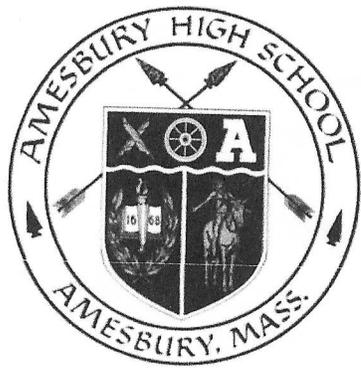


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*This
is our last issue of the
year. Have a great summer.
See you in September!*



Quote of the Week:

"Gradu-ATE!"

- The AHS Weekly

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GRADU-ATE!

Graduation

One hundred and one seniors graduated last Friday night at Landry Stadium. Credit goes to the administration for not moving the ceremony indoors after a downpour only three hours before. Credit also goes to Lindsey Williamson, who sacrificed her high school graduation to lead her track team in the Division 6 state finals. Williamson was named best female athlete at Baccalaureate.

The Class of 2025 was led into the stadium by President Stella Mitchel and Vice President Annah Belisle. Class Member at large Ruby Edmond was the cop. Logan Bowser, who is going into the army, led the pledge. Ellie Martin accompanied herself on the guitar as she sang the national anthem.

President Mitchell spoke first. She said the the hardest part of high school would be saying goodbye and that she hoped the graduates had found something that gave them joy. She urged the graduates to not let a minute go to waste.

Salutatorian Addy Upson took us back to the last day of kindergarten. She thanked everyone who had helped her

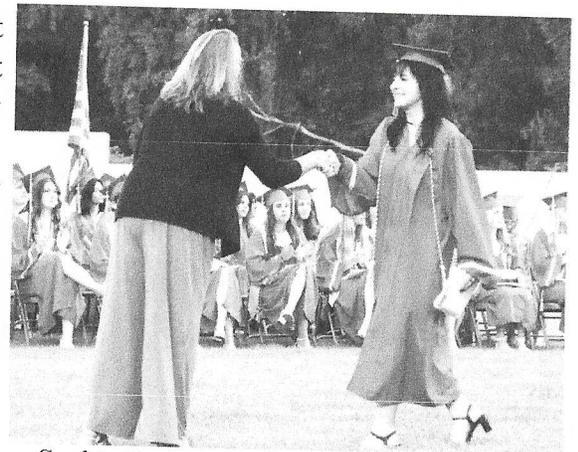
along the way. She noted that nothing is that serious - if it won't matter in five years, don't worry about it more than five minutes.

Valedictorian Samantha Bender talked about the adventures, which did not always go to plan, with her family in their homemade camper. She said there was growth in discomfort, but you'll always find your way home.

Principal Danielle Ricci displayed her gift from the seniors, an elf on the shelf, or, as the seniors called it, Danelf on the Shelf. Her advice to the graduates was (1) be curious, not judgmental, (2) embrace the awkward, and (3) smile.

Superintendent Elizabeth McAdrews pointed out that 2025 was one of the smallest classes but they had practiced resilience every day. "We need people who will show up and lead with heart and grit," she said.

The Class of 2024 President Brody Tonks spoke in what is traditionally called the "Floral Greeting." Each year the graduating class receives flowers, while walking out, bought by the previous class and given out by the juniors. Tonks talked about the thing he loves most - running. He



Sophia Rodriguez shakes hands with Superintendent McAdrews

urged the graduates to do what makes them happy.

At last, the diplomas were handed out by Mayor Gove, as class officers Julia Parsons and Addy Upson read the names. After that Dr. Ricci told the students to move their tassels from right to left, symbolizing that they had graduated.

The closing address was given by social studies teacher Pat Foley, Class of 2010, who has known most of these graduates since he was a 6th grade teacher at the Middle School. His advice was to take risks, tell people you love them, stay curious, and be kind.

Then the graduates walked to the opposite side of the stadium, where Ricci told them to throw their caps in the air.

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THEY'RE OFF!

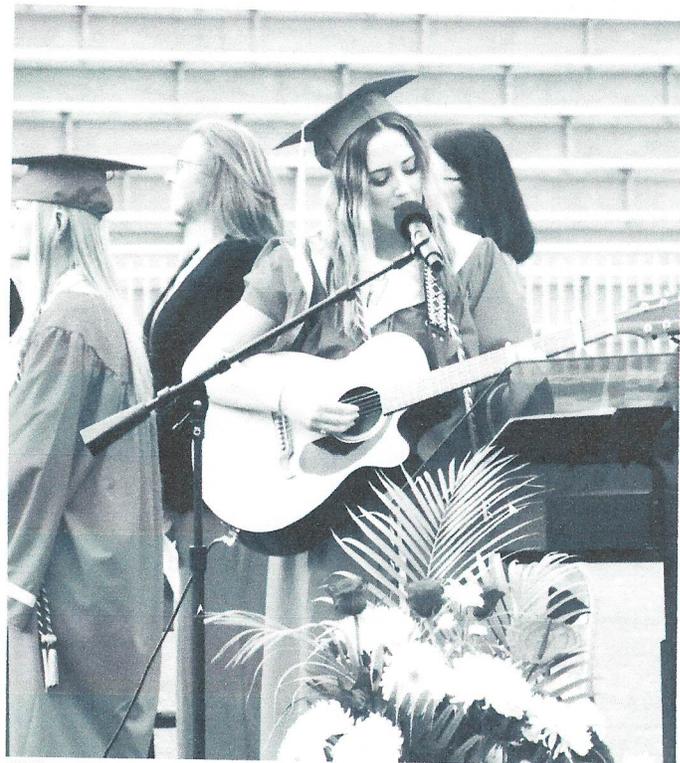
Graduation (Continued)



Adelyn Upson delivers her salutatorian speech.



DJ Dicarlo hugs his mom.



Ellie Marden sings the National Anthem.

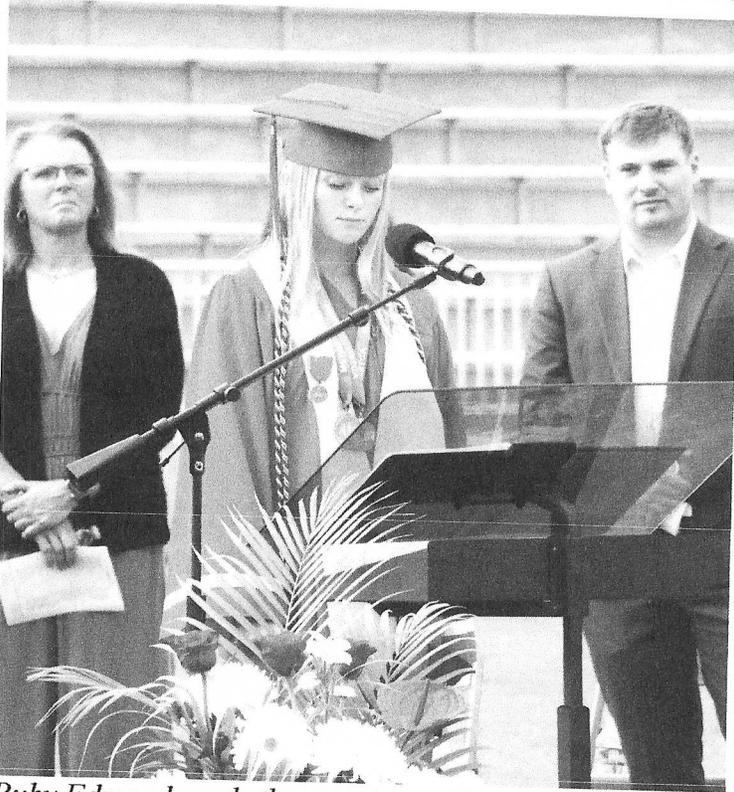


Julia Losee receives her diploma.

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CAPS & GOWNS

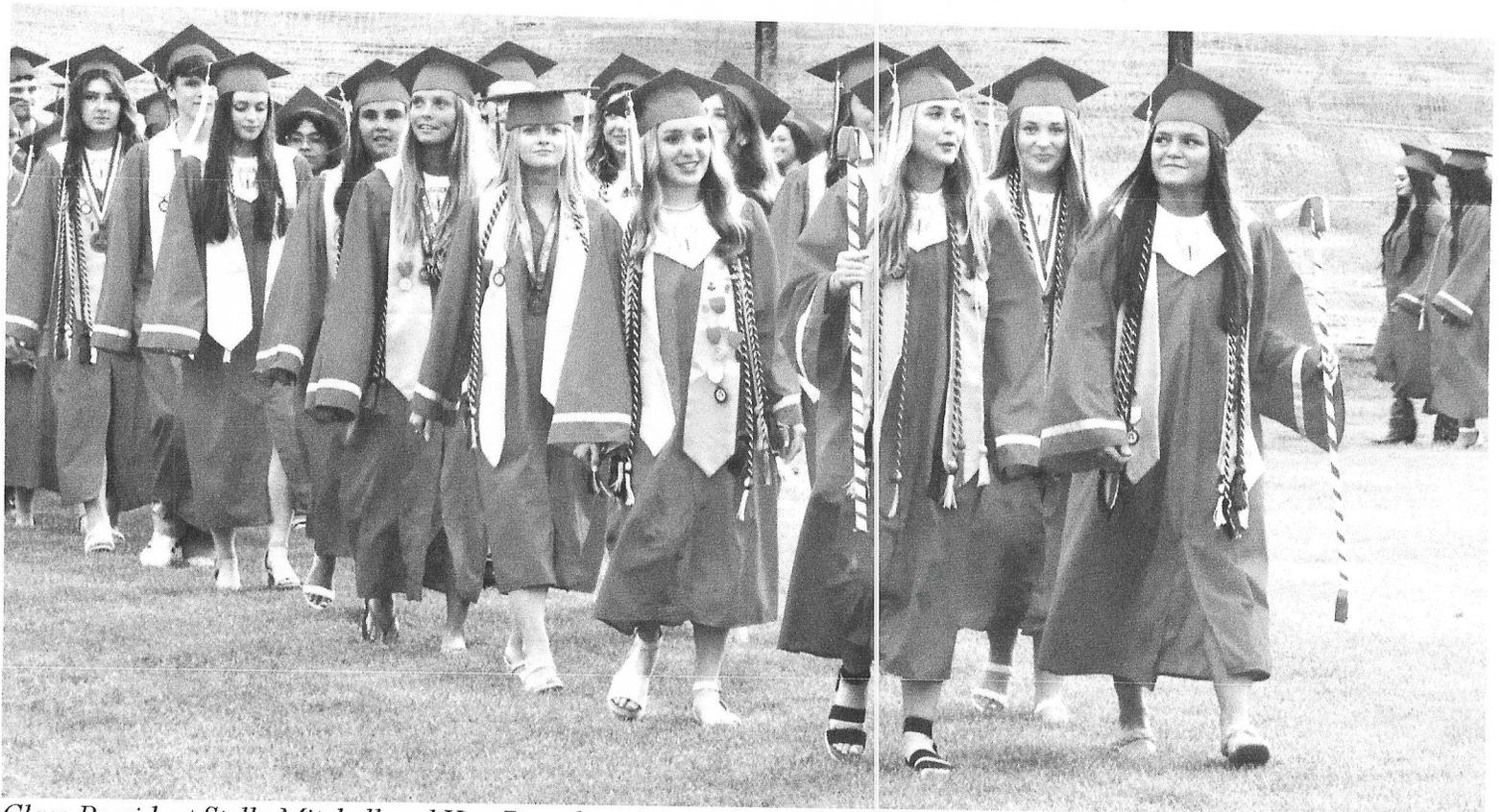
Graduation (Continued)



Ruby Edmond reads the opening remarks.



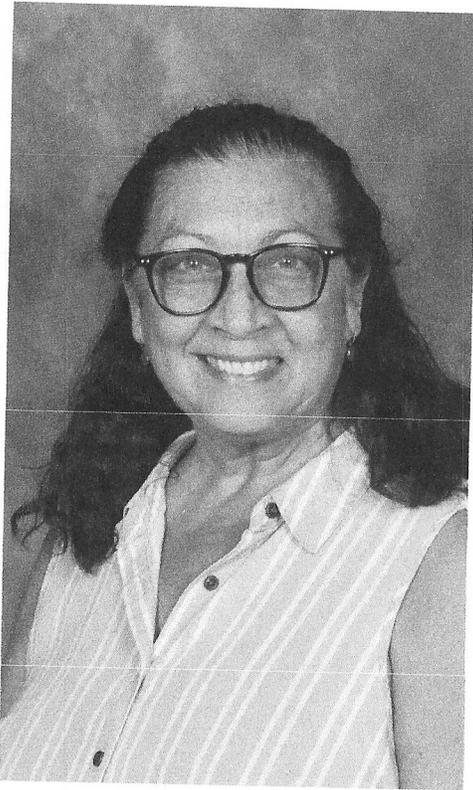
Stella Mitchell speaks in front of her class.



Class President Stella Mitchell and Vice President Annah Belisle lead the senior class to their seats.

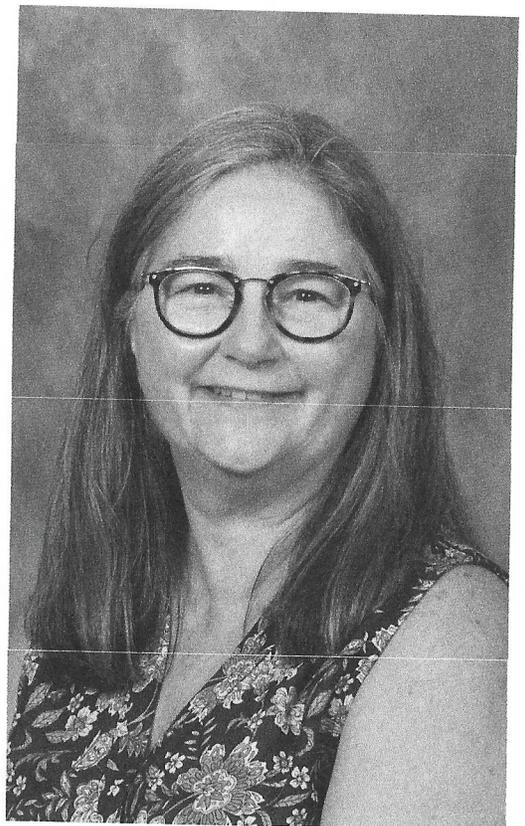
BEST OF LUCK TO OUR RETIREES!

Kathy Beaudoin & Susanne Meyer



Here at AHS, Mrs. Meyer was responsible for leading quite a few different classes, including CP and Honors Band, CP and Honors Chorus, Music and Flim, and CP and Honors Guitar & Piano Lab. As if those responsibilities weren't enough, Mrs. Meyer was also the head of the music department, head of the AHS drama club, and head of the AHS Tri-M Music Honors Society. While Mrs. Meyer has certainly dedicated a sizable amount of her time to AHS, before joining us she had taught as plethora of different establishments, including Amesbury Middle School as well as multiple other schools in New Hampshire, Maine, and even Oregon. Outside of school, Mrs. Meyer has two wonderful children and is very close with her extended family. Now that Mrs. Meyer has some more free time on her hands, she plans on taking a trip to Paris, France! While Mrs. Meyer definitely won't miss AHS's budget cuts, she will always remember her students, coworkers, and her favorite grand piano. In her absence, Mrs. Meyer wants to remind us to take our eyes off our screens and to make sure to enjoy the world around us. Mrs. Meyer was a corner stone in the AHS community, we will miss her deeply but wish her the best in her future adventures!

It is with a heavy heart that we have to say goodbye to AHS's best chemistry teacher, Mrs. Kathy Beaudoin. Before starting her career in education, Mrs. Beaudoin recieved her Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry at St. Anselm College, and later her Master's in Science Education at Lesley University. Before coming to AHS, Mrs. Beaudoin had a lengthy career for nearly 25 years as a Quality Insurance Engineer! After leaving AHS, Mrs. Beaudoin will miss the amazing culture that we have cultivated here as well as the close-knit relationships that she has formed with her students. When Mrs. Beaudoin retires, she looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren, Emmet and Eliza, and never having to grade another assignment again! Mrs. Beaudoin leaves us with some wise words in her absence, she tells AHS students to be brave when facing new challenges and for AHS staff to try and relax. The science wing will never be the same without Mrs. Beaudoin's room at the end of the hall, but we hope she enjoys her freedom after dedicating so many years to Amesbury High School!



OBSERVER

BUDGET TO BE VOTED TUESDAY

The school budget situation is bad, but it may not be quite as bad as originally thought. Mayor Gove has agreed to free up enough free cash so the schools can have a 5% increase. The School Committee is asking for 7.7% to fund a level services budget. Normally free cash is kept for one time problems rather than funding the operating budget. Gove has also agreed to sponsor a tax override in November.

That is not the final word, however. The City Council must vote Tuesday night to support Superintendent McAndrews most recent budget proposal. This proposal calls for reducing the librarian position to part time and hiring a long term graphics design sub to replace Mrs. Sconce, who is taking the year off. Bus and athletic fees will still increase and the Middle School is still losing it's world language program, as well as a reading specialist. The elementary schools are losing a literacy coach and a dyslexia specialist. There are also cuts in supplies and equipment.

Proposed Cut	\$ Amount
AMS/AHS Diagnostician	\$74,000
World Language at AMS (2)	\$148,000
District MTSS/Dyslexia Specialist	\$83,843
Elementary Literacy Coach	\$66,800
Shay Math Explorations	\$74,000
AHS Librarian reduced by .3	\$30,324
CES Integrated Arts Specialist	\$74,000
AMS Reading Specialist	\$94,092
Hire LTS for Visual Media Leave	\$41,921
Column moves	\$30,000
AHS Other student activities	\$700
AHS Extra Curricular Contracted	\$1,100
Subtotal	\$718,780
Total (both slides):	1,306,590

Proposed Cut	\$ Amount
AIHS location	\$150,000 (offset by tuitions)
Increase bus fee from \$150-250	\$24,000
Reduce maintenance supplies	\$25,000
Reduce Curriculum Software	\$30,000
Reduce Curriculum Supplies/Materials	\$15,000
Increase School Choice offset (salaries)	\$155,610
Grade 3 Chromebooks	\$49,000 (state earmark)
Increase Athletic User Fee (\$285-\$350)	\$25,000
Reduce AMS Late Bus to one day	\$4,500
Offset Electricity (YWCA Before/After School)	\$29,700
Offset more of Pre-K teacher with tuitions	\$20,000
Building Maintenance	\$50,000
AHS Teacher supplies	\$10,000
Subtotal:	\$587,810

GIRLS' TENNIS SURPRISES

Last Wednesday the 22 seeded girls tennis team took the two hour drive to Mashpee, the 11th seed in division four, on Cape Cod for the first round of the state tournament. We guess the seniors assumed Amesbury would lose, so they skipped the meet to go on the class trip. Well, surprise, the Redhawks won 3-2. Katie Welch won at third singles, while Sammy Porter and Liv Thorpe won at first doubles. The second doubles team of Bailey Kimball and Maggie Francis, both JV players, won in their first varsity meet.

This past Monday the girls had an easier drive as they met 6th ranked Manchester Essex. It wasn't an easier match. The girls fell 0-5 to end their tournament run.

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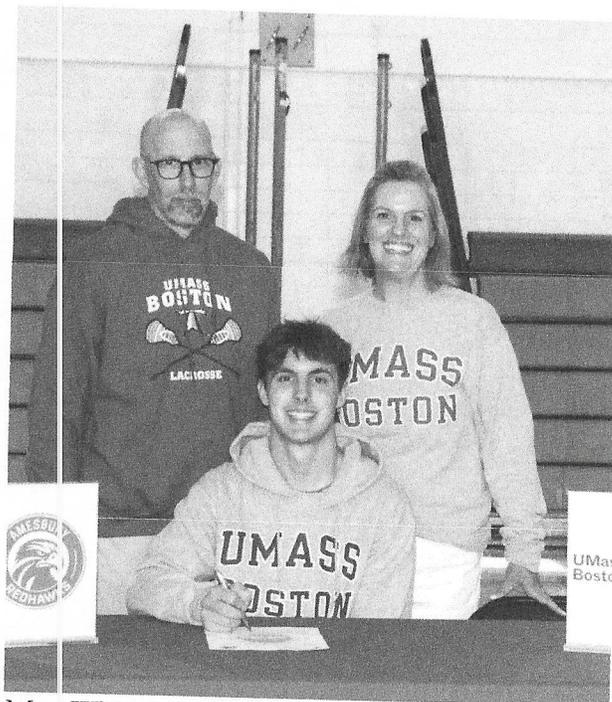
SOPHOMORES MAKE BUCKS

The Class of 2027 sold 7200 carnations total and made \$0.58 for every flower sold, so they made a healthy profit. Mairead Tetreault got over 240 flowers. Our class officers reps were our big helpers and did a great job organizing and sorting flowers.

GRADUATES COMMIT TO COLLEGES FOR SPORTS



Julia Parsons, posing with her family, will be running at St. Anselms.



Max White, posing with his parents, will play lacrosse at UMASS Boston.



The whole soccer team turned out to congratulate Stella Mitchell as she commits to Roanoke.

THROW FAR, RUN FAST

DIVISION 6 STATE TRACK

For once, the girls' team took home more medals than the guys at the Division 6 state track meet at Tufts University last Friday and Sunday. The first 8 players receive medals.

On the girls side the medal winners were:

Discus - Julia Losee - 8th Place

2 Mile - Violet Davis - 8th Place

400 Meter - Katie Ishihara - 7th Place

4x400 Relay - Lauren Talbot, Lindsey Williamson, Ruby Edmond, Katie Ishihara - 6th Place

On the boys side the medal winners were

Shot Put - Marcus Colon - 3rd Place, Dylan Palen - 4th Place

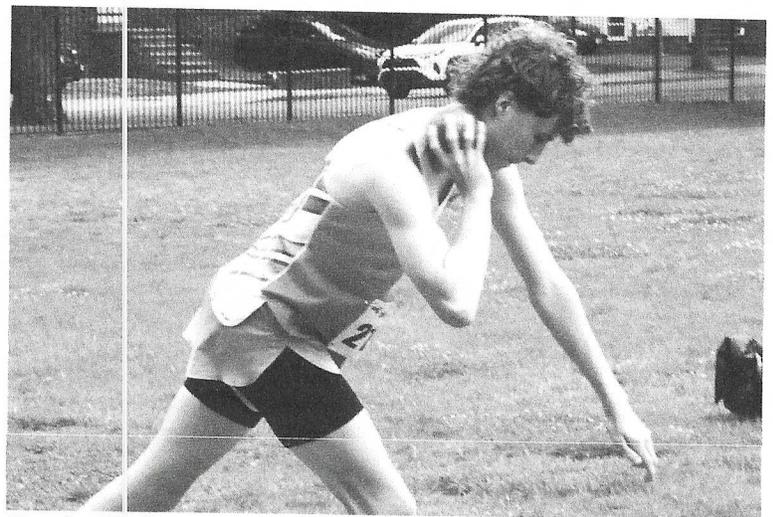
Pentathlon - Justin Dube - 5th Place



Katie Ishihara flies in the 400 meters.



Violet Davis was eighth in the two mile.



Brodie Hall puts the shot.

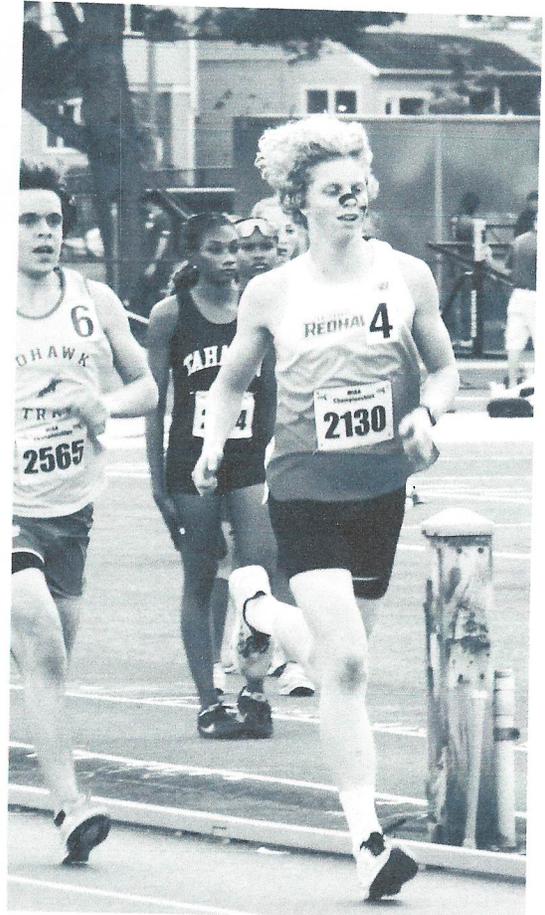
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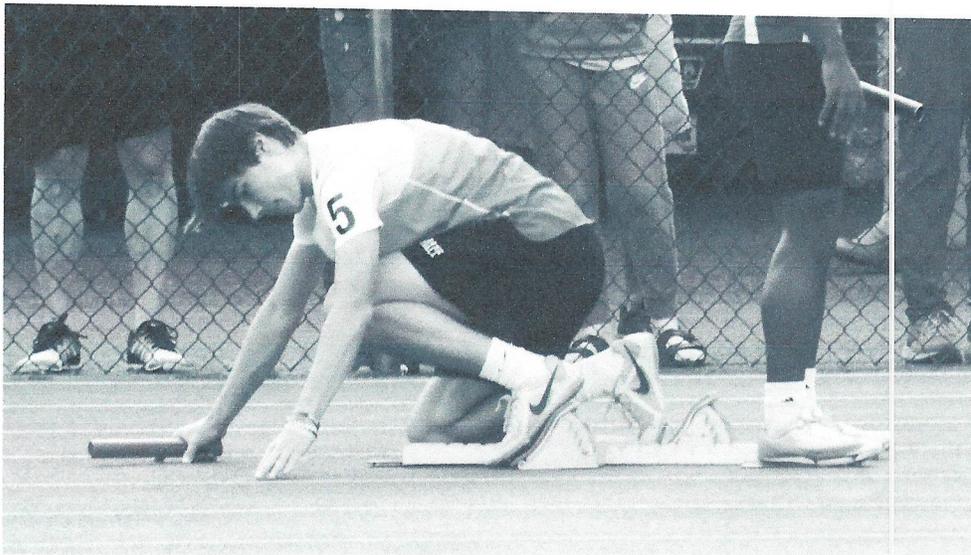
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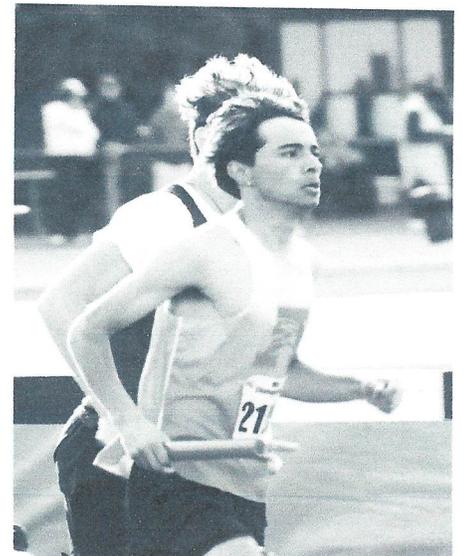
Lindsey Williamson is great at hurdles.



Josiah Fugate runs the mile.



Justin Dube prepares to run the relay.

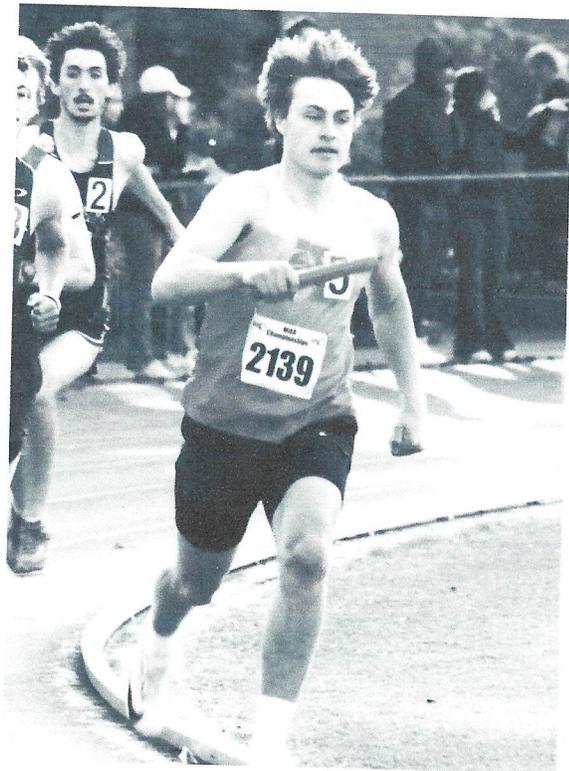


Anthony Aguilar runs the relay.

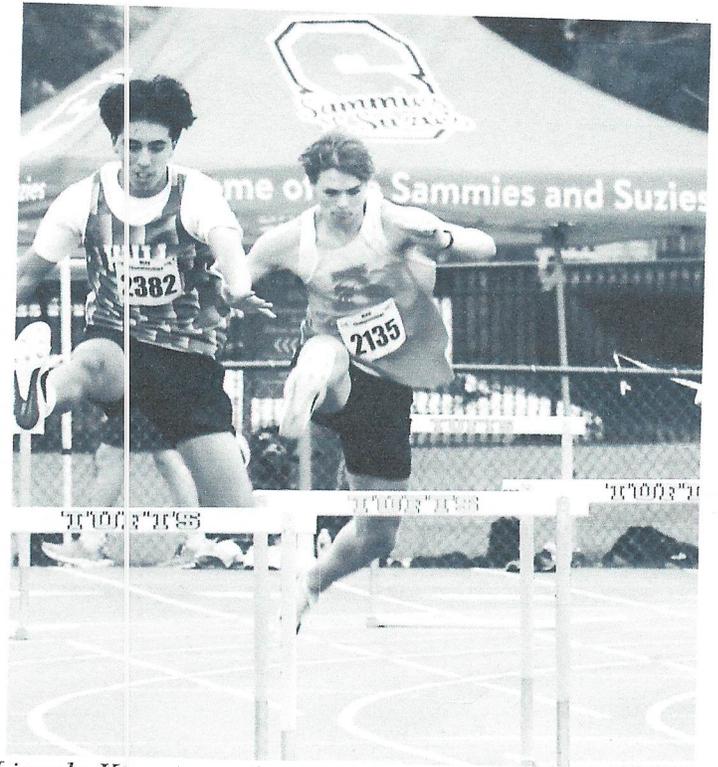
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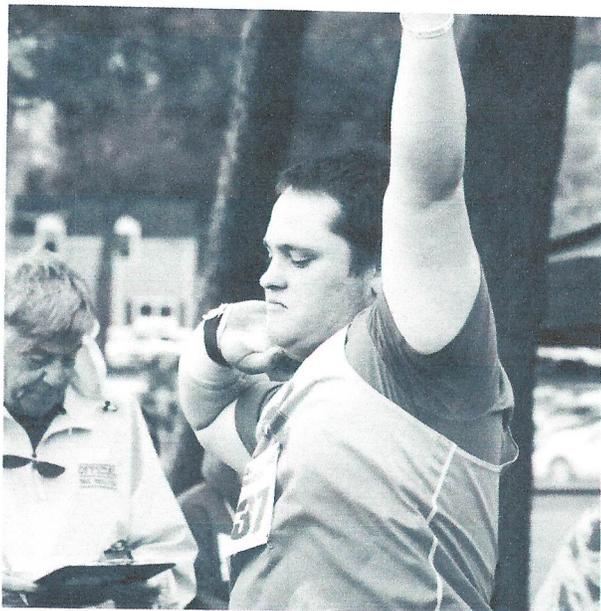
State Track Meet (continued)



Joe Puleo leads the relay.



Lincoln Kime is ready to jump.



Dylan Palen hurls the shot put.



Marcus Colon took third place in the shot put.

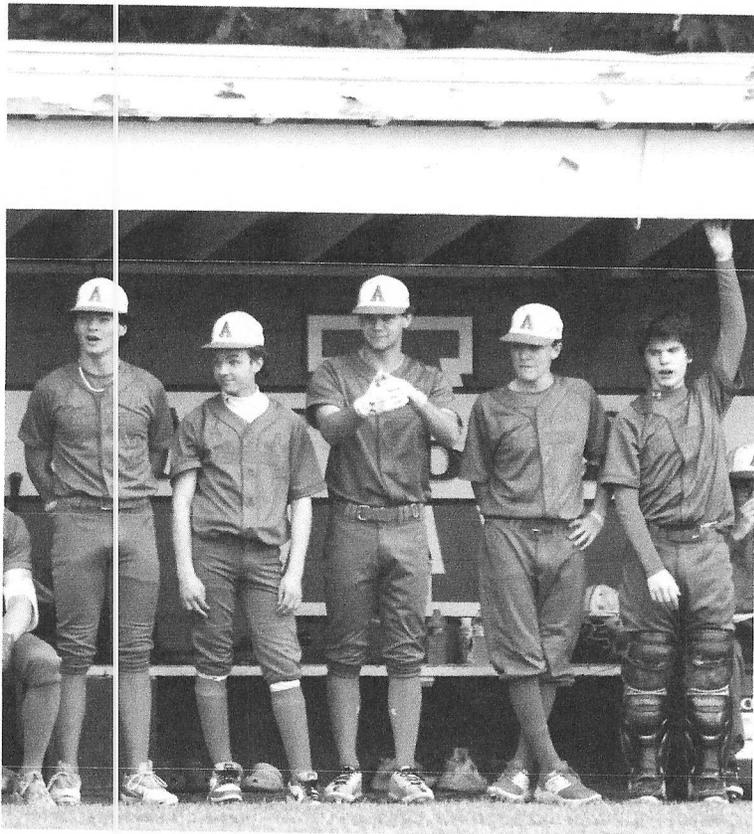
END OF THE SEASON

Baseball

Despite winning only 4 games this season, the baseball team made it into the playoffs as the 31st seed and played St. Mary's of Westfield, the 34th seed, last Thursday at home, winning 5-3. Josh Roberts went all the way on the mound.

Through the fourth inning it was 3-1 St. Mary's. Amesbury, however, picked up four runs in the fifth on doubles by Roberts and Ethan Kirby and singles by Thomas McElaney and DJ DiCarlo. That made it 5-3, which was the end of the scoring.

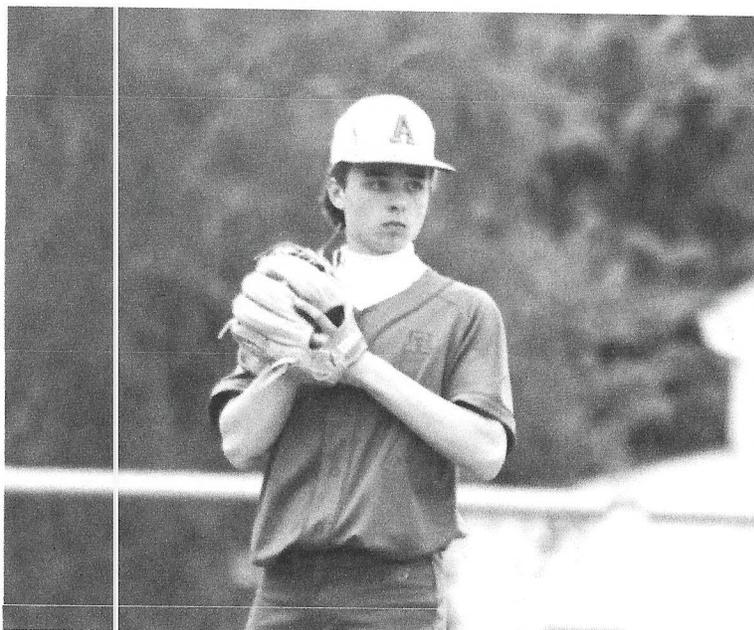
On Monday, the Redhawks traveled to Lynnfield to face the #2 seeded Pioneers. With a final score of 15-5 someone would assume the game was a blow out for Lynnfield. However, Amesbury started out ahead and was tied 5-5 with Lynnfield after 3 innings. From that point on, however, the Pioneers started to score and were helped by Amesbury mistakes. Lynnfield scored twice in the 4th, four runs in the 5th and four more in the sixth. Amesbury, meanwhile, couldn't put the hits together. DJ DiCarlo went five innings and was relieved by Ethan Kirby in the sixth. Thomas McElaney had two doubles and a single. Roberts had one double and a single.



The bench is looking for a hit.



Josh Roberts pitches against St. Mary's.



Jacob Noyes waits for the ball

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WIN SOME, LOSE SOME!

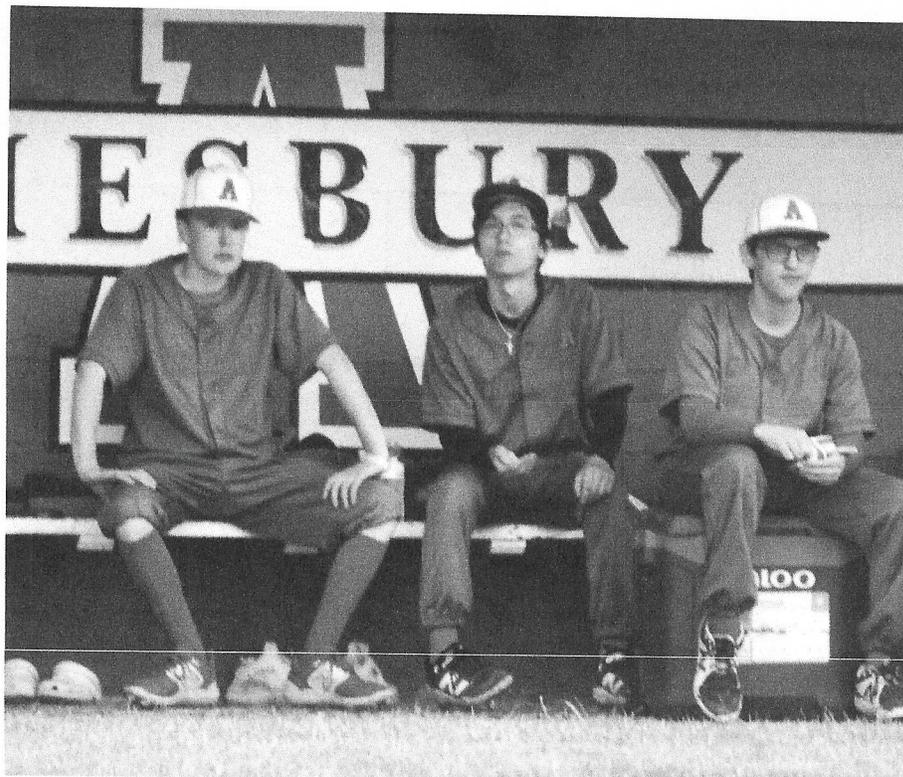
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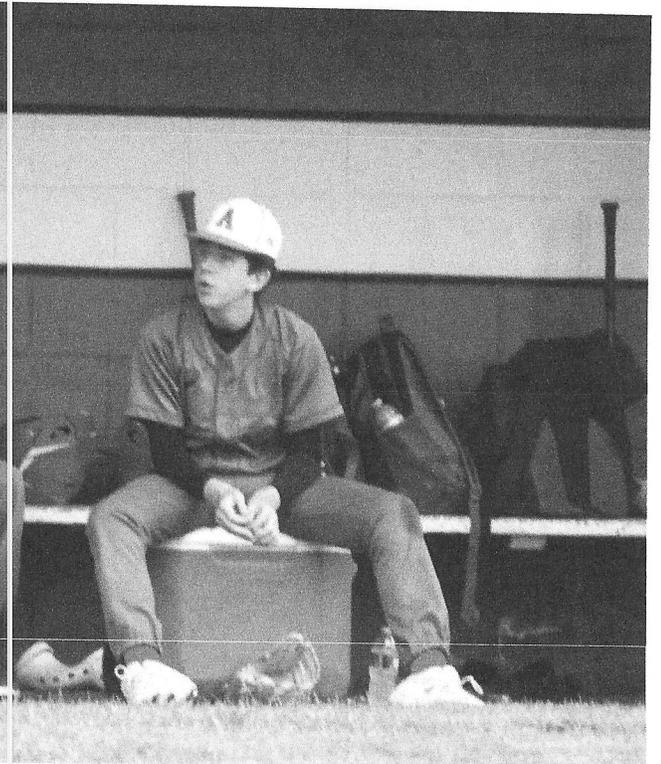
Thomas Purro gets into stance.



Andre v Parsons bolts for home plate.



The players on the bench are still sitting.



END OF THE LINE

Softball

The softball team had no trouble in the first game of the Division 4 tournament as Alex Donnell pitched a shut out against 36th seed Minuteman last Thursday 8-0. Amesbury, meanwhile, was picking up hits from Hope Shannahan (4 for 4), Sophia Le (2 for 3), and doubles from Lydia Hunt and Katelyn Cronin.

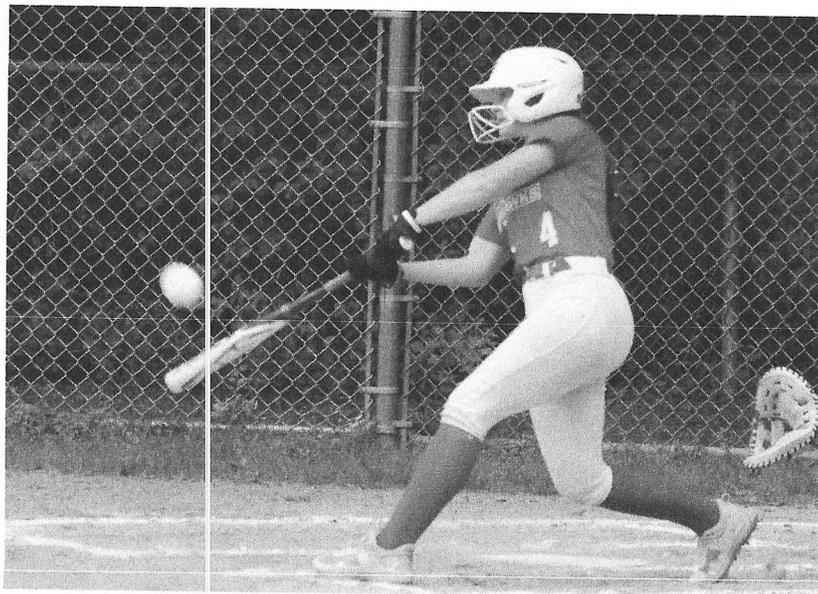
It was a different story on Tuesday. Amesbury met 4th seed Joseph Case and fell (13-0). So ends the softball season.



Alex Donnell wasn't expecting to be the starting pitcher this year, but she rose to the occasion.



Katelyn Cronin wasn't expecting to be the catcher this year either, but when Lexi LeBlanc was injured, she also rose to the occasion.



Hope Shannahan did expect to be a hitter this year - and she was.

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SCORE!

Softball (Continued)



The bench warms up the outfielders.



Addy Cooper takes a swing.



Celia Tavares is ready for anything.



Harper Walker has her eye on the ball.

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READY TO PLAY

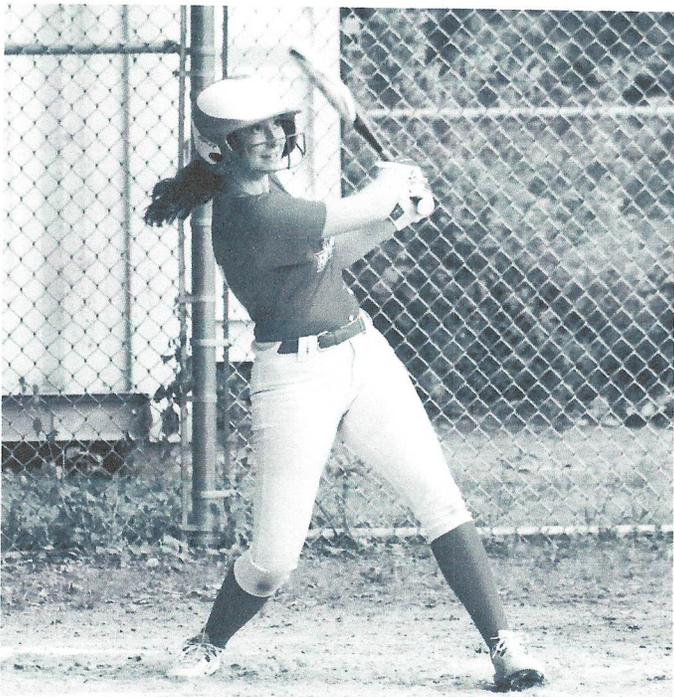
Softball (Continued)



Harper Walker is ready to hit.



Addi Cooper guards first base.



Lydia Hunt takes a swing.



Sophia Le rounds first.

PETUNIA JONES

How to Survive the Summer Without Getting Sunburn

Dear Petunia Jones,

I am a pasty-white ginger, with the skin tone equivalent to meal prep boiled chicken and rice. Due to my complexion, the sun burns me to a crisp within seconds of exposure. Do you have any advice for staying unburned while also making the most of my summer?

- Sheamus MacConnolly

Dear, Mr. MacConnolly,

While I am fortunately not a ginger like you, I do have friends who suffer from the affliction of easily burned skin. Many whom I asked suggested using sunblock, preferably one of 65 SPF or higher.

"But Petunia," you're probably saying, "With inflation running rampant, I can't afford the absurd price of sunblock!" Do not fret! My position within Johnson and Johnson, (a family company), has given me insider knowledge on the exact chemical formula used to make most name brand sunblocks. And as a woman of the people, I will of course let you in on my secrets, so listen up.

The first step to any good sunblock comes not in the ingredients, but in the cauldron it's made in. Yes, you read that right, cauldron. While most modern corporations make their sunblock in large steel vats, traditional small batch sunblock has a much better smell and flavor. Therefore, you really should use the traditional cooking implement it was made in, being the cast iron cauldron. If you are unable to find a cauldron, a large crockpot could be used to a similar effect.

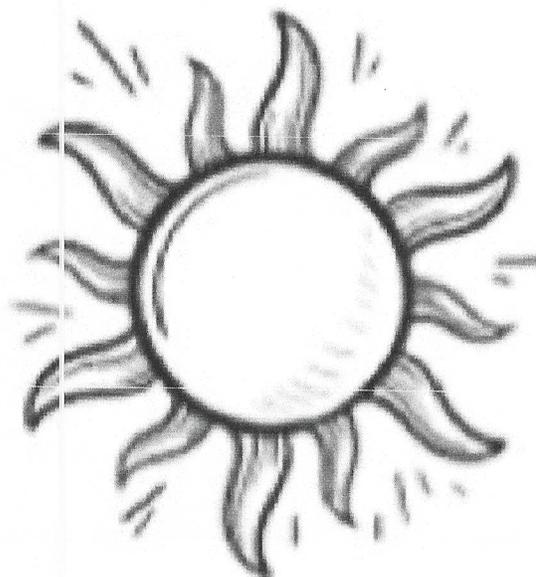
Next, you will need to procure large amounts of tongue of newt, to provide the proper protective capabilities. There are two mainstream ways of acquiring tongue of newt. First, if you live in an

area where newts are common, you could gather some up and harvest their tongues. Don't feel bad for the newts, they possess the ability to grow back lost limbs, certain organs, and even their tongues. Also, they deserve it. Don't ask why. The other method is to go to Costco. They have large pallets of dozens of cans of assorted newt parts, and you can just pick out the tongues at your leisure. Be sure to wash the tongues though, as the residual juice from the rest of the newt can give your sunblock undesirable side effects.

The last two ingredients are rather easy to acquire. Sunblock is actually two parts aluminium for every five of the other ingredients, so just gather some aluminium foil clippings to add in to your mix. If you are in possession of all natural aluminium, you could also put that in. Finally, three Kraft American Cheese singles for color.

As your last step, heat the mixture on medium low until clumps start to form. Then, whisk vigorously until a thick cream is formed. You may bottle at your pleasure, but be sure to keep it out of the sun, as the lightest exposure to sun will cause it to violently explode. Enjoy

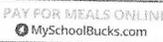
- Petunia Jones



Lunch

LUNCH					JUNE 2025 Amesbury High School				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mashed Potato Bowl Corn, gravy, cheese 2	Soft Tacos Chicken or beef Mexican Rice Sour cream, salsa 3	Meatball Sub Seasoned Green Beans 4	Bacon Cheeseburger Potato Salad 5	French Bread Pizza Side Salad 6	Buffalo Chicken Sandwich Cheese Sauce Tater tots 9	Walking Taco Fiesta Rice Sour Cream Salsa Cheese 10	Macaroni and Cheese Buffalo Chicken Ground Beef Garlic bread 11	Grab N Go 12	Grab N Go 13
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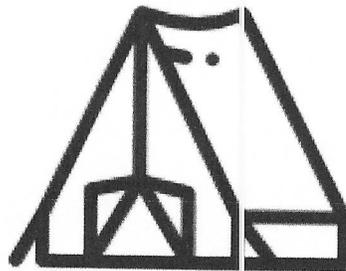
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Top 5 Summer Activities



#1. Going to the beach



#2. Camping



#4. Hiking



#3. BBQ's



#5. Eating ice cream

COMING EVENTS

MONDAY JUNE 9: NOMINATION PAPERS FOR CLASS OFFICE, SAC, AND STUCO DUE TO MRS. BROCKMYRE. GET PAPERS OUTSIDE 109.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10: CLASS ELECTIONS DURING EXTENDED WIN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11: EXTENDED WIN

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12: EXAMS 1, 2, 3
SPRING SPORTS NIGHT**

FRIDAY, JUNE 13: EXAMS 4, 5, 6

MONDAY, JUNE 16: AWARDS ASSEMBLY, BOOK AWARDS, FIELD DAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 17: THE END

Horoscope

Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Life: A substitute teacher will pronounce your name so egregiously wrong that you will be forced to think about it for years to come.

Single: You will forget to pick up your paycheck from work. :(

Couples: You will remember to pick up your paycheck, but your boss removes \$30 for every day you were late. Whoops!

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Life: Sheldon Cooper will move in with you against your will, followed by all the cast members of the Big Bang Theory.

Single: You finally get married! To Leonard from the Big Bang Theory... good luck!

Couples: Your partner leaves you for Leonard from the Big Bang Theory.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Life: In all of your excitement for the new Hunger Games movie, you get picked for the Hunger Games yourself.

Single: You die first in the Games. Yay!

Couples: Your partner comes to the Hunger Games with you...

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Life: You develop a deadly dairy allergy.

Single: You accidentally eat ice cream and blow up with allergens.

Couples: In spite of your allergy, you consciously continue to eat ice cream because it's just so good...

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Life: You get recruited to write an advice column for the AHS Weekly and it comes out pretty terrible...

Single: You sleep through your alarm on MCAS day and show up

to find you missed the whole thing.

Couples: You move into the woods and Zen Zents haunts you as a 20-foot tall forest creature...

Aquarius (Jan. 21- Feb. 19)

Life: You get haunted by regular Zen Zents.

Single: You try figgy pudding for the first time! It's okay.

Couples: You take the train and ride around to different places all summer...

Pisces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

Life: You become blind in one eye and have to start wearing a monocle like Mr. Peanut.

Single: The voices... the voices...

Couples: You begin to derive joy from spreading misinformation on the internet.

Aries (Mar. 21 - April 20)

Life: You show your hair stylist a picture of dreads, but he gives you the Bart Simpson cut...

Single: You show your Bart Simpson haircut around school and receive some negative comments. Rude.

Couples: You and your partner have a delightful outing on the Seine River in France and eat delicious French pastries.

Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Life: You decide to join a school support group, but you drop it because Gearin keeps calling you "Coach."

Single: Instead of coming back to your high school reunion in a Mercedes, you come back in your dumpy 2002 Toyota Corolla and everyone laughs at you.

Couples: You come home after school to find a ginger in the house. Eek!

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Life: You realize summer vacation is coming up, and you feel nostalgic remembering all of your happy school memories.

Single: You decide to make plans to see

all of your friends this summer!

Couples: The beach is looking like a fun location for some harmless summer activities...

Cancer (June 22 - July 24)

Life: You run in the 2028 presidential election against Kermit the Frog.

Single: You lose.

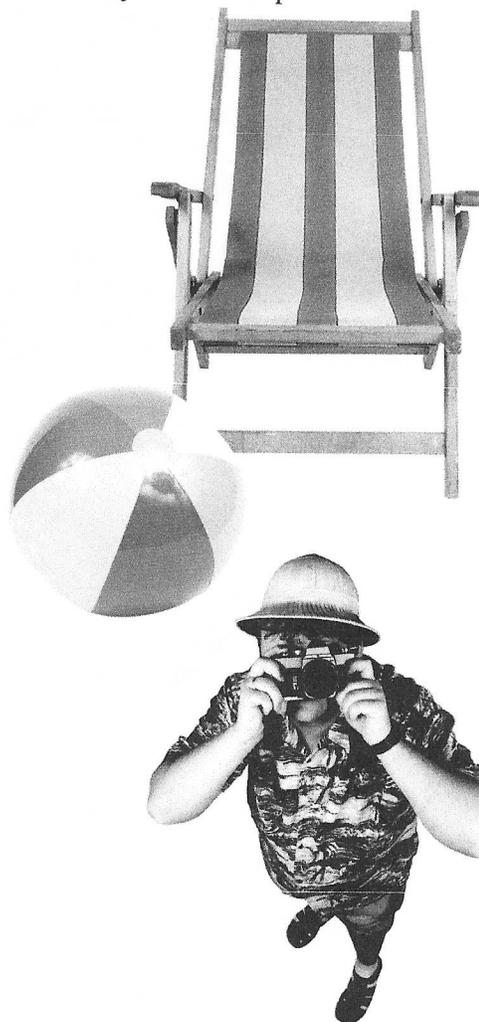
Couples: You win! However, in a blinded rage, he sings a cheery song about rainbows.

Leo (July 25 - Aug. 23)

Life: You screw up.

Single: You fix your screwup!

Couples: Your partner leaves you because you screw up.



Today In History

In 1002, German King Henry II the Saint was crowned.

In 1536, Mexico begins the Inquisition.

In 1654, Queen Christina of Sweden resigned and converted to Catholicism.

In 1673, France and Brandenburg sign a peace treaty.

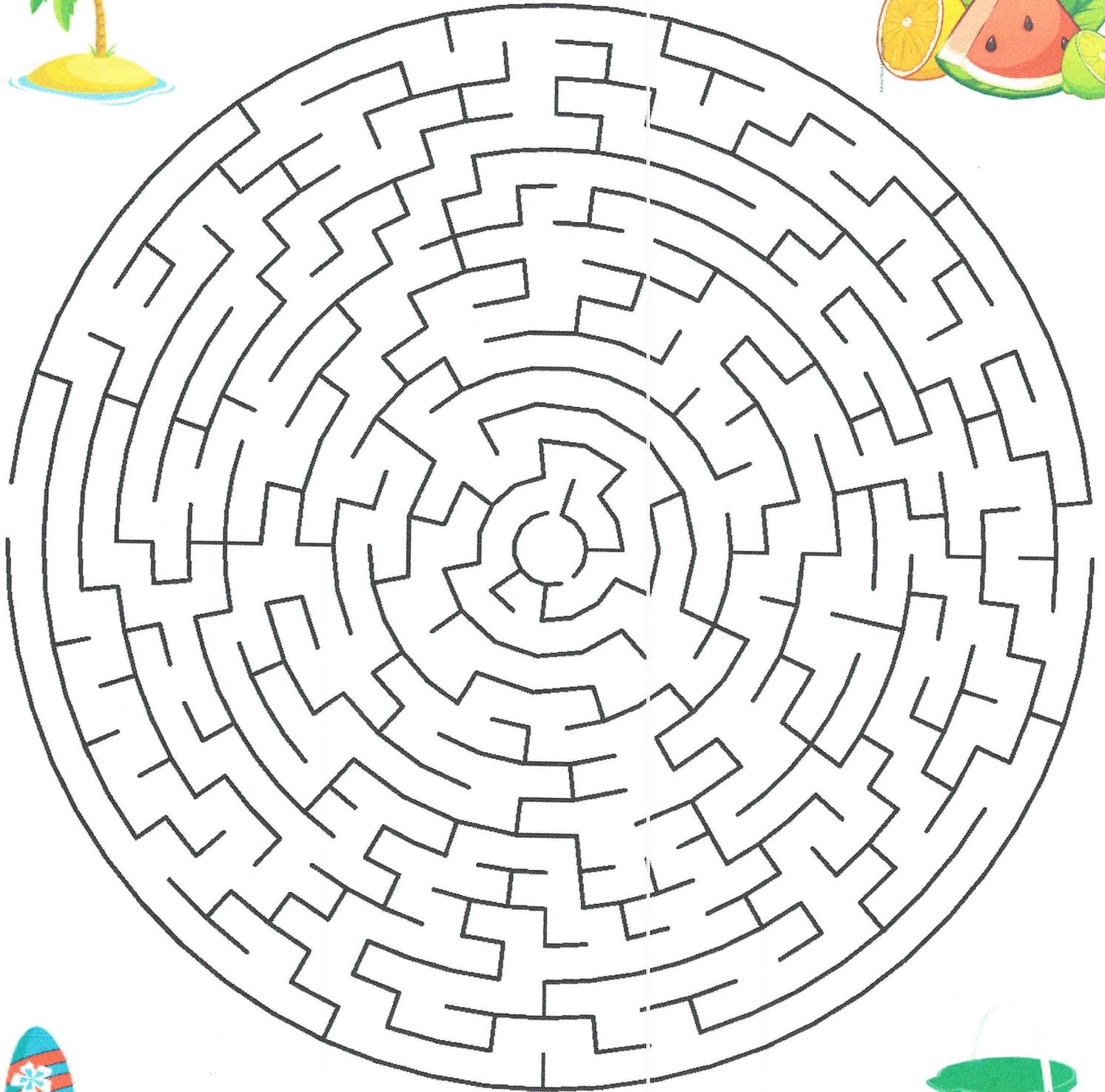
In 1944, D-day, or the invasion of Normandy, took place.

Summer Trivia

- 1) What days does summer start and end?
 - 2) Is the Earth closer or further from the sun during North hemisphere summer?
 - 3) What is the hottest recorded temperature on Earth?
 - 4) What country did fireworks come from?
 - 5) What drink was made originally as an Ice cream topping?
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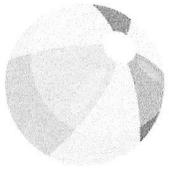
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SUMMER'S COMING



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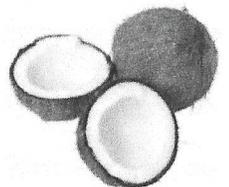
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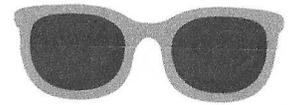
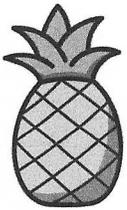
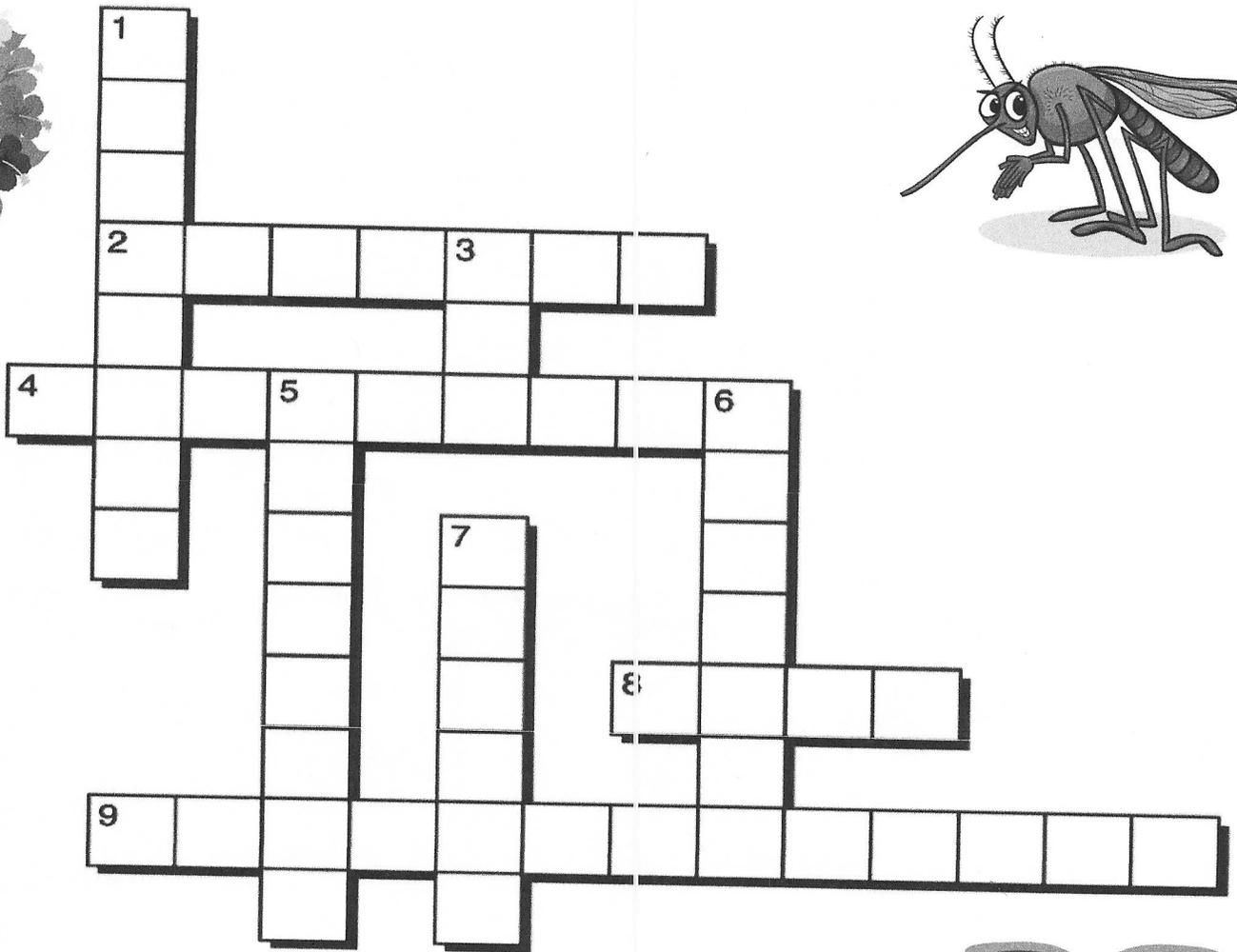
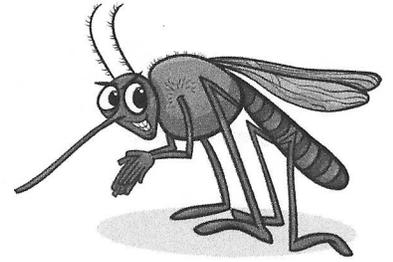
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 CAMPFIRE



IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE!

Crossword



Clues

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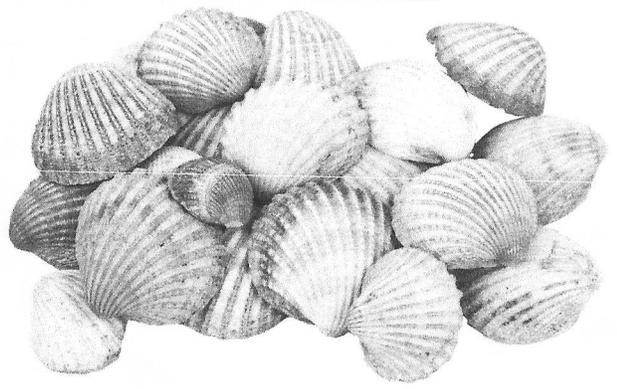
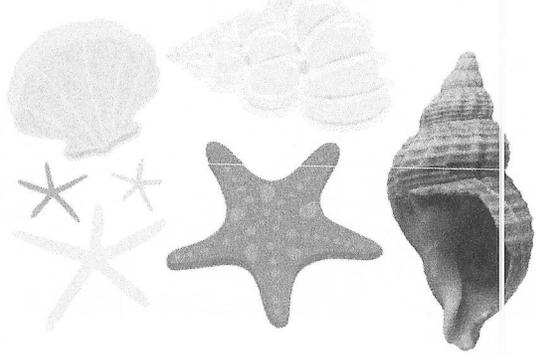
- 2) A summer night activity
- 4) Something you might collect on the beach?
- 8) Creepy crawlers that will chill in your house
- 9) Summer officially starts on__

- 1) A common summer treat
- 3) What you would want in your drink
- 5) A common summer activity is__
- 6) What you don't want to happen to your skin
- 7) You might feel __ in the heat

SUN'S OUT BUNS OUT

Sudoku

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CONGRATS GRADS!

Graduation (Continued)



The graduates throw their caps.



Ty Dore receives a diploma from his mom.

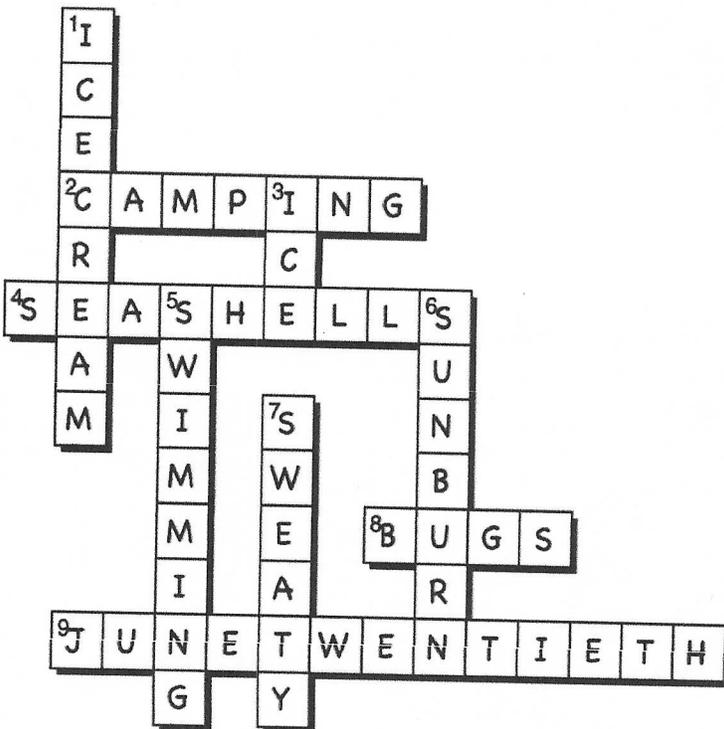
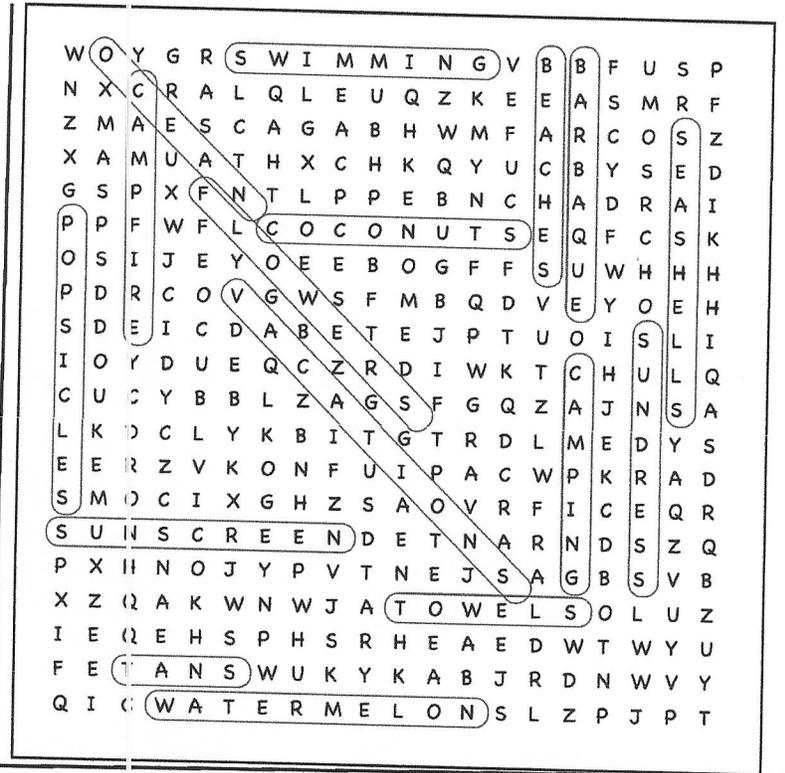
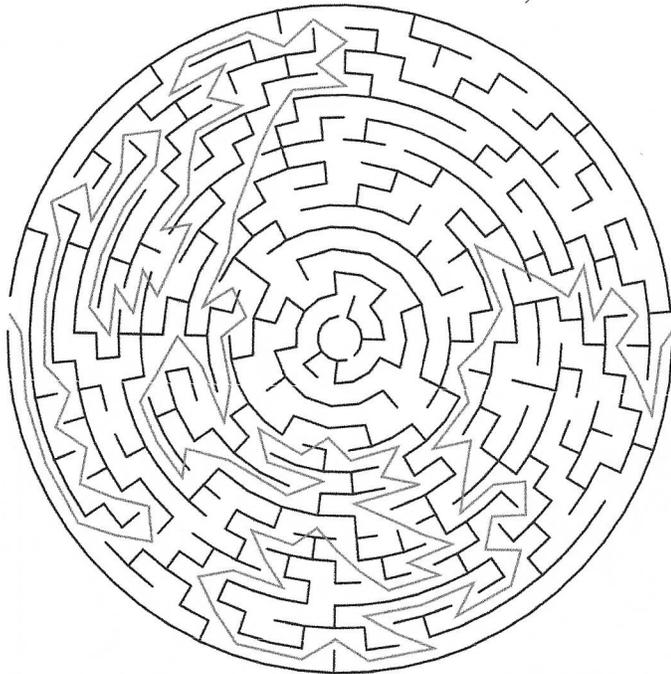


Valedictorian Sam Bender delivers her speech.

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WHO'S READY FOR BREAK?

Answers



Trivia Answers...

1) June 20- Sept 22

2) Further

3) 134 deg F (56.7 deg C)

4) China

5) Hawaiian Punch

