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Charlton Cultural Council announces grant recipients

CHARLTON — The Charlton Cultural Council pleased to announce the recipients of our community's FY 2021 grant funding from the Mass Cultural Council! These awardees were selected by the Charlton Cultural Council among several applications received, and each bring a unique set of talents that we're excited to see shared through their events.

Given the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, some of these events will be conducted virtually; we'll be sure to share information on events to our social media pages, as we get that from grantees.

Congratulations to all of the recipients!

1) Hit and Run History will share their program, "Stephano: The True Story of Shakespeare's Shipwreck." <http://www.hitandrunchistory.com/screensings/>

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3) Kirk Whipple and Marilyn Morales will perform a Duo Pianists event, <https://www.facebook.com/wmduo>.

4) Dr. "The Machine" Jesse Green will deliver his pro-

gram to Charlton Middle School students, "Chainsaws, Cheeseburgers and Rock and Roll!" <https://www.facebook.com/TheMachineJesseGreen/>

5) Brian Richards will share his magical talents through his "Tails and Tales Summer Reading Magic Show," <https://www.facebook.com/brian.richards.14>.

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Charlton voters Approve budget

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Charlton voters approved a new budget for the 2022 fiscal year during the May 17 annual town meeting as one of the least contentious items on the night's warrant.

Coming in at \$32.3 million, the budget is a slight increase over the 2021 Fiscal Year's \$30.8 million spending plan which was passed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Town Administrator Andrew Golas said the 2022 budget doesn't include a lot of new expenditures but makes good on staff obligations and bringing in needed personnel to town departments.

"There wasn't much change from the prior year. It was basically just keeping up with our general obligations and our current staffing plan. There were some very minor staffing adjustments where we did need for additional help but, overall, our head count only increased by half of a full-time employee, so nothing major," said Golas. "There's not a whole lot in terms of capital costs. All of that stuff is going to be addressed in the November town meeting."

The budget includes \$16.6 million in education

spending, \$2.4 million for the Bay Path Regional Vocational School District and \$14.1 million for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District. While the Bay Path number is in line with their initial request to the town, the Dudley-Charlton District initially brought a much larger request to its member communities but both school officials and town representatives negotiated a lower request.

"We worked diligently with the school to get to a point that worked for us and them. Understanding that their initial budget asked of the town was close to a nine percent budget increase, we were able to work down to about three and a half percent in the budget. That translates a lot different in the overall budget scheme, but at the end of the day it was an amicable solution for both the town and the school. We're going to continue to work on that relationship as we go into the next fiscal year," Golas said.

The annual town meeting also saw the approval of the water department and sewer department budgets and an official motion to move capital items and related contracts to the fall annual town meeting.

Nichols Class of 2021 honors Linacre during Commencement

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY – Just over a year after the Nichols College community mourned the loss of one of their own, the local business college officially honored the late Hallie Linacre with the naming of a student athlete award and the presentation of her degree to her family.

Linacre joined Nichols College in 2017, quickly becoming a mainstay on the pitch as a star of the schools' women's soccer team. Linacre sadly passed away at her home in Rhode Island on May 8 of 2020, leaving countless members of the Nichols College community mourning a heavy loss. She was set to be a team captain, and was to graduate with the class of 2021. On May 15, as her fellow 2021 graduates prepared to take their walks across the stage, Linacre became the first to be honored for her time at the school with the presentation of her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree to her parents, John and Mary Linacre by their daughter's friends and fellow Nichols athletes Colleen Callahan and Jessica Ann Soucie.

"To Nichols, Hallie Linacre was a phenomenal friend and student, an amazing teammate and a caring and compassionate student leader," Nichols College President Susan



Photo Jason Bleau

The parents of Hallie Linacre are presented with their daughter's degree from Nichols College during the school's 2021 Commencement ceremony.

Engelkemeyer said. "While she has been missed terribly this year her legacy and her impact on Nichols has never left us. We know for certain that she is here and with us today."

President Engelkemeyer further announced that funds have been pouring in to support the Hallie Linacre Memorial Scholarship which has been an effort during the spring semester by the campus community to preserve Linacre's legacy for years to come.

"Family, friends, her classmates, staff, faculty and even alumni have contributed to the

scholarship and it is with great pride that I announce that as of today the scholarship has raised over \$12,000," President Engelkemeyer said.

Another major announcement during the ceremony was that in addition to the retirement of Linacre's number 27 last fall, the athletic department renamed the junior class female athlete of the year award to the Hallie Linacre Memorial Award which will continue to honor the female athlete in the junior class who has the best overall season and shows positive leadership on and off campus.



Jason Bleau Photo

Captain Rob Barton discusses the status of the Charlton fire station project with voters.

Funding request for fire station design denied

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Efforts to construct a new fire station in Charlton hit another snag during the May 17 annual town meeting failing to earn enough support to appropriate monies for designing a new fire station only facility.

The concept of building a new fire department facility has been one of the most talked about topics in Charlton over the past few years. Voters deciding twice, including during the 2020 November election, to deny a proposed \$28.5 million public safety building that would have housed both a fire department and police department. The unused funding for that initiative was rescinded during the May 17 town meeting through Warrant Article 13. At the beginning of 2021, a new Fire Station Design Committee was formed to explore building a smaller-scale fire station with several steps towards potential approval including presentations at annual town meetings. The May 17 meeting saw Warrant Article 14 propose allocating \$647,000 to complete the design of the new facility.

Conceptual art had previously been completed and presented at meetings of the Board of Selectmen and the \$674,000 would have been used to complete the designs for presentation to the public in the fall. The article got off to a rocky start with an initial vote of 75 to 53 which, despite having the majority in favor of the funding, did not reach the two-thirds majority threshold required for passage. The motion was successfully brought forward for reconsider-

ation resulting in a larger discussion of the future of the project including input from emergency officials who clarified that this new project is a completely new proposal separate from the previous public safety building.

"This is for a fire station only and it is a redesign away from the public safety building based on the vote last year," Fire Chief Ed Knopf said to clear up any confusion on the subject. "The people voted against the public safety building, so we went back to the town and asked for a fire station only."

Captain Rob Barton, the chair of the Fire Station Design Committee, explained that the project would see a fire station only facility built on the same plot of land on Masonic Home Road previously earmarked for the public safety building but with a much smaller footprint and omitting the police department entirely.

"We listened very clearly to the public when they said that they didn't want to spend that much money for a public safety building. However, the need for a fire station did not go away with a 'no' vote," said Barton. "The original public safety building was 40,000 square feet. The fire station alone was 27,000 square feet. When it was defeated, we came back and we knew we had to get this project to happen. However, we also know we have to get this project to happen in the lowest cost we possibly can. We further reduced the size of the building by over 2,000 square feet."

Barton further argued that

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Voters approve building height amendments

BY JASON BLEAU
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Voters in Charlton approved two zoning by-law amendments concerning building heights in general industrial, or IG, zones and business enterprise park, or BEP, zones allowing for two as-yet identified entities to begin permitting processes with the town's Planning Board.

Articles 16 and 17 on the annual town meeting warrant on May 17 were both approved overwhelmingly in votes of 124 to 12 and 119 to 19, respectively. Article 16 asked for an increase of building and structure height limits in IG zones from 50 feet to 75 feet while Article 17 sought to increase height limits in BEP zones from 50 feet to 110 feet. While Article 16 passed easily with minimal discussion, Article 17 received significant debate prior to the vote especially considering that the article has been connected to a pending project by a Fortune 100 company looking to bring business to the town.

The Article received backing from the town's Economic Development Committee while the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen voted against recommending approval in prior meetings. However, members who voted against recommendation of approval indicated they did so on principle due to the lack of information at hand. This was the case for Selectman Bill Borowski.

"It's pretty obvious that we are making a zoning change for a company without knowing who the company is. That being said there are good reasons for it. There's obviously pros and cons, but at least for me individually that was my only concern," Borowski said.

As for the Planning Board, member John Smith offered similar comments indicating that, in his mind at least, the Planning Board's vote against the article was more due to a lack of information with the understanding that the voters would have the final say.

"I think the general feeling of the majority of the board at the time was to vet the project as it would affect five areas in town. So, we cautioned and wanted to see more information and actually get some more input from the townspeople," said Smith.

Selectman Stephen Koronis was one of the selectmen who voted to recommend approval and noted that Article 16 not only received support from the voters, selectmen and the Planning Board, but also included a potential permit application from a yet-to-be-named company. He felt Article 17 deserved support to at least begin conversations with the town.

"They're talking about \$2.4 million in tax revenue in year one. They also want to come into town and be operational in 2023. All this vote will do is to allow the height limit and let us learn more about the project," said Koronis.

Members of both boards acknowledged that it's not uncommon for companies to withhold their identity while their legal team works with towns in the early stages of permitting processes. It was also made clear that the voters were not deciding on specific projects but rather loosening the height requirements which would allow applicants to pursue projects within their own building standards.

Mark Donohue, an attorney representing the applicants connected to Article 17, explained the project would bring substantial tax revenue to the community and that Article 17 would simply allow the special permitting process to proceed.

"It's true that we're not in a position to tell you which Fortune 100 e-commerce retailer is involved, but I would suggest to you there's only three in the Fortune 100 and at least one of those I assume has been in your home in the last week in some fashion," Attorney Donohue said hinting at the identity of the company which remained a mystery for the duration of the meeting.

"The development that they're contemplating is an investment of more than \$300 million into your community. That generates, in our estimation in the first ten years on average \$2.4 million in tax revenue annually and in year eleven it grows exponentially. That's money for you to spend."

With both articles firmly supported by Charlton voters it is expected that the permitting processes will proceed and that the identities of the companies could soon be officially revealed in public forums.

Bay Path students inducted into the National Technical Honor Society



Photo Courtesy

Class of 2021 NTHS inductees from Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy were Monique Bull, Loise Kamero, Grace Mwangi (all of Worcester), Risper Wanjiru of Webster, and Tianna Welcome of Oxford.

DOUGLAS — Five Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) on Sunday, May 9 during an in-person ceremony held amidst the apple blossoms at Douglas Orchard and Farms. The outside event marked the 6th annual induction ceremony for the Academy.

Every year, practical nursing students eagerly look forward to this prestigious event, according to Academy Director, Dr. Gretheline Bolandrina, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN. "Making it through nursing school is an achievement, being inducted into the NTHS is another feather in their cap! The PN students juggle school, work, and family life, it is quite a feat to be inducted to the HTHS," said Bolandrina, who has been organizing the induction ceremony for the last 6 years.

The practical nursing students are eligible for induction based on their grade point average, faculty recommendation, character, and leadership involvement in extracurricular activities, and clubs. These characteristics reflect the seven member attributes of the National Technical Honor Society which are skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

"It's amazing how kind, wonderful and resilient our practical nursing students are," added Bolandrina. "They navigated the rigorous program through these challenging times and even managed to participate in many volunteer activities to help the community."

PN Class of 2021 NTHS Inductees were Monique Bull, Loise Kamero, Grace Mwangi (all of Worcester), Risper Wanjiru of Webster, and Tianna Welcome of Oxford.

State begins to lift COVID-19 restrictions

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – In a major step toward reaching a new normal across the state, officials recently announced the imminent lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

Last week, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that most remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted on May 29. With the Commonwealth on track to meet its goal of fully vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the first week of June, officials are confident that restrictions can be safely lifted.

The Commonwealth’s face-covering order will also be rescinded for most locations on May 29. The Department of Public Health will issue a new face-covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control’s updated guidance.

Face coverings will still be mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxis, ferries, MBTA, commuter rail, and transportation stations). Masks will also still be required

in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings. Face coverings will also be required indoors for staff and students of K-12 schools and early education providers.

Gov. Charlie Baker expects to end the state of emergency across the Commonwealth on June 15.

“The administration is able to take these steps to reopen the Commonwealth’s economy because Massachusetts is on track to meet the goal set in December to fully vaccinate over four million individuals by the first week of June,” said Baker. “The Commonwealth leads the nation in vaccinating residents, with 75 percent of adults receiving at least one dose.”

To date, more than four million residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, with 3.2 million people fully vaccinated.

New cases of the virus have dropped by 89 percent since Jan. 8. Additionally, COVID-19 hospitalizations are down 88 percent since Jan. 1.

With the statistics continuing to trend

positively and vaccinations rising, residents are looking forward to getting back to work and play far sooner than originally anticipated. Effective May 29, all industries will be permitted to open statewide.

With the exception of the remaining face-covering requirements, all industry restrictions will be lifted on May 29. Capacity for all industries will increase to 100 percent, and the gathering limit will be rescinded.

“All industries will be encouraged to follow CDC guidance for cleaning and hygiene protocols,” Baker said.

Eligible residents who haven’t been vaccinated are encouraged to schedule their appointments to help prevent the virus from lingering into the summer. Statewide, there are more than 975 locations for Massachusetts residents to access vaccines without delay.

Non-vaccinated individuals are advised to continue wearing face masks and to continue distancing in most settings.

To learn more about the latest guidance and state regulations, visit www.mass.gov.



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Resilience of QCC’s Class of 2021 celebrated at Commencement ceremony

WORCESTER — On May 21, Quinsigamond Community College conferred 1,441 degrees and certificates to 1,332 graduates as it celebrated its 56th graduating class. QCC hosted its virtual commencement ceremony amidst a backdrop of powerful and motivational speakers who reminded graduates how far they have come, how resilient they are, and the bright future that awaits them.

QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. described the sense of pride he felt witnessing the graduates attain their dreams of a college education, and encouraged them to never stop striving for a better future.

tools, resources, and a platform to learn. Whatever comes next, you can be sure that you are prepared. You have what it takes to further your education or go out and earn, so that your knowledge, compassion, and insight can be shared,” she said.

QCC Student Government President and Student Speaker Armela Xhidole told her classmates to keep feeding their minds with knowledge in order to continue to grow and prosper.

succeeded,” he said.

“Remember graduates of the Class of 2021, that you are enough, and remember that Quinsigamond Community College produces productive professionals. So, you go out and you get your future. It’s ready for you, and you are ready for it,” Dr. Rockeymoore-Cummings said.

To view QCC Commencement Ceremony visit, www.QCC.edu/commencement-2021.

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



“I never cease to be amazed by our students—your strength, determination, and perseverance. Be proud of your accomplishments. Many of you juggle work and family responsibilities, while continuing to pursue your dream of a college education. You are veterans, single parents, working adults, or the first in your family to go to college. And if all of the challenges you face each day aren’t enough, you completed your degree during a pandemic and some of the most turbulent times we’ve faced as a nation,” he said. “Each and every one of you is living history, but more importantly, you are making history!”

Commencement Speaker Maya Rockeymoore-Cummings, Ph.D., a nationally recognized social justice advocate and scholar, told the graduates that the obstacles they have faced and overcome would help them throughout their lives.

“You know how to persevere in life. There is a word for this toughness and it’s called resilience, and you’ve got it. And you should know that you can draw on that resilience for the rest of your life because there are going to be challenges ahead,” Dr. Rockeymoore-Cummings said, addressing the biases that student will face even in academia.

“We know that people hold stereotypes about certain people based on categories. They just assume that they know who the person is and they make those assumptions not based on full knowledge of the person, but based on a stereotype or a category,” she said. “You determine your success, and you will be successful in spite of those kinds of people. Why, because Quinsigamond Community College has prepared you.”

Dr. Rockeymoore-Cummings told the graduates that because of their QCC education they are able to achieve anything that they can envision.

“Quinsigamond has given you the

“Learning should be a constant operation, and learning is the fundamental prerequisite for progress in any area. After college, education should not stop. Take part in a career that helps to develop your personality and skills,” she said. “Remember, you can achieve everything you want in life with hard work and perseverance. Life is constantly changing, and you must continue to evolve to become a better version of you.”

Carlos E. Santiago, Ph.D., commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education said that after the last year’s unique challenges, these graduates are now considered pioneers in the higher education landscape.

“While you were learning, we were learning from you in ways that will shape the college experience in the future. Teaching and learning will never be the same. We saw black and brown students who were disproportionately affected by COVID-19; many did not return to school last fall because they had to prioritize family income and family health needs first,” he said.

“In an economy like ours we need college educated students to fill the jobs needed to keep the state moving forward. This is why I am grateful to each and every one of you for earning your degrees. No matter what your major is, your skills and talents will help Massachusetts rebuild its economy and move past this pandemic,” Commissioner Santiago continued. “Even though I don’t know you personally, I know how resilient you are because I know what it took for you to overcome the challenges of this last year in order to earn your degree. Now that same set of skills will help you in writing your next chapter.”

President Pedraja told the graduates to draw strength from commencement day whenever they experience hardships in life.

“...know that you can carry on, know that there is nothing you cannot accomplish, and know that in the worst of times you’ve proven yourselves and

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Joanna is described as outgoing, expressive, helpful and feisty. She is quite talkative and likes to engage with others. Joanna loves to sing, dance, color, work on arts & crafts projects, and do gymnastics. When she grows up, Joanna would like to be a famous actress.

Legally freed for adoption, Joanna and Emily would thrive in a supportive and committed two-parent family or with a single-parent who has a strong support system. An ideal family will have no other children or have children older than the girls. A family must be comfortable obtaining supportive services and resources in the community for the girls, and should be open to maintaining contact with the girls’ biological brother.

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Jacob White of Charlton receives award from Nichols College

DUDLEY — Jacob White of Charlton receives the award for Outstanding Achievement in Liberal Studies for English at the Nichols College class of 2021 commencement ceremony held on May 15.

About Nichols College

Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research

and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed at transforming them into tomorrow’s leaders. Nichols also offers master’s degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today’s professionals.

Worcester Art Museum examines evolution of baseball jerseys

WORCESTER — Over the course of 170 years, the baseball jersey has become an iconic emblem of American culture, extending well beyond a sports uniform to inspire fashion trends and serve as a means of everyday, individual self-expression. While the ubiquity of the American baseball shirt is undeniable, there has been little scholarly research on its importance to material and popular culture through time. In June 2021, the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) will open The Iconic Jersey: Baseball x Fashion, the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on the design evolution of baseball jerseys and their impact on wider national culture. The show will feature 37 garments, including historic and contemporary jerseys as well as runway looks—from Jesse Tannehill’s 1908 Boston Red Sox Uniform Shirt to MIZIZI’s Black Lives Matter jersey—along with two, one-of-a-kind jersey chairs and other ephemera that capture the phenomenon of the baseball shirt, both on and off the field. The exhibition, which will remain on view through Sept. 12 is accompanied by a scholarly catalogue that further examines the subject.

The Iconic Jersey coincides with and celebrates the construction of a new base-

ball stadium, Polar Park, in Worcester’s Canal District—just a short distance from the Museum—and the arrival of the Boston Red Sox’s Triple-A affiliate to the city—the Worcester Red Sox or “Woo Sox.” Worcester has a long and storied history with baseball, and the upcoming exhibition offers a singular opportunity to explore the sport’s most recognizable symbol as a work of art and design in its own right—and in doing so further collapse perceived boundaries between fine art and everyday objects.

“The long history of the baseball jersey taps into a profound set of human desires, to belong, and to be proud in proclaiming that affiliation whether as a player or a fan,” said Matthias Waschek, the Jean and Myles McDonough Director of the Worcester Art Museum. “But the jersey has not been a static item. Over the years it has changed and evolved, has sought to pick up on fashion trends or to reject them, and both designers and fans have, in turn, brought their own influences to bear. Now, for the first time, we can explore this history in a systematic way.”

The exhibition, which is organized by Erin R. Corrales-Diaz, Ph.D., WAM’s curator of American art, takes a broad

view of the baseball jersey, illuminating equally its relationships to aesthetics and athletics and to collective and individual expression. To orient the viewer within these different themes, The Iconic Jersey is divided into three major sections, including “The Modern Jersey,” which traces the evolution of aesthetic choices such as fabrics, typography, colors, and patterns; “Experimental Design,” which examines sartorial decisions that deviate from the traditional jersey shape; and “Off the Field,” which explores the jersey as the ultimate articulation of fandom and its emergence in both luxury design and streetwear.

“The Iconic Jersey takes the ‘formal’ language and concepts that we typically apply to individual works of art and, by applying it to baseball jerseys, makes it possible to bring forward new ideas and ways of looking at an article of clothing many people take for granted,” said Corrales-Diaz. “All of these jerseys, whether made for players or for fans, reveal an extensive design process in which a designer considers fabrics, fit, shape, colors, markings, and logos. When we choose to put one on, we do more than just affiliate ourselves with our chosen team. We are also embracing design, a set of aesthetic choices that help to define who we are and how we look at the world.”

More information regarding the ideas and histories explored within the three exhibition sections follows below.

The modern jersey The New York Knickerbockers adopted the first baseball uniform in 1849. Seeking to professionalize and add credibility to the sport, other teams soon followed in developing uniform and dress parameters for their ball teams—most often inspired by volunteer fire and militia companies. Far from our modern conception of baseball style, this first uniform is described as featuring blue woven pantaloons, a white flannel shirt, and straw hat. This section of the exhibition traces the aesthetic evolution of the jersey from these early styles to the more casual and collarless look we understand today. The exhibition pays attention to both major changes in fit and fabric brought on by technological advances to the small shifts in graphic elements, logos, and colors, highlighting the importance of these developments to capturing team identity.

Among the highlights in this section are early design pamphlets and guides for sporting manufacturers, including never before exhibited items from the R. J. Liebe Athletic Lettering Company, who began creating their elaborate, circular chain stitched lettering in 1923, and who continue to provide lettering and other materials for major manufacturers’ uniforms. Also included are a wide range of jerseys that span from such early examples as a 1908 Boston Red Sox Uniform Shirt worn by Jesse Tannehill and a 1909 Chicago Cubs Uniform shirt worn by Johnny Kling through to contemporary jersey designs that

look to the future of innovation.

Experimental design While the classic button-down jersey is recognized as the quintessential look of baseball, there have been many moments of inspiration and innovation within jersey design across its 170-year history. This includes fanciful and unorthodox ideas such as satin jerseys, sleeveless shirts, and the incorporation of rainbow colors to designate player positions that were quickly discarded by teams and fans alike. In this portion of the exhibition, audiences will be treated to an array of these unusual style decisions, with a particular focus on uniforms from between the 1970s and 1990s—particularly fertile decades for daring uniform design choices.

One iconic design from this period is the Houston Astros’ “rainbow” pullover, created not by fashion designers or even manufacturers, but by New York ad agency McCann Erickson, which was hired to rebrand the team and refresh its visibility, with a jersey of different colored stripes. Another highlight is an initiative introduced by the Seattle Mariners, titled “Turn Ahead the Clock,” which explored the jersey of 2027. The “Turn Ahead the Clock” jerseys were baggy and sleeveless and featured enlarged logos and new “techy” colors of metallic silver and maroon. The initiative proved popular and was later adopted as a League wide event, although the jerseys themselves were not used beyond promotional opportunities. Another, the 1950s uniform of Isabel “Lefty” Alvarez, a Cuban ballplayer who came to the United States and played for the Kalamazoo Lassies, shows how gender-specific design actually hindered performance by female players on the ball field.

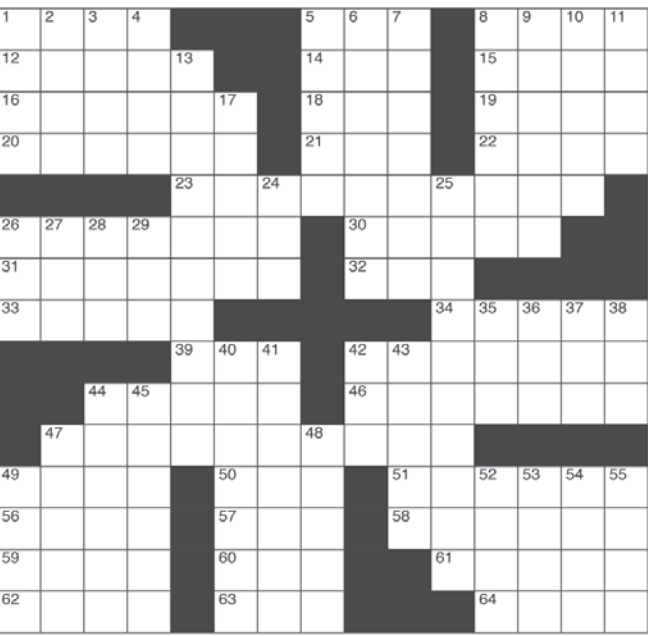
Off the field When fans began donning replicas of baseball jerseys in the 1970s, they transformed the shirt from athletic uniform to a symbol of both communal and personal expression. As replica jerseys grew in popularity among everyday fans, they were further adopted by celebrities and musicians, who gave the shirts heightened creative and cultural significance. This led to interest in jersey design from fashion houses such as Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana, and Moschino, among others.

This section of the exhibition explores the life of the baseball jersey in popular and fashion culture. It pays particular attention to the important role that Hip Hop artists of the 1990s such as Ice Cube, Notorious B.I.G., and Outkast played in bringing the jersey to street-wear styles, opening

the door to the jersey’s incorporation in mainstream fashion, as well as to significant collaborations between designers, artists, and activists within wider political and social movements. This includes Runaway x G Yamazawa, a 2017 collaboration on a jersey to honor the Japanese American ballplayers at the WWII incarceration camp Heart Mountain Relocation Center, and the creation of a Black Lives Matter jersey by MIZIZI, a streetwear brand representing the African diaspora that has been worn by protesters across the globe.

The exhibition is accompanied by a scholarly catalog by curator Erin Corrales-Diaz, Ph.D. This groundbreaking volume traces the design and aesthetics of the iconic baseball jersey both on and off the baseball field. Published by D Giles Ltd in association with the Worcester Art Museum, the catalog is available from the Museum Shop for \$34.95 and can be ordered by emailing shopsales@worcesterart.org.

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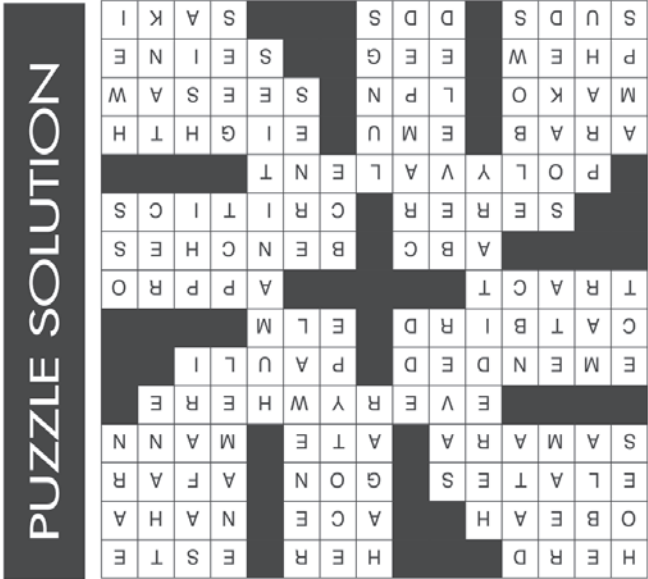


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1. A group of sheep
5. Of she
8. This (Spanish)
12. A type of sorcery
14. A team’s best pitcher
15. Port in southern Japan
16. Makes very happy
18. Trigonometric unit of measurement
19. From a distance
20. Winged nut
21. Consumed
22. “Heat” director
23. In all places
26 Made improvements to
30. St. ___ Girl: brand of beer
31. A type of “seat”
32. Wood
33. A brief treatise on a subject of interest
34. Approval
39. Basics
42. Where judges sit
44. W. African religion
46. Commentators
47. Having many different functions
49. Member of a Semitic people
50. Flightless, fast-running bird
51. After the seventh
56. Small N. Zealand tree
57. Health care pro (abbr.)
58. Playground mainstay
59. Expressing relief
60. Records brain activity (abbr.)
61. Fishing net
62. Beer
63. Tooth caregiver
64. Japanese beverage

CLUES DOWN

1. Garden tools
2. Early Syrian kingdom
3. 500 sheets of paper
4. Information
5. Beloved comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Semitransparent glassy substance
9. Expedition to observe animals
10. One who held landed granted by Anglo-Saxon king
11. Obtain in return for labor
13. Inheritable genetically
17. One who rescues
24. Doctor of Education
25. Liberal arts
26. Shock treatment
27. Disfigure
28. When you hope to get there
29. Peacock network
35. Part of (abbr.)
36. The 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
37. Not just “play”
38. Former CIA
40. Reduced to a sloping edge
41. Restricted the development of
42. Sciences degree
43. Sea eagles
44. Saturated
45. Joints
47. Sailing boat
48. Respiratory organs
49. Guitarists use them
52. Disco act: Bee ___
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Intentionally lose
55. Muslim people of China



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Quinsigamond Community College announces 2021 graduates

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College has released its 2021 list of graduates. On Friday, May 21 at 1 p.m. QCC will host a virtual commencement ceremony to honor this year's 1,441 graduates.

To view the 2021 Commencement Ceremony, visit www.QCC.edu/commencement-2021.

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GWCF marks a year of continued commitment to Central Massachusetts

WORCESTER — Greater Worcester Community Foundation announced the winners of the 16th and 17th annual Renaissance Awards during the Foundation’s annual meeting, which was held virtually. With the 2020 award not being presented due to the global pandemic, two awards were announced at this year’s event. The Renaissance Award winners are Anh Vu Sawyer, Executive Director of the Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts, Inc., (2020 winner) and Ernie Floyd, founder of Unity Radio (2021 winner). At the meeting, the Foundation also released its 2020 financial results and elected new directors and corporators.

Anh Vu Sawyer (2020 winner) is a tremendous resource for Worcester’s Asian American community. As Executive Director of Worcester’s Southeast Asian Coalition of Central Massachusetts, Inc (SEACMA), Sawyer oversees the agency’s mission to provide critical assistance to Southeast Asian immigrants and refugees, and to preserve the vibrancy of their cultural heritage here in Central Massachusetts. Established in 2001, SEACMA has developed a strong reputation among members of the cultural community and with the organization’s partners in the community at large for being a

trusted resource of first resort to help guide and aid the Asian population in Worcester. Since 2015, SEAMAC has also lent support to refugees from Iran, Iraq and Syria. During Sawyer’s directorship, SEACMA received over 10 awards and recognitions for their work. With passion, strength and resilience, Sawyer has provided an opportunity for all Asian American immigrants to achieve their goals and dreams while preserving their heritage.

Ernie Floyd (2021 winner) has dedicated himself to addressing negative portrayals of Worcester’s youth in the media by elevating the voices of young people in their communities. Throughout his career, Floyd created several platforms, including Pride Productions Inc., dedicated to empowering local youth about educating them about media and technology. In 1994, Youth Unity, a half-hour talk show was created, designed and produced by young people. In 2013, Floyd launched the Worcester-based radio station Unity Radio (97.9 WUTY) which focuses on serving several educational purposes in addition to broadcasting local talk, music and sports. However, the impact of Floyd’s vision for the younger generation of Worcester goes beyond radio. In 2014 and 2015, Floyd served as the Re-entry Director for Worcester’s

Straight Ahead Ministries on Main Street where he worked with young men and women to help them pursue their goals in education, employment, housing, health, and personal development. For Floyd, there is power to be found when youth are provided with the right platforms and tools to make their voices heard.

“If the recent pandemic has taught us anything it’s that we at the Foundation have a responsibility to continue strengthening our community, and it begins by highlighting some of the exceptional people who are making a real difference,” said Carolyn Stempler, interim President & CEO of the Foundation. “We are proud to honor Ernie and Anh Vu as Renaissance Award recipients. From giving a voice to our younger generations, to providing the necessary resources our immigrant community needs to thrive, their work in Central Massachusetts has proven to be not only impactful, but also inspiring. Worcester is growing at an incredible speed. It’s up to us and it’s up to our community leaders to continue this growth equitably.”

The Renaissance Award is a cash prize of \$5,000 which the Foundation awards annually as an expression of gratitude for the talented, dedicated people serving the community in nonprofit

roles. The late John W. Lund, a GWCF founder, established the Renaissance Award through an endowed gift which continues to make this prize possible today. Recipients are chosen based on their record of dedicated commitment to the nonprofit sector, professional accomplishments, and talent in fostering collaborative relationships.

In addition to the Renaissance Award, the Foundation released its financial reporting for 2020 at the annual meeting: Assets consisting of permanent charitable endowments that are available for local grantmaking exceed \$180 million; the foundation awarded \$14.3 million in grants and scholarships; and received more than \$11.9 million in contributions. A complete annual report can be found at www.greaterworcester.org.

Two new members were welcomed to the Foundation board of directors including Che Anderson. Anderson is currently the University of Massachusetts Medical School’s assistant vice chancellor for city and community relations. Prior to his current role, he served as Worcester’s deputy cultural officer where he brought a wide array of cultural and artistic programs to the residents of the city - most notably the inter-

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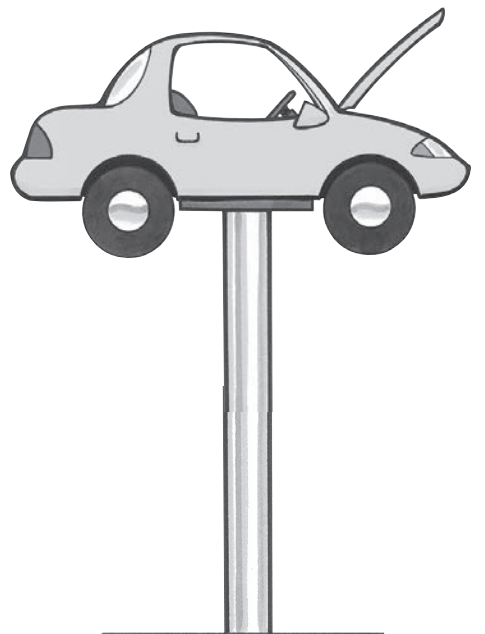
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Summertime dreams

“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer’s day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”
John Lubbock, “The Use Of Life”

Summer is here. Well, pretty much. We think the threat of another snowstorm is beyond us. As we write this, the high will be 80, the windows are open, and a warm breeze is hanging about the room with a slight scent of lilac. The trees are a bright green, with the sound of birds singing, the sky is blue and well, the day couldn’t be more perfect.

A day like today has us thinking about the summer months ahead, and what they will look like. Certainly, work will remain busy, but the days are longer, affording us more time to do the things we love, and the warmer weather tends to relax us all.

We spoke with a few members of our staff who shared their favorite things about summer. The list varies, which is a nod to our versatility.

One of our Sports writers is looking forward to a trip to Tokyo for the 2021 Summer Olympics. This trek will be his third time going, to include the Winter Olympics as well. No foreign spectators are permitted, so the vibe won’t be quite the same, albeit historic.

He noted, “The Olympics are the best athletic event there is. Watching elite athletes compete at the highest level is amazing. On TV is great, but in person is even more incredible.”

When asked what his most anticipated event to watch is, he replied, “Swimming.”

Our Editor will take advantage of the beauty at local lakes and reading books on the balcony of his new condo. Of course, the perfect summer for him is not complete without something to do with film.

“I’m looking forward to going to the drive in. I’m not quite ready to sit in a theatre for two hours and the fact that the drive in near my home is vintage makes it even better. I’m all about the vintage!” he exclaimed.

It’s true — there isn’t a movie trivia question from any decade he won’t answer correctly.

One of our reporters, who also doubles as an artist, is looking forward to travel, gardening and landscaping.

“Home renovations and event planning will take priority, but I’m looking forward to doing some art installations as well,” she said.

When asked about home renovations, we needed to clarify whether it was to her home, or to her chicken coop that looks like the Beverly Hills Wilshire for birds.

Another of our writers will be looking forward to climbing as many mountains as possible, the more remote the better. Being outside deep into the woods is where it’s at. It’s such a grounding, refreshing activity especially on a scorcher of a day when a flowing river is close by.

I learned a valuable lesson this week. I traveled to the University of Iowa Hospital for my monthly meeting with my oncologist and digestive health medical team. For those of you unaware, I’m fighting stage 4 stomach cancer. It was to be a quick in and out meeting and I would be on my way home by 3:00. Instead, my digestive health professional looked at me for thirty seconds and said, “I’m admitting you.”

I didn’t know what to say. “Wait,” was the only thing I could force out.

“For what?” She paused. “Until it’s too late?”

So, I was admitted and began being fed nutrients through a hose placed in my nose. Truly a dismal experience. As I looked at the bag pumping into my stomach, it looked like its contents had already been eaten then spit back out. No, none of it was a pleasant experience.

Early the next morning, my team of oncologists arrived in my room and asked, “How are you feeling?” My typical reflex answer popped out. “Fantastic!” They glanced at each other. “Really. I’m feeling great!” I assured them. I’m a believer that optimism and positive intentions drive good health and positive results.

They asked a few basic questions, told me they ordered a couple of scans and a round of blood tests, then left the room.

The next day, my daughter arrived and was sitting with me when the group of oncologists came again. “So, how are you feeling today, Mr. Moore?”

“Fantastic! I’m feeling great!” once again popped out of my mouth. My daughter quickly blurted out, “Dad! You are not feeling great! These are your doctors, and they aren’t looking for a motivational speech from you. Tell them how you really feel!”

She then looked at the leader of the group and said, “Please understand that my Dad is a motivational speaker, writer of a column titled, Positively Speaking and an author of four positive books. it’s not his nature to say anything else.”

The question then hit me like an Acme Anvil dropped on my head as if I were in a Roadrunner cartoon. Is it okay, not to be, okay?

It doesn’t mean I’m being negative. Maybe it only means I’m giving my medical team accurate information to help them make sound decisions and to help me get better. They needed straight



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talk from me and not a motivational pep talk. People who are feeling fantastic are not admitted into the hospital.

I took a breath and gave them an accurate depiction of what I was feeling, which was far from fantastic. They

seemed relieved and said what I was describing better reflected the results of my test.

I realized at that moment that being optimistic does not mean everything is perfect. It’s not. It does mean I’ve decided to focus on the good outcomes rather than bad and to allow my mind and body to conspire together to help create a better reality. I believe optimism and a positive mindset are essential components to my healing process, but so is accuracy in describing my symptoms, positive or not.

Admitting I didn’t feel well wasn’t a failure to be positive. In fact, not accurately deciding the current condition of my health could create an extremely negative outcome.

I’m learning that the smart thing to do is adjust myself to the reality and truth of my health instead of trying to make the truth of my condition something that it’s not. As minor as it is and as simple as it sounds, I was unable to admit I wasn’t okay. It also doesn’t mean I’m giving into a negative diagnosis. I’m still fighting with the attitude and belief I’m going to beat this cancer and I am. It just means my doctors need accurate information so they can help me win this battle.

This column began while I was lying in a hospital bed but is ending with me at home and back to my normal routine. I’m feeling much better and looking positively forward to my day.

Everything about life is a challenge and ongoing opportunity to learn. ‘From the mouth of babes’ my daughter taught me a valuable lesson about creating positive outcomes from less than positive situations when you aren’t feeling positive at all.

Like you, I’m still a work in progress. I’m still learning.

It’s okay, not to be okay.

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529 plans: More versatile than ever



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If you have children or grandchildren, you may already be somewhat familiar with the 529 plan, a popular education savings vehicle. But you may not have kept up with some recent changes in the plan’s capabilities and in the educational environment in which the plan might be used.

Let’s start with the learning environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, colleges and universities switched to online classes, or at least to a hybrid of in-person and online. And even before the pandemic, many schools offered remote classes, though obviously not to the same extent. But after COVID-19 subsidies, it’s likely that the online component will remain an important part of higher education. What does this “new world” mean for you, when you’re saving for college? Will a 529 plan still be relevant?

In a word, yes. First of all, a 529 plan can offer tax advantages. Earnings in a 529 plan are federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified educational expenses. And if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, your contributions may be tax deductible. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes as well as a 10 percent penalty.) Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor before investing.

Online learning costs are eligible for a 529 plan’s tax benefits just as much as those incurred from in-person classes. Tuition, textbooks, supplies, computers and services – all of these should qualify, assuming the school meets certain criteria. Also, students enrolled half-time or more don’t have to live in a dorm for room and board expenses to be covered by a 529 plan – they can live in off-campus housing. However, these room-and-board costs typically must equal the cost of living on campus. Some schools identify a specific cost for “commuters” or “at-home students,” so you will need to contact the college directly to determine qualified room-and-board costs.

Now, let’s take a quick look at what some changes in the rules governing 529 plans over the past few years might mean for you. Eligible expenses from your 529 plan include the following:

K-12 expenses – Parents can withdraw up to \$10,000 per student, per year, from their 529 plan to pay for tuition expenses at elementary and secondary schools. So, if you intend to send your children to a private school, this use of a 529 plan might interest you.

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Student loans – Families can withdraw funds from a 529 plan to repay the principal and interest for qualified education loans, including federal and most private student loans. There’s a lifetime limit of \$10,000 for student loan repayments per each 529 plan beneficiary and another \$10,000 for each of the beneficiary’s siblings.

All of these newer uses of 529 plans may contain additional guidelines and exceptions, and state tax treatment varies, so you’ll want to consult with your tax advisor before taking money from your account. But it’s valuable for you to know the different ways you can put a 529 plan to work.

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Plant a Tree: Trees are not only attractive, they provide valuable shading and cooling. For quickest results, opt for quick growing varieties. According to expert landscapers, just three trees, properly placed around a house, can save between \$100 and \$250 annually in cooling and heating costs! Need more convincing? Consider this fact: Daytime air temperatures can be three to nine degrees cooler in tree-shaded neighborhoods. ***

Fine Vines: Vines also keep your house naturally cool. Grown on trellises, vines such as ivy or grapevines can shade windows or the whole side of a house. The dark and coarse leaves also absorb solar radiation. ***



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Shady Deal: Shading is a valuable weapon in the battle against the heat of the summer sun. Shading that blocks summertime sun on the east, south and west sides of a house, but not cool breezes, is an effective way to keep your house cooler. Planting shade trees, especially on the west and south sides of your house can improve comfort and increase coolness. ***

Instant Shade: Erect awnings, porches, or trellises on east, south and west sides of a building. This reduces solar heat penetration through walls and windows, keeping things cool. Note: Maintaining a gap between the top of a solid surface awning and the side of your house helps vent accumulated heat. ***

Did You Know? A home’s inside temperature can rise as much as

Concrete Heat: Planning to landscape? Avoid landscaping with lots of unshaded rock, cement, or asphalt on the south or west sides because it increases the temperature around the house and radiates heat to the house after the sun has set

20°F or more if the east and west windows and walls are not shaded. ***

The Grass is Greener: Grass is a great natural coolant, and the more lawn you have, the greater the cooling benefit. On a hot summer day, grass can be up to 14 degrees cooler than exposed soil, and as much as 30 degrees cooler than concrete or asphalt! According to experts, the front lawns of a block of eight average houses have the cooling effect of about 70 tons of air conditioning! That’s enough to cool 16 average homes. ***

If you use an air conditioner, make sure you’re using it to its full advantage. Here are some top tips for optimal operation of your cooling unit: * Did you know an air conditioning unit operating in the shade uses less electricity than one in the sun? Plant trees or shrubs to shade air conditioning units, but be sure not to block the airflow. * To boost efficiency, use a fan with your window air conditioner to circulate the cool air throughout the home. * Never place lamps or TVs near your air conditioning thermostat. The heat from these appliances will cause the air conditioner to run longer. * Be sure to add insulation around air conditioning ducts when they are located in unconditioned space.



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Stripers are in everywhere along the coast and in tributaries, and are chasing baitfish like porgies and her-ring. There are a lot of big fish in the schools of stripers, but unfortunately, they cannot be retained by recreational fishermen. Only stripers in the slot size of 28 inches and 35 inches are legal to keep. This regulation has hurt a lot of charter boats, resulting in lost revenue from fewer anglers booking reserva-tions. They are also being hit by the loss of mates for their boats because many have left to find steady employment from other jobs during the pandem-ic, and they are not coming back. One charter boat captain said he has very few bookings, because he has lost his mates, and hiring new ones is almost impossible.

With Memorial Day weekend only a few days away, nutty behavior at the boat ramps is sure to be the same as in previous years. Boaters need to be respectful of other boaters waiting to launch their boats, and if someone is having a problem launching his or her boat, offering to help is often appreci-ated. Boaters should never back onto a boat ramp if they are not ready to launch. Getting the boat ready prior to launch should always be done prior to backing onto the boat ramp! Actual launch time should take no more than five minutes or less. Be aware that there is always someone with an attitude waiting to launch their boat. Don't ruin your day and your family's day by get-ting into a shouting match or a physical fight with him. It is not worth it.

This past week, my brother and I were invited to go on a fishing trip with my nephew, Captain Mel True of Fish Net Charters! Mel left his high paying job at CVS to fulfill his dream of becom-ing a boat captain. He took a job with On The Water Magazine for a short time and then made the move to start his charter boat business. He never



Photo Courtesy

This week's picture shows Ken True with a nice seabass caught last week in Buzzards Bay.

looked back, and has become a highly respected boat Captain on the North & South Shore. He loves to document his clients fishing trips, and is well educat-ed in photography.

It was a nice crisp morning when my brother Ken picked me up at 4:30 a.m.! Captain Mel lives in Freetown, Mass., which is only an hour's drive to his house. We arrived on time, and Mel had his boat and trailer hooked up to his pickup truck that is well painted with his name, and sponsors of fishing tackle. His 25-foot boat is powered by a Yamaha 350 hp motor. Unloading the boat only took minutes and we were on our way to the fishing grounds. It was not long before we were traveling close to 40 miles per hour, arriving at our first fishing spot in less than 30 minutes. As soon as we stopped the boat Mel walked up to the bow of the boat to place his new electric motor into the water. The

motor is programed into his GPS, and automatically holds the boat at the fish-ing hot spot. Although he has an anchor on board, it is rarely used because of the new motor. "Technology."

As soon as I dropped my jig to the bottom, I had a fish on. It was a nice seabass and I was ready to place it in the cooler. Captain Mel motioned me to throw it back! It is a female, and he does not like to include them in his daily catch. My brother Ken reeled in a nice seabass, and was told to toss it back. We will be catching much larger fish than that Captain Mel stated: "It seems as though we are on a catch and release fishing trip!" Ken complied to the captain's request! It was constant lock and load on seabass and a couple of tautog mixed in retaining only a couple of fish! "Be patient," Mel replied, "you will catch bigger fish than those you threw back."

Time to move to a new spot! After bringing the motor back into the boat, we were soon on our way to a new spot. Mel wanted to catch a few Scaup for a client, so we rigged our lures and small pieces of squid onto the hooks. The scaup were decent size with some extra-large called sea scaup. I have tried them, and do not like there taste, but many people love them. After filling a five-gallon pail with scaup, we rigged our rods with jigs. Mel has his own line of fishing rods, that make my fishing rods look antique. It was not long before we started catching seabass and tautog, but the jumbo seabass never material-ized. We were more than happy to catch our limit of seabass that were nice size and great for the eating. A few nice tautog were mixed in but there were so many seabass on the bottom feeding, the tautog were outnumbered.

After a few hours of fishing, this writ-er quit. The captain could see that we were fished out, and were ready for the trip home. Gosh! I wish I was 20 years younger.

West Hill Dam is taking reservations for small parties like birthdays, grad-uations, anniversaries, etc. To reserve your date, you can call Viola at the Dam Headquarters. Reservations cost \$75. A new road is being planned for the Harringtons pool area, but until then it is nice to see the area being used!

The Whitinsville Fish & Game club is planning an "Italian Night" at the club on June19. It is going to be there first in house supper since the Pandemic. Be sure to get your tickets early. Only 60 tickets will be available for the in-house dining. Another 25 will be sold for to-go meals. Check it out on their Web site.

Fresh water fishing has been very good for largemouth bass fishing. One angler was fishing from his canoe and caught numerous largemouth bass and calico bass trolling small Rapala plugs. Shiners and small surface frogs are also catching some impressive fish.

Take a Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

Tips for raised bed and elevated gardening success



GARDEN
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Raised beds and elevated gardens pro-vide easier access to gardens and can increase space available for growing ve-getables and flowers. You will enjoy con-venience and easy access when includ-ing one or more in your landscape or on your patio, deck, or balcony.

Providing proper care for these elevat-ed planting spaces will ensure the biggest possible harvest and a growing season filled with beautiful flowers. Adapting planting strategies and care to fit the needs of these unique growing spaces can help reduce maintenance.

It starts with creating and maintain-ing a healthy growing foundation. Fill your raised beds with a quality plant-ing mix composed mostly of topsoil and compost. Or create your own planting mix with lasagna and Hugelkultur tech-niques. These methods allow you to convert plant trimmings, compost, and a minimal amount of soil into a quality planting mix.

Elevated gardens are basically con-tainers on legs and usually filled with a quality, soilless planting mix. The lighter weight makes it much more suitable for this type of gardening. Look for a product that provides drainage yet retains mois-ture. Both features are important when gardening in smaller volumes of soil.

Make sure you have easy access to

water and your gardens have means for excess water to drain. The limited soil mass and increased exposure to wind, heat and sunlight make planting mixes dry out more quickly than in-ground beds. Always water thoroughly to encourage deep, more drought tolerant roots.

Extend the time between watering by as much as 25% with the help of a sustainable, organic product like Wild Valley Farms' wool pellets (wildval-leyfarms.com). Made from wool waste, these pellets absorb and retain moisture releasing it when needed by the plants.

Purchase an elevated garden with wheels or add casters to the legs if you need to move your garden out of the way for entertaining. Take advantage of the added mobility to move your planter into the sun or shade as needed throughout the season.

Employ space saving techniques to maximize your gardens productivity. Space plants just far enough apart to reach their mature size. Plant quick-maturing vegetables like radishes, lettuce and beets between tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables that take longer to reach full size and start producing. You will be harvesting the short season vegetables just as the bigger plants need the space.

Look for compact flower and vegetable varieties that allow you to make the most of every square inch of these gardens. All-America Selections winner Patio Choice Yellow Cherry tomato produces up to 100 tomatoes on an eighteen-inch plant. Mascotte compact bush bean and Patio Pride peas are big producers suited to these and small space gardens.

Extend your enjoyment and harvest with succession plantings. Fill vacant spaces left once a row or block of vegeta-



Photo Melinda Myers

Get the most out of your elevated garden by spacing plants just far enough apart to reach their mature size.

bles are harvested. Freshen up ornamen-tal plantings by replacing weather worn flowers with healthy new selections. Add more planting mix along with wool pel-lets if needed.

Train vining plants onto trellises or other supports to save space and reduce the risk of disease. Dress them up by allowing trailing herbs and flowers to cascade over the edge of these planting beds.

Increasing growing success and reduc-ing maintenance will make raised beds and elevated gardens a practical and productive addition to your gardening

endeavors.

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

LEGALS

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER G.L.C 255 SECTION 39A

Notice is hereby given by: Cruise Con-trol Transportation pursuant to the pro-visions of G.L.C., Section 39A, that on June 18, 2021, at 9:00am at 210 Charl-ton Rd Sturbridge MA by private sale the following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for storage, towing charges, care and ex-penses of notices and sale of said ve-hicle. Vehicle description: 2019 Toyota Prius Prime Registration#/State: Un-registered VIN: JTDKARFP1L3152712 Name and address of vehicle owner: Richard Witz of 27 Woodside drive Spencer MA 01562 This notice has been given under the provisions of G.L.C. 255, Section 39A. May 28, 2021 June 4, 2021 June 11, 2021

Wales Zoning Board of Appeals 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 June 15th, 2021 at the Wales Town Offices at 6:00 PM**, on the application of Gary Robinson, of 111 Union Rd, for a special permit in terms of the Town of Wales Zoning By-law Sec. 4. 2.. The Town of Wales Zoning By-Law Sec. 4.2.2 states "A pre-existing non-conforming use or structure may not be extended, altered or changed except by a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals." Specifically, the applicant wishes to construct an 8' X 12'addition with a handicap accessible ramp onto an ex-isting structure. Any person interested and wishing to be heard on this appli-cation 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 May 28, 2021 June 4, 2021

NOTICE OF SALE Lein Sale

Request a Notice of Lein Sale be Pub-lished on the following listed Units **Household & Misc, Items** Unit No 134 William Belanger PO Box 741 Southbridge, MA 01550 **Household & Misc, Items** Unit No 144 Greg Szalay P.O. Box 814 Charlton, MA 01507 **Household & Misc, Items** Unit No 204 John Zmayefski 11 Walsh St Auburn, MA 01501 **Household & Misc, Items** Unit No 392 Brian Blanchette 105 Howe St. / P.O. Box 379

East Brookfield, MA 01515 **Household & Misc, Items** Unit No 381 Armstrong Opoku 142 Brookfield Rd Charlton, MA 01507 **Household & Misc, Items** Unit No 435 Chris Bouchard 28 Podunk Rd Sturbridge, MA 01566 **Household & Misc, Items** Unit No 621 Dianna Curran 4304 Newbury Dr. Troy, NY 12180 **Household & Misc, Items** Unit No 712 Melissa Reilly 15B Old Country Rd. Holland, MA 01521 **LEIN SALE WILL BE HELD:** Date: 6/16/21 Time: 12 Noon Location: 94 Brookfield Rd., Charlton MA 01507 May 28, 2021 June 4, 2021



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OBITUARIES

Daniel S. Cote, 42

SOUTHBIDGE (formerly from Oakham) - Daniel S. Cote, 42, died Monday, May 10, 2021 at his home after a courageous battle with ALS.



Dan is survived by his wife, who was the love of his life for the past 18 years, Christine M. (Ducharme) Cote. He is also survived by his sons, Joshua Michael Cote of Southington, CT, and Senior Airman Randal Wyatt Cote, USAF, of Colorado Springs, CO; two stepsons, Jesse John Fanion of Leicester, MA, and Cody Michael Fanion of Sterling, MA; his parents, Leo H. and Margaret “Peg” A. (Lynch) Cote, Jr., of Charlton, MA; his brother, John Michael Cote and his wife Karen of Dudley, MA; and many nieces and nephews.

Dan graduated from Bay Path High School in 1996. Dan was an accomplished Journeyman Sprinkler Fitter and held licenses in MA & RI. He worked for Cintas Fire Protection for 13 years and was most recently employed by Johnson Controls Fire Protection. Dan loved his trade. He enjoyed teaching the apprentices and was the “go to” person for any code questions.

Dan’s happy place was in the

woods. He had a passion for deer hunting and would get “buck fever” as fall approached every year as he looked forward to hunting with his friends in Maine. Dan also spent “many” weekends in the woods on his tractor; felling trees, cutting and splitting his own fire wood, always ending the day with a whiskey and ginger. Dan enjoyed cooking on the smoker and grill and having family and friends over for barbecues. He enjoyed classic country music, watching the Red Sox and he lived life to the fullest. He will forever be in our hearts.

We are so very grateful for Ron Hoffman of Compassionate Care ALS, Linda Medeiros, Palliative Care Nurse from Commonwealth Care Alliance and Paulette Hallihan, Hospice Nurse from VNA Care for helping us navigate through an extremely difficult time with love and compassion.

If you would like to make a contribution in Dan’s memory, please donate to Compassionate Care ALS, PO Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA 02574 or online at ccals.org

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Sansoucy Funeral Home, 40 Marcy Street, Southbridge, MA 01550 is assisting with arrangements. www.sansoucy-funeral.com

Ann Louise Moran, 95

Ann Louise Moran, 95, a resident of The Overlook in Charlton MA, died peacefully in her sleep on May 15th.



She was the widow of Edward Thomas Moran Jr. Ann was born January 31, 1926, in Brooklyn NY to the late John Merschrod and May Weaver Merschrod both of Queens, NY. She graduated from Pratt Institute in 1946, achieving the Bronze Award the highest student achievement for her class.

Ann was a professional artist throughout her life, creating over 800 paintings, her specialty being wildflowers in oil. During her lifetime she exhibited widely, and her works are in private and institutional collections throughout the United States. Ann also taught oil painting in her studio galleries in Oyster Bay, Long Island and in Warwick, NY. The Arthur A. Kaplan Co published four of her prints which were sold internationally. In 1983, she was featured in a Pallet Talk magazine article. Ann was a member of the American Artists Professional League and the Lyme Art

Association.

She leaves her three children E. Thomas Moran of Plattsburgh, NY, Kathleen (Moran) Bleau of Purcellville, VA, and James David Moran of Charlton, MA. She also leaves six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held online on Friday, May 21, 2021, at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the New Century Foundation of the First Congregational Church of Woodstock ,CT. 06281, or The Overlook at 88 Masonic Home Rd. Charlton MA 01507.

The Funeral Service will be Friday, May 21, 2021, at the 2:00 PM in the Charlton Federated Church. Main St., Charlton, and online athttps://zoom.us/j/91913385761?pwd=eGJwb1I0dWQ4TEZTTURob2RaREFIUT09f flowers, donations may be made in the Woodstock Cemetery (Next to the Congregational Church).

The ROBERT J. MILLER-CHARLTON FUNERAL HOME , 175 Worcester Rd, Rd., Charlton, MA. To leave an online condolence, please visit: RJMillerfunerals.net

Matthew Benway, 50

Matthew Benway died January 27, 2001 at home after a brief illness.



He is survived by his fiancé Shantay Sampson and her two boys Justin and Jeffrey, 13, mother Sheila Benway, step-mother Brenda Benway, father David Benway, sister Nicole Elledge and her husband Elden Elledge, step-sister Laura Hoagland and husband Charles, brother Jesse Jones and his wife Kathy. His two most loved son, Isaiah 18 and L.J. or Zack Kirkley, 16. Even though he didn’t see them or his many nieces and nephews, often, he asked many times to tell them how much he loved them.

Matt grew up in Charlton, MA going to grammar school and Shepherd Hill High School, actively participating in soccer, baseball and football.

His lifetime career as a Mechanic started at the West Side of the Turnpike Garage in Charlton, MA to many garages

in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

After leaving Massachusetts, at 19, his job at Stevens Service Center in Vicksburg gave him the opportunity to work on the Daytona 500 races on the wrecking crew. There he met many of the drivers and saw their race cars. His last place of employment was at Mac Haik’s dealership in Jackson, Mississippi earning his ASE certification. Matt loved his job and all the people he worked with.

His strong Christian faith that he boldly professed carried him through the darkest of times and happy times as well.

Matt will be missed by his family and friends, knowing that he loved them as well, as he rests in his heavenly father’s arms.

Services were held in Vicksburg, Mississippi where he lived before moving to Jackson, Mississippi.

Messages can be submitted on his obituary page at Glenwood Funeral Home, Vicksburg, Mississippi

TRAINOR

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in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I’m in the business of dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take cred-

it for some), I’m counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Please note the contest had been suspended due to COVID restrictions for seating in restaurants. It is expected to start up again in June. All entries have been collected and will be entered into an upcoming drawing.

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has

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

FIRE STATION

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the design was needed to put together a final plan to bring to the public later in the year, one that they hope will be within the cost parameters citizens expect but also provide a much-needed replacement for the aging facilities currently housing the fire apparatus.

“We know this will cost us less than a public safety building, we just don’t

know how much lower,” said Barton. “This vote, if it passes, will just allow us to continue the design and we will come back before the citizens in October with the presentation of what we gathered for information as to what this cost is going to be.”

In the end despite being brought up for a revote and earning more support than the first tally the article failed a second time in an 85 to 47 decision, three votes shy of the required two-third majority.

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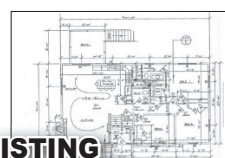
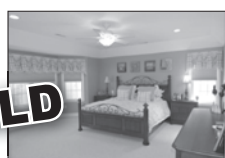
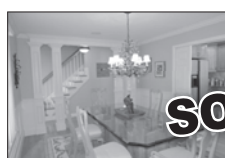
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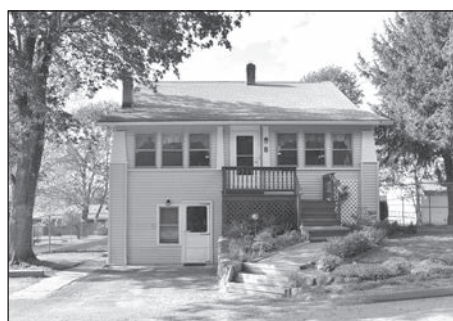
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Worcester State announces 2021 graduates

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Sutton: Aidan Lucey
Upton: Mercedes R. Tredeau (Cum Laude)
Uxbridge: Baron V. Horwath
Webster: Amanda L. Collins, Sarah B. Curry (Cum Laude)
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Fitchburg State University announces 2021 graduates

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University recently held its 125th commencement exercises, with virtual ceremonies honoring the graduating class. Fitchburg State President Richard S. Lapidus saluted the graduates for persevering through the challenges of a global pandemic.

“You’re transitioning into a very different world from the one that you had been planning for when you started college, and find yourself at a pivotal time in our country’s evolution,” President Lapidus said. “The pandemic has changed all of our lives in significant ways. It has impacted the way we live and work, think and behave. It has raised questions of uncertainty about the financial future, it has enhanced political polarization and magnified ongoing issues of inequality and injustice. The experience has, at times, been chaotic, stressful and often fatiguing. In many ways, how you respond to this current situation will define your generation. You are well trained and possess the talent and skills to do great things. So, use your education wisely, summon your knowledge, insight, creativity, and courage. It’s your time to challenge what is, affect real change, and realize what can be in the world.”

At the graduate ceremony, Graduate Student Leadership Award recipient Christopher S. Brooks talked about his

journey from serving in the U.S. Navy to becoming a physician assistant, and the decision to continue his education with an MBA from Fitchburg State. He said he was encouraged to go back to school by a patient who was recovering from a stroke, who was also a teacher.

“To make a long story short, for every excuse that I had on why I could not go back to school, the teacher had given me a positive answer on how and why I should,” Brooks said, encouraging others to follow the teacher’s example. “Help guide or teach someone that may be feeling stuck. Lead others to help them achieve their goals. Lastly, do not be afraid to take a chance on yourself, whether it is continuing your education further, or possibly applying for that job that you saw, but did not think you’d get.”

Undergraduate valedictorian Joseph Bourgeois recounted the challenges all of the members of the Class of 2021 had faced in pursuit of their degrees. “As the brilliant Albert Einstein once said, ‘In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity,’” Bourgeois said. “This past year has been filled with challenges brought on by COVID. Our lives have been changed drastically, especially in terms of our academics. The transition from in-person classes to online was not easy by any means but we were able to push forward and cross the finish line.

When we face difficulty in life, we must adapt to the changes and make the best out of a bad situation.”

The complete virtual ceremonies can be viewed online at fitchburgstate.edu/commencement.

Among this year’s graduates were the following local residents:

Auburn
Jessilyn S. Collette, Nicole A. Fancy, Brandyn J. Geldart, Sophia L. Laperle, Lucinda J. Orne

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What can and cannot be composted



Avid gardeners know that compost can add vital nutrients to soil used in gardens, container plants and lawns. The fact that compost is so versatile and nutrient-dense may not even be its most admirable quality. Made from items used in and around the house, compost costs just about nothing to produce.

The raw materials that make up compost come from organic waste. These can be disposables from the garden and kitchen, as well as other areas around the house. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, yard trimmings and food scraps add up to 20 to 30 percent of the municipal solid waste in the United States. Turning waste into compost not only helps the landscape, but also the planet.

Compost is relatively easy to make, and there are scores of materials that can be put into compost. But it is just as essential to know which ingredients cannot be used in compost.

Okay for compost

Most organic materials, or items that were once living, can be used in compost. Plant-based items used in cooking, such as potato peelings, carrot skins, banana peels, cocoa hulls, coffee grounds and filters, corn cobs, apple cores, egg shells, fruit peels, kelp, and nut shells, can be added to compost.

Other items from around the house, like unused kitty litter, hair, shredded newspapers and cardboard, leaves, flowers, paper, pine needles, ashes, and sawdust, can be successfully added to compost. Stick to items that are not treated heavily with chemicals.

Should not be used in compost

Inorganic and non-biodegradable materials cannot go into compost. These are items like plastic, glass, aluminum foil, and metal. Pressure-treated lumber, although a natural material, is treated with preservatives and often pesticides that can be harmful if they leech into the garden.

The small-gardening resource Balcony Garden Web indicates coated or glossy printed papers, such as those from catalogs, magazines, wrapping paper, marketing materials, and business cards, should not be added to compost piles because of the chemicals and inks used in these pages.

Planet Natural Research Center says to avoid pet droppings from dogs and cats. Animal products like bones, butter, milk, fish skins, and meat, may decompose and start to smell foul. Maggots, parasites, pathogens, and other microorganisms can form in the compost. These materials also may attract flies and scavenger animals. Plus, they decompose very slowly.

Any personal hygiene products should be avoided because they are tainted by human fluids and that can pose a health risk.

While weeds are not harmful in compost piles, there is the risk that seeds can germinate and then infiltrate garden beds when the compost is used. The same can be said for tomato plants and some other hardy fruits and vegetables.

Compost is a winner in the garden and around the landscape. Learning which ingredients can and can’t be added to compost piles is useful for any gardener.

SNHU announces Winter President’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2021 President’s List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Lindsey Bernard of Uxbridge
Vanessa Marcolivio of Uxbridge
Michael Whitney of Uxbridge
Chelsea Krasnecky of Charlton
Emily Roberts of Uxbridge
Armando Gemei of Charlton

Sal Ante of Uxbridge
Amanda DeBartolomeis of Charlton
Frankie Nieves of Uxbridge
Samantha Frawley of Charlton

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SNHU announces Winter Dean’s List

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Winter 2021 Dean’s List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester,

and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Ryan Paul of Uxbridge
Amanda Geer of Uxbridge
Elizabeth Wood of Uxbridge

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Cameron Lanier of Charlton receives award for Outstanding Achievement in General Business from Nichols College

DUDLEY — Cameron Lanier of Charlton receives the award for Outstanding Achievement in General Business at the Nichols College class of 2021 commencement ceremony held on May 15.

About Nichols College
Nichols College is a college of choice for business and leadership education as a

result of its distinctive career-focused and leadership-based approaches to learning, both in and out of the classroom, and through impactful research and professional education. Students thrive in a learning and living environment that is supported by an experiential business curriculum and a strong liberal arts foundation aimed

at transforming them into tomorrow’s leaders. Nichols also offers master’s degrees in business, leadership, accounting, and counterterrorism, as well as a range of certificate programs, to promote career advancement for today’s professionals.

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Christopher Peterson, Christopher Pinnock, Kaitlyn Wooten
Holland: Audrey McCracken
Leicester: Shelby Andrews-Cogswell, Cory Cronin, Sherri Frotten, Cassandra Gaines, Dylan Havey, Katelyn Jyringi, Mariam Mahama, Maria Rosado
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Oxford: Jasmine Dyer, Jennifer Gum, Felecia Violette
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Rochdale: Lisa Benoit, Margaret Kennedy, Kiara Valdes
South Grafton: John Boelke
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West Brookfield: Caroline Burke, Abigail Carr
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For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu.

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national mural festival known as POW! WOW! Worcester. The festival brings artists from around the world and has curated more than 100 pieces of public art in the city since its inception in 2016. Anderson has volunteered with GWCF for several years on scholarship selection committees and recently served on the Creative Arts Committee which was the impetus for the city of Worcester's arts and culture plan. Anderson has a Bachelor of Arts in political science from College of the Holy Cross and is completing a Master of Public Administration in senior leadership from Clark University.

After receiving the 2020 Renaissance award, Sawyer was named to a four-year term as well. Current board member Kimberly Salmon was renewed for an additional four-year term.

The following individuals were elected as new Corporators for a five-year term:

Ken Bates, Open Sky Community Services

Leah Bradley, Central Mass Housing Alliance
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What’s the Difference?

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

A



B



Answers: 1. Missing front reflector 2. Deer in flowers 3. Plane in sky 4. Missing bike pedal

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

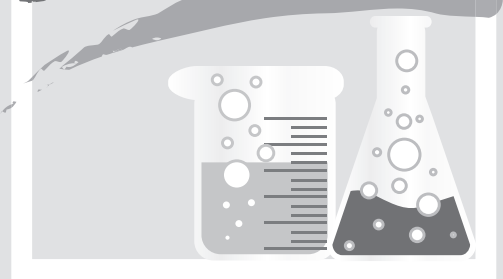
- 1868: PRESIDENT ANDREW JOHNSON AVOIDS CONVICTION FOR IMPEACHMENT CHARGES BY ONE VOTE.
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ANSWER: WILDFLOWERS

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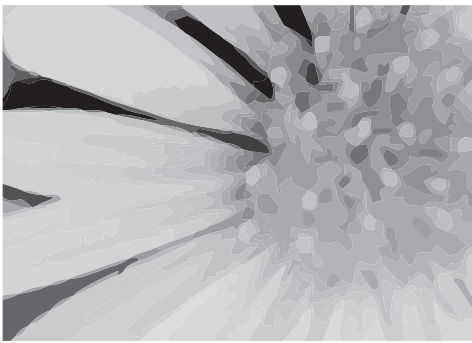
- ENGLISH: Soil
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Did you know?

SOME WILDFLOWERS ARE INVASIVE, SO THEY MAY NEED TO BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM OTHER GARDEN BEDS AND PLANTINGS.



GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: FLOWER

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CRYPTO FUN

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Solve the code to discover words related to boating.
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(Hint: 24 = A)

A. 4 24 12 17 5 24

Clue: Place to store boats

B. 3 22 10 24 5

Clue: Body of water

C. 7 12 24 9 10 13

Clue: Make a journey

D. 8 24 9 10 6

Clue: Curling water

Answers: A. marina B. ocean C. travel D. waves

SUDOKU

	8	1			7			
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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

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

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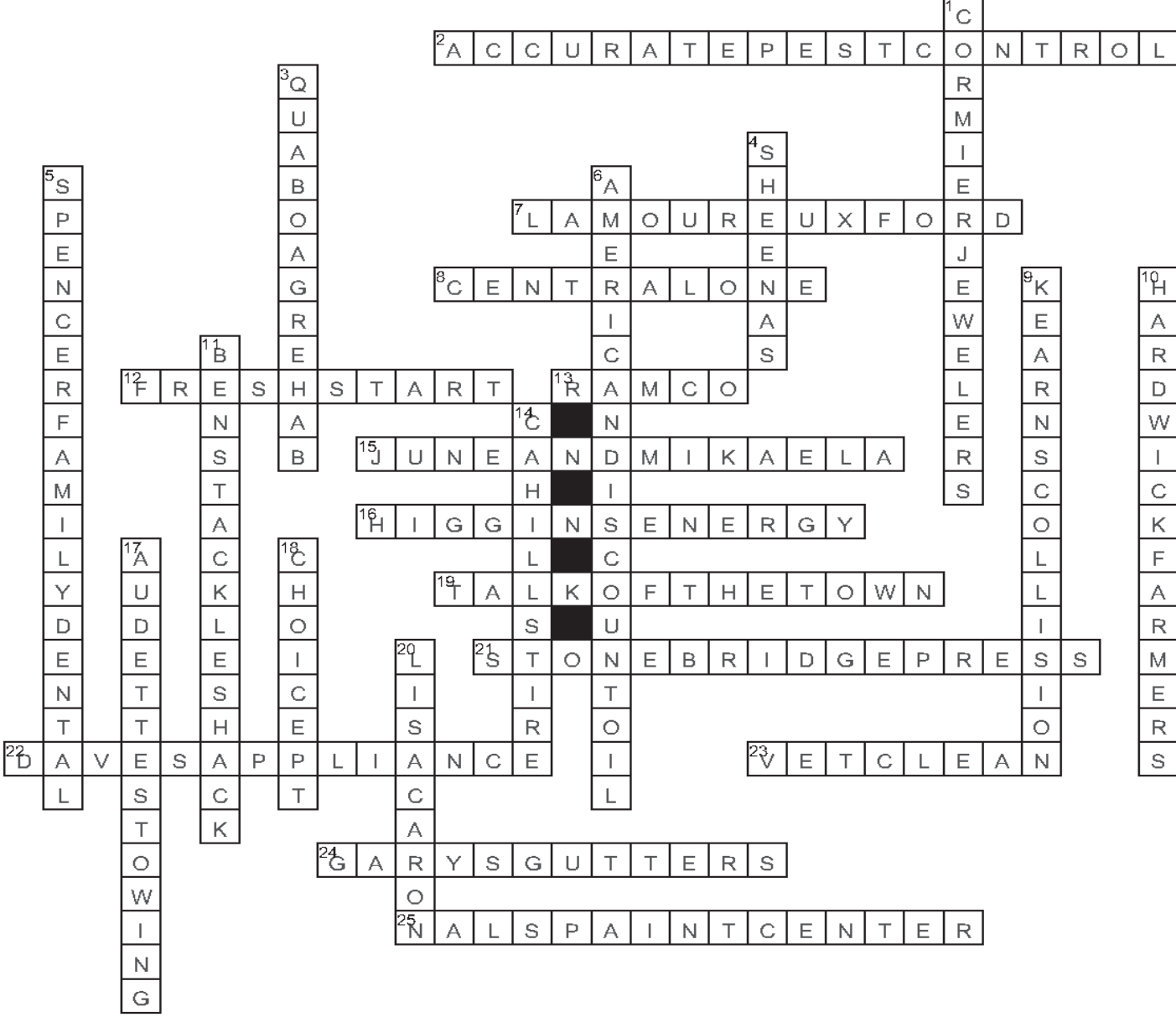
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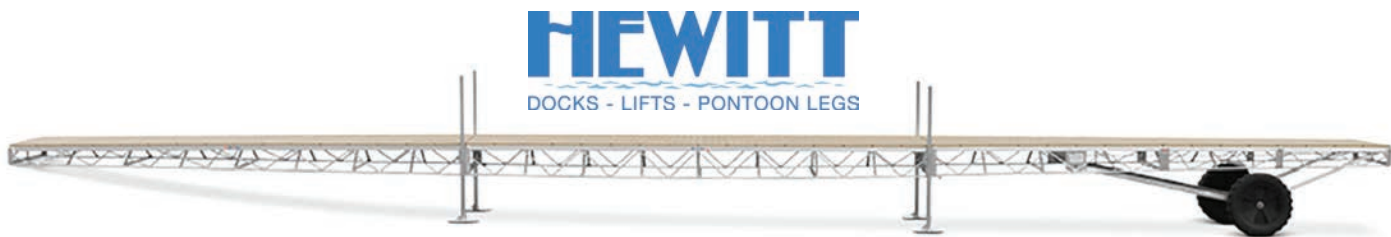


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