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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 will run for 10 weeks.

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

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 D'Angelo 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 commu-

nity 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.

About Papa Gino's  
Founded in 1961, Papa Gino's Pizzeria is a proud New England staple with a heritage of serving high quality, handmade pizzas with fresh ingredients and an over 80-year old Italian family recipe. From a single restaurant in East Boston, Papa Gino's has expanded over the years and now has nearly 100 restaurants in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

About D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches

With roots stretching back to 1967, D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches has been serving generations of hungry New Englanders on-the-go, great tasting, grilled sandwiches like our legendary Steak Number 9® and original Steak & Cheese. Today, each restaurant remains proud to serve authentic New England sandwiches with the same highest-quality meats and breads that first won over fans more than 50 years ago.

## Nominations sought for John & Ethel Riley Citizenship Award

AUBURN — Nominations are currently being accepted for the John E. & Ethel E. Riley Outstanding Citizenship Award. Deadline is Monday, Oct. 5 at 4 p.m. Nominations should include reasons why a person being nominated has been an outstanding citizen and made life for Auburn residents better. Submit to Riley Award Committee, C/O Debra Gremo, Town Clerk, 104 Central St., Auburn, MA 01501.

The John E. & Ethel E. Riley Outstanding Citizenship Award was created in 1976 to honor the Rileys for their

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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

Pizza My Heart: <https://forms.gle/R5pUBzVny3rRAAry6>  
EveryDay Heroes: <https://forms.gle/m36jAuPVfPbrbzAB9>

"One thing 2020 has taught us is that there are heroes in many forms across all our New

## Churchgoers bid farewell to beloved minister

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — After 28 years, the Federated Church of Charlton is saying goodbye to its longtime minister, Rev. Jim Chase. An active member in the larger commu-

nity serving as the fire Chaplain for the town and a devoted believer in his faith who helped with the recover following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Rev. Chase leaves behind a legacy that has made him a highly respected member of his community and his church family.

The reverend was honored during a special virtual honorific service on the morning of Sunday, Sept. 13 where numerous speakers from throughout his life shared memories of their time with Rev. Chase and his contributions for their lives and the world around him. The service began with prayer and a video featuring numerous members of the Charlton Fire Department who thanked Rev. Chase for his devotion and for his words of wisdom during peace. Charlton Fire Chief Ed Knopf capped off the video with a personal message thanking the reverend for also being a good friend.

"I hope these small 'thank you's' give you an indication of just how important you were to this department," Knopf said. "I want to thank you for being that sounding board, for listening to me complain, being that chief lunch date, and for most importantly being a friend."

Among other speakers were David Ware, Jr. who the reverend served beside while helping with the recovery following the attacks of the World Trade Center in 2001. Ware called the rever-



Courtesy

Rev. Jim Chase smiles as guests to a special virtual honorific service recall memories of his 28 years with the Federated Church of Charlton

end and "great friend" who was a great spiritual leader whose heart has always been "full of love." Bob Lamprey, a longtime travel partner of the reverend on missions, called the reverend and "inspiration" and thanked him for his dedicated service.

The morning also included a statement from Reverend Don Remick, ridge Conference Minister of the Southern New England Conference, who congratulated Rev. Chase on his retirement, but assured him that his good works are not yet done.

"Retirement of course is not an end to your ministry. It only takes on a new shape and form as you enter this next chapter, not because you have work to do but because that gift and call of ministry is deeply woven into the fiber of your soul. Your presence brings the spirit of God wherever you go," Rev. Remick said.

Finally, the kind works of James Moran, who led the service, that recalled how Rev. Chase had once considered leaving Charlton for bigger opportunities but destiny kept him around and over the years he transformed the ministry into what it is today and helping change lives as not just a religious leader, but a friend to all who needed one.

"Jim. as fire Chaplain, would literally dress for action in the middle of the night he would venture out to give solace and comfort to those who suffered from a fire or were injured in an accident. Jim was a powerful presence to those who suffered that pain and loss here in Charlton but also in New York, Africa and other faraway places. Jim was a great comfort not just to the victims, but also to those first responders," Moran said.

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## Engelkemeyer announces retirement plans



Susan Engelkemeyer

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

DUDLEY — Nichols College President Susan West Engelkemeyer has announced she will retire in 2021 completed nearly

a decade of leadership at the Dudley campus.

Nichols College made the announcement in a press release on Sept. 9 that Dr. Engelkemeyer will retire in June at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 academic year. Engelkemeyer became the seventh presidents in Nichols College history in 2011. The departing president said her decision was based on a desire to explore the next chapter in her life and to spend more time with her family.

"These years have been the highlight of my professional career in so many ways, and I am truly grateful to the Nichols community for your partnership, your support, and your commitment to our mission, and to our incredible students who are at the center of all we do," said Dr. Engelkemeyer.

While the current year will be her last at Nichols, Dr. Engelkemeyer expressed optimism for the future of the school and a commitment to

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# Inspiring reading through little libraries

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – Even though the Charlton Public Library has reopened in a limited capacity, the COVID-19 pandemic caused libraries across the country to close down for months leaving a gap that one local high schooler decided to fill for young readers in the town.

Since the beginning of the pandemic Ivy Dowdle, a resident of Pheasant Lane in Charlton and a sophomore at Woodstock Academy in Connecticut, has been restocking the local little library on her road hoping to keep youngsters in town reading through the pandemic even without access to hard copy literature.

“I know it’s really hard during the pandemic to get anything physical in your hand and with the libraries shut down kids especially around town and in my neighborhood haven’t been allowed to get any books they would otherwise have in nor-

mal times,” Dowdle said. “When I was little my mom would always take me to the Charlton Public Library. It was a really big part of my childhood. Just in my neighborhood alone we have a lot of young kids who have moved into the area and I really wanted to return the favor and pass on that appreciation for books and reading that I grew up with.”

Dowdle’s parents, who both work as teachers, raised her with an appreciation for education and reading which is part of her passion for sharing that love of literature with other local kids. While Dowdle has donated some books that she herself grew up reading she also gets literature from a used book website that allows her to add variety to the local little library to serve kids with all different interests and tastes.

“I have some favorites from when I was younger, and I really want these kids to appreciate them as much as I did so sometimes I will just

put in books I’ve had at a younger age. Mainly the books come from a website called Thrift Books which offers lightly used books in good conditions and you can search for specific titles,” said Dowdle. “I try to select what I donate carefully so I can make sure all the kids are represented and have something to read.”

In the end Dowdle just wants kid to have an opportunity to embrace their inner reader even during such an unsure time as a pandemic. If she can inspire or help even a few young locals read and gain a love for books she considers her mission a success.

“I think when kids are reading what they like and can relate to these books that’s when they can enjoy it and not view it as a chore. I just want kids to get in touch with their inner reader and have fun with it,” Dowdle said.

Two local little libraries can be found at the Pheasant Lane Children’s Library at 17 Pheasant Lane in Charlton.



Courtesy Photo  
Ivy Dowdle of Charlton makes her latest donation for a little library on Pheasant Lane.



Maria Heskes-Allard

## Bay State Savings Bank’s Maria A. Heskes-Allard receives New England Women in Banking Award

WORCESTER — Bay State Savings Bank is proud to announce SVP - Senior Lender Maria A. Heskes-Allard has been awarded among 2020’s New England Women in Banking by Banking New England Magazine. New England Women in Banking honors the most talented, ambitious, innovative, and philanthropic women in the New England banking industry.

Mrs. Heskes-Allard, of Princeton, holds more than 30 years of experience in Commercial Lending in Central Massachusetts. Currently, as SVP - Senior Lender, she leads Bay State Savings Bank’s retail and commercial loan departments. Mrs. Heskes-Allard joined the Bank in 2016 as Senior Vice

President of Commercial Lending and was promoted to SVP - Senior Lender in 2018. Prior to joining Bay State Savings Bank, she served as Senior Vice President of Clinton Savings Bank in Clinton.

Over four years, Mrs. Heskes-Allard has helped to grow Bay State Savings Bank’s Commercial and Retail Lending Departments, resulting in a 22 percent increase in total asset size, and 29% increase in the loan portfolio. Earlier this year, she was instrumental in guiding Bay State Savings Bank through the Paycheck Protection Program, overseeing the submission of more than 350 loans totaling in more than \$29 million in funds for business owners who were affected by the economic impact of coronavirus.

Mrs. Heskes-Allard holds an Associate Degree from Becker College, a BS from Southern New Hampshire University, a Certificate in Real Estate Finance from Boston University, and a Finance MBA from Assumption College.

Currently, Mrs. Heskes-Allard serves as a Greater Worcester Community Foundation board member and is a member of its Scholarship Committee. She also serves on the Llewellyn Evans Scholarship Committee for Becker College.

Read more about Mrs. Heskes-Allard in her feature on New England Banking’s Web site.

## Fire Department receives grant for radios

BY JASON BLEAU  
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – The Charlton Fire Department has received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) that will provide the department with new radios replacing equipment over a decade

old.

Charlton Fire Chief Ed Knopf said the grant will update the departments communications, bringing the department into the modern age.

“This is going to be used for portable radios and mobile radios for the members and for our apparatus to upgrade

obsolete radio equipment,” said Chief Knopf, who called the “state of the art” radios are big need for the department as they are often the last lifeline in getting help to firefighters in need during a response. “Our current radios were obtained on another grant back in 2007 or so. Some of them are at a minimum of 13 years old and some are upward of 20 years old.”

The Federal Emergency Management Agency grant was written for \$155,600 but the town has to match 5 percent of the project, which comes out to around \$7,800. With that said, the grant really comes in at \$148,000 adding to the mil-

lions of dollars the town has received over the last two decades from the FEMA program.

“This is an extremely important funding mechanism. Just in the last twelve years Charlton has been able to receive over \$3 million in grant money for various project,” said the Chief.

Since 2000, the Charlton Fire Department has utilized FEMA AFG money to fund numerous significant investments and projects including purchasing breathing equipment, a tower truck, and adding staffing to the department for increased personnel and coverage.

## Gove Law to open new office in Sturbridge

STURBRIDGE — Gove Law Office is happy to announce it will be opening a new office location in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. The new office, located at 135 Main St., Suite 4, is conveniently located between Sturbridge and Southbridge centers, and five minutes from the I-90 / I-84 interchange.

The new Sturbridge office will be staffed primarily by Atty. Brian Roode, of Wales, and paralegal Tammy Gamache, of Monson, though all employees will be available to meet with clients as needed for any services.

The Gove Law Office, with offices in Ludlow, Northampton, and Sturbridge, has attorneys licensed in Massachusetts and Connecticut who provide practical, solutions-oriented guidance to clients in the areas of residential and commercial real estate, estate planning and administration, family law and mediation, business representation, and commercial lending. For more information, visit [www.govelawoffice.com](http://www.govelawoffice.com).

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# Bay Path Practical Nursing student receives scholarship



Amanda Wonderlie

CHARLTON — Amanda Wonderlie of Webster, a full-time Practical Nursing (PN) Student with PN Class of 2021 at Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, received the Shawna Jean Larassa (SJL) Memorial Scholarship Fund, valued at \$500.

Wonderlie is a dedicated and hard-working client care specialist at Herb

Chambers Infiniti (Westborough) seeking to leverage her more than five years of experience and journey into the nursing profession. She had previously taken courses at Bridgewater State College and Quinsigamond Community College prior to being admitted to the rigorous ten-month Practical Nursing program at Bay Path. She is certified in Dementia Care and Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Professionals through the American Heart Association.

Wonderlie received the scholarship directly from Mr. George Larassa who mentioned that “it has been 11 years this year!” referring to his daughter, Shawna’s sudden and untimely death. Shawna was a graduate of Bartlett High School Class of 2008. She completed her freshman year at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI where she was a business and criminal justice major. Mr. Larassa stated that the SJL Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2009 to perpetuate the memory of Shawna Jean.

“I get why people need help, especially with education expenses,” explained Larassa.

“Nursing means something to us, the 11 hours we spent with Shawna at the hospital, and the care she received from the doctors and nurses,” he reminisced. “Bikers are very giving people, we do SJL ride, motorcycle rides, events, in memory of Shawna,” he added.

Larassa then concluded, Shawna’s life “was lived experiencing new adventures and she was dearly loved, and in

her memory, we are honored to provide scholarship assistance to young individuals determined to live life to the fullest.”

About Bay Path RVTHS Practical Nursing Academy

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy offers a 40-week, (10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is fully approved by the: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Human Services of Public Health Board of Registration in Nursing 239 Causeway Street Boston, MA 02114 617-973-0800 [www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn](http://www.mass.gov/dph/boards/rn) The Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy is accredited by the: Council on Occupational Education 840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350 Telephone: 800-917-2081 [www.council.org](http://www.council.org) Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School is fully accredited by the: New England Association of Schools and Colleges 209 Burlington Rd, Suite 201 Bedford, MA, 01730-1433 781-271-0022 [www.neasc.org](http://www.neasc.org)

Donations may be made to the Shawna J. Larassa Memorial Scholarship Fund Inc., 122a Mechanic St. Marlborough, MA 01752 or visit [www.shawnalarassa.com](http://www.shawnalarassa.com)



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# Worcester Art Museum will reopen to public Oct. 7

WORCESTER — The Worcester Art Museum, which has been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic since March 13, announced today that it will reopen to the public on Wednesday, Oct. 7. In addition to a series of special exhibitions and presentations, the Museum also announced that several free virtual programs, including Zip Zoom Tours, Arms and Armor Presentations, a Fall Community Day, and Master Series Third Thursday Art Talk, will be held throughout the fall. Dates, details, and links to participate will be posted on [worcesterart.org](http://worcesterart.org). In addition, the Museum is offering a variety of online studio art and art history classes for adults and youth. Class and registration information is available at portal. [worcesterart.org/classes](http://worcesterart.org/classes).

The Museum will be open to the public on Wednesdays from noon – 4 p.m., Thursdays – Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and third Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Museum also will be open to the public on Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“We are very grateful to our members, sponsors, donors, and foundations—and our generous Worcester community—for supporting us during our closure,” said Matthias Waschek, the Museum’s Jean and Myles McDonough Director. “While visiting this fall and winter will look and feel different in order to keep everyone safe, the Museum’s phenomenal collection of art and its power to heal and comfort, will be here for all to enjoy. We have been waiting for this day for nearly six months and can’t wait to see our community here again!”

To ensure a safe, enjoyable experience, the Museum is implementing a number of safety protocols following state and local guidelines, and asks that all visitors adhere to these policies as they plan their visit.

Entry to the Museum will be timed, with all members and visitors required to reserve or purchase tickets in advance. Tickets will be made available for specific entry times between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and between 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Tickets will be available online after Sept. 21.

The maximum group size is five visitors.

As mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all Museum staff and visitors (age five and older) are required to wear a mask or cloth face covering for the duration of their time in the Museum.

While inside the Museum, visitors must observe six feet of physical distance between themselves and others outside their party, including Museum employees.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout many areas of the Museum, and all public areas will have enhanced cleaning schedules.

All visitors to the Museum must enter and exit through the Salisbury Street Entrance, which is fully accessible. Please note that no more than 5 people may enter the Museum at the same time.

For full information on new safety policies, how to plan a visit, and to purchase tickets, all WAM visitors are asked to visit [worcesterart.org](http://worcesterart.org). Timed tickets will be available for purchase after Sept. 21.

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum creates transformative programs and exhibitions, drawing on its exceptional collection of art. Dating from 3,000 BCE to the present, these works provide the foundation for a focus on audience engagement, connecting visitors of all ages and abilities with inspiring art and demonstrating its enduring relevance to daily life. Creative initiatives—including pioneering collaborative programs with local schools, fresh approaches to exhibition design and in-gallery teaching, and a long history of studio class instruction—offer opportunities for diverse audiences to experience art and learn both from

and with artists.

Since its founding in 1896, the Worcester Art Museum has assembled a collection of 38,000 objects: from the ancient Near East and Asia, to European and American paintings and sculptures, and continuing with works by contemporary artists from around the world. WAM has a history of making large scale acquisitions, such as its Medieval Chapter House, the Worcester Hunt Mosaic, its 15th-century Spanish ceiling, and the Flemish Last Judgment tapestry. In 2013, the Museum acquired the John Woodman Higgins Armory Collection, comprising two thousand arms and armor objects. It continues to commission and present new works, such as 2017’s installation of the immersive Reusable Universes sculptural series and Organic Conceptenvironment by Shih Chieh Huang. For more information about the Worcester Art Museum, visit [worcesterart.org](http://worcesterart.org).

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, MA, is open to the public Wednesday from 12 to 4 p.m.; Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and the third Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Museum is open for Members only on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$8 for children 4-17, \$14 for seniors 65+ and for college students with ID. Admission is free for Museum Members and children under age four. On the first Sunday of each month, admission is free for everyone. Museum parking is free. All visitors are asked to enter the Museum through the Salisbury Street entrance. For more information, visit [worcesterart.org](http://worcesterart.org).

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Bryson and Cayden are an outgoing sibling group! Older brother Bryson is of African American and Caucasian descent. Some of Bryson’s favorite activities include playing outside, playing video games and football, drawing, and making storybooks. Bryson is known to be a kind, caring, friendly child who enjoys socializing with his peers. He is also considered a protector as he enjoys taking care of pets and younger children.

Cayden is a kind and caring boy of African American and Caucasian descent. Like his brother, Cayden is very considerate of others. Cayden loves to draw, read, play outside, and ride his bicycle. He also likes to play

with Legos and build different types of structures with them. They boys have an older teenage brother whom they are close to and will need to maintain contact with on the South Shore of Massachusetts.

Bryson and Cayden look forward to being placed together in a loving, permanent home. Their social worker is open to exploring one or two-parent families with or without other children. They are legally freed for adoption and will need to maintain contact with members of their birth family once their placement is identified.

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

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



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# Bay Path alum named Unit Manager at Odd Fellows Home



Lauren Pellett

WORCESTER — Lauren Pellett, LPN of Norwich, Conn. was promoted to Unit Manager at the Odd Fellows Home of Worcester.

The position gives Pellett, a former 911 Dispatcher and a novice LPN, plenty of responsibilities. She oversees all nursing staff at the unit, including paraprofessionals. Pellett has the distinction of the first in the class of 2020 to be hired as an LPN while still completing her academics. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the region, the state of emergency added a few more responsibilities to Pellett.

“I am responsible for the 40-bed unit and to ensure that we are adapting to all guidelines to meet CDC standards,” she said. That means taking all COVID precautions to protect both the patients and staff that works there.

It was because of Pellett’s work at the

Odd Fellows Home as an undergrad-uate and her dedication in managing remote learning while being gainfully employed that she was selected and approached to be honored with the pro-motion

As a 2020 graduate of Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy, Pellett had the following accolades:

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undergrad, underboard with Hero’s Pay under Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker Order #24 Nominee, Clinical Excellence Award

“During remote learning, I missed being in school and having more interaction with the patients. To help, I assisted my mom in making fabric masks. I learned a lot through kind interactions,” she said. “I enjoyed helping and building relationships with our patients.”

She added that she had always wanted to be a nurse and her favorite thing about being a nurse is being able to help her patients, family and friends. “I take care of all living things.”

“I love taking care of the elderly, I want to make the rest of their lives happy and peaceful,” she said.

# Robbins to retire as Cornerstone Bank CEO

WORCESTER — After 34 years of dedicated service at Cornerstone Bank, K. Michael Robbins will be retiring as the Bank’s CEO on December 31, 2020; Mike will continue to serve as the Bank’s Chairman. The announcement was made by Cornerstone Bank President Todd Tallman.

“Mike has been a committed, loyal member of our family for so

long, his name is practically synonymous with Cornerstone Bank,” states Tallman. “He has always put the needs of customers first, and diligently worked to ensure that everything Cornerstone did was for the well-being of the community and its residents. In fact, Mike considered support of our community to be his greatest responsibility.”

After serving in vari-

ous senior level positions at Spencer Savings Bank from 1986 through 2003 and President & CEO at Spencer Savings Bank/ SpencerBANK from 2003 through 2017, Robbins assumed the roles of Chairman & CEO at Cornerstone Bank. Under Robbins’ leadership, SpencerBANK’s total assets grew from 250 million to 600 million dollars. In 2016, SpencerBANK and Southbridge Savings Bank created a merger of equals forming Cornerstone Bank with total assets today of 1.3 billion dollars. His professional affiliations include Chairman of the Board at COCC, a financial technology company serving financial institutions, as well as Finance Committee Member at Harrington Hospital. Robbins is also a Board Member of the Worcester Club and the Worcester Research Bureau and is supportive of the Juvenile



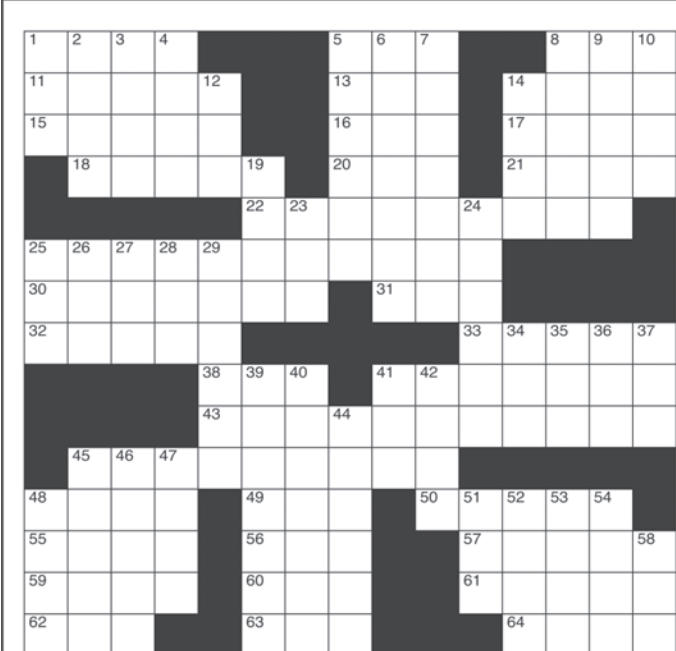
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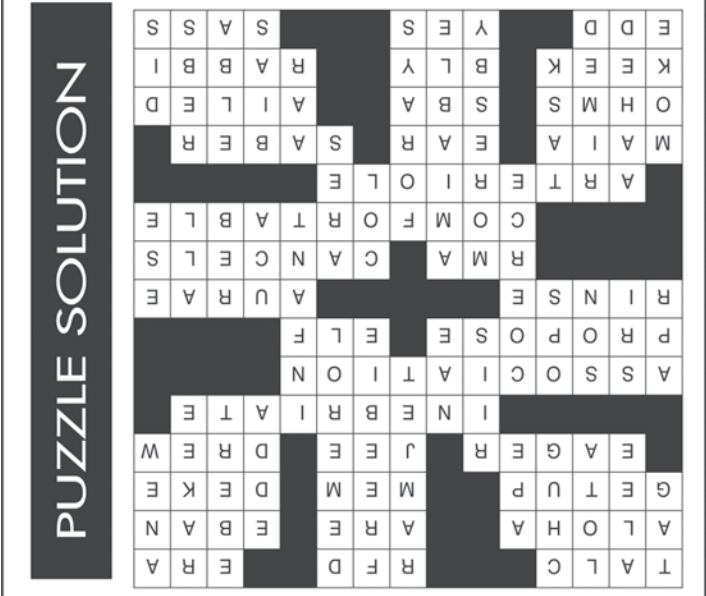


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- 1. Greasy powder (abbr.)
- 5. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- 8. Amount of time
- 11. Greeting
- 13. Form of “to be”
- 14. Israeli diplomat
- 15. Outfit
- 16. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 17. Deceptive movement
- 18. Anxious
- 20. Popular Letterman guest
- 21. Saints’ signal caller
- 22. Intoxicate
- 25. Relationship
- 30. Ask for one’s hand in marriage
- 31. Popular Will Ferrell film
- 32. Gargle
- 33. Warning sensation before migraine
- 38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 41. Erases
- 43. At ease
- 45. Small branch of an artery
- 48. Mother of Hermes
- 49. Body part
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Wellness chants
- 56. Helps little firms
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Peep
- 60. Nellie \_\_, journalist
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Doctor of Education
- 63. Affirmative
- 64. Cheek

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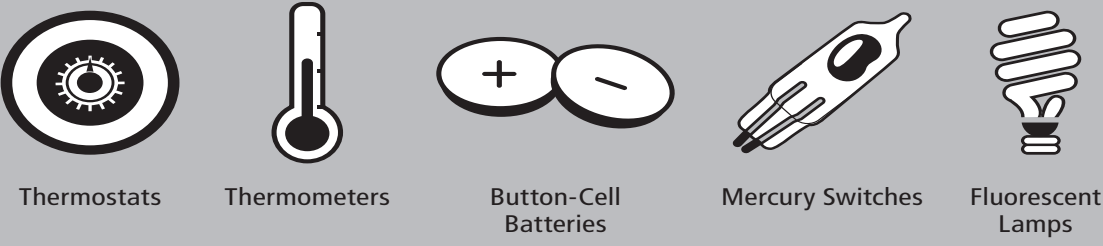
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- 4. Drink quickly
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- 6. Something for nothing
- 7. Painkiller
- 8. Siskel’s pal
- 9. Strong spirit distilled in Turkey
- 10. Again
- 12. Imitate
- 14. Icelandic poems
- 19. Jacob \_\_, American journalist
- 23. No (Scottish)
- 24. Newborn
- 25. Credit term
- 26. Nonprofit research group in CA
- 27. Male offspring
- 28. Important baseball stat
- 29. A way to compel
- 34. Fiddler crab
- 35. Jewish equivalent of “Sir”
- 36. Every
- 37. Midway between east and southeast
- 39. Anti-slavery treaty
- 40. A friendly manner
- 41. Military figure (abbr.)
- 42. Area units
- 44. Sudden incursions
- 45. Expressed pleasure
- 46. Covered with hoarfrost
- 47. Job
- 48. Donkey
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
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## A taste of autumn

While there are plenty of topics to discuss this week on the local and national level, we decided to keep things light, and to do our best to foster a sense of unity among our readers.

One quick note to share this week is a story of two neighbors, with opposing political signs on their yards, having a thoughtful conversation. Yes, this actually happened. The two neighbors sat side by side in their vehicles and after about 20 minutes of a calm, respectful conversation, learned that they had more in common than they didn't. Sometimes that's all it takes, is an open mind and a mature outlook. This is a story we can appreciate.

Hanging heavily on our hearts, though, is the absence of the yearly fall fairs that take place all around New England. While we understand the circumstances that led to several cancellations, it still doesn't make us miss it any less. With that said, we decided a fun idea would be to have a Fair night at home.

Who says you can't blast Tim McGraw or Garth Brooks in the back yard and have a complete meal of fair food for a night? There are simple games you can set up at home as well, including water balloon pop, pick a duck (all you need is a few rubber ducks and a bucket or pool of water), water coin drop, and the bean bag toss to name a few. Get creative with your prizes depending on who is in attendance.

There are homemade recipes for all of your fair favorites as well. Soft pretzels, fried dough, apple crisp, steak and cheese, corn dogs, nachos with melted cheese whiz, French fries with malted vinegar or ketchup and a bloomin' onion with ranch for the win.

A family fair night is one way to keep the tradition alive. If you want to go a step further, there are plenty of farm stands and pumpkin patches still in operation to get that downhome feel. In addition, a drive to a local farm for kids of all ages to see cows and horses is an easy field trip.

We decided to include recipes for our top three fair food picks.

**Fried Dough:**

2 cups unbleached flour  
1/2 cup nonfat dry milk powder  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
4-1/2 teaspoons shortening  
2/3 to 3/4 cup water  
Oil for deep-fat frying  
Butter, honey and lemon juice, optional

**Directions**  
Combine flour, dry milk powder, baking powder and salt; cut in shortening until crumbly. Add water gradually, mixing to form a firm ball. Divide dough; shape into 12 balls. Let stand, covered, for 10 minutes. Roll each ball into a 6-in. circle. With a sharp knife, cut a 1/2-in.-diameter hole in center of each. In a large cast-iron skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Fry dough circles, one at a time, until puffed and golden, about 1 minute on each side. Drain on paper towels; if desired, serve warm with butter, honey and fresh lemon juice.

**Caramel apples:**

**Ingredients**  
Heavy Cream  
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First, rinse and dry the apples. Pull out the apple's stem and insert a caramel apple stick.

For the caramel, cook the first five ingredients on the stove until the candy reaches 235°F (113°C). Reaching 235°F (113°C) should take about 15 – 20 minutes.

Remove caramel from heat, then stir in the vanilla. Allow caramel to cool for a few minutes, then dip your apples. Let the excess caramel drip off, then place on a nonstick surface such as a silicone baking mat lined baking sheet.

Once set, you can wrap the caramel apples in cellophane.

## A new season of opportunity and happiness

Today, I'm in my home working on the final column that I'll pen from this location. Next week, I'll write my first column from our new home.

We are in a season of change and transition. I've written some part of my books or columns, from every space in this home. As I walk from room the room, the memories of children, now adults, are overwhelming. I remember our first night here and how we all ended up in one bedroom as the noises of the new home settling were a bit unsettling to our senses, but our first experiences hearing a pack of coyotes howling in our front pasture sent everyone scrambling in terror into our bedroom.

Pictures taken at our front door of our children's first day of school ... a house full of their friends scrambling in after classes to snack and unwind.

I remember every Thursday night, how our home would fill with over sixty high school students, craving mac and cheese, and chili dip. Arlene was Director for our local high schools "Campus Life / Youth for Christ" program. I remember the laughter of these wonderful students still echoing through the entire place. This home has touched many lives through these last twenty-six years.

A friend that I met on several of my book tours, as I was on his radio show, on KSFO in San Francisco, Rabbi Daniel Lapin, once said, "I believe the lives of people leave an imprint on this earth. I feel and sense them as I travel to new locations. Important events remain. You must open your heart and mind to feel them."

I know he is right. I feel the imprint of our lives together permanently imprinted onto this home and forty acres. I hope the new owners will be open to feeling the joy left behind.

A new beginning!  
We'll move on Tuesday and Wednesday. As you read this, the transition from old to new will be in motion or already in place. Decisions will be made about where furniture will fit and how our new routine will flow in this unfamiliar space.

The late-great Zig Ziglar famously said, "The greatest successes in life often happen when we change locations." I agree. Old habits are broken, and we look at life through fresh eyes. A new perspective reveals new experiences and opportunities. Arlene and I are enthused about our new life prospects.

We've loved our lives here and we'll leave with a touch of sadness but enter this new season of our lives with optimism.

As the old hymn proclaims, "it is well with my soul."

What is the moral to this story?  
Embrace change with enthusiasm. We can't fight the aging process and the inevitable transition in our needs. Life is always shifting and evolving. Nothing stays the same. Embrace the change and be creative. Be optimistic. Believe the best is yet to come. Seek out and find the good, then enjoy the new opportunities brought on by the change. To do otherwise only brings on sadness and depression.

I choose optimism and happiness in this new season of my life.  
Won't you join me?

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## Purpose-driven retirement needs a financial strategy



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Today's retirees, and those of tomorrow, have had a sense of purpose their entire lives – and they don't intend to give it up just because they'll no longer be working full time. In fact, 55 percent of recent retirees said retirement is the time for "a new chapter in life," compared with just 22 percent who said it was "a time for rest and relaxation," according to the 2020 Edward Jones/ Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. And the same study found that 95 percent of retirees said it was important to keep learning and growing at every age. But however they find their purpose – contributing to the community, growing intellectually, gaining new experiences and so on – retirees will need to be financially prepared.

How can you prepare for a purposeful retirement? You may want to start by asking yourself these questions:

Will I need to prioritize some of my goals? As a retiree, you may hope to do any number of things. You might want to learn new skills through hands-on training at a local vocational school or crafts organization. You might want to take up a hobby such as collecting rare wines. You may even want to fix up old houses. And you also might want to expand your view of the world by traveling extensively. If, like almost everyone else, you won't have unlimited financial resources during your retirement years, you may need to prioritize these goals, worthy as they may all be to your sense of purpose.

Can I still afford to retire at the age I planned? When you first calculated your ideal retirement age, you might have been counting on your investment portfolio having returned a certain percentage. Or you might have had different goals in mind than you do now. Or you might have had a somewhat different family situation. Changes in any or all of these factors could affect the age at which you choose to retire. But if you conclude that you may need to postpone retirement for a couple of years, your decision could offer some advantages, such as the ability to contribute more to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. In any case, it's a good idea to review your retirement plans periodically, perhaps at least once a year.

How can I incorporate philanthropy into my financial strategy? Giving back to your community may be a key element of your purpose-driven retirement. Yet, with so many educational, civic and cultural groups in existence – including many in your own area – you probably can't give as much as you'd like to all of them without affecting your own lifestyle today and the legacy you'd like to leave for your family. So, you may want to take two distinct steps. First, consider establishing a budget for how much you will give to charitable groups each year. And, second, think about including philanthropy in your estate plans. Because there are many vehicles and techniques available, you should consult with your legal, tax and financial professionals when drawing up your estate-planning strategies.

It can be extremely rewarding to live your retirement purposefully – but you'll find it a lot easier to do when you make the right financial moves.

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## It's Apple Season!

It's apple season and apple offerings are plentiful in our area. New England grown apples have been pleasing the palate since the 1700s. The area's hot summers, cool fall days, and rocky soil are credited with the production of big, red apples with a unique mix of sweet and tart flavors. Read on for a lesson on "apple-ology!"

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If the various varieties of apples have you confused, the following guide identifies some of the most popular regional apples:

Native New England Apples: New England apples boast a unique blend of sweet and tart flavors, attributed to the region's long, hot summers and crisp fall days. About 40 varieties of apples are commonly grown in New England apple orchards. The most popular today are McIntosh, Cortland, New England Red Delicious, Macoun, Empire, and Rome. Other favored New England varieties include Crispin, Mutsu, Gala, Golden Delicious, IdaRed, Jersey Mac, Jonagold, and PaulaRed,

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Historic Heirloom Apples: Apples have a long and vital tradition in New England. Many varieties were discovered here, or go back centuries. A commercial apple-growing region since the 1700s, New England is still known for its distinctive varieties, particularly the McIntosh, which accounts for two-thirds of the region's crop. Other classic New England varieties are the Macoun, Cortland, Empire, Eastern Red Delicious, and Rome. New England orchards are also keeping alive heirloom varieties like Northern Spy, Baldwin, Pippin, Roxbury Russet and Red Gravenstein.

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Pick the Correct Apple: While all apples are delicious and refreshing, some strains of apples are better for cooking than others. Here's the rundown: According to expert chefs, the following apple varieties are excellent choices for baking: Cortland, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Jonagold, Jonathan, Rome. Good varieties for bak-

ing include:



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Braeburn, Empire, Fuji, Gala, Ginger Gold, HoneyCrisp, Newton Pippin.

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Since competition for blue ribbons is fierce at annual apple pie contests, the heads up on the best baking apples may give you the edge. Here are some excellent pie apples: Cortland, Golden Delicious, Jonathan, Newton Pippin, Rome. Also good for pie baking: Braeburn, Empire, Fuji, Gala, Ginger Gold, and Jonagold.

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Looking for a great applesauce apple? A general rule is any apple but Red Delicious is acceptable, but here are the top choices. Cameo, Cortland, Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, HoneyCrisp, Jonagold, McIntosh, Newton Pippin, Rome. These apples also work well for applesauce: Braeburn, Empire, Fuji, Ginger Gold, Jonathan.

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Perfect Picks: When buying or picking apples, choose ones that are firm and bruise free. Typically the smaller the apple, the stronger the taste, as large apples have more water content. To retain their flavor and crispness, apples should be chilled if not eaten right away. Did you know apples that are refrigerated can last up to ten times longer than those at room temperature? And for best taste, store apples away from strong odors, which can be absorbed.

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Apple Fun Facts: Did you know?

Apples are a member of the rose family.

The most popular variety in the United States is the Red Delicious. Fresh apples float because 25 percent of their volume is air.

Apple trees take four to five years to produce their first fruit.

It takes the energy from 50 leaves to produce one apple.

It takes about 36 apples to create one gallon of apple cider.

Apples are the second most valuable fruit grown in the United States. Oranges are first.

Newton Pippin apples were the first apples exported from America in 1768, some were sent to Benjamin Franklin in London.

Archeologists have found evidence that humans have been enjoying apples since at least 6500 B.C.

There are more than 7,000 varieties of apples grown in the world.

Almost one-half of the U.S. apple crop is processed into apple products, such as apple juice, applesauce, apple pie filling, and canned apple slices.

Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were apple growers. They traded apple wood with one another for grafting purposes.

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Win Dinner for Two at the Publick House  
Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three course dinner for two at the 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.*





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The California wildfires continue to burn, costing the lives of residents and wildlife in California and surrounding states. The dangerous smoke conditions are affecting air quality, and will continue to impact the planet. Loss of homes and property in the area is catastrophic, and we need to step back and take a moment to reflect on the people that have been impacted by these terrible events that seem to have no end in sight, and are being blamed on global warming. Battling the pandemic and wildfires at the same time is unimaginable.

Then my thoughts go to the loss of wildlife, and all of the horses, cattle, birds and all other living creatures that are being killed or injured due to the wildfires. I rarely hear of the states controlled burning program, that can reduce the spread of wildfires. Even in this state, we could see wildfires start to pop up in the coming weeks and months if we do not get a substantial rain fall soon. Anyone using the outdoors in the coming weeks need to be exceptionally careful with camp fires, smoking, etc.!

Nine Blackstone Valley residents recently returned from a bear hunt in Maine. Everyone harvested a bear except one hunter. That is darn good for a group of nine hunters. The only one that did not harvest a bear, never even saw one during the six-day hunt. Wait till next year!

Upstate New York Salmon River started to see King Salmon being caught



This week's second picture shows a happy angler with his first King salmon of the year. Photo courtesy of Fat Nancy's Tackle shop in Pulaski, N.Y.

at the mouth of the river last week. Action should start to blow wide open this week. They need water badly. Once the flow of water increases, and we have a few cool days to lower the water temperature, fishing on the river should be great, and will last for several weeks.

The states fall trout stocking should start as soon as the water temperature cools down. Low water in some ponds need an inch or two of rain to make

them suitable for trout stocking this year. Some Rod & Gun Clubs will also hold off on their fall trout stocking because of low water.

Reports of slow action on the Canal by some anglers last week could change any day now. A lone angler fishing the canal at night using eels reported catching some decent stripers last week at the canal. There are a good number of serious striper anglers that do their homework, whether it is on the canal,

fishing at Block Island and other hot spots in both Mass. & Rhode Island.

Very few reports of local anglers harvesting geese last week, but that will change quickly when farmers start to harvest their corn crops. The humid weather of last week also kept goose hunters away.

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

# Trend-setting daffodils for gardens and bouquets



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Daffodils are having their day. Floral designers are opening our eyes to a world of gorgeous daffodils that extends far beyond the iconic yellow trumpets. These unexpected varieties include doubles, bi-colors and split cups, in colors such as creamy white, peach, pink, gold and orange. Plant the bulbs in fall to see these beauties emerge in your spring garden. Then enjoy how they elevate all your spring bouquets.

A benefit of planting some of these more unusual varieties is being able to stretch the daffodil season. Be sure to include some early bloomers such as miniature Tete a Tete. Another early bloomer is Barrett Browning. This heirloom variety's orange-red cup has a yellow halo at the base, set off by bright white petals. Silver Smiles is a subtle beauty. A cluster of two or three little flowers tops each stem. Greenish-white petals surround a pale-yellow cup that fades to buff and then white.

Pink-cupped daffodils have been around for almost 100 years yet are

still relatively unusual. Grow them in filtered sunlight to accentuate the color. Blushing Lady has yellow petals and a flared, salmon-pink cup. Turn up the pink even more with Pink Pride. Another early-blooming variety, it features a ruffled cup that opens apricot and gradually turns coral pink.

As early daffodils begin to fade, mid-season varieties take center stage. This is the time for split corona and double daffodils. Both types work well with the more traditional daffodils, while adding flair to gardens and arrangements.

Instead of a trumpet, the cup of a split corona daffodil is split into sections. These split cups may be ruffled or pleated and often lay flat against the outer petals. One of the showiest split cup daffodils is Cum Laude. Its white petals frame a frilly, peachy-yellow cup with a green eye. Include other split-cup varieties such as Cassata, with a delicate ruffled yellow split cup and white petals, or Lemon Beauty with a star-like yellow cup set against white petals. Can't decide? Plant a split-cup assortment to find your favorites.

Close out the season with double daffodils. Their fluffy flowers resemble roses, and most varieties are fragrant. Delnashaugh (longfield-gardens.com) is one of the most impressive doubles. Its enormous, 4" flowers feature layers of frilly white and peach-pink petals. Tahiti is just as large, with soft yellow petals and red-orange ruffles.

Two of the latest bloomers are also two of the most fragrant: Cheerfulness and Yellow Cheerfulness. Each stem is topped with a mini bouquet of three or four little rose-like flowers, each the size of a cherry tomato. They are incredibly beautiful and extremely long-lasting.

In a vase, daffodils can essentially arrange themselves. The more flower forms and colors you include, the better. Have a little more time? Add a few stems of forsythia or curly willow and some other spring favorites such as bleeding heart, tulips and hyacinths.

The stems of freshly cut daffodils release a clear sap that can shorten the life of other flowers. Conditioning your daffodils is easy and eliminates this risk. Cut the stems to the final length and stand them in a clean container of cool water for four to six hours. After that, they can be combined with tulips and other blooms. Just remember to not recut the stems.

Nothing says spring like a yellow trumpet daffodil. But with so many other flower styles and colors to choose from, why not stretch your boundaries and discover some new favorites?



Delnashaugh is one of the most impressive double daffodils with its frilly petals, while early blooming Pink Pride has ruffled cups that start off apricot and gradually turn coral pink.

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## QCC's TRIO Program awarded grant to support students

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College was awarded a TRIO Student Support Services Grant of \$1,309,440. This is a five-year grant distributed in yearly increments of \$261,888.

QCC's TRIO Student Support Services program is a federally-funded program that provides

support and services to first generation and economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities. The program began at QCC in September 2010 with 120 student participants and is currently serving 150 students.

"This grant award will allow us to serve more of our most vulnerable

students by providing them with a high level of support services," said QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja. "Low-income, first-generation and students with disabilities can sometimes need additional assistance in completing their certificate or degree programs. This grant supports our community by increasing

access and equity to college and career pathways that might otherwise be out of reach for these students."

As a large inner city college, QCC has a diverse population that draws from all sub-communities within Worcester and its surrounding communities, with 21 percent of students identifying as Hispanic, 14 percent as Black/African American, 5 percent Asian, 4 percent other and 3 percent multi-racial/cultural. More than 74 percent of students rely on Pell grants and other financial aid to supplement their education and expenses. More than 30 percent of students work an average of 30 hours a week, and have family obligations.

At QCC, TRIO staff members meet regularly with students to review and support a career and academic plan, to help them complete a program of study at QCC and/or

transfer to a four-year institution. Services are designed to be hands-on with individual and small group tutoring, intensive advising, financial aid counseling, transfer assistance, discussion of academic goals, assistance planning class schedules, assistance with early registration and guidance throughout the semester. Students are also taught about social service and giving back to their community.

According to Joseph Adams, project director for the college's TRIO program, the chances of TRIO students succeeding goes up 50% once they enter the program and in some cases that number may even be higher depending on their interaction with the program. The results of the program show it is working.

"QCC's TRIO alumni have gone on to graduate from many 4-year

schools, such as Cornell University, UMass, Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University, Clark University, and many more," he said, adding, "The program also had its first graduate from UMass Medical School in May and is currently doing his residency in Pittsburg, Pa."

"Helping students achieve their goals and realize their dreams is what we are all about at QCC. By supporting those who have historically been disadvantaged and underserved, we are also helping our entire community," President Pedraja said.

Visit [www.QCC.edu/TRIO](http://www.QCC.edu/TRIO) to learn more about the QCC TRIO Support Services program.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508.854.7513 or [jmartin@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:jmartin@qcc.mass.edu)

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Bloomin' onion:

Combine mayonnaise, sour cream, horseradish, ketchup, paprika, garlic powder and cayenne pepper. Chill this while you prepare the onions.

First, cut the onions. Cut a small flat spot on the none root end of the onion. Then remove any dried or damaged peels. Place the onion flat side down on a cutting board (root side up). Using a sharp knife starting about 1/2 inch from the root make a clean slice downward. Next turn the onion one quarter turn and make another clean slice downward. Follow that with two more quarter turns and two more clean slices downward. You should have four clean slices down on the onion equally spaced apart. Now cut three to four equal spaced cuts downward in each of those four sections. Then turn the onion root side down and gently fan out those sections.

First in a large bowl big enough to hold the onion whisk together the milk and eggs. Then in another large bowl combine the flour, paprika, cumin, oregano, thyme, salt, cayenne pepper, black pepper and garlic powder. Then put one of the cut onions in the flour mixture. Using your hands coat the onion with the flour mixture spreading and separating the onion to make sure that it all gets breaded. Next dunk the onion into the egg mixture. Then back into the flour mixture using your hands to coat the onion.

Use a heavy pan like a dutch oven and heat the oil to 375 degrees. Using a skimmer ladle or tongs slowly place the onion root side up in the hot oil. Fry for about six minutes or until a deep golden brown. Next remove the onion to paper towels to drain.

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contribution to serving and making life for Auburn Citizens better. John served as the Town Clerk from 1922 to 1975 and Ethel served as an Assistant for many years. There was money donated and put into a Certificate of Deposit. The interest earned is given to the recipient chosen each year. The committee consists of the Town Clerk, Chair of the Selectmen, a Town Meeting Member chosen by the Moderator, an educator named by the School Committee, the High School Senior class president, the President of the Auburn Ecumenical Cluster, a News media person covering news in Auburn and a Citizen of Auburn named by the Selectmen, Master of the Masonic Lodge, Grand Knight of the Auburn Knights of Columbus, and Commander of Chester P. Tuttle Post (American Legion).

## REV. CHASE

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Before the closing of the service Rev. Chase added his own humble comments saying he is thankful for the time he has had as reverend and is truly blessed that life led him in that direction.

"I can't tell you what a wonderful gift it's been and I'm just so thankful that you put up with all my shenanigans for all these years," the Reverend said to those present. "This is where God called me. This is where he wanted me for all those years. It's been an incredible blessing."

## ENGELKEMEYER

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helping the college endure through the unsure times of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"While the global pandemic has slowed our pace as we work to actualize our vision to become 'a college of choice for business and leadership education,' I am confident that we will quickly regain our footing and emerge stronger than ever," she added.

Dr. Engelkemeyer's tenure at Nichols College has seen many improvements including a 20 percent increase in enrollment, 30 percent increase in retention, and a 50 percent graduation rate. She also helped oversee a \$45 million comprehensive campaign and saw the number of endowed scholarships increase from 21 to 81. Dr. Engelkemeyer herself even established her own scholarship.

Nichols Board of Trustees chair John H. Davis commended Dr. Engelkemeyer as a visionary who helped provide powerful leadership to the school helping

advance Nichols College through "one of the toughest periods in higher education."

"Her dedication to this institution is matched only by her genuine affection for the students it serves, and Nichols will long benefit from the foundation she has set for our continued success," said Davis.

The Board of Trustees has formed a Presidential Search Committee to lead a nationwide search for Nichols College's eighth president.

## Easy ways to clean up leaves

Autumn is marked by colorful foliage and plummeting temperatures. Once those leaves reach peak color, they fall from the branches and collect on lawns, necessitating cleanup projects. For homeowners with big yards, such a project can be tiring and time-consuming. However, there are ways to make leaf cleanup easier.

One of the easiest ways to clean up leaves is to reach for a lawn mower rather than a rake. The mower will cut leaves down to smaller sizes, creating an effective mulch



that can add nutrients back into the lawn. Davey, a lawn and landscape solutions service, says that mowed leaves also can be collected in a mower bag and added to garden beds or compost piles.

For those who prefer manual raking, select a rake with

times that will not skewer the leaves in the process. Big rakes also can make faster work of gathering leaves into piles.

The home improvement resource The Family Handyman advocates for the use of a lawn sweeper. This is a manual device that has a rotating sweeping brush that gathers up lawn debris and leaves into an attached hopper bag. Like mowed leaves, the bag can be emptied into a compost pile or distributed where needed.

Raking leaves onto a large tarp is another option. Once

it's full, the tarp can be taken to the curb where many towns will collect the leaves seasonally. Otherwise, the tarp can be used as a funnel to put leaves into a gardening bag or another appropriate receptacle.

Leaf blowers remain a fast option for cleaning up yards, but they require electricity or gas and can be noisy. Still, they are a popular choice for large landscapes or when quick work needs to be made of leaf clean-up.

Leaves will fall in autumn, but luckily homeowners have various methods at their disposal to tame the mess.

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# Old Sturbridge Village announces new hours, operational changes

STURBRIDGE — Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) is deepening its focus on its mission and visitor-driven experience - to provide meaning, relevance and inspiration to all through the active exploration of history - as it announces new hours and operational changes taking place throughout the month of September. Amidst the major updates, the Village will operate on a new fall schedule, unveil new seasonal programming and promotions, close its lodging and suspend all event and banquet operations, due to the ongoing regulations around the COVID-19 pandemic.

Starting this week, Old Sturbridge Village will be operating under a new schedule, open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and during the Columbus Day holiday on Monday, Oct. 12. In late October and November, the Village will close an hour earlier, at 4:00 p.m.

“Leaning into the weekends and holidays in the fall will align to visitor trends we saw over the summer and will allow us to put our best foot forward every day that we are open,” says Jim Donahue, President & CEO of Old Sturbridge Village.

These new hours will allow the Village to plan and deliver impactful programming, demonstrations and historic interpretation to visitors of all ages, including exciting plans in the works for harvest season, Halloween and

Christmas.

“The restrictions of COVID-19 mean we are unable to host The Sleepy Hollow Experience at the Village this October,” says Donahue. “Fear not, though - we are working on some Halloween ideas that we plan to bring to life in October that will provide a safe and fun experience for everyone. We are also working on the details for an amazing holiday program in December. We know that almost 25,000 people visited the Village last Christmas as part of their family’s holiday tradition - and we want you to be able to enjoy Christmastime with us again.”

In keeping with the Village's vision to provide a robust and impact-

ful experience moving forward, OSV has also extended its "Kids FREE" promotion through Nov. 28. Under the promotion, up to three kids age 17 and under can visit the Village for FREE when accompanied by an adult paying full standard daytime admission rates. The promotion will help families discover a fun and immersive historical experience during the fall, when many children will continue learning in a remote schooling environment.

Among the other changes at the Village comes the temporary closure of its banquet division. The banquet division of Old Sturbridge Village is responsible for the booking, planning, catering and overall logistics of all meet-

ings, special events and wedding functions that take place at OSV. Under current state guidelines, the division has not been able to resume normal operations or host events in 2020. To-date, the division has proactively refunded all deposits from events booked now through 2022.

On-site accommodations at the historic Oliver Wight House and at the Reeder Family Lodges have also been suspended temporarily.

"These tough decisions allow us to refocus and concentrate our efforts on the core mission of Old Sturbridge Village - preserving history and telling our story," says Donahue. "Old Sturbridge Village has been the site of important

events and key moments in people's lives, and it has been an honor to both create and preserve history in so many ways. We've had to make some difficult decisions over the past several months, but each choice ensures that we are able to keep the Village strong as our region and our nation emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic."

For the full letter and remarks from President & CEO Jim Donahue on updates being made at Old Sturbridge Village, visit: <https://www.osv.org/covid-related-village-updates/>. For questions about events, new hours, programming or visitation information, go to: <https://www.osv.org/plan-your-visit/>.



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*Clue: Complete list of items*

**B.      3   14   18   9   16   1   26   22**

*Clue: Make orderly*

**C.      15   24   22   23   6   22   15**

*Clue: Wall storage units*

**D.      13   7   1   22   5**

*Clue: Not loud*

Answers: A. catalog B. organize C. shelves D. quiet

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