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# Selectmen welcome new board member

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Charlton Board of Selectmen welcomed its newest member during a short meeting on Tuesday, May 4, and named a new chair with the departure of previous chair Karen Spiewak.

Bill Borowski received the unanimous vote to serve as the board's chair for the next year. The selectman was elected in 2019 to a term that ends in May of 2022. It is Borowski's first term as Chair of the board. He had previously served as the clerk of the board until May of 2020.

The meeting also put in place the vice chair and clerk for the next twelve months. Patsy Rydlak was unanimously voted to continue serving as vice chair while the board's newest addition, Barbara "Basia" Zurawski, who won the 2021 municipal election on May 1, was named clerk, a usual tradition for newcomers to the board. Stephen Koronis had previously served as clerk after being elected in 2020 and along with Selectman David Singer, who ran unopposed on May 1, completes the new Board of Selectmen roster.

Before closing the meeting,

the board's new Selectman Borowski took a moment to recognize his fellow selectmen on their successes and thanked everyone who participated in the 2021 municipal election.

"I just want to congratulate Selectman Singer for his reelection bid and formerly welcome Basia to the board. I know we're all very excited to have you. I also have to congratulate everyone who ran, regardless of the outcome. It takes a lot to put your name out there," Borowski said. "I hope those who came up a little short this time will consider staying involved in moving our town forward."



Photos Courtesy  
Bill Borowski has been named Chair of the Board of Selectmen.



Barbara Zurawski was welcomed as the town's newest selectwoman.

## BAY PATH'S KAYLA CANTY NAMED MVA NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR



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Kayla Canty is a Metal Fabrication senior student at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School. Canty, who is from Charlton, was awarded the Massachusetts Vocational Association (MVA) non-traditional student of the year. She is the only Metal Fabrication female student in her shop class. She will also receive a check for \$500.

Other accomplishments are a John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. She placed second in the district and will compete in the state contest for welding sculpture in Skills USA. After graduation she was accepted to Bridgewater State University and will study social work. Pictured here with Canty (center) are Chris Wong Kam (left) and Patrick Fogarty (right).

# YMCA prepares for summer

CHARLTON — The YMCA of Central Massachusetts, Tri Community Family Branch in Southbridge has offered Camp at its Charlton location every summer. Camp Foscett sits on the shores of the East Charlton Reservoir and encompasses more than 100 acres of open fields, trails, beachfront, and wooded/wetland areas, all great for outdoor exploration by campers.

During the summer of 2020, the camp, licensed by the local Board of Health, operated at a limited capacity of 60 Campers due to the pandemic.

"Approved plans for the safety of campers and staff have always been a priority and will continue to be in the future," stated YMCA Senior Program Director Susan Casine, who has been with the Tri Community Family Branch for 30 years and oversees the operation at Camp Foscett. "Each group of campers stay together the entire week. They participate in all of the fun activities offered: swimming, archery, boating, hiking, mountain biking, arts and crafts, and nature

exploration and are simply allowed to be kids while there."

Safety precautions are enforced daily at Camp Foscett.

"Parents drop off the campers every morning in the top field," Casine said. "The parents don't even need to leave their cars. Nursing staff screen every child for temperature and any signs of illness prior to the children leaving the car to go with their peers. Our nursing staff (2) are on site daily as long as the Campers are there. In addition, hand sanitizing stations are placed throughout the camp and all Camp Staff are fully trained and certified in both CPR and First Aid."

During the 2020 season, the groups of children, split up by ages, were each assigned to an outdoor platform area which they were allowed to decorate weekly as their home base.

"Having children experience the camaraderie of a small group and make new friendships has been such a strong part of camp," said Casine. "Some of these kids are now returning with their own children because their experiences

were so positive!"

While plans for spending the majority of time outdoors make camp safer for all, there are days when the rains will send campers inside. Camp Foscett has a large pavilion and two bath houses that serve as emergency space in inclement weather. The campers and their groups can still utilize the indoor space yet be "socially distanced" enough to stay away from other groups.

During 2021 many of the same safety precautions will remain in place.

"The camp is a hidden gem in Charlton," states YMCA Branch Director Chris Blackwell. "Each year, staff and volunteers dedicate time to making sure the site is ready to open."

In addition, camp staff often come together to plan new themes and programs for the children for the nine weeks that the camp is in operation.

There is no better place to be a kid!

Blackwell also acknowledged that the local United

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# Shepherd Hill moves forward with senior celebrations

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – A year after the Class of 2020 was forced to forgo much of the pomp and circumstance of their final months as students at Shepherd Hill Regional High School, the district is working hard to make sure the Class of 2021 can enjoy their senior festivities over the next month.

Shepherd Hill Principal William Chaplin provided an update on end-of-year activities during a meeting of the regional school committee in late April where he explains that prom, the senior banquet and graduation are all still on for the Class of 2021.

"None of this is easy. We've been thinking all year about how we could provide a high school experience through this pandemic lens. I think at this point in the year, we started looking at the seniors, and no way did we think we were going to be going through this with the Class of 2020, and I didn't think we would be going through this with the Class of 2021, but we are," Chaplin said.

The first event that will honor seniors this month is the senior banquet on May 21 at

Mt. Wachusett, which Chaplin said has been working hard with the school district to make sure everyone can experience the festivities even with the 150-person limit still in place. The solution is holding two different ceremonies on the same night to allow for social distancing but also fair access for those looking to celebrate their student's achievements.

"Initially, we were only going to do one senior banquet that evening, but we've broken it up into two. We're going to work it into two events with a middle where people can sign up to go to two different two-hour events with a couple of hours in the middle where Wachusett would come in and clean. That really opened up the numbers so really anybody who wants to attend that senior banquet will be allowed under the conditions that we set forth," said Chaplin.

Next up on May 27 is senior prom, which Chaplin admitted was initially called off. However, after receiving push-back, the school decided to make prom work choosing a new venue with indoor and outdoor space, the recently opened Polar Park in Worcester.

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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

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# Lawmakers reintroduced BRAIN TRAIN Act

BY JASON BLEAU  
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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 Cities and the smaller communities too often left behind by the modern econ-



Courtesy Photo

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

my. 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 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 thought-

ful, 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.”



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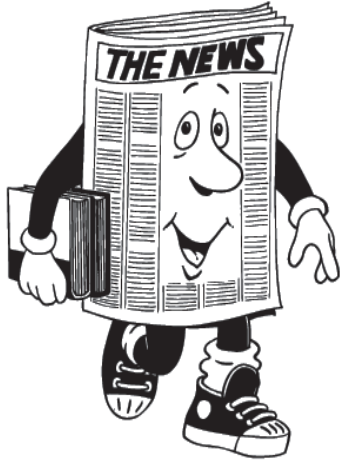
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## In-person open studio returns at Massasoit Art Guild

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.

We will be following CDC Covid guidelines. Masks required. If you are not a member and would like more information please email us at massasoitartguild@gmail.com or visit us at massasoitartguild@gmail.com for membership information.

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Finally, graduation will take place on Sunday, June 6 at 4 p.m. at the DCU Center, but will be starkly different from the previous ceremonies that had been held in the convention center. For 2021, the ceremony moves to the main venue, with each graduate getting four tickets for guests who will be organized in “pods” to maintain social distancing during the ceremony. Principal Chaplin said if all goes well the Class of 2021 will have plenty to remember from their final months at Shepherd Hill even if they still have to work around the ongoing pandemic.

“We’re going to follow all the guidelines...Many seniors are getting vaccinated, which is wonderful. They’re getting appointments and getting in there. We’re still going to work on pool testing as well before those events and then move on from there,” said Chaplin. “The bottom line is we’re trying to do the best that we can with the situation that we have following the guidelines and really trying to create that experience for our Class of 2021 and really

celebrate them and recognize them.”

The district is also working on the logistics for a senior parade similar to the event held in 2020 that honored seniors in place of a physical graduation gathering. That event would act more as a kickoff to the graduation season in 2021. Other senior activities in the works including possible a senior pep rally or barbecue outdoors and a drive-in style movie on the hill.

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Way of South Central Massachusetts has been a strong supporter of the camp programs, including this year.

“Financial Assistance is available for those families who need it,” Blackwell said. “Our staff is here and ready to answers any questions to help make Camp Foskett a great option for summer fun. We invite everyone to stop by the camp, located at 189 Daniels Rd. in Charlton, for our Open House this Sunday, May 16, between 10 a.m. and noon to meet staff and take a look around as we get ready for a summer of adventures around every corner!”

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

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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](mailto:jmartin@qcc.mass.edu).

# 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.

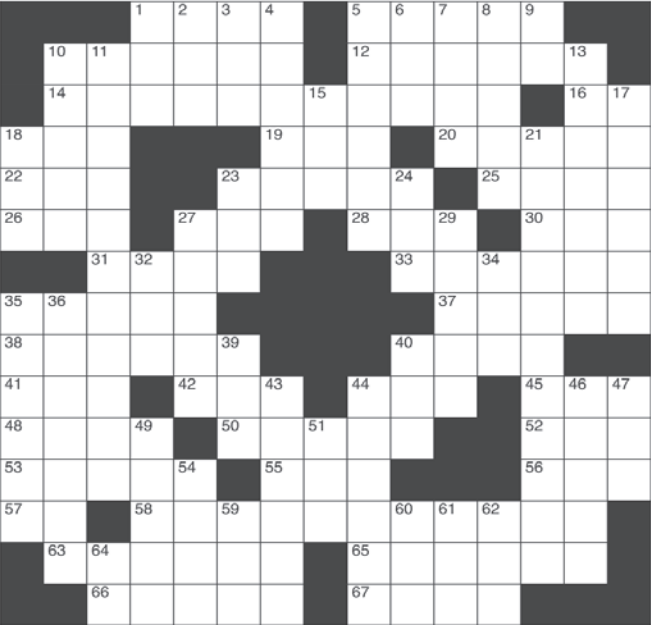
Daniel P. Ricciardi, MBA, Interim Chief Investment Officer and Assistant Treasurer at the College of the Holy Cross, was elected to serve his first three-year term on the Investment Committee.

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 pro-

ceeds 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](http://www.hfcm.org) or call (508) 438-0009.

For more information about the state’s COVID-19 regulations and target reopening dates, visit [www.mass.gov/reopening](http://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 subconsciousnesses

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

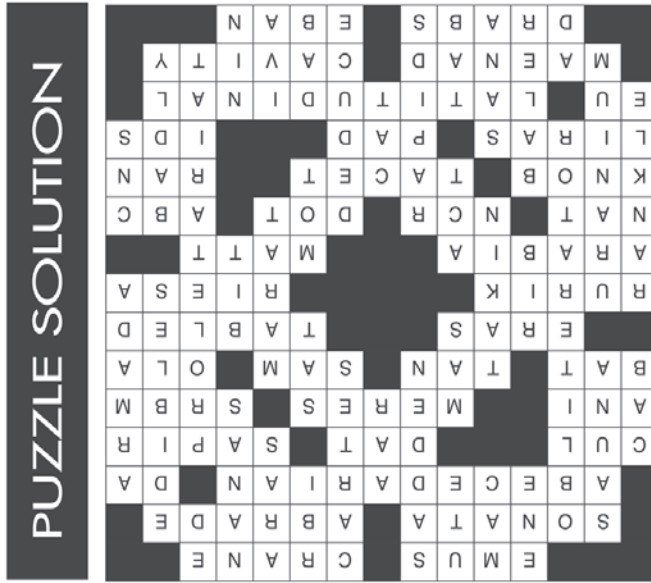
59. Check

60. Press against lightly

61. Wind-pollinated plants

62. \_\_\_compoop

64. Commercial



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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.

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# Good weather means great activity at Hitchcock Academy

BRIMFIELD — On Saturday, May 22, just in time for Memorial Day Planting, Hitchcock Academy will be holding its Grow With Us plant sale fundraiser. Beginning at 8 am on the HFA lawn, just off Route 20 in Brimfield, there will be a huge assortment of annuals, perennials, vegetables and hanging planters. Gardening is a great family activity, which provides the benefits of sunshine, exercise, and cooperation. Bring the children and let them choose some of their own plants while you support Hitchcock Academy’s community efforts. People, who have already begun their gardening by dividing their plants are encouraged to donate their excess to Hitchcock for this fundraiser. Hitchcock Academy’s 11th Annual Trash to Treasure Town Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, June 5 is a great time to sell those unwanted or unused items uncovered while quarantining in the pandemic. Registering for the Trash to Treasure Event at [hitchcockacademy.org](http://hitchcockacademy.org) or by stopping in HFA and filling out a form during regular business hours, means a seller’s location with a short description of their unique goods will be included on a printed Town

Wide Tag Sale map available starting the day before for \$2. A free online version will be available on our website. According to HFA’s Executive Director, Cindy Skowyr, “In 2020, there were over 55 participants in this event and HFA sold more than 400 printed maps the morning of the sale.” As it is a town wide sale, it draws in bargain hunters from many of the surrounding communities, which adds incentive to participate. In addition to uncovering terrific bargains, this event, while following Covid guidelines, provides an opportunity for friends and neighbors to get out and socialize. Skowyr is also excited to announce that Hitchcock will be sponsoring a new summertime event this year. Saturday, June 26 at 7:30 a.m. marks tee time at the Fore A Great Cause Golf Tournament to be held at the Heritage Country Club in Charlton. Heritage Country Club is an 18 hole championship course, considered one of Central Massachusetts’ finest public golfing venues. At 6,710 yards, the par 71 course offers players of all abilities a superior golfing experience. The registration fee provides the option to sign up with a team or

individually, and it includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a steak dinner at the end of the day, and the opportunity to win prizes throughout the tournament. Interested golfers can sign up to play at [hitchcockacademy.org](http://hitchcockacademy.org). Skowyr also notes that there are several levels of sponsorship opportunities available for the tournament. Organizations, which are interested in supporting Hitchcock Academy’s community programming goals, while simultaneously increasing their outreach, are urged to contact Cindy Skowyr at 413-245-9977 for more information regarding these opportunities. The Grow With Us Plant Sale, the Trash to Treasure Town Wide Tag Sale and the Fore a Great Cause Golf Tournament mark the beginning of what Hitchcock Academy plans for a busy summer. According to Skowyr some of the plans for the summer months are concerts on the common, movie nights and the annual Sip and Stars fundraiser. “We hope to be busy,” Skowyr said, “and to really make the most of the good weather and the ability for people to gather again.”

# 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](mailto:smocle@lasell.edu) or at 617-243-2386.



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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 management 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.

## Ladies Auxiliary of Quinebaug Lodge to host Craft Market



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Just one example of the craft tents set up by Norah's Fabric Creations that will be at Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge on Sunday, May 30.

SOUTHBRIDGE — On Sunday, May 30, the Ladies Auxiliary of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge, located on Route 131 at 339 Ashland Ave. in Southbridge, will be hosting a Craft Market. This will be held on the last Sunday of each month starting on May 30, for the next five months, from May through September, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This Craft Market offers a great opportunity to find all kinds of unique gifts and crafts for your home or anyone on your shopping list. Everything from hand sewn items, crochet items, candles, signs, soaps, jewelry, active wear, kids and women's clothing and much,

much more. All Covid-19 Guidelines must be followed.

Some Vendors including, but not limited to are, Little Hearts Custom Creations, Norah's Fabric Creations, SOR Creations, Matilda Jane, Jackson's Creative Cakes and Crafts, Nicole Singer Arts. If you are interested in setting up a tent display and would like more details of space availability and setup information or have any questions or concerns, please contact Norah Proper at 1-413-297-8374 or e-mail her at [norahsfabriccreations@yahoo.com](mailto:norahsfabriccreations@yahoo.com).

## Harrington receives YMCA's George Vasil Community Award

SOUTHBRIDGE — Harrington HealthCare System has been named as this year's recipient of the George Vasil Community Award by the YMCA of Central Massachusetts.

The YMCA of Central Massachusetts Tri-Community Family Branch in Southbridge, along with the Board of Governors, has chosen to award Harrington HealthCare System the award for its role in caring for the community in a variety of ways throughout the pandemic.

The George Vasil Community Service Award is traditionally given to a person or group in the Southbridge, Sturbridge, and Charlton (Tri-Community) area who work tirelessly for the greater needs of others within their community, without expecting anything in return.

“Harrington without a doubt has played a major role in the last 12 months to help curb the pandemic,” said YMCA of Central Massachusetts Tri-Community Family Branch Director Christina Hadis-Blackwell. “From assisting residents in the wide geographic area that Harrington serves to continue to be a silent

yet powerful partner to agencies within the community, Harrington Healthcare System has stepped up and led the way in assisting so many in the community.”

“We are extremely honored by this award by the YMCA Tri-Community,” said Ed Moore, President and CEO of Harrington HealthCare System. “This award shows how hard this organization and our employees have worked to protect the community and fight against the pandemic.”

In announcing the award, Hadis-Blackwell noted several specific actions that led to Harrington being selected as this year's award recipient. Those actions included: working with local and state leaders to designate the YMCA Child Care Center as an emergency care center for children of hospital employees, first responders, and essential employees who needed a safe and secure place for their children while parents or guardians worked to fight the pandemic; providing efficient and compassionate COVID testing and vaccination services to the local community; and supporting the wellbeing of the community in other ways, such as when the Harrington Auxiliary

members donated to the YMCA Child Care Center to ensure that all of the center's children had holiday gifts.

The award was officially presented to Harrington HealthCare System President and CEO Ed Moore virtually at the YMCA of Central Massachusetts 2021 Annual Meeting.

Harrington HealthCare System is a comprehensive regional healthcare system serving more than 25 communities across south-central Massachusetts and north-eastern Connecticut. The system includes Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, Harrington HealthCare at Webster and three additional major medical office buildings: Harrington HealthCare at Charlton, Harrington HealthCare at 169, also in Charlton, and Harrington Physician Services, our primary care and multi-specialty physician group; UrgentCare Express at Harrington in Charlton and Oxford; The Cancer Center at Harrington in Southbridge, and the region's largest Behavioral Health programs for mental health and substance use.

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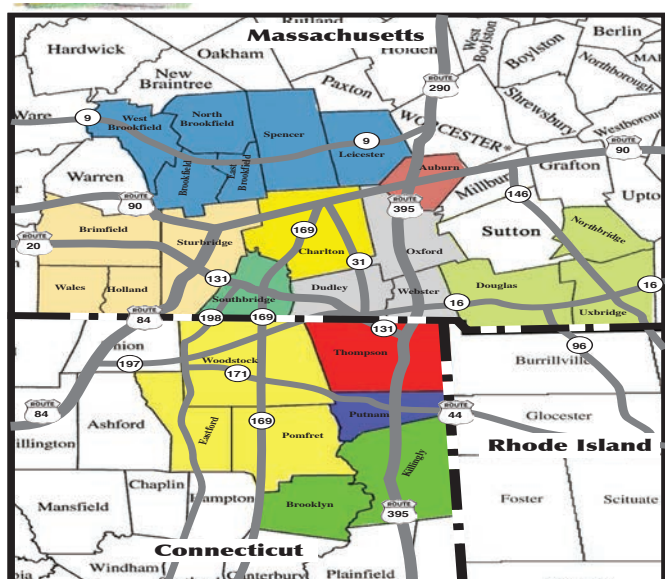
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# Equalizing access to education

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 socioeconomic? 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 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

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## To the Editor

### Thank you for a successful Earth Day cleanup event

To the Editor:

The Charlton Earth Day Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to a successful Clean-Up event on April 24. Over 100 volunteers collected 2.93 tons of trash from over 100 miles of Charlton roadsides. Besides the usual plethora of nip bottles, take-out containers, and beer cans, people found furniture, electronics, rusted auto parts, tires, and paint cans. Our Town has a problem with litter and illegal dumping and without this yearly effort our roadsides would be buried in refuse. Thanks to these wonderful citizens who spent hours cleaning the roads, we can all enjoy the natural beauty of our wooded areas.

This yearly event would not be possible without the donations of our generous sponsors: Millennium Power, Casella Waste, The Last Green Valley, Cornerstone Bank, Ted's Package Store, Stone Hedge Gardens, Milk & Sugar, Tree House Brewery, Energy Monster, McDonald's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Charlton Recycling Committee,

Charlton Recreation Committee, and McClure Engineering. The Earth Day event is run entirely on donations and grants at no cost to the Town. A heartfelt thanks to all these sponsors who made this year's event possible, safe, and fun.

The Charlton Earth Day Committee is a group of people motivated by love for the planet and the Town. Each member contributes their talents, energy, and ideas to make the day run smoothly. New members are always welcome!

When you drive through Charlton, or any town, don't throw trash from your car. Dispose of hazardous and bulky waster responsibly. Do not dump items along wood-lined roads. The forests are home to many species of plants and animals that make up the ecosystem that supports us by providing clean water and fresh air.

Earth Day is every day!  
Sincerely,

LINDA DAVIS  
EARTH DAY COMMITTEE  
CHARLTON

## First-time home-buyer? Follow these steps

Is homeownership a goal of yours? It does offer some benefits, in addition to meeting your basic need for shelter. The equity you build in your home can be a valuable financial asset, and you may get to deduct your interest payments on your taxes. But if you're a first-time homebuyer, what steps should you take?

First, make sure the time is right for you in terms of your personal and financial situations. For example, are you fairly confident that your employment is stable and that your earnings won't decline? Of course, external events can also play a role in your decision. A recent study by Morning Consult and Edward Jones found that 12 percent of respondents postponed purchasing a house during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But if you're ready and eager for homeownership, consider the following moves:

Save for a down payment. The more money you put down for a home, the lower your monthly payments, although there's also a point at which overly large down payments can be financially unwise. However, if you can make a down payment of more than 20 percent of the purchase price, you can generally avoid having to pay for private mortgage insurance on top of your monthly payments. Also, as a first-time homebuyer, you might qualify for down payment assistance from your local or state housing authority or a nonprofit group.

Check your credit score. A higher credit score gives you a better chance for a lower interest rate. You can request a credit report from [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com), and you might be able to get a credit score for free from your bank. If you need to improve your score, you may want to delay your home purchase.

Learn how much you qualify for — and how much you should spend. Once you think you're ready to begin the home-purchasing process, you may want to contact a few lenders to determine the size of the mortgage for which you qualify. Be aware, though, that just because you can get a mortgage of a certain amount, does not necessarily mean that you should. You don't want to become "house poor" — that is, you don't want to spend so much on your house payments that you are cash strapped and can't afford to save for other goals, such as college for your children or a comfortable retirement. You may want to establish a budget for how much you can readily afford to pay for your mortgage each month — and try sticking to it before you buy the house. If you have extra savings, put it toward your down payment.

Prepare for unexpected costs. You can plan for your mortgage, utilities, taxes and insurance — but when you own a home, you'll always encounter unexpected costs. You may need to get a new furnace, repair your roof or face any number of other maintenance issues. To help prepare for these costs, try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments or take on added debt to pay for these unanticipated expenses.

Homeownership can be a rewarding experience — and the rewards will be even be greater when you've "done the numbers" and prepared yourself financially.



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## Vacation care for container gardens

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



GARDEN MOMENTS  
MELINDA MYERS



Photo 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.

working.

For short trips consider using a wine bottle or two-liter 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](http://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 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](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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# A fisherman’s paradise



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

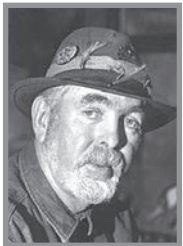


Riley & Emma Palmer and Savannah Beals enjoyed their day at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week. It seems as though most youngsters caught trout. They were not all monster trout, but the youngsters all had a good time.

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 undersize fish. One angler reported that the eyes of the fish were popping out



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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 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 & 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 reel-

ing 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 hang around with is becoming harder to find. Turkey hunting ends on May 22 in Massachusetts!

The Singletary Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual Kids fishing Derby May 16 , this Sunday, starting at 8 a.m. The derby will end at 11 a.m. The club pond was stocked with trout prior to the event. As the Pandemic continues on a downward trend, more and more events by area clubs are being planned, as well as monthly meetings are also being held at the club, thanks to all nurses, doctors and hospital personnel that put their lives on the line caring for the sick. Thank you!

Numerous clubs are now planning their annual field days, and the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club is planning an old fashion clambake July 17. Tickets are now on sale and are going fast. The club is open every weekend, or you can call to reserve your tickets.

More information on a new access



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

road to Harrington’s pool was received last week from a reliable source. The new road will be built with an access from the Uxbridge side. All plans are scrapped for any access off of Quaker Street! Please contact your state senators and state representatives to ensure that they are on board for building the new access road to this popular fishing and swimming hole. It is long overdue!

Katelyn Stacey was the winner in the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club fishing derby with an 18-inch rainbow trout. The six-year-old young lady was excited as this week’s picture shows. Nice fish! More than 30 youngsters attended the event.

*Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods bending!*

## 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!

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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



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give it body and apply to the crack carefully with a paintbrush.

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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 table-

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

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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 quart 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.

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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.

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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

## LEGALS

**Town of Holland  
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Notice of Public Hearing**

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday June 09, 2021 at 7:15 pm at the Holland Town Hall, 27 Sturbridge Rd, Holland MA 01521 or remotely for more information please refer to the town website at <https://town.holland.ma.us> under Zoning Board of Appeals under agendas for the date specified above. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a request from Paul and Tracy Pannier for a variance according to Bylaw section 7. Relief requested: Owners would like to add a sunroom. The property is located at: 41 Shore Drive, Parcel ID # R01/A/21.

Don Beal, Chairperson, Zoning Board of Appeals  
April 26, 2021  
May 7, 2021  
May 14, 2021

**Notice of Public Hearing**

The Brimfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the request of MDW, LLC, Michael Woloshchuk, regarding lots 2 & 3, Brimfield Parcel ID Map 10 Block C Lots 1.12 and 1.13. The Board will consider whether the proposed construction of a multi-use building and future addition in the business district will be detrimental to the neighborhood. Intended business uses include vehicle/equipment maintenance and storage, as well as automobile restoration/customizing services. Abutters are invited to consider the proposals and provide public input. The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021,6:00 pm, at the Town Hall. 21 Main St Brimfield, MA 01010

May 7, 2021  
May 14, 2021

**The Brimfield  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Public Hearing**

The Brimfield Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the Special Permit request of Webber Road, LLC, regarding 275 Sturbridge Road, Brimfield, Parcel ID Map 15 Block A Lot 6. The Board will consider whether the proposed Marijuana Retail Establishment, Webber Road, Ops, LLC, will be detrimental to the neighborhood. Abutters are invited to consider the proposals and provide public input. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 21 Main St Brimfield, MA 01010 on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

May 14, 2021  
May 21, 2021



# 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.



POSITIVELY  
SPEAKING  
  
GARY W.  
MOORE

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, 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 grand-kids 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 parenting 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.

*Gary W. Moore is a freelance columnist, speaker, and author of three books including the award-winning, critically acclaimed, "Playing with the Enemy." Follow Gary on Twitter @GaryWMoore721 and at [www.garywmoore.com](http://www.garywmoore.com).*

## Capstone Planning Group, located at Cornerstone Bank, recruits another financial consultant

STURBRIDGE — The Capstone Planning Group, a full-service Financial Services and Investment Planning team located at Cornerstone Bank, recently hired Joe Delaney for the position of Financial Consultant.

Delaney has been in the industry since 2012, and brings a wide array of retirement planning and investing experience. In this role he will work to serve The Capstone Planning Group's growing client base in Worcester, Shrewsbury, and surrounding towns.

"Joe's addition to our team will allow The Capstone Planning Group to help

more individuals and families develop investment strategies to pursue their goals," said The Capstone Planning Group's SVP of Investment Services Jason Main. "In addition, he will be a valuable partner for business owners in the community looking to review and manage their retirement plan offerings."

Delaney is a resident of Worcester and a graduate of Southern New Hampshire University. He currently holds a Series 6 and Series 63 registration with LPL Financial and holds the designation of Chartered Retirement Plan Specialist.

In addition, he is a licensed Accident and Health or Sickness Insurance Producer and Life Insurance Producer.

"The tight knit team at The Capstone Planning Group cares deeply about their customers and I am excited to be the newest addition to their growing group," said Delaney. "I am eager to add my experience to their lineup."

For more information about The Capstone Planning Group you may visit them in person at Cornerstone Bank, visit [www.thecapstone.group](http://www.thecapstone.group) or call 508-764-0046.



Joe Delaney

## 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 non-profit 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.

### TRAINOR

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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 rubbing 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](mailto:KDRR@aol.com). Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.*



EARTH DAY  
CLEANUP

Ella Wall (center), the winner of the Charlton Earth Day Committee's T-shirt design contest, is pictured with her father and sister as the trio headed out with fellow volunteers to take part in the committee's roadside cleanup event.

Photo Courtesy

### EDITORIAL

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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 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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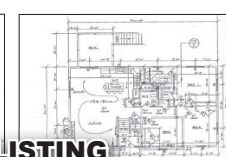
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# of Homes Sold	13	13	►
Avg Days on Market	23	36	▲
Month Supply Inv.	1.00	.44	▼

WEBSTER

	April 2020	April 2021	Trend
Median Price	\$258,500	\$342,500	▲
Market Volume	\$2,856,325	\$6,070,650	▲
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**Library Aide – Part Time Position**  
The Pearle L. Crawford Memorial Library seeks applicants for  
a part-time Library Aide. This position works closely with  
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Position requires regular Saturday and evening hours.  
Please submit resume to  
Drusilla Carter, Library Director at [dcarter@cwmmars.org](mailto:dcarter@cwmmars.org).  
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**TOWN OF SPENCER  
SEWER DEPARTMENT**  
**Laborer Sewer Department:** Assist in the operation and maintenance of  
a Municipal Sewer System duties including but not limited to, equipment and  
collections system maintenance, operate filter press, operate sludge disposal  
process, respond to emergency calls, pump station inspection, grounds keeping  
and snow removal, record keeping, and filing. The position requires a high school  
diploma or general education degree (GED), and/or one to three years of related  
experience working in wastewater treatment plants with three years of experience  
performing equipment and plant maintenance, or an equivalent combination  
of education and experience. Opportunity for advancement to Assistant Chief  
Operator with ability to obtain a Grade 5 Municipal Wastewater Treatment  
Plant Operator's License within a time period set by Sewer Commissioners and  
Superintendent.  
Submit application letter, resume and standard Town application form, available  
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**TOWN OF SPENCER  
SEWER DEPARTMENT**  
**Assistant Chief Operator Sewer Department:** Assist in the operation and  
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and/or three to five years of related experience working in wastewater  
treatment plants with three years of experience performing equipment and  
plant maintenance, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.  
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