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MILL ON THE MUMFORD

The Mumford River roars past the Whitin Mill in this image from photographer Carol Dandrade.

Uxbridge Finance Committee makes warrant recommendations

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — After 22 hours of meetings over 10 nights to review the 24 articles that will appear on the Uxbridge Spring Annual Town Meeting warrant, the town’s Finance Committee has released its report of recommendations.

“The public hearing and warrant review process went very well considering all the meetings took place remotely via Zoom,” the committee released in the report. “The Finance Committee received fantastic support from the Town Manager and his staff. Each public hearing allowed for candid discussion of the warrant articles and participation by the Board of Selectmen and School Department was helpful.”

Out of 24 warrant articles, the committee has recommended a favorable action for 19 articles, an unfavorable action for two articles, and no recommendation for three articles.

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Sutton Town Meeting to be held tomorrow

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — The town of Sutton will hold its first outdoor Town Meeting tomorrow, May 15, on the Sutton Middle/High School athletic field.

Check-in will begin at 9 a.m. and the meeting will start promptly at 10 a.m. The event has a rain date of Saturday, May 22.

“Town Meeting this year is a little different,” said Sutton Town Manager Jim Smith, adding that holding the meeting outdoors is “new” for the town.

Thirty-six articles appear on the warrant, including articles sponsored by the town’s Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. All articles have been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee, Smith said.

The first ten articles were described as “standard articles” that have appeared on previous Town Meeting warrants, including an article to receive reports from town officers and committees, an article regarding Cemetery Commissioners, a sewer department article, and more.

If approved, Article 11 authorizes the town to sell approximately 25 acres of land, Smith explained, that had previously been used as a gravel and sand pit. The town has received a bid for nearly \$1.5 million for the property, which would be used in an appropriation account for town roadwork over the next few years. Smith described the sale of this property as a “win-win” and an opportunity to take care of some road issues within the town.

Several articles, including articles 15 through 17, pertain to the Board of Selectmen’s wish to change their title. Smith

explained that the state’s Select Board association changed its name, and surrounding towns have made “similar moves.”

“The Board voted to change their official title from Board of Selectmen to Select Board,” Smith said, adding that the articles on the warrant involve officially changing the name in the charter, in the general bylaws, and in the zoning bylaws.

Another article, Article 19, is regarding the BRAVE Act, which Smith said is for Gold Star families who lost a son or daughter in active duty. The Act provides a real estate tax exemption, and Smith said that right now, there is only one resident in town that has lost a son or daughter in this manner.

“It’s a very sad situation but it’s a way that we can send our thanks for their loved one’s service to the country,” Smith

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Grafton Planning Department awarded Local Rapid Recovery Grant

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

GRAFTON — Grafton’s Planning Department has recently been awarded \$50,000 in grant funding from the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The town has announced that the funding, which comes in the form of a Local Rapid Recovery grant, will be used to develop “actionable project-based recovery plans” for Grafton businesses that have faced economic challenges due to COVID-19.

“The LRR Plan will include analysis and exploration of the challenges and barriers businesses have faced, with a focus on developing strategies and project recommendations to help achieve their recovery goals,” town officials released in a statement.

“An outside consultant will provide technical assistance and will help seed ideas for projects, best practices, and Webinars.”

Communities and Plan Facilitators will be matched together and work to assess the impact of COVID-19 and convene community partners, the statement continued. The effort will culminate in plans that summarize the impact assessment and offer clear project recommendations.

“I’m thrilled to receive this Grant, I believe we will be able to put it to great use in helping our local restaurants recover from the strain of COVID-19,” said John Allen, Grafton’s Economic Development Coordinator.

Grafton was partnered with KARP Strategies and began work on this project in late February, according to reports. The consultant has narrowed the area of focus to the sections of Route 140 and Route 30 from High Street to Route 122. It is estimated that the Recovery Plan devised under this program will be finalized by the end of June.

According to the state’s Housing and Community Development, the Rapid Recovery Plan Program is intended to provide “every municipality in Massachusetts the opportunity to develop actionable, project-based recovery plans” tailored to the unique economic challenges and COVID-19 related impacts to downtowns, town centers, and commercial areas across the commonwealth. More information on the program can be found online at mass.gov.

Lawmakers reintroduced BRAIN TRAIN Act

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

BOSTON — Several lawmakers from the commonwealth of Massachusetts have joined an effort to bring high-performance rail projects to Western and Central Massachusetts with the goal of servicing unconnected or under-connected communities across the state.

Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren, along with Congressman James McGovern, announced on May 5 that they are reintroducing the Building Rail Across Intercity Networks To Ride Around Interior of the Nation, or BRAIN TRAIN, Act which would authorize \$5 billion annually, a total of \$25 billion over five years, to invest in the transportation initiative. The Act has received endorsement from numerous state and national groups including the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Rail Passengers Association, Transportation for America, Transportation for Massachusetts, and the Western Massachusetts Rail Coalition.

In addition to the billions of dollars in funding, the Act would also instruct the Department of Transportation to evaluate applications for funding based on numerous factors including anticipated favorable impact on air or traffic congestion and the estimated ridership and potential rail service frequency. It also instructs the DOT to give preference to projects that will improve commuter rail operations, reduce greenhouse emission, and provide positive economic and employment impacts among other things.

“Passenger rail is an essential ingredient for a healthy economy, a healthy environment, and a healthy workforce,” said Markey in a statement. “That’s why President Biden’s American Jobs Plan rightfully calls for a massive expansion of rail across the United States. As we now flesh out the details and put together a comprehensive infrastructure package, we must ensure that we are building a passenger rail system that works for not just the megacities, but also for our Gateway

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Congressman James McGovern discusses the reintroduction of the BRAIN TRAIN Act.


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QCC offers solutions for post-pandemic recovery

WORCESTER — A Community Conversation hosted by Quinsigamond Community College for government, social service and religious organizations in Worcester drew over 60 attendees this week. The hour-long virtual meeting addressed ways to accelerate economic and civic recovery post-pandemic, using education as a pathway to success. The College gave a snapshot into what it can offer the organizations, which serve the underrepresented populations in Worcester and surrounding communities that have been so devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have the programs and the training and together with our community organizations’ help we can thrive. We are counting on you and your partnerships to achieve this,” President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. said.

Chair for the QCC Board of Trustees Sue Mailman noted that as a community college, QCC has the unique ability to deliver pathways that will help Worcester communities grow and prosper.

“We need to get ahead of the game and lead the way in retraining and developing a stronger Worcester,” Ms. Mailman said. “We need to create conditions for our underrepresented populations to succeed and community colleges have a real lead in this.”

QCC’s Vice President of Academic Affairs James Keane, Ed.D., said the pandemic proved to the world just how nimble a community college could be, and what was learned would be beneficial for years to come. He described the two-week timeframe in which QCC successfully transitioned to remote instruction and said the new virtual course modalities, coupled with increased online support services, have increased access and engagement in higher education, particularly for adult learners. Dr. Keane described new advisory boards that are a part of each college program. Board members advise on relevant workforce curriculum and course design to prepare students when they enter the workforce.

Lillian Ortiz, Ed.D., vice president for Enrollment Management and Student Engagement, highlighted the financial opportunities available at QCC. The College received \$13 million in Cares Act funds that have helped 3,800 students impacted by the pandemic with tuition, fees, laptops etc. An additional \$9 million is still to be awarded.

“The core mission of the College is to remove barriers that impede students from attending college,” she said.

Other supports and resources of note include the Student Success Center with its academic tutoring, QCC’s Food Pantry that feeds approximately 50 families per week throughout the year, and the Resource Center that coordinates with local agencies to offer assistance for students in need.

“We have a strong mentoring program and our Accessibility Services Department that serves 1,000 students annually on campus, offering accessible, equitable and inclusiveness to all members of the community,” Dr. Ortiz said, adding, “We have also been designated as a military friendly school.”

Carol King, dean of College and Career Pathways told of QCC’s 25 free English literacy programs from beginner to intermediate, as well as the HiSet and GED programs that even include a GED prep classes in Spanish.

“We understand the challenges of going back to school as an adult,” she said. “We offer free college readiness classes virtually any day and time.”

Kathie Manning, dean of Center for Workforce Development & Continuing Education described the flexibility of the programs and training that is being offered such as a new online, self-paced, professional development training subscription model. She said the College offers numerous programs at low to no cost and many even support transportation and childcare. Recent programs have included nurse assistant/home health aide, help desk, medical assistant and lead teachers for early

childhood programs, with some offered in Spanish.

“Programs generally take six months to complete and classes begin every week throughout the year,” she said.

Nichole Wheeler, coordinator Career Services & Credit for Prior Learning mentioned the variety of ways students can gain credits for prior life experiences and save money and time.

“We meet with students and evaluate and match what they have with QCC courses to try and give them college credit,” said.

According to Dr. Pedraja, the COVID-19 pandemic brought unique conditions to community colleges that have historically seen an upsurge in enrollment during economic downturns. Today, on a national level 40 percent of students are now canceling their plans to enroll in college with 30 percent giving COVID-19 related reasons. Diverse populations have seen the steepest declines in college enrollment. However, He told the organizations in attendance there is reason to be hopeful as the region looks ahead.

“Hope is at the core of who we are at a community college. We are a beacon of hope for our students and our community. Losing students impacts us as an entire community and we cannot thrive if we leave anyone behind,” Dr. Pedraja said. “It takes a community to help students succeed and you know where your needs are and with your help, we can reach out and find strategies to bring people to college.”

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



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Blackstone students named to honor roll at state’s largest online school

WALPOLE — TEC Connections Academy (TECCA), the Commonwealth’s largest virtual school, today announced that Gabriella Bosen and Aidan Boyd of Blackstone have been named to the school’s Honor Roll of academic excellence and recognized for maintaining a high grade average in the previous semester.

TECCA serves more than 2,500 students from across Massachusetts in grades K-12 and employs more than 100 teachers and support personnel at its Walpole learning center. In its

seventh year, TEC Connections Academy has significant expertise in providing a high-quality online program built specifically for the virtual environment. With the combination of state-certified teachers, focused academics and an emphasis on social and emotional well-being, the school has been providing a highly engaging curriculum and a nurturing, safe academic environment for students from across the state.

“I am very proud of our TECCA Honor Roll students for their continued academic

achievements,” said TECCA Superintendent Patrick Lattuca.

“From our TECCA teachers committed to giving our students an excellent education, to the families who work every day behind the scenes to support students, our new Honor Roll recognizes the hard work of the entire TECCA community,” he added.

For more information on 2021-22 TECCA enrollment, please visit www.TECConnectionsAcademy.com.

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The crossing from poor country to here

I always try to make sure my column has a point to it. I want to share a life lesson and encourage readers to live an optimistic and positive life. As for this column, I really don't know what the point is, other than I'm missing my mom and dad now ... and decided to write about them. I hope you'll allow me just this once.

May I?

My dad grew up in the coal mining area of deep southern Illinois. If you asked my dad what nationality we were, he'd usually laugh, then respond, "Hillbilly." My mom was from Sands Springs, Oklahoma. When asked the same question, Mom would say, "Okie."

As such, they lived their newly married years bringing their culture with them to their new northern Illinois home. I remember early in my life, eating lots of squirrel, rabbit, and catfish. I remember a neighbor asking my dad

in disbelief about eating squirrel, to which he answered, "When you catch a squirrel, it's like being given a free chicken."

I look back and realize two things. 1. It was part of my parents' culture, and 2. It was an economic issue. My mom would fry squirrel just like chicken and it was delicious. I loved it. The rabbit was usually made into a soup or stew and the catfish fried in cornmeal.

I realize many of you are grossed out while a few may have some of the same early memories. When you were born into the Great Depression as both of my parents were, I think you ate what was available and were grateful.

Today, I look at my kids, nieces and nephews and realize they'll be shocked to believe their dad and uncle ate squirrel ... and I did. Mom breaded the squirrel and fried it like chicken in an old cast iron skillet. After removing the squirrel,



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she'd make a milk gravy that we'd pour over the squirrel and fried potatoes. It was delicious.

I guess if tuna can be labeled "Chicken of the Sea," squirrel can be labeled "Chicken of the Tree's." And I'd choose fried squirrel over tuna anytime.

My mom and dad are both gone but their lives and culture still course through our veins. I was born in Kankakee County, but I still feel as though the little coal mining town of Sesser, Illinois is home. There is a world of difference between where I live now in a growing suburban area, but when back in Sesser, I'm immediately transported back, unconsciously using the dialect and accent of the area.

While on a book tour a few years ago, the route took me near Sand Springs, Oklahoma and I stopped at the family cemetery to see my two oldest brothers. Once again, even though I had not been there in forty years, it immediately felt like home in ways my real birthplace never has.

The older I get, the more I yearn to relive my early days. To be scrambling up and down the streets of Sesser. To run past Caesar Marlow's Bar and hear the voice inside yell, "Hey, aren't you Gene Moore's boy?" I'd stop and walk in. Someone would buy me a kiddie cocktail and start telling me stories about my dad and his baseball career. Getting up before the sun with my grandfather to go to the barn and get a bucket of coal for the furnace was an early morning joy. And yes, eating squirrel. The son of a Hillbilly and Okie is who I am, and I could not be prouder.

Our family prospered in an adopted life in the

suburban north and our cuisine changed along with it. One thing that never changed was country music on the weekends and WSM Radio and the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday nights.

I moved to Chicago and received a degree in music education. And for a while, I turned my nose up to the music of my youth, but now it's back in my life and I love it. The food and music are permanent threads in the fabric of our family. Over Memorial Day weekend when we all get together, just open your car window and follow the sounds of Merle Haggard, George Jones, Ray Price and Dwight Yoakum ... and point your nose to the smell of Barbecue Ribs. There you'll find the kids and grandkids of a Hillbilly and Okie, celebrating our family and heritage ... without the squirrel.

My mom and dad were far from perfect people. At times, I think I may have been unfairly critical of their lives and par-

enting skills. The truth is they loved us and did the best they knew how. I was never hungry or without clothes. Their children all turned out well and successful. Their grand kids and great grand kids are wonderful. I'd say all-in-all mom and dad raised a successful family. They never left us and always loved us. I wish they were here so I could thank them.

As the saying goes, "What is remembered, lives." I guess I not only want my parents remembered in our family, but I also wanted you to know them too.

And besides ... no one could fry squirrel like my mom.

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State officials announce key reopening dates

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – State officials recently announced several key dates in the continued reopening of the economy.

With steady declines in weekly COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the Baker-Polito Administration is advancing in Phase 4 of the state's reopening plan. Officials are also pleased with the progress of the vaccination program, which has made it far more difficult for the virus to spread.

Effective May 10, large venues such as arenas and ballparks were authorized to increase capacity to 25 percent. The Commonwealth has also greenlighted amusement parks, theme parks, and outdoor water parks to operate at 50-percent capacity. Prior to reopening, these venues must submit safety plans to the Department of Public Health.

Residents are also looking forward to getting back to group athletic events. "Road races and other large outdoor amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts after submitting safety plans to a local board of health," said Gov. Charlie Baker.

Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments are once again allowed for moderate-risk and high-risk sports.

Beginning May 29, gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings, and private settings.

Subject to public health and vaccination data, the following venues will be able to reopen on May 29: street festivals, parades, and agricultural festivals. All events must reopen at 50-percent of their previous capacity.

Also permitted to reopen on May 29 are bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries, and distilleries. A 90-minute limit will be imposed on each guest's stay, and no dance floors will be permitted to reopen.

On Aug. 1, the following industries are slated to reopen: dance clubs and nightclubs; saunas, hot tubs, and steam rooms at fitness centers and health clubs; indoor water parks; and ball pits.

Also on Aug. 1, capacity for all industries is expected to return to 100 percent. Pending approval from health officials, all gathering limits will be lifted.

Residents are reminded that all target dates are dependent on continued positive health trends. This includes declining COVID-19 numbers statewide through the spring and summer.

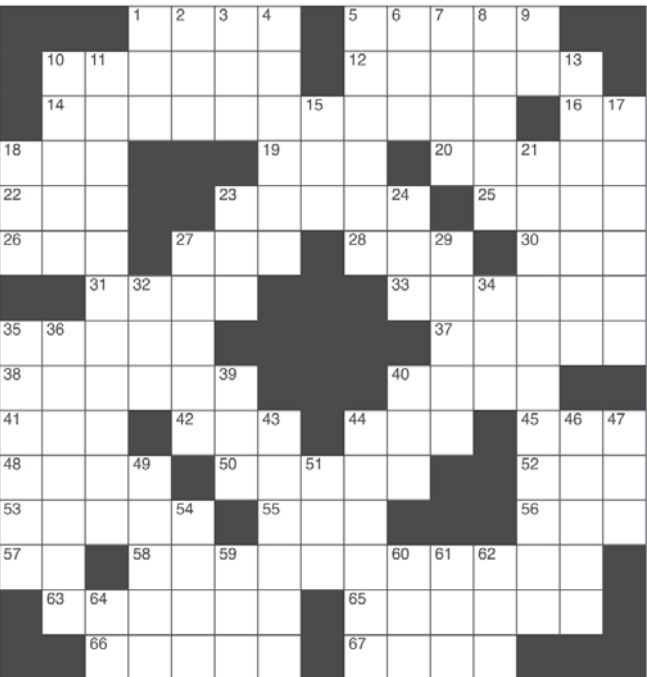
State officials also urge all eligible residents to schedule their vaccinations. This will help further combat the virus and allow industries to reopen sooner, officials said. If statistics trend positively earlier than expected, the August 1 date could be pushed up.

"Depending on vaccine distribution and public health data, the administration may consider reevaluating the August 1 date," Baker said. "The Department of Public Health will also continue to issue guidance as needed."

As the state continues to reopen, many residents are wondering when they will be able to say goodbye to masks. Although the state's order on face coverings was relaxed for some outdoor settings last month, residents should expect that masks will be sticking around for the foreseeable future.

"Face coverings will still be required at all times in indoor public places," Baker said. "Face coverings will also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors, in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking."

For more information about the state's COVID-19 regulations and target reopening dates, visit www.mass.gov/reopening.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Large, flightless birds

5. Lifts and moves heavy objects

10. Hyundai sedan

12. Wear away by erosion

14. Arranged alphabetically

16. Top prosecutor

18. ___-de-sac: Dead-end street

19. Digital audiotape

20. Linguistics pioneer

22. Singer DiFranco

23. Arms of the sea

25. Near-reach weapon (abbr.)

26. Ballplayer's accessory

27. You get one at the beach

28. U.S. founding father

30. W. Australia indigenous people

31. Amounts of time

33. Put on the shelf

35. Russian dynasty member

37. City along the Elbe River
38. A peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf

40. Actor Damon

41. ___ King Cole, musician

42. Company that rings receipts

44. Scatter

45. Basics

48. Part of a door

50. Indicates silence

52. Moved quickly on foot

53. Monetary units

55. A place to crash

56. Many subconsciouses

57. Group of countries

58. About line of latitude

63. Female follower of Bacchus

65. A dentist can treat it

66. Dull brown fabrics

67. Int'l nonprofit

CLUES DOWN

1. Midway between northeast and east

2. Partner to cheese

3. One from Utah

4. A way to move

5. Playing cards

6. Baseball stat

7. Long river in western Asia

8. Grandmothers

9. Entertainment legend Sullivan

10. Steam bath room

11. One who kills

13. Food

15. Swiss river

17. Fleet

18. Taxi

21. Working class

23. More (Spanish)

24. High schoolers' test

27. Heavily built goat antelope
29. Murdered in his bathtub

32. Tease good-naturedly

34. Morsel

35. Cause persistent resentment

36. A radioactive element

39. Perform in a play

40. Witty remark: Bon ___

43. A great place to kayak

44. Conclude by reasoning

46. In an unfavorable way

47. Complex of nerve tissues (abbr.)

49. Machine for making paper

51. Feline

54. Yugo's hatchback

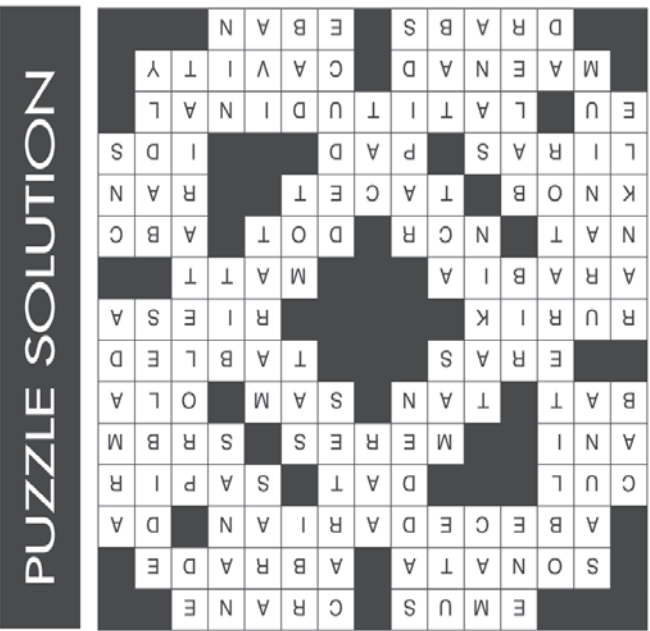
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Family Services of Central Massachusetts awarded grant to implement apprenticeship program

WORCESTER — Family Services of Central Massachusetts (FSCM), an affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation, was recently awarded funding through a grant program administered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. The \$200,000 funding is for FSCM to implement a Child Development Apprenticeship Program in Central Massachusetts. This initiative is designed to run until the end of June 2022, with an option to continue the program for an additional year.

The goals of the Child Development Program are to 1) Build competency in child development and classroom manage-

ment and curriculum in entry level workers working in the private sector, including workers with English as a Second Language; 2) Provide meaningful credentials including the Apprenticeship certificate, the national Child Development Associate credential (national) and Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care Teacher Certification; 3) Provide a career pathway including a track into higher education at the community college level; and 4) Improve retention of entry level, new workers including building a path on a compensation scale that leads to a self-sufficiency wage.

“The Apprenticeship program is a strategy to

build child development knowledge and competency in unskilled, entry level workers and also provide a career pathway in the field to enhance retention and quality of care,” said Jim Regan, Vice President of Family Services of Central Massachusetts.

The field of early education and care is new to using the apprenticeship model. In addition, child care providers are currently considered “Essential Workers” during the COVID-19 pandemic. Working families with young children who cannot work remotely must depend on child care services. Child care programs have remained open during most of the pandemic to support other essential workers

in health care, government, the supermarket industry, etc. The existing workforce has been stressed by departures of workers due to health concerns or family responsibilities.

For 130 years, Family Services of Central Massachusetts has been serving the greater Worcester community as a valuable resource providing high quality support, guidance and counseling. FSCM offers a diversity of programs and services that include individual, child

and family counseling; employee assistance; home care; community mediation, senior volunteer and companion opportunities, and professional development for the early child care industry. On January 1, 2020, Family Services of Central Massachusetts (FSCM), headquartered in Worcester, became an Affiliate of Seven Hills Foundation.

About Seven Hills Foundation Headquartered in Worcester, the Seven Hills Foundation is a

comprehensive health and human services network currently offering program sites at 190 locations throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island employing nearly 4,600 professionals. Seven Hills Foundation offers a continuum of clinical, educational, and community-based supports to 60,000 children, adults and seniors with disabilities and other life challenges through its 14 affiliate organizations that are part of the Foundation.

NORTHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

NORTHBRIDGE — Northbridge High School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2020-2021 school year.

Highest Honors
Grade 12: Kristina Brenn, Colin Brody, Asa Flannery, Katelyn Lombardo, Angela Lovering, Brennan Mahoney, Kiera McMahon, Alexandra Padula, Jared Wielsma, Michael Wilkes
Grade 11: Caitlyn Mahoney, Dev Patel, Tyler Richards, Aidan Roy, Colin Tognazzi
Grade 10: Abby Barnatt, Mary Goodrow, Coulton Manning, Adam Minior, Caroline O'Brien, Kathryn O'Brien, Caitlin Porcelli, Keira Touhey, Jenny Wagenhoffer, Graham Williams
Grade 9: Sarah Cowen, Madelynne Driscoll, Mia Pellegrino

High Honors
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Grade 11: Angelique Akeley, Sara Bedigian, Samantha Billmyer, Tyler Bliss, Sydney Boudreau, Adam Chen, Lauren Ferreira, Charles Garrigan, John Gifford, Claire Green, Hayleigh Hoffman, Ruby Holtz, Kayla Kamishlian, Mallorie Mercer, Christopher Rivelli, Jessica Ross, Christopher Smith, Celia Walker, Lindzy Winslow
Grade 10: Cameron Athanas, Karlee Battista, Brynn Burt, Meghan Cummiskey, Connor DeCiero, Hannah Drenzo, Elizabeth Duca, Ian Gahan, Madeleine Lannon, Jenna Malone, Colin Marino, Kayla Munson, Owen Orlandino, David Rousseau, Nina Szymanowski, Nathan Williams
Grade 9: Madelyn Andresen, Elizabeth Andrews, Ryan Bedigian, Evan Carrachino, Rebecca Cleary, Olivia Frabotta, Ainsley Hogan, Callie Jee, Hannah King, Kayda King, Charlotte Leppamaki, Joseph Mazzearelli, Charleigh Mitchell, Zachary O'Meara,

Marcus Reilly, Natalie Zborowski

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Grade 11: Makenzie Alicea, Anderson Barnicoat-Sansone, James Bartlett, Valery Bravo, John Buckley, David Castellon Palma, Molly Consigli, Haley Cormier, Jared Dermoshegian, Kyla Dominguez De Los Santos, Emma Donahue, Collin Falconer, Abigail Fraser, Daniel Fung-A-Fat, Olivia Guest, Maeve Kelly, Isaac Maynard, Alexander Quaranta, Elizabeth Quimby, Yareli Ronda Rivera, Rory Schofer, Zoe Taylor, Brent Turgeon, Timothy Visbeek, Matthew Wildman

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Local DAR House to host candidates' forums in May

UXBRIDGE — As a community service, the Deborah Wheelock Chapter, DAR, will open the historic Simeon Wheelock House (1767) on North Main Street to welcome those on the ballot for Town positions at “Candidates’ Forums” on consecutive Tuesdays, May 11 and 18. Election Day is Tuesday, May 25.

COVID protocols will be observed; no in-person audience will be allowed. All questions for candidates should be sent in advance to an independent account, Candidates4um@gmail.com. Attorney Rob Knapik will moderate the forums, introducing candidates and posing questions received from Uxbridge residents. All candidates will be invited to attend and informed of schedules and standing rules. Barry Giles, Cable Program Coordinator, is responsible for production and more details will be posted on cable channel 192.

The objectives of the Daughters of the American Revolution are to promote patriotism, historic preservation and education through a variety of volunteer service projects. Since 1892 this international organization has welcomed over one million women, regardless of race, color or creed, who trace lineage to ancestors who supported the cause of the American Revolution.

On May 11 and 18, the proceedings will be live-streamed at uxbridgetv.org and broadcast on cable channel 192. The Deborah Wheelock Chapter, DAR, has no affiliation with any candidate or forums’ production beyond offering the Simeon Wheelock House as host for these important educational events. Exercise your Constitutional right and civic duty on Tuesday, May 25. Vote!

Kaylie Gonya of Uxbridge elected to Lasell University Student Alumni Association executive board

NEWTON — Kaylie Gonya, a Lasell University student from Uxbridge, was elected to the University’s Student Alumni Association (SAA) executive board for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Gonya, a Event Management major at Lasell, was elected the SAA’s Vice President of Business.

The SAA is comprised of student leaders, ranging from first years to seniors, who engage with the University’s alumni community. Members serve as a liaison to alumni on behalf of the current student community. They are high-capacity leaders looking for a leadership development experience that heightens awareness about Lasell’s history and traditions and inspires a commitment to lifelong engagement with the University.

For more information contact: Samantha Mocle, assistant director of communications at smocle@lasell.edu or at 617-243-2386.

Northbridge Legion baseball announces tryout dates

NORTHBRIDGE — Northbridge Legion baseball is excited to announce its dates for tryouts for the 2021 season.

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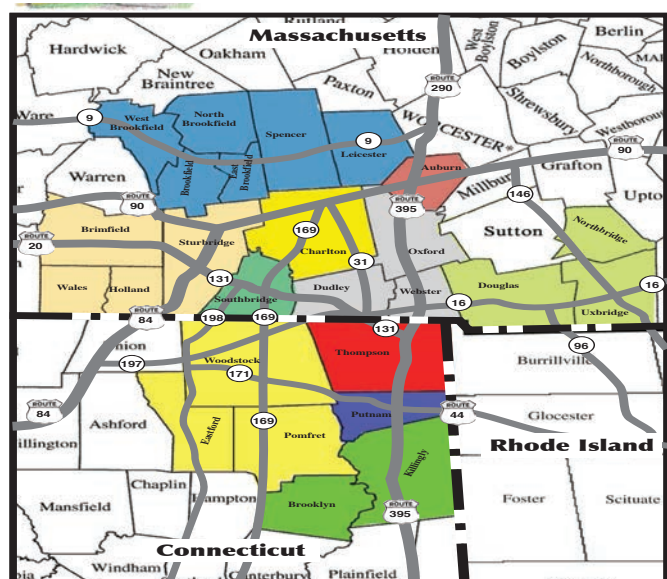
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Equalizing access to education

It's that time of year when high school seniors are committing to colleges and making a plan for what will happen after graduation day. College tuition has become so incredibly unaffordable that many students are opting out or seeking a career in various trades, in which they stand to make more money than a classmate with a four-year degree — depending, of course, on which route they take.

Harvard University cost ten schillings per year in the early 1700's, which was equal to about a pair of shoes and two pairs of stockings. Interesting to note is that back then, most jobs did not require a degree, license or certification and laborers learned via apprenticeship. If the price of Harvard over time had risen at the same rate as prices generally equaled to the rate of inflation, tuition today would cost \$1,703 per year. However, that is not the case, and the current tuition at Harvard is upwards of \$67,580.

As a society, we stress the need for a solid, good education. Any job that pays a livable wage requires you to have a degree, however many students are not making much more than their counterparts who chose to enter the work force right out of high school. Really this depends on where you live and what you do.

The significant increase in college tuition has angered many parents and students. One has to wonder how a financial aid office at any given school comes up with the numbers for a student's financial aid package. In one recent example, a college in Massachusetts, cost \$73,000 per year. Yes, you read that right. A student with a single mother who makes in the ballpark of \$30,000 a year was offered \$13,000 in financial aid for the year. Does this school discriminate based on socioeconomics? One has to wonder. Are wealthy students somehow more special than their less fortunate counterparts?

Students who do make it through the four years will graduate with an exorbitant amount of debt, a bill they could potentially be paying well into old age.

Way back when, state universities were free, however did include a small fee. In the 1960's, social and legislative changes turned higher education into a business, hence the student loan debt crisis we see today.

Through some research, we discovered an interesting time line that laid out the path higher education has taken since its inception during Medieval times in Europe. Back then, few of these schools charged tuition and were supported by the government or a church, and areas of study were limited.

In 1796, Thomas Jefferson proposed an education system that was supported through taxes. He did this because he believed that for a government to truly work, that its people needed to be educated. As a result, in 1818, the government began subsidizing elementary schools and Jefferson used a \$15,000 grant to start the University of Virginia.

In the early 1800's, many colleges did not charge tuition; however, only the wealthy could afford the living expenses incurred during study. In 1810, students lived as simply as possible, keeping room and board rates extremely low, compared to today's living conditions.

In 1870, Harvard's tuition was \$150 per year, while Brown University was just \$75. This equals to about \$3,000 in today's terms. Again, only the wealthy could afford to attend.

A spike hit in 1920 when admissions doubled between then and 1930. The cost was about \$250 per year, with 20 percent of college aged Americans attending university.

The G.I. Bill was passed in 1944, but has since been modified.

In 1965, the Higher Education Act passed. This act helped provide financial assistance for those who needed it. In 1973, in today's dollars, an average year, at an average school cost just over \$9,000 and just over \$2,000 for an in state public school.

In 1972, only 49 percent of high school graduates went on to college. Back then, grants covered 80 percent of the costs. Today more and more students are heading off to school, leaving less grant money to go around. In 1975, the

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would appreciate your vote

To the Editor:

My name is Cay DenHerder, and I am excited to be seeking election to the Uxbridge Board of Health. I feel my training and experience can add to and complement that of the current hard working and effective members of the Board, who have made such important contributions to the health of our town during this - hopefully improving - terrible pandemic.

I received my MD from University of Massachusetts Medical School, and trained in Internal Medicine at Saint Vincent Hospital in Worcester. I practiced Primary Care at the Fallon Clinic in Milford for many years. I have a particular interest in public health, earning a Master's in Public Health from UMass. As part of this degree, I did internships with both the Worcester and Framingham Health Departments, during which I participated in planning and studying the public health needs of those communities.

Most recently, I've had the privilege of providing medical care for veterans at the Worcester VA clinic for over 10 years until I retired last year. Since retirement,

I have been involved with the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team (RI DMAT), primarily assisting with COVID testing, and currently at the Southern Worcester County COVID-19 vaccine clinic here in Uxbridge.

I have been blessed to live in and raise my family in Uxbridge since 1995. I have been involved in our community over the years, including serving as a member of the Uxbridge School Committee in the past, as well as a previous term on the Uxbridge BOH. I worked at and was part of the Steering Committee of the Blackstone Valley Free Medical Clinic from its establishment through its closure in 2015. I continue to volunteer with the Uxbridge Food Pantry.

Every person deserves to live in the healthiest community possible, and I believe I can contribute to that goal. I would appreciate your vote on May 25 to enable me to do just that!

Thank you,

CAY DENHERDER
UXBRIDGE

Whatever happened to customer service?

To the Editor:

My wife and I have used a local pharmacy in Whitinsville since they opened, so it's been many years. The customer service at the pharmacy was always first class until recently.

Now, to refill a prescription you have to jump through hoops and it still doesn't get it done. You call there and spend a good five minutes listening to the automated system tell you what to do, then you push the right button to speak to a tech in the pharmacy and wait and wait and wait and you get no answer. Now the frustration begins so you hang up and try again with the same results.

Finally, you get in your car and go down to the store because it's the only way to get your meds. While you are waiting in line, you hear the phone system say three pharmacy calls waiting, and in the background, you hear one of the techs say "Can we get a four?" and they all chuckle. Not my idea of a good way to keep customers happy.

This was my experience with this local pharmacy last week, and to top it all off, I had to go back the next day because they only had two of the three meds I needed in stock. Customer service is not what it used to be.

WALLACE SMITH
WHITINSVILLE

What's wrong with this picture?

To the Editor:

Today, there is no more hot-button topic than race! It is said "fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and MLK was no 'fool.' More than half a century ago, he longed for the day when a person's measure was taken by character, not by skin color! By now, shouldn't Americans view our world as a shining rainbow rather than one colored in monotonous of yesterday (black and white)?

Generations of immigrants and indigenous people wove strong threads creating a national tapestry currently being frayed by acid labeled 'systemic racism.' The Declaration of Independence and Constitution are the 'glue' that must not be eaten away by this plague! True, their 'promise' was unfulfilled (initially), but Jim-Crow-years, attitudes and laws are long gone. Surely, to destroy our founding documents is no cure for racism; neither is defunding/demonizing police. Address criminal (in)justice and law enforcement reform with common sense proposals, because chaos created by constant cries of 'systemic racism' renders minorities defenseless where they live/work/own businesses. 'Social justice' is impossible where such conditions prevail! Moreover in a 'post-reform' era, with multitudes of police officers resigning or retiring, will enough stay (or aspire to join depleted ranks) to serve and protect the most vulnerable communities in our cities.

Not suggesting the uglier side of human nature be denied or ignored, but hyperbole about recent events only produces more division. Attention should be paid to legitimate pushback from many African Americans, including prominent ones like Daniel Cameron, Kentucky AG, Tim Scott, US Senator from South

Carolina, and Leo Terrell, civil rights attorney, who denounce as "wrong and false" the systemic-racism-conclusion being touted. Most alarming are the vile (real "Jim Crow!") racial epithets, voiced by the 'wokeness' patrol, against those daring to disagree with the media-simplified how-racist-is-America narrative. A death knell to democracy is sounding with this height of hypocrisy and acid comments that 'cancel' free speech! We must demand unvarnished truth from newspapers and national news channels, not information 'parsed' by them, government officials, and sports/Hollywood types to fit a certain narrow perspective. The unanswered question is whether truth triumphs under media 'censorship' practiced presently.

So far, Washington's perspective on 'unity' consists of dozens of Executive Orders, partisan legislation passed by (budget) 'reconciliation' and unilateral 'Progressive,' i.e., regressive, proposals awaiting action in Congress. Though fear not, because recalling St. Augustine's "hope, anger, and courage make change" should hearten those of all color and creed to appreciate (shamelessly) our glorious rainbow, still brightly shining over this great country. Together, we (the People) are a powerful force to move towards 'unity' if, in our joint humanity, we recognize all colors matter! Douse black and white flames; determine to raise one voice to "stop this destructive madness" and return to "one nation under God, indivisible"... which is why so many always clamor towards the image of America's rainbow tapestry.

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What to expect from a financial review



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The COVID-19 pandemic may have unsettled many aspects of your life – including your financial situation. Even if your employment and earnings were not directly affected, you might have concerns about whether you've been making the right investment moves in such a stressful environment. The pandemic is, hopefully, just a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, but different events can rattle financial markets. And changes in your own life also can affect your plans. To prepare yourself for whatever tomorrow may hold, you may want to get some professional help – but what, really, can you expect from a financial advisor?

A financial advisor will look holistically at your life – your family composition, your career, your hopes and dreams, your instincts about saving and spending money, your risk tolerance and other factors. So, during your initial meeting, and at subsequent reviews afterward, here are some of the key areas you'll discuss:

Feelings about your financial situation – Numbers are important to financial advisors, but what's most meaningful to them is understanding what's important to their clients. Are you confident about your overall financial outlook? Are you worried about your cash flow? Are you distressed over volatility in the financial markets? Do you have concerns about your career? By getting at the answers to these and similar questions, a financial advisor can gain a clear sense of who you are and what matters to you. You can then follow an established process to build your personalized strategies and take the specific actions needed to achieve your goals.

Progress toward your goals – It takes patience and discipline to achieve long-term goals, such as helping send your kids to college or enjoying the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned for yourself. As you save and invest for these goals over the years, you'll want tomeasure your progress regularly. If you seem to be falling behind, your financial advisor can suggest moves such as increasing your investments or adjusting your investment mix.

Changes in your family situation – Marriage or remarriage, the arrival of new children, the departure of children for college, caregiving responsibilities for older parents – any and all of these events can make a big difference in your goals and, as a result, your investment plans. During your reviews, your financial advisor will consider these changes when making suggestions or recommendations. (Changes in your family's status may affect your estate plans, so you'll also need to work with your legal advisor or other estate-planning professional.)

Changes in your retirement plans – As you near retirement, you might decide that your original plans for this time of your life no longer suit you. For example, you might have once thought that, when you retired, you would stay close to home, volunteering and pursuing your hobbies. But now you've been thinking how much you would enjoy traveling, or perhaps even living abroad for a while. To accommodate your change in plans, a financial professional may recommend certain moves, such as working a couple of years longer or adjusting the amount you eventually withdraw from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts.

As you work toward your goals, you may find it challenging to navigate the financial markets and respond to the changes in your life – but you don't have to go it alone. And knowing what to expect from a financial advisor can help smooth your journey.

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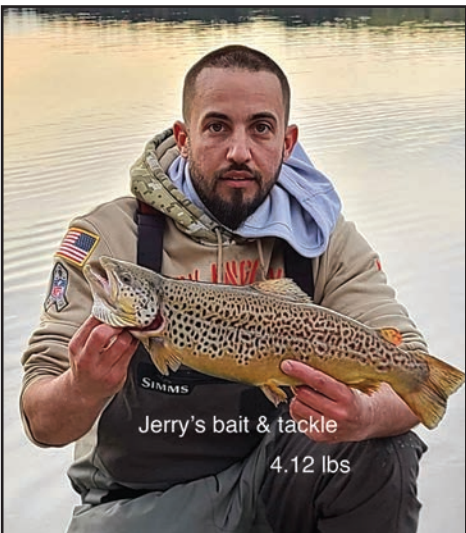
A fisherman’s paradise



Six-year-old Katelyn with her prize-winning derby fish at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club.



Riley & Emma Palmer and Savannah Beals enjoyed their day at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week. It seems as though most youngsters caught trout. They were not all monster trout, but the youngsters all had a good time.



Pete Walker with a four-and-a-half-pound brown trout caught at Ashland Reservoir last week.

Living in New England is a sportsman’s paradise. The three seasons provide hunting & fishing opportunities that are hard to match anywhere in the country. We also rarely see violent storms like they encounter out West on a yearly basis. The big storms upset residents for years in other parts of the United States. A few windstorms that we encounter on an annual basis are nothing like those in other parts on the country. We have had a lot of wind lately, keeping charter boats and private fishing vessels tied up at the dock.

For those that brave the elements like rough seas, fishing has been very good. Cod and haddock fishing has been great on most days on the North Shore, but the three-to-four-hour boat ride to the fishing grounds eats up a lot of fishing time. The speed limit of 10 miles per hour on much of the North shore should be lifted soon. Reduced speed limits have been in effect for a couple of months because of the Right Whales that are residing in the local waters.

A local angler took his 30-foot boat out to Stellwagen Bank last week which took him slightly over 4 hours to get to his destination. He reported close to 40 commercial draggers in the area and decided to fish in 250 feet of water

to stay away from the commercial fleet. They managed to catch their limits of 15 haddock, and one cod apiece. Reeling fish to the surface from that depth had an adverse effect on the survival of under-size fish. One angler reported that the eyes of the fish were popping out of there head because of the pressure change. Cod also have their bladder pop, but most boat captains take a small needle which is inserted into the bladder, releasing the air before they are tossed back into the ocean. There are sure to die and become crab bait if simple precautions are not taken. Haddock are more likely to die trying to return to the bottom of the ocean.

What a waste of fish. Allowing anglers to catch and keep all cod and haddock up to 16 fish per day would sound a lot more sensible. With that many draggers working one area like Stellwagen, the fish population is sure to crash again after sportsmen were limited to catching haddock and cod for many years hoping to rebuild fish stocks. Numerous wolf fish were also caught and released, as they too are restricted



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species to retain. Porgies are also starting to enter coastal waters which will soon be followed by striped bass. Unfortunately, stripers now have strict regulations on them allowing rod and reel anglers one fish daily and only stripers in the 28-inch to 36-inch length to be retained. It is known as the slot size. Again, this year, all striper fishing with bait., requires anglers to use circle hooks only. The circle hooks do help in hooking the fish in the mouth most of the time, but also cause a lot of misses when the bait is ingested and the hook pulls out.

Anglers need to remember not to set the hook but rather to just start reeling the fish in. It gives the hook the chance to pull into the mouth area and become set as the hook slowly turns and finds its mark. It does work, but many anglers like to set the hook themselves, ensuring a good hook up. Mass. fish biologists agree that a lot of released fish will die after being released, but still feel it is better to use circle hooks to minimize killing fish. Photo ops of large stripers before they are released, also need to be done in a matter of minutes to ensure the fishes survival.

Wild Turkey hunting has been great so far with many big toms being harvested locally. The birds became extremely vocal last week as the big toms go in search of a hen. Many hens are on their nest by now, so funding a new chick to

families which is commendable. It is extremely difficult, especially in rural areas for high school students to save up enough money to afford even a community college.

Often times those students who do attempt to save thousands of dollars, have to do so by giving up after school activities such as soccer, band etc. If the cost of colleges hadn’t increased so drastically, we wouldn’t need to think twice about this.

Many parents who make just over minimum wage are drowning in debt after taking out Parent Plus loans, just to see to it that their children can get an education. Even trade schools are rising in cost.

A two-year tuition free community college (not universities — there’s a difference) would be a great opportunity for any American wanting to get a jump start on their education, especially for those students who come from lower income households. Seniors who would never otherwise have had a chance at an education would now be offered one. Any opportunity for us to help educate our youth, especially those with the most need, is a good one.

Oftentimes, it’s hard to empathize with people, until you put a face to it. If you think hard enough, you can easily think of an individual in your life who could have really benefited from an opportunity such as the one mentioned above.

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rates started to increase faster than inflation. Prior to the 1970s, tuition rates increased roughly two to three percent each year. In 2003, the cost went up 14 percent in just one year. In 1987, the rate for a public school saw a 44 percent change.

In the late 1990’s, the debt was so bad that people put off weddings, having children and making other big lifetime decisions.

The year 2008 saw an increase of 439 percent since 1982, while income has only increased 147 percent. If things continue as they are in 2028, the cost will be \$340,800 for a private school education per year and \$95,000 for a public school.

Americans over the age of 60 currently owe more than \$86 billion in unpaid loans, and many of them are concerned that the government will garnish their Social Security, leaving them with nothing.

The proposed American Families Plan is slated to include, for those who wish, two years of free community college tuition. Expenses for books and supplies would be funded by the student. In our small rural communities, we see high school seniors who really want to go to college, but just can’t afford it. Often times they are working part time jobs to help support their own

Former Nativity School president to lead GWCF Philanthropy

WORCESTER – Patrick T. Maloney was welcomed by the Greater Worcester Community Foundation recently as the Foundation’s new Vice President of Philanthropy. In this role, Maloney will oversee donor services and the development and implementation of all fundraising and endowment building activities at the Foundation.

“Patrick is an asset to the GWCF team,” said Carolyn Stempler, Interim President and CEO of the Foundation. “As we emerge from the pandemic and work to build a more inclusive and resilient Central Massachusetts, he will lead an exciting new era of impactful philanthropy at the Foundation.”

“I’m grateful to join the GWCF team at a formative moment in its history,” said Maloney. “I’m looking forward to contributing to the Foundation’s efforts towards making a more equitable Worcester for all residents.”

Maloney had served as President of Nativity School of Worcester since 2016. Prior to that he headed the advancement efforts at the school as Vice President of Advancement and Director of Advancement starting in 2012. Prior to Nativity School of Worcester, he also played a role in fundraising efforts at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, first as Associate Director of Annual Giving before advancing to Senior Associate Director of Annual Giving.

For the past three years, Maloney has chaired the board of directors for the Worcester-based housing relief nonprofit Matthew 25, Inc. He is also a member of the Supervisory Committee of Millbury Federal Credit Union and a GWCF Corporator.

A native of Worcester, Maloney is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and Saint John’s High School in Shrewsbury. Maloney and his wife Kristine live in Worcester with their two children.

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- **1861:** QUEEN VICTORIA OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ISSUES A PROCLAMATION THAT RECOGNIZES THE CONFEDERACY AS HAVING BELLIGERENT RIGHTS DURING THE U.S. CIVIL WAR.



HOW MANY MINUTES
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TRY TO GET EVERY DAY?

ANSWER: ON AVERAGE, 30 MINUTES



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How they
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ENGLISH: Exercise

SPANISH: Ejercicio

ITALIAN: Moto

FRENCH: Exercice

GERMAN: Sport



A COMBINATION OF EXERCISE
AND BALANCED
EATING IS THE
RECIPE FOR
MAINTAINING A
HEALTHY WEIGHT.



Can you guess what
the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: DUMBELL

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Mother's Day.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 12 = E)

A. 2 11 16 12
Clue: Strong emotion

B. 9 11 5 17 12 13
Clue: Female parent

C. 15 24 26 5 23
Clue: Presents

D. 23 3 12 18 24 21 2
Clue: Beyond ordinary

Answers: A. love B. mother C. gifts D. special

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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!

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

ANSWER:

Community members elected to Health Foundation

WORCESTER — The Board of The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts recently elected the

following individuals to serve three-year terms as Community Members on Board Committees:

Elvis Mendez, MS, Co-Director of Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts, was elected to serve his first three-year term on the Community Outreach Committee.

Daniel P. Ricciardi, MBA, Interim Chief Investment Officer and Assistant

Treasurer at the College of the Holy Cross, was elected to serve his first three-year term on the Investment Committee.

B. Joyce Gilmore, RN, community activist, was elected to serve her first three-year term on the Nominating Committee.

The Foundation was established in 1999 with the proceeds from the sale

of Central Massachusetts Health Care, Inc., a physician-initiated, not-for-profit HMO. The Foundation currently has assets of around \$90 million and has awarded grants totaling almost \$48 million to improve the health of those who live or work in Central Massachusetts. For further information about the Foundation's grant programs, please visit The Health Foundation's website at www.hfcm.org or call (508) 438-0009.

LEGALS

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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and Family Court
225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO21C0161CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Sarah Elizabeth Catlin**
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Sarah Elizabeth Catlin of Northbridge MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Sarah Elizabeth Bowen-Catlin
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/01/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 29, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
May 14, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
225 Main Street
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(508) 831-2200
Docket No. WO19P3236EA
Estate of:
Gertrude B Henault
Date of Death: 08/08/2019
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Mark Villamaino of Uxbridge MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: **10:00 a.m.** on the return day of **06/01/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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April 29, 2021
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Docket No. WO21C0153CA
CITATION ON PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME
In the matter of:
Jaxson Rhyett Ruggiero**
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Jaxson Rhyett Ruggiero of Whitinsville MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Jaxson Rhyett Opatka
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Worcester Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/25/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 28, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
Register of Probate
May 14, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P1348EA
Estate of:
Mary H. Branowicki
Date Of Death: February 22, 2021
NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE**
To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Karen M. Legere of Northbridge MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
Karen M. Legere of Northbridge MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
May 14, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
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Docket No. WO21P1323EA
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Estate of:
Michael John Kuras
Date of Death: 03/10/2021**
To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Maryann Kuras of Howell NJ** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Maryann Kuras of Howell NJ** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised** administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/25/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 21, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman,
Register of Probate
May 14, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Division
Docket No. WO21P1365EA
Estate of:
Linda Isabelle Nelson
Also Known As:
Linda I. Nelson
Date Of Death: March 6, 2021**

**NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PROBATE**
To all persons interested in the above-captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Christine E. Meuse of Shrewsbury MA** **Christine E. Meuse of Shrewsbury MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
May 14, 2021

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Worcester Probate and Family Court
225 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
Docket No. WO21P1485PM
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L.c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405
In the matter of:
Paul C Staffier
Of: Northbridge, MA
RESPONDENT**
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Elizabeth J Sullivan of Mendon, MA Anne C Fleming of Mendon, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Paul C Staffier** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Elizabeth J Sullivan of Mendon, MA Anne C Fleming of Mendon, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **06/01/2021**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the abovenamed person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A. Keamy, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 30, 2021
Stephanie K. Fattman
May 14, 2021

**NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE**
Premises: 17 Arnold Road, Douglas, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Cindy M. Loring and Scott E. Loring to Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a division of First Tennessee Bank N.A., said mortgage dated June 27, 2007, and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 41390 at Page 315, and now held by U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, by virtue of an assignment from MTGLQ Investors, L.P., to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, dated January 21, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62828, Page 268, previously assigned by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust, to MTGLQ Investors, L.P., by virtue of an assignment dated January 21, 2020 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 62711, Page 81, previously assigned by Federal National Mortgage Association to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Carlsbad Funding Mortgage Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated May 26, 2016 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 55667, Page 102, previously assigned Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, A Division of First Tennessee Bank, N.A., to Federal National Mortgage Association by virtue of a gap assignment dated November 19, 2018 and recorded in the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds in Book 59773, Page 391, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **May 24, 2021 at 12:00 PM Local Time** upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: That certain lot of land situated in Douglas, Worcester County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon designated as lot numbered One Hundred Fifty One (151), Section 1, on that plot of land entitled "Wallum Lake Terrace", surveyed and plotted by G. Bertrand Bibeault, Civil Engineer, July, 1955, which said plan is on file and recorded in the Land Evidence Records of the Town of Douglas in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 207. Plan 119 reference to which is hereby made for more particular description. The conveyance is made subject to all easements of record and all restrictions as specified and enumerated in Deed dated September 10, 1959 and recorded in Book 4064, Page 221, in said Worcester County Registry of Deeds.
For title reference see deed dated July 2, 1999 and recorded at Book 21594 Page 39 and recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds.
The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title, see deed dated June 14, 2007, and recorded in Book 41390 at Page 313 with the Worcester County (Worcester District) Registry of Deeds.
TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Attorney for U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT
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April 30, 2021
May 7, 2021
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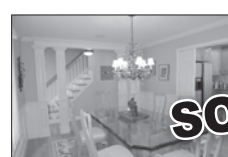
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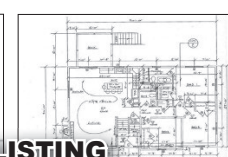
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DUDLEY - 12 Susan Drive! Ideal 7 Rm Split! Beautifully Landscaped 18,615' Lot including a Heated In-Ground Pool w/Pool House! Fully Appliance Kitchen w/Corian Counters, Island, Hrdwd Floor & Door to the Deck! Dining Rm w/Hrdwds & Slider to Deck overlooking the Pool! Living Rm w/Bay Window, Brick Fireplace w/Wood Pellet Insert & Fujitsu Wall Mount A/C Split Unit! 3 Comfortable Bdrms all w/Double Closets, Spacious 12x16' Master! Halfway Full Bathrm w/Skylight & Door to the Master! Lower Level 13x24' Family Rm w/Recessed Lighting! Convenient Half Bath! 2 Car Heated Garage! Many 2018 Updates - Roof, Siding, Windows, Buderus Furnace, Hot Water Super Store, Oil Tank & Pool Liner! Out Back a Garden Area & Storage Shed! Town Services! Won't Last! **\$339,000.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 11 Henry Road! Bates Point - Middle Pond + Panoramic Views + Western Exposure = Beautiful Sunsets! Never 2 the Same! 3,184' 9 Room Fully Furnished Colonial Built from the Ground Up as a New Home in 2005! This Home Features 4 Bedrooms, 2 of which are Master Suites, 1 of which Overlooks the Lake, 4.5 Bathrooms, 2 of which have Separate Showers & Whirlpool Tubs, 3 of which have Double Granite Vanities, 2 Complete Granite/Stainless Kitchens! The First Floor Open Floor Plan with Hardwood Floors Features an Eat-in Kitchen with LP Gas Jenn-Air Range, Double Drawer Dishwasher & Trash Compactor! Spacious Formal Dining Room with Crown Moldings & Chair Rails! Lake Facing Great Room/Living Room with Gas Fireplace, Wet Bar with Bottle Cooler, Surround Sound & Slider to Composite Deck! Half Bath with Laundry Closet! The Second Floor with 4 Bedrooms! Comfortable Front 16x16 and Back 17x17 Masters with Tray Ceilings, Recessed Lighting, Ceiling Fans, Surround Sound & Full Tile/Granite Bathrooms! Full Hall Bath for the other 2 Bedrooms! Fully Finished Walk-out Lower Level with Full Summer Kitchen, Family Room with Gas Fireplace, Surround Sound, Slider to Paver Patio & Full Bath! Buderus 3 Zone Oil Heat! 3 Zone Air Conditioning! Central Vac! Security! 2 Car Heated Garage! Boat Dock! **\$1,099,900.00**

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WEBSTER - 103 UPPER GORE RD



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Market Volume	\$4,846,200	\$5,431,500	▲
# of Homes Sold	13	13	►
Avg Days on Market	23	36	▲
Month Supply Inv.	1.00	.44	▼

WEBSTER

	April 2020	April 2021	Trend
Median Price	\$258,500	\$342,500	▲
Market Volume	\$2,856,325	\$6,070,650	▲
# of Homes Sold	15	10	▼
Avg Days on Market	53	21	▼
Month Supply Inv.	1.43	.31	▼

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UXBRIDGE

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Among the “favorable” recommendations are Article 20, which seeks to amend the sections of the zoning bylaws which establish the maximum number of retail marijuana establishments.

“The committee believes that there should not be a limit on the number of retail establishments, instead, allowing the free market to determine which businesses are successful,” the committee released. “The committee supports the increase in retail establishments recognizing that the minimal community impact and resulting tax revenue provides a significant financial benefit to the town.”

The committee also recommends a favorable action for Article 17, a grant of easement for the purposes of establishing a bike path.

“While this project appears to be challenging, the committee supports the establishment of a recreation path as presented by the Blackstone Heritage Corridor.”

The committee recommended unfavorable actions for Articles 7 and 8, pertaining to the Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

“The committee does not advocate the use of reserves to fund department operational budgets,” the committee stated, adding that it suggests that a “comparative analysis of revenue and expenses” be performed to determine if the current expense structure is appropriate.

Further, the committee recommended that the Sewer Commissioners adjust revenue or expenses in order to “achieve a balanced enterprise budget” for fiscal year 2022.

Uxbridge’s Town Meeting will take place tomorrow, May 15, at 2 p.m. at the McCloskey School, 62 Capron St. in Uxbridge.

The full warrant and more information can be found online at uxbridge-ma.gov. As part of the town’s general bylaws, all articles in any warrant for Town Meeting are referred to the Finance Committee for its consideration. The committee releases a written publicized report and makes its recommendations “as it deems best to serve the interests” of the town.

SUTTON

continued from page A1 said.

The full warrant and more information can be found on the town’s website, suttonma.org.

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Cities and the smaller communities too often left behind by the modern economy. We are reintroducing the BRAIN TRAIN Act to provide the focus and funding that will ensure every part of our Commonwealth is connected to the larger national rail network Congress is poised to create.”

“I’m glad to join Sen. Markey and Congressman McGovern in reintroducing the BRAIN TRAIN Act which would help fund critical infrastructure projects

In other news, Sutton’s Town Hall reopened on May 10, said Smith, and the library will also be opening. The Senior Center is slated to reopen on Monday, May 17.

“We’re slowly getting back to normal,” Smith said. “We appreciate your

patience.”

Smith added that residents are asked to wear masks to Town Meeting and when visiting Town Hall.

“We appreciate your willingness to do that,” Smith added.

here in Massachusetts and across the country,” added Warren. “By expanding transportation to smaller communities, we can provide residents with more access to public transit, connect people to jobs, and spur economic activity across the entire Commonwealth.”

“We have a once-in-a-generation chance to cut through the gridlock in Washington and build a more thoughtful, accessible, and inclusive transportation network that empowers communities and passengers throughout Central and Western Massachusetts to have a say in shaping the future of this

country,” said McGovern. “President Biden got it right when he announced the American Jobs Plan: he said we need to go big, we need to go bold, and we need to get it done so we can have an economy that gives everybody a chance to succeed. I’m proud to partner with Senators Markey and Warren to reintroduce this vital bill so we can ensure that as we work out the details of this infrastructure package, we build back not only better, but we build back in a way that ensures economic growth and opportunity is spread equitably throughout the Commonwealth.”

Vacation care for container gardens



GARDEN MOMENTS

MELINDA MYERS

Planning a few long weekends or a vacation may have you rethinking your garden plans. Don’t let time away from home stop you from growing flowers and vegetables in containers.

Irrigation systems with timers and self-watering pots are options to make container gardening and vacation care easier. You may, however, just be looking for ways to adapt your existing container gardening care while on vacation.

Find a plant sitter and take time to provide needed plant care instructions. It can be difficult, but you may be able to convince the person stopping by to feed the cat to water your plants. Move containers to a shady spot to extend the time between watering. Make sure the hose is handy. The easier the task, the more likely it will be done, and your plants will survive. Sweeten the deal by offering to share the harvest or return the favor when they leave town.

Create your own self-watering system with a 5-gallon bucket and strips of absorbent material like cotton fabric strips or rope to serve as wicks. Place the bucket

amongst your containers. Run the fabric wick from the 5-gallon bucket into the drainage holes of your containers. As the soil dries the water will move from the water-filled bucket into the container moistening the soil. Use long wicks that reach and rest on the bottom of the bucket. Add a lid with holes for the wicks to slow evaporation. Use an individual setup to create a water reservoir for each container. Set each pot on its own enclosed water filled container. Cut holes in the lid of the water filled container and run wicks into the drainage holes of the pot.

Test whatever system you create before leaving on vacation. You want to make sure everything is in place and working.

For short trips consider using a wine bottle or two-li-

ter soda bottle. They can be used alone or combined with commercial products to help regulate the flow. Just punch a hole in the soil and insert a water filled wine or soda bottle. With cap in place, punch 10 holes in the bottom of the plastic bottle before filling with water and setting in the soil. Evaluate and test how many bottles you need per pot and how long they can sustain your plants.

Increase the watering-holding ability of your potting mix with a product like Wild Valley Farms’ wool pellets (wildvalleyfarms.com). This organic soil additive made from wool waste holds up to 20 percent of its weight in water. It releases water as needed, so you do not have to water as often.

Further reduce the need to water by growing more drought tolerant plants. Zinnias, lantana, sunflowers, and succulents look beautiful and tolerate drier soil conditions.

A beautiful and productive container garden does not have to stop you from enjoying a long weekend or vacation out of town. Make plans for your container gardens as you plan your next trip.



Melinda Myers

Water or wine bottles can be combined with commercial products to help regulate the flow of water to container gardens while away on vacation.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Myers’ Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.



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DIY Repairs on Vintage Finds

Brimfield Flea market time is right around the corner, and despite the fact that only a few fields are expected to open due to COVID restrictions, eager shoppers itching to get back in the antiques game are prepped to snap up bargains at the famous shows as well as at area yard sales. While good deals on vintage wares are exciting finds, chances are many old items will need a little TLC before being put into active duty.

To usher in a new season of flea markets, tag sales and estate auctions, this week's column will review a roundup some of my favorite tricks to transform your (not so perfect) bargains into fantastic finds!

Marble repairs can break the budget, but this do-it-yourself tip does the trick for a lot less! Small cracks in marble can be hidden with a mixture of wax and chalk dust. Melt a candle the color of the marble, blend in chalk dust to give it body and apply to the crack carefully with a paintbrush.

Aged linens are lovely, but are often found with stains. Take a tip from housewives of the past to keep vintage textiles terrific: To remove rust stains from old linens the chemical free way, simply rub lemon juice and salt directly on the stain and hang in the sun to dry. For stubborn stains on sturdy linens, boil them in a pot of hot water to which a little eco friendly powdered laundry detergent has been added. Let cook for about twenty minutes. Hang out in the sun to dry. If the stain is not gone, try leaving linens out for subsequent sunny days until stain has faded.

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If your less than perfect

porcelain or glass piece needs repair, the following chemical free glue often yields great results: You'll need: two packets (½ ounce) unflavored gelatin; two tablespoons cold water; three tablespoons skim milk. To do: In a small bowl, sprinkle gelatin over cold water. Set aside to gel. Heat milk to boiling point and mix into softened gelatin. Stir until gelatin is dissolved. Apply a thin layer of warm glue to edges of glass, being sure to align break. Press firmly and apply masking tape over fix. Then prop the piece in a box filled with sand for support until completely dry, or tape and clamp the item to ensure a tight adhesion.

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Old wicker is gorgeous, but it isn't always without its splits and breaks. Here is the easiest way to repair old wicker: For breaks that require the two pieces to be fused: Coat each half of the break with Elmer's glue, applying glue to area around break points. . Cover wicker on both sides with wax paper and clamp the broken piece between boards overnight. If the break requires further strength, it can be further reinforced by weaving wire through the surrounding wicker to secure. Wicker splits can be repaired in the same manner.

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Was that antique mirror a deal because of its peeling silver? Before you dish out big bucks to resilver the glass, try "foiling" the eye by taping pieces of aluminum foil to the backs of the offending spots. Or, if you can't live with a tinfoil patch, completely remove silver from the back of the old mirror with a razor blade. Have a new mirror cut to fit the size of your frame and attach



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it to the frame behind the old glass. Voila! You have the look of the old glass with a nice clear view!

Retro liquor decanters are fabulous finds, but the alcohol they once held will often leave dark stains. What do to? Treat it with an organic acid such as citric acid, white vinegar or a mixture of one tablespoon of salt to a quarter of a pint of vinegar. Leave in the glass or decanter for 24 hours, shaking occasionally, then rinse and dry thoroughly. If stains are still there, repeat the process although tough stains may never completely be removed.

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To save serious cash on commercial wax wood restorers, check your shoe shine kit. Lackluster wood finishes on mahogany or cherry furniture or frames can be instantly renewed with a coat of cordovan color wax shoe polish.

Black and brown sponge on type shoe polish are also great touch up tools for old wrought iron pieces.

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Swinging sixties plastic furniture and accessories are hot collectibles. But many of the vintage pieces on the market are well used - and scratched up! The good news is, you can sometimes hide surface scratches on plastic simply by applying a good coat of car wax.

Want to spruce up silverplate cutlery without hash chemicals? Try the

old fashioned tin foil technique to remove silver. It's quick and easy, especially if you have several pieces to clean. Fold a thick piece of tin foil and place it in the kitchen sink to cover the entire bottom. Add the tarnished silverware and fill sink with boiling or very hot tap water to fully cover the pieces. For each quart of water add one teaspoon each of salt and baking soda. Soak the silver for several minutes until the tarnish is gone. Remove silver, rinse and buff dry with a soft cloth. Note: Homemade methods may leave a dull white luster on pieces or damage them. Don't polish valuable or enameled silver this way and always test a few pieces first.

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If the veneer is bubbled on your vintage furniture piece, place a piece of stiff cardboard on the wood and press with an iron set at medium heat. Press until you the heat softens the glue and you can feel the wood give a bit. Then press down and weight the area until the glue has redried.

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Vintage trunks are affordable finds, but they

often come with a musty odor from basement storage. Here's a quick fix: Simply sprinkle some powdered cat litter box deodorizer generously in the trunk. Close it up and let it sit for a week. Better yet, after you've mowed the lawn, toss some grass clippings inside and close the lid. Stir the grass each day for a week. The chlorophyll from the grass will absorb the smell!

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Old games and boxes sometimes still wear their original price tags written in permanent marker. Try wetting a Mr. Clean Eraser and carefully rubbing away the ink. This works well on glossy finishes. Be careful, if you start wearing away the paper, stop. Or try removing marker on washable surfaces with hair spray. Spray on and immediately wipe off. Repeat as necessary.

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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 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.

In-person open studio returns at Massasoit Art Guild

REGION — Massasoit Art Guild is returning to in person open studio. On Wednesday, May 19, we will be returning to our studio in person.

Open Studio is from 9:30 a.m. - noon each Wednesday. Bring your supplies, your creativity and get back to painting together in person! The support, caring critiques, and encouragement is invaluable. Membership is required. Our studio is at 108 School St, East Brookfield.

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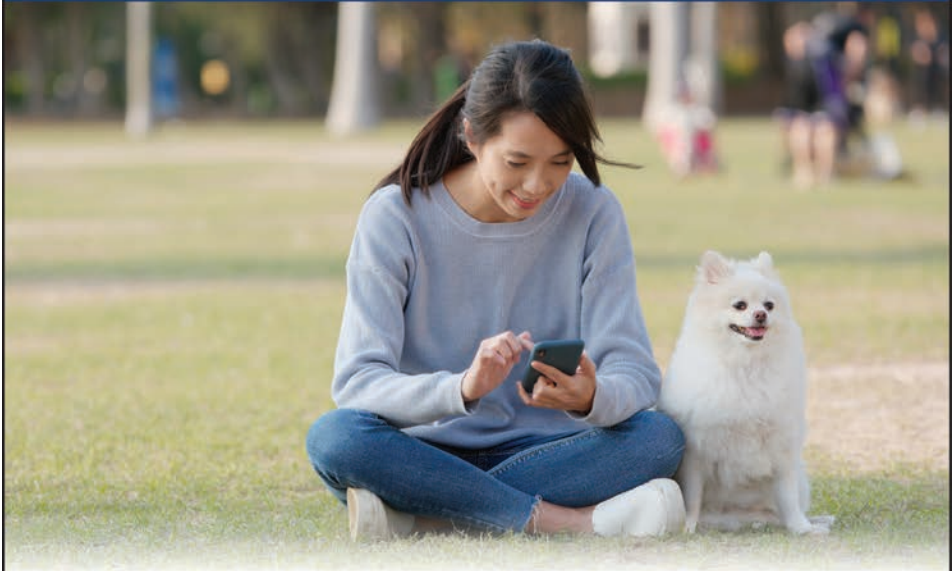
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