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Friday, August 12, 2022

Grafton welcomes new COA Director

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

GRAFTON — The town’s Council on Aging has welcomed its new director.

Dr. Shannon Smith, who joins the COA from the medical field where she worked as a Physical Therapist for the past five years, started in the role on Aug. 1.

“She has a long history of working with the senior population, and we are excited to welcome her to our community,” the town released in a statement.

Dr. Smith was attracted to Grafton, according to the town, due to “long-standing family ties” and the unique nature of the town. Growing up in the Tatnuck Square area of Worcester, Smith was “already familiar with Grafton’s natural beauty.”

“She was also attracted to Grafton’s strong sense of community and wanted to participate and build strong connections with the [town],” a press statement reads.

Smith took up Irish Step Dancing at the age of five and participated in field hockey and indoor and outdoor track in high school. She attributed her current love of “health, wellness, and science” to her active childhood. She attended the University of Vermont, the town released, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Sciences and a Doctorate of Physical Therapy.

“Despite having finished her formal education in 2017, Shannon continues to learn and grow, having earned certifications as a Geriatric Certified Specialist and a Fall Prevention Specialist.”

After completing her Doctoral program, Smith entered the field of physical therapy in 2017 and has since worked in both Boston and Philadelphia.

“I have seen a need for tremendous growth within the health promotion sector with few avenues to explore,” Dr. Smith said. “I want to be a greater part of the solution and believe my education and continued training for the geriatric population gives me a unique lens and a chance to implement true change.”

Smith’s previous roles have provided her with “strong communication skills and a holistic approach

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Courtesy

NEW LEAVES DUO PERFORMS AT PLUMMER PLACE

Record high temperatures and soaring heat indexes didn’t keep the crowd away from Plummer Place on Friday morning! Seniors and older adults from across the Blackstone Valley enjoyed the music of New Leaves Duo, a group who not only perform concerts together, but who have grown up together since high school. “We were delighted to host this fantastic duo and hope it will be the first of many additional performances for them here at Plummer Place,” said Amy Cowen, program and volunteer coordinator. “Our dining room was filled with so many people who were happy to be here and who clearly enjoyed the show!” she added. The duo performed both original material and classic country and folk cover songs from Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, John Denver, Neil Diamond, Peter, Paul, and Mary, and Johnny Cash. For more information on Plummer Place or their upcoming events, please call (508) 234-2002.

West Hill Dam Skills Park celebration upcoming

Fattman secures \$25,000 for Daniels Farmstead

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT

UXBRIDGE — The Blackstone Valley’s chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association is holding an event at the end of the month to celebrate the

Skills Park at West Hill Dam.

The Skills Park will formally open on Sunday, Aug. 21, according to event details. The event begins at 9 a.m., with a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. There will also be music, contests, and snacks.

“Six months ago, this space was just [an] idea,” the Blackstone Valley New England Mountain Bike Association released in a statement on social media. “This build has been a labor of love from so many within the community and now it is a reality.”

Blackstone Valley NEMBA was awarded a “Signature Trail Grant” through the NEMBA association to partially fund the project, according to event details.

“Without their support, this project would not be possible,” the group shared. “Volunteers have come out twice a week to donate their time to help build a park that we should all be proud of.”

Blackstone Valley NEMBA added that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at West Hill Dam have been “instrumental” in the physical build by aiding with machinery, as well as donating funds. The group also named Koopman Lumber, the Uxbridge Police Department, and private donors—who have also donated funds—to “make

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Uxbridge resident killed in motor vehicle crash

BY KIMBERLY PALMUCCI
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UPTON — One Uxbridge resident has died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle crash last weekend.

Eighteen-year-old Jacob Osanya, of Uxbridge, was in the front passenger seat when the car left the roadway, striking a tree on the front passenger side before overturning, according to police.

The Upton Police Department released that the single-vehicle crash took place on Saturday, Aug. 6. The Upton Police and Fire/EMS Departments responded at 9:07 p.m. to the intersection of Glenview Street and Pearl Street for the reported crash with multiple injuries, according to reports. A preliminary investigation revealed that 18-year-old Gabriel Dias De Holanda, of Bellingham, was operating a 2019 Acura ILX sedan travelling north on Glenview Street when the vehicle “left the roadway striking a tree on the front passenger side of the vehicle before overturning on Glenview Street.”

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BLACKSTONE — State Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) announced today that he secured a \$25,000 statutory expenditure in the FY23 State Budget for Daniels Farmstead in Blackstone. The funds will be disbursed through the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT).

Fattman attended the Polish Picnic on Friday, Aug. 5 to present a check in the amount of \$25,000 to Daniels Farmstead. The language in the statutory expenditure item

marks the funds for use on the farmstead to complete crucial historical restoration projects around its buildings and grounds.

Last year, for the FY22 state budget, Fattman was able to secure \$75,000 to initiate these key restoration projects. The \$25,000 will dovetail with the funds that he previously secured to complete projects that have long needed attention. This will bring Fattman’s total commitment to Daniels Farmstead in the past two years to a total of

\$100,000.

“Daniels Farmstead in Blackstone is a cultural, economic, and historic landmark to our area. When the Farmstead approached me this year to secure funding to complete some of their renovations, I immediately recognized the value it would add to the farm,” said Fattman. “I am thrilled to secure this investment in Daniels Farmstead, and I will continue to seek avenues to provide more funding in the future.”

Worcester Art Museum to debut works from first Japanese print collection of its kind

WORCESTER — This fall, the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) will present “The Floating World: Japanese Prints from the Bancroft Collection,” an exhibition of 50 Japanese prints from the Museum’s collection, 48 of which will be displayed for the first time. On view Nov. 26-March 5, 2023, the exhibition will take a comprehensive look at the diverse ukiyo-e genre through the lens of John Chandler Bancroft (1835-1901), one of the earliest and most significant collectors of Japanese prints in

the United States. Bancroft’s collection of over 3,700 Japanese woodblock prints was bequeathed to WAM in 1901 and is considered the Museum’s first major collection. Illustrating the breadth of this transformative gift, “The Floating World” will feature works ranging in size, material, date, and subject matter, including works by renowned artists like Utagawa Hiroshige, Katsushika Hokusai, and Utagawa Kunisada. The exhibition is curated by Dr. Rachel Parikh, Associate Curator of the Arts of

Asia and the Islamic World and Fiona Collins, Curatorial Assistant of Asian Art.

Organized chronologically and by artist, The Floating World illustrates the evolution of ukiyo-e artworks throughout Japan’s Edo period (1603-1868). Through these works, visitors will gain insight into the complexity and breadth of ukiyo-e, or “pictures of the floating world,” an artistic genre that sent lasting ripples of influence throughout the world. The exhibition will be a chance to see this impact firsthand, including Hiroshige’s featured Sudden Shower over Shin-hashi Bridge and Atake (1857), which inspired Vincent van Gogh’s Bridge in the Rain (after Hiroshige) (1887). Similarly, these works significantly shaped the work of American artist John La Farge, who collected Japanese prints alongside Bancroft starting in the 1860s.

of Japanese ukiyo-e prints.”

“The Floating World” solidifies WAM as one of the foremost locations of Japanese ukiyo-e print scholarship in the country. Bancroft’s collection makes up nearly 10% of the Museum’s collection of approximately 38,000 objects from around the world. Assembled thoughtfully over decades, this collection of predominantly first-edition woodblock prints demonstrates the vastness of a Japanese art genre that has commonly been overgeneralized by traditional Western art history practices. The Bancroft Collection is also notable for the quality and well-preserved condition of the prints, which will be evident to visitors to the exhibition.

This exhibition is part of the Worcester Art Museum’s 2022-2023 exhibition and programming schedule that connects people, communities, and cultures through the experience of art.

About the Worcester Art Museum

The Worcester Art Museum creates transformative programs and exhibitions, drawing on its exceptional collection of art. Dating from 3000 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.

The Worcester Art Museum, located at 55 Salisbury Street in Worcester, is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors 65 and older and for college students with ID. Admission is free for Museum Members and children ages 17 and younger. On the first Sunday of each month, admission is free for everyone. Museum parking is free. Tickets may be purchased in advance at worcesterart.org.

Annual Car Show set for Aug. 28

THOMPSON, Conn. — It’s August, and that means it’s time for the 13th Annual Car and Motorcycle Show, “Cruisin’ Into Healthcare,” sponsored by the nonprofit UMass Memorial Health Harrington Hospital Auxiliary.

The event takes place on Sunday, Aug. 28 at Bogey’s Ice Cream Stand/Thompson Speedway in Thompson, Conn. Registration is only \$10 and begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. The first 100 cars will receive dash plaques.

There is no admission fee for spectators, so come and bring the family for a day of fun.

Trophies will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place. Registrants also vote for the People’s Choice Award. One award will be given for the motorcycle deemed “Best in Show.” The award ceremony takes place at 2:00 pm.

In addition to



the Classic Car and Motorcycle Show, DJ Bruce Marshall from Valley Classic Hits, 97.7 FM will spin your favorite tunes and Harrington on Wheels will offer health education and provide health screenings. The Auxiliary is also sponsoring a raffle; take chance to win one of several spectacular prizes.

The event is sponsored by CR Premier Properties, Long Subaru, and McGee Automotive Family.

For more information, please contact the Hospital’s Volunteer Office at 508-765-9771, ext. 6427 or email Kelly.Hibbard@UMassMemorial.org.

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September events at Purgatory Chasm State Reservation

SUTTON — Public programs at Purgatory Chasm State Reservation continue in September 2022. All programs are free and open to the public. Bring water, wear sunscreen/bug spray, and dress for the outdoors. Sturdy footwear strongly recommended for hiking events. An adult must accompany children. Inclement weather cancels hiking programs. For more information, call 508-234-9610 or visit: mass.gov/locations/purgatory-chasm-state-reservation.

Purgatory Chasm State Reservation is located at 198 Purgatory Rd., Sutton.

Please note that public programming may be affected by construction projects taking place within the park in 2022.

Chasm Hike
Wed & Fri 11 a.m. – noon, Sat 2 – 3 p.m., Sun 3 – 4 p.m.
Get ready to scramble around huge boulders while taking in the mystery of Purgatory Chasm! Find out about the park's history and cultural influence,

the chasm's rock formations, or the wildlife that calls the chasm home. The tour topic will vary, ask for details. Meet at the pavilion at the entrance to the chasm. Appropriate for ages eight and above. This event is cancelled when the chasm is closed due to wet trail conditions. About 1/2 mile that is generally moderate; also includes rocky terrain. The first portion of the trail is steep and requires some rock scrambling. The remainder of the trail is flat or gently sloped.

Chasm Primer
Saturdays & Sundays 10 a.m.
Join the Park Interpreter for a 10-minute introduction to Purgatory Chasm. We will briefly explore two dramatic events that shaped how the park looks today. This is the perfect primer before your hike through the chasm. Meet at the pavilion at the entrance to the chasm. Appropriate for ages eight and above. This event is cancelled when the chasm is closed due to wet trail conditions.

Glacial Geology Hike
Mondays 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Discover our glacial past with a one-mile hike along the topside of the chasm to Little Purgatory. Explore evidence of the ice that blanketed this park more than ten thousand years ago! Meet at the Visitor Center. Suitable for ages eight and above. Wet trail conditions will cancel. About one mile over moderate terrain.

Rock Detectives
Saturdays 11 a.m. – noon
Have you ever wondered where rocks come from, and where they may be going? Reveal the stories hidden in stones at this interactive display. Stay for five minutes or an hour. This program takes place at the pavilion near the entrance to the chasm. Event moves inside the Visitor Center during severe weather. Appropriate for ages four and above.

Skull Science
Tuesdays & Sundays 11 a.m. – noon
Every feature of an animal's skull has a job to do. Join us to look for clues about how different animals survive in the wild. How will your own bones compare to those of our park's residents?

Stay for five minutes or an hour at this interactive display.
This program takes place at the pavilion near the entrance to the chasm. Event moves inside the Visitor Center during severe weather. Appropriate for ages four and above.

Time Traveler Tour
Tuesdays & Fridays 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Take a step back in time! Gain a deeper understanding of this unique park as we walk among its historic structures and geological features, jumping around the park's timeline all the while. Meet at the Visitor Center. Appropriate for ages four and above. Approximately half a mile over easy terrain.

Off the Beaten Path
Wednesdays & Thursdays 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Hiking trails are the heart of our park system and getting outdoors is a great way to exercise! Join us for a leisurely hike and socialize along the way. Meet at the Visitor Center. Appropriate for ages eight and above. About one mile over moderate terrain.

Quinsigamond Community College recognized as best community college in Massachusetts

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) was ranked best community college in Massachusetts in 2022 by Intelligent.com, an online source for program rankings and higher education planning. The research identifies programs in the nation based on flexibility, faculty, course strength, cost, and reputation. QCC was also ranked eighth in 2022, in the category of best online universities and colleges in Massachusetts.

“This ranking is a testament of the hard work and commitment that our faculty, staff, administration and Board of Trustees have for our students,” said

QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. “The last few years have offered unprecedented challenges for our students and higher education as a whole, but our steadfast commitment to 100 percent student success has been the driving force in everything that we do.” Since the start of the COVID-19 global pandemic, QCC has rethought many of its programs and processes, developing an educational model that was conducive to the new educational landscape. “The college took a hard look at what was best for the students that we serve and increased our support services, as well as the way in which courses were offered,” President Pedraja contin-

ued. QCC offers a variety of flexible learning options that include on-campus, online and hybrid formats. Experts at Intelligent.com assessed programs that help students enhance and develop advanced skills for a variety of in-demand positions. According to Intelligent.com, studies show that obtaining a degree increases income substantially, and degree holders earn 84 percent more than those with only high school diplomas or those without a completed GED. Specific programs at colleges and universities across the nation were also analyzed by Intelligent.com. On a

national stage, QCC was named best online associate degree for medical sales. Additionally, the college was named in the top 50 nationally for best online Associate degrees, online associate in human services programs, and online associate in administration and management programs. Intelligent.com implemented a unique methodology that ranks each program on a scale from 0 to 100 across five categories. The scoring system compares each university according to program strength, student readiness, return on investment, cost, and student engagement. Researchers compared 704 pro-

grams from 2,900 universities and colleges across the United States. “There has never been a better time to attend QCC. As we prepare for the fall semester, I want to assure those students who have been reticent to attend that we have the support services, academic coaching, counseling, and other resources to ensure that college students will succeed,” President Pedraja added. To learn more, visit www.QCC.edu.

State awards BVT \$150,000 Skills Capital grant

UPTON – Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) was recently awarded a \$150,000 Skills Capital grant from the Baker-Polito Administration. The grant will allow the school to purchase new industry-grade equipment to advance its goals of increasing diversity among the student population and enhancing training for entry-level positions in health care and dental care.

BVT is one of 70 educational institutions to receive a portion of \$22 million in Skills Capital grants to update equipment and enhance vocational training. The Baker-Polito Administration has awarded these grants as part of their multi-year effort to address skills gaps in growing industries.

Governor Baker announced \$22 million in Skills Capital grants awarded to 70 educational institutions and an additional \$10 million awarded to 23 vocational schools to expand programs for young people and adults as part of the Career Technical Initiative (CTI). This round of CTI grants will help train more than 1,600 people for new careers in construction, manufacturing, and other trades with growing workforce demands.

The Skills Capital grant program was launched in 2015 with the goal of replacing outdated equipment and technology, mainly at vocational-technical high schools and community colleges. Since then, the program has evolved into a crucial component of local workforce training efforts by expanding the number of young people and adults trained and experienced with the newest technologies used by local employers.

“Since our administration launched these critically important programs, high schools, colleges, and other educational institutions throughout the Commonwealth have created and expanded numerous training programs with Skills Capital Grants and developed new training opportunities for young people and adults with the Career Technical Initiative,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “We are very proud of the lasting impact these grants will have on the Massachusetts workforce and the future of the Commonwealth as they prepare the next generation of innovative leaders in cutting-edge industries.”

The school will implement new equipment to support hands-on learning activities within the Health Services and Dental Assisting shops. These vocational classrooms resemble clinical facilities where students develop advanced skills using equipment that directly resembles what employers are utilizing. Instructors


are excited to prepare students with the direct care skills needed for future employment opportunities in Health Services and Dental Assisting fields that address pressing employment gaps in our region.

“The Skills Capital grants align with our efforts to continue providing students with exciting and rewarding career exploration opportunities and advanced skill development,” said Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick. “As well as our commitment to finding additional funding, to invest in the most up-to-date equipment to give our students an advantage when they continue in their chosen field or area of study.”

About Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School (BVT) Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School serves the towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Douglas, Grafton, Hopedale, Mendon, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Northbridge, Sutton, Upton, and Uxbridge. Located in the heart of the Blackstone Valley, BVT creates a positive learning community that prepares students for personal and professional success in an internationally competitive society through a fusion of rigorous vocational, technical, and academic skills.

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SOCIAL BINGO
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PITCH
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DULL MENS CLUB
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The menu is available on the town website, www.townofmillbury.org
Or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page.
A 48 hour reservation is required.

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Residents
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“MEMORY CAFÉ”
Please join us on Tuesday, August 23rd 2 - 3:30 P.M.
A Memory Café is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss/challenges and their care partners. It is a time to socialize, make new friends, have a good time and enjoy some refreshments!
We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this program!
Our Outreach worker, Julie Fitzgerald, is happy to answer any questions, call to RSVP 508-865-9154!

Millbury Friendly Visitor Program
Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provided by telephone
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Tuesday: Cribbage 9:30am, Zumba 9:30am, Bingo 12:00 pm, Technology Class 1pm, Jenga or Connect4 2pm
Wednesday: Balance & Strength 10am, MahJong 1pm
Thursday: Chair Yoga 9:30am, Wii Games 11am, Hand and Foot card games 1 pm
Friday: Balance & Strength 10am

AUGUST EVENTS:
Lunch & Movie August 18 at 11:30. Panini lunch will be served for \$3.00 p/p. RSVP before 8/12

Good Energy will be here Wednesday August 24 at 11:30. They will be discussing the cost of electricity and how changing your supplier could save you money. This event is one you won't want to miss out on! You do not need to be a Douglas resident. Bring your most recent electric bill for a comprehensive audit. Refreshments will be served. RSVP before 8/17

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:
The center will be closed on the 5th in observance of Labor Day.

Shyrl Faye is doing a presentation on Ruth Bader Ginsburg on September 13th @ 12 pm. Appetizers will be served, you may call the center to sign up. This event is sponsored by our local Cultural Council.

Bemis Nursery is back and doing Orb Planting, September 14th @ 11 am. Refreshments will be available. The cost for this event is \$10.00, you can sign up and pay at the center. RSVP before 9/6

Resinate Cannabis will be here September 20th @ 11:30. They will be speaking about medical cannabis and its benefits. Taco Bar lunch is available for \$4.00 per person. RSVP before 9/14

Memorial Pancake Breakfast in honor of David Cortese is on September 27th @ 10:30 am.
RSVP before 9/20

Hannaford's Market is here on September 29th @ 11:30 for a cooking presentation and a discussion on easy, in expensive meals for one person. Samples will be distributed. RSVP before 9/20

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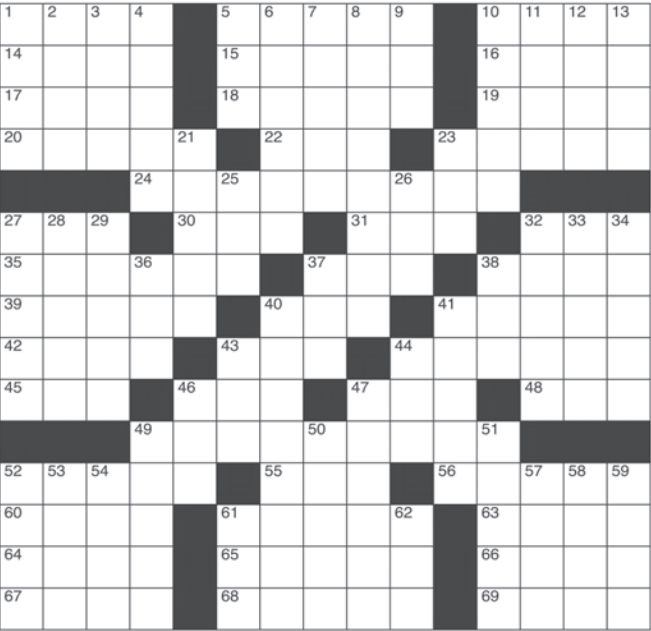
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Female parent
5. NY city
10. Israeli diplomat Abba
14. Surrounded by
15. Car part
16. Simple aquatic plant
17. Tough skin of fruit
18. Finnish lake
19. Composition
20. Very willing
22. One and only
23. Cluster cups
24. Famed Hollywood director
27. Score perfectly
30. Important lawyers
31. Undivided
32. Part of the foot
35. Spun by spiders
37. Married woman
38. Reagan's Secretary of State
39. Instruments
40. The A-Team drove one
41. Short-tailed marten
42. Oil organization
43. Predecessor to the EU
44. "Hotel California" rockers
45. Color at the end of the spectrum
46. Actress Ryan
47. Digital audiotape
48. Expression of creative skill
49. Scientific instrument
52. Dog-__ : marked for later
55. Israeli city __ Aviv
56. Fencing sword
60. Turkish title
61. Wise individuals
63. Cold wind
64. Popular type of shoe
65. The territory occupied by a nation
66. Tattle
67. Chop up
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

1. Female of a horse
2. Bowfin
3. Chinese dynasty
4. Small venomous snake
5. Global news agency
6. Common fractions
7. American state
8. Tired
9. Boxing's GOAT
10. Made less severe
11. A group of countries in special alliance
12. God of fire (Hindu)
13. Northeast Indian ethnic group
21. Anchor ropes
23. They __
25. Apprehend
26. Autonomic nervous system
27. A theatrical performer
28. 2-door car
29. Partner to flower
32. Pair of small hand drums
33 Former Houston footballer
34. Discharge
36. Former women's branch of the military
37. Partner to cheese
38. Witch
40. Live in a dull way
41. Satisfies
43. Snakelike fish
44. Consume
46. Type of student
47. Erase
49. Instruct
50. Girl's given name
51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
52. Every one of two or more things
53. Indian city
54. Greek letters
57. Weapon
58. Geological times
59. Cycle in physics
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness



PUZZLE SOLUTION

Douglas Public Schools announces meal program eligibility requirements

DOUGLAS — Douglas Public Schools will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Douglas High School, Douglas Middle School, Douglas Elementary, and Douglas Primary School will offer healthy meals every school day. The Massachusetts legislature has provided funding to make meals available at no cost to all students during the school year 2022-2023, regardless of household income. However, families should still complete a Meal Benefit Application as this provides data for key funding for academic resources and may also connect families to additional benefits. This data will also support the additional funds provided by the Commonwealth for this pilot.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-K program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household’s gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2022-2023						
	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$17,667	\$1,473	\$340	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$484
2	\$23,803	\$1,984	\$458	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
3	\$29,939	\$2,495	\$576	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$820
4	\$36,075	\$3,007	\$694	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$988
5	\$42,211	\$3,518	\$812	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$1,156
6	\$48,347	\$4,029	\$930	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$1,324
7	\$54,483	\$4,541	\$1,048	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$1,492
8	\$60,619	\$5,052	\$1,166	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$1,659
Each additional person:	+6,136	+512	+118	+8,732	+728	+168

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete the application. Applications also are available at every school main office and the Food Service Department 21 Davis St Douglas MA 01516.

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the

household’s income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact the Food Service Department at any time to request an application 508-476-3332 x2253 or email at rhammond@douglasps.net.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, the Food Service Director will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to the Superintendent of Schools, Paul Vieira, at 21 Davis St., Douglas, MA 01516; 508-476-7901.

When known to Douglas Public Schools, households will be notified of their children’s eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

When known to Douglas Public Schools, households will also be notified of any child’s eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered “Other Source Categorically Eligible”, because the child is categorized, as defined by law as:

- Foster
- Homeless,
- Migrant,
- Runaway,
- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or
- Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should

contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children’s eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits.

For more information, you may call the Food Service Director, Raquel Hammond, at 508-476-3332 x2253 or e-mail at rhammond@douglasps.net.

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Jacob is a sensitive young man of Hispanic descent who enjoys smiling and laughing. He likes to joke around and have fun. Jacob loves being outside and enjoys most outdoor activities. He enjoys sports such as basketball and volleyball. Jacob likes to ride his bike and also has a green thumb, so he enjoys planting and general gardening. Those who work closely with Jacob state that he has made great progress recently, especially in terms of developing positive relationships with peers. He does well in school with supports and thrives when structure is provided for him.

Legally free for adoption, Jacob is looking for his forever family and home. He will do well in a family of any constellation, including homes with either younger or older children. He does have biological siblings that he hopes to maintain relationships with in the future. He would really benefit from a family that is able to help him process the past and move forward with the future; patience is key.

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OBITUARIES

Loretta B. Walker, 87

Uxbridge- Loretta B. (Ouillet) Walker, 87, of Pine Grove Circle passed away unexpectedly at home on Thurs. July 28, 2022. Her husband John Walker predeceased her. She is survived by a sister Sylvia and her husband Guy Horne of Douglas; and many nieces and nephews. Born in Sutton, MA on March 30, 1935, she was one of 13 born to Anthony and

Irene (Leduc) Ouillet, was raised in Sutton and lived in Uxbridge over 50 years. Loretta worked as a spinner at the former Schuster Woolen Mill in Douglas, at S&D Spinning in Millbury and later worked at Potpourri in Whitinsville. Always friendly and social, Loretta seemed to know everyone. A member

of St. Denis Church in Douglas, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends and socializing at the Uxbridge Senior Center. She also loved keeping up the flowers in her yard. They always looked good. Her memorial funeral Mass at St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St. Douglas was held Wed Aug. 10th at 11 AM. Private burial will be held later at

Pine Grove Cemetery in Whitinsville. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations in Loretta's memory may be made to St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St. Douglas, MA 01516. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Antique and collectibles auction news

There's been plenty of antique, collectibles, and auction news hot off the press this summer, starting with some shipwrecked treasures heading to auction this fall. USA Today reports that items from an 1857 shipwreck heading to the block include "a pair of work pants and wedding rings to letters and a first edition of 'The Count of Monte Cristo.'" The Steamship Central America was traveling from San Francisco to New York carrying many passengers who became rich during the California Gold Rush, meaning the ship was also transporting tons of gold. A hurricane off the Carolina Coast sank the ship, killing 475 people and sending its precious cargo 7,000 feet below sea level. USA today report that the ship sinking marked "the greatest economic disaster in U.S. maritime history and contributed to a global panic." Items were recovered from the wreck in the 1990s and again in 2014. Many of the estimates are in the hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars.



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Here on land, online bidding is open for a bitter 1971 letter sent from John Lennon to Paul McCartney. TMZ reports that the letter came in response to an interview McCartney did with Melody Maker, a British music magazine. According to Ultimate Classic Rock and Culture, Paul wanted only the four Beatles present when they signed a paper agreeing to a split. Lennon's letter to McCartney read, "Maybe there's an answer there somewhere ... but for the millionth time in these past few years, I repeat, what about the TAX?" Along with the tax issue, Lennon also took offense with the fact that McCartney wanted just the four Beatles to meet. He wrote "I thought you'd have understood BY NOW that I'm JOHNANDYOKO." The auction estimate for the letter is \$30,000. A Honus Wagner T206 baseball tobacco card once again set an auction record recently. The Wagner card is considered the Holy Grail or Mona Lisa of baseball

cards. Wagner didn't want his likeness depicted on tobacco cards because he thought they would encourage tobacco use by young fans. Major League Baseball's website reports that "there are thought to be only 50-60 copies of the card in existence, making it one of the rarest sports cards in the world." In August of last year, a Wagner T206 card sold for \$6.6 million. This Wagner card sold for \$7.25 million last month. The jacket that Buzz Aldrin wore to the moon also recently set a record, fetching the highest price for a jacket ever sold for at action. The jacket featured Aldrin's name and an Apollo 11 patch. Forbes reports that it was the only garment worn to the moon that was ever available at auction. The previous record for an American space flown artifact was a lunar dust bag which brought \$1.8 million in 2017. The previous record for a jacket was for the one worn by Michael Jackson in the Thriller video which also sold for \$1.8 million in 2011. Aldrin's jacket exceeded the \$1 to \$2 million estimate, selling for \$2.8 million last month. A rare space item selling like truly only happens



once in a blue moon. We are still accepting consignments for our upcoming fall multi-estates auction. Other events this fall include my "Evaluating your Antiques" class at Bay Path high school in Charlton on September 13th, an appraisal event at the Townsend Historical Society on October 15th, an appraisal event at the Worcester Senior Center from 9:30 am to 11:30 am on October 18th and an appraisal event for the Leicester Historical Society on November 5th. Please visit our website <https://central-massauctions.com> for links to upcoming events. Contact us at www.centralmassauctions.com (508-612-6111) info@central-massauctions.com for antiques and collectibles auction services.

Hot weather garden woes



Melinda Myers
Misshapen fruit and some other issues can be the result of temperatures dropping below 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

Poor flowering and misshapen or a lack of fruit on tomatoes, peppers and squash may be due to the weather, not your gardening skills. Temperature extremes can interfere with flowering and fruit set on these and other vegetables in your garden. We watch for and can't wait to taste that first red ripe tomato. It is certainly frustrating when we see flowers drop or the plant fails to form fruit. Tomatoes thrive in warm sunny conditions; but temperature extremes can prevent fruiting, cause misshapen fruit, or reduce the size of the harvest. When daytime temperatures rise above 90 degrees Fahrenheit and night temperatures remain above 70 degrees

Fahrenheit blossom drop and poor fruit development may occur. Combine this with low humidity and the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky and doesn't move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination the flowers won't be fertilized, and fruit will not develop. Cool weather can result in poor fruiting. Night temperatures below the optimum of 59 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit will reduce the amount and viability of pollen that the plant produces. Less viable pollen means fewer fruit will form. Cooler temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit can result in misshapen fruit and cattering. Fortunately, the malformed fruit is still tasty and safe to eat. Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity. When temperatures climb to 95°F or higher the pollen is sterile and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells. Pepper plants also experience poor fruit set when night temperatures drop below 60 degrees or rise above 75 degrees.



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Tomatoes and peppers aren't the only vegetables impacted by temperature extremes. Eggplants, a close relative to tomatoes and peppers, do not set fruit until night temperatures are above 55 degrees. Beans stop flowering or the flowers die when temperatures rise above 85 degrees. Flowering in squash and cucumber plants is also influenced by temperature and other environmental factors. These plants produce separate male and female flowers. The male flowers usually appear first and it is not until both the male and female flowers are present that pollination, fertilization and fruit production can occur. Research found cool temperatures, bright sunlight, and shorter days encourage female flower production while male flowers are more prolific during warmer temperatures, less sunlight and close spacing. Flowering on squash and cucumbers is also impacted by nitrogen fertilization. Too much can prevent female flower formation while insufficient amounts can reduce the number of male flowers. The simplest solution is to wait for optimum temperatures and the proper humidity levels to return. Once this happens, the plants will begin produc-

ing fruit. If poor productivity related to the weather is a yearly problem, consider planting more heat tolerant varieties, adjust planting times and look for more suitable growing locations. When the harvest is delayed, extend the season with the help of row covers. These fabrics allow sunlight, air, and water through while trapping heat around the plants. Just loosely cover plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or landscape staples when frost is in the forecast. You can leave the fabric in place for the remainder of the year. Just lift it to harvest and secure the fabric when done. If this summer's weather leaves you disappointed with the harvest, remember there is always next year. Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and her Web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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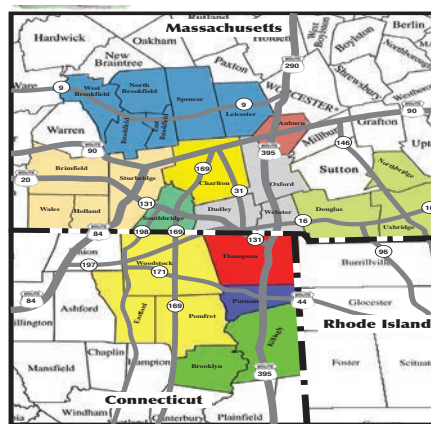
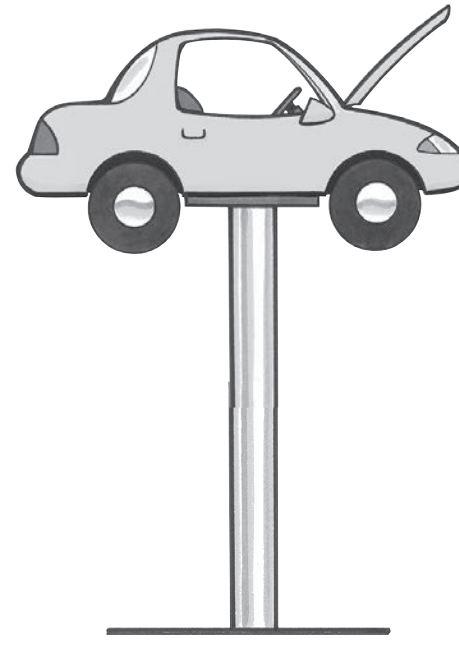
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EDITORIAL

School days, school days...

It's that time of year again, when back to school photos will soon infiltrate your social media feeds. We love this time of year, when a more structured schedule takes hold, however come June, we are ready for the daily routine to be a bit more relaxed.

We always consider mid August into September to be a new year. Yes, the actual new year begins on Jan. 1; however, the start of a new school year always brings a clean slate, and who doesn't love that?

This time of year brings with it memories for all of us, even if we are not headed back into the classroom. We recall school shopping at the height of the late '80s and early '90s, when Trapper Keepers were all the new rave. During that time, anyone who walked into a drug store would be greeted with a wall of the colorful organizers, with notebooks and pencil cases to match. Having a brand new Trapper Keeper with pencils neatly tucked away the night before school started was step one. Next, the perfect outfit would have to be picked out, after all, the first day outfit set the standard for the rest of the year. During these first few days of school, the excitement was always at an all time high. It's the famous week three, when things start to settle, and the groove of the school routine has become the norm, once again.

As with most things, we enjoy tracking history. The drastic changes that have occurred over the years are quite interesting, so we thought we would share our findings.

During the 1800's, a typical rural area would have one room schoolhouses, with one teacher for grades first through eighth. The younger students would sit in the front of the classroom, with the 'big kids' seated in the back. Memorizing lessons was the priority back then, where students had to recite what they had learned. Paper bags and lunch boxes were not used for lunch, instead children would pack a lunch and carry it to school in a tin bucket.

During the early 1900's, only half of the children between the ages of five and 19 attended school. This was during the Industrial Revolution where children were needed at home to help work the farms or were put to work in factories. One study reports that in the present, 264 million children are still not educated.

We've heard it all before, but it's true, most students would walk or ride their bikes to school in all kinds of weather up to five miles away. Today most students take the bus or are dropped at school by their parents. In some areas, there have been initiatives taken to promote the 'old school' way of transporting kids via bike or walking.

In days gone by, if a student misbehaved, they were placed in a corner and had to wear a dunce cap. Discipline has changed quite a bit; however, we remember a slew of students standing along the brick wall during recess in the 1980's at our elementary school for "talking too much"... but we won't mention any names.

Home Economics classes have been replaced with a more modern swing than when they first emerged in the 1950's and lasted through the 1970's. Back then, students, mostly female, were taught how to cook and sew. In the late 1980's, those classes saw more male students as it became a requirement for all. We remember sewing 'Nerd' (you know the candy) stuffed animals and Oreo cookies in our class. When it was time to cook, we have fond memories of baking a holiday cake and forgetting to add baking powder, or was it flour? Either way, that cake took on a life of its own, and we fondly remember taking red icing and writing 'Scrooged' over it.

Industrial Arts classes are few and far between, however are still offered in some places with a more technological twist. Back in the day, students would take large pieces of wood, run it through a planer, sand it, stain it and create all sorts of things from entertainment centers to cut out wooden apples using a jigsaw. We remember leaving notes for our friends in the afternoon class. We would slip them in the lockers and hope we remembered whose locker belonged to who. No texting back then.

Cursive writing was always fun. It was a great feeling when you made that lower case 'j' just right. Who knew that years later, hand writing would happen less and less and our cursive skills would be a thing of the past. Handwriting is, however, making a comeback in some schools.

We think it goes without saying, that the best memories involve a good old fashioned pencil sharpener. Trying to get the pencil as small as possible in one go, meant that you were talented. If that pencil still had a full eraser, you were batting a thousand. It was an even better day, if you could get your hands on an electronic sharpener.

OPINION

Opinion and commentary from the Blackstone Valley and beyond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Womeen's sports are still a long way from equal

To the Editor:

On July 31, the England women's national soccer team earned its first major international trophy after winning the 2022 Women's EURO Final. The English and global soccer audiences erupted with cheers of elation, barring some German disappointment. The thrilling performances of England throughout the tournament made players like Leah Williamson and Beth Mead household names. The victory also marks more than an end to a dismal title drought for English soccer, though. It marks the beginning of a new era of women's soccer and sports, an era that will hopefully be defined by unprecedented investment into women's programs, teams, and leagues. Just fifty-one years ago, a fifty-year ban on women's soccer in England ended.

For 50 years, while men were readily encouraged to chase dreams of glory and sporting success, women were subjected to violent hatred for playing the sport that they loved too. Now, in 2022, while the success of the England women's national team has lit a flame inside young girls around the world, there is still plenty of work to be done. Aside from the decades of investment and funding that women's sports lack compared to men, girls in England still are not guaranteed access to proper physical education in schools. So while the recently crowned EURO champions should be basking in glory, they continue to fight for girls to have the rights that boys have always enjoyed.

Across the pond, in our nation, the story is all too similar. When the United States women's national soccer team won the 2019 World Cup, one of the most distinct parts of their journey was the incredible dominance that the team showed on the field. At the same time, though, there was a larger narrative surrounding the team's ongoing fight for equal pay to their male counterparts. The ticker tape parade through the streets of New York City celebrating the team was overwhelmingly filled with chants of "Equal Pay!" instead of "U-S-A!" Just a month before the World Cup began, the team filed a lawsuit against the US Soccer Federation for gender discrimination. Without a victory on the largest stage, the decades-long movement for equal pay could have been harshly halted; years of work, built on genera-

tions of players who worked second and third jobs, could have dissipated. Yet, the team's decades of dominance prevailed and ended in triumph.

Following the World Cup and a wave of notoriety for the US women's national team, the fight for equal pay remained unsolved. In March 2020, just eight months after their second consecutive World Cup victory, US Soccer stated that men's national team players carried "more responsibility" and required "materially more strength and speed" than women's national team players. US Soccer maintained a culture of disrespect and discrimination towards female athletes at the highest level. Keep in mind that the women's national team has won four world cups in its thirty-seven-year existence compared to the zero won in the men's national team's one hundred-six-year existence.

Since the inception of organized sport, women have functioned with cents on the dollar because women have been continually underfunded and undervalued. Only fifty years ago did the US government require equal opportunities in public school athletics through the establishment of Title IX. And today, by the age of fourteen, girls stop playing their sports at twice the rate of boys. While headlines and record-breaking audiences may describe the incredible success of women's sports around the world, they do not mean that men's and women's sports have been equalized. Rather, this is only a sign that women's sports at all levels, from youth to professional leagues, require and deserve the funding and respect that men's sports have always been accustomed to. Women's teams and leagues are reaching the same, if not higher, levels of success with considerably less investment than their male counterparts. Across the world, athletes like Alex Morgan and Sue Bird are becoming figures that girls can admire, just as boys have had athletes to look up to for decades. When young girls have role models in professional sports who look like them, the impact can be limitless. Investing at the grassroots level, in teams for young girls to play on, can encourage a lifetime of involvement in the sports that bring communities together.

JULIE COMPSTON
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The Green New Deal will do nothing but waste our money

To the Editor:

What I believe. Feel free to disagree. It's time to be a Taxpayer Climate Realist. Have you considered how the Democrats' "Green New Deal" will fail just like Obama's "Green New Deal" failed? It failed spectacularly, but spent your taxes.

In 2009-2010, Obama developed a Green energy stimulus plan to use tax dollars for green energy and supposedly to benefit the environment and the economy.

It did not. Every objective investigation proved that the tidal wave of green energy dollars in Obama's first term was a colossal failure. \$100 billion spent. Wasted.

Remember the Glorious Solyndra? Solyndra - a solar energy company - was Obama's Darling. It received \$530 million taxpayers' dollars. Obama and Old Joe bragged it was the next big Green thing. Half a billion dollars.

It never produced any energy. Then, it went...bankrupt.

The Obama administration also launched a \$5 billion program to retrofit "all" of the homes and businesses in America to make them energy efficient. One million homes were weatherized. No one bothered to check if the work was done right.

Idealistic, as typical Greens are, they failed at reality. The Department of Energy's own Inspector General's tests showed substandard workmanship. Problems were so great that the integrity of the entire program was questioned by the IG. In one audit, 14 of the 15 homes failed inspection because of poor work like putting insulation in a home with a leaky roof. Some audits showed a 62 percent final inspection error rate. Some were dangerous: furnaces not vented properly, no shut off valve on a gas stove, and no carbon monoxide or fire alarms.

Obama also promised to retrain Americans who lost their jobs due to his Green "Not so Great" Deal. The Federal government set aside \$500 million to re-train 125,000 workers in green technology. Did they? No, the Inspector General found the program only trained 42 percent of the 125,000 displaced workers. How many trainees actually got green jobs? 10 percent. Your tax dollars at work.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, the real obtainable clean energy source - natural gas - grew from 25 percent of electricity

production to 40 percent, without any federal money. The new sources of natural gas were developed in those mean, red, conservative, deplorable states like Oklahoma, North Dakota and Texas.

Forbes Business News, on July 16, 2021, said this: "The hard truth is that renewable energy is not currently capable of handling America's growing energy demands and remains unlikely to do so. While the idea of renewable energy remains appealing, the reality is that fossil fuels, natural gas, and nuclear power will all be necessary to power our nation for decades to come." Forbes continued that an advocacy group of scientists, governments, NGOs and industry reported that the Obama Green Plan [from 2009 to 2019] "produced virtually no real gain... despite trillions of dollars in subsidies."

Nevertheless, Democrats in Washington just reached a deal on the largest piece of climate legislation in the history of America. This "Inflation Reduction" bill is a tax and spend Porker of \$369 billion for wind, solar, geothermal, and "green" fantasies. They promise it will cut U.S. emissions by 40 percent by 2030. Oh, and \$80 Billion to double the size of the IRS. Just what the taxpayers want!

Democrats have been in office for 40 years, and still haven't saved the Planet. Why not? Because politicians in Washington cannot invent anything, fix anything, make anything better, or predict the future. They merely know how to spend your taxes.

Does Wealthy Obama have solar panels on his \$20 million Martha's Vineyard mansion? No, he has a 3,000 gallon propane gas tank. Does Feckless Joe have solar panels on his Delaware Beach House? No, Old Joe has old fashioned electricity. Why do they have beach houses anyway? The ocean is rising!

John Kerry, the Climate Czar, refuses to release any Freedom of Information documents until October 2024. His Climate Office tells staff not to leave a paper trail. Remember what the Mob used to say? Why speak, when you can nod? Why nod, when you can wink? The Climate Elite Mob is not very Green or transparent.

Top of Form
Signed, your humble, local realistic insurgent,

BEV GUDANOWSKI
UXBRIDGE

Organized planning

So far, we've discussed Desire, Faith, Specialized Knowledge, and Imagination as fundamental in your quest to accomplish your dream. Now we will move on to the fifth step, ORGANIZED

PLANNING.

When you read that, you probably thought you must begin to think through a master plan to accomplish your objective. That's true, but there is one essential component to ORGANIZED PLANNING often overlooked.

None of us have the education, experience, foresight, ability, creativity, capability, or knowledge to devise and carry out an organized plan ourselves.

Once you've done your best to invent an organized plan, it won't be good enough. You must ally yourself with experts in every field you can identify to develop a flawless plan. You won't be able to do it alone.

Do you have the legal knowledge to implement your plan, or will you need a legal advisor? Do you have the know-how to create a financial plan, or will you need a Chief Financial Officer? Do you have the expertise to market yourself, your product, or your service? If not, then you'll need a marketing expert. Do you have the technical knowledge to build what you need on the internet, or will you need to find someone who can create the website or platform you desire?

Sports stars, actors, and musicians have publicists, agents, managers, lawyers, coaches, trainers, and a team. Nobody makes it happen on their own.

You may feel a bit overwhelmed. You may wonder how you can find the people necessary to accomplish your dream. The good news is that if you have the desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and imagination, a team will naturally start to coalesce around you.

A star athlete will have the team form around them because they are winning. An actor will have a team grow up around them because they are booking jobs. If you're a CEO, your team will organically begin to develop if you're aggressively moving the vision forward.

That doesn't mean you won't have to look for the right team members. You'll probably need to create ads and search for the right job prospects.

Success will result from a team of people helping you push forward and break through barriers to overcome obstacles.

An organized plan always works better when implemented by a team of experts strategizing and creating a group-organized plan for success.

Once you have your team, you'll need to communicate with them regularly. Keep them updated, informed, and in the loop. Share the good news so they stay motivated.

If they have advice, listen to them. If they have ideas, hear them out. Make them feel unique and special because they are. You need them. Promote peace, harmony, and unity amongst your alliance at all times.

Compensation is key. Often, we will need to ask those around us to help for free initially, but that only lasts for so long. With desire, faith, specialized knowledge, and imagination, you will cause others to see and believe your vision for a time, but it won't be enough to keep them around forever if they aren't compensated fairly.

If you cannot pay them, you'll need to ensure they have a future stake in the company. That could be a percentage of money earned or an equity share. You'll need to balance giving too much and giving too little. Remember that having 10% of something is better than having 100% of nothing.

There will be failures; there will be people who drop out of your alliance. If you're convinced of your success and don't let it affect you, the next person who comes to replace them will often advance the vision much further than the last person ever could.

Developing an organized plan is crucial to accomplishing your dreams. To create the best plan, you'll need a team of experts. Promote harmony and unity with them at all times. Give credit where credit is due, and realize your success will be a team effort.

Join me next week to read about the next step you'll need to take to accomplish your dream!

When can you choose retirement?

If you're like most people, your work has been a central part of your life. So, wouldn't it be nice to have the flexibility to decide when you no longer want to work?

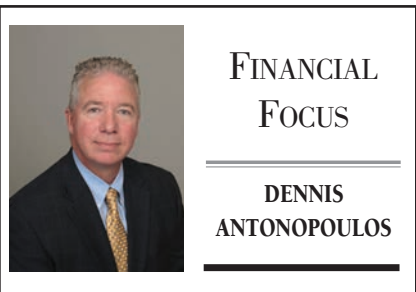
Many people of retirement age have achieved this type of control. In fact, two-thirds of workers ages 65 and older say they work primarily because they want to, not because they have to, according to a 2021 study by Edward Jones and Age Wave. But that means that one-third of workers in this age group feel financially compelled to work. This doesn't necessarily mean they dislike the work they do — but it's probably fair to

say they would have liked the option of not working. How can you give yourself this choice?

You can start by asking yourself these questions:

When do I want to retire? You'll want to identify the age at which you wish to retire. You may change your mind later and move this date up or back, but it's a good idea to have a target in mind.

What sort of retirement lifestyle do I want? When you retire, do you anticipate staying close to home and pursuing your hobbies, or do you hope to travel the world?



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Would you like to spend your time volunteering? Open your own business or do some consulting? Clearly, some of these choices will require more resources than others, so you'll want to follow a financial strategy that aligns with the retirement lifestyle you intend to pursue.

Am I saving and investing enough? As you chart your course toward your

retirement journey, you'll want to assess the sources of income you'll have available. If you think you may be falling short of achieving your retirement goals, you may need to consider saving more.

When should I start taking Social Security? You can begin collecting Social Security benefits as early as 62, but your monthly payments will be much bigger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. Your decision about when to take Social Security will depend on several factors, includ-

ing your other sources of income and your family history of longevity. Of course, as you're probably aware, the Social Security system is facing significant financial stress, so it's possible that we may see changes to Social Security, based on actions Congress could take. In any case, you might want to be fairly conservative in estimating how much Social Security can contribute to your retirement income.

By addressing the above questions, you can get a clearer sense of when you might reach the point at which work is optional. But you'll also need to con-

sider other factors, too, such as how much you enjoy working or when your spouse or partner is planning to retire. In any case, the sooner you start planning for this next phase of your life, the better position you'll be in when it's time to make the transition.

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Hoping the heat breaks

The hot weather should have broken by the time you read this column. I have had enough of this hot humid weather for this summer, although some people love it. It is summer, they say! Farm crops have suffered severely this year, and water supplies have in most area towns receded to dangerously low levels. I would not be surprised to hear of numerous fish kills, from the unusually low levels of water in most ponds and lakes, because of little rain fall.

Fishing continued to provide some anglers with a bit of action on many local freshwater ponds, but most anglers that are fishing report slow action. Anglers fishing the saltwater are having some good days and bad days depending on who you talk to. This week's picture shows a happy angler from Mendon with a real impressive Fluke taken last week aboard a charter boat in Galilee, R.I. Fishing for fluke has been slow on most boats, with very



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few keeper fish being caught. Fortunately, some seabass are keeping anglers catching fish, but even those fish are mostly shorts.

Public hearings on cod & seabass are being scheduled for the North Shore, but do not get too excited! Their proposals include one cod per angler starting Sept. 1- Oct. 7. Twenty haddock per angler is being proposed for the 2023 season starting in May. Haddock size is going to be 17 inches if the proposals are passed.

The month of August is being designated as a push to clear the kennels of pets that are looking for new homes in Mass.! More beagles have also been brought to Mass. from the research center in Virginia. Hopefully, they can all be found good homes ASAP. The deplorable treatment of these research animals, needs to be a wakeup call to all state agencies that stricter regulations and constant inspection of these facilities, needs to be done more often. As a

dog lover, it makes me sick to watch the daily news, describing the way these animals are treated.

Do not forget to check out the status of your antlerless deer permit for Mass. sportsmen. You can go online, if the site is working, and check to see if you have been selected as a winner of a permit for the 2022 deer season. Do not forget that the permits now cost \$10! There were some problems with the site last week, but should be up and running now.

Bee stings are on the rise, with reports of numerous residents being stung this past week! Some residents have had severe reactions to the bee stings. Many people that are aware that they are allergic to bee stings, and carry an EpiPen to treat the sting, & need to be reminded that they do have a shelf life. Be sure your pen is up to date! To some people it can be a matter of life or death.

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!



Courtesy
This week's picture shows Kurt Bellefontaine with an impressive fluke!

Take the Hint!

Summer is winding down and seasonal chores are adding up, but thankfully readers took time from their busy schedules to share an assortment of tips and tricks that worked for them!

From cooking and cleaning tips to a safety trick, read on for this month's roundup of Reader Hints!

Too many Zucchini? A reader shares his effortless way to enjoy more of the garden squash:

Here is another great use for Zucchini: Cut spears of Zucchini and put them in the Claussen pickle jar. Chill overnight and you will enjoy them. Maybe better than with using Cucumbers.

Paul Davignon
Uxbridge, MA

This reader has keeping asparagus fresh all wrapped up!:

In addition to cutting off hard ends of asparagus stalks before placing stalks upright in container with 1-2" water, use a piece of plastic wrap to "hood" the tips. Secure loosely with an elastic. Now, the tips will not dry out and stay fresh for several days!

Nan Johnson
Auburn, MA

This eco-friendly tip saves both money and the

planet!

Just want to share my recently discovered money-saving helpful hint: I have a dog that constantly sheds and tracks dirt on my light colored kitchen floor. Instead of using costly and environmentally unfriendly Swiffer wet and dry pads to clean it, I bought inexpensive face cloths and microfiber cloths that fit into the Swiffer mop. The microfiber cloths do a better job of cleaning the floor than the Swiffer pads when I spray my cleaning solution on the floor, and the facecloths allow me to easily dry the floor. When done, I just toss the cloths into the laundry instead of into the trash. A win for my pocketbook and a win for the environment!

Irene White

Love garlic but hate the lingering smell on your hands? Read on:

Whenever you chop or mince fresh garlic, the smell of garlic stays on your fingers all day. To eliminate the odor, wash your hands then dry them. Then rub your fingers all over your faucet. The smell of garlic disappears.

Donna Lewandowski
Charlton, MA

This regular reader shares a tip that could

halt a safety hazard:

I was recently reading about a grade school boy about the age of 10, who couldn't get the bottled water his mom packed for his snack. Like a kid, he stuck in his mouth to try to twist the cap with his teeth and squeezed the bottle just as it loosened forcing the cap down into his windpipe! He pounded his chest at the teacher's desk and thank God she knew what was wrong and did the Heimlich maneuver!

For years I have kept a rubber band on my coffee mug and kitchen/office cabinet handles to grip tight lids. It is a great thing to teach a child that a doubled over rubber band wrapped around the cap can help loosen it so they don't stick soda, water, or other bottles in their mouths to use their teeth to open!

Viola Bramel
Northbridge, MA

A t t e n t i o n Readers: Plea for Home Remedy to treat Poison Ivy

I have a severe allergy to Poison Ivy. I have been under a Doctor's care for over a month and the rash and the itch are still lingering. When I was young I was treated with a homemade formula that was excellent. I moved away and the remedy is no longer available. Since then I have used

medicines etc. with varying degrees of success. Is what I have something different? It could be but the treatment is about the same as always. And so, I ask if you have been told of any home remedies that have been successful in the past that you could share with me and other readers. It is most aggravating, as you might imagine.

I read your articles every week and have enjoyed every one. Please send your best advice for this problem.

Thank you. JS

Hi JS: So sorry you are going through this! I appeal to readers to share any poison ivy "cures" they may know of. Readers, if you have any home remedies to heal poison ivy rashes, please send them in!

Meanwhile, I am sure you are familiar with the common poison ivy remedies of baking soda; calamine lotion; and oatmeal baths. Did you also know over the counter creams with zinc acetate, zinc oxide and zinc carbonate also ease itching, reduce oozing, weeping, and swelling of the rash?

Here are some home treatments to try:

*H202: Hydrogen peroxide rates high on improving itch and drying out the poison ivy rash. Simply pour 3% hydrogen peroxide in a spray bottle or dab a cot-



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ton ball with H202 and spray the affected areas and allow to air dry.

*Or, try Witch Hazel, which has been an effective Poison Ivy treatment for generations. Just apply as above. The itching and inflammation should subside within minutes!

*Eucalyptus oil is a natural anti-inflammatory. Apply with to the poison ivy rash and allow to dry to naturally sooth the skin and promote healing.

*From the Farmers' Almanac: Make a paste from one tablespoon of salt, 1/8 teaspoon of peppermint essential oil, 1 to 2 cups green clay, and a little water (just enough to give it a pasty texture). Apply liberally and leave in place for approximately 30 minutes. Rinse. Apply 2-3 times daily.

Prize Winner
Congratulations to Nan Johnson of Auburn, MA who submitted the kitchen tip above. Her name was drawn for Dinner for Two at the Publick House.

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LAND: WEBSTER/OXFORD/PUTNAM

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OXFORD - LAND - RTE 20 General Business Zoned! Marijuana OVERLAY DISTRICT! Vacant LAND, Level & cleared. 39.549 SF. **\$419,000.**

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DUDLEY: 2 units, 2, levels, 2 baths, 3 bedrooms in owners unit, 1st floor has 3 bedrooms, 2 car garage
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CHARLTON: 5 Acre Lot, Area of Custom Built Homes
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to health and wellbeing,” according to the town statement, which adds that this provides an advantage for Grafton’s senior population.

“However, Shannon is aware of the challenges of her new role. As a person several years younger than the population she is serving, Shannon plans to work hard to build genuine relationships with our senior population to ensure she gets the full scope of their experiences and perspectives,” the town released. “Shannon has stated that she has been drawn to working with the senior population since Graduate School and is excited to work with her new community.”

When she is not at work, Smith is an avid runner, hiker, gardener, and cook. She recently moved back to the Grafton area with her fiancé and their dog, Papi; all three are “excited to establish new roots in Massachusetts,” the town added.

CELEBRATION

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the Skills Park come to fruition.”

“One of the best riding areas in the region is getting better,” NEMBA released in a statement on its website. “While most people think that Skills Parks are for kids...nothing could be further from the truth. Skills Parks are for everyone.”

Attendees do not have to be a member of the organization, NEMBA released, to come to the event.

“We’ve been very busy building a Skills Park at West Hill Dam, which is nearing completion,” said Brian Belfer, chapter president of the Blackstone Valley NEMBA, in a statement on the organization’s website. “We’re extremely fortunate and thankful to have received a NEMBA Signature Trails Grant to help fund it.”

Belfer said that the Uxbridge location is “within reasonable distance” to lots of friends in adjacent chapters.

“If you can’t make this event, then please come visit West Hill Dam any time—we want to make sure everyone knows the park exists, and that we have NEMBA to thank for it,” Belfer added.

For more information about the event or to register, visit the event link online at: nemba.org/node/2900.

CRASH

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Holanda and three rear-seat passengers—identified as 20-year-old Gabriel Brandao, 19-year-old Julio Da Silva, and 18-year-old Abraham Seri, all of Milford—were able to free themselves from the vehicle and were transported to UMass Medical Center in Worcester with “serious non-life-threatening injuries,” police said.

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Fire/EMS personnel removed Osanya, the front-seat passenger, after extensive extrication, according to reports.

“Osanya later died from his injuries at UMass Medical Center,” the Upton Police Department released.

As of press time, the crash was under investigation by members of the Upton Police Department,

the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council, and the Collision Reconstruction Team and Investigators from the Worcester County District Attorney’s Office. The Upton Police Department added that Upton Police and Fire/EMS were assisted at the scene with extrication and transport of the victims by mutual aid partners from Hopkinton, Mendon, Westborough, and Northbridge.



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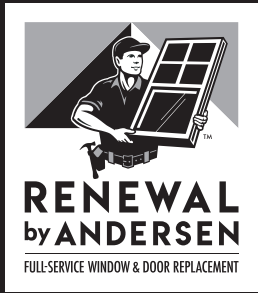
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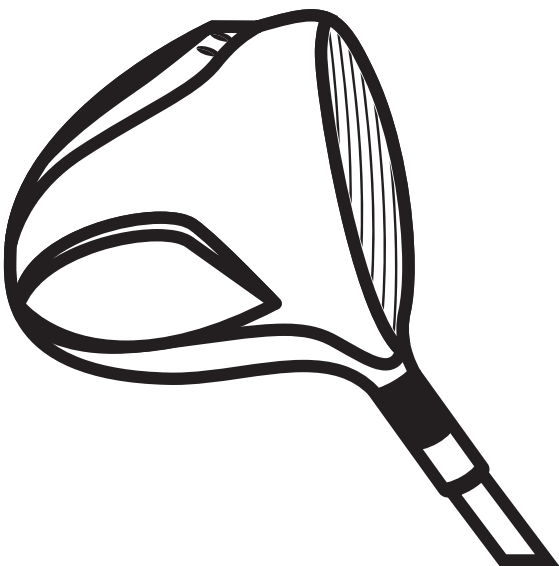
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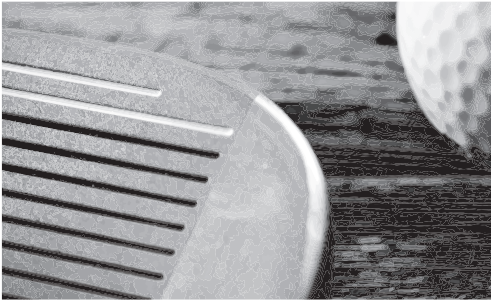
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- A. 4 18 18**
Clue: Cleared area on golf course
- B. 5 23 20 22 10**
Clue: Used in golf play
- C. 5 1 20 2 10 18**
Clue: Where to play golf
- D. 26 25 21 17 16 5 25 3**
Clue: Average number of strokes over par

Answers: A. tee B. clubs C. course D. handicap

SUDOKU

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5	7	6	1	4	2	3	9	8
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ANSWER:

Pickle Ball, anyone?

DOUGLAS — A Pickle Ball league is being considered in Douglas.

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St. Patrick’s announces Autumn recycling event

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Julie Richer graduated from Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

MEDFORD — Julie Richer, DVM, of Whitinsville, recently graduated from Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University during its 40th commencement ceremony on May 22.

Across all schools at Tufts University, approximately 3,275 undergraduate, graduate, and professional school students were awarded degrees during the university’s annual commencement, which featured an address by award-winning historian, scholar, and writer Erika Lee.

About Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

Founded in 1978 in North Grafton, Mass., Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University is internationally esteemed for academic programs that impact society and the practice of veterinary medicine; seven teaching hospitals and clinics that combined log more than 100,000 animal cases each year; and groundbreaking research that benefits animal, human, and environmental health.

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AUBURN RECREATION AND CULTURE SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

This past week the boys’ and girls’ divisions of the Auburn Recreation and Culture Summer Basketball League got into playoff play, and the Final Four has been set as of press time. Please check back again next week for the results of the semifinals and coinciding championship contests.

Below are the latest league results.

Boys’ Basketball

Monday, Aug. 1 — Playoff First Round

Uxbridge, 43, Tahanto 33

Auburn 57, Leicester 31

Quaboag 52, Bay Path 31

Bartlett 46, Tantasqua 37

Grafton 56, Oxford 55

Quabbin 56, Shepherd Hill 50

Millbury 51, Southbridge 42

David Prouty 45, Sutton 33

Wednesday, Aug. 3 — Playoff Quarterfinals

David Prouty 57, Bartlett 29

Millbury 61, Auburn 43

Quaboag 45, Quabbin 38

Uxbridge 65, Grafton 34

The Final Four and championship game are set for Monday, Aug. 8, after press time.

Girls’ Basketball

Tuesday, Aug. 2 — Playoff Quarterfinals

Worcester South 59, Auburn 28


Tantasqua 32, Northbridge 19

Quabbin 31, Notre Dame Academy 30

Sutton defeated Uxbridge (forfeit)

The Final Four and championship game, originally scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 4, has been moved to Tuesday, Aug. 9 “due to extreme heat and wanting to keep our players safe,” according to an email sent out by Kristen Pappas, Director of Recreation and Culture for the Town of Auburn.

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Milford Federal Bank appoints Daniel McElhinney VP, Retail Market Manager

MILFORD — Milford Federal Bank announced today that Daniel McElhinney has joined the Bank as VP, Retail Market Manager. Mr. McElhinney will lead a growing team of Milford Federal's Retail Bankers.

"We are thrilled to welcome Daniel to our Retail Banking Team" said Paul Gilbody President & CEO. "Daniel's depth and experience in Retail Banking expands our capabilities significantly

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McElhinney has more than 29 years' experience as a Retail Market Manager at institutions such as; Sovereign Bank, Berkshire Bank and East Boston Savings Bank.

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