



Rockets fare well at SWCL Tennis Tournament

UXBRIDGE — The often-overlooked high school sport of tennis received its shine within the Southern Worcester County League when over a two-day period of Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, participating student-athletes took part in the annual SWCL Tennis Tournament.

On Friday, the boys' teams competed in preliminary and quarterfinal round play at Uxbridge High, while the girls' squads did the same at Bartlett High. The semifinals and finals for the boys and girls were then held on Saturday in Uxbridge.

On the boys' side, Auburn High's doubles teams made deep runs in the tournament. Second seeded Bryan Cavanaugh and Gavin Cedrone, along with 13th ranked Alessandro Castro and Rodick Castro advanced to the semifinal Saturday. Both teams won a pair of matches on the first day before falling in the semifinals. Cavanaugh and Cedrone lost to the Grafton High duo of Sarang Kale and Sri Gomattam, while Castro and Castro fell to the eventual champions, Mark Kogan and Colin Frank, also of Grafton.



Nick Ethier photos
Auburn's Bryan Cavanaugh, along with teammate Gavin Cedrone played into the semifinal round of the Southern Worcester County League doubles tennis tournament.



Alessandro Castro, along with his brother and teammate Rodick Castro, reached the semifinals of the doubles tournament among participating Southern Worcester County League schools.

Hearing, vision & BMI screening by Bay Path nursing students

CHARLTON — Professor Lindsay Guertin, MSN Ed, RN, CNE of Spencer lead a group of eight grateful Bay Path Practical Nursing students who volunteered for a hearing, vision and BMI screening to assist the school nurses at the Charlton Middle School. The team included Moreen Barber, Rebecca Lorre, Luciane Lindvay, Darcey Howe, Katie Blanchard, Martha Aboagye, Evalyne Njorge, and Maryanne Cann.

In an email to Gretheline Bolandrina, DHA, MSN Ed, RN, CRRN Academy Director the school nurse Rachel Goetz, BSN, RN, NCSN thanked the volunteers and stated, "based on how well the Practical Nursing students worked at Shepherd Hill, we completed the screenings on approximately 250 students. We had at least seven stations."

Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy faculty, Professor Guertin who supervised the PN volunteers and stated, "It was a great experience! The school principal stated he will have more things for us to do

in the future. We are welcome anytime!"

The experience at the Hearing, Vision and BMI Screening gives the nursing students the opportunity to work hand in hand with the school nurses.

"This is not the first year that our Practical Nursing students volunteered with the Charlton Middle School. We collaborated with the Lion's Club in the past for Sightmobile through the coordination of Chairperson Helene Doucette, PDG. Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy prides itself in being a part of the Bay Path community outside of the Charlton campus so having the practical nursing students assist the school nurses and be invited back has tremendous impact in service learning," said Bolandrina.

"We recognize service-learning and emphasize its importance, to get involved outside the classroom to better prepare themselves for their

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State legislator arrested on drunk driving charges

BY KEVIN FLANDERS
STAFF WRITER

REGION – State Rep. David LeBoeuf was arrested last week after State Police troopers said he drove with a blood alcohol content four times the legal limit.

At approximately 10:25 p.m. on April 26, the State Police received two calls from motorists reporting an erratic driver in a black SUV on Route 93 south in Milton.

"The vehicle was unable to stay within marked highway lanes, according to the callers," read a statement released by Dave Procopio, the State Police Director of Media Communications. "One of the callers was able to provide the vehicle's license plate. Patrols responded to the area, and one of the 911 callers, who had stayed on the line, reported that the SUV exited 93 onto Route 3 south and continued onto the Burgin Parkway in Quincy."

The suspect vehicle, a black 2014 Ford Escape, eventually came to a stop on the Burgin Parkway. Responding troopers said the vehicle appeared to be disabled and smoking.

LeBoeuf, 32, of Worcester, was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

"Two troopers approached the vehicle and made certain observations of LeBoeuf's appearance and speech, as well as noting a strong odor of alcohol on his person and emanating from the vehicle," read the statement released by Procopio. "The troopers assisted LeBoeuf in exiting the vehicle. One of the troopers then attempted to conduct standardized field sobriety tests."

Police said LeBoeuf was unable to follow instructions

regarding the tests. Alleging that LeBoeuf was "extremely unsteady on his feet," troopers stopped the tests for safety reasons.

During an inventory of LeBoeuf's vehicle, troopers found nine empty nip bottles in the rear of the vehicle and two cans of wine in the front cupholders, one empty and the other half full. The vehicle's right front tire was missing and the rim had sustained damage from grinding on the pavement, police said. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Troopers arrested LeBoeuf on charges of OUI-liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and a marked lanes violation. He was transported to the State Police South Boston Barracks for booking.

LeBoeuf agreed to submit to a chemical breath test, providing two breath samples that registered a blood alcohol content of 0.329 and 0.317, police said. Drivers with a BAC of 0.08 or higher are considered legally intoxicated in Massachusetts.

LeBoeuf was held until his arraignment the next day at Quincy District Court, where he was released on personal recognizance. He will return to court on June 28.

Just hours before his arrest, LeBoeuf took part in a budget hearing at the State House. A Democrat representing the 17th Worcester District, which serves Leicester and portions of Worcester, LeBoeuf is up for re-election this fall.

Two days after his arrest, LeBoeuf released an apologetic message on Twitter.

"I am deeply sorry for my egregious lapse in judgment. I

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Photos Jason Bleau

A few young visitors to Earth Fest take a breather for some ice cream on the town common.

Charlton holds annual Earth Fest

CHARLTON – The town of Charlton held its annual Earth Fest on April 30, coinciding with Earth Day. The event brought locals and visitors to the center of town for a celebration with live music, vendors, food and more. Visitors could also sign

up and receive equipment to clean up designated sections of Charlton making it not only a day of celebrating the beauty of the town, but also working toward preserving that beauty as well

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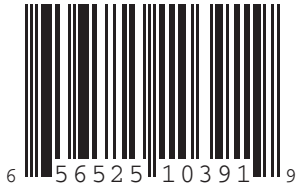
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QCC's Biomanufacturing pilot program making inroads thanks to MBI grant

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College's entry-level Biomanufacturing On-Ramp program is gaining traction. Thanks to a \$50,000 grant from Mass. Biomedical Initiatives (MBI) and the Mass. Office of Business Development (MOBD), QCC is running two spring workshops of its "Fundamentals of Biomanufacturing" pilot program, designed to provide access to entry-level positions in biomanufacturing. The program began in Fall 2021 and is being funded through the "Building a Diverse Biomanufacturing Pipeline" Challenge Grant Program.

"Biomanufacturing jobs are increasing exponentially in our region and programs such as these offer a unique way for people to quickly upskill and reskill, so they can enter a field that is rich with opportunities," said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. "We want to thank MBI and the MOBD for supporting a program that is contributing to our economic growth in the Commonwealth."

During the 10-week program workshops, participants receive a comprehensive overview of the biomanufacturing industry. They are exposed to tasks performed by entry level technicians, fundamental science skills, receive

training on "soft skills" needed to be successful in the workplace through the "Bounce" program curriculum (a wrap-around soft skills workforce readiness training program that helps students understand themselves better), support in developing a resume and mock interviews, as well as job search skills.

During Fall 2021, QCC partnered with MBI and AbbVie to offer its first entry-level Biomanufacturing On-Ramp Workshop. The 10-week pilot program enrolled 13 English Language Learners (ELL) from QCC's Adult Community Learning Center. Some of these students had postsecondary educational credentials earned in their home countries, and all but one completed the program in mid-December 2021.

"Having had the chance to meet the graduates of QCC's Biomanufacturing Onramp Technician program, I was amazed to see how the program could alter these students' lives and fuel the industry's growth in only 10-weeks. Congratulations to QCC & AbbVie on this great partnership," said MBI President and CEO, Jon Weaver.

Thus far, four graduates have received offers of employment from AbbVie, one from IPG Photonics Corporation and another student decided to enter

QCC's Future Focus program and work toward a degree.

One graduate of the inaugural class was Lorena Hoxhalli, who came to the U.S. from Albania with an advanced degree in electrical engineering, on Independence Day, 2020. After she completed the Biomanufacturing On-Ramp pilot program, she was offered a job at AbbVie.

"So much has happened in the past few years. Some of it was planned and some was not. I would not have even been able to plan that a free training class at QCC through the MBI program would give me a new passion for work. I am so happy that I was able to be a part of that program," Ms. Hoxhalli said.

For the two spring workshops, QCC reached out to a variety of students including those who stepped away from their academic program during the pandemic and others who recently completed their high school equivalency.

"While this program is still in its fledgling stages we already see great promise. This program sets students up for success. By the end of June 2022, we expect 36 students to have completed the program. As soon as the students finish they are ready to enter the biomanufacturing industry," said QCC's

Associate Vice President for Strategic Academic & Workforce Initiatives, Kathy Rentsch, Ed.D. "Thanks to our wonderful community partner, AbbVie (Worcester), and our new partners, Boston BioProducts (Milford) and Charles River Labs (Shrewsbury), many of these students will have their resumes reviewed, be offered interviews, and subsequent jobs. It's an incredible program and one we hope to have continue and expand."

For more information about QCC, contact Karen Hutner, Interim Director of Institutional Communications at 508-854-2842 or khutner@qcc.mass.edu.

Helping Hand Society announces rummage sale schedule

CHARLTON — Mark your calendars for bargains and fellowship! Charlton Helping Hand Society Inc. is announcing this year's schedule for Saturday Rummage Sales. All sales are at the Dodge Chapel, 81 Hammond Hill Rd. in Charlton, from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 7 and May 21, June 4 and June 18, July 2, 16 and 30, August 13 and 27. Last one is Saturday, Sept. 10.

All money raised supports the good works of the society. Any donations or questions call Deb at 508-523-9337. Please continue to "Help Us to Help Others".

Senior Center purchase added to Town Meeting warrant

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

CHARLTON — The 2022 Charlton Annual Town Meeting warrant is official after a brief delay to allow the Council on Aging a chance to seek a citizen's petition to purchase property for a new senior center.

The Board of Selectmen officially closed the warrant on April 25 where board chair Bill Borowski confirmed that a proposal to invest in the Charlton Furniture property at 107 Dresser Hill Rd. will officially be discussed after the Board of Selectmen decided not to support the article themselves. Selectmen argued that with numerous other projects in the pipeline, including school and emergency service infrastructure, they could not in good faith recommend the purchase to taxpayers. However,

they had proposed a compromise to allow the Council on Aging a chance to collect signatures from citizens to have the article included, delaying the closing of the warrant in the process.

"Under a citizens petition they have brought forth a funding request to purchase Charlton Furniture for the use of a senior center. That will be printed as Article 21 of the warrant," Borowski said. "The warrant as presented to us will be inclusive of department requests, inclusive of the planning board, as well as I think only one citizens petition."

The senior center article will be the final discussion of the night with 20 other articles to be decided beforehand. In addition to the opening articles of addressing the town election, town reports, and litigation, the meeting will begin with articles addressing unpaid bills, inter- and intra-departmental

transfers and the town, water, and sewer budgets for the 2023 Fiscal Year. Several other minor financial items make up the middle articles as well.

The warrant also includes articles addressing potential law changes. Article 13 will seek to establish a \$1,000 minimum value on personal property subject to taxation while Article 14 will seek to increase the maximum retirement age of special police officers to 70, an effort to allow for a larger pool of retired officers to work for Charlton to increase public safety resources. Amendments to the animal control bylaw and zoning bylaws will also be up for discussion as well as a pair of zone change requests on Trolley Crossing and Stevens Road.

The 2023 Charlton Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 16 at 7 p.m. at Charlton Middle School.

Free boating course offered in Sturbridge

STURBRIDGE — Important for all boaters! Sponsored by the MA Environmental Police and the Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee (SLAC), this one day free in-person boating course is designed to provide the skills and confidence needed to operate boats and personal watercraft safely on our local lakes and along the coast.

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families, whether experienced or new to boating, to learn and keep up with the changes in boating regulations and laws. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Successful completion of this course will certify minors (ages 12 to 16 years) to operate a powerboat, including Jet Skis (for 16 & 17 yr olds) on all Massachusetts waters. Many

boating insurance providers offer a discount on premiums for successful completion of this course. Attendees will receive an official certificate of completion. The course begins promptly at 8:15 a.m., and ends at 4 p.m.

To sign up, register online at www.ma.gov/take-a-boating-safety-course. Class ID 4770.

reactions, and complete tasks efficiently. The training for the future nursing workforce in the Bay Path community and across the region allows practical nursing students to respond to emergencies and assist in community events.

About Bay Path Practical Nursing Academy: Bay Path Practical Nursing is a 40-week,

(10-month), full-time, Monday through Friday, evening program. The program begins mid-August and is completed in late June. Graduates receive a Practical Nursing Certificate and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN licensure exam. Visit www.baypath.net.

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healthcare careers, and this is something they will definitely remember their whole career," added Bolandrina.

The practical nursing students assist the healthcare team, assess, give out COVID-19 vaccines, monitor for untoward

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Nichols College expands CIPA program with new research fellowship opportunity

DUDLEY – Nichols College, a private institute of higher education, announced today the expansion of its prestigious Center for Intelligent Process Automation (CIPA) program with the debut of a new research fellowship program designed to pave the way for the next generation of process automation (RPA) developers. The first two fellows, Kieran Gilmurray (Belfast, Ireland) and Tyler Krimmel (Toronto, Canada) have already embarked on this prestigious journey as they study to innovate the future of work within the Industrial Revolution 4.0.

Unlike any program currently offered in higher-level academia today, the student-run CIPA is the result of a ground-breaking partnership between the business education specialists at Nichols College and the internationally recognized tech leaders at NICE to bring Robotic Process Automation (RPA) training and implementation to business at every scale. Designed to take the program to new heights, the research fellowship was implemented to contribute to the school's intellectual life and support the mission of the

CIPA: to support global digital transformation by enabling participation and accessibility for all stakeholders.

Having already welcomed its first two fellows this semester, Gilmurray and Krimmel have hit the ground running. Working directly with CIPA faculty on extensive research projects, these two brilliant minds are currently exploring the much-debated process of citizen development, which enables non-IT employees to become software developers. They are also working to identify innovative, yet effective practices for using RPA for business analysis.

Glenn M. Sulmasy, President of Nichols College, said, “As technology becomes more accessible and digital transformation becomes a necessity for innovation and marketplace success, the role of citizen developer has emerged to allow business users to take greater control over the changes rather than relying solely on IT departments to generate software solutions for business. Through this fellowship program, our hope is to attract the best and brightest within the industry to help us identify best practices and improve-

ments in business analysis. In doing so, we'll have the ability to identify automation candidates earlier, confidently work to define needs, scenarios, and exceptions to be automated, and establish a living repository of use cases to expedite future automations. These activities will help to reduce the barrier of entry to automation technologies and make the pathway to automation adoption less frightening.”

Bringing more than 25 years of experience to the fellowship program, Gilmurray currently serves as an enterprise automation lead at Rapid7, a leading cyber security company. Blending his extensive background in driving business transformation programs using digital technology, intelligent automation, data analytics, social media and RPA, Gilmurray is focused on working with industry leaders to investigate the competing perspectives on the efficacy of citizen development while also working to successfully adopting new approach that best aligns with the industry's constantly changing organizational strategy and goals.

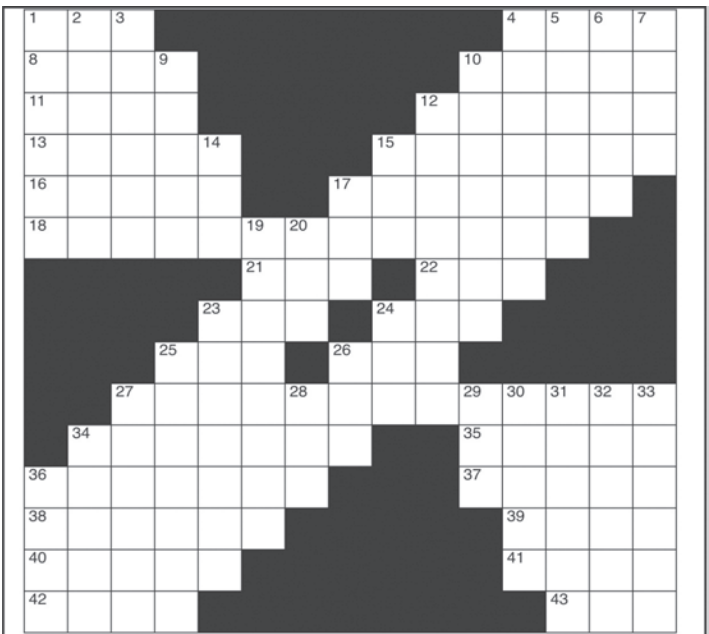
The other fellowship is led by

Krimmel, a professor at George Brown College in Toronto with more than 15 years of experience designing and delivering training in government, academic, and corporate settings. Focused on supporting the CIPA mission of pairing business partners with Nichols' students, Krimmel has already supported the CIPA team in establishing a baseline approach to conducting business analysis in support of RPA initiatives. Through his research, he will support the team in optimizing the approach, while also tracking the project conditions and details that may impact the requirements delivery and solution definition. His findings will be shared with industry stakeholders to educate and support the use of RPA to address business needs.

For more information about the CIPA research fellowship, visit <https://cipa.nichols.edu/news/cipa-research-fellowship-program/>. For more information about the Center for Intelligent Process Automation, visit <https://cipa.nichols.edu/>.

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1. A power of perception

4. Slotted hinged metal plate

8. Popular crop

10. Siamese fighting fish

11. Larval crabs

12. South American mammal

13. Occur as a result of

15. Slavic language

16. An electric underground railway

17. Transporting

18. A direction

21. Opposite of start

22. Mock

23. People love and hate it (abbr.)

24. A people of Myanmar

25. A Queens ballplayer

26. Southern Thailand indigenous person

27. Famed actress

34. Thin strips

35. Bluish greens

36. Ridiculed

37. Having the shape of a cube

38. Came down

39. Indian religious god

40. “Bewitched” actress Moorehead

41. Leak through slowly

42. Buzzing insects

43. Midway between south and southeast

- CLUES DOWN
1. Skin condition

2. Earlier

3. Right away

4. Vomiting

5. Go to

6. “The Police” frontman

7. Bullfighting maneuver

9. Pacific island

10. A system of algebraic notation

12. A room used for the activities of a group

14. The longest division of geological time

15. Car mechanics group

17. A barrel of liquid (abbr.)

19. Bound to do

20. Explosive

23. Ridicules

24. Adult male

25. Military personnel

26. French and Belgian river

27. Found in the sea

28. A share lost in default (abbr.)

29. Type of medication (abbr.)

30. City on the Rhine

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33. Get away

34. Wampum

36. Lacking brightness

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Valley Friendship Tour returns this year

WORCESTER — After moving the 2021 Valley Friendship Tour to the fall due to COVID concerns, Open Sky Community Services has announced that the 37th Annual Valley Friendship Tour will return to its usual spring schedule on Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will start and end at the Alternatives Whitin Mill, 50 Douglas Rd. in Whitinsville, with yoga, music, raffles and food on the Dennis H. Rice Community Plaza at the same address.

The Valley Friendship Tour is an opportunity to gather friends, family and coworkers for a day of fun and exercise in the beautiful and historic Blackstone Valley. Participants of all ages and abilities can travel along one of three non-competitive routes: a one-mile walk titled the “Golden Mile,” a 5K walk/run, or a 30-mile bicycle ride. After completing their route,

participants will enjoy a complimentary lunch, kid-friendly activities, raffles and live music by Far from Eden. New this year, yoga led by Brave Yoga will be offered on the Plaza. Since it began over three decades ago, the Tour has raised more than \$3 million in support of individuals and families in Central Massachusetts, with \$160,000 being raised in 2021.

For 33 years, the Valley Friendship Tour was the signature fundraising event for Alternatives Unlimited. In 2018, Alternatives affiliated with The Bridge of Central Massachusetts, another well respected non-profit with a long history in Central Massachusetts, to form Open Sky Community Services. The Valley Friendship Tour continues to be the agency's largest fundraising event, attracting participants from throughout Central Mass, as well as nearby

Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Open Sky has more than 100 programs through Central Mass and serves more than 4,900 individuals each year. The organization provides services and programs for youth, adults and families experiencing mental health challenges, intellectual/developmental disabilities, autism, brain injury, substance use disorders, homelessness or other complex challenges.

Corporate sponsorships are expected to play a major role in the success of the event, led by Champion Sponsor, MSG Staffing.

Both teams and individuals are welcome to register; pre-registration is \$30 while registration the day of is \$35. For more information about the Tour, to become a sponsor or to register online, visit openskyks.org/vft2022. Contact vft2022@openskyks.org with any questions.

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducts new members

BATON ROUGE, La. — The following people recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Madison Burek of Auburn at Framingham State University
Kelsey Milinazzo of Auburn at Framingham State University

They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of

candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

More About Phi Kappa Phi
Since its founding, more than

1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

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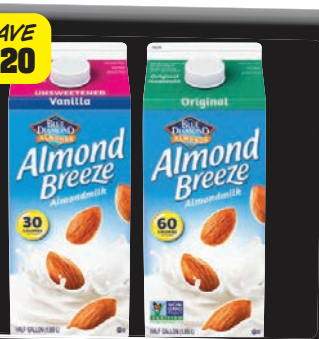
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Cornerstone Bank School Committee races appoints two new highlight Charlton ballot corporators

BY JASON BLEAU
CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER — Cornerstone Bank, a community bank with 12 locations throughout Central Massachusetts, has announced the appointment of two new corporators, Kwasi Acheampong and Liz Panagiotou. Corporators have a unique position in mutual savings banking, with their chief responsibility being electing the individuals who will serve as members of the board of trustees.

“Corporators have a really important role in helping to find and appoint the best possible candidates to our board,” said Cornerstone Bank CEO Todd Tallman. “Kwasi will bring a great perspective from his work in the nonprofit sector and Liz for her decades of experience in

insurance. We warmly welcome them to the team.”

Acheampong currently serves as the president and executive director of Our Bright Future, Inc., which provides educational and empowering after-school programs for children in underserved communities. He also serves on the board of The Last Green Valley and Opening the Word Peer Recovery Center.

Panagiotou is the president and owner of Employee Benefit Advisors, Inc., which provides employees benefit planning, product sales and service to clients across New England. She has almost 30 years of experience in the insurance industry, including roles in management and as an independent agent.

CHARLTON – Election Day is here for Charlton, as a slew of town offices will be decided on Saturday, May 7, highlighted by a pair of contested battles for seats on the Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee. In fact, the School Committee features the only contested races on the ballot.

Two seats on the Committee are up for grabs, with four candidates, two in each race, seeking a chance to help lead the school district into the future. The first race for a three-year seat sees incumbent candidate Kenneth Laferriere contending against challenger Kelly Szela. The one-year seat being vacated by exiting committee member Jordan Evans sees Jaime Ann Dell’ovo and James Rouleau Nee. The

contests come on the heels of a contentious couple of years for the School Committee which has faced its fair share of both criticism and support for its handling of several issues including national hot-button topic like Critical Race Theory and in-school mask mandates which has resulted in the most contested election for the Committee since 2018, which featured a three-way battle for a single seat, and the first time in recent memory that multiple positions for the Committee were contested on the same ballot.

The School Committee will likely be the only source of any drama on Election Day as not other race on the ballot is contested with mostly familiar names seeking to continue their service to Charlton in their respective positions. Selectman William “Bill” Borowski is running unopposed to maintain

his seat another three years as are Assessor Nancy Landry, Cemetery Commissioner Kristen Russell-May, Water & Sewer Commissioner David Cantwell, Library Trustees Katherine Kaczynski and Cheryl Meskus, Board of Health member Jonathan Sanborn, and Recreation Commission member Kevin Morin. Incumbent Jeanmarie Garmone-Vincent is seeking a new five-year term on the Planning Board unopposed as well. Those seeking new positions on the ballot include Sherri Westbury for a one-year term as a Library Trustee to fill a vacancy and Bradford Charles Howard for a three-year seat as constable, a position also formerly filled by Jordan Evans.

The Charlton Annual Town Election takes place this Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at Heritage School in Charlton.

Charlton holds annual Earth Fest



Butterfly decorations in honor of the late Cathy Kuehl, a pioneer of Earth Day events in Charlton, served as the centerpiece of Earth Fest.



The Army Corps of Engineers were on hand educating visitors about their many projects.



The Grey Whisker Pickers provided the music for Earth Fest 2022.



Local 4 Life, a Charlton non-profit built around a passion for education, conservation and community-building, set up a booth to spread the word of their mission.



Second Chance Animal Services held raffles and sold t-shirts and goods to help local animals in need.



Visitors to Earth Fest could also pick up equipment to clean up Charlton for Earth Day and pick their own section of town to tackle with most of the map already highlighted by noon time.

LEBOEUF

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am thankful there were no injuries and recognize the pain I have caused my family, friends, and community. I am not making excuses and will work extensively to rebuild people's trust.”

Added LeBoeuf, “I struggle with

addiction and am committed to getting the treatment necessary so that I can be my best self again. I ask that you respect my family's privacy so I can work on my recovery and continue to provide services to my district. I've tried to manage my sobriety on my own, and this is a desperate wake-up call that I need further support.”

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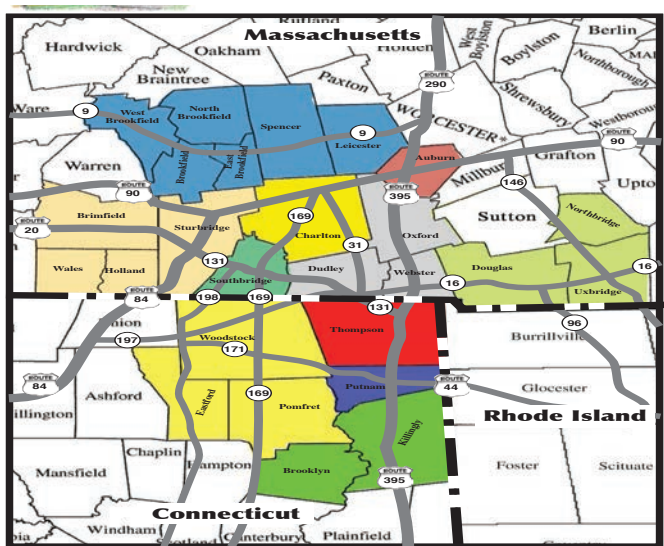
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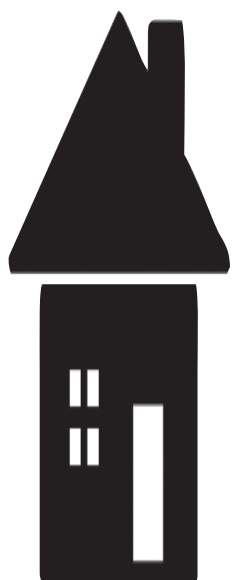
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It's time to commit

Over the past two years, COVID has contributed to a lack of commitment across the board for things such as hobbies, family obligations, work, extra-curricular activities, social engagements and personal health. Commitment levels were starting to drop before the pandemic hit, and things have only become worse.

There are some individuals who have taken the hard toll the pandemic delivered and have truly appreciated what they have, and have acquired a new lease on life. The pendulum swings both ways. At any level, for anything, commitment is important, it is the glue that bonds us to our goals.

Offentimes, individuals, including teenagers and younger athletes will have trouble completing a sports season, in part for always wanting instant success. The only way to progress with anything is small, tangible goals.

One expert pointed out that a commitment in a relationship is similar to a commitment in sports or athletics. The longer a person is committed to a sport, or a friendship, the deeper that connections is. Many of us are still in touch with those friends we made while playing youth, high school or college sports.

When you stick with something when the going gets tough, it can teach us who we are. Those moments will shed a light on our strengths and weaknesses. To not stick it out, instead of leaning towards the easy, more comfortable route, could cause many miss opportunities.

When we stay committed to a team, or relationship, we learn to put others first. There's no 'I' in 'team.' This isn't to say that our needs as individuals should come second, this is just stressing the importance of what it means to work in a team environment, whether it is at work or on the field.

Commitments always end in a solid reward, including self pride and satisfaction. Anyone with big goals, must be an expert in commitment.

These days our children are more likely than their parents to quit an extra-curricular activity. During the toddler years, it's important to introduce our children to different opportunities. Typically, these commitments are short, which is completely age appropriate.

During the elementary years, it's important to help our children find what they love. Teaching our children that they don't have to be the best, or perfect in any given activity to truly have a passion for it. Many parents go the route of telling their children they are allowed to sign up for an activity, if they follow through and finish out the season, or course.

Teenagers are tricky, in that conversations in what they are and are not committed to go a long way. It's during these years when the groundwork is really laid for what kind of individual they will be as an adult.

Ways to stay motivated at all ages include setting goals, committing to the process and planning to do the things we say we're going to do. Commit to do the thing you want to do, even when you don't feel like it. Sometimes including others in your plans can work wonders. Start whatever it is you have in mind today, then reward yourself for doing so.

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Fill a shallow saucer with chlorine-free water and place rocks in and around the water to attract toads to your landscape.

Enlist nature's help for managing garden pests

Put away the harsh chemicals and work in concert with nature to manage pests in the garden. Create an inviting habitat for nature's pest controllers to enlist their help with your gardening efforts.

Lady beetles, praying mantis and other beneficial insects feed on damaging pests like aphids. Just tolerate a bit of damage and wait for the good guys to move in and clean up the problem.

Grow a few plants to attract these and other beneficial insects to your landscape. Dill and its relatives attract parasitic wasps, coreopsis brings in the aphid-eating lacewings, and milkweed attracts lady beetles as well as monarch and other butterflies. Add some hyssop to attract the pirate bugs that eat thrips, spider mites and leafhoppers. Then plant members of the aster family to attract spiders that eat a variety of insects.

Invite songbirds into your gardens. They add motion and color to the landscape and help manage garden pests. Most songbirds eat a combination of fruits, berries, seeds, and insects. Their diet varies with the season. During spring and summer, they eat lots of insects and spiders when they are plentiful, easy to catch and an important part of their hatchlings' diet.

A birdbath will help attract them and beneficial insects to the garden. Select one with sloping sides for easy access to the water. Add a few seed producing flowers like black-eyed Susans, coneflowers, salvia, coreopsis and more. If space allows, include a few berry producing shrubs like dogwoods and evergreens for shelter.

Leave some leaf litter under trees and shrubs and in the garden for toads that dine on slugs and other insects. Include a shallow pond or water feature. Even a shallow saucer filled with chlorine-free water is effective. Place rocks in and around the water for added toad appeal. Purchase or make your own toad abode from a ceramic or clay pot. Place it in a shady location near a garden filled with protein-rich insects. Set it directly on the soil and elevate one side with stones or use a cracked or broken pot that provides an entryway for the toad.

If you can't wait for nature's help, look for more eco-friendly options. Knock aphids and mites off plants with a strong blast of water. Trap slugs with shallow

cans filled with beer. Trap and kill aphids in yellow bowls filled with soapy water.

Use barriers of floating row covers to keep pests like cabbage worms, Japanese beetles and bean beetles off plants that don't need bees for pollination. These fabrics let air, light and water through so just loosely cover the plants at planting, anchor the edges and allow the plants to support the fabric.

Use these fabrics to help manage squash vine borer and squash bugs. Cover squash plants at planting. Remove the fabric as soon as the plants begin flowering for bees to pollinate the flowers. Only use this method if these pests were not a problem in this area of the garden the previous growing season.

Remove and destroy, smash, or prune out pest-infested stems as they are found. Enlist the help of young gardeners. Teach them the difference between the good and bad bugs in the garden. Then show them how to pluck, drop and stomp the plant-damaging pests. They'll burn off some excess energy while helping maintain your garden.

If you decide to intervene with a chemical control, look for the most eco-friendly option on the market. Always read and follow label directions as these chemicals are designed to kill insects and if misapplied can harm beneficial insects as well.

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There's a difference between selfless and selfish ambition

I write a lot about following your dreams, giving it all you've got, doing your best, and going for the gold. I'm an ambitious person, and I love to see people succeed.

Sometimes, when I write about ambition, I find that some people think all ambition is selfish ambition, and that it's self-serving to be a dedicated person devoted to the accomplishment of big goals and dreams.

That got me thinking about the difference between selfish ambition and selfless ambition. Is there a difference? Is it possible to have selfless ambition? If it is, how does that look? I'm not sure if there is such a thing as selfless ambition; a more appropriate name might be, Conscientious Ambition.

We've all met people who placed success and money above everything else. They didn't care what they had to say or

do to accomplish their desire. They'd throw you under the bus in a second if they thought it would get them further up the ladder of success.

I have met these types of people. Unfortunately, you don't always know they are the way they are until it's too late. Contrary to popular belief, people who don't care about others and will do anything to get to the top are not the majority of successful people. To be sure, some are, but not as many as we might think.

I knew a producer in Hollywood that didn't care whose life he had to ruin to get to the top. Although he did produce a few movies and seemed to be on his way, he's now running from the law and will be doing time once apprehended.

My father's business partner wanted to

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What, then, are your options? It depends on your situation, but here are four possibilities:

Employer retiree health benefits – If your former employer offers health coverage to retirees, it could well be your best choice, especially if the employer continues to pay a share of the premiums. However, fewer employers are offering continuing health coverage to former employees, and among those who do, they may use certain criteria – such as length of service and position within the company – to limit eligibility.

Spouse's plan – If you're married and your spouse still has employer-provided insurance, you may be able to get coverage under this plan or continue this coverage if you have it already. If the employer subsidizes premiums for spouses, this plan could be an affordable choice – if not, though, it might be more expensive than other options.

COBRA – The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) allows you to maintain your existing coverage with the same benefits and provider network. However, COBRA is typically only available for a specific time – usually 18 months – after you leave your employer, and coverage can be expensive. Your previous employer subsidized a portion of the premium as a benefit, but once you've retired, you'll likely have to pay the entire premium, plus an additional charge.

ACA Marketplace plan – Through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, you can find a variety of plans from which to choose, possibly including ones that include your existing network. If you qualify for subsidies, the premiums for your coverage may be similar to employer-sponsored coverage; if not, though, they can be more expensive. For information on ACA Marketplace plans, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you have options for health insurance, you'll want to take into account differences in coverage and cost. Check whether your desired health care providers are in-network and try to determine if your current medications and the benefits you rely on are covered. You may also want to consider a plan that allows you to open a health savings account (HSA), which offers potential tax benefits. To contribute to an HSA, you must be covered by a high deductible health plan (HDHP), so there's that cost to consider, but if you're in generally good health and you don't expect to depend heavily on your health insurance until you're eligible for Medicare, you might want to consider an HDHP.

One final note: Even when you do enroll in Medicare, you will still incur expenses for premiums, deductibles and co-pays, so you'll want to budget for these costs in your overall financial strategy.

In the meantime, explore your health insurance options. The future is not ours to see – so you'll want to be prepared for anything.

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Fishing with Captain Mel



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This week's two pictures show the results of our fishing expedition at Westport River last week during high winds and cold temperatures. Our nephew, Mel True, Jr., offered to take my brother Ken and I fishing for Tautog on his boat at the Westport River. My brother Ken picked me up at 5 a.m. and we arrived at the Westport River boat Ramp at 6:15 a.m.! We sat in the parking lot for a very short time before Mel arrived with his boat and new truck. The wind was howling and the temperature was freezing cold, as I exited the warmth of my brother's car. "We must be nuts heading out to go fishing in this weather" were my first thoughts. My nephew is always happy and smiling, and was quick to greet us before backing the boat down the boat ramp, and into the water. He quickly parked the truck and hustled down to the boat. "Hop in, boys," were his first remarks. "It is going to be a great day." We had no idea how great it was going to be, and the events that were about to become part of our day on the water. The Captain started the 300 hp engine and we were on our way. The first stop was at one of his favorite rock-piles that he located with his GPS and fish finder years ago, and has always produced some nice Tautog. Captain Mel had also added a new electric motor for the boat that mounts on the deck and has all of the GPS capabilities to hold the boat in exact position, making an anchor unnecessary. On this particular day, the fast tide and wind conditions required the boat to be anchored, and the electric motor operational to hold our position on the rock pile. My brother Ken hauled in the first tautog, and we knew we would have a good day of fishing, despite the freezing temperatures and wind conditions.

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be rich so bad that he embezzled tons of money, nearly sinking my father's business. He got in trouble and never made it to the prosperous place he envisioned. I had a business partner that thought he could have a successful business by giving customers a cheap and worthless product while charging a very high price. We went our separate ways, and he is no longer in business. Are there habits or personality traits that can predict whether an ambitious person can become successful or not? It turns out that conscientiousness is one of the most significant predictors



This weeks picture shows this writer and my brother ken with some nice Tautog from the Westport river last week.

Soon we were catching numerous tautog, until I spotted another boat approaching us. "We got company!" I stated. The operator of the boat quickly dropped his anchor approximately 30 yards from the bow of our boat and let the boat drift only a few feet past our boat, bumping the stern of our boat as they drifted by. Capt. Mel quickly pushed their boat away from his boat, and the Captain of the other boat said nothing, and continued to let out more anchor line until his boat was 10 or 20 yards in back of us. He quickly locked up the anchor rope and started to fish. His anchor rope was directly under our boat, which basically restricted us from fishing except on the left side of the boat! I was speechless! The two fishermen in the boat never made eye contact with us, and acted as though we were not even there. I have never, in my entire fishing career, seen such brazen and outrageous behavior from other anglers. My first words were addressed to our captain. What the

heck are these guys doing! Mel quickly responded to us to say nothing. He does not like confrontations. I agreed, but it still left me with anger and frustration, that another angler would act this way. It was obvious that Mel's boat, with numerous decals on the side stating he was a charter boat, had the two anglers fishing off of his expertise which would produce fish for them also. "Googins." Weekend fishermen! After a short period of time, I asked our captain if we could please move to another spot. I was no longer having a good time, wanting to say something to the two fishermen, so our Captain agreed to move. I was starting to feel a lot better when we found another location and started to catch a few more fish. It was time to leave after the bite slowed. As we started to leave, the cold wind on my face as the boat increased in speed, was a sign that winter had not finished with New England! Turkey hunting started to improve locally, with numerous hunters harvesting their two birds. Most bird hunt-



Captain Mel True, Jr. with a huge tautog taken in the Westport river last week.

ers reported very few sightings of hen turkeys in the woods, which is not a good sign. Hopefully, wild turkeys are not in trouble, but I too am concerned about fewer sightings of turkeys in fields and woodlots this year. This weekend, May 7, two fishing derbies are planned for anyone to participate in. One is the Pout Pond recreation derby, and the second also on May 7, a derby at Louisia Lake in Milford sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. They are both free. Jerrys Bait & Tackle sponsored a fishing derby at Louisia Lake recently that had an attendance of close to 200 men women & children. Nice Job! The Uxbridge Rod & Gun Club will hold their annual kids fishing derby this Saturday at their club grounds off of West Street for club members' families. The pond was recently stocked with trout for the event. Breakfast will be served starting at 7 a.m., and the fishing derby will start at 8 a.m.!

Take A Kid Fishing & Keep Them Rods Bending!

of success. Studies have shown that conscientious people rise to the top at a staggeringly higher rate than those that are not conscientious. What is conscientiousness? One definition of conscientiousness is: wishing to do what is right, especially to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly. Another definition is: governed by conscience; controlled by or done according to one's inner sense of what is right; principled. Some synonyms for conscientiousness are: just, upright, honest, faithful, devoted, industrious, diligent, and dedicated. Can conscientious people be ambitious? According to Psychologistworld.com, "Conscientious people are general-

ly more goal-oriented in their motives, ambitious in their academic efforts and work, and feel more comfortable when well-prepared and organized." Studying conscientiousness will reveal that conscientious people are usually ambitious and try to do what is right; they do the best they can; they are hard workers, trustworthy, and agreeable. They foster productivity and harmony in the workplace and at home. While I encourage people to be ambitious and go after their dreams, I would never suggest that you must lie, cheat, and steal to accomplish your goals. On the contrary, I would say that if you're ambitious and want to be successful, you must practice conscientiousness. How can we practice conscientiousness? Care about others, and care about

your job; try to conduct yourself with a good and moral mindset. Don't hurt others on your way to the top, but help them instead. Be faithful, dependable, agreeable, and avoid hostile confrontation. Be a person of integrity. It's impossible to be perfect, and I certainly have many areas I need to improve upon as I practice conscientious ambition. You may not have been born and raised a conscientious person, but you can change and grow. If you want to become conscientious, you must have a growth mindset. If you're going to be successful, and conscientiousness is one of the most significant predictors of success, it's good to become a conscientious person.



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Basic Gardening Tips

There's no doubt about it, this season is a gardener's favorite time of year. Springtime brings with it not only the promise of warm, sunny weather, but the opportunity to witness the miracle of growth via the tiniest of seeds. While lush, green vegetable gardens and thick, brilliant flower beds are the things backyard gardeners dream of, achieving a successful crop can be a true challenge, even for veteran planters. With this in mind, this week's column highlights some gardening strategies and methods geared toward productive plantings, paving the way for every gardener's goal: to literally enjoy the fruits of your labor!

Planting a vegetable garden can present a host of diverse challenges. However, there are some "golden rules" of gardening that are recited by most experienced gardeners. The following planting advice is heeded for one simple reason: it works:

Experienced gardeners who start seedlings indoors acknowledge "hardening off" seedlings is a vital annual ritual. Seedlings grown indoors need time to adjust to an outdoor environment. Too much sun too soon will cause healthy-looking plants to wither and die, and a strong wind can even strip young leaves from their stems. This is why bringing seedlings outdoors for increasingly longer periods of time each day, thus "hardening off" the plant, is a necessary chore. Basic procedure: Begin by placing the plants in partial sun (no longer than an hour the first day), then gradually increase the duration of sun exposure over several days until they can safely make the transition to full sun. The plants also need to adapt to cooler night temperatures, so leave them out overnight when weather conditions are favorable. Remember to water thoroughly and frequently. Allow at least two weeks to complete the process. Gardeners know the "thinning out" process is important for seedlings to survive. It prevents over crowing in

the garden and promotes hearty growth. Be sure to thin out seedlings when they grow their second set of leaves or "true leaves."

Transplanting shrubs: If you use scissors to snip off spindly leaves, you won't uproot the whole crop. Preparation is the key to proper shrub transplanting. Add a dose of patience and a digging session and you're practically guaranteed success!

This tried and true method reduces transplant shock in shrubs: Three months prior to transplanting dig down around your shrub one third of the way cutting that section of roots. Six weeks later dig the second third of your hole. And six weeks beyond then, dig the last third and move your shrub. By staggering the cuts to the root system you give two thirds of the plant time to adjust. If you have good soil the same can be accomplished by pushing the shovel straight down into the soil, all the way.

Gardening by the Moon Phases While this age old strategy has been published in this column previously – it bears repeating it again:

Planting by the moon is an idea as old as agriculture, based both in folklore and superstition, but there are scientific ideas to back it up The Earth is in a large gravitational field, influenced by both the sun and moon. The tides are highest at the time of the new and the full moon, when sun and moon are lined up with earth. Just as the moon pulls the tides in the oceans, it also pulls upon the subtle bodies of water, causing moisture to rise in the earth, which encourages growth. The highest amount of moisture is in the soil at this time, and tests have proven that seeds will absorb the most water at the time of the full moon. The moon has four phases or quarters lasting about seven days each. he first



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two quarters are during the waxing or increasing light, between the new and the full moon. The third and fourth quarters are after the full moon when the light is waning. At the new moon, the lunar gravity pulls water up, and causes the seeds to swell and burst. This factor, coupled with the increasing moonlight creates balanced root and leaf growth. This is the best time for planting above ground annual crops that produce their seeds outside the fruit. Examples are lettuce, spinach, celery, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, and grain crops. Cucumbers like this phase also, even though they are an exception to that rule. In the second quarter the gravitational pull is less, but the moonlight is strong, creating strong leaf growth. It is generally a good time for planting, especially two days before the full moon. The types of crops that prefer the second quarter are annuals that produce above ground, but their seeds form inside the fruit, such as beans, melons, peas, peppers, squash, and tomatoes. Mow lawns in the first or second quarter to increase growth. After the full moon, as the moon wanes, the energy is drawing down. The gravitational pull is high, creating more moisture in the soil, but the moonlight is decreasing, putting energy into the roots. This is a favorable time for planting root crops, including beets, carrots, onions, potatoes, and peanuts. It is also

good for perennials, biennials, bulbs and transplanting because of the active root growth. Pruning is best done in the third quarter, in the sign of Scorpio. In the fourth quarter there is decreased gravitational pull and moonlight, and it is considered a resting period. This is also the best time to cultivate, harvest, transplant and prune. Mow lawns in the third or fourth quarter to retard growth

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Collecting postcards

Long before email and texting, postcards were a popular way to stay in touch with friends or family members and I often come across old postcard albums when I'm handling New England estates. In today's column I'll discuss the history of postcards along with collecting and studying postcards, which is known as Deltiology.

Smithsonian magazine reports that from 1848 to 1878, prior to postcards, people sent cards through the mail with applied postage. They weren't actual postcards but were instead referred to as "mailed cards." In 1861, Congress passed a law allowing cards of an ounce or less to be sent through the mail. In that same year, James P. Charlton copyrighted the first postcard. Then in 1870, Hymen L. Lipman began reissuing Charlton's copyrighted postcard under the name "Lipman's Postal Cards."

The U.S. government began producing postcards in 1873. It cost 2 cents to mail privately produced postcards while sending a government made postcard only cost 1 cent. From 1898 to 1901, "Private Mailing Card" was required on privately made cards to distinguish them from government owned postcards. From 1901 to 1907, private makers were allowed to label the cards as "postcards." The Universal Postal Congress voted in 1907 to allow the address to appear on the right side, reverse of the postcard and for a message to be written on the left. The "Divided Back Period,"



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with an address on one side and writing on the other, lasted until 1915 and is considered the "Golden Age of Postcards."

Postcards with white borders were made from 1915 to 1930. Cards with high rag content were produced during "the Linen Period," from 1930 to 1945.

The modern "Photocrom Period" started in 1945 and has continued ever since. "Chromes" are the colored images that we are now accustomed to sending and receiving when traveling.

Postcards by famous artists from any era can be very valuable. For example, artist Jean-Michel Basquiat sold painted postcards early in his career. A group of 10 of his postcards sold for \$37,000 in 2016.

Among the postcards I encounter most often, older postcards from the early 1900s are some of the most sought after. Postcard albums with cards from that era typically sell in the low to mid-hundreds.

Halloween postcards typically fetch the highest prices for holiday related postcards. A postcard with Kewpie dolls dancing around a jack-o-lantern that advertised Hazelwood ice cream went for \$1,325 in 2016.

Real photo postcards are photographs that were printed on pre-printed postcard backs. Photos of unidentified people may sell for under \$1 but rarer ones can command huge prices. For instance, a 1915 real photo postcard of

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Friday's Child



Kyle - 05/01
Age 13

I love sports and am a big Miami Dolphins fan!

Kyle is a sweet and active young boy of Caucasian descent. When first meeting Kyle, he is a bit shy. Although upon getting to know him, he is very talkative and opens up easily. Kyle strongly benefits from close connections with others. He is very sweet and cares a great deal about others. Kyle loves sports; he is a big Miami Dolphins fan. Kyle has shown interest in track and field, football, and soccer. He also enjoys being outside to participate in activities such as swimming, hiking, and waterskiing. Kyle also enjoys playing video games and listening to music.

Kyle has established many great connections in his school. He is in the 6th grade at his local public school. Kyle receives average grades and has many positive peer relationships. He also has a great connection with his guidance counselor and teachers and he looks to extra support from them when needed.

Legally freed for adoption, Kyle will do well in a family of any constellation, but would greatly benefit from having a male role model in his life. It is recommended that Kyle only be placed in a home where he is the youngest child; older siblings, especially brothers, will be considered. Currently, Kyle has a connection with his older brother and maternal grandmother that would need to be maintained, as they are very important relationships to him. He has done very well in family settings in the past and is able to thrive with routine and structure.

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Webster - COOPER RD - 3 BUILDABLE LOTS! Water & Sewer Access! **SORRY, SOLD! \$79,900.**

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WEBSTER LAKE - 300 KILLDEER ISL.



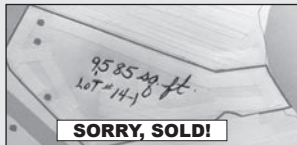
Killdeer Circle! Gently sloping landscape to waters edge. Crystal clear shoreline. Ranch with 5 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths! Walkout lower level to patio! Garage! **\$650,000.**

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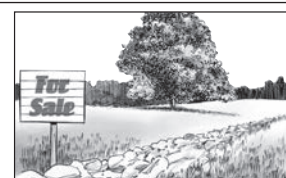
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DUDLEY: 9.3 acres, 3 structures, House, 2 car garage with attached unit, 4 room workshop
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Nichols College names Cynthia Begin to Board of Trustees

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Begin, a 1987 graduate of Nichols, is a career financial regulator having served in various roles with the Massachusetts Division of Banks for more than 25 years. She currently serves as first deputy commissioner and has held other positions during her tenure including chief risk officer, senior deputy commissioner, and assistant general counsel. She participates in agency policy development and implementation and has oversight responsibility for agency operations and supervision programs. Previously, she held positions with the Massachusetts Share Insurance Corporation and at a Worcester-based bank holding company.

Begin serves on the Board of Managers of the State Regulatory Registry LLC and is a past president and board member of the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators for which she received a Distinguished Service Award in 2014.



Cynthia Begin

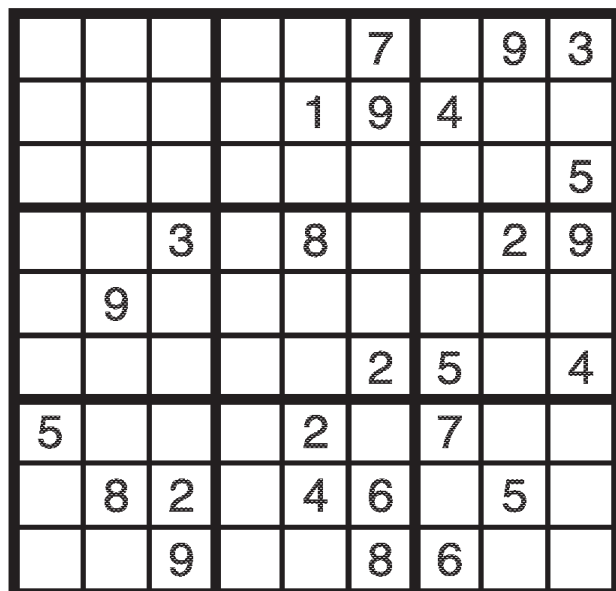
In addition to a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude, from Nichols, she holds a Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School. She and her family reside in Boston.

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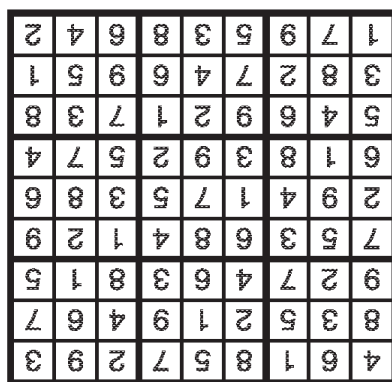


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Solution

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Answer: Party Time



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a celebration or party

How they
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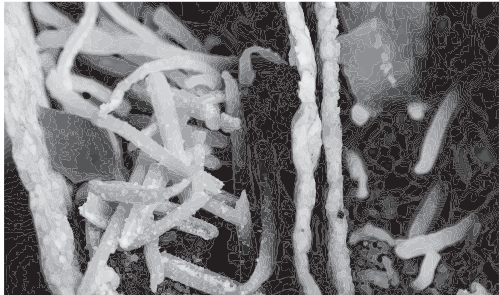
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- ITALIAN: Maggio
- FRENCH: Mai
- GERMAN: Mai



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