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## SUNSET OVER CHARLTON

Charlton Middle School Principal Dean Packard captured this gorgeous sunset over his front lawn in Charlton on a recent Friday evening and shared it with the community on the school's Twitter feed.

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# Baker unveils phased reopening plan

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

REGION – Gov. Charlie Baker unveiled his multi-phased plan for reopening the state last week, announcing several requirements needed for certain businesses to return.

Local business owners were hoping for a quick return to work following the Governor's May 18 announcement, but several businesses will have to remain closed for now. The Governor's latest guidelines, dubbed as a "safer at home" policy, only allowed places of worship, construction

sites, and manufacturing businesses to immediately reopen on May 18.

But just because certain sectors of the state are reopening, the Baker Administration continues to advise residents to stay at home as much as possible. This is no time to start heading back out in large groups, the Governor warned.

"The goal of this phased reopening plan is to methodically allow businesses, services, and activities to resume, while avoiding a resurgence of COVID-19 that could overwhelm the state's healthcare system and erase the progress

made so far," Baker said.

Manufacturing facilities, construction sites, and places of worship reopened last week under strict guidelines. Additionally, hospitals and community health centers can begin to provide high priority preventative care, pediatric care, and treatment for high-risk patients.

Under a staggered approach, additional Phase 1 sectors of the economy were permitted to reopen on May 25. These include the following:

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Each reopening phase will last a minimum of three weeks and could last longer before moving

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# Charlton adapts governor's reopening approach

BY JASON BLEAU  
VILLAGER CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON – With Gov. Charlie Baker announcing a four-phase plan to re-open the Commonwealth of Massachusetts over the next several months, local communities are now beginning to assess how each step of this process will affect them as the world seeks a return to normality following the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Charlton, Town Administrator Andrew Golas said the town has had to implement a stricter approach to reopening the town hall over the course of the next month. The town had originally planned its own phased approach to reopening, but now that the governor has issued a state-wide strategy Charlton will be adjusting its approach accordingly.

"At first, we had a little bit more of an aggressive re-opening plan, where we were hoping to open up to residents by appointment. When the governor's orders came out, they were a little unclear as to how they truly affected us. After getting a little bit more guidance from the Massachusetts Municipal Association, we basically had to make the determination that we weren't going to be allowed to have residents in the building until at least Phase 2 from the state level commences," Golas said. "Right now, we're basically planning that starting at the end of May offices will have two staff members at the

most per office with some rotating staffing on site. A lot of the actual services will still be provided remotely."

Golas said there are still plenty of unanswered questions that need to be resolved before Charlton fully re-opens and allows residents to enter the town hall. The plan right now is to follow state guidelines and re-open small parts of the town as allowed.

"We don't want to be too aggressive, and we're trying to figure out how everything fits with Charlton," Golas said. "As outdoor recreation opens up, we'll be looking to open the playgrounds and other facilities back up to the public. We haven't set any recommendations other than asking citizens to observe the social distancing practices and wear facemasks where social distancing can't be achieved."

As far as the town election and spring annual town meeting are set to be held on Saturday, June 13 and Monday, June 15, respectively. The election will be held indoors with new precautions put in place to protect the safety and health of workers and voters, while the annual town meeting will be held outside for 2020.

"We're going to be having the election still at the Heritage School with some safety precautions put in place. We're making final determinations on that," Golas said. "The game plan for the town meeting right now is to

hold it outside in front of the Charlton Middle School in the parking lot. We're also hammering out some of the details on that. We're hoping

for good weather and if there is inclement weather we'll hold it the next day."

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# Sturbridge boy's wish comes true

BY KEVIN FLANDERS  
STAFF WRITER

STURBRIDGE — Thanks to the generosity of multiple organizations, a local boy received his dream birthday gift last month.

Three-year-old Conor Canavan's wish for an outdoor playset became a reality in April, when Make-A-Wish

Massachusetts and Rhode Island supported the construction of new equipment in his backyard. Conor, who is undergoing treatment for a brain tumor, was thrilled to step outside and see his new playset.

"We kept him out of the backyard for the morning, and the

playset was completed during his nap," said Michelle Canavan, Conor's mother. "When he woke up, we brought him outside and it took a few minutes for him to realize something new was there. Once he realized there were swings, he was so excited and tried out each one."

The playset features a toddler bucket swing, a glider, steering wheels, and a slide, among others. On the day of the big reveal, members of the Sturbridge Police and Fire Departments drove by to add to the

celebration. After a picnic lunch for Conor and his crew, it was time for the youngster to check out his new fun zone in detail.

"The swings were his focus the first few days, but now he enjoys climbing the stairs, playing with the steering wheels, and going down the slide," added Michelle Canavan.

Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island creates life-changing wishes

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Three-year-old Conor Canavan's wish for an outdoor playset became a reality in April.



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# Evangelidis, reserve deputies assist Auburn seniors

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AUBURN — Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and members of the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association have been assisting over forty house-bound seniors who live at the Kateri Tekakwitha (KT Senior Housing) Building in Auburn during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Since early March, Sheriff Evangelidis and his Reserve Deputies have been on active volunteer duty every week assisting the elderly by completing their grocery shopping and medication pick-up to help them during the current health crisis.

Their mission, to help keep seniors safe and well during COVID-19 by limiting their exposure to the public. Both the Sheriff and his Reserve Deputies are incredibly proud to help out and the KT Housing seniors who have received their assistance during the pandemic are extremely grateful.

"I cannot thank Sheriff Evangelidis and these wonderful Reserve Deputies enough. This help means so much. Somebody cares out there and they are willing to help the elderly by picking up our groceries and medications during

this scary time," said KT Housing Resident Joan Cicio.

"I could not be more proud of our Reserve Deputies for their service during this pandemic to help our elderly stay safe and well. Our COVID-19 Response Program to assist our senior population with their grocery and medication pick-up each week during this challenging time is another extraordinary way of how our Reserve Deputies care and give back to our community," said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis.

The Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association is a charitable and civic organization, made up of Reserve Deputies who organize and sponsor many worthy charitable causes in Worcester County throughout the year, including Annual Food and Coat Drives and the Sheriff's Annual Senior Picnic. Over fifty Reserve Deputies responded to the call to assist the community during COVID-19.

"The Worcester County Reserve Deputy Sheriff's Association is an incredible force of good throughout Worcester County. We faithfully help thousands of folks in our community each year with our annual food and coat drives among many other charitable endeavors. During this uncertain and challenging time of COVID-19, we are certainly glad that we could be of assistance to help out our senior population," said Worcester County Sheriff Lew Evangelidis.

## Michael Madeiros of Charlton set to graduate from SUNY Potsdam

POTSDAM, N.Y. — Michael Madeiros of Charlton is set to graduate from SUNY Potsdam with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Archaeological Studies.

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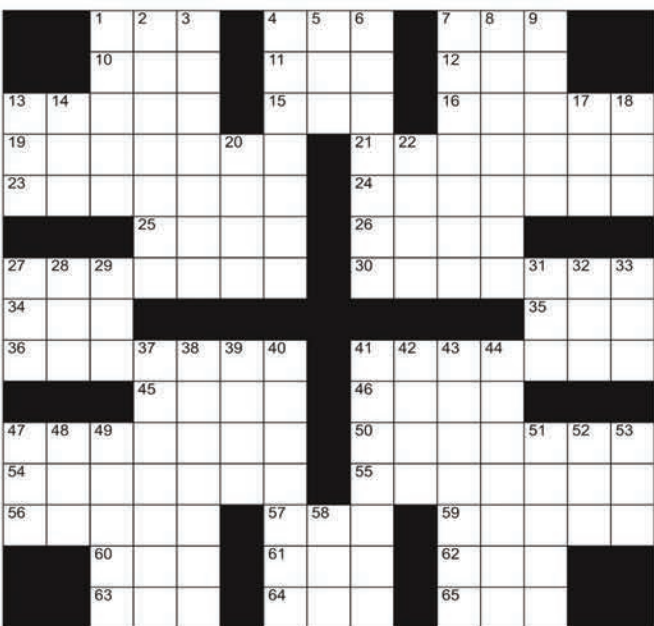
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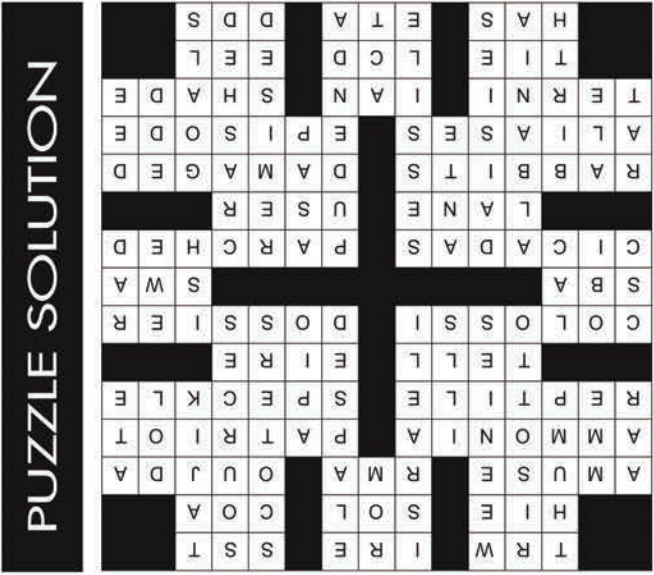


### CLUES ACROSS

1. It's now called Experian
4. You can draw it
7. Very fast aircraft
10. Go quickly
11. Fifth note of a major scale
12. Biochemical abbreviation
13. Make somebody laugh
15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
16. City in NE Morocco
19. Colorless gas
21. NE football player
23. A snake is one
24. Small spot
25. Inform
26. Republic of Ireland
27. Large statues
30. Documents about an individual
34. Helps little firms
35. Namibia's former name
36. Large insects
41. Thirsty
45. A well-defined track or path
46. One who utilizes
47. Plant-eating mammals
50. Not in tip-top shape
54. Alternate names
55. A part of a broadcast serial
56. City in central Italy
57. LOTR actor McKellen
59. Trees provide it
60. Men's fashion accessory
61. Type of screen
62. Snake-like fish
63. Possesses
64. When you aim to get there
65. Tooth caregiver

### CLUES DOWN

1. Hit heavily
2. Italian rice dish
3. Some are cocktail
4. A citizen of Israel
5. Read-only memory
6. Passed by
7. Northern diving ducks
8. References
9. Iranian language
13. Swiss river
14. Woman (French)
17. Gov't department (abbr.)
18. Consumed
20. Ailments
22. Balkan Jewish appetizer
27. Reciprocal of a sine
28. Skywalker mentor \_-Wan
29. Resinous secretion of insects
31. Similar
32. Female sheep
33. Cool!
37. Borders the Adriatic Sea
38. Flowers
39. It's sometimes upped
40. Immobile
41. Female body parts
42. Common request
43. Made a second thrust
44. Fell into deep sleep
47. Subway resident
48. Brew
49. The event of being born
51. Aspirations
52. Doctor of Education
53. Punk musician \_ Dee Ramone
58. A subdivision of a play



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# QCC's Wyvern graduates ready to change the world

WORCESTER — While the words may have been sent remotely, the sentiments were the same for the more than 1,400 2020 graduates of Quinsigamond Community College. Amid an ongoing pandemic, the College held its first virtual Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 21.

QCC President Dr. Luis Pedraja told graduates of the amazing legacy they are leaving for others and of the power that each one of them wields as they enter the next chapter in their lives.

“One day people will look back on this time and wonder how we did it. We know why. We are a community college. We are a community and we know how to beat the odds and emerge success-

ful,” he said. “You have reached the mountain top, but don’t stop here, there are many more mountains to conquer. Be brave, be courageous, and look back on what you’ve accomplished and take strength from it, and transform our world into a better place.”

Student Government Association President, Jorgo Gushi, encouraged his fellow graduates to be proud and mindful of this moment in time.

“The fireworks begin today. Each diploma is a lighted match and each one of you is the fuse. Take pride in how far you’ve come, have faith in how far you can go and don’t forget to enjoy the journey,” Mr. Gushi said.

Commissioner of Higher Education for Massachusetts, Carlos

Santiago sent remote greetings to the graduates, acknowledging the unprecedented virtual commencement, yet focusing on their accomplishments and successes, particularly as they navigated remote learning in their last semester.

“I can guarantee when you look back on this many years from now, this will be the most celebratory experience you will remember,” he said. “We need you to help rebuild our society and our country, not with a vision of returning to the past, but rather creating a new future. One that must be created on mutual respect, valuing all members of our society.”

QCC Psychology Professor Colson told students of the pride both she and her colleagues felt for the Class of 2020

as they overcame barriers, brought on, or exacerbated by the global pandemic.

“Know this, the Class of 2020 will forever be an inspiration for faculty,” she said. “I hope you understand how inspiring you are to others who are just starting their journey in these uncertain times.”

Mr. Gushi’s impassioned speech compared his long flight overseas from his homeland of Albania with his academic and personal journey at QCC.

“When I started at QCC I made my name ‘George,’ because I was uncomfortable in my own skin, unsure of who I was and wanted to be. My classmates, professors and coworkers built the confidence in me to

finally start referring to myself as ‘Jorgo,’ my true self,” he said. “At QCC, our perspectives, our talents, our histories and our voices were accepted, fostered and supported. We found our true selves.”

President Pedraja said he felt that in spite of the challenges today due to the pandemic, he sees a bright future because of these graduates.

“Our mascot, the wyvern, is a mythical guardian of the community. This has been even more evident these past few weeks with many of our current students and alumni serving our community in its hour of need. Now as graduates, you will go on to be guardians of our community and of our world. Today more than ever our world needs more

wyverns. Go and change the world,” he said.

To view QCC’s Virtual Commencement Ceremony, visit [www.QCC.edu/commencement](http://www.QCC.edu/commencement). Public access station WCCA-TV, Worcester Cable Channel 194, will replay part one of the ceremony next Friday, May 29 and part two, Saturday, May 30, both at 9:30 p.m. For photos and messages from QCC graduates, visit [#Quinsig2020](https://www.facebook.com/Quinsig2020).

For more information on 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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OBITUARIES

Joanne Miller Pearson, 78

Joanne Miller Pearson, 78, of Blacksburg, VA, passed away on May 15, 2020, at the Palliative Care Unit of Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital. She was born on April 22, 1942, in Worcester, MA, to John C. Miller and Laola S. Miller, who preceded her in death. Surviving are her husband, Ronald E. Pearson, one daughter, Stacey Ismail and her husband, Mohammad, of Morrisville, NC; one son, Thomas Pearson, and his wife, Michele, of Gloucester, VA; two granddaughters, Nikkisue Pearson and Heather Pearson, of Gloucester, VA; one brother, John C. Miller Jr., of Stannard, VT; and one sister, Patricia Miller, of Blacksburg, VA.

Joanne earned three degrees in Home Economics Education: a B.S. from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (1964); an M.S. from Iowa State University, Ames (1969); and a Ph.D. from Iowa State (1971). In 1985, she earned a second M.A., this one in Human Nutrition and Foods (Foods Option) from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA. She was a professor in the Department of health Sciences at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, from 1986-1998.

Joanne was deeply committed to good food for the world. Professionally, she held a number of offices in the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) involving considerable international travel. In 2001, she was a Fulbright Scholar at the Technical

University of Moldova, later serving as co-leader of an IFHE/NGO-Partnaires project funded by Monsanto to develop school gardens in Moldova.

Joanne was a registered dietitian. She was a member of both the American and Virginia Associations of Family and Consumer Sciences (whose Leaders Award she received in 1999), the American and Southwest Virginia Dietetic Associations, and the Virginia Dietetic Association (now Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics). The VDA recognized her with their Distinguished Dietitian Award in 1999.

In addition to her many professional contributions, Joanne served personally in a number of ways. She was an active member of Northside Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir and served as both elder and deacon, with a particular focus on mission and outreach. She volunteered in the diabetes education program at Lewis Gale Montgomery Hospital, and she was devoted to the Montgomery County Christmas Store.

A memorial service will be held at Northside Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg, VA, at a later date. After that, a graveside memorial service will be held at West Ridge Cemetery, Charlton, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Montgomery County Christmas Store (VA), or to the Virginia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Patricia S. Lodge



CHARLTON - Patricia S. Lodge of Charlton, formerly of Walpole, passed away Sunday, May 10th at the Overlook Rehab Center. For 70 years she was the beloved and devoted wife of Charles W. Lodge also

of Charlton. She was born April 30, 1926 in Toledo, Ohio to Vella M. and Delbert E. Snare. She spent many of her early years on the family farm in Michigan before returning to Toledo. She attended Miami University majoring in fine arts. Her creativity became her hallmark whether it was painting, drawing, stenciling, knitting, needlework or quilting. After raising her children, she attended Curry College and became a special education teacher in the Braintree public schools for 15 years. She was a long time parishioner at Epiphany Parish Walpole, St. Paul's Millis and Christ Church Rochdale. She was active in many groups including St Agatha's Altar Guild and lead a project to create needlepoint kneelers at Epiphany. In her retirement, she served

in the board of the Walpole Scholarship Fund.

In addition to her husband Charles, she is survived by her children David of Walpole, Tom and Terri of Spring Island, SC, Jim and Sue of Treasure Island, FL, Anne Lodge and Polly Irish of Everett, WA and Mary and Greg Pratt of Laguna Niguel, CA. She is also survived by her grandchildren who each brought her great joy. David and Laura Lodge, Mary and TJ Becker, Susan Lodge, Sarah Lodge, Allison and Ryan Forsman, Jonathan Lodge, Lauren and Henri Floris, Kellie and Joseph Frissora, Melissa Lodge, Samson Irish-Lodge, Carrie Pratt, John Pratt and Joe Pratt and four great granddaughters Anna Becker, Jillian Forsman, Lavinia and Marigold Floris.

Services were broadcast live on Friday, May 15. Interment will follow at Sharon Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Walpole Scholarship Foundation or the Walpole Public Library, 143 School St. Walpole, MA 02081

An online guestbook is available at [www.BelangerFuneralHome.com](http://www.BelangerFuneralHome.com)

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Teachers Association announces scholarship recipients

CHARLTON/DUDLEY — The Dudley-Charlton Teachers Association is excited to announce the annual scholarship recipients from Shepherd Hill Regional High School's Class of 2020.

Two scholarships are presented annually to students who will be entering the field of education.

We would like to extend our "Congratulations" to Adam Ide and Andrew Stefanik as the recipients from the Class of 2020. They will each receive a \$1500.00 scholarship to support their journey in education.

We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them the best as they begin their college education.

University of New Hampshire announces May 2020 graduates

DURHAM, New Hampshire — The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham Saturday, May 16, 2020, during a virtual celebration. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement

ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

Juliette Fiske of Charlton graduated with a BA degree in Communication.

Aaron Kearnan of Uxbridge graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BSENVE degree in Environmental Engineering.

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# A most solemn holiday

As many events over the past few months have been cancelled in an attempt to flatten the Coronavirus curve, Memorial Day celebrations were not exempt. Typical ceremonies were altered as a way to honor those lost serving our country while still maintaining safety.

When Memorial Day was first celebrated, it was known as Decoration Day following the Civil War. Youngsters would place flowers in cemeteries while they sang songs and honored those lost due to war. The Civil War, which ended in 1865, took the lives of more people than any other war in the history of the United States; the estimate is roughly 620,000, with the Union losing 365,000 and the Confederacy 260,000. History says that more than half of these losses came as the result of disease. As a result, the first national cemeteries were created.

In 1868, General John A. Logan, the leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans called for a nationwide day to honor fallen soldiers. General James Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery on the first Decoration Day and the more than 5,000 people in attendance decorated more than 2,000 graves, both Union and Confederate.

The holiday, as we all know, is celebrated on the last Monday in May, and became an official holiday in the year 1971. Parades across the country take place, and people visit cemeteries where family members who have served in the military have been laid to rest.

At 3 p.m. every year, a moment of silence takes place across the country. In December of 2008, President Bill Clinton signed the “National Moment of Remembrance Act” which designated the time be at 3 p.m. In 1966, the government marked Waterloo, New York as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. In Waterloo, every business in town would shut their doors and owners would venture out to decorate graves with flags as well as flowers.

Originally, Decoration Day was intended to honor those lost in just the Civil War. After the First World War, America felt the need, and rightfully so, to honor all those lost serving their country. In WWI, 116,516 Americans died at war, and 405,399 were lost during WWII. The Korean War took 36,574 lives, and the Vietnam War cost 58,220 lives. A total of 4,411 were lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 73 in Operation New Dawn, 2,346 as the result of Operation Enduring Freedom, 48 in Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and 61 in Operation Inherent Resolve.

We hope that our readers, and all Americans, took a moment at some point over the long weekend, even in the midst of our current circumstances, to pause and remember the reason for this most solemn of holidays.

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So, what are you waiting for? Start writing!

# OPINION

VIEWS AND COMMENTARY FROM CHARLTON, CHARLTON CITY, CHARLTON DEPOT AND BEYOND

## The Rx Garden: Growing Medicinal Plants

For centuries plants have been grown for medicine, and in modern times “medicinal” herbs such as lavender, garlic and chamomile have long been familiar sights in a backyard plot. With the current focus on natural remedies, gardeners are rediscovering the healing varieties of plants and herbs – and expanding their gardens to plant specifically to treat common maladies. Whether you want to halt a headache or boost your brain power, chances are the solution is as easy as plucking a plant from your backyard garden (or windowsill).

The following roster of remedies highlights some familiar plants and their medicinal uses.



**TAKE THE HINT**

**KAREN TRAINOR**

natural state, simply washed and tossed in a salad or cold drink.

Garlic: Fresh garlic contains compounds that help flush heavy metals out of the body.

- Note: Information is offered for general interest only and should not be taken as health advice. Contact your physician before ingesting or applying any herbs or plants.
- \*\***
- Headache**
- Clematis:** This flower has been known to work wonders on migraine headaches. Simply chew the petals or steep them into a tea.
- \*\***
- Feverfew:** Use the leaves and flowers of this medicinal herb for teas; chew leaves to ease headache pain (including migraines). Its also been shown to provide relief for arthritis, and skin conditions.
- \*\***
- Insomnia**
- Lemon Balm** promotes sleep as it acts as a very mild sedative. It is also helpful in treating stress and nervous headaches. To make a fresh Lemon Balm tea: steep one teaspoon of fresh leaves in one cup of boiling water. Steep covered for ten minutes. Strain and enjoy.
- \*\***
- Chamomile:** A common garden herb, Chamomile is a muscle relaxer that has mild sedating properties. Chamomile tea has long been used to relieve stress and promote sleep. It is also used to treat anxiety in sufferers young and old.
- \*Please keep in mind those who have allergies to ragweed, chrysanthemums or asters, should not use Chamomile.
- \*\***
- Anxiety**
- Lavender:** Want to relax? Plant lavender. The scent of lavender prompts calmness. Studies report that the smell of lavender triggers alpha waves in the part of the brain associated with a relaxed state.
- \*\***
- Lemon Balm:** Lemon Balm made into a tea is a relaxing tea that reduces restlessness, anxiety and irritability. And it’s also used to treat anxiety that causes digestive problems.
- \*\***
- Skullcap:** Is an anti anxiety herb with few side effects, Skullcap helps calm the “worrier” who has racing thoughts and constant fret. This herb is useful for all types of anxiety but has also been hailed as an aid for stress caused by hormonal imbalances in women.
- \*\*\***
- Digestion**
- Dill:** The dill plant, long used as a natural cure for baby colic, is an herb that’s known for its ability to aid digestion. Brewing as a tea or simply chewing on several seeds after eating can help natural digestion and prevent tummy troubles. For tea, crush dill seed and add a tablespoon to a cup of boiling water. Strain to pour a clear tea.
- \*\***
- Lemon verbena:** An herbal tea aids digestion and helps calm intestinal cramps and gas pains.
- \*\***
- Peppermint:** For a tummy soothing tea, pour boiling water over freshly picked peppermint leaves and add a teaspoon of honey for flavor.
- \*\***
- Lemon Balm:** A tea made from Lemon Balm relieves abdominal pains and cramps.
- \*\***
- Detoxing Agent**
- Cilantro:** Eaten fresh (as in a salad or steamed), the tasty herb binds to toxic metals that accumulate in the organs, aiding the body in disposing of them.
- \*\***
- Pansies:** The flowers with the “faces” have been touted as a valuable detoxifying. Pansies grown without pesticides can be enjoyed in their

## Know risk tolerance at different stages of life

an investor, you’ll always need to deal with risk of some kind. But how can you manage the risk that’s been made clear by the recent volatility in the financial markets? The answer to this question may depend on where you are in life. Let’s look at some different life stages and how you might deal with risk at each of them: When you’re first starting out ... If you’re early in your career, with perhaps four or even five decades to go until you retire, you can likely afford to invest primarily for growth, which also means you’ll be taking on a higher level of risk, as risk and reward are positively correlated. But, given your age, you have time to overcome the market downturns that are both inevitable and a normal part of investing. Consequently, your risk tolerance may be relatively high. Still, even at this stage, being over-aggressive can be costly. When you’re in the middle stages ... At this time of your life, you’re well along in your career, and you’re probably working on at least a couple of financial goals, such as saving for retirement and possibly for your children’s college education. So, you still need to be investing for growth, which means you’ll likely need to maintain a relatively high risk tolerance. Nonetheless, it’s a good idea to have some balance in your portfolio, so you’ll want to consider a mix of investments that align with each of your goals. When you’re a few years from retirement ... Now, you might have already achieved some key goals – perhaps your kids have finished college and you’ve paid off your mortgage. This may mean you have more money available to put away for retirement, but you’ll still have to think carefully about how much risk you’re willing to take. Since you’re going to retire soon, you might consider rebalancing your portfolio to include some more conservative investments, whose value is less susceptible to financial market fluctuations. The reason? In just a few years, when you’re retired, you will need to start taking withdrawals from your investment portfolio – essentially, you’ll be selling investments, so, as much as possible, you’ll want to avoid selling them when their price is down. Nonetheless, having a balanced and diversified portfolio doesn’t fully protect against a loss. However, you can further reduce the future risk of being overly dependent on selling variable investments by devoting a certain percentage of your portfolio to cash and cash equivalents and designating this portion to be used for your daily expenses during the years immediately preceding, and possibly spilling into, your retirement. When you’re retired ... Once you’re retired, you might think you should take no risks at all. But you could spend two or three decades in retirement, so you may need some growth potential in your portfolio to stay ahead of inflation. Establishing a withdrawal rate – the amount you take out each year from your investments – that’s appropriate for your lifestyle and projected longevity can reduce the risk of outliving your money. Of course, if there’s an extended market downturn during any time of your retirement, you may want to lower your withdrawal rate temporarily. As you can see, your tolerance for risk, and your methods of dealing with it, can change over time. By being aware of this progression, you can make better-informed investment decisions.

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- FINANCIAL FOCUS**
- JEFF BURDICK**
- Pansies:** Pansies act as an anti inflammatory. The flowers may be made into a healthful tincture or tea.
- \*\***
- Brain Boosters**
- Lemon Balm:** Taken as a tea, Lemon Balm is hailed as an herb that sharpens the mind and improves mental performance and memory.
- \*\***
- Rosemary:** The tasty spice herb has long been used as a remedy for age related memory loss.
- \*\***
- Sage:** Two university studies showed that those given Sage performed better in a word recall test. Experiments also revealed Sage can boost the same brain chemicals that decrease with Alzheimer’s Disease.
- \*\***
- Skin Care**
- Dandelion:** Although you won’t want to plant dandelions, a plentiful supply of the weed is likely available. The yellow flowers, when made into an infusion can aid in reducing both large pores and age spots. Steep fresh blossoms in boiling water, allow to cool and apply to skin. The sticky liquid in the stems is used to shrink warts.
- \*\***
- Pansy:** The pansy is beneficial in treating eczema. To make a pansy poultice for external skin application to treat eczema and impetigo, simply add two tablespoons of pansy petals to two cups boiling water. Allow to steep for about 20 minutes and cool. Soak clean cloth in mixture and apply to skin.
- \*\***
- Sage:** Drinking sage tea can prevent and treat fever blisters and cold sores. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over edible sage leaves and a small piece of ginger root (or substitute ginger powder). Steep, cook and drink two to three cups of hot sage tea every day to get rid of fever blisters.
- \*\***
- Lemon Balm:** Lemon Balm can speed up the healing of cold sores. Simply make a Lemon Balm tea with up to four tablespoons of the herb per cup of boiling water. Allow to cool, then apply with a cotton ball to cold sore several times a day.
- \*\***
- Antioxidant**
- Oregano:** Packed with antioxidants, the herb is also very easy to grow. FYI: In a USDA study, oregano demonstrated 42 times more antioxidant activity than apples, 30 times more than potatoes, 12 times more than oranges and four times more than blueberries! Just one tablespoon of fresh oregano was found to contain the same antioxidant activity as a medium-sized apple.
- \*\***
- Tomatoes:** It’s been well publicized that tomatoes are rich in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant, but tomato is also one of the top five food sources of vitamin C, vitamin A, vitamin E, potassium and fiber. Tomatoes are also excellent sources of phytochemicals, polyphenols and carotenoids. And research shows tomatoes an aid in lowering blood pressure. According to an Israeli study, adding tomatoes to a diet can reduce systolic blood pressure by 10 points and diastolic pressure by four points. The secret weapon once again, is the tomato’s high concentration of lycopene. The recommended dosage is whole tomatoes daily, which is easy during peak season. Off season, use chopped and canned garden tomatoes in chili, tomato sauces and soups to reach your daily dose.
- \*\***
- Rosemary:** Laboratory studies reveal the popular spice herb Rosemary has antioxidant properties that neutralize free radicals
- \*\*\***
- Win Dinner for Two at the Publick**



# Boost your landscape’s curb appeal in one weekend

Create a front garden that is sure to boost your mood and welcome visitors all year round. All you need is one weekend and a bit of paint, flowers, décor and edging material to boost your landscape’s curb appeal. Add a splash of color by painting your front door. Look for colors that complement your home’s siding and the surrounding landscape. Then add a seasonal wreath or other door decoration. A wreath of seed packets in the spring, succulents or silk flowers in summer, dried materials in fall and greens in winter add seasonal interest to your home. Visitors will look forward to the change of seasons marked by your door’s décor. Add a few containers at the front entrance.



GARDEN MOMENTS  
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MELINDA MYERS

Select a color and size that complements your home’s size and architecture style. Reduce maintenance with self-watering containers that extend the time between watering. Further your enjoyment with solar-illuminated planters powered by the sun to add a magical glow to the landscape as the sun sets. Define planting beds and create a finished look with edging. Use a sharp shovel to dig a V-shaped trench around small garden beds or employ the help of an edging machine for larger areas. Fill the trench with mulch to create a mowing edge and keep weeds out. Or boost the aesthetic appeal and further define the space with edging materials like the Stomp Edge. This easy-to-install edging material is made

from recycled rubber and only requires a few hand tools and minimal time to install. Keep unruly plants out of the lawn or off walkways while defining the garden space with decorative garden edging. You can keep it simple with Gardener’s Supply Company’s Stratford Edge Irons that mimic the edging found in Shakespeare’s garden in Stratford England. Or add an artistic flare with a more decorative edging like the Nocturne Border Edging. Weed garden beds to improve the overall appearance and health of garden plants. Weeds not only compete with your desirable plants for water and nutrients, but many are hosts for insect pests and diseases that can harm your desirable plants. Once weeded, spread a one- to three-inch layer of organic mulch like shred-

ded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips over the soil surface. The finer the material, the thinner the layer of mulch needed. Organic mulch helps conserve moisture, suppress weeds and improve the soil as it breaks down. Select a mulch that is aesthetically pleasing and won’t overwhelm the beauty of the plants. Keep mulch off tree trunks, shrubs, stems and crowns of perennial and annual plants. Covering stems and plant crowns can lead to root rot and other problems that can negatively impact the plants’ health and longevity. Freshen existing wood mulch by lightly tilling or raking, so the darker mulch below the surface moves to the top. Avoid over mulching. It is a waste of money and can be harmful to your plants. Make it a fun weekend by mixing in some tasty treats or a barbeque once the work is done. As you enjoy the benefits of your weekend’s efforts, you’ll be anxious to start tackling those bigger landscape tasks. Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses “How to Grow Anything” DVD series and the Melinda’s Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by

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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](mailto:KDRR@aol.com). Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

**WISH**  
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for children with critical illnesses. For this project, the organization teamed up with Creative Playthings/Swings N Things to turn Conor’s wish into a reality. Officials from both organizations were honored to complete a project that will bring joy to a child who has battled often in his young life. Conor was hospitalized for 185 days during a year-plus period, and he was frequently too weak to go outside when he was recovering at home. There have been many physical and emotional hurdles along the way, which makes it even more inspirational for Conor’s parents to now see him at play in the backyard. “Cancer is a long battle that takes a long-lasting toll on a family. As his parents, Conor’s wish being granted is a vessel to give him the childhood experiences we didn’t know if we would ever see,” said Michelle Canavan. “It is the small things now that make us smile. We never knew if Conor would walk after losing the use of his right arm and leg during emergency brain surgery at six months old. Seeing him walk and run to his new playset makes our hearts burst with joy.” Conor’s wish was granted within a few weeks of World Wish

Day, the anniversary of the wish that inspired the creation of Make-A-Wish nationally back in 1980. The initial wish paved the way for Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island to be founded in 1987. Since then, over 8,500 wishes in Massachusetts and Rhode Island have been granted. “The kindness and generosity that we have received from Make-A-Wish, Creative Playthings/Swings N Things, and Sturbridge Fire/PD to grant Conor’s wish means so many things: being a kid, breathing fresh air, enjoying the outdoors, fun, and happy memories for our family,” added Michelle Canavan. One of the many goals for Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island is to make each project as personalized and detailed as possible. For Conor’s project, a team of volunteers visited the house and carefully planned ways to make the playset unique and engaging. They then brought the design scheme to Shrewsbury-based Creative Playthings/Swings N Things to construct and install the playset. And even though the pandemic necessitated a change in celebratory plans, the big reveal was still plenty of fun. “We had originally hoped to have a big celebration the weekend the playground was installed to celebrate Conor and

invite all those who have and continue to support Conor and our family,” Michelle Canavan said. “Unfortunately, that large public celebration has been postponed, but we found ways to make the day special and safe.” Because Conor is a big fan of trucks, especially fire trucks, members of the Sturbridge Fire Department and Sturbridge Police Department drove by his house on the morning of the reveal. Family members thank first responders for making the extra effort to augment Conor’s special day. “We are so fortunate that Conor’s wish was able to be granted during this time, as many wishes have had to be put on hold,” said Michelle Canavan. “One of the many lessons we have learned is that life is short and time is not guaranteed.” Conor has MRIs every three months to monitor five tumors in his brain and spine. During these challenging times personally and for the nation, his family is grateful for the daily joy provided by his playset. “Having a wish that Conor can enjoy every day is amazing, and seeing the smiles on his face every day means the world,” his mother said. To learn more about Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island, visit [www.massri.wish.org](http://www.massri.wish.org).

**BAKER**  
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to the next phase. State health officials will be keeping careful watch of the metrics as new sectors reopen. “If public health data trends are negative, specific industries, regions, and/or the entire Commonwealth may need to return to an earlier phase,” Baker said. “If we all work together to defeat COVID-19, we can proceed through each phase.” Success in earlier phases will determine criteria for future phases, state officials said. This will include travel regulations, sizes of permitted gatherings, lodging and accommodations, arts, entertainment, fitness centers, museums, youth sports, and other activities. Baker also addressed business owners who feel unsafe about reopening and potentially endangering employees and customers. “Businesses are not required to reopen, and may not do so if they are unable to follow safety protocols,” the Governor said. “The Baker-Polito Administration has developed specific guidance so that each industry reopens as safe-

ly as possible. Businesses are expected to implement these protocols in addition to the more general mandatory workplace safety standards.” In order to reopen, businesses must develop a written COVID-19 control plan outlining how their workplaces will prevent the spread of coronavirus. Required materials are located on [www.mass.gov/reopening](http://www.mass.gov/reopening). Notably absent in the Governor’s reopening plan was a specific timetable for when restaurants can begin to return to in-person dining. Restaurants were not included in the first phase of Baker’s reopening plan, and officials predict it will be at least three weeks until they can consider returning to in-person dining service. Local restaurant owners continue to thank patrons for their support throughout the crisis. Owners have relied on deliveries and takeout to stay afloat over the last two months. “We’ve really been picking up on deliveries, and we’ve gotten great support from people,” said Matt Bluyus, the owner of Uncle Sam’s Pizza in East Brookfield. Local officials ask residents to continue supporting area businesses

while maintaining social distance and wearing masks. Patrons are urged to not become complacent once the summer arrives and more businesses reopen. Meanwhile, additional guidance in the Governor’s updated plan is available below: People over the age of 65 and people who have underlying health conditions should continue to stay home, except for essential errands such as going to the grocery store. All residents are advised to leave home only for healthcare, work, shopping, and outdoor activities. Don’t participate in close contact activities such as pick-up sports. All residents are required to cover their faces when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public. Parents should limit play dates for children. Refrain from visiting nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, or other residential care settings. Use remote modes of communication like phone or video chat instead of visiting friends or family who are at high risk for COVID-19.

**CHARLTON**  
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As the state begins to reopen, Golas said he and others in the town are looking forward to a return to normalcy. The town employees are eagerly awaiting the day when they are able to return to in-person interactions to serve the townsfolk to the best of their abilities. Golas said while things may be starting to trend in a more positive direction it’s important to remember those who have worked hard to keep Charlton operating and safe. The Town Administrator commended town employees and first responders, the Board of Health for their “heroic” efforts, the Charlton Sewing Center for providing a large and continuous supply of masks to those in need, and completed the local senior housing facility The Overlook for maintaining a coronavirus-free environment for residents throughout the pandemic.

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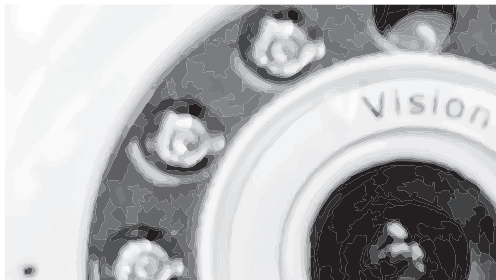
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(Hint: 24 = o)

A. 1 23 13 10 16 12 3 7 12  
Clue: Meat sandwich

B. 6 24 17 17 20 25 3  
Clue: Burger addition

C. 10 16 25  
Clue: Type of bread

D. 19 24 24 4  
Clue: Sustenance

Answers: A. hamburger B. topping C. bun D. food

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

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

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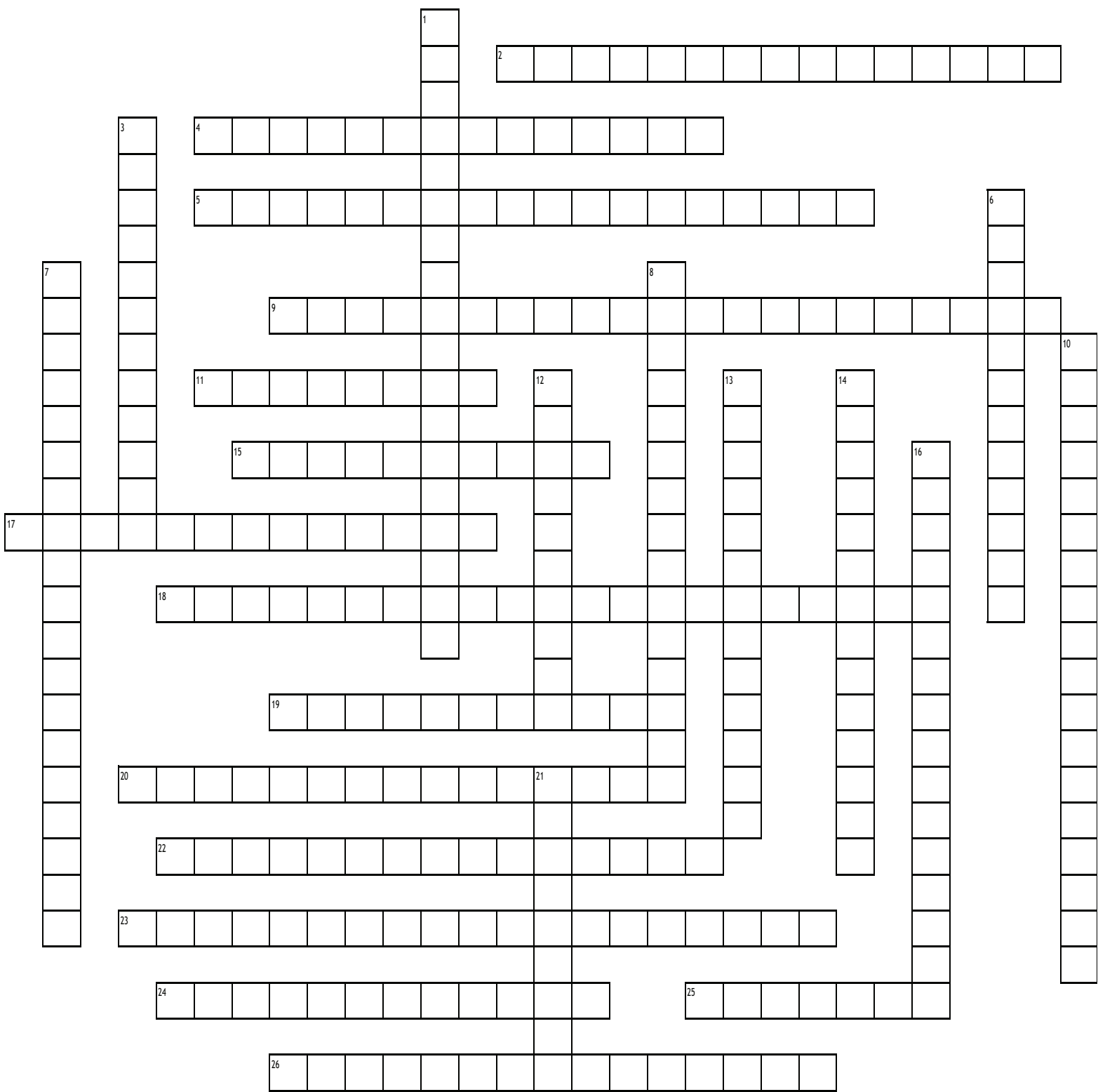
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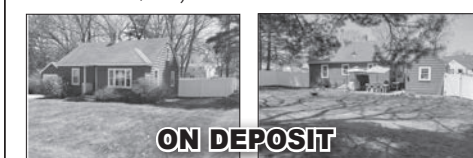
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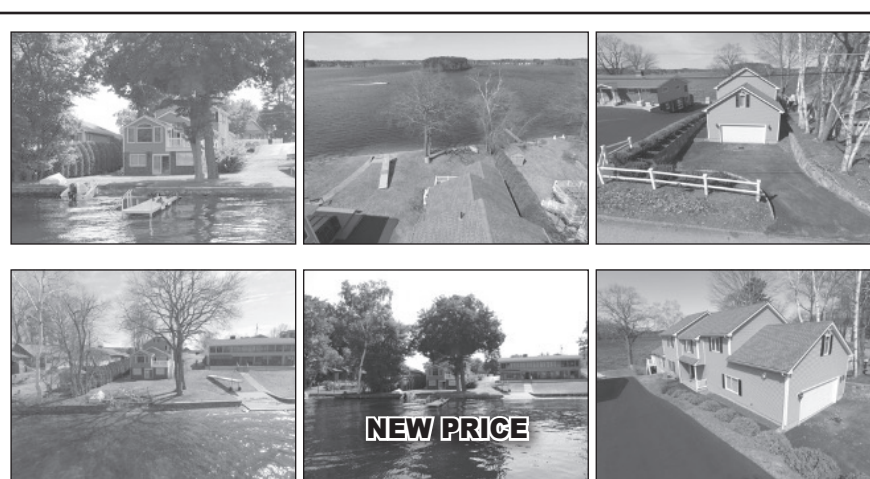


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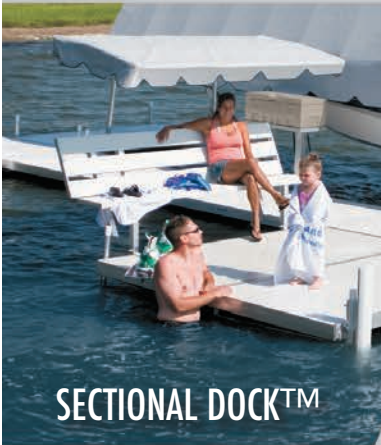


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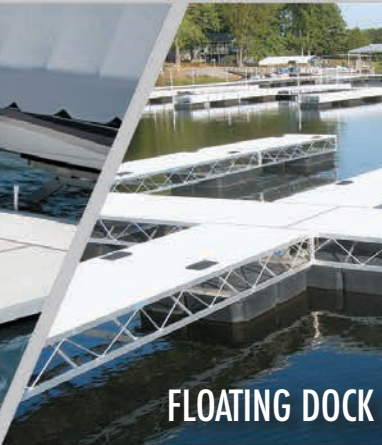
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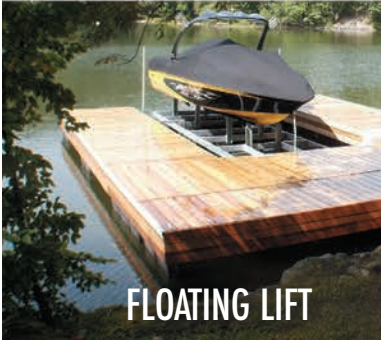
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