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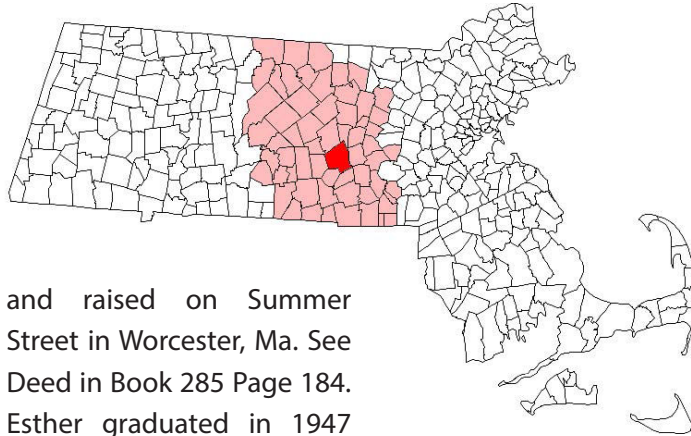
Worcester Registry of Deeds

Newsletter

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and raised on Summer Street in Worcester, Ma. See Deed in Book 285 Page 184. Esther graduated in 1947 from Mount Holyoke College located in South Hadley, Ma. Inspired by an elaborate valentine card she had received, Esther decided to start the valentine card business on the third floor guest bedroom in her family

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Howland House, 68 Summer St.



Esther Howland (1828 - 1904)

Community Statistics

Worcester South District

110,725

Total Recordings 2023

\$490K

Median Home Value

67.5%

Homes Owned vs. Rented

10,945

Total Housing Units

734

Density (Houses per Square Mile)

Spotlight

Valentine Card History

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home on Summer Street. Esther set up an assembly line workshop where the employees copied her designs and made the cards. Esther Howland also provided the workers the opportunity to work from home. She prepared work boxes

that were delivered and picked up by a driver weekly from the home of each remote worker.

Esther incorporated her business in 1870 as the New England Valentine Company. What are the 7 days of February that build-up to Valentine's Day? - Rose Day, Propose Day, Chocolate Day, Teddy Day, Promise Day, Kiss Day, and Hug Day and then finally – Valentine's Day! Cel-

ebrated on February 7, Rose Day marks the start. Okay honestly, when I stumbled across this idea of 7 days, I laughed and thought am I entering a Hallmark world, alas, my internet search found several resources out-

lining this WEEK of demonstrating love. I would be remiss to omit what is the opposite of Valentine's Day/Week, referred to as Slap

Day which is the 15th of February. The antivallentine week starts with Slap Day, which is celebrated every year on the 15th of February. Well, guess what? All you poor, heartbroken souls out there, this is the golden opportunity for you to give your ex a fun, tight slap. Why is Cupid an endearing

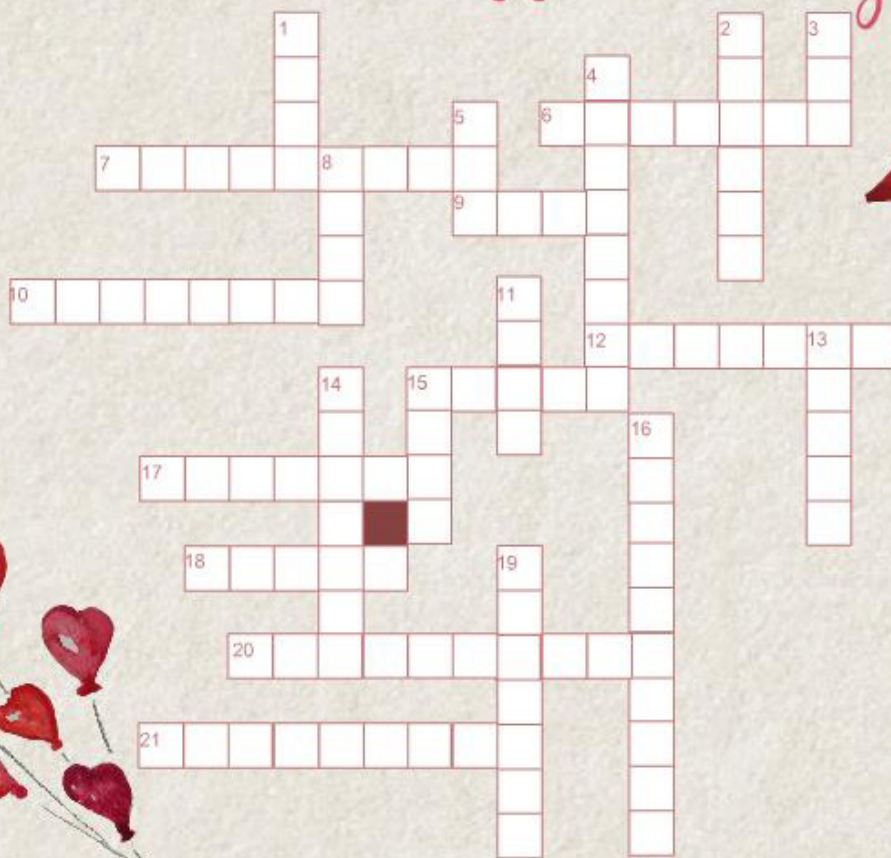


symbol of Valentine's Day? In mythology, Cupid is the god of desire, love and affection, son of the goddess of love, Venus and the god of war, Mars. Cupid is often portrayed as a naked winged youth with a bow and arrow.

He draws his bow and arrow to inspire romantic love and passion, thus becoming an icon of Valentine's Day along with the classic red hearts and red roses.



Valentine Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. hugs, and kisses
2. A person with whom one has a bond of mutual affection
3. Squeeze (someone) tightly in one's arms
4. The second month of the year
5. The color of blood
8. An intense feeling of deep affection
11. A piece of paper to send greetings
13. A sweet treat
14. A declaration or assurance that one will do something or that a particular thing will happen
15. A color intermediate between red and white, like coral or salmon
16. unable to think or act normally, especially as a result of being in love
19. another word for gift

Across:

6. An emotional state or reaction
7. A treat made from roasted and ground cacao seeds
9. Regarded with deep affection.
10. A flat paper container with a sealable flap, used to enclose a letter or document.
12. A feeling of excitement and mystery associated with love
15. a social gathering of invited guests
17. Cute and colorful inflated rubber bag
18. the Roman god of Love
20. A person with whom someone is having a romantic relationship
21. A sweetheart chosen or complimented on Valentine's Day

Commonwealth Room Mural



Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 22, 2024 12:45pm

Hopedale Senior Center
43 Hope Street, Hopedale, MA 01747

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 1:00pm

Gardner Senior Center
294 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA 01440

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 1:00pm

Mendon Senior Center
62 Providence Street, Mendon, MA 01756

Thursday, March 28, 2024 12:30pm

West Brookfield Senior Center
73 Central Street, West Brookfield, MA 01585

Valentine Crossword Puzzle Answer Key

