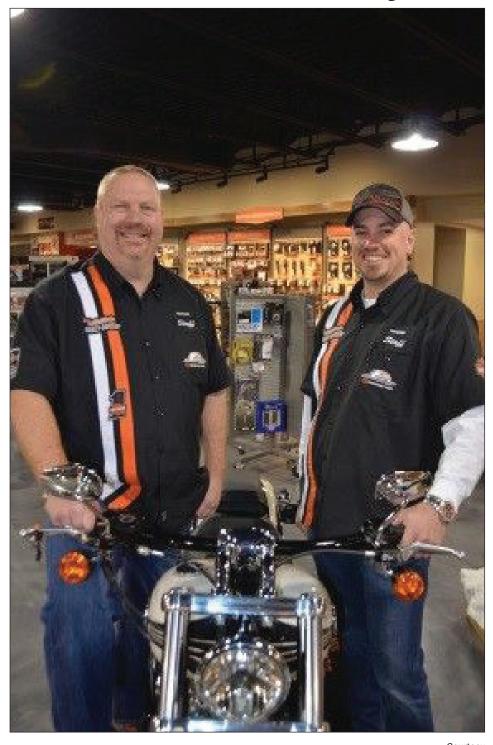


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# Sheldon's Harley-Davidson owners announce new Hartford location



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HARTFORD. EAST Conn. — Good news is about to roar through the New England motorcycle community. Chad Clark and Bryan Castor, owners of Sheldon's Harley-Davidson of Auburn since 2013, have purchased Gengras Hartford, Conn.

Thev will change the name back to the dealership original name: Hartford Harley-Davidson. The original name has not been used since the dealership was purchased in 2001.

Hartford Harley-Davidson is the fourth dealership the duo has added to its collection. They also purchased Spitzie's Harley-Davidson of Albany, N.Y. in 2018 and Old School Harley-Davidson of Ellington, Conn. in 2019.

"The opportunity was there," says Clark, a for-mer district manager for the Harley-Davidson Motor Company. "The dealership has Harley-Davidson enthusiasts working for them and that's important. Harley-Davidson is our core business and we will bring our experience to their organization and give them a different direction.'

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Local teacher and writer reconnect for class at St. John's Summer Academy

REGION — Charlton native Elisabeth Gilbride, is excited to announce that she will be teaching virtual classes Creative Writing to Publish and Intro to Freelancing at St. John's Summer Academy, running from July 6-31 at 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., respectively.

'Creative Writing to publish will focus on writing short stories, a novel, novella, play, or poetry," states Gilbride. "The course is not limited to working on your chosen literary work, but also discusses the pro-Harley-Davidson of East cess of how to find an agent (and what you need to do to get there), as well as the steps of publishing once you've found an agent. I am also extremely excited to share that Jenn Bishop, a former classmate of mine, who is the author of several successful middle grade novels, will be a guest speaker in this class on July 10 at 1:30 p.m. I plan to have additional guest speakers who are equally as talented as Jenn added to the lineup by the time classes begin.'

Bishop, a native of Sturbridge, and alumna of Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, where she attended high school with Gilbride, is the author of the middle grade novels "The Distance to Home" and "14 Hollow Road," published by Penguin Random House, and "Things You Can't Say," published this spring by Simon & Schuster.

Gilbride recently made the career change to teaching after spending 12 years in the publishing industry as the Executive Editor at the Equine Journal (formerly "Horsemen's Yankee Pedlar"), and has freelance written for notable publications including Young Rider, Sidelines, Chronicle of the Horse, and Massachusetts Horse. Gilbride also initially freelanced for the Stonebridge Press and Villager Newspapers, writing for the sports sections of the Charlton Villager and Spencer New Leader.

Writing for these newspapers helped me develop the confidence that I needed with my writing, and greatly benefitted me not only by helping me add to my portfolio and expanding my resume. I was happy to continue writing for these publications, while also getting my leg in the door at other magazines and journals," Gilbride says. "I learned a lot about how to quickly write and develop a good sports article.

"I am excited to share my love for journalism with The Castor and Clark students in my Intro to Freelancing class, which is leadership has proven to intended to help them obtain experience writing for a be successful because the media outlet. It will cover the basics of writing shorts, Harley-Davidson Motor news articles, features, and profiles; how to request or find an editorial calendar from an editor or a publica

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Chad Clark and Bryan Castor, owners of Sheldon's Harley-Davidson of Auburn since 2013, have purchased Gengras Harley-Davidson of East Hartford, Conn.

# Rotary Club helps to combat hunger



Accepting the check are (L to R) Food Pantry volunteers Connie Waack and Marie Jimenez, Roberta Watson, Pantry Co-Director, Klaus Hachfeld, President of Sturbridge Rotary Club and **Glenvs Hachfeld.** 

STURBRIDGE — Many years ago, St. John Paul II Food Pantry founder, the Rev. Peter Joyce, reached out to the community for support to alleviate hunger in this community. The response was widespread and generous. The Sturbridge Rotary Club answered the call then and continues to support



the efforts of the Food Pantry in today's challenging times. In the last seven years alone, the Sturbridge Rotary Club has donated \$21,000 to the Food Pantry. That support enables the St. John Paul II Food Pantry to reach families, singles and senior citizens in Southbridge and Sturbridge. What began as a food voucher program nearly 30 years ago has progressed to a client choice Food Pantry serving 350 households monthly.

The Rotarian motto "Service Above Self" reflects the Clubs' commitment to advance and support a community in times of need. To further their commitment to the local food insecure individuals, the Rotary Club formed the Rotary Community Corps, a volunteer-driven arm of Rotary that created the Community Food Collaborative (CFC). The CFC grows organic vegetables each year and donates the entire crop produced to the Food Pantry. More than 3,000 pounds of fresh organic vegetables were donated last year. As the number

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Jason Bleau

More than 100 voters turned out for the first ever outdoor annual spring town meeting in Charlton on June 15 where they approved the town's 2021 fiscal year spending plan

# Charlton voters approve \$30.8 million Budget

#### **BY JASON BLEAU** CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Charlton voters turned out for historic event on а Monday, June 15 as the town held its very first outdoor annual spring town meeting in the parking lot of the Heritage School in order to respect social distancing guidelines during the ongoing pandemic.

A total of 109 voters attended the meeting where the main decision of the evening was the budget for the 2021 fiscal year. The budget totals \$30.8 million, an increase of \$728,631 or 2.4 percent over the current year. The proposal received little opposition with a vote of 78 to 20 easily approv-Turn To **ROTARY** page **A7** ing the spending plan. However, the article was not without its share of discussion.

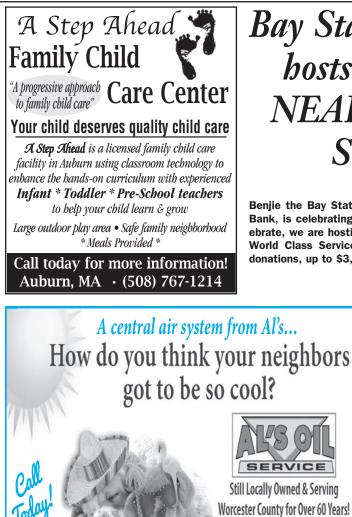
Resident Stephan Sage had several questions concerning the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to local receipts, which still remained unknown as of the meeting, and the lowering of town council expenses which was the result of less use of legal representation. His biggest question however involved the school district. The budget features a miniscule increase for the district over the current year and depends heavily on state and local aid numbers which have yet to be confirmed. Sage asked if the small increase was enough to cover salaries or if the district was making sacrifices to meet that number. Superintendent Steven Lamarche put any

concerns to rest.

"At this point in time, we don't have reductions to our staff. We were able to offset some of the costs moving forward with some of the captured savings in transportation since we've been shut down in the school district (due to the pandemic)," Lamarche said. "We don't have program reductions at this time."

There was also a question about a line item for \$42,000 for the proposed Public Safety Complex, a project approved in May of last year before the funding mechanism for the initiative was voted down at the polls in the fall. This money was part of the \$28.5 million appropriated in May of 2019 and the board of

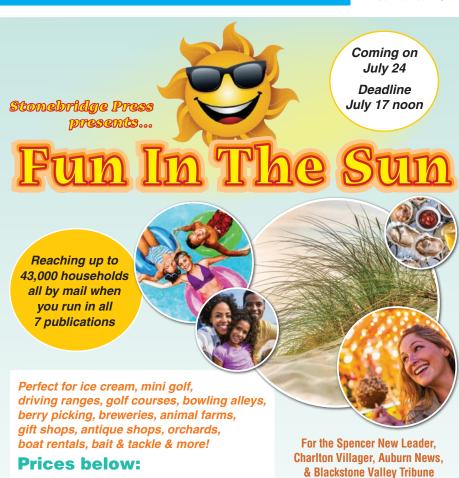
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Bay State Savings Bank bosts fundraiser for NEADS World Class Service Dogs

Benjie the Bay State Beagle, official mascot of Bay State Savings Bank, is celebrating his first birthday on Saturday, June 27. To celebrate, we are hosting a month-long fundraiser in support of NEADS World Class Service Dogs, based in Princeton, and matching all donations, up to \$3,000.

> WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank is excited to announce a monthlong fundraiser to help support NEADS, a nationally recognized, ADI Accredited 501 c(3) nonprofit that trains highly-skilled Service Dogs to help people who are deaf or have a physical disability. The fundraiser is in honor of the Bank's mascot, Benjie, celebrating his first birthday.

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During this time of quarantine, stayat-home orders, and social distancing brought on by the pandemic, it has become even more apparent just how vital NEADS World Class Service Dogs are to the safety and well-being of their owners, many of

whom are without the human assistance and support they might otherwise have. CovidBay State

19 has altered many of the existing fundraising strategies organizations like NEADS depend on, such as road races, truck pulls, fairs, etc., which is one of the many reasons why Bay State Savings Bank decided to step in and help support the organization.

Donations are tax-deductible, and all funds raised will be used towards training and placing a dog with an individual in Massachusetts. Bay State Savings Bank will match every donation, dollar for dollar, up to \$3,000. Donations can be made by visiting support.neads.org/baystatesavingsbank.

# **Open Sky Community** Services celebrates **EVP** of Organizational **Development and Diversity**

WORCESTER — Open Sky Community Services is celebrating the career and retirement of Michael Seibold, **Executive Vice President** Organizational of Development and Diversity. On May 29, Seibold received a key to the City of Worcester in recognition of his 40 years of dedicated service to organizations supporting individuals with disabilities. Seibold, who had held the position of Director of Community Services with Alternatives Unlimited, Inc., joined Open Sky in 2018 when Alternatives affiliated with The Bridge of Central Massachusetts as Open Sky Community Services.

Worcester Mayor Joseph Petty presented Michael with the key for his 40 years of work to provide people with developmental disabilities or mental health challenges the support and

opportunities they need to lead full and successful lives in the community. Mayor Petty noted that the presentation marked his first "Zoom Key" – digitally presented on the Zoom video conferencing platform.

"We are fortunate to have had the opportunity to work alongside Michael," said Ken Bates, President and CEO of Open Sky Community Services. "His thoughtful approach, breadth of knowledge and teaching style has left a lasting legacy for the entire central Massachusetts community."

During Seibold's tenure, he oversaw years of extraordinary service growth. Of particular note is Michael's work to develop an agency-wide mentoring program to assist staff members in their career development.

For more information about Open Sky Community Services, please contact Lorie Martiska, lorie.martiska@openskycs.org

About Open Sky Community Services

Open Sky Community Services is dba for Alternatives Unlimited, Inc and The Bridge of Central MA. Open Sky offers a wide range of services for adults, adolescents, and children with mental health challenges, developmental and intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, brain injury, homelessness and other challenges throughout Central Massachusetts. Open Sky Community Services has over 1,300 dedicated employees and an annual budget of \$83M with more than 100 programs throughout the region. For more information, please visit www.openskycs.org.

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# Curry College announces Spring 2020 Dean's List students

MILTON — Curry College congratulates roughly 1,000 students who were named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List. To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

Maggie Callahan of Auburn, majoring in Early Education & Care

Marisa Day of Auburn, majoring in **Elementary Education** 

Kelly Bott of Auburn, majoring in Nursing

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# Worcester State University Dean's List

WORCESTER — Worcester State University has announced its Dean's List for the spring semester of 2020.

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# URI students named to Spring 2020 Dean's List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2020 Dean's List. The students represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

To be included on the Dean's List, fulltime students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

The following students from your area were named to the Dean's List:

Lindsay Berthiaume of Auburn Benjamin Jette of Auburn Isabelle O'Toole of Auburn Shannon Sampson of Auburn

The University of Rhode Island's pioneering research extends the University's influence well beyond its coastal borders, while its unique interdisciplinary courses provide its 16,852 undergraduate and graduate students with global opportunities in an intimate environment. In May 2020, more than 3,500 undergraduate and about 700 graduate degrees were awarded. The University now has more than 120,000 alumni worldwide.

Rebecca Feeney named to Dean's List at Ithaca College

ITHACA, N.Y. - Ithaca College stu-Billington, Elizabeth R Bisaillon, Tyler dent Rebecca Feeney was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. Rebecca Feeney is a Psychology major

DUDLEY: Amanda J Babbitt, Bailey T Bowes, Bellalorraine M Carey-Hicks, Vanessa Corriveau, Maria Deyette, Emily F French, Megan F Gatsogiannis,

ROCHDALE: Gina M Endres, Victoria E Keating, Callie Kmon, Alyssia L Peloquin, Justin P Turgeon, Brianna

Nicholas Bartoli named to Dean's List

at the University of New Haven

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#### of Auburn. About Ithaca College

Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 6,200 students, the college offers more than 100 degree programs in its schools of Business, Communications, Humanities and Sciences, Health Sciences and Human Performance, and Music.

Students, faculty and staff at Ithaca College create an active, inclusive community anchored in a keen desire to make a difference in the local community and the broader world. The college is consistently ranked as one of the nation's top producers of Fulbright scholars, one of the most LGBTQ+ friendly schools in the country, and one of the top 10 colleges in the Northeast.

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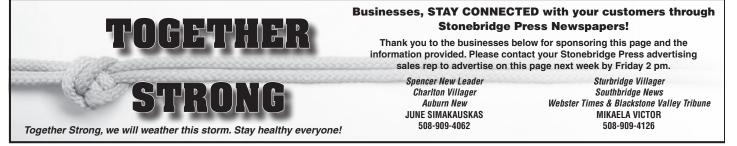
WEST HAVEN, Conn. - Nicholas Bartoli, of Auburn, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of New Haven has been named to the Dean's List for the spring, 2020.

Bartoli is working on Bachelor of Science in Communication.

University New Haven About the of The University of New Haven, founded on the Yale campus in 1920, is a private, coeducational university situated on the coast of southern New England. It is a diverse and vibrant community of more than 7,000 students, with campuses around the country and around the world.

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the liberal arts and sciences, fine arts, business, engineering, healthcare, public safety, and public service. We offer more than 100 academic programs, all grounded in a long-standing commitment to collaborative, interdisciplinary, project-based learning.



### **Emily M. Martin of** Auburn named to Clemson University **President's List**

CLEMSON, S.C. — Emily M. Martin of Auburn has been named to the President's List at Clemson University. Martin, whose major is Health Science, made the President's List for the spring 2020 semester.

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.





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# Oxford voters to decide on select board race, debt exclusion

#### BY GUS STEEVES CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD-On Tuesday, June 30, Oxford voters who haven't yet voted by mail will get their chance to decide two key aspects of local democracy.

Atop the ballot, there's a three-way race for two seats on the Board of Selectmen, with incumbents John Saad and Meaghan Troiano being challenged by newcomer Randy Moody. At the ballot's bottom, a major question asks whether the town is willing to accept a debt exclusion for \$15 million in road repairs over the next 15 years.

Between them are four uncontested candidates: September Forbes for School Committee, Russell Rheault for Moderator, Ben LaMountain for Bay Path School Committee and Harry Williams III for Library Trustee.

Because of Covid-19, polling hours have changed, although the locations – the Middle School and Chaffee School-have not. They're now 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and all voters must wear a mask of some type.

#### RANDY MOODY

"I'm new getting into politics," Moody said of his run. "Nobody was running against them, and I thought it was time for a change."

When Moody says he's new, he means it. Although he's lived in town 49 years, this is the first time he taken any interest in a town committee.His background is as a construction worker.

"You can't make a difference if you don't try," he noted.

To Moody, the crucial issue is "keeping taxes down," which means he'll support "anything to help keep the taxes from going up, up, up." While he said he supports bringing more small business to town, the only specific thing he'd like to see the town pursue is "at least one more" recreational marijuana shop, since it's approved only one of the three the bylaws allow, he said.

Additionally, he's concerned that the roads are in bad shape, but opposes the ballot questions on a tax basis. When asked how else he'd fund them, he said "I would have to see the numbers first." He said the same thing when asked about where he might cut the budget if the economy and state aid don't improve.

Overall, though, Moody promised to listen to people. "By myself, I can't do that, but together we can," he said. "I will listen to the people, bring their concerns to government, and make sure they are heard."

#### JOHN SAAD

At the other end of the experience spectrum is Saad, who was commended last year for being on the board for 40 years.

"This was going to be my last term," he admitted. "I thought I could finally enjoy my family and my grandchildren. But Covid-19 hit, and I'm sure I can help the town get through this."

Specifically, he said he remembers how the town navigated the Great Recession of 2009, although he expects this one to be harder. Many

small businesses that were "just hanging on" have closed and probably won't reopen, and overall, he predicted "the economic situation in the future is going to get nothing but worse" for some time.

"That's going to mean streamlining government," he added, but specifically said he's not willing to cut "emergency services – police, fire and EMS," although there might need to be "decreases in all departments."

The town has already furloughed 26 people, and Saad said he didn't know how many of them will return. Other cuts will depend on state aid and tax revenues, but he pledged "reasonable cuts" in a "manner that everyone can feel the pain equally across government." Pay freezes and anything else have to be "on the table," he added.

Handling it will mean involving everyone in the decision process, and he praised the town's fairly new Finance Director and Finance Committee for their guidance so far.

He agreed with Moody that roads are a critical issue, noting "we've let our infrastructure go to a certain extent because we needed funds elsewhere." But that runs headlong into the current economy. While he supports the ballot question, he predicted it won't pass, saying people will have to make it "a vote of conscience. This is going to cost us. Is this the right time to do this?'

Either way, Saad said he'll work to ensure "we have enough to give the people what they deserve," including "good schools and good department responses to their needs."

Despite the curent situation, Saad said he feels Oxford is "on the right track" for creating "a bright future." A couple years ago, the town approved a new Master Plan, which Town Manager Jen Callahan and others have started to implement with various grants. He cited the 300-plus-unit condo complex being planned for North Oxford as one example, saying that will bring in more taxes, some small businesses in a "mini-mall," and more population. The latter, of course, will require more local services, making development "a balancing act, but we're going to do the best we can so we don't hurt the residents and it's well planned out," he said.

"[Interstate] 395 is what 495 was 10 or 15 years ago," he added, predicting it will be the next belt of industrial and residential growth.

One thing he'd like to see more of is people participating in community politics, "even a couple hours on one committee matters." He noted there are several vacancies on boards, and would like to see the selectmen put more effort into recruiting people to fill them.

#### **MEAGHAN TROIANO**

Troiano, who's seeking her second term, basically agreed with Saad on that last point, saying she like to see more participation and have more people "care about each other and what's best for the greater good."

She said she got

involved largely for the same reason Moody did – "to be a voice in the community. I like to help others and to serve people."

"I feel like I just got my feet wet ... and I want to help with the forward path Oxford seems to be on," Troiano said, noting she isn't targeting specific issues, "just the overall well-being for the town."

When asked for something she wants to work on, she said she wants to finish the process of pulling Oxford Police from civil service. That's nearly ready to be sent to Town Meeting for a decision, and she said she'd "like to see that to a resolution one way or the other."

Regarding the economic situation and Covid-19, she said she feel "we can really come together. It poses some challenges across the board, but we've done fairly well." She remains "cautiously optimistic" Oxford will get enough state aid, but noted cuts "will have to be a bridge we cross when we come to it."

Troiano shared Saad's skepticism regarding the fate of the ballot question, noting "everybody's hurting right now." Voters need to really think about it, she added, and nobody should face criticism however they vote.

#### THE BALLOT QUESTION

Over the course of 15 years, taxpayers would be asked to fund three \$5 million installments to upgrade roads, with money being paid back over 25 years. As it is now, the town uses whatever it gets in state Chapter 90 funds (around \$500,000 per year), and has added \$500,000 to that sum for the last couple years.

Back in March, DPW Director Sean Divoll said the current level of spending is only enough to keep the roads in their current condition, while using only Chapter 90 funds (as many towns do), "we fall off the cliff" in terms of road condition. Right now, he said, the average road condition score is 61 on a 0-100 scale, which he described as "a tipping point." Showing selectmen a chart, he said things slide to a score of 55 by 2031 and 48 by 2044 if Oxford only has Chapter 90 funds. By contrast, a debt exclusion would enable improvement to 72 in the first five years and 78 in the second five, after which it slips lightly but remains more or less stable.

"It's easier to keep a good road good that to reconstruct a roadway," he said, comparing it to the difference between doing routine house painting and having to replace boards due to deterioration. "... If we go the \$15 million route, we're basically touching every road in town" by 2032, either doing basic maintenance or full repaving.

The question is also going to the Annual Town Meeting June 25. For the debt exclusion to take effect, it must pass both Town Meeting and the ballot vote.

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



# Alexander Strafer of Auburn graduates from Lasell University

EWTON — Alexander Strafer, a resident of Auburn, graduated from Lasell

University.

Strafer received their BS in Sport Management after completing graduation requirements on 5/11/2020.

Lasell University's Class of 2020 will be honored in person when restrictions are lifted and it is safe to do so. In the meantime, the University congratulates them on this incredible achievement!

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

### Maximize your summer vacation

Summer can fly by. Because summer can sometimes seem to come and go in a flash, it's important for everyone to make the most of this relaxing time of year.

Vacations from work and school are great ways to make summer memories, and the following are some ways to get even more out of these relaxing breaks from the norm.

• Disconnect for a few days. Truly disconnect from electronic devices for a period of time to give yourself a mental break. Stop answering work emails, avoid social media and turn off reminders of things that do not need your attention while you are on vacation or taking a break.

• Book a trip. It's not the destination but the opportunity to step away from the norm that can help make a person feel like he or she has truly gotten a break. Get away from your surroundings, if only for a weekend. Nearby resorts and water parks are great for short jaunts with the kids.

• Take a week off just to relax. Sometimes a person needs to recharge after going on vacation, as planning a trip and then the trip itself can require a lot of work. Staycations or devoting another week to just lounging around or catching up on tasks around the house can ease pressure. Then it's possible to go back to work or school feeling even more recharged.

• Get out of the house or office. What's the good of sunny skies and hot temperatures if you do not get to enjoy them? Make it a point to spend time outdoors every day. Go for a midday walk, sit in the park after work lets out or throw the ball around with the kids in the backyard. Sunlight can be great for the mind and body. Doctors with the Heliotherapy, Light, and Skin Research Center at Boston University Medical Center say sunlight triggers the release of serotonin and other hormones associated with a good mood. Increased exposure to sunlight also can regulate circadian rhythms for better sleep. Sunlight can trigger the release of nitric oxide into blood vessels, helping to lower blood pressure.

• Explore summer programs. Adults and children can try new skills and explore different talents this summer. Sign up for a camp or a class that runs several weeks. This will help stimulate the mind.

• Visit friends and family. Now that schedules have loosened up, take the opportunity to increase time spent with friends or family members, whether they live close by or far away. Make it a point to reconnect with someone who has been out of touch.

Summer is a great time of year to take vacations and reconnect with nature and loved ones.



Jamellah and Kye Age 11 and 13

can-American and Caucasian descent who are looking for a family with room in their hearts for both of them. Jamellah is described as artistic, outdoorsy, helpful, and quiet. She has a great sense of humor and a quick wit. Those who know her best say that she can be very nurturing, gets along well with younger children, and loves animals. Jamellah enjoys school and was recently a student council member. She is currently in the 6th grade and is well-liked by her

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Jamellah and Kye are siblings of Afri-

teachers.

Kye is a playful young boy who always wants to be running around outside. He is very active and loves to play different sports, as well as activities like fishing and camping. When he is inside, Kye likes building with Legos and playing video games. Kye has some behavioral concerns in school and will be assessed soon to see if he would benefit from extra supports in class.

Legally freed for adoption, Jamellah and Kye's social worker is seeking a family for them of any constellation where Kye can be the youngest child in the home.

#### Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

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



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ANSWER: WHALE SHARK



ENGLISH: Zoo

SPANISH: Zoo

#### What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

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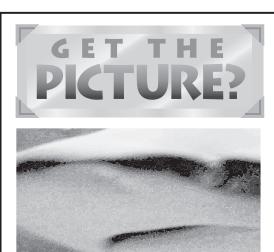
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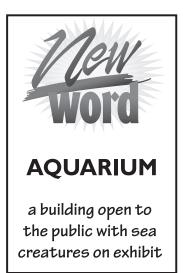




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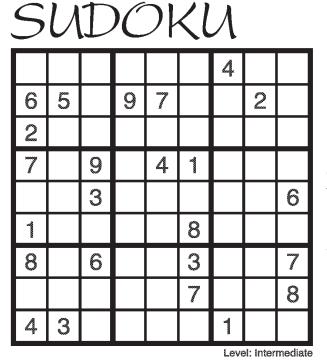
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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SHARK



#### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

#### Here's How It Works:

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

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to beach fun. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = s)

#### A. 16 19 13 18 25

Clue: Covered in grit

### B. 16 5 13 17 8 6 24 11

Clue: Solar illumination

#### C. 16 10 19 6 5 17 17

Clue: Coastal bird

#### D. 16 2 8 14 16 5 8 11

Clue: Water wear

Answers: A. sandy B. sunlight C. seagull D. swimsuit

# **OBITUARIES**

### Jason Nicholas King, 37



Jason Nicholas King of Ashford, CT. 37, went to be with his Lord on April 27th, 2020.

Jason was born April 7th, 1983 in New Haven, CT to Peter and Melinda Basto King. A 2001 graduate

of Woodstock Academy, he worked as a skilled carpenter and became versed in plumbing and electrical. He made his home in Maine, Rhode Island, East Killingly, Eastford and Ashford. Jason was a gentle soul, always eager to say a kind word and lend a helping hand. Nature was his soul mate. In the woods with Ox, his loving golden lab, was where he felt most comfortable. Jason is survived by his parents, Peter (Springfield, Ma) and Melinda King (Ashford, Ct.) His brothers, Peter (Woodstock CT) and Brandon King (Eastford, CT) and his Grandparents, Dana Basto (Woodstock, CT) and Marieann MacGinnis (Auburn, MA).

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jason's memory may be made to: The Evangelical Christian Ctr., 574 Ashford Center Road, Ashford, CT 06278.

Memorial Service to be held Saturday June 27th, 2020 at 11:00am, Eastford Baptist Church, 133 Union Road, Eastford, CT, 06242

\*In accordance with COVID-19 regulations, masks will be required for attendees and social distancing will be practiced.

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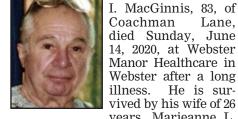
of households reached has grown, the range of needs has also been revealed. In getting to know guests, leadership at the Food Pantry has expanded services to include the nutritional needs of children 0-4 years old, school-age children, young adults, Moms, singles and Senior Citizens.

"The Worcester County Food Bank (WCFB) provides generous amounts and a great variety of non-perishable food, dairy and eggs, produce and frozen meats and other miscellaneous items" says Roberta Watson, Co-Director of the Food Pantry. "In reaching out to all ages served, we have identified special food items not available at the WCFB. We purchase special items such as: baby food, formula, salt and sugar free products and personal care items for seniors and babies. It is only through the ongoing monetary support from donors like the Sturbridge Rotary Club that we are able to continue funding these special aspects of our pantry."

"St. John Paul II Food Pantry located at 279 Hamilton St. in Southbridge expresses sincere gratitude to the Sturbridge Rotary Club for this generous and timely gift of \$3,000," Watson said, adding, "It is only through a strong support system that we are able to advance in our efforts to create a stronger, healthier and hunger free community."

The Sturbridge Rotary Club has been providing humanitarian service to the local and international community for more than 48 years. Club members develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues including hunger, as well as support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students and other professionals.

We encourage you to visit the Food Pantry Facebook page at www.facebook. com/SaintJohnPaulIIFoodPantry/ as well as that of Sturbridge Rotary at www.facebook.com/sturbridgerotary/ and www.facebook.com/CFCGardens/.



years, Marieanne L. (Kennette) MacGinnis of Auburn; two sisters, Christine P. Turner of Oxford and Alice M. Gilman of Webster; four stepchildren, Melinda A. King of Ashford, CT, Laurie M. Snelling of Woodstock, CT, Kevin D. Basto of Eastford, CT, and Julie M. Comtois of Ocala, FL; many nephews and nieces; nine step grandchildren and ten step great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister, Eileen Hopkins of Charlotte, NC. He was born in Worcester, son of the late Cecil H. and Irene M. (Hewitt) MacGinnis, and lived in Oxford and Barre before moving to

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Sheldon's Harley-Davidson with its prestigious Bar & Shield Awards four times in 2014, 2017, 2018 and 2019, and Spitzie's was honored in 2019.

Bryan Castor was once employed by two of the four dealerships that he and Clark have purchased.

"Harley-Davidson is what we do and what we're about, and we're pretty excited about this one," says Castor. "We're big on customer relations and creating a good customer experience. We will refresh and remerchandise to add new energy. We'll bring in products they did not have and start new pro-

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tion's website; how to write a query letter to an editor; and how to write your article once you've been assigned one."

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selectmen and finance committee had approved utilizing up to \$1.4 million for the initial planning phases. That money was an interest payment on borrowing approved for the architectural designs for the project.

In addition to the budget and other housekeeping items, several citizen petitions brought forth by resident Robert Lemansky were voted down by those present. Those articles included a vote to eliminate any town project approved at town meeting that failed to gain voter support for funding by a Proposition 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> override which Lemansky indicating he was specifically targeting the Public Safety Complex. Lemansky clarified he was not against having a new fire station but felt the results of the ballot vote represented a larger sample of the public than the town meeting and that the project should have been sent back to the people at a town meeting after the

#### AUBURN – John Auburn 33 years ago. MacGinnis, 83, of He was a U.S. Army oachman Lane, veteran and served in

John I. MacGinnis, 83

Korea. Mr. MacGinnis retired from R.S. Whipple in Worcester as a job foreman and supervisor. He was a member of the United



Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and a member of the N.R.A. He loved woodworking and was incredibly skilled as a finish carpenter.

A private graveside service will be held at Hillside Cemetery in Auburn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

paradisfuneralhome.com

grams like our Priority Maintenance Program. We'll also have more fun by hosting many events and promotions."

Castor added that current employees will have more room for growth, and the Harley-Davidson owners group called H.O.G. will have more horsepower and input.

Clark and Castor want to satisfy the Harley-Davidson market in the Hartford area.

"We believe in our ability and our staff," says Castor. "We believe in the American people and the strength of Harley-Davidson. We're going to give it our best shot and we plan on praying a lot."

For more information on the classes at St. John's Summer Academy, and to learn how to sign up for Creative Writing to Publish and Intro to Freelancing, visit www.stjohnshigh. org/summer.

#### funding mechanism was voted down. The proposal created some confusion among voters and town officials due to wording issues and questions about the true impact the article would have on the town's existing or future projects. In the end voters overwhelmingly shot down the proposal in a 71 to 34 decision.

Lemansky's second citizens petition article for a \$20,000 appropriation to audit the fire and ambulance department also failed in a 73 to 33 decision. Lemansky's third article proposing to limit spending by the Board of Selectmen to only funds approved at town meeting failed in a 76-25 vote. Finally, an article seeking to require portions of labor contracts to be approved by the majority of the Finance Committee was postponed for a future meeting while a citizens petition seeking any article for the purchasing or leasing of multiple items to be limited to a maximum cost of \$100,000, a move meant to prevent "bundling" between departments, was also voted down.

# Tips for family camping trips

For nature lovers, perhaps nothing is more enjoyable than packing up the camping gear, traveling to a favorite campsite and getting away from it all while sleeping under the stars. Such can be transformative an experience turning first-time campers into lifelong enthusiasts. The opportunity to turn youngsters into nature enthusiasts who can't wait to spend time outside may be one reason why so many families go camping. A 2018 report Kampgrounds of America found that 52 percent of campers have children, making camping among the most popular and family-friendly ways to enjoy the great outdoors. Camping with youngsters can help families make lasting memories. Parents who have never before taken their children camping may benefit from employing a few strategies to make the trip as fun as possible. • Make a trial run in the backyard. A night camping in the backyard won't be exactly the same as a night in the woods, where wildlife, and particularly insects, may be less welcoming hosts. But a backyard camping night can acclimate children to their sleeping bags and their tents. A fun night sleeping under the stars in the backyard also may make kids more enthusiastic about an upcoming camping trip in the woods. · Go over safety early and often. Use every opportunity to explain camping safety measures to youngsters in advance of your trip. Emphasize the importance of staying together in the woods, and teach youngsters how to identify potentially harmful plants like poison ivy, making sure they know to avoid coming into contact with these and other poisonous plants. Contact your local parks department, or the campground where you will be staying, for some additional advice on camping safety. · Let kids help when choosing camping equipment. Youngsters may be more excited about camping if they're allowed to choose certain equipment, including their sleeping bags and tents. Before visiting your nearby camping retailer, explain to kids that tents come in various styles because they're designed to protect campers from certain elements that may be more common in certain areas than others. Such an explanation can make it easy to explain to youngsters why you're purchasing certain items, even if those items weren't kids' top choices. • Plan the family menu in advance. Plan the menu in advance so you can ensure everyone will continue to eat healthy. But make sure to include a few kid-friendly camping classics, like s'mores, in the meal plan as well. Prepare a camping-friendly first-



aid kit. Bandages and topical antibiotic creams are part and parcel of any first-aid kit, regardless of where you're going. But the elements pose a different set of challenges that require a more extensive first-aid kit. When designing a first-aid kit for your camping trip, be sure to include all the usual items but also over-the-counter medications that can treat pain, allergies, constipation, and diarrhea. An extra gallon or two of water also makes for a wise addition to campers' first-aid kits.

Family camping trips can instill a lifelong love of the great outdoors in youngsters. A few simple strategies can help parents make such trips safe and memorable.

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# Strength through survival

While our current economy hasn't quite dipped to the level it did during the Great Depression, the inevitable comparisons have been a dominant topic of discussion since COVID-19 put a halting stop to our economy.

To date, the Great Depression was the worst economic decline in modern times. A hard jump from the 'Roaring Twenties,' when Americans were enjoying a robust economy with more time to spend and recreate.

After the stock market crash in 1929, those who were still employed saw a decrease in pay of roughly 40 percent. This included doctors and other affluent career paths. One quarter of the population remained without a living wage. With that said, the typical American had to adapt to a new way of life that included a level of scrimping and saving never seen before.

Homemakers, which were primarily women back then, were shown how to make due with what they had in the kitchen. Meals were stretched as far as possible. To do so people learned to enjoy more casseroles including macaroni and cheese, chili, Mulligan stew (a mix of anything available), bologna casserole, and a 'poorman's meal' (fried potato with diced hot dogs). Another go to was 'hot water pie' which was made up from simple ingredients such as butter, vanilla, sugar and flour. Potluck gatherings were also a cheap way for people to come together and socialize. Thrift gardens popped up in vacant lots across the country where community members could grow food, feeding thou-

# Have you noticed?

As I age and travel through my life, I find that time and experience are changing me.

I've always been on the go. As a CEO for a quarter of a century, I worked long hours and spent countless time on the road. As an author on book tour for my three books, I've traveled to 31 cities in 35 days.

did 92 media interviews and spoke to 32 groups. I've spent my life always on the move mentally and ahead of where I was physically.

I'm not retired. I appear in 50-plus different publications weekly and have one new book out for publishing and two more in the works. I'm also cofounder and Interim COO of CubeStream, Inc., a free-market streaming platform that will launch this fall. So, I'm busy ... but I've changed.

I've become a "noticer."

I see things I've never noticed before. I'm certain my eyes have seen it all, but I never took the time to engage my brain and heart to notice. My eyes were focused on what was ahead and I was never in the moment. I'm sure my eyes glanced at the beauty around, but my brain and heart didn't engage to see what my eyes were beholding. But things have changed. Through time and a medical diagnosis, my heart and mind have engaged in everything and for the first time. I'm really noticing the wonderment of creation.

Arlene is a gardener. She loves putting her hands in the dirt and planting flowers. I've always known gardening was a passion but before, I looked at it as busy work. It was something she did. I thought if it as a chore. Wow ... was I wrong.

No different than Beethoven or Bach or Monet or Van Gogh ... each year, Arlene gets on her knees, lovingly plants, weeds, and tills, while composing a symphony of colors. The soil is her pallet and she paints a work of art in our back yard that changes and evolves with each day. She's been doing it for years. She's honed and improved her craft and created a magnificent living work of art for us to enjoy, and in doing so, she's living in the moment. It's been there for years. My eyes saw it, but my mind and heart never engaged. That's a loss ... a tragedy of missed opportunity to see beauty and experience joy. But not now. I spend time every day taking in the beauty.

I have two focuses to my life's work. I write to uplift and encourage

optimism in my readers and to help others enjoy and live life in the moment. As a business leader I always said things like "keep your eyes on the future," but time has taught me that if you keep only looking ahead, you miss your life in the moment. It's not just

a loss for you but also your friends and family. They want you with them in the here and now. In the future, you can look forward to life's rewards, but you never arrive in the future. It's a moving target that is always ahead. So, open your eyes and heart to the right now and enjoy your life in this moment.

How do you begin?

Take five minutes each morning and live in the moment. Empty your brain of distractions. Block the thoughts of the future and the things you must do. Sit in your backyard or take a walk and look for the little things you've never taken time to notice. Tune in to your surroundings. Notice the sunshine on your face and think about how it feels. Take in the color of the sky and shape of the clouds. Sniff the air. Engage all your senses.

Look people in the eyes when you encounter them. Smile and acknowledge you know they are there. I was in the grocery store last week. I encountered another shopper. We were both wearing masks, so it was hard to recognize others, but she called me by name and told me she was praying for my health. Gail Emme could have just passed me by, but instead decided to act in the moment and brighten my day. Speak to others, if only to smile and say hello. Acknowledge only your immediate surroundings. At this moment, pretend nothing else exists.

It's not easy to change life-long behavior, but its worth the effort. As you learn to live and love in the moment for a few minutes, expand the length of time and the number of times per day. Trust me ... it's worth the effort.

What have you noticed lately?

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.

# Summer Drinks

Bright sunny days, shade tree breezes and a comfortable backyard

THE HINT KAREN

TAKE

Lemonade and sunny days have gone together forever. Many a summertime memory is sparked by sipping a chilled tumbler of syrupy sweet lemonade.

Work to achieve your financial independence

Over the past few months, just about everyone has felt the loss of some type of freedom, whether it's being able to travel, engage in social gatherings or participate in other activities we previous-ly took for granted. Still, as we prepare to observe Independence Day, it's comforting to realize all the freedoms we still have in this country. And taking the right steps can also help you achieve your financial independence.

Here are some moves to consider:

Build an emergency fund. It's a good idea to create an emergency fund consisting of three to six months' worth of living expenses,



with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. With this fund in place,

you can avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term, unexpected costs.

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Keep your debts under control. It's not easy to do, but if you can consistently minimize your debt load, you can have more money to invest for the future and move closer toward achieving your financial liberty. One way to keep your debts down is to establish a budget and stick to it, so you can avoid unnecessary spending.

Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. The more money you can save for retirement, the greater your feelings of financial independence. So it's essential that you contribute as much as you can to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered, and every time your salary goes up, boost your annual contributions. Even if you participate in a 401(k), you're probably also still eligible to contribute to an IRA, which can help you build even more funds for retirement. And because you can fund an IRA with virtually any type of investment, you can broaden your portfolio mix. Explore long-term care coverage.One day, your financial independence could be threatened by your need for some type of longterm care. It now costs, on average, over \$100,000 for a private room in a nursing home and more than \$50,000 for the services of a home health aide, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Most of these costs won't be covered by Medicare, either, so, if you want to reduce the risk of seriously depleting all your financial resources - or burdening your adult children with these heavy expenses – you may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. You could choose a traditional long-term care policy – which can cover a nursing home stay, home health care, or other services – or a hybrid policy, which provides long-term care coverage plus a death benefit. Manage withdrawals carefully. Once you retire, your financial freedom will depend a great deal on how skillful you are in managing the money in your retirement accounts. Specifically, you need to be careful about how much you withdraw from these accounts each year. If you set a withdrawal rate that's too high in your early years of retirement, you might eventually risk outliving your resources. So, set a withdrawal rate that reflects your age, assets, retirement lifestyle and other factors. You may want to consult with a financial professional to establish an appropriate rate. As you can see, working toward your financial independence is a lifelong activity – but it's worth the effort.



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Movie theaters were a major source of entertainment during the years leading up to the Depression. After the economy bottomed out, people had to find other, cheaper forms of leisure. One third of the cinemas in the country were shuttered. Miniature golf courses charged people no more than 50 cents per round, making the low-key game another popular thing to do. With that said, board games such as Scrabble and Monopoly became all the rage. People were also tuning into the radio for comedy shows and other dramas.

More women became employed to supplement lost income, despite the fact that they were paid significantly less than men. Government help was also more socially acceptable after President Franklin D. Roosevelt introduced his New Deal initiative aimed at putting Americans back to work building infrastructure, such as the interstate highway system, that provided increased mobility not only for civilian traffic, but for the military and law enforcement as well. Before the Depression, those receiving welfare had their names listed in local newspapers, which was a deterrent for many to accept government assistance.

Men grew insecure after not being able to provide for their families, which caused an uptick in suicide. Divorce rates were low because couples could not afford to separate, and though many couples did decide to split, others were inspired to work through their issues and emerge on the other side stronger than before.

Traveling hobos became very common for teenagers who sought work to help their families on the road. Violent crimes did increase, however fell after a few years.

While things have not reached a point nearly that low in our contemporary society (and hopefully won't), this situation has forced Americans to adjust their way of life, just as our forebears in the '30s did. And just as it did for them, that course correction may make us stronger.

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chaise are the perfect elements for warm weather "easy living." And what



could be more delightful than sharing a chat and a refreshing, cool drink on the porch with a friend or neighbor? There's no doubt about it, nothing quite " hits the spot" on a hot New England summer day more than a tall glass of ice tea or lemonade. The sweet taste and clanging ice cubes of the thirst-quenching drinks have prompted recipe contests, starred at country fair refreshment booths, and spawned generations of young roadside entrepreneurs. With summer officially here, read on for some great old-fashioned lemonade and iced tea recipes guaranteed to refresh both body and spirit.

When people call for Tea Time, this season, it's usually iced tea - in frosty glasses filled to the brim. Here are a couple of delicious ways to serve up the perennial favorite drink.

Citrus Tea Cooler The carbonation and orange juice sparkle and zest to this alternaadd tive to traditional iced tea. Perfect for a punchbowl at an outside get-together. Ingredients: Three bags or one tbsp loose black tea; one and a half cup boiling water; one half cup fresh lemon juice; one bottle (28 oz) lemon-lime -carbonated beverage or ginger ale, chilled; three quarters to one cup sugar; one tray ice cubes ;one half cup fresh orange juice. Directions: Place tea bags or loose tea in bowl. Pour boiling water over tea. Let stand five minutes. Remove bags or strain to remove leaves. Add sugar and stir until all is dissolved. Place ice cubes in two-quart serving pitcher. Pour hot tea, lemon and orange juice over tea. Stir briskly several seconds until mixture is cold. Stir in chilled lemon-lime carbonated beverage. Pour into glasses and serve at once. Makes two qts.

Sparkler Lemon Now here's a quick and easy version. (For those of us whose "leisurely" outside activities more likely find us hanging out clothes, chasing after a stray child or dog and running for the ringing phone!) Ingredients: Two cups tea, brewed; one half cup Real Lemon juice; one half cup sugar; juice cubes(ice cubes made with lemon juice and a little water); two quarts of ginger ale, chilled. Directions: In a pitcher, combine the tea, lemon juice, and sugar stirring until sugar is dissolved. Just before serving, add the ginger ale and pour over juice cubes.

Old Fashioned Lemonade Most lemonade aficionados agree the secret to a great lemonade is to make a heated syrup as a base. This recipe from Hamilton Beach, is touted as a "sure-fire hit."

Ingredients: Two cups granulted sugar; two and one half cups water; juice of six lemons; juice of two oranges; grated peel of one orange; one cup fresh mint leaves Directions: In a medium saucepan, combine sugar and water. Bring to a boil; cook over medium high heat five minutes. Let cool. Add lemon juice, orange juice and orange peel to syrup. Add in mint leaves. Cover and let stand one hour. Strain lemon syrup into a jar or pitcher. Store in refrigerator until ready to use. For each serving: Put one third cup lemon syrup into an eight ounce glass filled with crushed ice and cold water. Mix or shake well. Serves two (eight ounce servings)

Quick Old Fashioned Lemonade Now, here's an "easy" version. Ingredients: Two or three ice cubes; two tablespoons lemon juice; one and one half tablespoons lime juice; two tablespoons superfine sugar; six to eight ice cubes; two cups cold water. Directions: Pour lemon and lime juice into a pitcher, add sugar and stir until dissolved. Add ice cubes and water and stir. Serve in tumblers.

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 renown restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

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

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# Gardening and wildlife

Wildlife in many areas of Massachusetts are thriving, as this week's picture shows a doe with her three young deer. Numerous gardeners are also feeling the negative part of high deer populations. Gardeners have told me about losing a lot of their crops to deer this year. Woodchucks are also to blame for lost crops to the first-time gardeners, as well as longtime gardeners. One local gardener told me about a fellow gardener that planted seed for his corn crop. It did not take the crows long to find the recently planted seeds and pretty much cleaned out his corn patch.

This year, with all of the Covid-19 problems, many people are working from home, or are not working at all. They have a lot of time on their hands and decided to grow a garden for the first time. Seeds and gardening equipment were sold out of most stores early in the area, and they had to reorder. That to was pretty much sold out quickly

Rabbit populations are also on the increase in the valley, which is good news for the few remaining hunters that own beagles, and enjoy listening

to their hounds baying, as they track the rabbit's scent. There were many rabbit hunters in the area 30 or more years ago, but the rabbit population dropped dramatically because of destroyed habitat due to construction. The return of birds of prey and the surge in

coyotes, and fisher cat populations also took their toll on the rabbit population. Rabbits can cause some destruction to small gardens, feeding on recently sprouting plants.

Freshwater bass fishing is nothing but great, as this week's picture shows young Randy Curley with his 6.4 ounce largemouth, he recently caught in a local body of water. Plastics are number one with many bass fishing anglers, but shiners are also catching some impressive freshwater bass. Top water plugs are great for catching lunker bass when fishing at night. The biggest thrill for



catching big bass are fishing with a fly rod.

A number 8 or 9 fly rod when fished with small poppers, or the great assortment of weedless plastic frogs that are available today, provide the angler with some of the most successful fishing trips ever when used properly. Fishing top water frogs in the heat of the day will surprise you with some great action, even if you catch a number of two-or-three-pound bass. The big

one is not far away, and you will enjoy the bass fishing a lot more. Your local Bait & Tackle shop should be able to set you up with the proper equipment for fly fishing, and . . . . you may never go back to the conventual rod & reel and braided lines for bass fishing. Last week's picture of a

large calico bass taken from Webster Lake, was indeed an impressive fish. Back in my younger days I fished at Meadow Pond in Whitinsville as a youngster and used a fly rod to catch them. The fly called the Mickey Fin was a killer when it came to catching Calico bass, also known as crappie. Fishing from the old bridge on Main Street. and at the Arcade Pond were two favorite places of mine for catching calico bass.

Back in the '50s, aerial spraying of DDT helped keep the mosquito population down, but it also killed the Mayflys. The fly's fell into the water and the calico bass and other species of warm



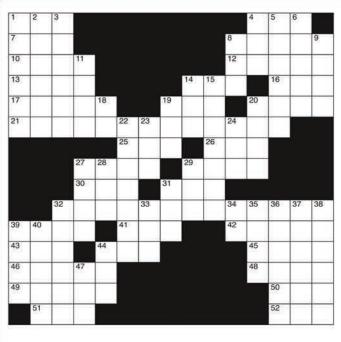
water fish ate the dead fly's killing them off also. The fish populations have since rebounded, but not in the numbers that we once had. Because of aerial spraying of DDT many birds were also killed, and the use of DDT was stopped. It was a hard lesson learned.

Fluke fishing around Block Island Rods Bending. and the shores off

of Matunic beach are finally giving up some keeper fish. Numerous doormats up to 22 inches have been reported. Sea Bass finally opened up this past Wednesday,

June 24 in Rhode Island waters. The daily limit is three fish at 15 inches or more. Buzzards Bay area continues to give up some big seabass along with monster Scaup.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them



# Protect your landscape from bungry critters



squeeze through or under these. GARDEN The last thing you want is an animal happily living and dining Moments inside your fenced in garden.

For gardeners who do not want to spend the money on fencing or view their flowers and other ornamental plantings through a fence, there are other options.

need time to dry while granule repellents may need to be watered to activate the smell. Always check the label for the product you are applying.

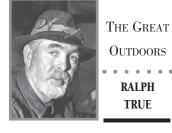
Protect new tree whips by dipping them in a long-lasting liquid repellent. Mature trees will benefit as well. Treat them prior to bud break or two to three weeks after leaves have developed.

# **CLUES ACROSS**

1. Protects from weather

30 Egyptian unit of weight

32. Carroll O'Connor's TV wife





While you're busy filling your landscape with beautiful flowers and scrumptious vegetables, the deer, rabbits and other wildlife are watching and waiting to move in to dine. Don't lose your beautiful investment to hungry animals. Be proactive in keeping wildlife at bay, so you can grow a beautiful landscape this season.

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Protect plants as soon as they are set in the ground. It's easier to prevent damage rather than break a habit. Once critters find delicious plants, they will be back for more and they're likely to bring along a few additional family members.

A fence is an excellent defense against animals. A four-feethigh fence anchored tightly to the ground will keep out rabbits. Five-feet-high fences around small garden areas will usually keep out deer that tend to avoid smaller spaces.

Woodchucks are more difficult. They will dig under or climb over the fence. You must place the fence at least 12 inches below the soil surface with four to five feet above ground. Make sure gates are secured so animals can't

Scarecrows, rattling pans and other scare tactics have been widely used for decades. Unfortunately, urban animals are used to noise and human scent and not discouraged by these tactics. You must move and alternate the various scare tactics to increase your chance of success.

Repellents may be your best and most practical option. Always check the label for details on use, application rates and timing. Research has proven that odor-based repellents are more effective than other types of repellents. Wildlife will avoid plants rather than taking a bite before they discover they don't like the taste.

Look for organic repellents labeled for use on food plants when treating edibles. Plantskydd (plantskydd. com) is the only OMRI certified organic repellent and is effective against rabbits, deer, voles, elk, moose, chipmunks and squirrels. It is rain resistant and each application lasts three to four months during the growing season.

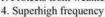
Maximize results by treating new growth according to label directions. Most liquid repellents

Continue to monitor plantings throughout your landscape all season long. Watch for animal tracks, droppings and other signs wildlife have moved into your area. Protect new plantings and those favored by wildlife before they start dining on your plants. Always be as persistent as the hungry animals.

If you're ever feeling discouraged, remember that gardeners have been battling animals in the garden long before us and there are lots of options to help protect your flowers and harvest.

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- 7. Southern constellation
- 8. Swines

13. Surinam toad

14. Sign language

16. Tattoo (slang)

19. Sun up in New York

20. It must be scratched

27. One of two equal parts of a

21. Where people live

divisible whole

17. Makes level

25. Swiss river

29. Shrek is one

**CLUES DOWN** 

3. Capital of Taiwan

5. Some are bad

6. Monetary unit

8. Package (abbr.)

4. Former French coin

9. Indian religious person

14. Antidiuretic hormone

18. Baseball box score stat

22. Even distribution of weight

26. Buddy

1. Occur

11. Crew

15. Makeshift

19. Make a mistake

23. Clumsy person

20. Not moving

2. Show up

- 10. Self-righteously moralistic person
- 42. A way to emit sound 12. United Arab Emirates city
  - 43. Mandela's party
    - 44. Adult female chicken

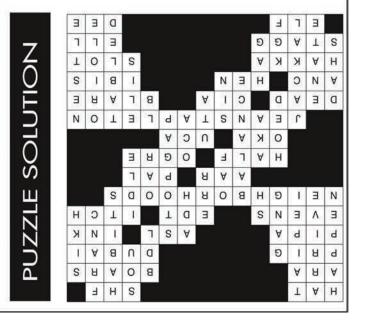
39. No longer having life

- 45. U. of Miami's mascot
- 46. Southeastern Chinese people
  - 48. Casino game

31. Fiddler crabs

41. Former OSS

- 49. Amos Alonzo \_\_, US football
- coach
- 50. Joint connecting two pipes at right angles
- 51. Will Ferrell film
- 52. River in NE Scotland
- 24. Paddle 27. Worked the soil
- 28. Alias
- 29. Plant cultivated in Peru
- 31. Side-blotched lizards genus
- 32. Wild dog
- 33. Immoral act
- 34. Pound
- 35. Manning and Lilly are two
- 36. Put on the shelf for now
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Dashes
- 40. Related on the mother's side
- 44. Witch
- 47. Kilogram force (abbr.)





Deer can wreak havoc on landscapes and research has proven that odor-based repellents are more effective than other repellents at keeping deer and other critters from eating your plants.

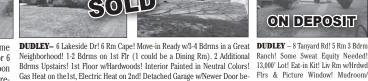








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# **SUMMERTIME**

# Make the most of your staycation with these activities

Staycations have grown in popularity in recent years. A 2018 poll from YouGov Omnibus found that 53 percent of the more than 100,000 participants had taken a staycation at some point, proving that forgoing traditional vacations for relaxing respites in the comfort of home is a wildly popular trend.

While they might not be as exotic as venturing off to parts unknown, staycations need not be limited to days spent lounging by the backyard pool or laying out on the living room couch. The following are a handful of activities that can help people make the most of their staycations.

• Spa experience: Who doesn't like the chance to engage in a little pampering when staying in a fancy hotel? That same luxury can be enjoyed during a staycation by booking an appointment at a local spa that offers all the amenities, including a sauna, steam room. beauty treatments, and, of course, massage services.

• A day on the links: The opportunity to test one's mettle on a new course in an idyllic setting is one golf lovers simply cannot pass up while vacationing. A similar challenge can be found when staying at home. Do a little homework to find the most challenging course within driving distance of your home and then book a tee time, treating yourself even further by indulging in a good meal in the clubhouse once your 18 holes are up.

• The wonders of nature: Professional and personal lives can make it hard to enjoy the great outdoors, even when it's steps from your front door. During a staycation, commit to exploring local parks, hitting the trails to hike or mountain bike or renting a boat or kayak and taking to the water.

 City life: Just because you aren't traveling far away doesn't mean you cannot still get out of town for a day. Plan a day trip to a big city within driving distance of your home. See the sights, visit a museum and cap it off with a visit to a restaurant serving your favorite ethnic cuisine.

• "Go" camping: Parents of young children can make a staycation more special by spending a night camping in the backyard. Leave your devices indoors as you sit around the firepit telling stories and making some delicious s'mores.



Then set up the tents and sleep under the stars for a memorable night in the "wild."

• Rainy day: If the weather is not cooperating during your staycation, create a backup plan to add a little life to rainy

days. Plan a daylong film festival in which each member of the family gets to choose a movie everyone can watch together. Make sure you have plenty of popcorn on hand and order in a few pizzas so everyone can focus on the films.

Families planning staycations can make these relaxing respites at home more enjoyable by incorporating a few unusual activities throughout the week.



# A cold concoction perfect for summer nights

Summer is synonymous with many things. Vacations, warm weather and al fresco dining are part and parcel of many people's summertime routines.

Another beloved routine is enjoying a cold beverage on a warm summer evening. As summer breezes invite scores of people outside to relax on their patios, decks or balconies, a cold beverage can be just what's needed to take such relaxing nights one step further. The following recipe for "Summer Cantaloupe" from Andrew Schloss' "Homemade Liqueurs and Infused Spirits" (Storey Publishing) is easily whipped up and can go a long way toward making summer evenings especially sweet.

#### SUMMER CANTALOUPE

Makes about 1 quart

1 fifth (31/4 cups) 80-100 proof vodka

- 4 cups cantaloupe chunks 1 cup Simple Syrup (see below)
- Finely grated zest of 2 lemons

1. Muddle the vodka, cantaloupe and

lemon zest with a wooden spoon in a half-gallon jar. Stir to moisten everything. 2. Seal the jar and put it in a cool, dark

cabinet until the liquid smells and tastes strongly of melon, four to seven days.



4. Stir in the Simple Syrup.

5. Seal and store in a cool, dark cabinet. Use within one year.

#### SIMPLE SYRUP

Makes 3 cups 21/4 cups water 21/4 cups granulated cane sugar

Mix the water and sugar in a small saucepan until the sugar is all moistened. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Stir to make sure the sugar is completely dissolved, then remove from the heat and let cool. Refrigerate for up to three months.













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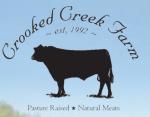
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