warren and Representative Ayanna Pressley. The act incentivizes states to adopt gun-licensing standards similar to those in Massachusetts which the Senator touted has the lowest gun death rate in the United States.

Another act targets specifically 3D-printed guns. The 3D Printed Gun Safety Act was a joint effort between Senator Markey and New Jersey's Senator Robert Menendez as well as Florida Representative Red Deutch. The act is meant to prohibit the sale and distribution of blueprints and instructions for three-dimensional printing of firearms online and would make it illegal to distribute the files digitally.

The other two acts introduced by the

senator specifically target requirements for the sale of firearms. The Keeping Gun Dealers Honest Act, which Markey worked on with Representative Jim Lengevin of Rhode Island, would strengthen accountability measures to irresponsible gun owners and increase resources for enforcement for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The fourth act, the Untraceable Firearms Act which was a joint effort with Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut and Representative David Cicilline of Rhode Island, would permanently include the core building blocks of "ghost" guns, defined as unfinished frames and receivers, in the definition of "firearm" under federal law. This would require manufacturers and distributors to comply with federal regulations that govern the distributions and production of already completed firearms. All these bills still have to go through the legislative process for approval but are necessary steps towards increasing national gun safety in Senator Markey's eyes.

"We need to ensure that no child walks the streets of their neighborhood or the halls of their school in fear for their life," said Senator Markey in a statement. "Congress has the power to put an end to the public health epidemic of gun violence and pass bold, effective, and commonsense gun safety legislation that will save lives all across our country. Although Gun Violence Prevention Month is (over), our fight cannot stop here. We cannot allow more lives to be lost due to government inaction on gun violence prevention."

Local residents make Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON — The following local students have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Spring 2021 semester.

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Bay Path announces honor roll

CHARLTON — Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School has released its honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

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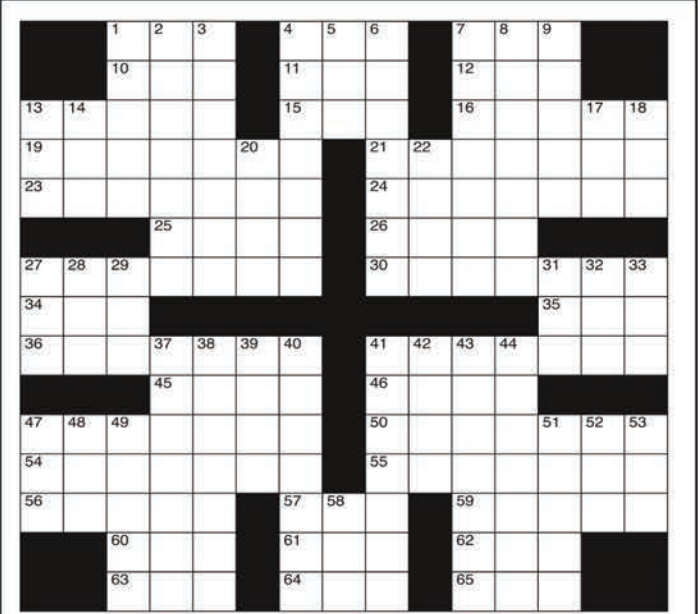
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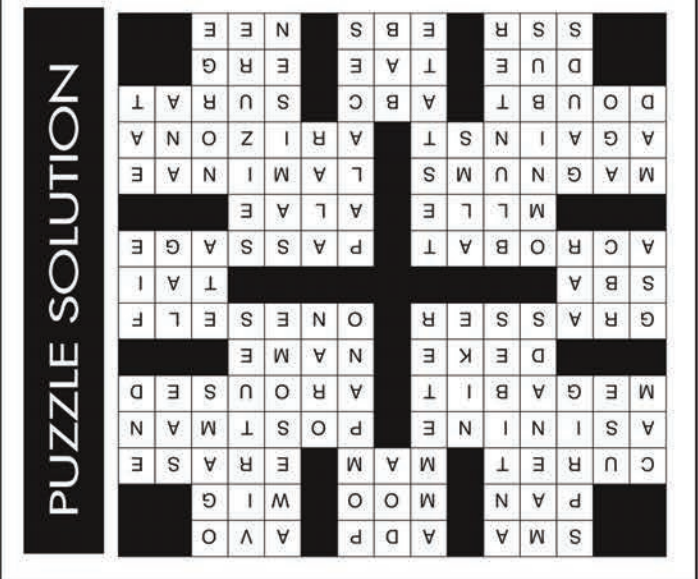
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Sr. enlisted Army member
 - 4. Payroll firm
 - 7. Monetary unit of Macao
 - 10. Cooking vessel
 - 11. Cow sound
 - 12. Hairpiece
 - 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
 - 15. Mother
 - 16. Remove from record
 - 19. Foolish
 - 21. Mailman
 - 23. Unit of data size
 - 24. Stirred
 - 25. Deceptive movement
 - 26. We all have one
 - 27. Direct from pasture beef animal
 - 30. A person's own self
 - 34. Helps little firms
 - 35. Deep, red-brown sea bream
 - 36. Tumbler
 - 41. A short section of a musical composition
 - 45. Young woman (French)
 - 46. Wings
 - 47. Wine bottles
 - 50. Thin layers of rock
 - 54. Opposite to
 - 55. American state
 - 56. Uncertainty about something
 - 57. Basics
 - 59. Indian seaport
 - 60. Owed as a debt
 - 61. Buffer solution
 - 62. Unit of work or energy
 - 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 64. One point south of due east
 - 65. Born of

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Small stem bearing leaves
 - 2. Female Bacchanalians
 - 3. Mediterranean city
 - 4. Measures electric current
 - 5. Arrived extinct
 - 6. Edible butterfly
 - 7. Causing wonder or astonishment
 - 8. Behaviors showing high moral standards
 - 9. Ancient Irish alphabets
 - 13. Footballer Newton
 - 14. Utilize
 - 17. Sum of absolute errors
 - 18. Opposite of the beginning
 - 20. Shoe company
 - 22. Algerian port city
 - 27. Girls organization (abbr.)
 - 28. Type of cell (abbr.)
 - 29. Swiss river
 - 31. When you hope to get there
 - 32. Fall behind
 - 33. Expresses distaste, disapproval
 - 37. Volume containing several novels
 - 38. Less sharp
 - 39. Food for the poor
 - 40. Having made a valid will
 - 41. Royal estates
 - 42. Relating to wings
 - 43. Japanese three-stringed lute
 - 44. Taking something through force
 - 47. Angry
 - 48. Before the present
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Bay Path alumni complete Intravenous Certification Course

CHARLTON — On Tuesday, July 6, the Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy and Intravenous Edu celebrated the completion of the practical nursing students graduates Intravenous Certification Course.

The staff and faculty of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, with Academy Director Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, and Intravenous Edu led by Jan Stephanos, RN, CRNI, partnered to offer the IV Certification Course to graduates of PN Class of 2021. The seven

practical nursing graduates—Monique Bull of Worcester, Luz Mercado of Worcester, Stefanie Lauretano of Webster, Julia Martinez of Spencer, Brianna Cloutier of Charlton, Amanda Wonderlie of Webster, and Khamphan Houatchanthara of Southbridge — completed the course and successfully completed their IV Certification exam.

The IV Certification Course was held at the Seminar Rooms A & B at Bay Path. The IV certification course load required 8 hours of instruction and the practical nursing graduates

completed 8 hours of instruction. The syllabus included instruction on legal aspect of IV therapy, history, Basic A & P Vascular, Circulation, Autonomic nervous system, Fluid & Electrolytes, Malnutrition, Pharmacology, Infection control, Blood component therapy, Antineoplastic and Biologic treatments, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, Peripheral access, Central Venous access devices, Flushing, complications, Peripheral IV insertion, and Sterile central line dressings.

Immediately after the course comple-



Courtesy

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tion, the practical nursing graduates thanked the instructor, Jan Stephanos, RN, CRNI of Intravenous Edu and the staff and faculty of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy for the valuable opportunity to learn about IVs. In turn, Bolandrina thanked the practical nursing graduates for their dedication and sacrifices to further their education and careers.

Greater Worcester Community Foundation welcomes new Philanthropy Officer, Executive Assistant

WORCESTER — Greater Worcester Community Foundation welcomes two new hires: Jacob Vazquez, Philanthropy Officer for the Foundation's Scholarship Program and Linda Curry, Executive Assistant to Carolyn Stempler, Interim President & CEO.

In their new roles, Vazquez will oversee the management, implementation, and growth of the Foundation's Scholarship Program which distributes more than \$700,000 to local students pursuing post-secondary education, and Curry will provide essential office management and clerical support that will help the Foundation build efficiencies and better serve the community.

"As our philanthropic leadership in Central Massachusetts continues to grow, so does our team," said Carolyn Stempler, Interim President and CEO of the Foundation. "Jacob and Linda bring talent, experience, and insight to the Foundation. We are thrilled to welcome them into their new roles."

"I'm excited to bring my personal perspective to the GWCF team to help build a scholarship program that further reflects our community," said Vazquez.

Vazquez served as Economic Development Associate for the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce before joining the Foundation. He has also served his community as a member of the Nativity School of Worcester Alumni Association and as Assistant Youth Ministry Coordinator of Saint Joan of Arc. As a first generation college graduate from Assumption University, Vazquez has a passion for creating opportunities that help young people reach their educational goals.

Curry is a Dudley resident who has had a long career working in the insurance industry for companies such as Unum. While working in the area, Curry volunteered for

various local organizations including the United Way, Worcester County Food Bank, and Working for Worcester. She is excited to bring both her administrative experience and passion for helping others to the Foundation team.

"I've spent almost 20 years in Worcester," said Curry. "I am happy to have the opportunity to contribute to this community through my work at the Foundation."

With questions about the Foundation's philanthropic mission, grantmaking, or giving opportunities, visit greatworchester.org or email info@greaterworcester.org to get in touch with a member of the team.

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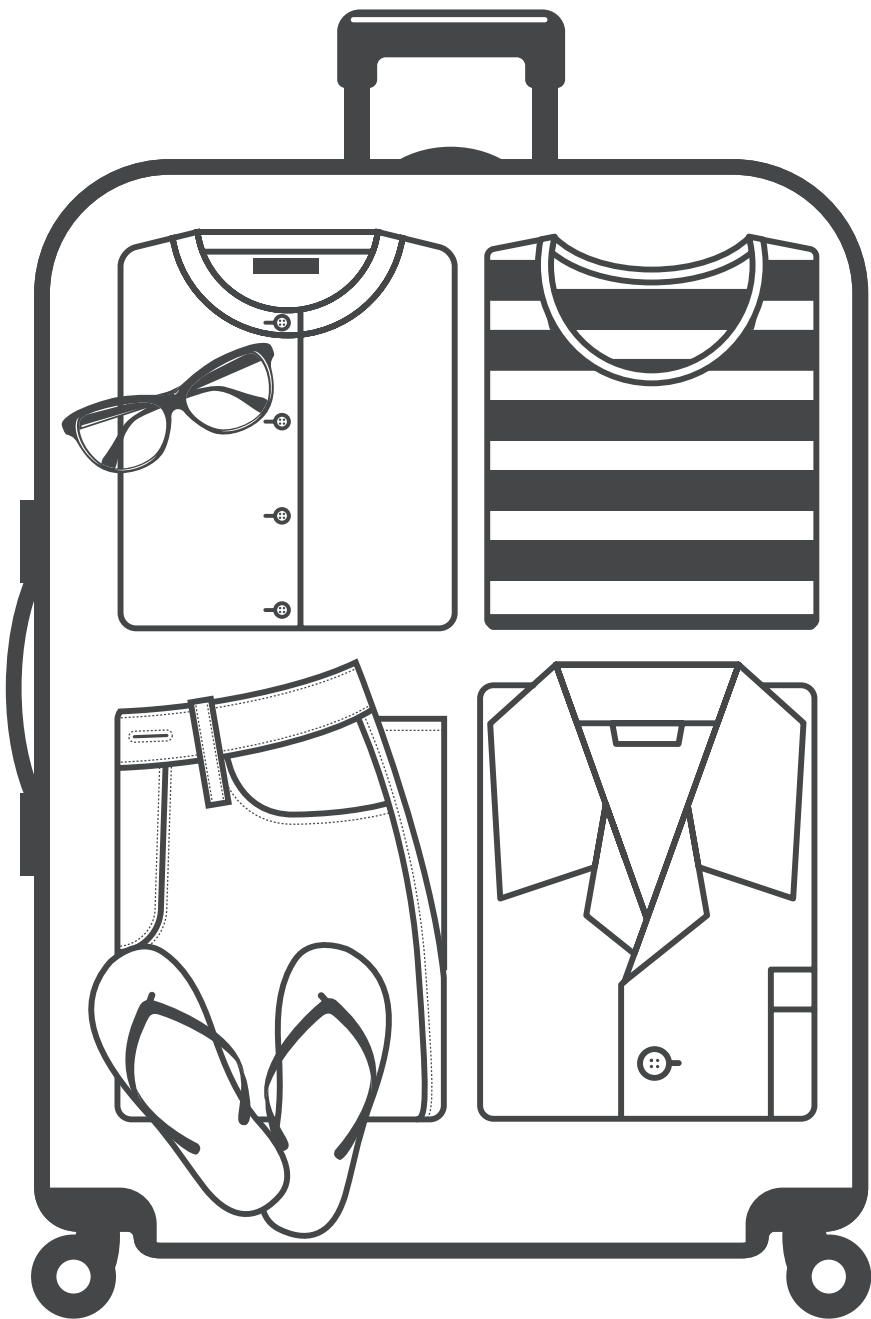
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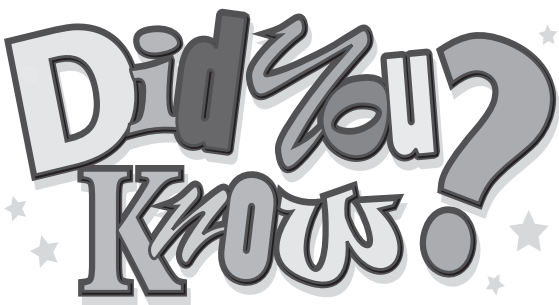


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- A. 8 15 7 5 14 26**
Clue: Iced over
- B. 9 14 4 4 14 15 2**
Clue: Sweet treat
- C. 6 15 14 19 25 22**
Clue: Thick and smooth
- D. 4 3 26 9 19 14**
Clue: Ice cream with toppings

Answers: A. frozen B. dessert C. creamy D. sundae

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	3			8				
		9			3	1		
		4	1		2	3	5	
			7					9
	9	2						6
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						6		
				4		7		5

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

5	8	7	6	4	9	3	2	1
1	9	6	7	2	3	8	5	4
3	4	2	8	1	5	9	7	6
9	1	4	5	3	8	2	6	7
6	2	8	4	9	7	5	1	3
7	5	3	2	6	1	4	8	9
8	7	1	3	5	4	6	9	2
4	9	6	1	8	2	7	3	5
2	3	5	9	7	6	1	4	8

ANSWER:

How small businesses can use tech to their advantage

Small businesses are vital cogs in the economy. When taking a stroll down a typical Main Street in the United States and Canada, shoppers are likely to pass an array of eateries and shops offering everything from handcrafted furnishings and ornaments to floral arrangements and more. These small, privately owned businesses help make communities unique and desirable places to live.

The impact small businesses have on their communities was perhaps never more apparent than during the COVID-19 pandemic, when many business owners were forced to close their doors or limit their hours of operation in an effort to stop the spread of the deadly coronavirus. When small businesses struggle, the ripple effects are considerable and include higher rates of unemployment and less tax revenue for communities. A 2019 report from the Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration found that small businesses accounted for 44 percent of economic activity in the United States.

That figure underscores the important role these businesses play.

Supporting locally owned businesses is a great way to accelerate the post-pandemic economic recovery. As important as community support is to the survival of a small business, the people who own those businesses must make a concerted effort to connect with consumers and inspire that support. Technology can help business owners do that in a variety of ways.

- Pay attention to mobile rankings. The SEO solutions experts at SEMrush report that roughly 72 percent of domains change rankings by one place on mobile compared to desktop, while 52 percent change by three places. That's a significant dropoff as more and more consumers utilize mobile search engines when shopping. The popularity of mobile searching is something small business owners should take seriously and strongly consider when devising their optimization strategies.
- Strengthen your social media pres-

ence. A 2020 study from the social media marketing firm Sprout Social found that nine in 10 consumers will buy products from a brand they follow on social media. Small businesses can use that to their advantage by strengthening their social media presence, devoting some time each day to promote their offerings. Businesses also can encourage in-store customers to follow them on social media.

- Prioritize customer service. Interactions with a real person will likely always remain consumers' preference when they have questions or concerns about products and services. But that doesn't mean small business owners cannot still expand their customer service offerings to include customer relationship management software (CRM) and chatbots, both of which can improve customer relations.

Small businesses are ingrained in their communities, and can utilize various technologies to become even more so in the years ahead.


UMass Lowell names local students to dean's list

LOWELL — Local residents have been named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Among those recognized for achieving academic distinction for the spring 2021 semester at UMass Lowell are:

- * Rachel Whipple of Charlton, majoring in art
- * Stephen Myers of Charlton, majoring in chemical engineering
- * Kyle Mulcahy of Charlton, majoring in mechanical engineering
- * Devin Salviuolo of Charlton, majoring in music studies
- * Lauren Bostock of Fiskdale, majoring in clinical lab sciences
- * Philip Patel of Southbridge, majoring in applied biomedical science
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How to plan a perfect game night

Shared experiences are ideal ways to make new friends or solidify established relationships. Bonds can be strengthened even further when those shared experiences include entertaining activities. This is a great reason for adults to incorporate routine game nights into their social calendars.

Game nights are nothing new. Perhaps your parents or grandparents gossiped over a few games of gin rummy or weekly poker gatherings? Before the widespread proliferation of digital video games, board games were a go-to way to have fun. Even now, game nights can provide the perfect way to slow down, have fun and get together with friends.

Hosting a game night can be an ideal way to have fun at home without turning on the television. The following

are a few things to consider when planning a game night.

The number of people dictates which games can be played

How many people are invited to game night will determine the games that can be played. Game nights tend to be more successful with a guest between four and eight players. Keeping people engaged in a game can be more challenging if there are more than eight individuals, and most games are designed for a maximum of eight players.

Plan for finger foods

Game night etiquette typically dictates that hosts will provide refreshments. In lieu of a sit-down meal, offer finger foods, which are easier to manage while

engaged in game play. Premade party platters are an option if you want to spend more time entertaining and less time preparing food. Guests also can be encouraged to bring small dishes, such as sandwiches, chips and dips or other snacks.

Have a variety of games on hand

Let the course of the night be relatively fluid, even if you have a certain game in mind. If guests are not fans of a particular game, make sure you have others at the ready. Music or a sports game playing in the background also can be a way to keep guests entertained between turns. When deciding on games, consider these criteria, courtesy of Game Night Gods, an online game night resource

- The game should be easy to learn.
- The game should be relatively fast-moving.
- The game should pique interest and be strategic.

Get out of your comfort zones

Acting zany and engaging in games that push people out of their comfort zones can help guests get to know one another and laugh along the way. Games also are a perfect way to learn something new with little to no pressure.

A game night can unite existing friends and help people interested in making new acquaintances find common ground. If in person game nights are not doable, gather virtually through video chat applications.

Outdoor televisions up the ante in outdoor living areas

Outdoor living areas provide a great way for homeowners to spend more time outdoors doing the things they love. That includes watching their favorite shows. Many homeowners take televisions designed for indoors outside when hosting game watches or movie nights under the stars. While such televisions can function outdoors, unless they're specifically designed for outdoor use, chances are they are not protected against the elements. Special enclosures built to protect indoor televisions can do just that, but homeowners also can consider televisions designed for outdoor use. Outdoor televisions have become more popular as more and more homeowners look to extend their living spaces outdoors, and these uniquely designed televisions can often withstand elements

like rain without losing their functionality. Many outdoor televisions also are designed to handle reflection from the sun, ensuring that homeowners won't have to limit their outdoor viewing experiences to evenings or late nights when the sun has set. When shopping for outdoor televisions, consumers should do their homework and pay attention to features they may not consider when shopping for indoor televisions. For example, outdoor televisions should offer wide viewing angles, as backyards tend to be bigger than living rooms. That means more people can make it over for backyard game watches and movie nights, which underscores the importance of wide viewing angles that make it easy for people seated all over the yard to make out what's on the screen.



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EDITORIAL

Keep it civil

One of the great things about being an American is the right to free speech. A recent uproar in a small community regarding a vulgar word prominently displayed for all to see on a main stretch of road prompted this editorial.

On commercial property, with specific sign ordinances, in a quaint New England town, there is a vulgar sign. One in which children of reading age, five and six years old, can easily look out the car window and sound it out and herein lies the problem. It's our job as adults, to set a high standard for our children and to protect them at all costs.

Now, while the First Amendment protects free speech, that does not include all speech, when it pertains to commercial or public property. Profanity is not always protected as well when it pertains to threats of incitement, fighting words, etc. or when used against a public official in a public forum.

Even so, just because you have the right to use profane language, does it mean you should? Can you get your point across without it? My father always told me there was a 'time and a place' for everything. If you know children could potentially see this profane language, is it the best choice to still put it on display? Further, not only should children not see this, but there are generations of people who come from a time when profanity could only be found in seedy areas of big cities. To them, it is even more offensive from the feedback we have received.

This is why movies, plays, music and books are given ratings, because then you have the choice on whether or not you or your children see it. In a public area, we think it's important to keep things classy, and set a better example as adults for our children. If you feel you need to use profanity in such a way, well, sure that is your right, we all utter those words from time to time, however a display in a public place is a different animal.

Using a vulgar word, at the end of the day will not change anyone's mind about whatever it is you're upset about. It simply won't. Civil language is far more conducive to meaningful discussion and debate.



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Chemical Free Solutions for Summer Ailments

Summer fun in the sun isn't always as carefree as the season. Along with the sunny weather, such ailments as itchy skin and sunburns also make an annual appearance. While there are numerous commercial products on the market to treat such maladies, chemical concerns have prompted a resurrection of old fashioned "home remedy" treatments. Read on for some chemical free remedies to cure what ails you this season.

And remember readers, the Publiack House contest has resumed! Send in your favorite tips and you could win a three course dinner for Two at the Publiack House!

Please note the following suggestions are not intended as medical advice or treatment. Do not try these home remedies without consulting a health professional to make sure they are appropriate for you. Suggestions offered should not be used as a substitute for proper medical treatment.

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Problem: Motion Sickness
Solution: Location, location, location!

It's vacation time, and nothing can put more of a damper on travel than motion sickness. Whether you're riding in a car, plane or boat, chemical-free treatments can keep you feeling up to par: No matter how you're traveling, you can try to prevent a queasy feeling simply by focusing on something outside the vehicle. If you can see where you're going, the visual cues jive with what your inner ear system projects and you're less likely to get sick. If you're on a boat, choose a seat on deck where you can see the movement of the water. In a car, sit up front to watch the road. If you are on a plane, sit above the wing where there is less turbulence.

And before you embark on your vacation, take a trip to the health food store for some powdered ginger. It can alleviate symptoms of motion sickness naturally.

As with any product you use for the first time if you have sensitive skin it can be best to test a small area first if you have never worked with the product before on your own body.

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Problem: Sore Sunburn
Solution: Reach for Pantry Products

If you think tea is just for sipping, think again. Studies show the tannic acid in tea naturally draws out the heat from a sunburn. For isolated areas, place a few wet tea bags directly on the burn and cover with gauze to hold in place. If you want to soothe a large area, drop a few tea bags in a bowl of water, allow to steep and apply the cooled liquid to sunburn.

Milk can also help to soothe sunburned skin. Simply apply a compress of cool milk to the burn for about 20 minutes. Reapply after two to four hours. Also, try rubbing plain yogurt or honey lightly on burnt skin. One theory is that the yogurt and honey are effective because they both have the power of retarding the growth of some pathogenic bacteria.

White household vinegar is another pantry product that can relieve sunburn pain quickly. Just pour a full cup in with your bathwater and have a good soak.

To promote the recovery of skin injuries (including sunburns), apply Seabuckthorn Oil:

Generously to the area and cover with dressing if necessary. Clean the area and reapply oil in 8 - 12 hours. Continue daily applications until healing process is well under way.

If you grow mint leaves, you have a virtual sunburn soother right in your own yard. Bring to a boil two cups of fresh mint leaves, three tea bags and four cups of water. Allow to simmer three to four minutes. Remove from heat and steep the mixture with the cover on the pot for a few minutes. Then strain liquid into a jar and allow to cool. To use, dip a cotton ball into mixture and dab over damaged skin for instant relief.

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Problem: Itchy Skin
Solution: Household Helpers

Once your sunburn finally subsides, the second stage of sunburn - itchy skin - kicks in. Worse yet, the urge to scratch can come from poison ivy or other allergies. Read on for some natural ways to treat the summer "itches."

Oatmeal is the classic itch reliever, but



TAKE THE HINT

KAREN TRAINOR

before you dish out big bucks for a popular drug-store oatmeal bath product, why not skip the hype and use the basic ingredient? Just sprinkle one cup of uncooked oats into a running bath of lukewarm water. Soak for up to 20 minutes, exposing all affected skin to the oatmeal soak. If you insist on the very fine consistency of the commercial oatmeal soother, simply run your oatmeal in a food processor until it is powdered. Or just toss an oatmeal ball in your tub. Pack some dry oats into the foot of old pantyhose and tie off the end - it works as well as the expensive stuff, and there's no mess to clog the drain!

Still scratching? A simple vinegar bath has an impressive virtue: It can reduce itching naturally by maintaining the skin's natural pH levels.

Or why not whip up a homemade spray that not only relieves itchy skin on contact, but also refreshes and cools the skin? Pour into a spray bottle, one half cup water and one half cup rubbing alcohol. Add three to four drops of peppermint oil. Shake well before each use.

If your sunburned skin is feeling tight and uncomfortable, slather on petroleum jelly, or just add a couple of tablespoons of olive oil to a warm bath to moisturize and soothe the skin.

If you're already itching from a poison ivy rash, try this thrifty alternative to calamine lotion: Believe it or not, some say an egg white solution can help the rash heal quicker! Just apply egg whites to the rash. Let it completely dry, then rinse off. Or apply a paste of baking soda to the skin to help clear up the itchy rash. And if you dare to try an unconventional approach to relieve the itches, try rubbing the skin with the inside of a banana peel to neutralize itch fast.

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Problem: Too Hot to Handle
Solution: Common Sense Coolers

Did you know when you make your head cold, the chilled blood circulates and cools the rest of your body? The next time you need to cool off quick, simply place a cold compress on your forehead or an icebag on your head or on the back of your neck. If you're working out or basking during a hot weather spell you can prevent overheating by wrapping a terry cloth band or bandana soaked in ice water around your head.

Or dose yourself in alcohol: Dabbing your underarms or other areas with a bit of rubbing alcohol, constricts the pores and keeps sweating at bay for up to a few hours. And, if you take a cool water bath you will be less likely to sweat for up to three hours after the soak.

Also, remember to avoid hot, spicy foods that induce further sweating during tropical temperatures.

Believe it or not, men who remove their shirts beat the heat are actually doing more harm than good. Never take off your shirt to cool off, even if you aren't directly in the sun. Once you start perspiring, a shirt can act as a cooling device when a light breeze goes through. So stick to light colored t-shirts to keep cool. And remember to wear light colors that reflect the heat. Also, keep in mind that cotton / polyester blends breathe better than shirts that are 100 percent cotton.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publiack House - Contest has resumed!

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

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

Don't let investments go on vacation



FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

Now that we've gained at least some space from the COVID-19 pandemic, summer travel is heating up. But while you might be eager to hit the road, you won't want your investments to take a vacation - you need them to work hard for you consistently. But how can you make this happen?

Here are some ideas:

- Know your destination. "If you don't know where you want to go, then it doesn't matter which path you take." This bit of wisdom, paraphrased from the classic children's book, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, may be appropriate for, say, hikers exploring a new landscape. But as an investor, it matters a great deal which path you take. If you only dabble in investing, occasionally putting some money into one investment or another, it will be difficult to build a portfolio that's consistently working in your best interest. It's important to create a long-term investment strategy based on where you want to go in life - that is, how long you plan to work, what sort of retirement lifestyle you envision, and so on.

- Match goals with investments. Some investments are designed to achieve certain goals. To illustrate: When you contribute to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, you're investing for one specific, long-term goal: a comfortable retirement. While you can tap into these accounts for other purposes - though doing so might incur immediate taxes and penalties - they are designed to provide you with income during your retirement years. Similarly, you may have other investments for other purposes, such as a 529 education savings plan. Here's the key point: Goals-based investing, by its nature, can help ensure your portfolio is always working on your behalf, in the way you intended.

- Invest for growth. Ideally, hard work produces results, and one of the main results you want from your investments is growth - that is, you want your investments to appreciate in value so they can eventually help you meet your goals. But if you are overconcentrated in vehicles such as certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities, you may end up lowering your growth potential. That's not to say that CDs and Treasury bills are in some sense "lazy." They can provide you with income and help you reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. But to achieve most of your goals, you'll need a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments working for you, with the exact percentage based on your needs and life stages.

- Check your progress. How else can you ensure your investments aren't just taking it easy? By checking up on them. If you follow a buy-and-hold strategy, your portfolio shouldn't require many changes if it already reflects your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Too much buying and selling could jeopardize your ability to follow a consistent, long-term strategy. However, "buy and hold" doesn't mean "buy and forget." By reviewing your portfolio at least once a year, you can determine if your investments are performing as they should. If they're not working for you as you'd like, you may need to make some changes.

If you're traveling this summer, relax and enjoy yourself - but keep those investments working hard.

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Dying in public has its hazards...

One combination off them being I missed a publishing deadline for the first time in my life. I'm sorry. I'm on some heavy painkillers and anti-anxiety meds and my mind isn't quite as accurate as I'd like. I'm too late for a few of my publications but I'll give it my best shot.

I'm still here. I'm still writing. I'm still ringing the bell for positivity and optimism. For some, that's still good news. Unfortunately, for others, they'd rather my voice be silenced. My computer was hacked over the weekend and at the same time, my Facebook



POSITIVELY SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE

pages were all locked. Hopefully by the end of the day, all will be back up and running but as of now I'm only partially up.

Thank you for your understanding. As long as I am up and breathing, I will be back next week!

May God bless you all.

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Every morning, my two dogs — Twig, a yellow Labrador Retriever, and Molly, a 13-inch beagle — get me out of bed early to go outside. After they have taken care of business, they are brought to a fenced in area of my property. The Lab is great, but the beagle digs out of the fenced in area almost daily. The scent of cottontail rabbits is everywhere, and doing what she is bred for, she cannot resist the joy of chasing rabbits. There certainly is no shortage of these furry creatures, and listening to many local gardeners about the damage to their crops it is high priority to build fences to keep them out of the garden. The rabbits were few and far between for many years, but there is a

population explosion in the last two or three years.
Molly cannot resist the urge to find the scent of the rabbits and track them down. If she has a rabbit come into view on the other side of the fenced in area, she will bark and howl frantically. But when she gets her freedom to chase and track the rabbit, she runs silent. She is supposed to be vocal while tracking the rabbit, but she runs without a sound. I was hoping to hunt with her this fall on rabbits, but she needs to learn how to bark and trail the rabbit. I had run her on pheasant in the past few years, and she does the same thing with them. I think if she runs with another dog, she may open up and be vocal, as she trails a rabbit or pheasant. I hope so!
This year, a nasty fly known as the horse fly, also called the green head horsefly is extremely abundant in local



Courtesy

This week's picture shows five of the sea bass this writer caught in Buzzards Bay last month. Commercial fishing for these fish opened this past week in Massachusetts. They can harvest 200 pounds daily.

covers, and causing nasty bites if they are not killed when they land on the human skin. They can also become extremely aggressive to cattle and horses. Using some sprays like mosquito repellent can help, or wearing a net covering on your head can also help, but the sound of the large flies just buzzing your head, can become very annoying.

It is almost time for picking wild blueberries! This past week, while taking my two dogs for a run-in local cover I managed to find a few to eat, but the good picking high bush wild blueberry is still a week or two away. Be sure to wear long sleeve shirts and long pants when looking for wild blueberries. Mosquito repellent and a hat need to be worn to keep of all forms of bugs. You also need to be extremely careful of hornets or bee's nest. Bites from the latter two can be harmful to many people that are allergic to their bites. Be sure you bring along an epinephrine pen, especially if you are allergic to bug bites.

All insect bites are serious, more so for some than others and can cause life threatening reactions. Spider bites are also serious, so you need to check and

Collectibles market investing boom



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In recent columns, I've discussed how major investors are buying into the collectibles market. The trend is continuing, with one group of big-name investors purchasing an auction house and another group purchasing a coin and card grading company.

According to the Tampa Bay Times, "Sarasota's Certified Collectibles Group is selling a majority stake in its company to private equity firm Blackstone in a deal that puts the company's value at more than \$500 million." Blackstone's investors include NBA star Andre Iguodala, as well as rapper, song writer and music executive Jay-Z.

Other big-name investors recently purchased Goldin Auctions. According to Yahoo News Ken Goldin "sold Goldin Auctions to Collectors Holdings, a group owned by New York Mets owner Steve Cohen, hedge fund billionaire Dan Sundheim and venture capital investor Nat Turner." The terms of the deal weren't disclosed. The Los Angeles Business Journal wrote that Goldin also made another deal recently. They've partnered with Barstool Sports. Barstool Sports' website describes it as "a sports & pop culture blog covering the latest news and viral highlights of each and every day with blogs, videos and podcasts." Goldin hopes to capitalize on Barstool Sports' mostly younger audience and attract them to invest in sports memorabilia.

Along with these major investments, the digital age is bringing change to the way sports collectibles are sold. Leaf, Upper Deck and other card manufacturers have inserted patches from uniforms or slices of game-used bats inside sports cards. When these cards were first produced over 20 years ago, col-

lectors could own a small piece of Michael Jordan's jersey or a slice of Babe Ruth's bat. MarketWatch reported that small investors are now able to own part of an item without having it literally sliced into pieces.

Collectable.com is offering the public an opportunity to invest in a \$6 million Babe Ruth rookie card in \$3 shares. According to MarketWatch, "Collectable is a platform that allows people to buy equity in memorabilia when they may not be able to afford the piece as a whole. This concept is similar to how brokerage firms like Robinhood offer fractional shares of public companies. Investors in the card can sell their fractional shares at any time, and if the card is outright sold at a higher price in the future, those investors would see a profit. The price per share of the collectible only changes when the item is sold, not on perceived value change."

The drawback that I see with this model is that you can only see a profit (or loss) when Collectable decides they want to sell the card. However, in my opinion, it is still much better than cutting up a bat or jersey.

I'm happy to announce that I'll be returning to some in-person events soon. I'll be appraising items for the public at the John B. Gough House in Boylston, MA on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Looking ahead to the fall, I'll be teaching my "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path Evening School on Wednesday Nov. 10.

We have an exciting upcoming online auction featuring a Mickey Mantle card, a Roberto Clemente card as well as other baseball cards and memorabilia scheduled for August. Session 4 of our model trains, die-cast toys and models online auction will begin soon. Other events are

also being scheduled. Visit our website for details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>. Contact us at: Wayne Tuiskula Auctioneer /

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Now is the time to plan and plant vegetables for a bountiful fall harvest. Planting now extends the harvest season for greater yield without expanding the garden.

Start by looking for vacant spaces in the vegetable garden. Fill areas that were not planted this spring or replant rows of quick maturing vegetables like lettuce, spinach, radishes, and beets that have already been harvested. Expand your search to other vacant spaces in flowerbeds, mixed borders, and containers.

Select vegetables that will have sufficient time to reach maturity before your growing season ends. Simply count the number of days from planting to the date of the average first fall frost in your area. Those in frost-free areas can plant longer season crops that benefit from maturing during the cooler months of fall.

Second plantings can be started from seeds or plants, if available. Check the back of the seed packet or plant tag to find out how many days each plant variety needs to grow and produce. Add a few weeks to allow time for harvesting. As long as there is enough time for the seeds to sprout, grow, and produce before the end of your growing season, they can be added to the garden.

Fill your late season garden with lots of variety. Include root crops like beets, carrots, radishes, and turnips. Greens like leaf lettuce, spinach, collards, kale, and chard provide the basis for a great fall salad and some make great additions to stir fries. Try onions, kohlrabi, cucumbers, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and sweet corn for some variety. Just make



Melinda Myers

For a fall harvest, plant areas in the garden that were not planted this spring or replant rows of quick maturing vegetables that have already been harvested.

sure the seeds or transplants will have enough time to grow and produce.

Some vegetables like broccoli, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts taste better when grown and harvested during cooler months. These along with other vegetables like spinach, mustard, lettuce, radishes, and leeks tolerate a light frost, giving you a longer harvest season.

Wait for the soil to cool before planting lettuce and other vegetable seeds that require cooler temperatures to germinate. Or start the plants indoors and move them into the garden as transplants. Help keep the soil cool by mulching plantings with shredded leaves, evergreen needles, or other organic mulch.

Water your gardens as needed throughout the season. New plantings will need a bit more attention when establishing roots during the hot summer months.

Extend the harvest season with a bit of frost protection or added warmth as needed. Cover plantings with floating

treat all forms of bug bites as soon as possible. Tick bites are becoming more of a major health problem for humans and pets every year. They need to be spotted and removed as soon as possible, and leaving them on for more than 24 hours will often require a doctor's visit, and a prescription of dicyclomine to combat the bite will often be necessary. I know! I have had Lyme disease a couple of times. Every doctor treats a tick bite differently.

Fishing took a hard-hit last week with the extreme heat and remnants of hurricane Elsa. Freshwater fishing in streams, rivers & ponds will take a few days to improve, and saltwater fishing may take a bit longer, as the ocean settles down from the wind & rain. Last Friday, prior to the storm, the canal heated up with stripers chasing mackerel and other forms of bait fish, providing anglers with some great fishing for stripers. You need to be there at the right time!

Local Rod & Gun Clubs are planning their annual field days again. The Whitinsville Fish & Game clubs annual field day is planned for Sept. 18 this year. More dates will be published as they become available in the coming weeks. The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club is holding a long overdue clambake this Saturday July 17. A few tickets were available as of this past week. Lobster, clams, chowder, littlenecks, clam cakes and corn are on the menu.

I found my wife's favorite receipt for baked stuffed flounder (fluke) this past week and decided to give it a try. I took two filets of fluke from the freezer and stuffed them with a mixture of crabmeat, seasoned bread crumbs, a crushed ritz cracker, and a teaspoon of melted butter. Carefully placing a teaspoon of the mixture of crabmeat onto the fillets, salt and pepper, I gently rolled them up and secured them with a toothpick. I placed the two fillets in my preheated toaster oven, and cooked them for 20 minutes. Delicious! I am going back this week to catch a couple more fluke, I hope!

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Smith, of Sturbridge, earns degree from Clark University

WORCESTER — Jacklyn T. Smith, of Sturbridge, received a degree from Clark University during the University's 117th Commencement exercises on Saturday, June 12, and Sunday, June 13. Smith graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology.

The University awarded 490 bachelor's degrees, 501 master's degrees, and 10 doctorates, and conferred three honorary degrees during the two ceremonies. Graduates were urged to ask the hard questions, drive change, and even occasionally stir some trouble.

The weekend's events marked President David Fithian's first Clark Commencement ceremony since he himself graduated from the University in 1987. In his remarks, Fithian praised the persistence shown by this year's graduating class in transcending the many disruptions posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"When you began your Clark journey, you could not have imagined what your junior and senior years would entail. Your grace, resilience, and adaptability throughout has been remarkable," Fithian told the Class of 2021. "While I certainly would never have wished this experience on you, I do believe you may nevertheless extract from it a strength of spirit and resolve that is remarkable, and that may reinforce your own sense

of what you are capable of overcoming." President Fithian said the Clark degrees that the students earned represented more than the culmination of formal study. They were also a "gateway to a life of learning."

"Every opportunity to question - whatever the motivation: curiosity, confusion, uncertainty, defiance - is an opportunity to hear something you may not have heard before," he said.

"At the end of each day, ask yourself, in the quiet of your own counsel, what did I learn today? And then do it again tomorrow and the next day."

James McGovern, United States Representative for the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District, delivered the Commencement address and urged graduates to speak up for what they believe in, even when it's hard to do so. McGovern recalled the accomplishment of his friend, the late Congressman John Lewis, to lead 600 peaceful protesters on a 50-mile march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965 to bring attention to Alabama's discriminatory voting policies. Despite being beaten and barely escaping with his life, Lewis marched again a few weeks later. Subsequent demonstrations captured the awareness of the nation, and just four months later, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act.

McGovern stressed that issues like climate change, gun violence, racial justice, and inequality will never improve unless like-minded people come together to demand change. He urged the Class of 2021 to become the "biggest class of troublemakers that Clark University has ever graduated" in service to a better nation and world.

"When the historians pick up their pens to write the story of this century, I know you'll give them something to write about. That you'll challenge convention. That you'll change our world."

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were conferred on McGovern; Liberat Mfumukeko, MBA '94, former secretary-general of the East African Community; and Naomi Oreskes, the Henry Charles Lea Professor of the History of Science and affiliated professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at

Harvard University.

In his concluding remarks to the graduates, President Fithian told the graduates, "Take pride in who you are and what you are capable of. You have unlimited potential to do good, be compassionate, and shape those around you."

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RIT students named to Dean's List for spring semester

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Rochester Institute of Technology announces its spring 2021 Dean's List! Undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40 for nine credit hours of traditionally graded coursework; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete," NE, D, or F; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Logan Melican of Fiskdale, who is in the chemical engineering program.

Gino Placella of Fiskdale, who is in the computing security program.

Griffin Hurt of Brimfield, who is in the applied mathematics program.

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during seven upcoming concerts there. The "No" vote came from Chair Mary Blanchard, who also voted against a different firm doing the same thing a couple years ago; she said she doesn't like the idea of serving alcohol on the common, where the town already allows people to bring their own.

The abstainer, Mary Dowling, had a similar viewpoint, saying she feels it "opens the town up to some liability." While she had voted no in previous years, she opted not to this time.

The company's president Paul Wengender said Greater Good has done more than 200 such events without problems.

"We bring people from the tap room who are used to dealing with people under the influence," he said.

After the board's various votes and a long list of (re)appointments to boards, Bridges told them he'd received the first \$502,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds, but that's just half of the town's allocation. Because Massachusetts doesn't have functional counties, money that would go to them is being redirected to towns, but he doesn't know when Sturbridge will see that. In total, the town's slated to get \$2.8 million, he said.

The first allotment is being used as "revenue replacement," but he noted there are many options for the rest of the money. One idea he threw out there was to set up a lottery-like prize for vaccinat-

ed residents.

Bridges also updated the board on the Charlton Amazon warehouse project, noting he'd hired Art Kreiger of Anderson-Kreiger to do the traffic study selectmen requested last meeting. There are actually two separate major projects running concurrently - Amazon, at 53 Sturbridge Road (Route 20), and an as-yet-unidentified user at 241 Sturbridge Road. The former is just beginning its Mass Environmental Protection Act process, while the latter is nearly finished. Both had public hearings before the Charlton Planning Board July 14.

He noted one of Kreiger's key observations was that "the traffic studies for each facility don't take into account the existence of the other" and need to. Another is that the Charlton Planning Board is suggesting using the Mass Pike service center access driveway as access for both facilities.

Dowling asked if Southbridge has opined on either project, particularly Amazon, as that will likely have effects on Route 169. Bridges was not aware if Southbridge had, but said he believes Southbridge and Charlton will likely see impact from employee traffic on the rural side roads. The facility, he said, will see about 250 large trucks a day, but is not a "last mile" location, so it won't have the large number of delivery vans such a site has.

"It's going to affect us adversely, no doubt about it," Blachard added.

Gus Steeves can be reached at gus.steeves2@gmail.com.

GIDO'S

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"Operating Teddy G's for the last year and a half caused us to think more creatively while putting together our plans for Gido's," she added. "It also made us think long and hard about potential staffing issues, since the pandemic has caused such a shortage, but we're counting on things improving in the time it takes us to complete renovations."

"It's something we've wanted to do for quite some time," said Ted. "Both Jenna and I started out as kids working in

the pizza business and we're passionate about creating an enjoyable dining experience for our customers."

Ted got his start as a high-schooler working alongside his parents at Village Pizza before launching Teddy G's in 2013. Jenna developed a love for the while managing North Brookfield Pizza for many years.

The property was secured by a Small Business Administration loan from bankHometown, Sturbridge, and representation from Ron Chernisky, real estate consultant with Colleen & Company Real Estate, a Keller Williams Realty team.



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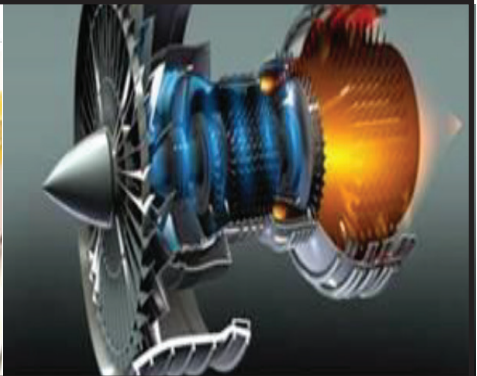
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