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MTD doubles manufacturing space

CHARLTON — MTD Micro Molding is a contract manufacturer that specializes in problem solving for the micro-medical device market and is a strategic partner for bringing the smallest, most critical, cutting-edge devices to life. MTD is vertically integrated with tooling and molding in-house at our facility in Charlton and are uniquely specialized in micro-injection molding bioabsorbable and drug-delivery applications.

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to expand the facility in Charlton to accommodate the fast-growing medical micromolding business. In 2019, MTD unexpectedly lost their president and leader, Dennis Tully, who was the mastermind behind the building expansion project. In his honor, MTD carried on Tully's vision and completed the project on schedule, despite setbacks from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As vice president, Gary Hulecki explains, "We were nearing our capacity in our existing manufactur-

ing space and needed room to grow."

The expansion measures 11,700 square feet, creating a new facility size of 27,450 square feet— effectively doubling MTD's cleanroom manufacturing space. The expansion is complete with a new tooling department, more material storage, a new conference space, additional offices, and even a fitness center for employees. MTD is a single-source supplier for customers, performing all micromolding services in-house, in a single controlled environment.

For example, the expansion allows MTD to better handle the logistics of the increasing need for custom packaging and assembly services.

"The days of bulk packing tiny medical parts are becoming a thing of the past. Custom packaging solutions are becoming a requirement for medical OEMs," Hulecki said.

At a time when many businesses are worried about their future, Hulecki admits that he does have

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Maxfield to retire in October

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The end of an era is on the horizon for the Charlton Police Department with the recent announcement of the impending retirement of Chief Graham Maxfield effective Oct. 3.

Chief Maxfield has been a staple of the Charlton Police Department for 23 years, eventually becoming Chief in 2017 with the retirement of Chief James Pervier. During his tenure the chief also briefly served as interim Town Administrator in 2019 after the departure of Robin Craver.

Chief Maxfield provided his notice of intent to retire prior to the Sept. 3 Board of Selectmen meeting where the board officially accepted the chief's decision while compliment-

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Papa Gino's, D'Angelo continue spread love to local heroes

AUBURN — Over the course of 10 weeks this spring, Papa Gino's and D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches donated 480 X-Large Pizzas and 1,500 sandwiches to local heroes throughout the state, including the Auburn DPW Parks Division, through their respective community donation programs.

The PapaGino's program is called Pizza My Heart and the D'Angelo program is called EveryDAY Heroes. Each benefitted healthcare heroes fighting the outbreak of COVID-19 in facilities such as hospitals, assisted living facilities, urgent care clinics and others.

Building on the success of these programs, and inspired by the heroes already recognized, Papa Gino's and D'Angelo have decided to continue with these weekly deliveries, now expanding the potential recipients to any group or organization who stands out in their community. This could be first responders, grocery store employees, animal shelters, day care centers and others - the program is open to all heroes and

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Soccer, field hockey among approved sports at Shepherd Hill

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY/CHARLTON – The landscape for the new year in the Dudley Charlton Regional School District is ever changing as the district works to provide the best education and experience for students as possible while also considering the guidelines associated with COVID-19. This include sports at Shepherd Hill Regional High School.

Several fall sports were given the go-ahead by the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee during a meeting on Sept. 9 where Shepherd Hill Principal William Chaplin and Athletic Director James Scanlon lobbied for four

sports to return to action in the coming weeks and months. Initially Chaplin and Scanlon had intended on requesting that just cross country and golf be approved but at the last minute the two also request that soccer and field hockey be allowed to progress as well.

The justification for adding the two sports to the mix was that both have been deemed among the safer sports to return to action with adjustments to social distancing. Also, while other sports are being held off for later "seasons" over the course of the year both Chaplin and Scanlon explained that delaying those sports could leave no competition to play as other districts

have already green lit field hockey and soccer athletics.

"We've been having conversations within the district but also outside with many of our colleagues. Many districts are choosing to move forward with the sports of field hockey and soccer. So with our initial recommendation there were some unintended consequences which were such that if we did move forward with moving soccer and field hockey to a later season there was the potential that they wouldn't have any opponents to face," James Scanlon said. "This has been a creative reimagination of what extracurricular athletics look like with a tremendous amount

of work throughout the state with our league and the MIAA - What they've done is create a four season structure and that's unusual compared to what we've usually had, but again the focus here is taking it one step at a time and reassessing before each season and throughout each season."

Principal Chaplin agreed and said he feels the district will be able to make proper adjustments to allow for safe and competitive environments for all four sports this fall. As conditions change the school is hoping to request the return of other sports in the months

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According to Barron's, a leading financial publication, the ranking reflects America's top 100 independent financial advisors. List makers are determined based on the volume of assets overseen by the advisors and their teams, revenues generated for the firms, and the quality of the advisors' practices.

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Thomas Bartholomew

Meagan Parker of Uxbridge joins cohort of new Lasell University students

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NEWTON — Meagan Parker became a new student at Lasell University this fall. Parker, a resident of Uxbridge (01569), will study Criminal Justice.

More than 370 new students joined the Lasell community in September for the fall semester. New and returning students were given a choice to study in residential, commuter, or fully online settings to accommodate their preferences during the

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Climate solution: Let the trees grow

AG HOSTS CLIMATE, FOREST AND HEALTH FORUM

BY GUS STEEVES
CORRESPONDENT

REGION — While Bay State forests have been taking up more carbon over the last few decades than cutting them has released, proposals to cut trees for development, solar and/or biomass energy would have century-long pay-back times or longer.

That was one of the takeaways from last Tuesday’s online forum conducted by the Attorney General’s Office. More than 300 people attended to hear Tufts Professor emeritus William Moomaw, MIT professor John Sterman, and Richard Birdsey of Woodwell Climate Center talk on the “Critical Role of Forests in Protecting Climate and Public Health.”

For Moomaw, the key solution to climate change is “proforestation.” That involves two major changes to what we now do: set aside forest reserves that cannot be harvested and allow the trees we do harvest to grow longer.

“The largest one percent of trees in mature and older forests comprise half of the biomass,” and therefore store half of the carbon, he said.

But those are the trees lumber companies typically target first, so there aren’t very many of them left. In general, Birdsey said, trees need to grow about twice as long as most Massachusetts forests have been growing to reach that state. Forests today are “middle-aged” – between 45 and 105 years old – so they “still have a long way to go before they get old.”

While “forests are growing almost five times faster than they’re being harvested” right now and the state “has the highest carbon density in the Northeast,” Birdsey said, they’re only catching about 10 percent of our carbon emissions. Moomaw noted most of the rest are going into the oceans, but enough end up in the atmosphere to have hiked CO2 levels from 330 to about 420 parts per million since 1880. That figure is higher than it has been in nearly 800,000 years.

“It’s accelerating and rising more rapidly,” Moomaw said. “...All but one of the warmest years on record have occurred since 2000,” and that one exception was 1998. While the world signed the Paris Accords in 2015 agreeing to avoid a 1.5C average temperature increase, most countries have not met their goals to date, which would lead to a 45 percent emissions reduction by 2030. (Statistics widely show that emissions have fallen during the Covid-19 lockdowns, but the atmosphere’s total CO2 concentration continues to rise, just a little more slowly.)

Moomaw noted there are many methods that can help stop and reverse CO2 emissions, including reforestation, cropland and pasture, improved forest management, especially letting them live longer, planting more trees outside for-

ests. In short, he said, “We just need to let more trees grow.”

“New England forests are among the most resilient forests in this country,” but climate change could hurt that, he later added in response to a question. Generally, though, our region is likely to fare better than most because forests can adapt to the increased precipitation predicted for New England better than increased drought expected elsewhere, he said.

But what Birdsey termed “overly pessimistic” projections over the rest of the century show that development, climate change, and increased harvesting will cause a “continued loss of forest area.” Currently, the state sees 10-14,000 acres of deforestation per year, including residential development and clearcuts for solar arrays, he said.

Regarding one solar project in Berkshire County (although many others are similarly located), “ironically, a few miles away is a cleared strip mall ... which could have hosted those solar panels,” he said.

Since 1900, only 19 percent of the carbon harvested from the state’s forests is now stored in various kinds of products, while 16 percent is in landfills and 65 percent is now in the atmosphere, he said.

To Sterman, one concept sometimes touted as a “green energy” source is anything but – biomass burning. That’s just what it sounds like: burying wood in powerplants; while they get some scrap and post-consumer waste, most of what they burn is newly-cut trees.

Sterman said doing that actually has far worse climate impact per unit of useful energy than even fossil fuels – it produces 25 percent more CO2 than oil and 75 percent more than natural gas – with emissions all along the supply chain, from harvesting and soil disturbance, transportation, processing and combustion itself. Yes, the trees can eventually regrow but that “takes time and is not certain,” he said, especially given that a lot of land is then developed.

“The only opportunity for reducing CO2” with biomass is “if the forests you harvested regrow faster than the ones you harvested,” he said. In practice, though, that does not happen easily. Regrowing forest takes anywhere from 98 to 138 years to accumulate the carbon that was emitted by burning it, depending on how old the harvested forest was to start with and how it was harvested (thinned vs clearcut). He also noted such a calculation ignored the probable negative effects of climate change itself that might harm forest regrowth, such as precipitation changes and invasive pests.

Later, in response to an audience question, he said climate change will be a “very serious” risk to forest health. It will also change the species mix, which is already starting, with “the maples having a hard time trying to survive

here and trying to migrate north.” As the climate warms, he added, we’ll see the “zone of success of these species [change] faster than they can migrate

“We just don’t have that time.... Burning trees, burning wood for bio-energy makes climate change worse for at least a century or more,” Sterman said. After noting several public health groups oppose biomass due to pollution and health issues, he added, “This should in no way be taken as a justification for continuing to use fossil fuels, because those are just making climate change worse.”

Instead, he advocated for solar and wind with storage cells as “the cheapest source of the energy we need,” but the biggest need is for increased energy efficiency. (Even the federal government’s own Energy Information Agency data shows that around half of all the energy produced is simply wasted, often either lost during transmission or emitted as heat. Within buildings, a lot of that can be captured by heat pumps.)

Audience member Kristen Sykes agreed in the chat, writing, “If people overall used less energy, that would make a huge difference. We have an energy addiction here in the US.”

Sterman also said he considers “meaningful” carbon pricing “among the highest leveraged things we can do” provided the revenue is rebated to the public (sometimes termed carbon tax-and-dividend). Moomaw added he feels “paying people to let their forests keep growing” is “one of the cheapest methods” to encourage carbon sequestration, and should be seen as “an investment.”

In the chat, participants also proposed encouraging the use of hemp as a crop and building material, decreasing dairy and meat consumption, reducing overall resource consumption, and other approaches.

“We need a holistic, comprehensive approach that restores the ecosystem and works with Nature,” wrote Lenore Bryck.

“It’s not going to be easy to solve this crisis, but it is possible and it’s worth it,” Sterman concluded.

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one concern with this expansion project.

“Our fear is that we will grow out of this expansion, at the rate of growth we’re seeing,” he noted.

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Trinity Catholic Academy returns to class full time!



SOUTHBRIDGE — Tuesday, Sept. 8 was the first day of in person learning for Grades 1-8 at Trinity Catholic Academy. It was a day with so many smiles even if they were behind masks, for teachers to see students and students to see teachers once again after being away from the classrooms since

March of this year. So many missed their “extended family members”!

As reported in the past, teachers at TCA and across the Diocese have put returning to “in-person” class as their top priority all summer. (Certainly not a “summer off”) To put all the details in place for this to happen took dedication and “heart” with the safety of students and teachers alike at the top of the list.

Principal Josie Citta, Fr. Ken Cardinale along with faculty & staff were curbside or statically stationed to welcome all students for their first day with new procedures in place. Students are temperature checked before exiting their vehicle, hand sanitized before entering the building and then directed promptly to their classroom. Proper signage with reminders of “six feet apart” and masks continue to be very visible. The usual first day general assembly did not happen. Instead, the PA system was used for welcoming comments from Principal Citta and a new school year blessing from Fr. Ken for a safe and successful unique school year, asking the Virgin Mary to guide us through this new path for their education. Fr. Ken concluded by leading all students and faculty to join in from their classrooms to sing Happy Birthday to Mary as Sept. 8 is her birthday.

Wednesday, Sept. 9 was the first day of Kindergarten with the same safety procedure. The added difference for the Kindergarten students was that they got to meet their (eighth grade buddies/mentors) at a distance curbside with each eighth grader holding a sign with their personal buddy’s name. This buddy system will be virtual within the school for the time being, hoping that similar bonding experiences will result accordingly. Kindergarten students are usually grouped at tables, this year they are at individual desks with their own supplies. New activities have been put in place to keep physical activity and transitions not only fun but educational!

Thursday, Sept. 10 was the first day for Pre-K at Trinity. You might think they had been going for weeks already. Both Pre-K and Kindergarten did individual orientations for each student and their parent along with the child a couple weeks before. This proved to be very beneficial for expectations of children, parents, and teachers alike. Each preschooler also has their own desk with their own supplies

at their fingertips. Floor time locations for each child is strategically marked for proper spacing, this done with colored dots to station themselves, but airplane arms is the best to “make sure” you are the right distance apart from your fellow preschooler.

All teachers can have several classes held outside if weather cooperates. Classes such as science physical education, movement and other classes are easily adaptable for a change of scenery and the opportunity to move to the outdoors. No matter what age, the variety of masks to observe is a new entertainment, from shark faces to American flags, they are great way students are sharing their personalities!

Throughout Trinity, programs are being introduced that are easily adapted at home should this become a necessity, but hopefully, with all guidelines in place TCA classes will remain “live” for the entire school year! TCA is very grateful for those who have contributed in the past and currently toward technology upgrades to have what we need for the students along with the personal attention each student deserves.

Quinsigamond Community College gets the vote out

WORCESTER — College students are getting the Quinsigamond Community word out about the power and

impact of voting. As a service to our community, the College has developed an informational video campaign that highlights college students discussing the importance of voting. The videos remind people of the October 8 deadline for voter registration, and encourage everyone to participate in our upcoming elections. In addition to producing videos, the College is using #QCCVotes to drive voter registrations and student participation via social media.

The College’s easy to navigate Web page, www.QCC.edu/vote, offers a direct link to the Commonwealth’s voter registration page and other important voting information. QCC is working in collaboration with the Higher Education Consortium Central MA (HECCMA) and its Get Out The Vote Group, as well as MassVote, to promote the videos throughout the City of Worcester and help build awareness. QCC is also supporting MassVote’s Spanish speaking Zoom event on Sept. 24 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., “Your Voting Rights During the COVID 19 Crisis”/“VOTE INFORMADAMENTE: Sus derechos al votar durante la crisis de COVID 19.”

“It’s such an important time in our nation’s history and exercising your right to vote is one of the most impactful and powerful duties we can do as American citizens,” said Director of Community Bridges Deborah González.

Young voters have the power to change elections and represent close to one third of the voting population, yet historically vote less often than those of the baby boomer generation. QCC’s Voting campaign shines the spotlight on the ability to shape the future through voting.

“Voting enables people to affect change, shape policies and make a better future,” Ms. González continued.

A 2018 study done by Tufts University showed that college students more than doubled their rate of voting between mid-term election voting in 2014 and 2018, and according to Pew Research Center, Millennials, Gen Z and Gen Xers cast more votes in the 2016 presidential election.

“This demonstrates the power of younger voters. They are the driving force behind what will happen on Nov. 3 and what the future holds for our country,” said QCC Associate Vice President for External Affairs, Viviana Abreu-Hernandez, adding, “I encourage everyone to make sure they register to vote and vote early.”

Visit www.QCC.edu/vote to get more information on how and where to vote.

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Emaciation

6. Million barrels per day (abbr.)

9. Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)

13. Anatomical term

14. Tropical starchy tuberous root

15. Jewish calendar month

16. Round Dutch cheese

17. Western Pacific republic

18. List of foods

19. It can strike the ground

21. Drenches

22. Some are cole

23. __ Squad

24. Expresses emotion

25. One point east of due south

28. Satisfaction

29. Holds nothing back

31. Top of the body

33. Not well-liked

36. Did slowly

38. Greek goddess of the dawn

39. Gland secretion

41. Vital to existence

44. Aristocratic young women

45. Erik __, composer

46. Not young

48. Jewish term for “Sir”

49. Secondary school

51. __ student: learns to heal

52. Regarding

54. Highly excited

56. Mainly

60. Thin, narrow piece of wood

61. Cakes

62. Biomedical nonprofit

63. Dried-up

64. One who is symbolic of something

65. Body part

66. Muslim ruler

67. Women from Mayflower

68. Notes

CLUES DOWN

1. Not us

2. Helper

3. Bleat

4. Type of chair

5. Jr.'s father

6. Necessary for certain beverages

7. Hillside

8. Dutch painter Gerrit __

9. Gave a new look

10. Ancient Greek City

11. Confidence trick

12. Type of fund

14. From an Asian island

17. Malay boat

20. Western Australia indigenous people

21. Cluster on underside of fern frond

23. You need it to get somewhere

25. The woman

26. It may be green

27. Makes less severe

29. One from Beantown

30. Cavalry sword

32. Metric linear unit

34. Hawaiian dish

35. Yokel

37. Dissuade

40. Mutual savings bank

42. __ Caesar, comedian

43. Primordial matters

47. We all have it

49. Hermann __, author of “Siddhartha”

50. Historic MA coastal city

52. Shady garden alcove

53. Small amount

55. Horse-drawn cart

56. Nocturnal rodent

57. Spiritual leader

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59. Speaks incessantly

61. Auction term

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QCC helps stop spread of COVID-19 with drive-through testing

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College will be supporting the Worcester community by hosting a drive-thru COVID-19 test site at its main campus, 670 West Boylston Street, Worcester beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 16 and running through September 30. Testing is being conducted by AIDS Project Worcester, Inc., and is part of the Commonwealth’s “Stop the Spread” program. The testing is open to the general public regardless of whether or not a person is symptomatic. No insurance is required, and testing is free. “We are proud to help reinforce the City’s campaign to

stop the spread of COVID-19. The best way to help stop the spread is by wearing masks, social distancing, hand washing, and getting tested to make sure you do not have the virus,” said QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja. The drive-thru testing site will be open by appointment only. Tests will be conducted on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 – 6 p.m. and Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be no weekend hours, and only those with appointments will be tested. Call 508-847-0623 for an appointment. Tests will be given in Lot 3 of the College’s

main campus. “AIDS Project Worcester is an excellent partner for this endeavor. They are fully self-contained, and bring all testing equipment to every host site. It’s a remarkable operation,” said Community Public Health Specialist/Consultant, Susan Johnson. “The test is a PCR nasal test, the most reliable test available because of its high sensitivity. Tests are processed through the Broad Institute and results are sent by email within 24-48 hours.” To make an appointment for a COVID-19 test, call 508-847-0623. For information on how QCC is responding to this pandemic, visit the College’s COVID-19 Information Center at www.QCC.edu/covid19. “We are delighted to be working with such a compassionate and professional organization like Quinsigamond Community College. We look forward to this collaboration that will provide an important public health service to the Worcester community,” said Michelle Smith, Executive director for AIDS Project Worcester. For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or orjmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

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MEALS

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will run for 10 weeks.

Recipients of the Pizza My Heart program will receive up to seven X-Large Cheese Pizzas, and recipients of the EveryDay Heroes program will receive up to 30 sandwiches and bags of chips.

The primary method of nominating recipients for the donations is to fill out the quick and easy nomination forms below.

Pizza My Heart: <https://forms.gle/R5pUBzVny3rRAAry6>

EveryDay Heroes: <https://forms.gle/m36iAuPVfPhrbzAB9>

“One thing 2020 has taught us is that there are heroes in many forms across all our New England communities, and we want to do our part to celebrate the people in

our towns who are making a difference,” said Deena McKinley, CMO of Papa Gino’s and McAngelo Grilled Sandwiches. “We’re very grateful for the opportunity to hear these stories and reward these amazing individuals with their favorite hometown food through the continuation of our cherished community donation programs.”

As always, the health and safety of recipients and Papa Gino's and D'Angelo team members is a priority, and the donations are carried out using proper social distancing practices and No-Contact Delivery.

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MAXFIELD

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ing his years of service to the community.

"I think you know how I feel about you and the job you've done," Selectman David Singer told the chief. "I can tell you with absolute certainty that it will take (a lot) to list Chief Maxfield's accomplishments as chief of police for the town of Charlton. We've had good chiefs time after time, no question, but I think we'll be hard pressed to fill Chief Maxfield's shoes looking at the lengthy list of achievements he's done in such a short period of time."

Selectman Bill Borowski added to Singer's sentiments calling the chief "phenomenal" and complimenting the many contributions he has made to the community as both police chief and in other roles he has filled during the past two decades.

"The fact is, you keep us

all safe at night with your team. You have cultivated a staff that is really the sign of a true leader. At any time, people can call the police station regardless of what it is and they know they will be taken care of. The fact that you help people sleep at night I think, at least as chief, will be your greatest accomplishment," Borowski said.

The chief himself was humbled by the support he received from selectmen. In the end though he said it takes more than just one person to create a successful police department to serve the community at large.

"It's been a pleasure to serve this town and all of you. I have great people in my building, my lieutenant, my sergeants, all top of the line individuals, my executive assistant. Although I speak for the department as the chief it's really a collection of moving parts. I have great people and a great department. You're in good hands," Chief Maxfield said.

SPORTS

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to come where appropriate.

"There's a lot of logistics, how many spectators you can have and the cleaning of things and so forth. One of the biggest ones is going to be transportation.

Students are leaving at 11:15 a.m. here. It's also important to note remote only students are eligible for athletics. So aren't home school students. So, we need to look at that because there might be some recommendations moving forward regarding transportation. Other schools have already said they are not going

to provide transportation and you have to get yourself to practice and to the games. That's something that we're going to have to tackle."

The school committee voted unanimously to allow the return of all four sports, golf, cross country, field hockey, and soccer, this fall.

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 Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to sports.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 9 = A)

A. 18 2 6 16 7 14 7

Clue: Strive to win something

B. 14 7 9 6

Clue: Group of players

C. 18 20 9 6 16 24 2 1

Clue: Winner

D. 9 14 20 25 7 14 7

Clue: Proficient in sports

Answers: A. compete B. team C. champion D. athlete

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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!

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The passing of a trail blazer

The world lost a champion for justice last week with the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. A role model for both men and women, Ginsburg passed away at the age of 87. Ginsburg was active up until the last two weeks of her life, even performing a wedding ceremony.

She became the second female justice to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, and the first Jewish woman. Her path to the highest court in the nation was not an easy one being cast off because she was a woman. Despite the push-back, Ginsburg had a list of firsts under her belt, including being the first tenured female professor at Columbia University. She was also the first female member of the Harvard Law Review. Ginsburg was one of nine females out of 500 attending Harvard Law School. At one point, the law dean asked each of the women to justify taking places at the school that could be filled by men.

Serving as the Director of the Women’s Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union during the 1970s, Ginsburg fought to make legal the right for women to sign a mortgage without a man, the right to have a bank account without a male co-signer, the right to have a job without being discriminated based on gender and the right for women to be pregnant, have children and work at the same time. It was around this time she met her husband Martin Ginsburg, a tax lawyer who she helped through school, while he battled cancer. Together they had two children.

After graduation from Columbia, Ginsburg applied to work for 12 firms; however, she was denied based on her sex. Eventually, she was offered a clerkship at the U.S. District Court with Judge Edmund G. Palmieri. According to Ginsburg, she was declined other positions due to men feeling uncomfortable with her in chambers.

Ginsburg became a professor of law at Rutgers in 1963 just after studying the Swedish legal system.

In 1980, she was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. In 1993, she was named to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Bill Clinton. During her Senate confirmation hearings, she refused to answer any questions that would reveal her personal opinions, and would not comment on hypothetical cases. She did so to “maintain [her] open-mindedness and integrity as a jurist.”

Her list of achievements can fill a book and her life story is exceptional. Outside the steps of the Supreme Court, thousands have paid respects by leaving flowers, candles and messages that read “Rest in power” and “we can because she did.”

A black drape was hung over the entrance of the Supreme Court building on Saturday, a tradition that dates back to 1873 after the passing of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase. Ginsburg’s chair and the front of the bench where she sat was also draped with a black cloth. Both will remain for 30 days.



POSITIVELY
SPEAKING

GARY W. MOORE

I awoke this morning in a different place. Everything is new. I rose around 3 a.m. and walked straight into a wall. I thought for a moment that I broke my nose. I did not. Everything is unfamiliar, yet this is our new home.

For those regular readers of this column, you know we sold our home of twenty-six years and moved to a downsized place. We love our new digs, yet old habits are hard to break. I’ll have to learn a new route to the restroom in the dark.

My biggest concern with this move was that Arlene would be happy and love our new place ... and she does. Watching her unpack and arrange things has been a joy ... but also a relief. Our first night here, she awoke in the middle of the night, sat straight up, looked around at the darkened room and said, “I’m going home now.”

I embraced her, coaxed her back onto her pillow and said,

As the harvest season wanes and the leaves begin to fall, it becomes apparent the backyard garden, so alive and abundant in recent weeks, is soon to retire for a long winter’s nap. While bountiful garden rewards may be behind us, garden chores are not. There is still much to keep a New England gardener busy during the autumn season. From planting to pruning, efforts now will be celebrated next year. It is the anticipation of these future crops that sustains weary gardeners through the roster of fall chores.

OCTOBER
October Stats: Average temperature (Worcester, MA): 58.3; Possibility of Sunshine: 58%; Precipitation: 4.7”.

- October is the month to:
- Plant spring flowering bulbs such as tulips, crocuses and daffodils.
 - Prune roses to prepare or winter. Cut non-blooming roses back half way.
 - Rake leaves from lawn; add to compost pile.
 - Make sure evergreens have a good deep watering before the ground freezes. They should receive at least an inch of water a week, preferably more.
 - If you test your soil and add any needed amendments now, the soil will be ready for planting in spring.
 - Cut back and mulch fall chrysanthemums after blooming.
 - Christmas cactus should rest in a cool, dim room with little water. Bring it back out November 15 for holiday bloom.
 - Protect pumpkins from frost
 - As leaves begin to fall, remove them long before snow arrives. They not only shade the grass during late fall, but become wet and mat down to smother the grass over winter.
 - Raked leaves make an excellent mulch on the bare, winter garden. They can prevent weeds next year, and as they decompose add organic matter to the soil.
 - Continue to mow your lawn until growth ceases. Make the last mowing a notch or two lower, in order to remove much top growth. This will avoid the need to rake off dead growth in the spring, and will help prevent snow mold disease.

Other Fall Garden Chores
Stowing the Stash: Proper storage of your bountiful harvest will ensure your family the fruits of your labor throughout the New England winter. Generations ago, a root cellar was a basement staple. Today, the temperature can be achieved via a little creativity. Whether you are growing your own root vegetables or are buying in bulk from a local farm or farmers market, proper storage is imperative to its flavor and quality. Here’s the rundown on proper temps to keep your harvest safe and flavorful: Potatoes, beets, carrots, parsnips, turnips, cabbage and celery should be kept in a humid atmosphere at about 35-40 degrees. Squash and pumpkins should be stored in a dry area at 40-60 degrees. Onions and dry beans should be kept at 33 degrees in a dry area.

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TRAINOR**

a heavy, solid door. Keep in mind the temperature inside the root cellar will be coolest near the floor, so place roots there atop an old door or boards. Or create a root box by filling a large, sturdy cardboard box with a few inches of sawdust or sand. Place a layer of roots such as carrots, leaving two inches along the sides. Cover lightly with sawdust and alternate layers, adding a final three inches of sawdust on top. Store in a cool basement or in the cellar bulkhead area. Roots can touch each other in storage, just don’t pack them in tightly, as some moist air must be able to circulate.

Lawn Care: New England lawns can be a challenge, but there are some shortcuts to ensure a lush lawn come spring. . As leaves begin to fall, remove them long before snow arrives. They not only shade the grass during late fall, but become wet and mat down to smother the grass over winter. Raked leaves make excellent mulch on the bare, winter garden. They can prevent weeds next year, and as they decompose add organic matter to the soil. Or add them to the compost pile. Some run over the leaves with a rotary mower, shredding them into fine pieces. Unless too thick, or adding to an existing thatch problem, this may work for your lawn. Continue to mow your lawn until growth ceases, often sometime in October. Make the last mowing a notch or two lower, in order to remove much top growth. This will avoid the need to rake off dead growth in the spring, and will help prevent snowmold disease. ties.

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!, 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.

Home is within your heart

“We are home.”

She sprung back up, looked around the dark room and responded, “I don’t think so. I’m going home.”

It scared me. I tossed and turned the rest of the night, worried that we made a mistake. A few hours later, she was enthusiastically brushing her teeth and mumbling through the toothpaste that she loves our new place.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Change can be difficult to accept and tough on us all. We have the choice, like Don Quixote, to foolishly charge at Windmills in protest, or to embrace the now and optimistically look forward and build a happy future. We choose the optimism of a new day and I’m left wondering why others would choose differently.

Nothing in this world remains the same. As the saying goes, nothing in life is as consistent as change. Fighting change is like cursing the wind. There is nothing you can do to stop it. Instead,

why not unfurl your sail and see where the wind might take you?

What have I learned through this process?

Life is an adventure and not a place. Let go and enjoy the ride.

A home is where you love others in your heart and where you lay your head at night.

Home is not an outer building but a place within you.

A home is your current place of residence, where you plan and launch your next adventure.

A home is a state of mind and not a location. Arlene and I, after three nights, feel comfortable at home.

How can we feel at home after only seventy-two hours? The answer is simple. We made the decision to love this new place and we declared it as home. As I’ve said hundreds of times in this column, happiness is a choice. We could choose to be sad, angry or any negative emotion ... or we can choose to be happy at our new home and optimistic about our future. We, of course,

chose the latter and are open to and enthusiastic about the adventures to come.

So, now we begin a new chapter of our lives together. Three weeks from now, my daughter and her family will be relocating back into this area. Soon this place will be filled with laughter and the voices of Caleb and Noah. We could not be more thrilled with the prospects of our future.

We feel optimistic, happy, and blessed. It is a choice we have made to feel this way.

What choices will you make this day about your life? Whatever they are, make sure one of your choices is to be happy in the present and optimistic about your future.

Those are always our choices.

Will you join us?

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Financial moves for widows and widowers



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If you’ve recently become a widow or widower, you’re obviously dealing with an enormous emotional burden, and coping with your grief can seem like a full-time struggle. Unfortunately, the business of life must go on – and the financial moves you make at this time can have a big impact on your life.

So, as you attend to your affairs, consider the following suggestions:

Don’t make hasty decisions. Even though you will need to make some moves in the near future, don’t feel rushed into decisions that may prove to be ill-advised. For example, don’t immediately sell your home or liquidate all your stocks.

Consult with your estate planning professional. If you and your spouse created an estate plan involving a will, living trust or other documents, you’ll want to consult with your estate planning professional to determine what steps should be taken to implement these arrangements.

Address life insurance issues. If your spouse had a life insurance policy, you’ll want to contact your insurance agent for help in navigating the paperwork necessary to receive the death benefit. Of course, some financial advisors also sell life insurance within the context of your overall financial strategy, so, if this is your situation, you’ll want to speak with your advisor about how to handle the insurance proceeds.

Apply for Social Security benefits. If you are 60 or older, you may be entitled to Social Security survivor benefits, along with a one-time death benefit. Contact your local Social Security office to stop the benefits your spouse received and apply for the new ones for yourself.

Change the name on financial accounts. If you and your spouse had jointly held accounts with “right of survivorship,” the assets will typically pass automatically to you, the surviving spouse. However, for legal purposes, it’s still a good idea to retitle these assets in your name. This usually only requires filling out some simple documents, which are available from your financial institutions – bank, credit union, investment firm, etc. But you also may need to change the beneficiary designations on accounts held only in your name, such as your 401(k). These designations are powerful and can even supersede instructions in your will or living trust.

Go over bills and debts. Review all your bills, automatic payments and outstanding loans. If they are in your spouse’s name, or in both your names, contact the merchant or financial services provider to change all correspondence and account information to your name only. For any outstanding accounts in your spouse’s name, you may need to notify the business that all payments will be handled by your spouse’s estate, if you choose to go that route. You may need to provide these businesses with the contact information of your estate planning professional.

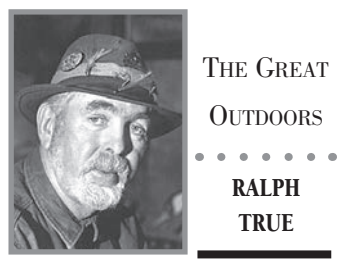
Plan for your future. Once you’ve handled the immediate financial needs described above, you’ll want to think about your own future. This means you may have to update your estate plans and insurance policies. You’ll also want to consult with your financial advisor to see what changes, if any, you might need to make to your investment portfolio.

Only time can ease the pain of losing a spouse. But by taking care of the mundane matters of daily living, you can at least alleviate the feelings of being overwhelmed – and that, in itself, has value.

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Hunting season in the air



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The recent cool weather has made a big change in my two dogs, Molly and Twig. They can sense the change in weather, and know that hunting season is just around the corner. My yellow Lab, Twig, is my main hunting dog, but my beagle Molly tags along, and often finds a bird or rabbit to chase. Man's best friend and hunting companion will make the hunt a lot more enjoyable. If you are fortunate enough to belong to a Rod & Gun Club that has a pheasant hunting program, the season should start in a couple of weeks. The state upland bird hunting season starts on Oct. 17.

Ruffed Grouse populations have taken a hard hit over the past 20 years or so. Most local bird hunters would not shoot a grouse if they encountered one while hunting, as they have high hopes that every bird

could make the difference in a substantial rebound in their populations in the coming years. Loss of adequate habitat is one of the main reasons for the loss of this fast flying game bird. Upland bird hunting has only two species of birds for hunting locally, which include woodcock and Pheasant, not counting the grouse. The woodcock populations are also on the decline due to loss habitat.

If it was not for the state stocking pheasant annually, bird hunting as we know it would be basically gone. Areas North & West of the valley still get to enjoy grouse hunting, but these areas are also seeing a large decline in their population. Numerous bird hunters have suggested closing grouse hunting in some zones in Mass. in hopes of bringing back a healthy population of birds. Hopefully, Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife will take the recommendation under advisement.

Duck hunting opens in Massachusetts on Oct. 13, in the Central District, with a daily bag limit of six ducks. The Wood Duck and Mallards make up most hunter's daily bag limits with a few black ducks making a slight come back in their

populations. This year, MFW has set aside a special season for duck hunting statewide for veterans and the military. Oct. 3 and Jan. 30 are the two days which are well earned by those that have sacrificed so much for their country.

Goose hunting picked up last week after farmers started cutting their corn. One pair of hunters bagged 15 birds in couple hours of hunting. These are geese that are defined as nuisance birds, that keep their residence hear all year long, often fowling golf courses, beaches, etc.!

With all of the Hurricanes and weather activity on our doorstep, it has been hard for boaters to get in a little fishing. High surf and rough seas are not fun to fish in. Hopefully, the tropics will calm down soon, but there seems to be no letup in sight, and we are only in the first half of the hurricane season. The canal started to heat up last week with a lot of big fish. Tons of bait fish were observed in the area. At least fishing from shore can still provide some good fishing on the saltwater.

Freshwater bass fishing continues to provide anglers with



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This week's picture shows young Derek Tetreault with a five-pound large-mouth bass caught at the Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club last week.

some great fish, as this week's picture shows.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



ANTIQUES,
COLLECTIBLES
& ESTATES
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WAYNE TUISKULA

In previous columns, I have discussed options for buying antiques and collectibles during the COVID-19 pandemic. I have also written about online auctions during these times. This column will offer a comprehensive look at options for selling estate personal property during the pandemic.

The shelter in place orders at the beginning of the pandemic put live auctions, estate appraisals and estate sales on hold. There were many people who waited for

the regulations to be loosened so they could sell their estate personal property. We received very few calls during the spring, but now we have been fielding more calls than ever.

If you are an estate personal representative, methods of selling estate personal property have changed since the pandemic. Although things have changed, there are still many options available for sellers.

Some companies are still running estate (tag) sales. The Massachusetts August 7th updated gatherings order states "indoor gatherings are limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet, but should not exceed 25 people in a single enclosed, indoor space." Sellers cannot hold estate sales with 40 people in a house now. Estate sale company proprietors need to carefully monitor the number

of people who enter and leave the home and have people waiting outside stay socially distanced.

To avoid the large crowds associated with traditional estate sales, many companies are using other options. They may be holding private sales where buyers are invited to attend one at a time and make their purchases. Some companies are offering items online with a set price. Other estate sale companies have begun auctioning items online.

Some auctioneers have moved their operations outdoors. The updated gathering order provides for a "maximum of 50 people in a single enclosed outdoor space. Outdoor gatherings in unenclosed spaces are not subject to capacity limitations."

Auction houses like ours are strictly running online auctions. Auctions may take place at the estate, where we typically offer a preview prior to the end of bidding. Winning bidders may pick up their items the weekend after the end of the online bidding. We also gather higher valued items from multiple estates and offer them in a multi-estate antiques and collectibles auction. Many other auctioneers are selling strictly online too.

Which one of these methods is best for you? It depends. Auctions have been the preferred method for selling valuable items for hundreds of years. Estate sales have also become a popular way to sell estate contents and with companies adjusting to meet the challenges that have arisen with COVID-19.

Sometimes a combination is best. We auction items like estate jewelry, coin collections, sterling silver, antique artwork and better collectibles online. We then may sell other items privately or in an online auction at the home. Auctions have been in existence since 500 B.C. The pandemic may have slowed them up for a few months, but it certainly won't shut them down.

I will be appraising items virtually for the Townsend Historical Society's "Virtually Vintage: A Live, Online Antique Appraisal Event" on Oct. 10. You can buy tickets to get your items appraised on their website: townsendhistoricalsociety.org. You can either send photos of your items or bring them in person to Townsend on the day of the event. We are still accepting

quality consignments for our Oct. 29 multi-estate online auction.

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September 25, 2020
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wishes to sell existing garage to neighbors which would result in changing plot plans. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this application should refer to the town website (www.townofwales.net) under zoning board agenda for the above date to participate virtually. If you have any questions or concerns please email planning@townofwales.net
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TOWN OF STURBRIDGE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 40A §10 & §11, the **Wales Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on October 6th, 2020 at the Wales Town Offices at 6:00 PM**, on the application of Wilfred & Donna Anair Jr. of 69 Stafford Rd, for a special permit in terms of the Town of Wales Zoning By-law Sec. 4.2.2. The Town of Wales Zoning By-Law Sec. 4.2.4.1 states "The proposed extension, alteration, or change must not increase the non-conformity (if any) with open space, yard, height, and off-street parking requirements." Specifically, the applicant

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Sealed bids appropriately marked "Winter Sand Bid" will be received, publicly opened and read aloud in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Charlton Municipal Offices, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507 on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Bid specifications must be obtained from the office of the Board of Selectmen's Office prior to the submission of the bid.

The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to waive any minor informality in the bids and reject any or all bids and to make awards in a manner deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

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OBITUARIES

Lillian C. Caplette, 97

CHARLTON- Lillian C. (LaPierre) Caplette, 97, passed away peacefully on September 13, 2020 at Life Care Center of Auburn.



She was the wife of 68 years of Leonard E. 'Lenny' L.E. Caplette who died June 3, 2016. Lillian was born in Southbridge April 18, 1923 daughter of the late Romeo and Lidwine LaPierre. She leaves two sons, Raymond and his wife Sue of Charlton, and Norman and his wife Colleen of Bourne, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Lillian worked as a waitress when she met Lenny, the love of her life, and also worked at the A.O. in Southbridge,

but mostly was a stay at home mom who enjoyed cooking and keeping an immaculate home and taking care of her birds. She also enjoyed boating, camping, word puzzles, and spoiling her grandchildren and her many cats. Per her request, there are no calling hours and funeral services will be private and at the convenience of the family in West Ridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution in Lillian's name to: Second Chance Animal Services Adoption Center, 111 Young Rd., East Brookfield, MA. 01515. The ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME, 175 Old Worcester Rd. is assisting the family with arrangements. To leave an on-line condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Mary T. (Copley) Campbell, 93

STERLING, CT / CHARLTON – Mary T. (Copley) Campbell, 93, of Charlton and Sterling, CT, died Monday, August 24, 2020, at the Overlook Masonic Health Center in Charlton. She was predeceased by her husband of 41 years, Raymond R. Campbell who died in 1995. She is survived by three children, Joseph Campbell and his wife Kelly of Danielson, CT, Kevin Campbell of Los Angeles, CA, and MaryBeth Campbell and her husband Charles Furgal of Oxford; three brothers, William Copley of North Attleboro, James Copley of Nashua, NH, and Robert Copley of Toms River, NJ; two sisters, Claire Piekarski of Hampton Beach, NH, and Ann Swiderski of Dracut; four grandchildren, Matthew Campbell and Ryan Campbell of Danielson, CT, Morgan Furgal of Grafton and Raymond Campbell Furgal of Oxford; and many nephews and nieces. She was predeceased by three brothers, Walter Copley, John Copley, and Thomas Copley; and a sister, Eileen McCarron. She was born in Dracut, daughter of the late Thomas J. and Mary A. (Morgan) Copley Sr., was raised in Lowell, and lived most of her life in Sterling, CT. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1944 and later attended Eastern Connecticut State University.

Mary was employed by the Frank Chamberlain Insurance Agency in Sterling, CT, for 20 years, retiring in 1998. Previously she held positions in the Sterling School System including President of the Parent-Teacher Association and as an Assistant to the Superintendent/Principal of Sterling Memorial School. She was a member of the Sterling Board of Education from 1983-1995, serving as Secretary and Treasurer during her tenure.

Politically active and devoted to public service, Mary was also a dedicated member of the Sterling Democratic Town Committee, Treasurer for the Salvation Army and President of the Rosary Society at St. Joseph's Church. Mary moved to the Overlook Community in Charlton in 2008 where she met many wonderful people and developed countless cherished friendships. In her final years she was part of the Overlook Masonic Health Center Skilled Nursing Unit where she received loving and compassionate care from CNA's, nurses, and hospice. The family would like to thank the nursing and support staff for their kindness and care in her final years. Mary was a devoted wife, mother, and Nana. She loved and was very proud of her family and grandchildren. They meant everything to her. Calling hours were Friday, September 18, 2020, from 5-7 p.m. at Paradis-Givner Funeral Home, 357 Main St., Oxford. A funeral Mass was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at St. Roch's Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. To view a live streaming of her funeral Mass please click on the link found with her obituary on the funeral home website. A private Burial will take place at a later date at Evergreen Cemetery in Plainfield, CT. Throughout Mary's life she constantly preached the importance and value of an education. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution in her name to Assumption University. "The Assumption Fund" at <https://www.assumption.edu/info/alumni/support-assumption> or send a contribution to Assumption University, "The Assumption Fund" 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA. 01609 Paradis-Givner Funeral Home in Oxford is directing the arrangements.

Plant in fall for a colorful spring display



Photo Melinda Myers

Lilies grow from bulbs and their large prominent flowers brighten up gardens and provide vertical appeal.

It's time to think spring. Fall is the time to plant tulips, daffodils, crocus and other spring flowering bulbs. Use these early bloomers to welcome spring to your landscape. You'll appreciate the color and cheery blooms after another long winter passes. Extend your enjoyment by including early blooming bulbs like snowdrops, squills, and winter aconites. Add early, mid, or late spring blooming tulips and early and mid spring flowering daffodils for a continuous display of color. Check the package or catalog description for bloom times.

Create some winning combinations by planting white tulips with grape hyacinths or yellow daffodils with the equally assertive blue squills. Plant a fragrant garden bouquet by combining tulips, daffodils and hyacinths. Select varieties that bloom at the same time in complementary colors or blends.

Include summer flowering hardy lilies. Many are fragrant and these stately beauties provide vertical accents in the garden. Cut a few stems to display in a vase or mix with other flowers in summer bouquets.

Don't let hungry animals stop you from brightening your spring with these bulbs. Include animal resistant bulbs like hyacinths, grape hyacinths, daffodils, fritillarias, and alliums.

You can plant tulips, crocus, and lilies, just be sure to use physical barriers like chicken wire or animal repellents like rain resistant Plantskydd(plantskydd.com). It's an organic repellent that comes in both liquid and granular formulations to protect bulbs animals prefer to eat.

Lay the bulbs out on newspaper, apply the liquid repellent, and allow them to dry before planting. Add an extra layer of protection by sprinkling the granular repellent over the soil surface. In spring, begin protecting the plants before the animals begin feeding. Follow label directions for proper timing of additional repellent applications.

Prepare the soil before planting. Work compost, peatmoss, or other organic matter into the top twelve inches of soil to improve drainage, a key factor in growing success.

Wait until the soil is cool to plant your bulbs. This is usually after the first hard frost or when night temperatures average between 40 and 50 degrees. Plant

the bulbs two to three times their vertical height deep and at least two to three times their diameter apart. Try grouping at least six to nine larger bulbs, like tulips and daffodils, and 15 to 20 smaller bulbs, like squills and crocus, together for greater impact.

Mix a low nitrogen, slow release fertilizer into the soil surface and water thoroughly after planting. Continue watering thoroughly when the soil is dry throughout the fall, while the bulbs grow roots.

After you enjoy their blooms next spring, leave the leaves intact until they yellow. Leaves produce the energy needed for next year's floral display. Mask the fading foliage by planting winter hardy pansies with your bulbs in fall, adding color to both fall and spring gardens. Or plant bulbs amongst perennials. Early spring flowering perennials double your pleasure, later bloomers extend the flowering season, and both help hide fading bulb foliage.

Break out your trowel and gloves and get busy planting. You'll be glad you did when that first flower appears next spring.

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 *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Tree World Plant Care* for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

JetBlue honors LPNs with pairs of roundtrip flight certificates

CHARLTON — When JetBlue (NASDAQ: JBLU) launched JetBlue Healthcare Hero to honor 100,000 healthcare workers with roundtrip flight certificates for two to anywhere JetBlue flies, it was not just in New York.

Three Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Alumni became recipients of the honor. Marina Daniels, LPN of Webster (Class of 2014), Ruth "Dee Dee" Betz, LPN of Worcester (Class of 2015), and Kaitalyn Chunis, LPN of Millbury (Class of 2020) all received pairs of roundtrip flight certificates for dedicated work and service during the pandemic. Daniels, Betz, and Chunis are more than just healthcare heroes, they are nurses.

According to president and chief operating officer Joanna Geraghty, "JetBlue's mission of inspiring humanity is stronger now more than ever, we applaud the healthcare workers who are helping us get through this challenging time and inspiring humanity along the way. This is an opportunity for us to fly it forward and show our appreciation for the heroic efforts of medical professionals, first responders and public servants – not just here in our home of New York but around the country as well."

JetBlue called on the public to thank the healthcare heroes in their life – from doctors and nurses, to pharmacists, therapists, social workers, public health administrators and more – by nominating them for a chance to receive one of 90,000 pairs of roundtrip flight certificates for two to use when the time is right.

Gretheline Bolandrina MSN Ed, RN, CRRN, Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy Director stated, "I'm not surprised that Bay Path alumni were nominated and honored. Each alumna excelled in their role as LPNs. We are proud of their contributions to the community."

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Baker declares September Emergency Preparedness Month

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – With wildfires destroying western communities and a hurricane ravaging the Gulf Coast, Mother Nature provided a chilling backdrop for Gov. Charlie Baker's announcement last week that September has been named Emergency Preparedness Month in Massachusetts.

The proclamation was made to encourage residents, families, and organizations to prepare for emergencies and disasters, Baker said. September is also National Preparedness Month.

Last week, beneath hazy skies veiled by smoke traveling across the country from the western fires, Governor Baker and his team required little more than a skyward glance to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness.

Of course, preparedness isn't limited to readying communities for weather disasters, Baker reminded.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of emergency preparedness, and the role we all must play in better preparing our homes, workplaces, and communities for the unexpected," Baker said. "It has also

highlighted the incredible contributions of so many individuals who have stepped up every day to ensure that essential services and goods continue to be delivered throughout this public health emergency."

In addition to promoting preparedness initiatives this month, state officials also recently launched a public thank-you campaign on social media to recognize emergency workers.

Moving forward, state officials hope to spend more time working with local leaders on preparedness in many forms.

"Emergency Preparedness Month provides us with an opportunity each year to focus on what we can do to make ourselves and our families better prepared," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "Especially now, we are thankful for all of the tireless efforts of the Commonwealth's essential workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic."

Visitors to www.Mass.Gov/EPmonth can download a certificate of appreciation to thank an essential worker or organization in their community. After personalizing the certificate, residents are asked to post a picture of the certificate to social media.

"Everyone plays an important role in staying prepared, especially in the face of new challenges posed by the pandemic," said Massachusetts Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco. "I hope these initiatives raise awareness of risks, outline measures we all should be taking, and facilitate collaboration between the public and private sectors. When we embrace preparedness, we all have an opportunity to serve our communities."

Each time the calendar flips to September, MEMA and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health will team up to share information on their respective social media accounts about several emergency preparedness topics. These include emergency planning, building an emergency kit, preparing for disasters, youth preparedness, and ways to get involved in municipal readiness.

"Preparedness takes a whole community effort. During the COVID-19 pandemic, so many essential workers and organizations across the Commonwealth have worked tirelessly to keep medical services operating and public safety operations function-

ing," said MEMA Director Samantha Phillips.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is also displaying signage along highways to raise awareness of Emergency Preparedness Month.

At the local level, police, fire, and EMS departments have made preparedness a year-round commitment. The Leicester Police Department takes part in several emergency preparedness activities, including servicing the generator, readying portable generators, and inventorying supplies of emergency cots, blankets, and other essential items. Additionally, the town's portable sign boards are ready for deployment if needed, and the police department's backup radio system was recently tested for operation. Moreover, police cruisers feature water safety bags in the trunks of front-line patrol cars.

"All of these items are ready and available year-round, but having September marked as the month to prepare is a terrific reminder to recheck these items, as well as our stock of batteries and other items necessary to keep the citizens of Leicester safe," said Leicester Police Chief Ken Antanavica.

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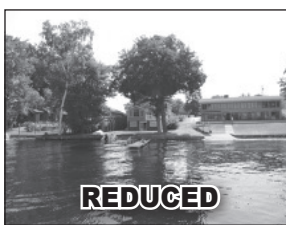
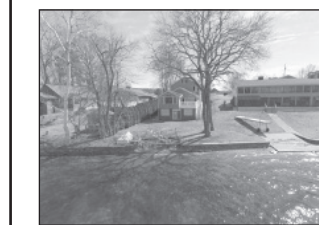
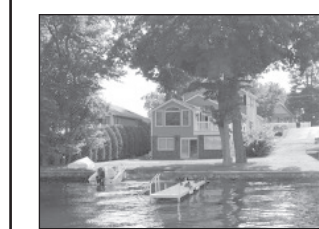


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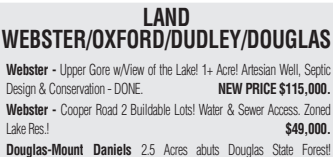
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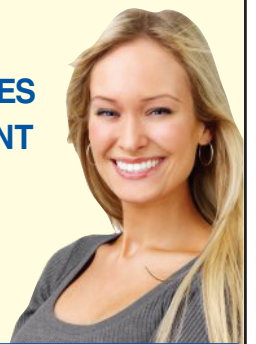
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I was originally a math teacher and always had an interest in real estate. When I acquired a license I approached a local broker and began my real estate career. I am still actively involved in teaching. I do teach real estate licensing and conduct numerous real estate education classes in buying foreclosures and landlord/tenant classes in Night-life programs at Bay Path Vocational and Assabet Valley Technical School.

The business has changed because of techology and the information network making it easier for buyers to obtain much of their needed information through the internet. For sellers, environmental issues and more informed consumers has made it critical that sellers get professional assistance early to sell their home. Buyers are all watching HGTV and have very specific expectations. Sellers need guidance in staging and making sure they have prepared their house for home inspections. Professionals are able to make it a more

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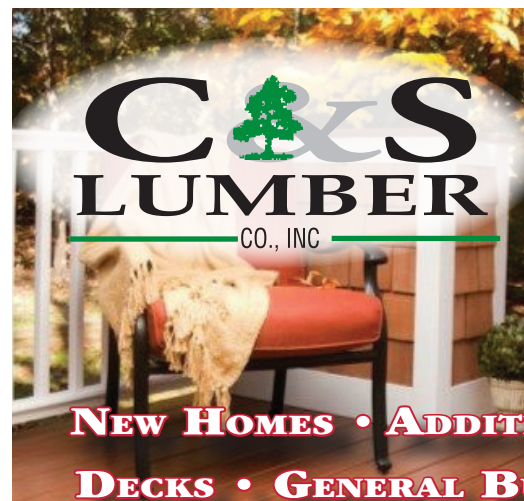
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Caesar		6.49
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Pizza or Calzone

	Small 8 Slices	Large 10 Slices
Cheese	7.00	11.50
Add a Topping	1.00	1.50
Extra Cheese	2.00	3.00
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Toppings

• Fresh Sliced Red Onion	• Breaded Eggplant
• Fresh Sliced Green Bell	• Seasoned Hamburg
• Pepper	• Sausage
• Fresh Sliced Mushroom	• Sliced Ham
• Chopped Garlic	• Bacon
• Tomato Slices	• Sliced Meatball
• Black Olive Slices	• Cooked Salami
• Broccoli Florets	• Genoa Salami
• Spinach	• Jalapeno Slices
• Pineapple Chunks	• Banana Peppers
• Feta Cheese	

Party Pizza

FULL SHEET 18 X 26 = 24 SQUARE SLICES	
REQUIRES AT LEAST 1 HOUR NOTICE	
Cheese	22.95
Each Additional Topping	3.00
Extra Cheese	5.00

Seafood Salad	9.49
Crispy Chicken Breast Salad	9.49
Grilled Chicken	9.49
Grilled Chicken Caesar	9.49
Chicken Stir Fry	9.49
Steak Tips	10.99
Buffalo Chicken Salad (Grilled or Crispy)	9.49

Fish

Haddock & Chips or Onion Rings	9.99
Haddock	7.99
Haddock & Curly Fries	9.99
Cole Slaw or Tartar Sauce	1.00

Pasta

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Spaghetti or Penne

Marinara Sauce	8.49
Meatballs or Sausage	9.49

Lasagna

Marinara Sauce & Cheese	9.49
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Stuffed Shells

Marinara Sauce & Cheese	9.49
Meatball	10.49
Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo	10.29

Buffalo Chicken Mac & Cheese	9.49
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Mac & Cheese	8.99
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American Chop Suey	8.49
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Subs & Wraps

Cold Subs	9"	12" Or Wrap
Veggie	6.49	7.49
Roast Beef	7.49	8.49
Italian	7.49	8.49
Ham	6.99	7.99
Tuna	6.99	7.99
BLT	6.99	7.99
Turkey	6.99	7.99
Turkey & Bacon	7.49	8.49
Seafood Salad	6.99	7.99
Crispy Chicken Breast	6.99	7.99
Chicken Salad Sub	6.99	7.99
Uncle Sam's Sub	8.49	9.49

Parm Subs

Meatball	6.99	7.99
Eggplant	6.99	7.99
Chicken Parmesan	6.99	7.99
Sausage	6.99	7.99

From The Grill

Steak & Cheese	7.99	8.99
Super Steak	8.49	9.49
Grilled Chicken	6.99	7.99
Chicken Stir Fry	6.99	7.99
Buffalo Chicken	6.99	7.99
BBQ Chicken	6.99	7.99
Cheeseburger	6.99	7.99
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Tater Tots	sm 3.99 • lg. 6.99
Curly Fries	sm. 3.79 • lg. 4.79
Skin Fries	7.29
Potato Skins	7.99
Combo Platter	9.99
Onion Rings	sm. 3.79 • lg. 4.79
Mozzarella Sticks	6 - 5.79 • 12 - 8.79
Chicken Wings	6 - 6.99 • 12 - 10.99
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Chicken Tenders	
6 - 8.29 • 10 - 12.29 • 20 - 22.29 • 30 - 33.99	
4 Chicken Tenders w/French Fries	8.29
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Chilli Cheese Bites	8 - 5.79 • 16 - 8.79
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Garlic Cheeze Toast	3.99
Cheezee Bread Sticks	6.99 • 10.99
Quesadillas	8.29
Mac & Cheese Bites	6 - 5.79 • 12 - 8.79

Dessert

Brownie/Blondie	2.49	Baklava	3.99
Fried Dough Balls		8 - 3.99 • 16 - 5.99	

Beverages

2 Liter Bottle	2.99	All 20 Oz. Bottled Drinks	2.19
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Party Platters

Salads	1/2 Pan	Full Pan
Garden or Caesar Salad	14.99	34.49
Pasta		
Spaghetti or Penne	19.99	49.99
Lasagna	24.99	69.99
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Scrambled eggs, home fries, bacon & American cheese w/ salsa & sour cream	\$9.95
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Served w/ home fries or hash browns & toast

2 eggs scrambled w/ ham, peppers, onions & cheese	\$8.95
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Eggs Benedict

Served w/ home fries or hash browns

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Danish

Ask your servers for today's variety	\$1.95
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Greek: Spinach, tomato, feta cheese, & kalamata olives	\$10.95
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Grilled bologna w/ American cheese	\$8.50
Roast beef let & tom, American cheese	\$9.50
Pastrami, Swiss cheese	\$9.50
Grilled chicken breast, let & tom, mayo	\$9.50
Chicken salad, let & tom	\$8.50
Tuna salad, let & tom	\$8.50
Italian hard salami, capicola, pepperoni, provolone cheese, red onion, let & tom w/ house Italian dress- ing	\$10.50

LUNCH COMBOS 11:30-2:00

(includes chips & can of soda or bottled water & tax)

Honey BBQ burger, Swiss cheese, bacon on roll	\$9.50
2 Coney Island grilled hot dogs	\$6.00
Cheeseburger on roll	\$8.50
Double cheeseburger w/ bacon on roll	\$11.50
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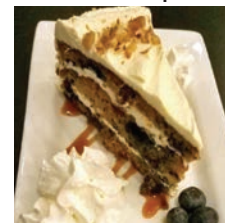
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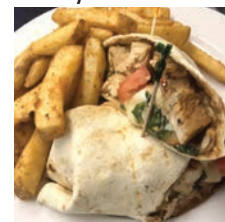
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