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HFA Brings On Events Hotter Than, Well, July

Hitchcock Free Academy makes July sizzle with music, with mindfulness, with art, with yoga, and with insight on an edge-of-your-seat whodunit set at the Brimfield Flea Market. July kicks off with Art is for Everyone, an exploratory art experience geared for kindergarteners to fifth graders, and their parent or caregiver, which begins July 1 and runs every Thursday through the month from 9 am to 10:15. Students will work with a variety of mediums in order to learn to be creative by experimenting and by learning different artistic techniques. The class culminates with an Art



Show on the final Thursday of the month so that family and friends can admire students' imaginative work.

Mystery lovers can meet author and antique dealer Carol Freeman, who opens her latest book with a shocking murder at the Brimfield Flea Market. The Baron of Brimfield: Murder at Midnight puts her 72 year old amateur sleuths, Ellen and Charlie, on the trail of a murderer, who seeks to evade detection under the cover of the May flea market. Readers are sure to enjoy following

the chase through many area localities. Freeman will be at Hitchcock Academy on July 14 at 6 pm. During this free event she plans to discuss both her current work and to share the unconventional path which led her to writing. Refreshments will be served.

Hitchcock Academy's upcoming roster of classes take full advantage of the warm weather and spacious lawn. A new Fencing class begins outdoors, weather permit-

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Living The Dream!!



Courtesy

Center with Colonial black gold trim hat is Most Worshipful Richard Maggio Grand Master of Boston and to his right is R.W. Christopher St. Cyr Junior Grand Warden along with Master Masons from all over the State of Massachusetts and beyond.

BY **BRO. JIMMY FALZONE**
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
QUINEBAUG MASONIC LODGE

On Saturday June 19th over a 150 Master Masons Brethren from throughout Massachusetts, and beyond gathered at the Worcester Masonic Building for a ceremony gathering that was postponed 17 months due to Covid-19 and restrictions that were put into place by

Governor Baker. Now that the restriction, have been lifted brethren came to celebrate a presentation of the Junior Grand Wardens "Jewel" to Right Worshipful Christopher St. Cyr Junior Grand Warden Grand Masonic Lodge of Boston Massachusetts.

R.W. Chris grew up and lived in Southbridge and Charlton and is a graduate of Bay Path Regional Vocational High School where he took up electrical. R.W. Chris is presently employed by Karl Storz Endoscope in Charlton. R.W. Chris first started to show interest in Freemasonry back in 2006. He saw the Benjamin Franklin commercials on T.V. asking, "IS THERE GREATNESS IN YOU?" and was fascinated with the Knights Templar. He took the next step and called the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge in Southbridge and left a message on the answering machine. He was contacted by the Lodge Ambassador Brethren George Makara and came to the lodge for a tour and was given a little history on Freemasonry. Well folks as you can see the rest is history as R.W. Chris moved up in the fraternity that he loves and is dear to his heart.

R.W. Chris took the first step in Freemasonry towards the end of 2006. In March of 2007 after he finished his degree work, he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. R.W. Chris did not stop there he wanted to learn more and started going through the officer chairs in the lodge and was involved in the 24th Masonic District from 2007-2011 was the (DDGM) District Deputy Grand Master Awareness Officer. In 2012 he became one of Quinebaug Masonic Lodge Youngest Worshipful Master. This is an exciting and extraordinary accomplishment for a young man to go thru all the officer chairs and get voted into become Master of the Lodge. He was hooked and wanted more. Due to his personality, outgoingness, and the fact he is a chatter box, his thirst for knowledge and love for Freemasonry continue his move up in the 24th District and became the DDGM Marshal from 2014-2015 and 2015 Grand Steward to the Grand Lodge in Boston. He has so many more accomplishments that there are too many to mention.

The Grand Masonic Lodge in Boston took note of this young upcoming Master Mason and was picked to

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Governor Baker launches VaxMillions Giveaway program

BY **KEVIN FLANDERS**
NEWS STAFF WRITER

REGION – Just in case getting protected against COVID-19 wasn't incentive enough, the Baker-Polito Administration recently added over five million more reasons for residents to schedule their shots.

In a partnership with the Massachusetts State Lottery, Governor Baker and his team announced last month the launch of the VaxMillions Giveaway program. All Massachusetts adults who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are eligible to enter for a chance to win one of five separate \$1 million cash prizes.

Additionally, fully vaccinated residents between 12-17 years of age may enter for the chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants.

Although Massachusetts ranks third in the nation in vaccine rate, (59.76-percent of the population), state officials are determined to raise that number even higher.

"The VaxMillions Giveaway is one of the many ways our administration is encouraging people to get the vaccine, and we are grateful for the partnership of Treasurer Goldberg and the Mass. State Lottery in developing the program," said Governor Charlie Baker.

Eligible residents will be able to enter the drawing on July 1. Drawings will be held once a week for five weeks, beginning the week of Monday, July 26, and continuing through the week ending Friday, August 27.

"Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and your loved ones from COVID," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We are hopeful that this new initiative will encourage even more residents to get the COVID vaccine and help return our Commonwealth to a new normal."

Added State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, "The Massachusetts State Lottery is proud to join Governor Charlie Baker and the Department of Public Health to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of every person across the Commonwealth. The Lottery has decades of experience and know-how to hold drawings with integrity, and our team is excited to fulfill an essential role in this initiative."

The Commonwealth is launching the VaxMillions Giveaway as one of many strategies to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines. Beginning July 1, Massachusetts residents will be able to enter the VaxMillions Giveaway online. If you do not have access to the internet or require assistance, there

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Local Covid Heroes Honored at Chamber's Business Comeback Party

Sturbridge, MA – The Chamber of Central Mass South hosted its first in-person event since March of 2020 on the evening of June 24 at the Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge. Nearly two hundred guests attended the celebration which commemorated many of the moments we missed sharing together over the last 15 months and paid special tribute to our Local Covid Heroes who stepped up to keep our neighbors and friends safe during the pandemic crisis.

Nominated by Chamber members and selected by the Chamber's Board of Directors, the following heroes were presented proclamations from local dignitaries and honored in a short film, which was shot on location at the various local businesses and premiered at the Chamber party. All of these local heroes are described as going above and beyond during the health emergency, dedicated, selfless and community-minded. For details on the awesome contributions made by these folks, you are invited to view the short film which can be accessed by visiting the Chamber's facebook page at www.facebook.com/cmschamber.

The Chamber of Central Mass South's Local Covid Heroes are:

- Lisa Daoust, Town of Spencer Health Agent
- Emily Dunnack, Old Sturbridge Village and Old Sturbridge Academy
- The entire Staff of Big Bunny Supermarket &



Courtesy

lisa daoust: Lisa Daoust, Health Agent for the Town of Spencer, accepts her Local Covid Heroes proclamation from Rep. Peter Durant (r).

Micknuck's Market

- The Construction & Maintenance Team at The Center of Hope

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Koinonia Presents Annual Education Awards

STURBRIDGE, MA – The women’s group of the Sturbridge Federated Church, formally known as Koinonia, presented its annual education award to four outstanding area recipients on Sunday, June 20. The award, which includes a \$1,000 honorarium, is presented to candidates who best exemplify the qualities of character, merit, and service. Men and women, young and old, who are taking college courses and other classes are all eligible for the award. This year’s education award committee, comprised of Lucette Favreau, Nancy Castendyk, Susan Schwartz, and Barbara Stietzel, presented awards to the following recipients:

Mai Caslowitz, daughter of Susie Bonta of Sturbridge, and Carl Caslowitz of Canton, CT is a 2021 graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School who is headed to Rider College, Lawrenceville, NJ in the fall to pursue a bachelor of fine arts degree with a concentration in musical theatre. “Mai’s talent is only eclipsed by the sterling qualities that constitute her character,” said Ms. Schwartz. “She is what we call a ‘triple threat,’ superlatively gifted in musical voice, nimbly skilled in dance and movement, and blessed with comedic and dramatic acting abilities. These are enhanced by her empathy, wisdom, and gracious open nature. A deeply caring individual, Mai has volunteered in multiple, diverse service capacities since childhood, and likewise hopes to use her talents to benefit others.”

Olivia Olson, daughter of Tom and Kathy Olson of Sturbridge, is a 2021 graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School who will be entering the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in the fall as a dance major. “Olivia has shown generosity, compassion, and a depth of dedication to our church and her school,” said Ms. Castendyk. “She has shared her time and talents as a volunteer leader of various Sunday School programs, Vacation Bible School, and several Christmas pageants. Her teachers expressed high praise for Olivia’s commitment to the school’s concert choir, theatre program, Maestros, and Encore, all of which proved her to be a skilled leader, actor, musician, dancer, and dance instructor.”

Jeremy Peters, son of Mark and Missy Peters of Southbridge, is a 2021 graduate of Southbridge High School where he was class president and valedictorian, National Honor Society president, varsity tennis captain, president of the International Thespian Society and a member of the school band. “Jeremy is a true Renaissance man,” said Ms. Favreau. “In addition to the leadership roles mentioned, he is an Eagle Scout, a member of Worcester County Bee Association, and the owner of a pork business!” Jeremy is headed to Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the fall where he will major in mechanical engineering.

Ryan Peters, son of Mark and Missy Peters of Southbridge, is a 2021 graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute



with honors with high distinction. “As an Eagle Scout, Ryan has been involved in multiple service projects, including one at Capen Hill Nature Sanctuary,” according to Ms. Stietzel. “At WPI, he volunteered many hours researching antibiotic resistance in a relative of the bacteria that causes tuberculosis, and worked hundreds of volunteer hours with the “Lens and Lights” group at WPI, managing lighting, sound, and projection services for the entire campus. His professors say that Ryan is a person who will always do the right thing for the right reason. He treats everyone fairly and with compassion. His positive attitude, determination, and kindness are prominent characteristics.” In the fall, Ryan will serve as a teaching assistant at Purdue University in Indiana, in a six-year program leading to a doctorate in biological sciences.

In addition to the education award, the graduating seniors were presented with a custom handmade quilt, lovingly made by Shirley Hitlin, Ryan and Jeremy’s grandmother, who has been honoring graduates with quilts for the past five years. “They are made with the idea that they are stuffed with love from their church community,” Ms. Hitlin said. “When students are away

from home, they may be lonely, happy, or sad, but they can always wrap themselves in this quilt and know that God is with them.”

“Koinonia believes in rewarding those who have already distinguished themselves by their character, merit, and service, and who are continuing to better themselves through learning and education. We would like to thank everyone who applied for this year’s education awards or who wrote letters of reference for their candidates,” said

Ms. Favreau. “We appreciate your willingness to take the time to participate in this program, and we encourage other students to apply for future awards.”

Koinonia, a word that appears in several forms in the New Testament, most often refers to fellowship. This word of Greek origin suggests a sense of partnership, sharing, companionship, and philanthropic service. Koinonia meets monthly in Fellowship Hall. All members and friends of the Federated Church are welcome to attend.

QCC is a Vaccine Champion College

WORCESTER, MA— June 23, 2021— Quinsigamond Community College has joined President Biden’s COVID-19 College Vaccination Challenge. Colleges across the country are being asked to commit to taking actions that

will engage their college communities and encourage everyone to get vaccinated. Statistics show that a significant portion of the older population have been vaccinated; however, the younger generation is lagging behind. Colleges and universities offer a significant opportunity to reach that younger generation.

“We are committed to keeping our college community, our city, and the Commonwealth safe. The best way to do this is by getting vaccinated,” said QCC President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D. “This is a challenge I hope all colleges and universities will stand behind so that we can put an end to this global health crisis.”

QCC has taken a visible role in COVID-19 community outreach. The College developed a comprehensive, COVID-19 vaccination webpage

offering vaccination information through public service videos in multiple languages, along with fact sheets in multiple languages, a link to vaccination locations and a link to the Massachusetts COVID-19 information website. QCC has already hosted two Moderna Vaccine Clinics on its campus (670 West Boylston, Street, Worcester) for the QCC community, as well as faculty, staff and students from Assumption University, Anna Maria College and Becker College. Approximately 90 people were vaccinated at each clinic.

“Spreading the word about the importance of getting vaccinated has been a priority at QCC. Offering information that is easily accessible, in multiple languages, enables us to reach more in our community,” President Pedraja said. “By hosting

vaccine clinics, we are providing easier access for our students, their families, as well as QCC employees, which enables more in our community to be vaccinated.”

President’s Biden’s goal is to have 160 million Americans being fully vaccinated by July 4.

For more information about QCC, contact Josh Martin, Director of Institutional Communications at 508.854.7513 or jmartin@qcc.mass.edu

Quinsigamond Community College provides the community with high quality, affordable higher education in Worcester County. As a regional leader in education and workforce development, QCC serves the diverse educational needs of Central Massachusetts by providing affordable, accessible, and high quality programming leading to transfer, career, and lifelong learning.

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New summer series launches July 8 with free concert by the Brubeck Brothers Quartet

Venues in July include the Riley-Pappas Pavilion in Auburn, Indian Ranch in Webster, & The Hanover Theatre in Worcester.

Music Worcester begins its first summer series of concerts, Summer @ MW, on Thursday, July 8 with a free presentation of the Brubeck Brothers Quartet, the sons of legendary Dave Brubeck, in Auburn, MA. Two other concerts later in the month bring the Hot Sardines to Indian Ranch in Webster, MA on July 22, and the Gospel choir Trey McLaughlin & The Sounds of Zamar to The Hanover Theatre in Worcester on July 25. This inaugural Summer @ MW season will continue through early September, with additional concerts being announced very soon.

"As Music Worcester started planning to emerge from this recent pandemic, virtual season of programming, it became apparent that we could move somewhat quickly and bring back our live music presentations to Greater Worcester far earlier than our usual October season opener," noted Adrien Finlay, Executive Director. "We are extraordinarily excited to add summer programming to our annual activities from this point forward, which will allow us to explore new venues and



welcome even more varied artists and ensembles to the region."

The concerts at Indian Ranch and The Hanover Theatre will feature seating sections where distanced "pods" of seats will be available for patrons who prefer or need such an option, with general admission seating available elsewhere at both venues.

Calendar listings for July:
Brubeck Brothers Quartet
Thursday, July 8 at 6pm
Riley-Pappas Pavilion, Auburn, MA

Free, open to the public
Hot Sardines
Thursday, July 22 at 6pm
Indian Ranch, Webster, MA

\$35+, tickets required, limited distanced seating available

Trey McLaughlin & The Sounds of Zamar

Sunday, July 25 at 6pm

The Hanover Theatre, Worcester, MA

\$25 students; \$35+ adults, tickets required, limited distanced seating available

About Music Worcester:

Music Worcester, Inc., originally known as the Worcester County Music Association, for years ran the Worcester Music Festival. Current programs reflect the merger in the mid-1990s of the Festival with International Artists Series and the MA Jazz Festival. Great performances by world-renowned orchestras and guest soloists, chamber music, ballet, world music and dance, jazz and choral masterworks are hallmarks of Music Worcester's annual operations. Multiple educational

programs currently serve youth and families of greater Worcester: masterclasses by visiting artists, Tickets to Opportunity, in-schools residencies, and the Young Artist Competitions. The 2020-2021 virtual season has featured violinist Joshua Bell, pianists Asiya Korepanova and Simone Dinnerstein, the vocal ensemble Chanticleer, folk musician Rhiannon Giddens, and The Worcester Chorus. WWW.MUSICWORCESTER.ORG

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Households In Need Encouraged To Apply To Good Neighbor Energy Fund In Anticipation Of End To Moratorium On Shut-Offs

CANTON, MA, June 24, 2021 – Due to the end to the moratorium on home energy shut-offs for customers of investor-owned utilities not on protected status next Thursday, July 1st, 2021, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund's sponsoring energy companies are encouraging those in need to apply for assistance as soon as possible by visiting their local Salvation Army Corps Community Center. If unsure of where the nearest Community Center is located, please visit www.magoodneighbor.org.

The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund is often the last resort for families who are in temporary financial difficulty and do not qualify for federal and state fuel assistance programs such as LIHEAP. The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division pays the energy provider directly for households whose gross income falls between 60 and 80 percent of the state's median income levels. For example, a household size of 4 would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$75,202 and \$100,268 to qualify. This campaign year's Fund disbursement is \$300 per eligible household per heating season.

"Once the investor-owned utilities' moratorium on energy shut-offs ends there is often a spike in the urgency of need for energy assistance," said Marie McCabe, Chairperson of the 2021 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Customer Service Representative at North Attleborough Electric Department. "With this in mind, households who are having trouble making ends meet due to the pandemic or another crisis shouldn't delay in looking to the Fund as a potential source for help." McCabe added that the easiest way to determine if a household qualifies is to visit the Fund's website at www.magoodneighbor.org.

The Fund's distribution award

letter will also serve as qualification for the Mass Save Enhanced Insulation Incentive for customers of a Massachusetts investor-owned utility. Specifically, the offer provides qualified customers with no-cost insulation, as well as other no-cost energy savings measures.

The Fund's 35th annual "Give The Gift of Warmth" campaign is a cooperative effort between the Fund's 19 sponsoring energy companies, the general public and the corporate community to raise \$500,000 and help an anticipated 1,500 households. The campaign relies on the generosity of individuals, families, local corporations and foundations for support and has raised more than \$22.5 million and assisted over 91,250 households since its inception in 1985.

Massachusetts residents and businesses that wish to donate to the Fund are encouraged to use the green Good Neighbor Energy Fund donation envelope found as an insert in monthly energy bills. Some energy companies offer an 'add a dollar' program which allows customers to contribute on their monthly bill payment by one dollar or more. Anyone can also donate with a credit card online at www.magoodneighbor.org. Donors can also simply mail a check payable to "Good Neighbor Energy Fund", c/o The Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, Massachusetts 02021-1408. Participating energy companies support their respective customers' generosity through various giving programs.

For more information about how to apply for the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, visit your local Salvation Army Corps Community Center or call 800-334-3047 if you live in area codes 508, 617, 781 or 978 or 800-262-1320 if you live in area code 413. Web: www.magoodneighbor.org.

St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church announces Raffle Winners

St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church announces the winners of their raffle held on Sunday, June 27, 2021.

First Prize: \$1,500 Cash, James Walckner Port St. Lucie, FL
Second Prize: \$700 Cash, Alex George ; Avon, CT

Third Prize: \$300 Cash, Jorgjeta Bukli; Holden, MA

Fourth Prize: \$300 Lottery Tickets, Rob Pano ; Sutton, MA

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P.A.L. of the Week

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Name: Lily
Breed: DSH
Sex: Female



Meet Lily – A very pretty calico, she is a vivacious and energetic young feline girl. Lily likes everyone who comes into the shelter and hopes that they will play with her. Because of her exuberance; we feel that she would not be happy in a small apartment. Now that the weather is nice; she spends some of her time in the shelter's outdoor enclosure. Lily had a very difficult life prior to coming to the shelter. She had multiple litters of kittens. Lily must be fed canned cat food only. She cannot eat kibble (dry) food. We will share her health information with any potential adopter. Lily has a sweet disposition, and we are hoping that we can find a home that is compatible with her needs.



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Town of Sturbridge

DPW Heavy Equipment Operator Department of Public Works



The Town of Sturbridge has an immediate full-time opening for a Heavy Equipment Operator in the Department of Public Works, Highway Division. This position is a union position and the successful candidate will be responsible for operating heavy equipment and driving trucks equipped with dump bodies to transport and dump loose materials, among other responsibilities. A CDL (Class B) and hoisting license (Class 2B) are required. The starting pay for the position is \$24.47 per hour. For a copy of the complete job description and an application please go to <https://www.sturbridge.gov/your-government/pages/job-opportunities>.

Position open until filled.

The Town of Sturbridge is an EOE.

Friday's Child



Henry
Age 13

Hi! My name is Henry and I love sports!

Henry is an outgoing teen of African American descent who enjoys being active, whether he is playing outside or engaging in sports-related activities. He has a natural athletic ability. Some of Henry's other interests include listening to music, dancing, and playing video games. His teachers report he is doing well in school. He has a great sense of humor and loves to joke around.

Legally freed for adoption, Henry would thrive in a permanent family as the youngest or only child. It would be ideal for his future family to initially

serve as a visiting resource, and build a relationship with Henry over time. One he is placed in his permanent home, Henry will need to maintain contact with his birth mother and his siblings.

Who Can Adopt?

Can you provide the guidance, love and stability that a child needs? If you're at least 18 years old, have a stable source of income, and room in your heart, you may be a perfect match to adopt a waiting child. Adoptive parents can be single, married, or partnered; experienced or not; renters or homeowners; LGBTQ singles and couples.

The process to adopt a child from foster care requires training, interviews, and home visits to determine if adoption is right for you, and if so, to help connect you with a child or sibling group that your family will be a good match for.

To learn more about adoption from foster care, call the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) at 617-964-6273 or visit www.ma-reinc.org. The sooner you call, the sooner a waiting child will have a permanent place to call home.



Ken Bates named to Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers (ADDP) Board

Worcester, MA –Ken Bates, President & CEO of Open Sky Community Services, has been named to the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers (ADDP) Board of Directors.

ADDP is a state-wide association that focuses on issues relating to developmental/intellectual disabilities, Autism and brain injury services. They provide financial and political advocacy for their over 130 member organizations and also offer professional development opportunities.

According to the ADDP website, their mission “is to promote and ensure strength of community-based providers so provider members can be successful in improving quality, access and value of services in the community.”

Bates has served as President & CEO of Open Sky since its formation in 2018 and oversaw the affiliation of The Bridge of Central Massachusetts and Alternatives Unlimited. Prior to his position at Open Sky, he served as President & CEO at The Bridge of Central Massachusetts and as



Courtesy

Ken Bates

Executive Director of New Business and Financial Growth for the Commonwealth Medicine at UMass Medical School. He has also served as Vice-President of Behavioral Health at Advocates, Inc. and as Director of Outpatient Services at Spectrum Health Systems.

He received his undergraduate degree in Urban Studies from Worcester State University and his Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Assumption University. In 2021 he was awarded an honorary Ph.D. from Assumption University.

Bates currently serves as Vice Chairperson on the Board of the Association of Behavioral Healthcare of Massachusetts and as a Corporator for Greater Worcester Community Foundation.

About Open Sky Community Services

Open Sky Community Services is dba for Alternatives Unlimited, Inc and The Bridge of Central MA. Open Sky offers a wide range of services for adults, adolescents, and children with mental health challenges, developmental and intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, brain injury, homelessness and other challenges throughout Central Massachusetts. Open Sky Community Services has over 1,300 dedicated employees and an annual budget of \$89M with more than 100 programs throughout the region. For more information, please visit www.openskycs.org.

Ribbon Cutting Celebrated the Expanding Services at Summit Agency For Youth With Autism In The Worcester Area

A ribbon cutting celebration to announce the opening of Summit Health & Wellness Center and Summit Campus for children and young adults with Autism and related diagnoses took place on Thursday, June 17th.

Thursday night's ribbon cutting was a celebration of the addition of the Summit Campus and Health & Wellness Center which was a natural progression of the Summit Agency's mission. Their goal is to support this vulnerable and underserved population in the Worcester community, and the surrounding areas.

This comes at a good time as the prevalence of ASD (Autism Spectrum Diagnosis) and related diagnoses are on the rise. According to the CDC 1 in 54 children are diagnosed with ASD . In the US alone there are roughly 550,000 children with ASD who will be transitioning into adulthood over the next decade, and it is expected that approximately 45 percent of these emerging adults will enroll in a university, college, or technical/vocational school in the coming years. Springer's Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders. (January 2018)

The Summit Health & Wellness Center and Summit Campus ribbon cutting took place on Thursday June 17th, 2021 from 5pm - 7pm outdoors at the corner of Fruit Street and William Street in Worcester. The Summit Health and Wellness Center will be opening July 1st, appointments can be made now by visiting the website: www.summitagency-cyma.com or by calling 774-701-0670.

Guests at the ribbon cutting included: Senator Michael Moore, Worcester Councilor-at-Large, Kathleen Toomey, Worcester District 2 Councilor, Candy Mero-Carlson, and Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce President, Tim

Murray. Summit Agency was recognized by the State of Massachusetts with an Official Citation.

“Think back to 20-30 years ago and the services that were available for young adults who had intellectual or developmental disabilities, we were just learning, we were just providing services in K-12, we were beginning inclusive enrollment legislation to provide more services for this demographic in colleges and universities; so I think it is great that we've been able, through your advocacy, and grassroots efforts and getting the attention of legislators and other policy officials to tell us what your children need to be successful and have a good quality of life. ” stated Senator Michael Moore.

There were over 70 guests, and the celebration included a tour of the facilities, refreshments and hor d'oeuvres, along with raffles for a Worcester Railers Gift Basket and gift cards to Wings Over Worcester, Smoke Stack Urban BBQ, 'Olo Pizza and Meze Estiatorio.

The Summit Health & Wellness Center will offer the following clinical modalities that include: psychiatric services, behavioral services, counseling services, and general health & wellness practices with Dr. Oliver Joseph, as the Agency's Chief Medical Officer. Many are excited to begin making appointments. It will serve both the Summit Campus residential students and the Worcester ASD community.

Summit Campus, which is accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year, is a residential program providing a dormitory experience for college students with autism. Summit Campus was created to provide critical support to students attending any of the consortium colleges and universities in Worcester.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Announces Spring 2021 Dean's List

WORCESTER, MA (06/24/2021)--The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects. The following undergraduates were named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List:

Jacob Goodwin of Sturbridge, MA class of 21 majoring in Chemical Engineering

Joshua Hoy of Fiskdale, MA class of 21 majoring in Robotics Engineering

Veronica Melican of Fiskdale, MA class of 22 majoring in Computer Science

Jack Lafond of Sturbridge, MA class

of 24 majoring in Data Science

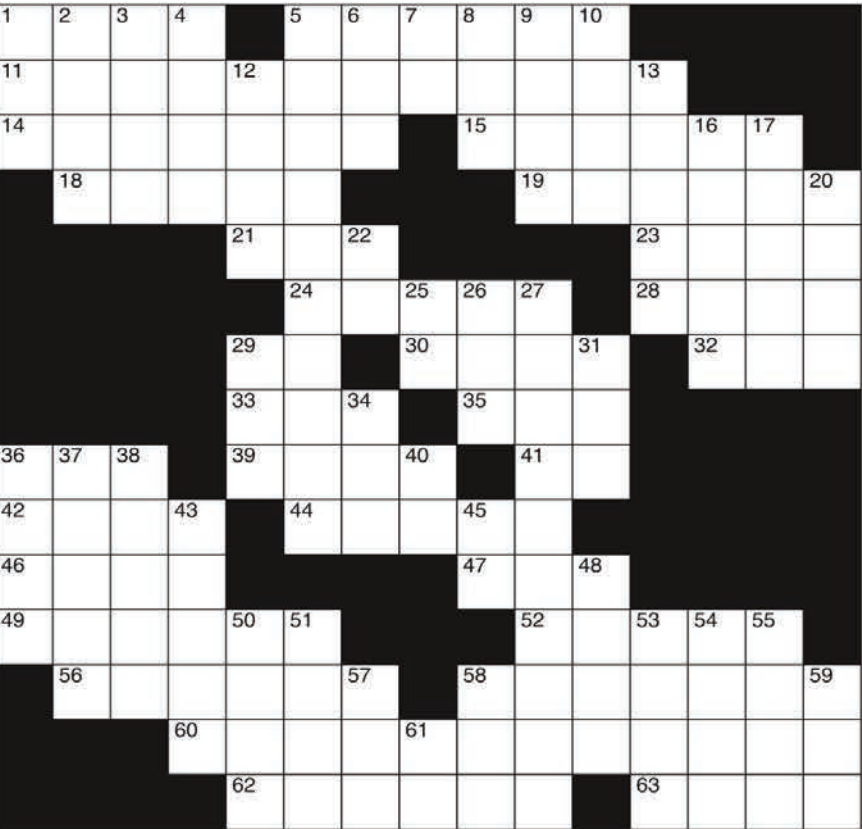
About

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
WPI, a global leader in project-based learning, is a distinctive, top-tier technological university founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems. Recognized by the National Academy of Engineering with the 2016 Bernard M. Gordon Prize for Innovation in Engineering and Technology Education, WPI's pioneering project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 17 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. Its faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research to meet ongoing challenges in health and biotechnology; robotics and the internet of things; advanced materials and manufacturing; cyber, data, and security systems; learning science; and more. www.wpi.edu

Fiskdale Resident Graduates in Class of 2021 from Anna Maria College

The below Fiskdale resident graduated with the Class of 2021 from Anna Maria College.

Serena Noinala, Bachelor of Science



CLUES ACROSS

1. Absence of difficulty

5. Preserve a dead body

11. Gratitude

14. The act of coming together again

15. More cushy

18. Visionaries

19. Fish-eating bird

21. Indicates near

23. NY Mets legend Tommie

24. Icelandic poems

28. Pop

29. Hammer is one

30. Senses of self-esteem

32. Trigraph

33. Not around
35. Electronic data processing

36. Driver's licenses and passports

39. Snakelike fishes

41. Military flyers

42. Raincoats

44. Type of community

46. Feature of worm's anatomy

47. In the center

49. Laid back

52. Jewelled headdress

56. In slow tempo

58. __ Falls

60. Saying things again

62. Periods in history

63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

1. Body part

2. Mimics

3. Expel or eject

4. Sea eagle

5. Subdivision of cenospecies

6. Dialect of Chinese

7. Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"

8. Consumed

9. Chinese dynasty

10. NFL great Randy

12. Ireland

13. Palm trees

16. Fungal disease

17. Willis and Jerry are two

20. Affirmative!

22. Potato state

25. "The First State"

26. A way to develop

27. Associations
29. Woman (French)

31. Sunscreen rating

34. Brew

36. Mosque prayer leader

37. Indigo bush

38. Burn with a hot liquid

40. Jr.'s father

43. Scad genus

45. Morning

48. Length of a straight line (abbr.)

50. Double curve

51. Small thin bunch

53. Worn by exposure to the weather

54. Mars crater

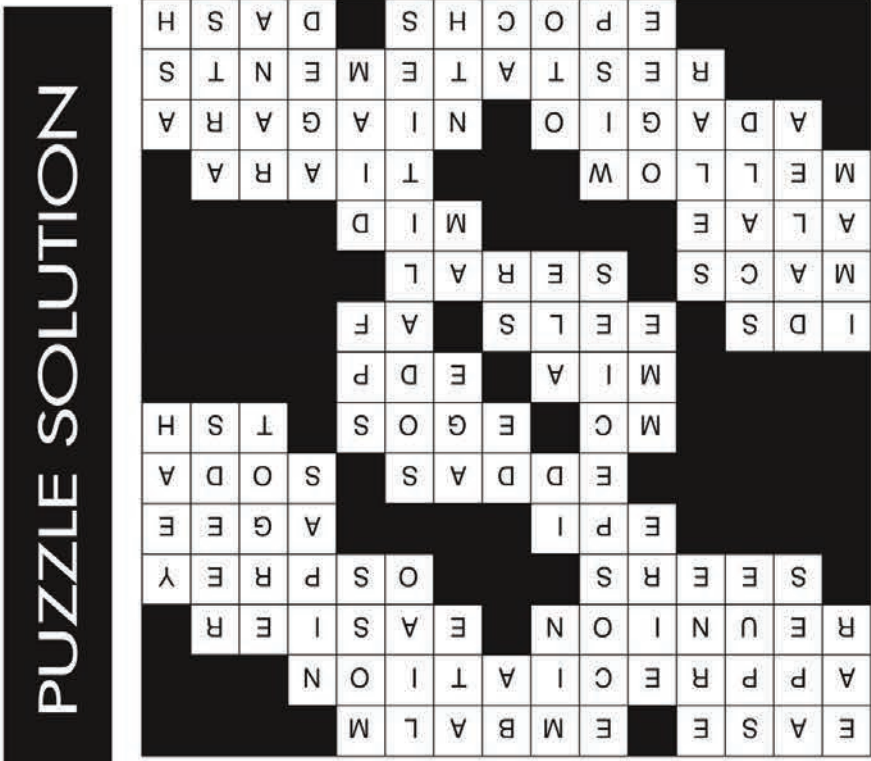
55. Humanities

57. Of the ears

58. "To the __ degree"

59. Residue

61. It keeps you cool



Worcester County Overdose Response Program Sees Successes in First Year

WORCESTER – More than half of those offered services following an overdose accepted treatment as part of a program launched last year by District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. and all 60 police departments in Worcester County.

Critical Incident Management System (CIMS) launched in March 2020 and was used by police departments in all of Worcester County's cities and towns over the last year to collect overdose data and respond to non-fatal overdose victims to offer services. The response visits were performed with a plainclothes police officer and a recovery coach usually within 48 hours of an overdose incident.

Data from the last year shows that on 52 percent of the follow-up visits, individuals accepted services. In another 9 percent of instances the individuals were already seeking services.

"These are encouraging numbers," said Mr. Early in a press conference today. "It was a challenging year to launch this program with the roadblocks presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. These numbers are a promising start. Any time we can help even one person get access to treatment is a life that is being saved."

The District Attorney's office purchased the CIMS software for \$40,000 using drug forfeiture funds in 2019 from developers Kelley Research Associates. The implementation of CIMS was a successful partnership between the District Attorney's Office, local police departments and municipalities.

"By getting the names of the folks who've had the non-fatal overdoses and by giving the opportunity for the follow up...what you've done is open the door. You've made the connection. You've provided an opportunity for that person when they're ready to take advantage of the treatment options that are available to them," said Worcester City Manager Edward Augustus.

CIMS allows police departments to share information, as well, so that when a person overdoses outside of their hometown they are still receiving a follow up visit.



"Addiction has no jurisdictional boundaries," said Fitchburg Police Chief Ernest Martineau, former President of the Central Mass. Chiefs of Police Association. "When there's no boundary for that, there can be no boundary for helping people. And that's what this does. It connects 60 cities and towns police departments in responding and helping."

"The beauty of CIMS coming on board is now we have a centralized database that's tracking and we get an alert when we have to go offer up services. And the other thing that we were missing was when people were outside of Webster having an overdose, we never knew. Now with CIMS, we can follow up with them. It's a really integral part of getting these people the help they need," said Webster Police Chief Michael Shaw. Webster's responses to those in need are

assisted by a partnership with Opening the Word Recovery Center, run by Rev. Janice Ford, which opened in June 2020 and served more than 2,000 people.

In fall of 2020, the District Attorney's office was awarded a \$1.2 million grant from the federal Department of Justice-Bureau of Justice Assistance to fund recovery coaches that will respond with police to follow up and offer services after

an overdose.

Mr. Early was also joined at the press conference by Worcester Police Chief Steven Sargent, current President of the Central Mass. Chiefs of Police Association and Southbridge Chief Shane Woodson, Dudley Police Chief Steven Wojnar, and Worcester Fire Department Deputy Chief John Powers.

OESP Announces 2021 Dave Nelsen Scholarship Winners

CRANFORD, NJ – June 24, 2021 – The National Association of Oil and Energy Service Professionals (OESP) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2021 Dave Nelsen Scholarship.

The Dave Nelsen Scholarship was established in 1999 as a way to remember and recognize the commitment to education made by OESP member Dave Nelsen. The scholarship is awarded to students or technicians who are currently or planning to attend a technical college or trade school, pursuing a career in the oil & energy industry.

"We are extremely proud of the 2021 Dave Nelsen Scholarship recipients," OESP President Scott Vadino said. "These individuals are the best of the best applicants and we are confident that they will continue the legacy of Dave Nelsen."

"We are very thankful to our corporate, association and OESP chapter sponsors, who, along with OESP, co-sponsor the scholarships each year," Vadino added.

"Our company is proud to be able to offer educational assistance to young people entering our industry" said John Dunleavy, Territory Manager - Southern New England from Carlin/Hydrolevel, which supports the scholarships. "A career in the HVAC industry will offer a wealth of opportunities for these fine scholarship recipients."

"We are proud to give back to our industry in this valuable way," Kevin Beckett, President & CEO of Beckett Corporation, added. "It means a lot to us to support our future by providing this opportunity to students each year."

The 2021 Dave Nelsen Scholarship winners are:

- Ivan Boirie – Attends Entech Advanced Energy Training in Cromwell, CT and resides in Middletown, CT. This scholarship was co-sponsored by Carlin/Hydrolevel and the OESP Fairfield County Chapter.
- Dylan Cabrera – Attends NYC College of Technology in Brooklyn, NY and resides in Bronx, NY. This scholarship was sponsored by R.W. Beckett.



• Michael Campitelli – Attends Entech Advanced Energy Training in Crowell, CT and resides in West Hartford, CT. This scholarship was co-sponsored by SCPEA and the OESP New Haven Chapter.

• Madison Keenan – Attends The Fire Dragon School in Sturbridge, MA and resides in Clinton, MA. This scholarship was sponsored by OESP.

• Tyler Sellers – Attends Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster, PA and resides in Kirkwood, PA. This scholarship was sponsored by OESP.

About OESP

The National Association of Oil and Energy Service Professionals (OESP) services the energy needs of Northeast America. Our members, comprising leading energy service professionals, share ideas and information about technical and managerial procedures to improve the quality of customer service. Our roots are in oil heat; the association was originally known as the National Association of Oilheating Service Managers when founded 65 years ago. The OESP supports students, instructors, technicians and management level executives, in addition to the small business owner. For more information, please visit www.thinkoesp.org.

University of New Hampshire's Dean's List for the Spring 2021 Semester

DURHAM, NH (06/24/2021)-- The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the spring 2021 semester.

Katherine McGlinchy of Brimfield, MA for earning Highest Honors
Leia Krans of Sturbridge, MA for earning High Honors

Carly Cave of Sturbridge, MA for earning Highest Honors
Morgan Hammond of Sturbridge, MA for earning Highest Honors

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84

average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

The University of New Hampshire is a flagship research university that inspires innovation and transforms lives in our state, nation and world. More than 16,000 students from all 50 states and 71 countries engage with an award-winning faculty in top ranked programs in business, engineering, law, liberal arts and the sciences across more than 200 programs of study. UNH's research portfolio includes partnerships with NASA, NOAA, NSF and NIH, receiving more than \$100 million in competitive external funding every year to further explore and define the frontiers of land, sea and space.

To learn more about the opportunities at the University of New Hampshire visit: www.unh.edu.

Lily Lucas Graduates from Ithaca College

ITHACA, NY (06/28/2021)-- Lily Lucas of Sturbridge (01566) graduated from Ithaca College with a BS in Clinical Health Studies.

About Ithaca College

Founded in 1892, Ithaca College is a residential college dedicated to building knowledge and confidence through a continuous cycle of theory, practice and performance. Home to some 5,000 students, the college offers more than 100 degree programs in its schools of Business, Communications,

Humanities and Sciences, Health Sciences and Human Performance, and Music.

Students, faculty and staff at Ithaca College create an active, inclusive community anchored in a keen desire to make a difference in the local community and the broader world. The college is consistently ranked as one of the nation's top producers of Fulbright scholars, one of the most LGBTQ+ friendly schools in the country, and one of the top 10 colleges in the Northeast.

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Massachusetts Department of Transportation and Fundación MAPFRE Launch “Look Both Ways” PSA to Promote Road Safety

PSA challenges Massachusetts drivers to be “aggressively nice”

BOSTON and WEBSTER, Mass., June 22, 2021 – Fundación MAPFRE and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation today announced a new public service campaign to engage people in changing their behavior on the roads. The campaign is part of an effort to reduce road-related injuries and fatalities, particularly as pandemic restrictions are lifted and people get back on the roads for summer travel.

The PSA, launched in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and Fundación MAPFRE, challenges the stereotype of a typical “Massachusetts driver” by encouraging people to be “aggressively nice” on the road. <https://youtu.be/xIv1Tmiycz8>

“We are pleased to support our Goal Zero vision to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries, with our new Look Both Ways program this year,” said Jaime Tamayo, Chief Representative of Fundación MAPFRE in the United States and Chief Executive Officer of MAPFRE USA. “As more people hit the roads this summer, it is important to encourage drivers, passengers and pedestrians to think twice about their behavior and look out for each other. Fundación MAPFRE is proud to work with MassDOT to help share this important campaign and message.”

“MassDOT’s first priority is ensuring that members of the public safely reach their travel destinations,” said MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. “We are happy to partner with MAPFRE Foundation on the Look Both Ways PSA to improve safety and reduce injuries and fatalities on our roadways.”

MassDOT encourages anyone looking for information about crash data to check out the MassDOT IMPACT dashboard at <https://apps.impact.dot.state.ma.us/cdp/home>.

In addition to the PSA, Fundación MAPFRE is planning a Look Both Ways Road Tour, bringing an interactive road safety program to high schools, colleges and public events across Massachusetts and Connecticut. The program features React Challenge, a digital gaming experience that tests users’ reaction time when faced with obstacles on the road. The tour also includes a custom art installation by Jason Tetlak. The PSA and interactive campaign aim to change people’s behavior on the road by changing their perspective, using a unique combination of education and empathy.

Details about Look Both Ways, including the PSA, React Challenge and road safety resources, can be found at lookbothwaysafety.org.

Look Both Ways supports Vision Zero, a global initiative to elimi-

nate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries, a cause Fundación MAPFRE has long-championed internationally.

According to a study conducted by the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, with support from Fundación MAPFRE, the most common cause of unintentional injury death among children 1-14 years of age (49 percent) was transportation-related, including children as passengers in cars, on motorcycles and bicycles,

and as pedestrians.

About Fundación MAPFRE
Fundación MAPFRE is a nonprofit organization created by MAPFRE in 1975 to promote the well-being of society and citizens across the company’s footprint. Active in 30 countries, Fundación MAPFRE focuses on five areas: Road Safety and Accident Prevention, including fires, mishaps at home and drownings; Insurance and Social Protection; Culture; Social Action; and Health Promotion. Please visit <https://www.fundacionmapfre.org/en/> for more information about Fundación MAPFRE.

Sarah J. Daigle, DPM Named Medical Director of the Wound Care Center at Harrington

CHARLTON, MA, June 23, 2020 – Harrington HealthCare System has named Dr. Sarah J. Daigle, as Medical Director of the Wound Care Center at Harrington in Charlton.

Located at 10 North Main Street, the Wound Care Center at Harrington provides state-of-the-art treatment for non-healing and chronic wounds resulting from a variety of conditions such as diabetes, circulatory issues, surgery, or trauma.

Dr. Sarah J. Daigle joined Harrington Physicians Services Orthopedic practice in 2018, and specializes in foot and ankle medicine and surgery. She has completed research for the American Podiatric Medical Association and the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, both organizations of which she is a member.

“I am happy to be able to have the opportunity to serve my community in a new capacity. The wound care center is a great resource for this area,” said Dr. Daigle. “Not only are we healing wounds, but by doing so, we are preventing infection and amputation.”

The Wound Care Center at Harrington provides a comprehensive care plan with supportive services for patients including, diabetic education, nutritional management, specific individualized dressing

selections, hyperbaric therapy, and more. Patients who have a wound that has not begun to heal in two weeks or is not completely healed in six weeks are encouraged to contact the Wound Care Center at Harrington for an appointment.

For more information about the Wound Care Center at Harrington or to schedule an appointment visit: https://www.harringtonhospital.org/services/wound_care/

Harrington HealthCare System is a comprehensive regional health-care system serving more than 25 communities across south central Massachusetts and northeastern Connecticut. The system includes Harrington Hospital in Southbridge, Harrington HealthCare at Webster and three additional major medical office buildings: Harrington HealthCare at Charlton, Harrington HealthCare at 169, also in Charlton, and Harrington HealthCare at Sturbridge; Harrington Physician Services, our primary care and multi-specialty physician group; UrgentCare Express at Harrington in Oxford; The Cancer Center at Harrington in Southbridge, and the region’s largest Behavioral Health programs for mental health and substance use.

www.harringtonhospital.org

YMCA of Central Massachusetts Water Safety Tips

As temperatures begin to rise in the northeast, the number of drownings will likely rise with it.

Over one weekend in June there were five tragic drownings involving both minors and adults, bringing the total to ten drownings in Massachusetts since May. The majority of these deaths are preventable through age appropriate swim lessons, or at the very least, knowledge about how to be safe around water.

Each year there are nearly 3,600 fatal drownings — about 10 deaths per day — in swimming incidents. Even more alarming, drowning is the leading cause of death for children aged 1-4, and about one in five people who die from drowning are children aged 14 and younger.

The best way to prevent drowning is to learn basic swimming — knowing how to float and move through the water — at an early age.

As “America’s Swim Teacher,” the YMCA of Central Massachusetts teaches 7,500 people, both children and adults, to swim each year. However, since pools were closed for a portion of the pandemic, many children and adults did not have the opportunity to learn to swim. With that in mind, the YMCA of Central Massachusetts is now offering swim lessons year round.

“We have seen an increase in drownings all over the state, as well as in our area, and now that our Y is fully open, we are in a unique position to offer critically important swim lessons and safety around water courses,” said David Connell, President and CEO.

Here are just a few simple water safety tips from the YMCA that can help save a life:

1. Never swim alone. Teach your children that they should only swim in locations where lifeguard is on duty.
2. Supervise your children whenever they’re in water. Whether it’s bath time or taking a dip in a pool or lake, make sure your children are within an arm’s reach of you at all times.
3. Don’t engage in breath holding activities. Children shouldn’t hold their breath for a prolonged amount of time while swimming, as this can cause drowning and has several other severe physical side-effects.
4. Wear a life jacket. Inexperienced or non-swimmers should wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
5. Don’t jump in the water to save a friend who is struggling in deep water. If a child finds their friend in deep water unexpectedly, their natural reaction may be to jump in the water to try to save them. Even if a child is a great swimmer, a panicked person will overpower them, pulling them underwater with them. The Y teaches the “reach, throw, don’t go” concept of using a long object to reach for them and pull them to safety. By using this technique children can help their friend without compromising their own safety.

While swimming lessons alone will not prevent all tragic drownings, it is important for more people to have the knowledge and skills necessary to move through the water safely and with confidence.

The YMCA of Central Massachusetts is committed to helping you and your family be safe around water. Please contact us at 508-755-6101 or www.ymcaofcm.org for more information on water safety and swimming lessons.

American International College Announces Dean’s List for Spring 2021

SPRINGFIELD, MA (06/23/2021) - American International College (AIC) in Springfield, Massachusetts, has named 610 students to the Dean’s List for Spring Semester 2021. Dean’s List students are full time students who have achieved a 3.3 to 4.0 GPA. AIC commends the efforts and accomplishments of these scholars during an unprecedented year.

Alexandra Fish, of Fiskdale
Tayla Shepard, of Sturbridge
Jessica Shiers, of Wales

Founded in 1885, American International College (AIC) is a private, co-educational, doctoral granting institution located in Springfield, Massachusetts, comprising the School of Business, Arts and Sciences, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. AIC supports and advances education, diversity, and opportunity for its students and the community.

Matthew Via of Brimfield earns degree from Northeastern University

Northeastern University in Boston held commencement ceremonies for undergraduate degrees on Saturday May 8, 2021 and graduate degrees on Sunday May 9, 2021.

As a member of the Class of 2021, Matthew Via of Brimfield earned the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, Summa Cum Laude and Master of Science in Engineering Management.

While at Northeastern University, Matthew was a member of Tau

Beta Pi and Omega Chi Epsilon. According to Northeastern, Tau Beta Pi is the only national honor society that encompasses all engineering disciplines. It is the second oldest collegiate honor society in the country. Omega Chi Epsilon is the Northeastern chapter of the National Honor Society for Chemical Engineering students.

Matthew was 2016 Tantasqua Regional High School graduate.



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EDITORIAL

“What would Barry say?”

When sitting down to write this Editorial, this Editor had heavy on her mind her old mentor from the radio days, Barry Lunderville who has since passed on, or as he called it “taking a dirt nap”. Barry owned radio stations in NH and worked for CBS out of Boston. He was especially great to talk to when discussing small town politics and joked, “Well between us girls,” During one particular time of discord, he passed this poem along and it is one that is read often, especially when thinking, “What would Barry say?”

If BY RUDYARD KIPLING

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don’t deal in lies,
Or being hated, don’t give way to hating,
And yet don’t look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build ’em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: ‘Hold on!’

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it,
And—which is more—you’ll be a Man, my son!



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OPINION

Views and commentary from Sturbridge, Brimfield, Holland and Wales

Tips for Skill at the Grill



TAKE THE HINT
KAREN TRAINOR

Backyard grilling has become much more than a casual and tasty cooking technique. Today, serving up creatively prepared foods grilled to perfection has been elevated to a fine culinary art. The good news is you don’t have to be a cooking school graduate to earn your BBQ apron. Whether you’re striving for the title of neighborhood grill master or simply want to receive rave reviews for supper, the following strategies are sure to earn you top chef status behind the grill this season.

Tenderizing Techniques: Great grilling starts with meat preparation. Taking the time to tenderizing tough cuts of meat can make the difference between grilling success or failure. While the goal is to break down the muscle fibers in the meat, there are a few standard methods that have been proven successful. The manual method employs the use of a kitchen mallet, which is used to “beat” down the fibers in raw meat. Also, there are several meat tenderizers available on the market that can be sprinkled onto the meat before cooking. Perhaps the most popular tenderizing option is the use of marinades, as these liquids not only make the meat tender but impart an important boost of flavor too. Add the fact overnight marinating can reduce cooking time by up to 35%, and it’s no surprise the marinating method is a top choice.

BBQ experts recommend tender cuts of beef marinate for just a couple of hours, while tougher cuts may require overnight soaking. Keep in mind marinating should be used with zippered plastic bags or glass or plastic bowls as the acids in some marinades can react with metal. After marinating, be sure to pat the meat dry with paper towels to ensure it cooks evenly on the grill.

Certified Angus Beef Signature Steak Marinade

This recipe from the country’s premiere beef brand is a tasty tribute to grilled steak suppers.

Ingredients: 1/2 cup Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce; 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar; 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard; 1/2 teaspoon pepper.

Instructions: Combine all ingredients. In large, shallow non-aluminum baking dish or plastic bag, pour marinade over steaks; turn to coat. Marinate in refrigerator for 30 minutes. Remove steaks; discard marinade. Grill or broil steak to preferred doneness.

No Fail Marinade

This unconventional recipe from the retro era promises taste and tenderness.

Ingredients: one third cup steak sauce; one half cup packed brown sugar; one twelve ounce can 7Up or Sprite; one half cup melted butter; four tablespoons red wine vinegar; one quarter teaspoon each onion powder, garlic powder, salt and pepper.

Instructions: Combine all in a bowl or zip lock bag. Allow meat to marinate in mixture for at least an hour, or as long as overnight.

Hot off the Grill: Gauging Doneness

Gauging meats grilled to perfection can be a tricky challenge. Beyond checking the temperature of the meat, backyard chefs have learned to rely on a few “rules of thumb” to test for doneness.

*This “old school” chef trick is still a reliable way to gauge your meat without cutting into it:

To test doneness by “feel” this method compares your hand and fingers to the firmness of the cut of meat. Pressing on the middle of the steak, a rare steak should feel the same as the heel of your hand (the fleshy area between your thumb and wrist) when hand is relaxed; a medium rare steak should feel like the heel of your hand when you press your thumb and forefinger together (which is

firmer); a medium rare steak will feel as firm as the heel of your hand when you touch your middle finger to your thumb (firmer yet); and medium well should feel as firm as the heel when you press your ring finger and thumb.

*Another common “rule of thumb” for doneness is the inch method is to cook by thickness of the meat. For a one inch thick steak, cook seven minutes for rare; nine minutes for medium; and 11 minutes for well done.

* When using an internal thermometer: a rare steak should be cooked to 125-130 degrees; 130 to 140 degrees for medium-rare; 140 to 150 degrees for medium, 150-160 degrees for medium-well or 160 to 170 degrees for well done.

BBQ Basics

•As a general guide, when you grill with charcoal, it takes about 30 minutes for coals to reach a medium temperature and become ash covered.

•For gas grills, allow about 15 minutes for the grill rack to preheat properly.

*To increase the heat on a charcoal grill, simply push the coals together, add more coals as needed lower the grilling surface, or fan the fire and tap the ashes from the coals.

•Steaks best for grilling without the need to tenderize, are such cuts such as Ribeye, Filet Mignon, T-Bone and Porterhouse.

•For best results cook pork on direct heat to seal the juices. Then finish it with indirect heat to ensure the center is completely cooked. Just be sure to preheat the grill so it will seal in the juices quickly.

•Cooking for a crowd? To ensure even grilling, meats should be placed about three quarters of an inch apart on the grill rack.

•Does your fish dry out and break up when you cook it on the grill? Brush it with lemon juice while cooking to keep it moist.

*Fish should be from one to one and a half inches thick to prevent drying out.

•Always apply sweet basting sauces made with sugar, honey or syrup during the last few minutes of grilling only to prevent burning.

•When cooking steaks on the grill don’t season the meat until each side has browned to keep the cut tender.

•When using a dry rub during barbecuing, always allow the meat to cook for approximately one third to one half of the total time before applying any basting sauce. This allows the meat to become warm and start absorbing the dry rub seasonings.


•If you are marinating meat, you’ll need one to two cups of marinade for every one and a half to two pounds of food. You want enough marinade to completely surround the food.

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Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press newspapers? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, C/o the Southbridge Evening News, PO Box 90; Southbridge, MA 01550. Or email KDRR@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn.

Declare your financial freedom



FINANCIAL FOCUS

JEFF BURDICK

Independence Day is almost here. And as we make progress in moving past the COVID-19 pandemic, more of us will be able to enjoy Fourth of July activities. However you observe the holiday, it’s important to recognize all the liberties we enjoy in this country. But you may still need to work at one particular type of freedom – and that’s financial freedom. How can you achieve it?

There’s no instant solution. But you can work toward financial independence by addressing these areas:

Retirement savings – Approximately 45% of Americans think the ideal retirement involves “enjoying my well-earned freedom,” according to the March 2021 Edward Jones/Age Wave Four Pillars of the New Retirement study. But when you’re retired, the risk to this freedom is obvious – the paychecks have stopped but the bills haven’t. Furthermore, you could spend two or three decades in retirement. That’s why it’s so important to contribute as much as you can afford to your tax-advantaged retirement accounts, such as your IRA and your 401(k) or another employer-sponsored plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer’s matching contribution, if one is offered. Whenever your salary goes up, try to increase the annual amount you put in your 401(k) or similar plan. And if appropriate, make sure you have a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments within your 401(k) and IRA. Most people don’t “max out” on their IRA and 401(k) each year, but, if you can consistently afford to do so, and you still have money you could invest, you may want to explore other retirement savings vehicles.

Illness or injury – If you were to become seriously ill or sustain a significant injury and you couldn’t work for an extended period, the loss of income could jeopardize your ability to achieve financial independence. Your employer may offer disability insurance as an employee benefit, but this coverage is typically quite limited, both in duration and in the amount of income being replaced. Consequently, you may want to consider purchasing private disability insurance. Keep in mind that this coverage, also, will have an end date and it probably won’t replace all the income lost while you’re out of work, but it will likely be more expansive and generous than the plan provided by your employer.


Long-term care – Individuals turning 65 have about a 70% chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, such as a nursing home stay or the assistance of a home health aide, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. And these services are quite expensive – the average annual cost for a private room in a nursing home is more than \$100,000, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Medicare typically covers only a small part of these expenses, so, to avoid depleting your savings and investments (and possibly subjecting your grown children to a financial burden), you may want to consider long-term care insurance or life insurance with a long-term care component. A financial advisor can help you choose a plan that’s appropriate for your needs.

By addressing these areas, you can go a long way toward attaining your financial independence. It will be a long-term pursuit, but the end goal is worth it.

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Dying in public



POSITIVELY SPEAKING
GARY W. MOORE

I’m asked lately why I’m still writing. My answer is, “it’s what I do. I’m a writer.” For me, not writing is like not breathing. Something occurs to me, and my mind and heart conspire to create the words that come out on paper. It’s just what I do and it’s who I am.

Then I’m asked the question, “How can you write and speak so openly about your death?” That’s a different question with a different answer. I write openly about my upcoming death in hopes of helping others deal with the inevitable. We are all

going to die, and I don’t believe death is something to be feared, but even welcomed.

Then there are those who are left behind and there will be grief, but I also hope to help my loved ones joyfully celebrate with me as I pass.

Then of course there are ‘Death and Taxes.’ I’ve been too sick to properly deal with my taxes, and I’m currently on an extension. I think it’s weird that in my last days, I’m more concerned about the IRS than dying.

Plant Roses in Honor of National Rose Month



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Celebrate National Rose Month (June) by adding a rose or two to your garden or containers this month. Now it is easier than ever to enjoy their beauty and fragrance thanks to lower maintenance and disease resistant varieties.

Many gardeners have switched to hardier, more pest resistant shrub roses for just this reason. The Earth-Kind roses are among the easiest and most environmentally friendly roses for all to grow.

The goal of the Earth-Kind program was to help gardeners enjoy roses while limiting the use of fertilizers, pesticides and water. The Texas Agrilife Extension Service started the program by conducting field trials of 100 rose cultivars for at least four years. They evaluated the roses for outstanding performance, superior pest resistance and tolerance of a wide variety of soils from acid to alkaline and sand to clay. To earn the Earth-Kind designation, roses also needed heat and drought tolerance once established.

The effort has expanded and now the National Earth-Kind research study includes test sites throughout the United States and several countries.

A few popular roses you may recognize carry this designation. The Fairy is a dwarf polyantha shrub rose covered with bouquets of small pink roses throughout the summer and is hardy in zones 4 to 9. Carefree Beauty, hardy in zones 4 to 9, has fragrant double pink roses all season long on 5 feet tall and wide plants. It's no surprise the popular Knock Out™ rose with its raspberry red flowers and glossy green leaves, hardy in zones 5 to 9, received the Earth-Kind designation in 2004.

Evaluations continue and the list of Earth-Kind roses grows. You are sure to find one suitable to your garden design and growing conditions.

Repeat blooming, hardy and disease resistant shrub roses are another group to consider. This group of species, hybrids and varieties tend to be hardier, tolerant of a wider range of soil conditions with greater disease resistance. Bonica and the Carefree series are two that have been gracing gardens for years. Newer introductions are continually being introduced, expanding your planting options.

Once planted, enjoy your roses outdoors in the garden and indoors in a vase. Proper harvesting and dead-heading will keep your repeat blooming roses beautiful throughout the season.

Cut roses for arrangements in the morning just as the top of the bud is starting to open. Make the cut above an outward facing, five-leaflet leaf. Cut flowers back to a three-leaflet leaf on young plants that may not tolerate or be large enough for more severe pruning. Remove the lower leaves, recut the stem on an angle and place it



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The Carefree series of shrub roses, like this Carefree Spirit rose, are repeat bloomers, hardy, and disease resistant.

in a vase of fresh water.

Keep your plants looking their best and encourage new blossoms by removing faded flowers. Deadhead single-flower roses back to the first five-leaflet leaf to encourage stouter and stronger stems. Remove only individual flowers as they fade from roses that bloom in a cluster. Once all the flowers in the cluster are done blooming you can remove the flower

stem back to the first five-leaflet leaf. Always leave at least two, five-leaflet leaves attached to the plant.

Start looking for a few sunny spots in your landscape to fill with easy care roses. They are sure to boost your landscape's beauty and your enjoyment for years to come.

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Which antiques and collectibles are hot now?



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It's been over five years since I shared my top-10 list of hot selling antiques and collectibles. Many of



the items from that column are still doing well over five years later. Some have even gained in value while others have dropped. There are also many other items that have become valuable in the years since.

Here's my list from 2015:

1. 1960's and earlier toys, comic books and other collectibles
2. Early Chinese and other Asian antiques
3. Mid-20th century Scandinavian and other modern design art and furnishings
4. Arts and crafts and art deco design furnishings
5. 1960's and earlier baseball and other sports memorabilia
6. Advertising signs, posters, and displays
7. Gold coins and jewelry – silver coins, flatware, and hollow ware
8. Important historical memorabilia
9. Antique and classic automobiles and motorcycles
10. Paintings by listed artists

In recent columns, I've shared how hot baseball and other sports cards currently are. They would certainly move up from the No. 5 spot if I wrote the list today. Gold coins and jewelry would also move up the list. Gold prices averaged \$1,158.86 per ounce in 2015 Gold is close to \$1,800 per ounce as I write this column. Silver also took a big jump from when it averaged \$15.66 in 2015. It's at \$26.10 as I write.

1950s classic cars are items that have dipped in value since my original top-10 list. Hagerty.com's index of collectible American cars of the 1950s shows that classic 1950s cars were averaging around \$105,000 in 2015. The average is now well under \$100,000. This isn't a huge drop in price but is noteworthy.

A search of recent online auction results shows items selling for huge sums that I never could have imagined would be so popular when I wrote my list back in 2015. For example, a box of O-Pee-Chee Canadian Star Wars bubble gum cards with 36 wax packs recently sold for over \$8,400. A Super Mario 64 factory sealed 1996 first print Red Label video game went for \$16,000 in May. That same month, a 1985 pair of Air Jordan 1 size 13 sneakers in used condition sold for \$24,000. In April, a 1985 Topps Garbage Pail Kids First Series # 1a Nasty Nick graded PSA # 9 brought \$50,000. A Magic the Gathering Beckett graded and authenticated 8.5+ grade Alpha Mox Ruby card went for nearly \$100,000. In a March online auction, a sealed Fossil 1st edition mint English Pokemon cards Wizards of the Coast booster box sold for \$1.3 million. Looking back even further to when I started selling antiques over 30 years ago, I could have never imagined that I might see 18th century high boy chests selling for under \$1,000 while a 20-year-old game card brought \$100,000. I will be updating the top-10 list in a future column.

Our next online auction of model railroad trains, die-cast cars, and model kits will begin soon. We will be offering more 1950s sports cards in another online auction later this summer. Other events are also being planned. Visit our website for details on upcoming events: <https://centralmassauctions.com>

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I understand they can't chase me into heaven, but they can pursue my family. A simple flat tax could solve it all but that won't happen in my lifetime. And besides, it would end an entire unnecessary industry, so this week is "tax week."

What's so interesting about dying? First and foremost, it's what we don't know that stirs the mind ...

We are glued to stories about near death experiences (NDE's are highly debated, by the way), only because we all want to know what it will be like when we ourselves die. As consumers, we are obsessed with reviews before eating at a restaurant or purchasing a product. There is no "Yelp" for death. We read reviews because we want to know if the purchase is worth it, and we want to know what it would be like to have said product. But when it comes to death, we don't really get to read reviews. We also don't get a choice. We will all die, and no one really knows exactly what to expect. I won't know how it will be experienced, but I do trust in the heavenly promise. I do trust God is and will be present every breathing moment.

I find it fascinating, the small daily changes in my body. I'm not really experiencing much pain. My lungs become a little more congested daily. I see my family slowly coming to terms with the impending reality, which is what I hope for. I'm told my kidney and liver function is weak-

ening. Death may not come easy but easier is always better.

I still have not given up. I serve the Great Physician ... my God of Miracles and Wonders. I do not understand His plan, but I'm confident that whatever it is, it serves the greater good. As much as I'd prefer to live, I submit my life to His will.

My greatest prayer is not for me, but for my family. I know there will be grief even though I pray for joy. Where there will be sadness, I pray for celebration of a happy life. The best I can hope for is an understanding that those I love are still loved and know and pray that I carry my concern as an eternal devotion to them with me to the grave.

And finally, I pray the words to this old country and western song over all those whom I love and love me in return...

"Will the circle be unbroken, by and by lord by and bye? There's a better home there waiting in the sky lord in the sky."

Yes, I believe with all my heart that I will soon return to my eternal home, prepared for me by my Lord and Savior where I'll spend eternity with my loved ones surrounded by peace and joy.

May God bless you all.

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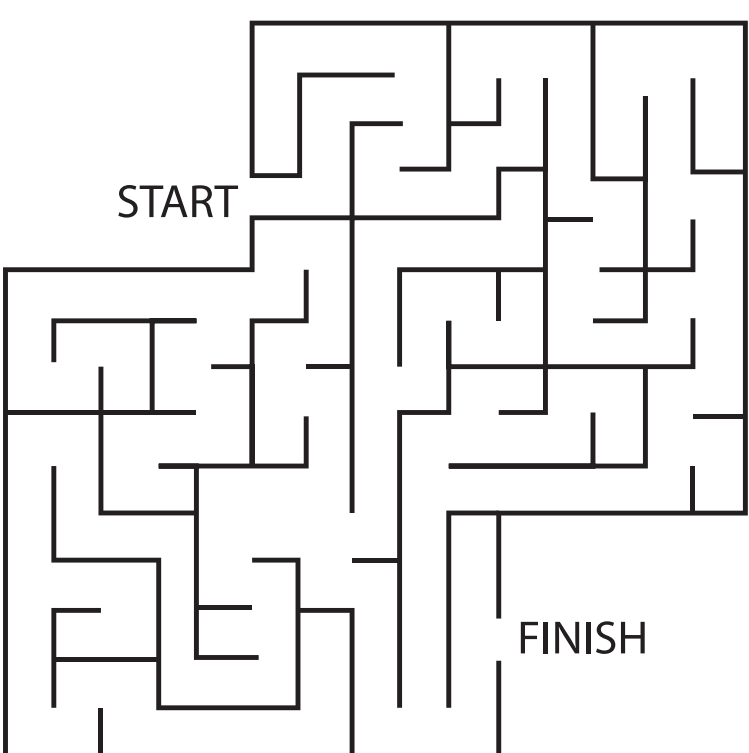


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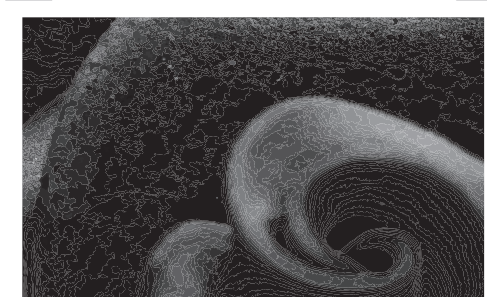
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CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to biking.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 4 = E)

A. 11 21 3 26 4 7
Clue: Move from point A to B

B. 11 8 21 4 24
Clue: Rubber wheels

C. 4 16 4 21 25 8 24 4
Clue: Physical activity

D. 11 21 3 8 7
Clue: Path

Answers: A. travel B. tires C. exercise D. trail

SUDOKU

4		6			1			3
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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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

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

ANSWER:

Sturbridge Registered Democrats to hold a virtual caucus July 14th

TO ELECT DELEGATES TO 2021 DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION:

Registered Democrats in Sturbridge will hold a virtual caucus via Zoom meeting beginning at 7:00 pm on Wednesday July 14th to elect delegates and alternates to the 2021 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year's state convention will be held September 25th at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell where Massachusetts Democrats will come together to review issues and policies and approve a Party Platform as well as discuss plans for upcoming elections in 2022. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Sturbridge.

This year the caucus will be held virtually via Zoom meeting. You should register in advance for this meeting. The link for the meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84562828282> After register-

ing, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. While we encourage pre-registration, it will be possible to register prior to the start of the caucus. Registration will open at 6:30 PM.

Sturbridge can elect 4 delegates and 4 alternates to the Convention.

Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at www.massdems.org. Pre-registered Democrats who were 16 by June 15th 2021 are allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate.

For those interested in getting more information about the Convention of the Sturbridge DTC please contact David Mitchell (Waterfront2828@gmail.com) or check out our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/sturbridge.dem.town.committee/

Margaret Arndt of Fiskdale named to Spring 2021 Dean's List at Saint Michael's College

COLCHESTER, Vt. (Grassroots Newswire) June 28, 2021 - Named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Spring 2021 semester was Margaret Arndt, a junior English major from Fiskdale (01518) and a graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School.

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DUDLEY - 10 Camelot Circle 9 Rm, 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath, 2,520' Center Hall Colonial featuring an In-Ground Pool on a 28,131' Lot! Tile Entry Foyer w/ Guest Closet! SS Appliance Granite Kit w/Breakfast Bar, Spacious Dining Area, Tile Flr, Pantry Closet, Recessed & Pendant Lighting! Formal Din Rm w/Hrdwd Flr & Chair Rail! Formal Liv Rm w/Crown Molding! 13.6X27' Fam Rm w/Fireplace w/Wood Pellet Insert, Soaring Cathedral Ceiling, Ceiling Fans & Skylight! Half Bath! 3 Season Porch! 1st Flr Laundry! The 2nd Floor w/4 Bdrms! Spacious Master w/Walk-in Closet & Full Bath w/Dble Granite Vanity! Full Hall Bath w/Dble Vanity! C/Air & Vac! 2 Car Garage! Fire Pit! Many Updates! Original Owner - Pride of Ownership! **\$509,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 62 Bates Point Rd! Middle Pond! Absolute Prime 51' Level Waterfront Lot w/Western Expo! Beautiful Sunsets! Fantastic Panoramic Lake Views! 11 Rooms, 6 Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms, 3,269' A/C'd Colonial! Custom SS Appliance Granite Kitchen! Formal Dining Rm w/ Cherry Hardwoods! Lake Facing Living Rm w/Cathedrals, Cherry Hardwoods! Slider to Waterfront Deck! Spacious 1st Flr Master Bedroom w/Full Bath, Cherry Hardwoods & Walk-in Closet! Fireplaced Lower Level Family Rm! 1st & 2nd Floor Laundries! 2 Car Garage! **\$979,900.00**

WEBSTER LAKE - 504 Treasure Island! 6 Room Townhouse Overlooking the Pool! 1,874 Sq Ft! Stainless Steel Appliance Granite Kitchen! Open Floor Plan! Dining Room - Full Mirrored Wall - Sliders to the Trex Deck! 2 Bedrooms! Master Bath! 2.5 Baths! Fireplaced Family Room! Garage! Central Air! Gas Heat! C/Vac! 2 BOAT SLIPS! Sandy Beach! Complex Recent Siding & Roof! **\$389,900.00**



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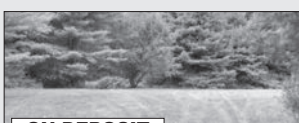


PUTNAM CT - 89 PERRY STREET UNIT# 250

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FEATURED NEW LISTING - WEBSTER - 22 ELAINE STREET



Bonnett Acres - Beautiful Residential Neighborhood! 3 bedroom Ranch, Hardwoods, cabinet packed kitchen! Tile bath, partially finished lower level! 20' X 12' deck! Garage! all on a nice level lot. Private well plus town water & sewer! A must see. **\$255,000.**

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Webster - Douglas Rd (Rte. 16) 26 ACRES on Sugarloaf Hill. 1000+/- ft of road frontage

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Oxford - 4 Leicester St - Approx. 8.47 ACRES! River Frontage Possible to be Subdivided! **\$89,900**

Webster - Upper Gore w/View of the Lake! 1+ Acre! Artesian Well, Septic Design & Conservation - DONE. **\$115,000.**

Webster - Cooper Road 2 Buildable Lots! Water & Sewer Access. Zoned Lake Res! **ON DEPOSIT! Each \$24,500.**

WEBSTER - 99 UPPER GORE ROAD



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Location! Scenic, Upper Gore! "BIRDS EYE VIEW" of Webster Lake! Spacious Tr-Level. 2,279 sq. ft., 4 BRS, 1 full Bath, 2 half baths. Inground pool. 2 Car Garage **\$275,000.**

WEBSTER - 155 THOMPSON ROAD



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Terrific opportunity for one Large business or Several businesses. 4784 sq bldg. Zoned B5. Off 1395 exit 1. High Traffic & Visibility. Excellent Location! assisted sale **\$695,000.**

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Detached Condo Brand Spankin New - 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, all Hardwood Flrs, Granite C-tops Throughout, Crown Mouldings Raised panels, Chair rails Picture-Frame Mouldings. Central air/Vac. High end Appliances Packed! assisted sale **\$480,000.**

WORCESTER - 28-L BOSTON AVE



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Very nicely maintained 5 room, 2 bedroom home. Open concept kitchen/living room. Many recent updates, including wall to wall carpeting! Easy commuter location! assisted sale **\$230,000.**

WEBSTER • 233 - 235 NORTH MAIN STREET

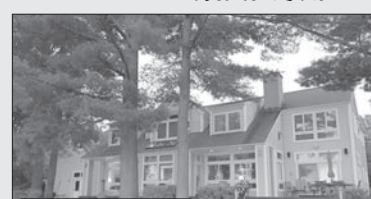


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large 3 Family- a rare find! 1st Floor spacious 2 bedroom apartment. 2 - 2nd floor, 3 bedroom apartments Walkout basement to off street parking. **\$289,900.**

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Webster Lake - 100 Lakeside Ave



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WEBSTER LAKE! PANORAMIC VIEWS! BEAUTIFUL SUNSETS! Extraordinary Waterfront Contemporary! Architect designed with Lake Living in mind, Custom Built with Attention to High Quality & Detail. Outstanding open concept, water view from almost every room. Nicely situated on a 25 acre level peninsula, 180' +/- prime lake frontage! Enhanced by a all natural shoreline! All you need to live is located on the 1st floor. Grand 2 story foyer, cozy fireplaced living room, gourmet kitchen, lake facing dining, formal dining room, media room & spacious 1st floor guest BR Suite w/private bath. Incredible 2nd floor fireplaced lake-facing corner master suite w/luxurious private bath, 3 more 2nd floor BRs & full bath! Something Special! **Re-member, Timing Is Everything!** **\$1,075,000.**



Webster - 401 Treasure Island Condo

WEBSTER LAKE! Treasure Island Townhouse! UNIT# 401 end unit. Year round enjoyment! Quiet summers on big & beautiful Webster Lake! 6 Rooms Appliance Kitchen. Open Floor Plan! Dining Area. Hardwood Floor & Carpet. Master Bedroom, W/2 Closets, Master Bath! 2-1/2 Baths Total! Slider to Deck & Slider to the Patio! Central Air! Central Vac! Very efficient natural gas heat & hot Water! 2 Boat Slips D10 & D11 in the Private Marina. Heated Pool! Natural Sandy Beach! **\$439,000.**



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Mai Caslowitz has been awarded the 2021 Reinburg Award

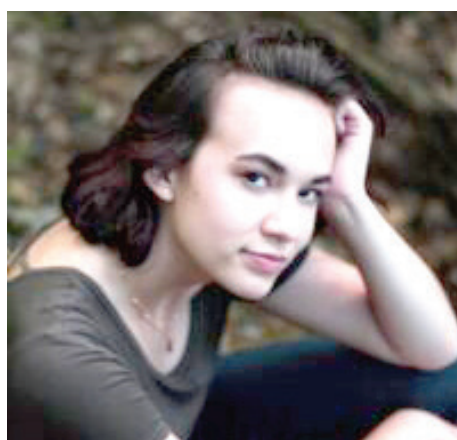
Pakachoag Music School is pleased to announce that Mai Caslowitz of Sturbridge has been awarded the 2021 Reinburg Award for Effort, Commitment & Attitude.

Mai recently completed her senior year at Tantasqua High School. She has been enrolled at Pakachoag for over 10 years, first starting at age two! Mai began her musical journey with Pakachoag in 2005 as a participant, with mom, in the School's early childhood Music Together program. Mai later enrolled in the School's Suzuki Program as a violin student, and in 2018 narrowed her

focus to private vocal studies.

Mai has excelled during her music studies, most notably being selected for the 2021 All Eastern Music Festival Chorus which draws vocalists from across the northeastern US.

Mai's private voice teacher, Pakachoag faculty member Silvia Irving, formerly a professional vocalist with Boston's Handel & Haydn Society, writes: "These four years with Mai have been an inspirational journey with a blossoming young artist. From the beginning she has been an exceptionally



self-motivated student, always being open to learn, explore and share new ideas and literature. Mai's consistent focus and effort has allowed her to gain richness and flexibility in her vocal expression and to sing an impressive array of songs from classical to music theater."

Mai will enter Ryder University in the fall pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre.

*Emma Jacque of Brimfield, MA Earns
Bachelor of Science from Springfield College*

SPRINGFIELD, MA (06/25/2021)--Emma Jacque of Brimfield, MA has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Springfield College for studies completed in 2021.

Springfield College concluded its 2021 Commencement Weekend ceremonies with eight separate in-person ceremonies at Stagg Field on the

Springfield College main campus,
four on Saturday, May 15 and four
on Sunday, May 16.

"To the Class of 2021, I congratulate you and I thank you, you have made us proud in more ways than we can count," said Springfield College President Mary-Beth Cooper. "Please remember to stay connected to us and to each other. Through the

Springfield College network, great things can be accomplished. And remember to come back and visit us. You will always have a home here. All the best as you continue your journeys."

Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approximately 4,100 students.

including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.



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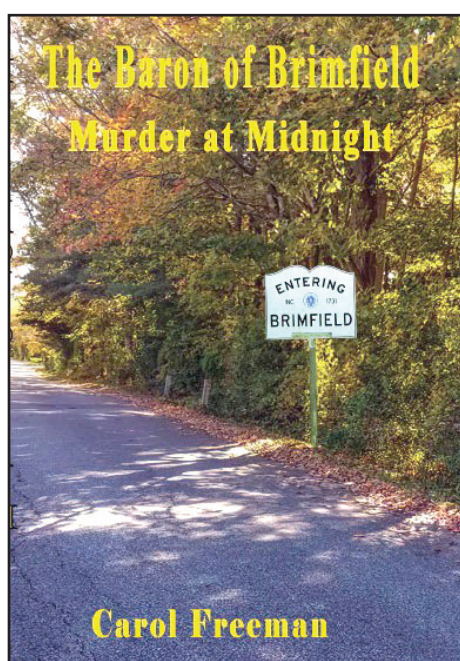
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ting, on July 1 and a new session of outdoor Yoga, for all levels of practitioners, starts on July 12. Bring your own mat, blanket/sheet (one for under your mat, and one for relaxation if you choose) and any other props you might want to use such as block, straps, or cushions and prepare to breathe in and relax.

This July 21 the Hitchcock Summer Concert Series kicks off on the Brimfield Common at 6 pm with Island Castaways. Put on your flip flops and Hawaiian shirts; pack a summertime supper and prepare to enjoy this Jimmy Buffet tribute band. The following week it's everything from poodle skirts to tie dye to big hair and shoulder pads as the Time Stretchers bring you your favorites from the 1950's to today.

On July 20 instructor Annette Farrington introduces students to the benefits of Mindfulness Meditation using techniques from different traditions over the four week course. The class will also be held outside, weather permitting, and students are encouraged to bring a note pad for journaling and a sitting cushion or folding camp chair for comfort. In addition to decreasing stress and increasing relaxation, this class looks to help students use meditation in everyday life for general well-being and happiness.

Make it a magical summer! Save the date of Monday, July 26 to join us for the Tommy James Magic Show at 4 pm. Tommy brings wonder and smiles to children of all ages as he presents a rollercoaster ride of comedy and magic. He



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Cover photo for the new Carol Freeman mystery: **The Baron of Brimfield**

has been voted Boston's funniest magician and in 2010 was the International Family Performer of the Year.

Throughout the summer Hitchcock continues to offer longstanding favorite classes in piano, violin and Judo and is working diligently to add additional programs. Watch for the announcement of our Movie Nights on the lawn. Those seeking more information about any of these classes, or to register, will find it on the HFA website: www.hitchcockacademy.org

VAXMILLIONS

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will be a call center available. Signup information and call center contact info and hours will be made available prior to July 1.

"We greatly appreciate the trust that Governor Baker, his administration, and Treasurer Goldberg have in the Mass. Lottery to assist in the implementation of this important public health initiative," said Michael Sweeney, Executive Director of the Massachusetts State Lottery. "The Mass. Lottery has worked diligently to build a reputation as one of the most successful lotteries in the country, and it is an honor to be entrusted with this responsibility."

Massachusetts residents 18 years of age and older who have received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, will have a chance to win.

Massachusetts residents between 12-17 years of age who have received two doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will have a chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants via a 529

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MASONS

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become the 24th District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) and served 3 terms from 2016-2018. During his time as DDGM R.W. Chris loved to travel. He visited Lodges thru out his District and throughout the State of Massachusetts. He became so well know and popular he was nominated as a candidate in summer of 2019 for the position of Junior Grand Warden from the Grand Masonic Lodge in Boston and in December of 2019 won the election and voted into his new appointed position. This young man mentioned to me that he is "Living His Dream", a worthy man, a humble young man, who will continue his dream as a Freemason. If you would like more information about Freemasonry, go to www.massfreemasonry.org and find a lodge nearest you. Members of the Quinebaug Masonic Lodge are immensely proud of this young man's accomplishments and his drive to continue to do more for his fellow man and Freemasonry.



Courtesy

R.W. Christopher St. Cyr Junior Grand Warden Grand Masonic Lodge of Boston



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Keep them aloft! Making up for lost time with fun networking activities.

HEROES

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- Tom Kelleher, Old Sturbridge Village
- The entire Staff of Joshua Hyde Library, Sturbridge
- Wilson Wang and Sara Bloomfield, Baba Sushi & Hot Pot
- Kathi Grenier, Tri-Valley, Inc. Meals on Wheels, Southbridge Nutrition Site Coordinator
- Andrea Healy, North Brookfield Savings Bank
- Leslie Wong, Town of Sturbridge Senior Center
- Heather LaFlamme RN, Jason Osbourne RN, Magda Rodriguez, Harrington Hospital
- Stacy Santiago, Vocero Hispano

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- Management & Membership Front Desk Staff of the YMCA Tri-Community Family Branch

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